

FCIL Newsletter

Foreign, Comparative and International Law Special Interest Section

2010 Business Meeting in Denver, CO

Submitted by Heidi Frostestad Kuehl, Secretary-Treasurer

Call to Order and Old Business

The meeting was called to order by FCIL-SIS Chair (2009-2010), Marilyn J. Raisch. The first item was approval of the Minutes of the 2009 FCIL Business Meeting, as published in the October 2009 FCIL Newsletter. It was moved, and seconded, to approve the minutes, and the vote was unanimous.

Heidi Frostestad Kuehl, Secretary-Treasurer, reported on the 2010-2011 Election Results. Sergio Stone was unanimously elected as Vice Chair / Chair-Elect in the FCIL-SIS online election in March. It was a successful online election with over 100 participants.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report: Heidi Frostestad Kuehl next reported that the FCIL-SIS budget had a current balance of \$24,559.20. This amount included \$2,000 in donations from Thomson Reuters for the AALL FCIL-SIS Reception. The total contributions for the Schaffer

Grant for Foreign Law Librarians at the end of fiscal year 2009-2010 were \$2,670.00 (which was reported in the last quarterly statement from AALL as of June 2010). Heidi reported that the Schaffer Grant had received several generous donations during the Spring.

Reports of Interest Groups and Committees

More detailed reports appear elsewhere in this newsletter, including reports from interest groups and committees that were listed in the agenda, but were not scheduled to meet until after this business meeting.

African Law Interest

Group: Dan Wade for Victor Essien. Our Schaffer Grant participant, Ufuoma Lami-kanra, expressed an interest in digitizing Nigerian legal materials. The group discussed how this might be accomplished on HeinOnline. Jean Davis has a LexisNexis South Africa contact. If anyone is interested in the possible LexisNexis South Africa product, please let Jean know.



Asian Law Interest

Group: Sergio Stone. It was a very nice turnout of seventeen individuals at this interest group meeting. They discussed new journals, an Indian law database, the proliferation of book dealers, and the law library that is just opening in Jakarta. Trinie Thai-Parker also discussed Asian Law Collection Development strategies. The Chinese Law Forum conference that took place right before AALL was discussed, and information was shared by those who attended. The gavel was passed to Roy Sturgeon.

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Upcoming Meetings:

- AALS Annual Meeting, January 5-8, 2011 in San Francisco, CA.
- ALA Midwinter Meeting, January 7-11, 2011 in San Diego, CA.
- ASIL Annual Meeting, "Harmony and Dissonance in International Law," March 23-26, 2011 in Washington, DC.
- AALL Annual Meeting, "Summit 2010: Mapping our Future," July 23-26, 2011 in Philadelphia, PA.

Much More

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From the Chair

Jeanne Rehberg

Overflow crowds and enthusiastic members, both new and familiar, energized the FCIL-SIS at the Denver AALL Annual Meeting and inspired me as I began my year as Chair.

Popular Programs

FCIL-SIS interest groups, specifically the Indigenous Peoples Interest Group and the Roman Law Interest Group, solidified a trend in FCIL programming. Playing to overflow crowds (duly noted by the Convention Center fire marshals), these two IGs used their business meeting time slots to present substantive programs, reported elsewhere in this newsletter. If your IG or committee has an idea for a program in your Philadelphia business meeting, please let the FCIL-SIS Executive Committee know so that we can help with the logistics, including bigger meeting rooms.

Another SRO crowd participated in the Denver meeting of the FCIL-SIS Education Committee. Back home, members submitted one workshop and nine program proposals for Philadelphia under FCIL-SIS sponsorship or co-sponsorship. Watch our listserv and Blog for announcement of the AMPC's selections later this fall.

Senior Caucus Morphs

Dan Wade

Name Change

A funny thing happened on the way to AALL this year. When the Senior Caucus made its solicitation for contributions for a gift to our newest foreign and international law librarian,

Planning for the Future

Our wide-angle, long-distance vision for the FCIL-SIS is documented in the excellent Strategic Plan 2008-2011 at www.aallnet.org/sis/fcilsis/strategic.html. To craft a plan that will carry us forward after 2011, the Executive Committee has established the Strategic Plan Committee 2012-2014, with Chair Molly Brownfield and members Gabriela Feminia, Don Ford, Vicenç Feliú, Teresa Stanton, and Jean Wenger. We all have a stake in the work of this committee and down the road they will be looking for your input.

Schaffer Grant

This newsletter includes a report on the enlightening presentation by Ms. Ufuoma Lamikanra of the Library of the Institute for Advanced Legal Studies in Lagos, Nigeria, who is the 2010 recipient of the FCIL-SIS Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians. The grant is a highlight of our year, and as this calendar year nears its close, please keep in mind that we are ever striving to secure a sound financial footing for the grant into the future.

Thanks to All

The Executive Committee would like to thank all who presented, moderat-

ed, and coordinated programs, set up and staffed our Exhibit Hall table, chaired committees and IGs in Denver, proposed programs for Philadelphia, and members who have stepped up to carry our committees and IGs this year. I personally am very grateful for the wise counsel and can-do energy of Sergio Stone, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect, Heidi Kuehl, Secretary/Treasurer, Marilyn Raisch, Immediate Past Chair, and Past Chairs Dennis Sears and Mary Rumsey.

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NYU Law Library

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Let Me Know

Please contact me with your questions, concerns and ideas. I look forward to working with you.

Alayan, Foreign and International Law Reference Librarian at the Duke University School of Law. Enough contributions were made that in addition to buying the gift, we were able to make a small donation to the FCIL Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians fund.

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CIS and Eastern European Law Interest Group: Joan Policastri for Kevin Gray. There was discussion about the Library of Congress now using Central Europe in their terminology. This group also discussed the digitization of Latvian session laws online.

Latin American Law Interest Group: Sally Wise. Approximately twelve to fourteen people attended this interest group meeting. They talked about three new Latin American Law vendors and analyzed various products for law schools and law firms. Both electronic and print resources for Latin American Law research were discussed.

Roman Law Interest Group: Lucia Diamond. This is the second year for the Roman Law Interest Group to have a program instead of a meeting. Tim Kearley gave a wonderful presentation about Justinian's Code. He also gave an overview of the Justinian Code website that he created at the University of Wyoming available at <http://uwacadweb.uwyo.edu/blume&justinian/>.

Indigenous Peoples Law Interest Group: Joan Policastri. They had a successful program at AALL. Joan was recognized for all of her work. This interest group is also working together with the Native Peoples Law Caucus of AALL. They plan to work more closely with that group in the future. Folks at the business meeting were encouraged to attend the AALL program planned by the Indigenous Peoples Law Interest Group.

Electronic Issues Interest Group: Marylin J. Raisch. The FCIL-SIS's electronic presence was discussed in light of the AALL redesign project.

The group plans for the FCIL-SIS blog to become more general in nature and to further revise its blog platform. There was also discussion about an FCIL-SIS Research Wiki using PBworks. The Interest Group is planning to update the Roster for FCIL-SIS research help (Lyo/Mary will update). Send Mary Rumsey your information if you would like to be added to the list of individuals who have volunteered to assist with FCIL-SIS research. Teresa Miguel has maintained a volunteer list of holdings of Latin American serials on the FCIL-SIS website and welcomes additional contributions. This group also discussed local institutions and database subscriptions for FCIL-SIS research.

Foreign Selectors Interest Group: Teresa Stanton. Teresa coordinated the presentation of Western Big Ten and Chicago collection development and selector plans to the interest group. She also reviewed the information collected from the Harvard Foreign Law Summit. Berkeley and Yale are planning to keep foreign law serials. The Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals was also discussed. This group is reviewing foreign law vendors and collaborating with NELLCO for possible shared or joint subscriptions.

Teaching Foreign and International Legal Research: Marylin J. Raisch for Patricia Kasting and Lee Peoples. This group shared information about structuring an FCIL research course, creating in-class research exercises, and using a textbook for a specialized FCIL research course. The group also shared ideas regarding what topics and sources to teach in print and online.

Schaffer Grant Selection and Fundraising: Amy Emerson and Laura Ca-

dra for Teresa Miguel and Lucie Olejnikova. The committee discussed the collection of \$2,670.00 prior to the AALL conference and the Schaffer Grant corpus fundraising. They created a Schaffer Grant brochure of past grant winners with testimonials. The committee recognized Ellen Schaffer for all of her contributions.

Membership and Publications: The committee is planning to merge publicity and membership into one group for next year's work. They thanked Linda Tashbook and Laura Cadra for their outstanding contributions and work during the past year. This group also created a new charge as a merged committee. Linda brought all of the FCIL-SIS publicity materials to the AALL conference in Denver this year.

Internships and International Exchanges Committee: David McFadden. Nine people attended the committee meeting at AALL. They plan to upgrade information on the FCIL-SIS website about their committee, especially the survey using Survey Monkey. They are creating a new logo for their marketing handouts. The group discussed assignments for getting information about internships and describing internships and international exchanges. They are planning more testimonials of exchanges on the FCIL-SIS website and in the newsletter. The committee also plans on updating grant information for interns.

Education Committee: Jeanne Rehberg. Jeanne reminded everyone to bring ideas for program proposals to the AALL committee meeting.

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IFLA Meets in Sweden

Pedro Padilla & Yadira Avendaño

In August, the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions held its 76th Annual Meeting in Gothenburg, Sweden. With 121 countries represented and more than 2500 participants, this beautiful city, the second most important in Sweden, gave us a wonderful welcome.

Great Speakers & Music

During the opening ceremony, Ellen Tise (JS Gericke Library, University of Stellenbosch, South Africa) IFLA President, emphasized the necessity for equal access to information in all forms, in order to open the world of imagination and knowledge for everybody. Ellen highlighted that new knowledge contributes to the sustainable development and democracy by increasing its value.

Jan Eliasson, former President of the 60th UN General Assembly, brought the idea of recognizing the word as a medium for solving conflicts, and obtaining peace and growth in society and humanity. He underlined the power that information gives people, but at the same time how the digital divide is a big problem for the access and distribution of information. Eliasson mentioned a UN report which establishes that there is no peace without development; but there is also no development without peace. In conclusion, the progress of the individual is the progress of society.

Finally, the ceremony ended with a musical tribute to ABBA. It was an incredible experience; all of us were dancing and singing to the rhythm of "Mamma Mia" and "Take a Chance on me."

Law Libraries Section Programs

This year, the Law libraries Section Program had two activities, beginning with *Creating an International Legal Information Policy Agenda: Issues and Challenges* [<http://www.ifla.org/en/conference-sessions/4668>], which had an original format designed to encourage participation. Short presentations were followed by a lively roundtable discussion in small groups. The chair and moderator was Blair Kauffman (Yale Law School, New Haven, Connecticut, USA) and the participants were Radu Popa (New York University School of Law Library, New York, New York, USA), Jerry Mansfield (Congressional Research Service, Washington, D.C., USA), Jules Winteron (International Association of Law Libraries, London, United Kingdom), Frank Hurinville (Cujas Library, Paris, France), Claire M. Germain (Cornell

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University Law School, Ithaca, New York, USA), Holger Knudsen (Max-Planck-Institut für Ausländisches und Internationales Privatrecht, Bibliothek, Hamburg, Germany) and Eleanor Frierson (National Agricultural Library, Beltsville, Maryland USA). In broad strokes they talked about the future of law collections, the print version versus the digital version, the globalization of legal information, and how librarian use networking to find resources that



satisfy the needs of our users. The web is an infrastructure for public and private information, so people have the right to access.

Many Questions

Some questions that came up were: But what we do collect? Is this information right? How do we pass this information on to users? What are the implications of what we collect? What are the forms of publishing legal information? What can we expect in relation to dissemination and conservation of information? How can we work together? Some of the general statements made at this time were that law librarians need to have guidelines to check, not only the quality of the legal information, but also copyright issues. We need to have legal information in order to undertake better legal research, and we need to have detective skills to identify government, non profit or other free access to information. We also need the ability to make agreements, set up interlibrary loan services, use new databases, translate documents, and establish strong ties with our users.

At the end of the session, our Swedish colleagues, headed by Anna Isaksson of the Central Library, organized a marvelous reception. We had the opportunity to meet all the section members that were present. Thanks to all of them.

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Sensitive Archives

The second activity was *Librarians in Action: Information Policy and Human Rights* [<http://www.ifla.org/en/conference-sessions/4677>], with Ayodeji Fadugba, United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, who presented "Sustaining the Legacy of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda." The presentation addressed the use of archives generated from the judicial proceedings and the evidentiary database. Given the uniqueness of the collection, the speaker examined the issues related to ownership, protecting the interests of the affected societies, post-tribunal access rights, the types of information within the archives, the legal and moral obligations of the courts with respect to confidentiality, and the security of victims and witnesses.

Another participant was Reggie Raju (JS Gericke Library, University of Stellenbosch, South Africa) who talked about

"The Road to Unity and Social Justice: Gathering, Accessing and Preserving Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) records." Raju discussed issues relating to access to information using the principles of social justice. In synthesis, the South African TRC has generated large quantities of documents and the speaker examined the way of making this material accessible to the citizens of the country.

The last participant was Jerry Mansfield (Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress, Washington, DC, USA) who spoke about "The US 9/11 Commission Records: History, Collection Access, and Issues." The speaker talked about the work of the entity and how they process, preserve and offer public access to their archives.

New President Announced

The closing session followed a standard schedule. The National Committee of Sweden prepared a beautiful and

comic video for Agneta Olson, Chair of the committee. The members learned that the new president of IFLA is Ingrid Parent (University of British Columbia, Irving K. Barber Learning Centre) and she thanked the National Committee and the volunteers for their exceptional work for the success of the conference.

Come To Puerto Rico!

In conclusion, we do not have words to express how fabulous this experience was for us. We can only invite you to the next conference scheduled for August 13th to August 18th 2011, in San Juan, Puerto Rico with the theme *Libraries Beyond Libraries: Integration, Innovation and Information for All*. We can assure you that it will be an experience as amazing as the previous ones. Our IFLA Law section will have at least two programs. One is a joint program with the Government Libraries section, "Political and Constitutional Status of Puerto Rico: A Continuing Challenge." The other program will be "Promoting Global Access to Law: Developing an Open Access Index for Official, Authenticated Legal Information. Part I Latin America and the Caribbean Region," which will provide a progress report and evaluation of different countries, such as Brazil, Argentina, Costa Rica and others.

In addition, what promises to be an unforgettable reception for the Law and Government libraries sections will be held at the Supreme Court Library. Those of you who have been to Pedro's organized receptions know that good food, wine and music will be waiting for you in San Juan overlooking the beautiful Atlantic ocean. Please join us!



Gothenburg Canals (photo provided by Wikimedia Commons)

Teaching International Legal Research Interest Group Report

Marylin Raisch

Our early morning meeting this year was enhanced by coffee and pastries as a catalyst to what became a lively discussion of current teaching techniques and issues. Marylin Raisch chaired the meeting on behalf of Patricia Kasting and Lee Peoples. As the attendees introduced themselves, they were asked to describe the course each is currently teaching or any classes taught, and how much credit is earned or what their aspirations may be for a course or credit.

Active Teaching

Of the 15-20 attendees, all are doing some form of teaching and there were several common themes: indebtedness to Mary Rumsey and her book, co-authored with Marci Hoffman (*International and Foreign Legal Research: A Course Book*, 2008) for sample questions; a need still to include print; and making the class more interactive. Tom Kimbrough of SMU mentioned several techniques he uses to good effect, such as in-class exercises of various types (from navigating to sources, to more complex issue-spotting problems) and

having a “print day” when the major resources in that format are presented. Thomas Mills of Cornell includes hands-on instruction and work within the library.

Most people vary the class time between presentation of material and exercises or quiz problems to reinforce learning. New resources such as Bloomberg and the use of Moodle for quiz applications were also mentioned.

A private law librarian, Natalie Lira from King & Spaulding, attended this year, as she has been asked to develop classes in this area. Many attendees mentioned the new emphasis on skills training, and use a current event to create interesting research problems for students or trainees. For in-class exercises, encouraging attempts and rewarding participation were regarded by many as very important. Integrating both JD candidates and LL.M students, with their differing perspectives and levels, was an issue for academic law librarian teachers. Pairing one-on-one from each group may be possible if enrollment is fairly even.

We Need Syllabi

Finally, in connection with the ongoing

commitment of the FCIL Electronic Issues Interest Group, the posting of syllabi was greatly encouraged and appreciated. Many syllabi that are under revision may need to be updated, so even if you have not been able to attend these meetings but are actively teaching, please let FCIL know and we can arrange for them to be posted. Send syllabi to Patricia Kasting or Marylin Raisch and we will see that it gets to the webmaster, Teresa Miguel. The link to the collection of syllabi at our web site is <http://aallnet.org/sis/fcilsis/syllabi.html>.

Relevant Program

As a terrific follow-up, this year’s program *Navigating Your Way to the Classroom: Law Librarians Teaching New Law School Classes* featured FCIL’s Tom Kimbrough, along with Amy Emerson, Meg Butler and moderator Hilary Hardcastle. It was a lively introduction to core skills for teaching, and was informative for all academic librarians.

Hope to see you in Philadelphia!

African Law Interest Group Meeting at AALL

Dan Wade

Archives & Digital Projects

Fortunately, the African Law Interest Group at AALL was scheduled right after Cornell’s program, “After Hotel Rwanda and Welcome to Sarajevo: Preserving Trial Evidence and Documentation in a Multi-Media Age” on Sunday afternoon, July 11th. The program provided a case study of how

librarians might help organize and preserve court archives, trial records, and judges’ papers, i.e., namely, those of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. The coordinator, Claire Germain, Director of the Cornell Law Library, and two of the speakers, Thomas Mills from Cornell, and Kelly Vinopal from the American Society of International Law, were able to join the interest group meeting and provide back-

ground and details of the project. Cornell is also working on a digitization project with Liberian materials.

Also, at the meeting was Ufuoma Lami-kanra, this year’s Schaffer grant recipient, of the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies. She spoke of the need to find American partners who would help digitize Nigerian law and make it available to the world.

First Meeting of the Indigenous Peoples Interest Group

Joan PolICASTRI

Inaugural Meeting

The Indigenous Peoples Interest Group was honored to have Professor Glenn T. Morris (Shawnee), of the University of Colorado, Denver Political Science Department, as guest speaker at its inaugural meeting.

Professor Morris began by thanking those ancestors who had gone before him in the work for the rights of indigenous peoples. He mentioned Deskaheh, the Haudenosaunee leader, who traveled to Geneva, Switzerland on a Haudenosaunee passport to address the League of Nations in 1923, seeking to remind the leaders assembled there of their commitments to indigenous peoples and to fight for international recognition of indigenous nations. Professor Morris also spoke of his friend and colleague, Robert A. Williams, Jr., (Lumbee) author of *The American Indian in Western Legal Thought: the Discourses of Conquest*. Professor Morris spoke of the ways in which

indigenous peoples have traditionally been classified in western thought and of the power of language. He quoted Antonio de Nebrija, who, in response to Queen Isabella of Spain's questioning the purpose of his 1492 Spanish grammar, reportedly replied, that "Language is the perfect instrument of empire."

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Power of Communication

Indigenous peoples have been called by many names, including barbarians, savages, uncivilized, 'outlaws of humanity,' slaves, and infidels. These derogatory terms served to make indigenous peoples invisible, even to each other. Professor Morris told of his meeting with indigenous peoples in Costa

Rica in the 1980s. Each nation had been told that the other had been killed by their respective settler states and no longer existed. But new technologies have enabled the indigenous peoples of the world to communicate with each other, find their common experiences, and unite in support of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP). On September 13, 2007, 143 nations voted to adopt the UNDRIP (G.A. Res. 61/295), with four countries voting "No" (Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States) and 11 abstentions. Australia and New Zealand have since voted to adopt the resolution, and Canada and the United States are in the process of reviewing the document (again).

The relationship of indigenous peoples with the rest of the world is changing. And, having previewed a draft copy of the new "KI" classification, Professor Morris said that it will help make indigenous peoples of the Western Hemisphere visible to an
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Foreign Law Selectors Report

Dan Wade

The Foreign Law Selectors met on July 11th and we had a good crowd (29 signed the sign-up sheet).

Western Big Ten

Our focus this year was on what we called the western Big Ten. Teresa Stanton at Berkeley was instrumental in soliciting foreign law collection development profiles from a number of librarians, and Teresa Miguel, my colleague here at Yale, posted a number

of these on the FCIL-SIS website. These are not full-blown collection development policies, but rather profiles which provide an understanding of the emphases of foreign law collecting efforts by a given institution. During the meeting we discussed a number of these. To date (Oct 15th) there are profiles posted for Berkeley, Chicago, Cook County Law Library, Hastings, LA Law Library, Loyola of Chicago, Minnesota, NYU, Northwestern, Santa Clara, Stanford, and Yale. To access

these, go to www.aallnet.org/sis/fcilsis/foreignlawselector.html on the FCIL web site. We encourage others to send their profiles to Teresa Miguel (teresa.miguel@yale.edu).

Next Up: Eastern Big Ten

Next year, our focus will be on the eastern Big Ten. Be forewarned! Librarians in those institutions will be contacted in the spring.

Electronic Issues Interest Group Meeting

Marylin Raisch

This breakfast meeting was called to order at 7:00 a.m. After introductions, a set of agenda items was covered and then a broader discussion followed.

Updates

Web site: <http://www.aallnet.org/sis/fcilsis/index.html> updating and enhancement. The AALL web site will be re-designed, and there was discussion with Heidi Kuehl, present both as our “webmaster emerita” and as a continuing FCIL officer, our Secretary/Treasurer (*webmistress* emerita? Trying to make it consistent for you Latin scholars!). Our current webmaster, Teresa Miguel, was unable to attend AALL this year.

The Chair will check with Teresa to make sure that our website contents outline will go to AALL on their timetable. We would also ask about archiving our content.

Blog: <http://foreignlawcollections.blogspot.com> re-naming and re-purposing. It was agreed that a refreshed web blog with comment and a blog roll, as well as dropping “collection development” from the name, would be a good way to broaden the blog. Once again, Heidi will coordinate with Teresa in this effort, and Don Ford, who was not able to attend, is also working on this project.

Creating a wiki for international and comparative law research. Using PB Wiki or another appropriate platform could create a related set of links. Chair Marylin Raisch is circulating this list to all who attended the meeting, along with a link to Georgetown’s blog symposium.

Updating of ongoing FCIL projects such as Roster of FCIL librarians willing to help with questions (Jumpstart Your Foreign, Comparative, and International Research: Use People Resources, <http://aallnet.org/sis/fcilsis/protected/jumpstartcontacts.html> (Username: fcil; Password: jumpstart); holdings for Latin American serials, <http://www.aallnet.org/sis/fcilsis/Latinamericanjournals/index.html>

Mary Rumsey agreed to maintain the list of librarians willing to help with topics and languages that was started by Lyonette Louis-Jacques, and so members are urged to review this list and to send any withdrawals or- it is hoped- new willingness or new interests and topics, to her for updating. The roster consists of two different files: one regarding help with foreign law and the other is a directory which has a sepa-

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rate password-protected section to discourage unauthorized use, but the password is available just by scrolling down to get the text shown above. It was suggested that the list be turned into an Excel spreadsheet for more efficient maintenance.

The list of Latin American serials is maintained by Teresa Miguel for the purpose of general sharing of holdings among research libraries.

It was mentioned that some serials, even foreign ones, are moving to an electronic format, and Mark Strattner of



LC asked to be informed of any intention to discard, as LC will pay to have these sent to LC and they share with Harvard.

Other business

It was confirmed that the translations on V-Lex are machine made (and confirmed again by this Chair at their booth in the exhibit hall).

Aaron Kuperman could not make this meeting but asked if anyone knows about an online site for language training in *reading* knowledge, as opposed to oral and conversational training.

LC has just gone live with its new multinational database, the Global Legal Information Catalogue, GLIC <http://www.loc.gov/lawweb/servlet/Glic?home>

The blog is now up and running, so check it out and prepare for a serious attempt to pull information together in a wiki. Lyonette Louis-Jacques has challenged us to forge ahead with gap areas such as case law translations, and postings and other digital projects. Since this meeting, WorldLII’s *International Law Library* and *International Decisions* have been launched, and Hein’s *World Constitutions Illustrated* is growing.

A Baobab Grows in Brooklyn AALL Program Recap

Jean Davis

Survey Says

At *A Baobab Grows in Brooklyn*, I discussed research training provided to Brooklyn Law School students who worked at a South African university's legal aid clinic. I advised librarians to expect e-mail requests for help if students staff satellite offices of clinics. I tried to engage my audience by conducting a brief survey and asking questions -three participants received copies of Justice Sachs' compelling memoir, *The Strange Alchemy of Life and Law* (2009). Justice Sachs served on the Constitutional Court of South Africa for 15 years. He knows how to spur readers' interest. For example, he begins the chapter about social and economic rights by telling a plaintiff's story: "Mrs. Grootboom decided she had had enough. She and her two children, and her sister with three children, lived in a shack in an area not far from Cape Town. The winter rains were approaching and she decided she could not bear another season in a water-logged area." I thank Oxford University Press for donating copies of this powerful book and LexisNexis for providing survey pens.

Great Resources on South Africa

Redson Edward Kapindu updated the GlobalLex guide, *Researching South African Law*, in March 2010. Duard Kleyn and Frans Viljoen produced a fourth edition of *Beginner's Guide for Law Students* in 2010. These guides will help students to understand the South African legal system and key sources.

There are recently revised CALI exercises at the website of the Brand van Zyl Law Library, University of Cape

Town. The exercise, "Juta Online Publications and LexisNexis [South Africa]," will aid librarians in developing training exercises. A CALI representative will contact the authors of these lessons to determine whether CALI could add these tutorials to CALI's website. Tip for CALI members: try to access UCT law library's website during the M-F work week.

Some South African authors post material at Social Science Research Network. Researchers who need South African legal articles could subscribe to Sabinet's SA ePublications: Law collection. This database of South African legal e-journals (PDF) and its RSS feeds of tables of contents are popular among BLS faculty. Also, to identify articles, use the "advanced search" form provided by *De Rebus - SA Attorneys' Journal*. Search for documents containing all these words in the heading: recent articles and research. Add key words or an exact phrase. Monthly issues of *De Rebus* also highlight new "Books for lawyers."

Our students enjoy videos and podcasts. *Polity* (Policy, Law, Economics and Politics) includes many video and audio files. This free website includes South African news, speeches of South African government officials, descriptions of and links to recent South African case decisions, and descriptions of and links to significant legislation/regulations.

Materials for Clinics

South African university legal aid clinics probably have copies of the *Association of University Legal Aid Institutions (AULAI): Manual* [2005]. Yousuf A. Vawda is the general editor.

Juta Law publishes an "Understanding" series that provides overviews of many laws that student participants in South African clinics might need to apply. Titles in this series include: *Understanding Broad-based Black Economic Empowerment* (2010); *Understanding the Basic Conditions of Em*

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Graphic designed by Bradley Pulaski, student at School of Visual Arts

Asian Law Interest Group Report

Sergio Stone

The Asian Law Interest Group met on Sunday afternoon July 11th. Attendees included reference, collection development, and technical services librarians from law firm and academic libraries. We were especially honored to have Tom Reynolds of UC Berkeley and Mark Strattner of the Law Library of Congress contribute to the session.

Dialogue on Sources

Discussion started with announcements of new journals from the region, including the following bilingual publications: East Asian Law Journal from Airiti Press of Taiwan, and China Business Law Journal. English language academic journals mentioned were: Tsinghua China Law Review, Peking University Journal of Legal Studies, and the Indian Law Institute Law Review. The latter is actively seeking submissions from U.S. authors, especially law librarians. <http://www.ili.ac.in/lawreview.htm>

The next Asian Law Institute (ASLI) conference will take place in May,



Chinese Word for Law
Photo by Sergio Stone

2011 at Kyushu University School of Law School in Japan. The conference theme is sustainability and environmental law in Asia. In addition to the regular sessions, ASLI conferences now include poster sessions for young scholars and a distinguished speaker lecture covering interdisciplinary aspects of law.

Trinie Thai-Parker initiated an interesting discussion on the difficulties of collecting Chinese materials in print. Chinese primary materials are easily available through various free and proprietary databases; however, locating authoritative secondary and interpretive resources is more difficult. All agreed that evaluating monographs and periodicals was time consuming because of

a dearth of reliable book and journal reviews, and uncertainty over the reputation of publishing houses. The discussion demonstrated that we lack effective tools to evaluate Chinese secondary legal publications.

Upcoming Conference

The Chinese and American Forum on Legal Information and Law Libraries (CAFLL) is now a permanent organization after incorporating in Pennsylvania and registering as a 501(c)3. CAFLL's 2nd conference will be held next July in Philadelphia directly before the 2011 AALL Annual Meeting. CAFLL expects 40-50 law librarians from China to attend. By sponsoring conferences and professional development programs, CAFLL hopes to enhance collaboration between AALL and Chinese law librarians.

CAFLL's vision statement as quoted from its bylaws. "The Chinese and American Forum on Legal Information and Law Libraries works to strengthen the rule of law in China and the United States by recognizing the central role that professional law librarians play in collecting, organizing, and making

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Publicity & Membership Committee Report

Linda Tashbook

New Identity

The Publicity and Membership committee, having just come into existence shortly before the annual meeting, is eager to involve new participants who would like to develop stock outreach materials that can be posted to library school discussion forums and otherwise conveyed to prospective FCIL librarians. At this

year's annual meeting, we introduced our new FCIL-SIS flyer which details all the exciting and practical ways that the SIS can assist individual librarians at work.

Interactive Table

We endeavored to have an engaging interactive table in the annual meeting exhibit hall by making available sample research guides, games, and lots of

inspirational literature such as the Internships and Foreign Exchanges committee's tantalizing flyer, ASIL's newsletter, and the Schaeffer Grant committee's bright and bold brochures. Thank you, again, to all the volunteers who took time to staff the table, to everyone who provided printed materials for us to hand out-- and, of course, to Jeanne for acquiring a whole new set of flags. ●

Latin American Law Interest Group Meeting Report

Sally Wise

Neither Teresa Miguel (Lillian Goldman Law Library, Yale) nor Pedro Padilla-Rosa (University of Puerto Rico Law Library) were able to attend AALL this year and Sally Wise volunteered to chair this meeting of the Latin American Interest Group in their place.

We all introduced ourselves; one of the newcomers was David S. Mao, the first appointed Deputy Law Librarian of Congress.

News from Booksellers

Latin American booksellers were invited to talk about what was new in their areas. Casalini Libri (Spain, Portugal and Greece) offers shelf-ready books and cataloging; they have an e-book platform, but not many books in the area of law are available electronically yet. Puvill provides books mostly from Mexico. EcoAmericas is a monthly print plus electronic newsletter covering environmental law in Latin American countries. Another vendor in attendance at AALL, but not present was Darlene Hull of Libros de Barlovento (Puerto Rico and Dominican Republic) and VLex. Sergio Stone of Stanford recommended using Lawrence Pub-

lishing Co. located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana for English translations and books about Latin American law.

Participants were asked whether they collect law from Caribbean countries to see if there was any interest in shared collection development in this area. The University of Miami collects in this region.

Library Collections

Librarians described their Latin American law collections and current activities. Below are some of the descriptions.

At Loyola, they have a Chilean student exchange program and they collect Chilean law. They have obtained an extensive investigative dossier on criminal cases brought against former Chilean dictator, Augusto Pinochet. On their library website is a LibGuide "Researching Chilean Law."

University of Denver collects Latin American law to support their "Lawyering in Spanish" program.

Everyone was reminded to try to contribute to the union list of journals "Latin American Law Journals & Serials in U.S. Law Libraries" on the FCIL-SIS

website. Contact Teresa Miguel, at teresa.miguel@yale.edu to get started.

Participants were also asked to contribute their collection summary profiles to the FCIL-SIS Foreign Selectors Group to add to the FCIL-SIS website.

Haiti Assistance

Pedro Padilla-Rosa (University of Puerto Rico Law Library) is asking librarians in the U.S. to consider hosting a librarian from Haiti or acting as a sister library to a library damaged by the earthquake in Haiti. (Pedro was not present at the meeting but his message was conveyed to the attendees at the meeting.) David Mao announced that the Law Library of Congress has begun digitizing the Laws of Haiti in response to the disaster.

Next Issue

**Our Next Issue will be in
February 2011.
Please consider writing for our FCIL
newsletter.
All submissions are welcome!**

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ployment Act (2009); *Understanding the Employment Equity Act* (2009); *Understanding Land Tenure Law* (2009); *Understanding the Labour Relations Act* (2009); and *Understanding Social Security Law* (2009).

Oxford University Press plans to publish *The Global Clinical Legal Movement: Educating Lawyers for Social*

Justice in October 2010. Frank S. Bloch is the editor. The global clinical movement is developing. In this book, clinicians from many countries discuss their programs.

Kathleen Darvil and I created a publicly accessible web guide of South African legal sources to complement the *Baobab* program. This guide includes a

selected bibliography about clinical legal education in South Africa and database vendor contacts.

My slide presentation is available through the AALL2go Learning Center > Education Content > AALL 2010 Annual Meeting > E6: *A Baobab Grows in Brooklyn*.

Education Committee Meeting Highlights

Jeanne Rehberg

An overflow crowd attended the FCIL-SIS Education Committee meeting on July 13th in Denver, co-chaired by Sergio Stone and Jeanne Rehberg. James Senter, the Annual Meeting Program Committee (AMPC) liaison to the FCIL-SIS, filled the group in on the proposal process. Numerous members brought great program ideas to the meeting, and we had nine proposals and one workshop submitted to the AMPC by the September 15 deadline. With a longer proposal season this year, the AMPC will not announce their selections until after this issue of the FCIL newsletter, but the results will be posted on the FCIL Blog and Listserv.

Meeting Opportunity

David Mao of the Library of Congress announced that the meeting of the Chinese and American Forum on Legal Information and Law Libraries is scheduled for Philadelphia prior to the AALL Annual Meeting. We hope that a number of the conference attendees will be able to attend AALL. If you plan to go to Philadelphia and

have ideas about how to make our programs and meetings attractive to visitors, please let us know.

We hope that FCIL Interest Groups and Committees with ideas for substantive programs will consider presenting these programs as part of their business meeting. This can include Annual Meeting program proposals that are not selected by the AMPC. Please keep Jeanne and Sergio apprised of your plans because they need to request adequate meeting space and convey your equipment and technology requests to AALL.

Poster sessions will provide another opportunity for programming in Philadelphia. Consider sharing your completed or in-progress research and projects in a poster session. AALL will be providing more information about poster sessions at a later date.

Available Grants

AALL has grants available for programming outside of the Annual Meeting. The purpose of the AALL/BNA Continuing Education Grants Program (CEGP) is to encourage program development and promote sharing among AALL enti-

ties. The grants may be used to develop content (speakers, venue, etc.) or the means of wider distribution (webinar, podcast, etc.). Chapters, member institutions, caucuses, individual AALL members, and SIS's may submit proposals for the CEGP.

Three rounds of grants remain for the 2010-2011 cycle. If you have an idea for an FCIL-SIS program that would be suitable for distribution throughout AALL, check out the grant application schedule and other information on the CEGP page at http://www.aallnet.org/prodev/grant_program.asp, and contact Jeanne or Sergio if you would like any assistance.

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accessible each nation's legal information."

Middle East Materials

Shifting from East Asia to the Middle East, book fairs are proliferating in the Arab speaking world. Annual book fairs are now held in Abu Dhabi, Beirut, Erbil (Iraq), Damascus, Muscat, (Oman), Riyadh, and Sharjah (UAE). A new book distribution company, Abu Dhabi Distribution, is de-

veloping a database of in-print and out-of-print Arabic language books since 1900 which should prove invaluable for developing Islamic law collections. For additional information see: <http://publishingperspectives.com/?p=12516>

New Leader

After four years, I am stepping down as the Asian Law Interest Group Chair. Roy Sturgeon, Foreign & International Law Librarian at Touro Law School, gra-

viously agreed to assume the leadership role. Thanks to Roy's expertise and enthusiasm, the Asian Law Interest Group will rise to greater heights in the future.

Many thanks to all who attended the session for their excellent contributions. I look forward to seeing everyone at next year's meeting in Philadelphia

FCIL Schaffer Grant Committee Report

The 2010 FCIL Schaffer Grant Committee was composed of three members: Lucie Olejnikova, Teresa Miguel and Trinie Thai-Parker.

The committee received a total of forty applications from twenty-seven countries, including: Argentina (4), Azerbaijan (1), Bosnia & Herzegovina (1), Botswana (1), Canada (2), Chile (1), Costa Rica (1), Fiji (2), Georgia (2), India (3), Jamaica (1), Latvia (1), Lithuania (1), Malaysia (1), Mexico (1), Micronesia (1), Moldova (1), Nigeria (4), Poland (1), Russian Federation (1), Spain (2), South Korea (1), the Netherlands (1), Trinidad & Tobago (2), Turkey (1), Uganda (1), and Uruguay (1).

This year's applicant pool was among the largest and most qualified in recent years. This made recipient selection extremely difficult. However, after much deliberation, the Committee decided unanimously to award the 2010 FCIL Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians to Ms. Ufuoma Lamikanra, the Readers' Services Librarian at the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (NIALS) at the University of Lagos, Nigeria. Ms. Lamikanra has a postgraduate diploma in library studies in addition to an LLB and an LLM in Law. She has worked at NIALS in virtually every capacity since 1985. She currently supervises senior staff, participates in reference and noter-up services, as well as being involved in indexing, abstracting and the compilation of bibliographies and reading lists. She is also an adjunct lecturer in Business Law for the Distance Learning Institute at the University of Lagos. We are delighted that Ms. Lamikanra was

Marylin Raisch and Ufuoma Lamikanra at AALL in Denver.

Photo by Jean Davis



able to accept the offer of this grant and to join us here in Denver this year. As part of the "FCIL Executive Committee Presents" program, she gave a fascinating presentation on the Nigerian legal system and state of legal publishing in her country.

Diversity Symposium

In Denver, the Schaffer Grant Committee and Ufuoma Lamikanra attended the AALL Diversity Committee Symposium, an annual event featuring distinguished guests and speakers on diversity in librarianship. The theme of this year's symposium was adaptation, including how diversity is changing and being changed by technology and the professional world. More information about this year's Diversity Symposium may be found on AALLnet

at http://www.aallnet.org/products/pub_sp1009/pub_sp1009_Diversity.pdf. The FCIL-SIS welcomed the opportunity to introduce Ms. Lamikanra to symposium attendees and inform them about the achievements of the Schaffer Grant.

Correction: Ms. Lamikanra contacted the FCIL regarding our May article on her selection. She would like to clarify that she assisted in setting up the law library at Babcock University Law School. and she did not set it up all by herself. ●

For more information about the FCIL Schaffer Grant and the application form, see committee the web site at www.aallnet.org/sis/fcilsis/grants.html

Internships & International Exchanges Meeting

David McFadden

The FCIL Internships and International Exchanges Committee met on 11 July 2010 in Denver. Jim Hart, Jason Hawkins, Lyonette Louis-Jacques, David McFadden (chair), Paul Moorman, Marylin Raisch, Roberta Shaffer, Alison Shea, and R. Martin Witt attended.

Meeting Highlights

One new entry had been contributed for Australia during the prior year. One needed correction was noted. A request for assistance in listing an opportunity has come in recently from the Special Tribunal for Lebanon. The chair also noted that he has contacted and received permission to include two previously published articles about foreign law library visits in the testimonials section of the committee's webpage.

Survey Issues

There was a discussion of various electronic issues including the use of survey software such as Survey Monkey to compile the committee's listing of libraries willing to have visitors and exchanges.

There was a discussion regarding the need to brand the committee's survey and handouts. The new FCIL-SIS Guide was suggested as the model for this.

Plans to distribute the committee's handout and survey at a number of international law and law library gatherings were made. Assignments for updating current survey results and soliciting new participants were also made.

Testimonials

All committee members have been asked to solicit testimonials of law librarians who have had visits or exchanges for inclusion on the webpage, regard-

less if they were through the committee's survey or not. The chair will ask for testimonials at the FCIL Business Meeting.

Future Plans

The chair will work on listing and linking information about NELLCO and IALL grants for visits and exchanges on the committee's webpage

Paul Moorman agreed to collect information and links about grant and exchange lists from other library, law and other organizations to be listed for resource and informational purposes on the committee's webpage. David McFadden has agreed to continue as chair for 2010/2011.

To see available internships, visit <http://aallnet.org/sis/fcilsis/surveyresults.html>

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even larger world. It will reveal their existence under their own names, and in all their diversity and complexity. (Thank you, Jolande!)

Professor Morris concluded his talk by naming several areas relating to indigenous peoples that are still in need of further discussion; intellectual property and biodiversity, self-determination, and, collective rights. As stated in Article 32(2) of the UNDRIP, free, full, and informed (prior) consent, not consultation, must be the standard used for projects affecting the lands and resources of indigenous peoples.

Successful Meeting

The meeting had over 40 attendees

and the talk was followed by a lively discussion period. Thank you to all who attended, asked questions, indicated your interest in participating in the interest group, and provided such positive feedback. Thanks, again, to Marylin Raisch, for her support in the creation of this interest group. And, thank you, Professor Morris, for your informative, motivating, and very moving talk which made our inaugural session such a success.

If you would like to be a part of this interest group, please contact me at jpolICASTRI@law.du.edu, so we can continue the discussion and talk about what can be done at next year's interest group session. I will set up a listserv for the

IG. We can share information and the interest group could choose to read Professor Williams' *Like a Loaded Weapon: the Rehnquist Court, Indian rights, and the legal history of racism in America*, or the title mentioned above, and have an online discussion. *The American Indian in Western Legal Thought* covers many of the issues raised by Professor Morris from an historical perspective, and *Like a Loaded Weapon* is a look at U.S. Supreme Court decisions, but covers many of the same issues. Or, feel free to make other suggestions. I look forward to hearing from you!

The Netherlands host IALL

James Hart

The International Association of Law Libraries held its 29th Annual Course, *Dutch Gateways to International Law*, in The Hague, "Legal Capital of the World," in September of this year. The Peace Palace Library in The Hague, and The Erasmus University Library in Rotterdam were our hosts. The Peace Palace is, of course, the home of the International Court of Justice, the Permanent Court of Arbitration, and The Hague Academy of International Law. There could not have been a more beautiful and serene venue for the Conference.

Interesting Programs

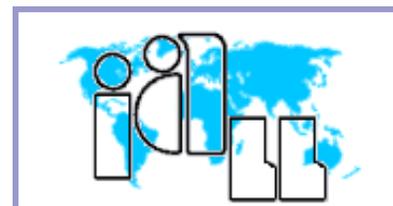
The program was headlined by a number of legal luminaries who educated us on a variety of topics that focused on ways in which Dutch domestic law has adopted and applied international law, related aspects of international law, and the institutions resident in the Peace Palace, The Hague, and the Netherlands. Teun Struycken, who has been a member of the Jury of The Hague Prize of International Law, a member of the Curatorium of the Hague Academy of International Law, and President of the Hague Conference on Private International Law as well as the recipient of many other distinctions and honors, spoke on the codification of private in-

ternational law. Steven van Hoogstraten, who is the General Director of the Carnegie Foundation and Treasurer of the Hague Academy of International Law, told us how selectively tolerant the Dutch are toward the soft recreational drugs, and described the programs of The Hague Academy of International Law. Hans van Loon, who is the Secretary-General of The Hague Conference on Private International Law, told us how private international law was connecting people horizontally across borders and intersecting vertically with the global system of human rights law. Abdul G. Koroma, who is a member of the International Court of Justice, explained its relationship with the UN, particularly the Security Council and the General Assembly, and described some of the Court's recent landmark cases.

Jules Winter, IALL President, gave a warm welcome and ran the business meeting with efficiency and good humor. He introduced AALL President, Joyce Janto, who bore greetings from across the pond, encouraged cooperation between our associations, reminded everyone to fill out the Internships and International Exchanges Committee's survey, and invited everyone to come to the IALL meeting in Washington in 2012.

Global Representation

Attendees came from all over the world. Petal Kinder and Alistair Jenkin had to travel a day and a half to get there from down under. Others came from Korea, Turkey, Malawi, and Trinidad & Tobago. Although the largest contingent was certainly from Europe, there were a surprising number of



Americans including Marci Hoffman and Tom Reynolds from Berkeley, Lyonette Louis-Jacques from Chicago, Joyce Janto from Richmond, Cyril Emery from the UN, and Radu Popa from NYU.

Sightseeing and Lectures

The Conference included several side trips both for work and play. Renee Winter arranged for us to spend a wonderful day in Rotterdam. Erasmus University hosted fascinating lectures about transportation law, water law, law of the sea, and the Rotterdam Port Authority. This was followed by a cruise in the port itself and a reception in the City Hall. Kluwer treated us to a magnificent dinner at the Kurhaus, which was once the Royal family's summer "house" at the beach. Jeroen Vervliet, Director of the Peace Palace Library, arranged a wonderful farewell reception and dinner that was held in the renowned Societeit De Witte in the heart of the old City. Those who still wanted more could spend an optional day in Leiden and Delft visiting Leiden University, the Hortus Botanicus, Hugo Grotius's grave, and, of course, shopping.

It was a wonderful conference and I would encourage all of our members to attend one of the IALL's Annual Courses sometime in your careers. ●

The next IALL meeting will be in Malaysia!

Dynamics of Malaysian Law in the Global Context will be held in Kuala Lumpur in December of 2011.

CIS & Eastern European Law Interest Group

Joan Policastri & Jeanne Rehberg

The CIS and Eastern European Law Interest Group met in Denver on July 11. Jeanne Rehberg convened the meeting on behalf of Chair Kevin Gray who was unable to attend the Annual Meeting. The group decided to continue using "Eastern Europe" in the IG name, although the Library of Congress uses the term "Central Europe."

Items of Interest

The attendees had a lively conversation and shared the following items of interest about their collections and about resources for this region in general:

- ◇ The Library of Congress and Berkeley Law Library have good East German collections. Berkeley has East German journals, Third Reich materials and official gazettes with some exceptions for the newly established nations. Berkeley also has some gazettes or session laws for several CIS/Eastern European countries. Please
- check Berkeley's catalog (<http://lawcat.berkeley.edu/>) or send an email to Marci Hoffman.
- ◇ The Library of Congress buys materials for Kosovo through an Albanian dealer and for Georgia through Eastview.
- ◇ Laws from Eastern Europe are more available online, e.g., Latvian law with English translation of the content of the law; Romanian session laws in Romanian, with a dictionary.
- ◇ Legal publishing is improving in Eastern Europe. With English as *lingua franca*, there are more English translations.
- ◇ Beck Online has an academic package available.
- ◇ Although the region covered most by VLex is Latin America, it also has some materials for Bosnia & Herzegovina, Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Slovakia. [Editor's note: Click on "See More" at the end of the
- country list to reach links for some materials for Bulgaria, Croatia, Germany, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, and Ukraine.]
- ◇ Remember to consult GLIN. According to the GLIN search page at <http://www.glin.gov/search.action>, GLIN contains "texts of laws, regulations, judicial decisions, and other complementary legal sources contributed by governmental agencies and international organizations. These GLIN members contribute the full texts of their published documents to the database in their original languages. Each document is accompanied by a summary in English and, in many cases in additional languages, plus subject terms selected from the multilingual index to GLIN. All summaries are available to the public, and public access to full texts is also available for most jurisdictions."

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New Business and Prizes & Awards

The Senior Caucus announced the newest member of the FCIL-SIS and gave her a prize, Kristina Alayan, Foreign and International Law Reference Librarian at Duke Law's Goodson Law Library.

The Executive Board approved the awarding of the Spirit of the SIS Award to Linda Tashbook, Chair of the Publications Committee, Lucie Olejnikova, Chair of the Schaffer Grant Fundraising Committee, and Mark Engsborg, editor of the *International Journal of Legal Information*.

tional Journal of Legal Information.

The Daniel L. Wade Outstanding Service Award was bestowed upon Teresa Miguel (FCIL-SIS webmaster and editor of the Latin American Serials list). Teresa was also recognized and congratulated for her new position at the Yale Law Library. Mary Rumsey was also presented with her Daniel L. Wade Outstanding Service Award (2009) and recognized for her superb contributions to the FCIL-SIS.

Congratulations to all of the FCIL-SIS

award recipients for their outstanding service to the FCIL-SIS!

Gracious Thanks

At the close of the meeting, Chair Marylin J. Raisch thanked her FCIL-SIS colleagues and expressed gratitude for all of the contributions of members, officers, and chairs of interest groups and committees, and passed the gavel to Jeanne Rehberg who recognized Marylin, with a gift, for her exemplary and talented service to the FCIL-SIS in 2009-2010.

New Member Profile: Gabriela Femenia.

Mary Rumsey

Return to Penn

Gabriela Femenia, a recent graduate of the U Wash Law Librarianship program, recently replaced Maria Smolka-Day as the University of Pennsylvania's Foreign and International Law Librarian. Gabriela isn't new to Penn, however; she got her J.D. there before practicing intellectual property law in California, and then returned to Penn as an international programs administrator.

"I was tremendously fortunate to be able to apprentice with Maria Smolka-Day, my predecessor, for my first six months on the job. She is a wonderful teacher and mentor, and I tried to absorb as much of her amazing depth of knowledge as I possibly could before she retired," says Gabriela. "I've also benefited greatly from Penn's membership in the North East Foreign Law Librarians Cooperative Group (NEFLCCG), which instantly plugged me into a network of outstanding foreign law librarians who have been nothing but gracious with their expertise and patient with my questions."

Living Abroad

Gabriela has racked up some personal foreign and comparative experience. Born in Argentina, she emigrated with her family to Canada at age four, then to the U.S. at age six. She spent half of her high school years in Mexico, and, as you might expect, speaks and reads Spanish. During a detour at Harvard for an M.A. in history, she also learned to

read French, German and Latin.

Asked what she likes most about her job, Gabriela replies, "I love the variety and challenging nature of FCIL research, and I really enjoy teaching legal research, both in the classroom and one-on-one with a patron. Although I still haven't figured out how to stay on top of the constant stream of vendor emails, catalogs, mailings, and slips, I also like the process of selecting materials, balancing the priorities of preserving the integrity of the collection, ensuring that patrons have what they need, and expanding the collection in forward-thinking directions while staying within the financial and space restrictions."

Many Interests

Gabriela's research interests include legal history, pedagogy, and the use of technology in legal instruction, research and practice. "Since I previously worked with international students and scholars, I'm also interested in how to provide great service to them. I also find really exciting the increasingly global focus of law schools, as I think librarians can contribute significantly to initiatives aimed at preparing our students for the transnational marketplace of law."

In her spare time, Gabriela reads widely. She also likes to bake, and to collect fountain pens. "Most recently, I've developed a potentially unhealthy obsession with Rock Band. My hus-



Gabriela Femenia
University of Pennsylvania Law Library

band came home with a Wii after many months of my hinting that we finally had a large enough living room to accommodate it. The leisure hours I don't spend actually playing Rock Band are now likely to be eaten up by searching for tips on how to improve my faux-guitar shredding skills."

And the ultimate librarian question—cats vs. dogs? "I am mostly a dog person, but also like and have had cats. I currently have a six-year-old Australian Shepherd mix, Chloe, who more than earned her nickname, 'Monster,' during her first two years of life but has settled into a very good dog since."

Welcome, Gabriela! And as Ollivander said to Harry Potter, "I think it is clear that we can expect great things from you."

Back issues of the FCIL newsletter can be found on the SIS website at www.aallnet.org/sis/fcilsis/newsletter.html. The complete archive includes volume one to the present.

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- ◇ The 2011 **Conference of the Chinese and American Forum on Legal Information and Law Libraries (CAFL)** will meet July 21-23 in Philadelphia. CAFL promotes the accessibility of legal information and fosters the education of legal information professionals in the United States and China. The 2011 Conference will feature three themes: American law libraries; the evolving trends in law librarianship (e.g., impact of technology); and future collaboration between AALL members and Chinese colleagues. It is expected that over fifty Chinese law school administrators, library directors, librarians, and professors will attend this Conference, along with their American colleagues. For more information, contact **Bob Hu** at Email: rhu@stmarytx.edu, or by phone at 210-431-2056.



Jeanne Rehberg, our new FCIL Chair in Denver. On to Philadelphia in 2011! Photo by Jean Davis



What are those law librarians talking about in there? From Denver. Photo by Jean Davis

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