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## **From the Chair**

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As many of you know, according to the Chinese tradition, this is the year of the rooster. As such, this is the year for hardworking and decisive individuals. I believe this describes our constituency, so let's make the best of our year! It is only a few months before the 2005 Annual Meeting in San Antonio: Strategize! Values Visions Vistas. My message will actually consist of a list of thanks to all who worked as a team on behalf of our SIS.

First, I would like to thank the Education Committee co-chairs, Stephanie Burke Farne, Vice-Chair (Senior Researcher at Wilmer, Cutler, Pickering, Hale & Dorr in Boston) and Dennis Sears (Brigham Young University), who made possible that all twelve program proposals were delivered to AALL on time. I'm not very happy to report that only four programs were accepted for San Antonio. We hope to make up for some of our lost programming by making the best possible use of our Interest Groups and other alternative meeting opportunities.

There are two approved programs on treaty research: [Treaty-making--Really, Part II](#) and [Navigating the Maze of U.S. Treaty Research - Strategies for Finding Treaties, Treaty Actions and Interpretive Materials](#). The other two programs are [Researching International Marine and Environmental Law](#) and [Mexican Americans and the Law](#).

A one day workshop (the second one in a series of eight), [New Vistas and Values for Europe: Strategies for Researching European Law](#) has also been approved. The workshop scheduled for Friday, July 15th, requires separate registration.

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### **From the Chair (continued)**

In addition to the FCIL SIS educational programs and workshop approved for San Antonio, the Executive Committee will offer another substantive law program, Introduction to Latin American Legal Systems. Our distinguished speakers will be Professor Stephen Zamora and Professor Antonio Gidi, both from Houston University. This presentation will take place on Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup> 2005. Mark your calendars now! Please refer to the AALL Program for further details.

In order to offer more substantive law and advanced programs, the Interest Groups are offering some enticing presentations. For example, the Asian Law Interest Group will offer a presentation called Looking Eastward: Researching Asian Trade Law by Chenglin Liu, Adjunct Professor of Law, Foreign and International Law Librarian at the University of Houston Law Center and the Chair of this SIS. Introduction to Latin American Legal Systems and Looking Eastward: Researching Asian Trade Law were actually two great program proposals that had not been approved by AALL but had been incorporated in our FCIL SIS activities in San Antonio. The Electronic Issues Interest Group chaired by Marilyn Raisch, International and Foreign Law Librarian at Georgetown University Law Libraries, will present New Portals to Foreign and International Law, introducing the new FCIL SIS Home Page and other important new electronic products. Great speakers and good handouts will make a real difference. The African Law Interest Group Business Meeting in San Antonio will offer a presentation on New Developments in African Legal Systems: Ghana by Victor Essien, International Law Librarian & Adjunct Professor of Law at Fordham Law School, and the African Law Interest Group Chair. More information will follow in the May issue of the Newsletter.

More information about the approved programs appear elsewhere in this issue. And a reminder: don't forget that we need your ideas for the 2006 Annual Meeting in St. Louis, Missouri!

Thanks to our nominating committee chaired by Kenneth Rudolf, Director of the Law Library and Associate Professor of Law at the University of La Verne College of Law, we have great candidates for the 2005 election. I am happy to report that the FCIL Nominations Committee, Kenneth Rudolf, Chair, Katherine Topulos (Foreign and International Law Librarian, Lecturing Fellow at Duke University School of Law Library) and Mark Engsberg (Librarian for Foreign and International Law at the Yale Law School Lillian Goldman Library) did a terrific job in nominating Mary Rumsey for Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect and Dennis Sears for Secretary-Treasurer.

Mary Rumsey is the Foreign, Comparative, & International Law Librarian at the University of Minnesota Law Library. Mary has been our secretary-treasurer for the past two years and is now the candidate for vice chair/chair-elect. She is a first-class team player and I am sure our SIS will benefit from her work. Dennis S. Sears is Associate Director for Legal Research Instruction and Reference at the Brigham Young University Howard W. Hunter Law Library. Dennis did a tremendous job helping all FCIL SIS chairs and co-chairs with program proposals in past years.

### **From the Chair (continued)**

Dennis was the Education Committee co-chair for more than a decade. He drafted proposals, helped all the way throughout the process, always showing his willingness to get our programs through the standard requirements of the AALL headquarters. Please read their complete bio in this edition of the newsletter. Finally, don't forget to fill out and mail in your ballot, which also appears in this newsletter.

The Ellen Schaffer Grant Committee, chaired by Nona Beisenherz (Loyola University School of Law Library), has been working together since September to revise the application process for the 2005 grant. The main concern was to have an earlier deadline for applications, since the visa process is very lengthy for travel to the United States. Advertising for the grant has begun, and, we are anticipating another year of widespread interest in this wonderful opportunity for foreign librarians to attend the AALL meeting. It seems that revisions of the funding process for the long-term stability of the grant need to be evaluated and presented to the membership of FCIL. The grant was possible this year with the contribution of AALL (which provided a waiver of the AALL Annual Meeting Program Registration fee for the grant recipient), with a \$500 contribution from FCIL SIS, and other generous donations.

An important event that deserves to be mentioned is the redesign of the FCIL SIS website by Ann T. Davey, a student member. The site, with updated content, has migrated to AALLNET <http://www.aallnet.org/sis/fcilsis/> although the old site at the University of Georgia will continue to provide a link.

The FCIL SIS webpage of Syllabi and Course Materials is an important teaching and research tool for the entire community at large. The syllabi, assignments, quizzes, handouts, lecture notes, PowerPoint presentations and other resources accessible from this page are the creations of FCIL SIS members. These contributions are meant to assist our membership in their pursuit of teaching research skills to members or students of the legal profession. I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to Anne E. Burnett, Ann T. Davey and Jean M. Wenger who contributed to the overall site redesign and to Lee F. Peoples who collected course materials and created the page of Syllabi and Course Materials. I encourage members to submit additional course materials to Lee Peoples at <mailto:lpeoples@okcu.edu> for inclusion in the webpage.

The FCIL-SIS is also thrilled to co-sponsor an upcoming one-day workshop. Together with the American Society of International Law, the Friends of the Law Library of Congress, and the Center for International Rehabilitation, FCIL SIS will co-sponsor an one-day workshop focusing on international aspects of human rights for the disabled. The workshop will take place in Washington, D.C., right before the ASIL 99th Annual Meeting (March 30 - April 2). The workshop is scheduled immediately prior to the ASIL Annual Meeting and you will find more detailed information in this newsletter!

**ASIL Annual Meeting, Washington, DC March 30-April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2005**

Kelly Vinopal

ASIL Library and Information Services

The theme of the 99th ASIL Annual Meeting is *New World Order or a World in Disorder? Testing the Limits of International Law* and offers programs of interest in public and private international law. Speakers from academic institutions, international organizations, government offices, and law firms are represented on the various panels. U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg will present the keynote address.

Among the program offerings, Brent Scowcroft will speak on *The Secretary General's High Level Panel*, Justice Michael Kirby of the High Court of Australia will deliver the Grotius Lecture, and Francis Gurry, Deputy Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization is a lecturer for *Globalization, Development and Intellectual Property*. Other program topics include *Alternative Perspectives on the Independence of International Tribunals*, *European Unions' New Ambitions*, *Universal Civil Jurisdiction*, and *Reflections on the 2003 Supreme Court Term*. There will also be roundtables on *WTO Appellate Body* and *Foreign Legal Advisers*. The Institute for Transnational Arbitration Academic Council and ASIL are also cosponsoring an *Institute on Arbitration and the Involvement of Non-Parties: Transparency, Intervention and Appeal*.

The Annual Meeting Program, registration form and other information is available on the ASIL website at <http://www.asil.org/events/AM05program.html>. Discounted options are available for registrations received by February 11<sup>th</sup> and March 11<sup>th</sup>. Attendance at the ASIL Annual Meeting is an opportunity to meet with international law librarian colleagues, publishers and exhibitors of international law materials, and other members of the international law community. We look forward to seeing you.

*FCIL Newsletter* is published in October, February and May by the Foreign, Comparative and International Law Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Libraries. The main goal of this Section is to "serve as a forum for exchange of ideas and information on foreign, comparative and international law, and to represent its members' interests and concerns within AALL." *FCIL Newsletter* is sent free to members of the FCIL SIS. YOUR SUBMISSIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

**The newsletter can be read on the world wide web at:**

**<http://www.aallnet.org/sis/fcilsis/fcilsis.html>.**

**For more information about the FCIL SIS, visit our website at:**

**<http://www.aallnet.org/sis/fcilsis/>**

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**Deadline for next issue is April 15, 2005.**

## **SPRING WORKSHOP IN FOREIGN AND INTERNATIONAL LAW ANNOUNCED!**

submitted by Malo Bernal

This year's Spring Workshop in Foreign and International Law will take place on March 30, 2005 at the Law Library of Congress. The focus of this year's program will be on the forthcoming international convention on the human rights of persons with disabilities.

This all-day Workshop will take place in the Mumford Room of the Library of Congress. The \$50.00 registration fee covers breakfast, buffet lunch and handouts. Watch the LLSDC listserv and the Foreign and International Law SIS's page at <http://www.llsdc.org/sis/forint/index.html> for registration information when it becomes available. For further information, write or call Malo Bernal at (202) 707-9866 or <mailto:mber@loc.gov>.

This event is co-sponsored by the AALL FCIL, LLSDC, the ASIL, the Law Library of Congress and the Friends of the Law Library of Congress.

## **The Call for Papers Has Begun**



Have you been thinking of writing an article of interest to law librarians? Maybe you just need a push to get started? Whether for fame or for fortune, this is your chance to enter the AALL/LexisNexis™ Call for Papers Competition.

The AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Committee is soliciting articles in three categories:

- \*Open Division for AALL members and law librarians with five or more years of professional experience
- \*New Members Division for recent graduates and AALL members who have been in the profession for less than five years.
- \*Student Division for budding law librarians still in school. (Students need not be members of AALL)

The winner in each division receives \$750 generously donated by LexisNexis, plus the opportunity to present his or her paper at a special program during the AALL Annual Meeting in San Antonio. Winners papers will also be considered for publication in the Association's prestigious *Law Library Journal*.

For more information, a list of previous winners and an application, visit the AALL website at [http://www.aallnet.org/about/award\\_call\\_for\\_papers.asp](http://www.aallnet.org/about/award_call_for_papers.asp). Submissions must be postmarked by March 1. If you have any questions, please contact any member of the AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Committee, Chair, Virginia Davis [davis@uh.edu](mailto:davis@uh.edu) ; Renee Rastorfer [rrastorf@law.usc.edu](mailto:rrastorf@law.usc.edu) or Patricia Wellinger [pwellinger@law.du.edu](mailto:pwellinger@law.du.edu)

Submitted by Liz Glankler.

## **FCIL ELECTIONS 2005**

### **The 2005 FCIL Election Nominees are:**

- Mary Rumsey for Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect
- Dennis Sears for Secretary-Treasurer (2 year term)

### **Nominee Bios:**

**Mary Rumsey** has been the Foreign, Comparative & International Law Librarian at the University of Minnesota Law Library since June 2000. She received a B.A. in Philosophy and Political Science, Phi Beta Kappa, from the University of Wisconsin, and a J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School. She practiced law for two years and then worked for West Group in its Westlaw Research and Development department. In 1998, she received an M.L.I.S. from Dominican University.

Mary worked for the William Mitchell College of Law as its Electronic Services Librarian before joining the University of Minnesota Law Library. She teaches a law school seminar on foreign and international legal research, lectures frequently on research to other groups, and has published several articles on legal research. She has been active in the FCIL-SIS for the past five years, including serving on the Schaffer Grant Committee, the Strategic Planning Committee, and as the Secretary-Treasurer. Mary has also coordinated and spoken at FCIL programs at AALL annual meetings.

**Dennis Sears** is the Associate Director for Legal Research Instruction and Reference Services at the Howard W. Hunter Law Library, Brigham Young University. He received his J.D. from the J. Reuben Clark Law School in 1985. Dennis clerked for the Honorable Boyd L. Park, Fourth Judicial District Court of Utah, 1985-1987. After his clerkship, he worked as a Hearing Officer for the Salt Lake County Tax Administration, 1987-1988. Dennis joined the faculty of the Brigham Young University Law Library in 1988.

He received his M.L.I.S. in 1993, also from Brigham Young University. Dennis has served as the Co-Chair of the FCIL Education Committee. In addition, he has been active in WestPac, having served as its President, 1998-1999, and most recently as the Chair of its Constitution and Bylaws Committee (2003-present).

**2005 FCIL OFFICIAL BALLOT**

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES  
Foreign, Comparative and International Law Special Interest Section**

TO: Members of the FCIL-SIS  
FROM: Ken Rudolf, Chair, Nominations Committee  
DATE: February 1, 2005  
RE: Annual Election of Officers

Below is the official ballot for the election of FCIL-SIS officers. This year, FCIL-SIS members will elect a Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect and a Secretary/Treasurer. Please feel free to vote for a write-in candidate of your choice—after verifying the write-in candidate's willingness to serve.

Mark your ballot, place the ballot in a plain envelope, seal the envelope and mail the sealed envelope to me in a cover envelope. Your name must appear on the outer (cover) envelope for the ballot to be valid. Do not write anything on the outside of the inner envelope. Please return your ballot by March 31, 2005.

**Foreign, Comparative and International Law Special Interest Section  
Official Ballot 2005**

The Nominations Committee, consisting of Ken Rudolf (Chair), Katherine Topulos, and Mark Engsborg, has nominated the following candidates:

**Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect:**

Mary Rumsey Foreign, Comparative & International Law Librarian, University of Minnesota Law School (Please see Candidate Bio, page 6).

**Secretary-Treasurer (two-year term):**

Dennis S. Sears, Associate Director for Legal Research Instruction and Reference, Howard W. Hunter Law Library, Brigham Young University (Please see Candidate Bio, page 6).

Please return ballots to: **Kenneth Rudolf**, University of La Verne College of Law, 320 East D Street, Ontario, CA 91764.

**American Association of Law Libraries Foreign, Comparative, and  
International Law Special Interest Section  
Ellen Schaffer Foreign Librarian's Grant 2005**

The purpose of the Ellen Schaffer Foreign Librarian's Grant is to provide financial assistance to ensure the presence and participation of foreign librarians at the AALL Annual Meeting. Foreign attendees enrich AALL events by sharing global perspectives for the benefit of all participants.

The Schaffer Grant for the July 16-20 2005 Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas, provides the following:

1. A waiver of the AALL Annual Meeting full registration fee.
2. A grant of up to \$1,500 to assist with accommodations and travel costs.

Note: In order to cover expenses for the trip, the Grant recipient will have to supplement with grant funds from other sources.

**Qualifications:** Applicants must be librarians currently employed in countries other than the United States in positions with significant responsibility for the organization, preservation or provision of legal information. Applicants from any type of library (public, law firm, corporate, academic or court libraries) who would not otherwise have the opportunity to attend the AALL Annual Meeting are invited to apply.

The Grant Committee will not consider applications from individuals who have previously received the Schaffer Grant.

**Selection Criteria:** The Grant Committee will evaluate applications on the basis of the foreign librarian's ability to add to our knowledge of law and law librarianship around the world. The Grant Committee may give preference to an applicant from an under-represented country or region, or someone who demonstrates financial need, or a foreign librarian who has never attended an AALL Annual Meeting.

In order to ensure diversity, the Grant Committee will endeavor not to select recipients from the same country or region as Grant Recipients of the previous three years.

**Grant Recipient Responsibilities:**

At the conference, the Grant Recipient will have an opportunity to share their knowledge and experience with other law librarians by making a presentation, participating in a panel discussion or taking questions from the audience at an FCIL-sponsored meeting or event. After the conference, the Grant Recipient agrees to write a short article or report for the Fall 2005 issue of the FCIL newsletter.

### Grant Continued...

The recipient is welcome to propose alternate or additional means of sharing his or her knowledge.

#### **Application procedure:**

#### **To be considered for the Schaffer Grant, please submit:**

##### 1. Letter of Application which includes:

- A resume of your professional qualifications;
- A description of your current position and responsibilities;
- Your memberships and participation in professional associations;
- A statement of what you hope to gain from attending the AALL annual meeting.

##### 2. The Application Form which should be filled out as completely as possible.

The application form can be found at  
<http://www.aallnet.org/sis/fcilsis/grantapplication.html>

or see below, page 10.

The complete application and supporting letter should be sent to the Schaffer Grant Committee Chair:

Nona K. Beisenherz  
Foreign and International Law Librarian  
Loyola University Law Library  
New Orleans, LA 70118  
Tel (504) 861-5641; Fax (504) 861-5895  
E-mail: [mailto:beisen@loyno.edu](mailto:mailto:beisen@loyno.edu)

**Deadline:** The Chair of the Grant Committee must receive all applications by **March 8, 2005**. The Grant Committee will not consider late or incomplete applications.

**Notification:** The Grant Committee will notify the Schaffer Grant recipient and other applicants of its award decision. The Grant Committee may also post a general announcement in AALL publications and listservs.

The grant recipient will receive a formal letter of invitation to the conference from the American Association of Law Libraries. However, it is the recipient's responsibility to obtain a United States visa for travel to and from the conference. **Since the process of obtaining a United States visa is very slow, the Grant Recipient is urged to submit their visa application as soon as possible after receiving written confirmation of selection.** If circumstances prevent the Grant Recipient from attending the AALL Annual Meeting, the grant will revert to the Schaffer Grant Committee for disposition at the discretion of the Grant Committee.

**ELLEN SCHAFFER FOREIGN LIBRARIAN'S GRANT APPLICATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title/Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please include in your cover letter all factors that the Grant Committee should consider in reviewing your application.

1. A resume of your qualifications, e.g. your training as a librarian and your recent work experience.
2. Describe the law- related responsibilities of your library position.
3. Your memberships and participation in professional associations.
4. Your reasons for applying the Schaffer Grant.
5. What you hope to gain from attendance at the AALL meeting

Answer the following questions as completely as possible:

Have you ever attended a conference of law librarians, either in your country or outside?  
If so, where and when:

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Will you have additional financial support to attend the meeting if you are selected for this Grant?

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How would you contribute to the education of law librarians at the AALL meeting?

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Please read the following agreement, and if you accept, please sign and date the application:

If I receive the Schaffer Grant, I will help to educate law librarians by writing an article or report for the FCIL newsletter and actively participating in an AALL FCIL SIS program, committee, or Interest Group meeting at the AALL Annual Meeting, or sharing knowledge in another manner as discussed with the Grant Committee.

If I receive the Schaffer Grant and am unable to attend the AALL Annual Meeting, I shall return the money to the Chair of the AALL FCIL SIS Grant Committee.

Applicant's  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please send one copy of your application and your cover letter to:

Nona K. Beisenherz.  
Foreign and International Law Librarian  
Loyola University Law Library  
New Orleans, LA 70118  
Tel. (504) 861-5641; Fax (504) 861-5895  
E-mail: beisen@loyno.edu  
Applications must be received no later than March 8, 2005

**What FCIL programs would you like to see at AALL in 2006?**

As we begin a new year, the FCIL Education and Executive Committees want to hear from you, the FCIL membership, about what types of programming you would like to see at the 2006 AALL Annual Meeting. Now is your chance to have your voice heard!

Would you like to see more advanced programming? More introductory programming? Particular topics that you think would lend themselves well to a program? Have an idea for a program but you need some help polishing and refining it?

While the August 2005 deadline for 2006 programming may seem so far off right now, it will be here sooner than you think! And the Education Committee would like to get working on programming as early as possible, to ensure that the FCIL proposals are well written, and therefore have a better chance of being accepted by AMPPC.

So, if you have any suggestions, ideas or questions, please send them to Stephanie Burke at <mailto:capsummer@hotmail.com> and I will share with the ideas with the Education Committee. We are anxious to hear from you!

Thank you and happy 2005,

Stephanie Burke Farne  
FCIL Vice Chair/Chair Elect  
FCIL Education Committee, Co-Chair



**PHOTO of the MONTH: Mirela Roznovschi, Chair FCIL SIS.**

**FCIL in San Antonio**  
**Strategize! Values, Visions, Vistas.**

submitted by Mirela Roznovschi

FCIL members will offer four exciting programs and a one day workshop:

**Treaty-making--Really , Part II**

Coordinator Marie-Louise Bernal

What are US Executive Agreements and how do they differ from treaties? When is an international agreement determined to be an executive agreement? Who determines whether an agreement is a treaty or an executive agreement? A member of the Legal Adviser's Office of the U.S. Department of State will compare and contrast executive agreements and treaties, describing the role of the executive branch in negotiating executive agreements with foreign powers and the drafting and implementation process. The Minority Counsel of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations will discuss the oversight role of Congress and the occasional conflict between the two branches on the form of the agreement and over non-binding agreements. Finally, a senior staff member of the Law Library of Congress will describe the sources of executive agreements and the methods of locating these difficult-to-find materials. This is Part II of a 2004 program entitled "Treaty-making--Really" that addressed the topic of treaties. This program proposal addresses the topic of executive agreements with foreign powers. To accommodate the schedule of Brian McKeon, Democratic Chief Counsel to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, this program was slated for Sunday, July 17th.

**Navigating the Maze of U.S. Treaty Research - Strategies for Finding Treaties, Treaty Actions and Interpretive Materials**

Coordinator: Rhonda Gold

From mail service to international air transport, inter-country adoption and free trade agreements, the movements of goods, services and persons across national borders is governed by provisions of bilateral or multilateral treaties. A researcher seriously engaged in international law research will invariably need to locate treaties, information on signatories and status, and interpretive materials. Since there is no up to date, official U.S. treaty collection, either online or in print, the researcher must utilize a variety of sources to locate a treaty. This program will identify, in all formats, treaty indexes, full text collections, and materials that update and interpret treaty obligations.

**Mexican Americans and the Law**

Coordinator: Lyonette Louis-Jacques

The co-authors of the new book, Mexican Americans and the Law: ¡El Pueblo Unido Jamás Será Vencido!, will engage in a panel discussion on major legal issues facing Mexican Americans today - their struggle for educational equality, language rights, voting rights, affirmative action, immigration, gender, and criminal justice issues. The panel presentation will be supplemented by a legal research guide and bibliography.

### **Researching International Marine Environmental Law**

Coordinator: Arundhati Satkalmi

Increased marine traffic is threatening these ocean vistas (and related commercial enterprises). This program will describe how globalization and international trade are harming the global marine environment. It will detail the work of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and U.S. government agencies to protect the marine environment. Participants will learn how to find treaties and other documents on legal protection of the marine environment. The program will be supplemented by a legal research guide and bibliography on international environmental law.

### **New Vistas and Values for Europe: Strategies for Researching European Law**

Full Day Workshop. July 16, 2005 Coordinator: Marylin Raisch

With enlargement of its membership and constitutional developments reflecting new values and new economic realities in Europe, legal research in European Union law demands new strategies and skills. Beginning with the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty establishing the European Community as in force from 1 February 2003, this workshop will focus on detailed identification of documents, sample reference questions, and new information on late-breaking developments in the world of EU legal research. A seminar-style format will energize participants and engage them in issues of national legislation and implementation of directives in member states as well as hot topics on enlargement, trade, and monetary policy. A dynamic learning system using alternating contextual and textual information will prepare participants to locate what their patrons need right away.

### **Things are Bigger in Texas**

By

Monica M. Ortale, M.L.I.M., J.D.

Faculty Services & Reference Librarian

The Fred Parks Law Library South Texas College of Law

"Things are Bigger in Texas!" Just take a look at the giant sized boots outside North Star Mall. A tribute to just two of my not so secret vices, shopping and shoes! San Antonio has fabulous shopping, and La Villita is next to the Hilton, a complex of 27 restored buildings on the site of a Coahuiltecan Indian Village. Each building showcases various artists. There's painting, jewelry, pottery and beautiful weavings, all unique to the region.

Just a short trolley ride down Commerce St. is El Mercado, a veritable warehouse of pottery, and then there's the farmer's market. If you don't get enough to eat browsing the stalls, then head to the restaurants. La Margarita is my favorite, and I can picture it now as the colorful waiter carries the sizzling fajitas platter, the steam streaming behind and, oh, the aroma! But, for those with a car, head north on I-35 for about 30 minutes and be prepared to visit the mecca of all shopping. The factory outlet stores of San Marcos, hundreds of them, too many to mention, but definitely worth the trip when you consider the savings.

Ah, but I digress. For those who love shopping for footwear, there are marvelous bootmakers. Try Lucchese, hand made bootmakers since 1883, or Crazy Horse custom boots, both in San Antonio. For me, shoes are everything, and the factory outlet shoe stores are an option. But, if you want something closer to the convention center, then Dillard's & the shops in RiverCenter have a wonderful assortment. When all are tried on and bought, there's nothing like relaxing at a table on the Riverwalk level, watching the tourists and the riverboats, sipping a Starbucks coffee, knowing that the bags surrounding you are full of shoes just waiting for the right occasion, like, the General Business meeting.

## **European Union Electronic Research**

By Edward Hart  
Acquisitions and Collection Management Librarian  
New England School of Law

The European Union provides an excellent portal to its institutions and resources at the site <http://www.europa.eu.int>. From this portal the researcher can navigate to nearly every corner of the EU. While there are plenty of useful and informative links along the left and right borders of the site, the heart of Europa are the four tabs in the center of the page. They are labeled Activities, Institutions, Documents, and Services. Probably the most useful to legal researchers are the first and third of these tabs.

The Activities tab lists thirty-two areas of EU competency for which there is some measure enacted or decision made impacting that area. This is a digest of EU authority and while the entries start off simple they do lead to the legal sources that are the foundation of the EU policy and law in the respective areas. Assume you have an interest in product liability. Under the Consumers link you are given further links to the latest developments of the relevant bodies and their outlets of information and then more importantly from our point of view a comprehensive guide to European law. For products liability you could try under the link consumer safety where there are links to product safety including one to liability for defective products. This last link leads to a description of a Council directive and links to its actual text. These Activities links are worthy of further exploration if you want to have a feel of what areas of law the EU has authority to act upon and of those areas where it is prolific with measures.

Under the third tab Documents, you find the link to the mostly useful research tool for EU law. It is EurLex the legal portal of European Union law. A direct url is <http://www.europa.eu.int/eur-lex/lex/en/index.htm>. Through the site every regulation, directive, decision, opinion, and case is available for the researcher to access. Some who might remember the CELEX database, for which you had to pay for access, it is no longer being kept current and will eventually cease to exist and all its contents are now on EurLex. EurLex has been redesigned and seems to be laid out in a way more user friendly especially for the novice. Through EurLex you can access such primary law as the consolidated text of the Treaty establishing the European Community, search EU law via a variety of methods and forms including citation and keyword (title or text using an established European vocabulary), and limit the search to particular forms of law. The issue that a new, or even an experienced, user is confronted with is how to decipher the numbers assigned EU documents.

Let us work through an example. One of the basic freedoms of the EU is the freedom of movement of workers. In 1968 a regulation was passed that set out this freedom. Its designation is Regulation (EEC) No. 1612/68 of the Council on Freedom of Movement for Workers within the Community. The numbers provide a direct citation to the regulation once you figure out the first number, 1612, is a consecutive number given to the legislation in the year 1968. The year is the last two digits.

### EU Electronic Research continued...

You can use these numbers to do a natural number search on EurLex. The result is four entries: two of the actual regulation in French and English; and then to two corrigendums to the regulation. Under each entry is a link to a bibliographic notice which provides the current status of the legislation and decisions of the European Court of Justice regarding this specific legislation. Roughly you could compare this to Shepardizing the legislation. Links are given to the actual documents mentioned.

If you plan to research much EU law, it would be worthwhile to learn the coding of the Celex numbers that are the links. For example looking at the cases, you should know Celex number refers to a case by the inclusion of the letter J. So looking at the Celex number 61969J0015, second through fifth numbers represent the year 1969 when the case was filed with the court and the last four digits are the docket number assigned, so this was European Court of Justice Case 15-69.

European Union law is expanding in nearly everyway imaginable including territorial and subject matters. Even non-internationalists must be prepared to come to come basic grasp of EU law as it effects can be felt even in the Unites States. More and more of international businesses with branches in Europe find themselves having to weave between U.S. and EU trying to stay on a tightrope between. One the latest victims you might have noticed in the news was Microsoft, which was ordered by the European Commission to release some of its coding for operating software to allow greater competition from other software developers. This is a measure that would not taken under U.S. law.



### **FCIL NEW MEMBER Julie Horst at the Eiffel Tower!**

See "New Member Profiles" below for more information about her!

## **New Member Profiles!**

by Mary Rumsey

This issue's New Member Profiles section spotlights two contrasting types of FCIL members: The "official" FCIL librarian whose job includes non-FCIL work, and the librarian without official FCIL responsibilities who nonetheless has an interest in the area.

E. Julie Horst is the (relatively) new Associate Foreign, Comparative, and International Law Librarian at the Hastings College of Law Library. She's not the first FCIL librarian at Hastings—Julie notes that "some of you may remember Veronica Maclay, who did a lot of FCIL work."

Before coming to Hastings in 2001, Julie was the librarian at a private international school in Costa Rica. While in Costa Rica, she acquired a husband and a dog. Having a Spanish-speaking husband has helped Julie become "pretty good" at Spanish, though she says her dog has a better command of English than she has of dog-language. Before Costa Rica, Julie worked at the U.S. Courts Library in San Diego, and at the law firm of Davis Wright Tremaine in Seattle, Washington.

Like many FCIL librarians, Julie does foreign and international reference and collection development. Most of her questions come from students and faculty. Occasionally, she also handles questions from local attorneys, firm librarians, and pro se patrons. Asked what she likes about FCIL work, Julie responds, "I like to read mysteries, and FCIL research can be like solving a mystery at times. It's a bit like detective work but without the stakeouts or physical endangerment. And, of course, the best part is finding something that sounded impossible to find when I first heard the question."

Julie also appreciates the friendliness and helpfulness of others working in the area, and enjoys working with patrons from other countries. One aspect of the work that sometimes bothers her may sound familiar: "Some people don't understand that these days we can get documents either on-line or by emailing a colleague MUCH faster than before the Internet was widely available. But for researchers who have not seen how much the Internet has changed FCIL research, it doesn't seem fast."

In addition to her FCIL work, Julie's reference duties include helping patrons, including LLM students, with US research. The European Union ranks among Julie's research interests. She reports that she learned a lot from Sophie Meunier's presentation at *The European Union at a Crossroads: Freedoms in a Federated Europe* in Boston last summer. If you're heading for San Antonio and the AALL annual meeting this summer, keep an eye out for Julie, and say hello.

### **New Members continued...**

Dragomir Cosanici is the Head of Reference at the Ruth Lilly Law Library, Indiana University School of Law in Indianapolis. He holds degrees from Michigan State University (B.A.), the University of Michigan (M.I.L.S.), and the University of Kansas (J.D.). His work experience includes practicing labor and employment law, and working as a library law specialist for the State Library of Michigan. Dragomir has also worked as a law librarian for Hofstra University and the Michigan State University/Detroit College of Law.

Among his other responsibilities, Dragomir handles most of the foreign and international reference questions that come into his library. He's aided in this effort by being quadrilingual—he speaks English, Serbo-Croatian, and Romanian, and has a working knowledge of Russian. He says that reference questions at IU-Indianapolis show a lot of variety, including requests for Algerian law, the Swiss civil code, the Thai commercial code, and Chinese laws. The school has an LLM program with about forty five students, whose questions on human rights and other subjects add to the mix. Dragomir teaches US legal research to LLM students as well as first year law students in the JD program.

He enjoys training other librarians in how to use UN documents (his library is a UN depository) and in other aspects of legal research. He keeps busy with various projects, including an analysis with colleague Chris E. Long on "Citation Practices of the Indiana Supreme Court and the Indiana Court of Appeals" to be published later this year in the *Legal Reference Services Quarterly*. For this bibliometrics study of the two courts' citation practices, the authors received the AALL Online Bibliographic Services/Technical Services Joint Research Grant in 2004. Dragomir also translated Croatian documents to assist an IU professor who received a State Department grant to establish a US-style MBA program.

Dragomir maintains his language skills by reading foreign-language materials every day. He hopes to propose an international law program for the AALL annual meeting in the near future. If funding permits, Dragomir will attend this summer's AALL meeting in San Antonio. He says, "It would be great to put names with faces, and meet FCIL members."

### **FCIL Quick Fact:**

The Foreign, Comparative and International Law SIS began in 1985. However, it has been in existence as an AALL committee since 1947, under different names.



## **American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) Meeting and Conference** **A REPORT**

by Milagros Santos-Ong  
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My attendance at the 97<sup>th</sup> Annual American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) Meeting and Conference as the 4<sup>th</sup> Ellen Schaffer Grant Recipient was very significant, and fruitful for me. The experience was very rewarding for a professional law librarian from the Philippines. One significant advantage in attending the AALL meeting and conference is the establishment of linkages with fellow law librarians. I have now received communications from publishers and librarians such as Ms. Mirela Roznovschi, Janice Hyde, Mila Rush and others.

Another advantage was in attending the lectures which are relevant to the Electronic Judicial Library Project of the Supreme Court of the Philippines and the education and training of law librarians. It is noteworthy to mention that the Supreme Court E-Library <http://www.supremecourt.gov.ph> was launched last November 19, 2004. It is the first web-based electronic library in the Philippine government. Meeting with the Law Library of Congress officials has facilitated my research of unpublished Supreme Court decisions in Washington, DC. The *Benchmark*, the bi-monthly publication of the Supreme Court of the Philippines Public Information Office in their article "Court Library Now Online" stated that "Mrs. Ong recovered a substantial amount of missing unreported decisions while attending a seminar in the United States last July."

Initially, I was able to share the results of my travels with my fellow Philippine law librarians and library science students through the Philippine Group of Law Librarian's (PGLL) forum held last August 20, 2004. Other relevant topics such as legal deposit, copyright, networking and resource sharing will form part of a three day conference to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the PGLL this August 2005 where I am the conference chair. The PGLL welcomes FCIL and AALL members as speakers/lecturers or participants in this important event.

The most significant opportunity for me was being given the honor to be a part of the panel of foreign law librarians to share experiences in Philippine law librarianship with the other law librarians in different countries. The sharing of experiences on topics such as education, professional associations, continuing education and training were truly global in context. To be able to introduce the practice of Philippine Law Librarianship is indeed important for this is new to law librarians from the United States, England and other countries.



**Did you know?** Are you in the final throws of a desperate search for foreign law on the internet? A regional search engine may be just what you need! Search for the law itself, or for the relevant government ministry. **Search Engine Colossus** is a good place to start: <http://www.searchenginecolossus.com/>

### **Grant Recipient continued...**

Now, those who attended AALL know that in the Philippines, law librarianship does exist and plays an important role in the library profession in the entire country. The other members of the panel were Amanda Barratt, University of Cape Town (South Africa), Louise Hamill, Inland Revenue Department (New Zealand), and Jules Winterton, Acting Director and Librarian, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (London).

Acknowledgement of my receipt of the grant was made throughout the entire duration of the conference in dinners, luncheons and publications.

The dinner hosted by Oceana was an important opportunity to meet the presidents of CALL, AALG and BIALL and to renew acquaintances with Mr. & Mrs. David Cohen whom I met in the Philippines in the 1970s. Mr. Rubens Medina, Law Librarian of Congress extended the invitation to the Supreme Court of the Philippines to join the *Global Information Network (GLIN)* during the dinner tendered by The Law Library of Congress. A formal invitation letter followed after the visit. He, together with his staff further invited me to visit the Law Library of Congress in Washington D.C. to formally orient me about the *Global Legal Information Network (GLIN)*, and to assess the Philippine Law collection. This I did right after the AALL meeting. Ms. Hyde did the orientation of GLIN, Ms. Bernal assisted me in locating the Asian collection of the Library of Congress where I hoped to find materials for my research.

They were generous to donate a publication entitled "*Philippine Holdings in the Library of Congress 1960-1987*," wherein I was surprised to see two entries under my name. Mr. Kersi B. Shroff was so kind to arrange a visit to the United States Supreme Court. While in Washington I was also able to visit a World Bank Library and the National Archives where I was able to gather significant number of unpublished Philippine Supreme Court decisions 1940-1941.

The luncheon for foreign librarians and the FCIL SIS Reception for attendees at the Harvard Law School Library further gave me the opportunity to become acquainted with fellow law librarians.



### **Grant Recipient continued...**

To be formally introduced to about 3,000 law librarians attending the conference during the Association Luncheon was notable. After this event, I was approached by some law librarians of Philippine descent and some who have friends in the Philippines or who have visited the Philippines. There were several write-ups starting with the FCIL *News and Events*, conference kit pamphlet entitled "Awards & Acknowledgements" on page 5 and in two issues of "The Hub."

The Exhibits introduced me to law publishers, a considerable number of which I had encountered for the first time. I am surprised by the reaction of some who learned that a number of institutions in the Philippines subscribe to the *Westlaw* and *Lexis*. It is noteworthy to say that they have included the Supreme Court in their mailing list of "hard copy" and/or email. I have already received some upon my return to work this Monday, August 2, 2004. I was able to purchase some titles and some were given free during the convention. This has facilitated collection development.

The only problem encountered was the hotel change on the last day. Hotel reservation made was until July 14 or the end of the meeting. It was only upon my arrival that I learned that there were functions planned for the night of July 14. Although the room was still available, the hotel was charging the regular rate of more than \$300 for a day's extension. Their reason given by the hotel is that extension should have been done in advance.

My sole suggestion to the FCIL is to notify the awardee of the grant sooner. It is difficult for foreign librarians to get a US visa. Applications for visas and interviews can take about two months. I was able to get my passport with the approved visa the day before I left. I was lucky to be able to get a ticket on the same day.

Having experienced the difficulty of obtaining a visa and having traveled twenty two hours straight from the Philippines to Boston to attend the 97<sup>th</sup> Annual American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) Meeting and Conference were insignificant as compared to the experiences that I had as a professional law librarian - information was not only gained, it was shared with other fellow law librarians all over the world. Attendance at AALL opened a lot of doors to opportunities for further development of the law library profession globally. I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to Ms. Ellen Schaffer, Nona K. Beisenherz, Jean M. Wenger, Mary Strouse and the whole FCIL SIS for giving me this rare opportunity to attend the AALL and for making sure that my stay was memorable, noteworthy and enjoyable.