

FCIL Newsletter

FOREIGN, COMPARATIVE AND INTERNATIONAL LAW SPECIAL INTEREST SECTION

2011 Business Meeting in Philadelphia

Submitted by Lucie Olejnikova

CALL TO ORDER AND OLD BUSINESS

The meeting was called to order by the FCIL-SIS Chair (2010-2011), Jeanne Rehberg. The first item was approval of the Minutes of the 2010 FCIL Business meeting, as published in the October 2010 FCIL Newsletter. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes, and the vote was unanimous.

The Chair, Jeanne Rehberg, reported on the status of the FCIL Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians. She informed the FCIL members that the SIS has made steady advances on the goal of the grant being self-sustaining, but considering current economic times, the Chair encouraged all to do everything possible to help to build the fund, including the Executive Committee having discretion to pay the grant out of the FCIL funds from time to time while the restricted corpus grows.

Heidi Frostestad Kuehl, Secretary-Treasurer, reported on the 2011-2012 election results. Elections were held from March 23 through April 12, 2011. Heidi F. Kuehl was elected Vice Chair/Chair-Elect, and Lucie Olejnikova was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report: Heidi Frostestad Kuehl



next reported that the FCIL-SIS budget's current balance, as of May 31, 2011, was \$21,608.37. This amount included the most recent May FCIL-SIS membership dues. The total of contributions (19 contributors) for the Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians at the end of fiscal year 2010-2011 is \$2,370.00 (which was reported in the last quarterly statement from AALL as of June 30, 2011). We received several generous donations for the Schaffer Grant in the spring of 2011. The endowed corpus balance (restricted funds) of the Schaffer Grant is \$35,000 and the excess balance is \$10,955 as of June 30, 2011.

The current strategic plan for the FCIL-SIS covers through 2011, and the Executive Committee appointed the Strategic Plan 2012-2014 Committee to write the next strategic plan. Chaired by Molly Brownfield, the committee has completed its draft and will present it to the Executive Committee, and ultimately to the members of FCIL, in the FCIL-SIS Newsletter this year.

REPORTS OF INTEREST GROUPS AND COMMITTEES

More detailed reports from interest groups and committees 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: Victor Essien. This IG meeting was chaired by Victor Essien and 14 people attended. Attendees discussed the new goals and projects for the coming year. Jerry DuPont of LLMC informed the group that LLMC will be scanning between 2300 and 2800 volumes of African materials as part of its Common Law Abroad project. The meeting resolved to work on a List of African journals, vendors or specialists similar to the Latin American Journals list currently hosted on the FCIL website. Information on new databases and resources for African jurisdictions was shared. Attendees discussed and decided to work on an FCIL African-themed program for the 2012 or 2013 AALL annual meeting.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

AALS Annual Meeting,
January 4-8, 2012 in Washington, DC.

ALA Midwinter Meeting,
January 20-24, 2012 in Dallas, TX.

ASIL Annual Meeting,
"Confronting Complexity,"
March 28-31, 2012 in Washington, DC.

AALL Annual Meeting,
"Learn, Connect, Grow,"
July 21-24, 2012 in Boston, MA.

From the Chair

Sergio D. Stone

We are all indebted to Jeanne Rehberg, Immediate Past Chair, for a great year and a wonderful array of programs and events at the AALL Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. One of the many highlights was the moving presentation on human rights abuses in Argentina by Gloria Orrego Hoyos, the FCIL Schaffer Grant winner. Kudos to the Schaffer Grant Selection committee for an inspired choice. The Executive Committee would like to thank all who set up and staffed our Exhibit Hall table, presented and moderated programs in Philadelphia, chaired committees and IGs last year, and members who have agreed to serve on committees and IGs this year.

Under the expert guidance of Heidi Kuehl and Dennis Sears, Education Committee Co-Chairs, next year's AALL Annual Meeting in Boston should be another banner year for FCIL-SIS workshops and programs.

Thanks to the efforts of Eugene Hsue, Marylin Raisch and Lucie Olejnikova, the FCIL-SIS has launched a Facebook group which will enhance our online presence. Feel free to contribute to the page and take advantage of this opportunity to connect with other FCIL librarians.

The FCIL Executive Committee recently negotiated with William S. Hein & Co. to add the FCIL Newsletter to Hei-

nOnline's Spinelli's Law Librarian Reference Shelf Library. Having our articles on HeinOnline will provide authors with greater visibility and offer additional online access to the full-run of the newsletter. Special thanks to Amy Emerson and her colleagues at Cornell Law Library for providing print versions of the newsletter to HeinOnline for scanning.

The Executive Committee also worked to amend the Memorandum of Understanding of the FCIL Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians. Changes to the document were agreed among Ellen Schaffer, AALL headquarters and the FCIL-SIS to provide greater flexibility in funding the grant awards and protect us from any future investment losses. We are now able to use FCIL-SIS funds to pay the grant winner's expenses if the income generated from the corpus is insufficient. We are pleased that the FCIL-SIS will be able to continue the tradition of funding visits from foreign librarians, originally made possible by Ellen Schaffer's foresight and generous donation.

The Proposed 2012-2014 Strategic Plan provides an exciting roadmap for the future success of the FCIL-SIS. I wish to acknowledge the outstanding work of the Strategic Planning Committee, composed of Molly Brownfield, Chair, Vicenç Feliú, Gabriela Femenia, Don Ford, Teresa Stanton and Jean Wenger.



Sergio Stone, FCIL Chair

The plan offers innovative ways to implement the three strategic goals the committee identified: improving the education of FCIL specialists, promoting the SIS and FCIL librarians in the profession, and strengthening the FCIL-SIS's web presence. Comments on the plan are being accepted until October 31st.

Please contact me or any Executive Committee members if you have ideas on how to improve our SIS.

Wishing you all a wonderful autumn.

FCIL Newsletter

The FCIL Newsletter is a publication of the Foreign, Comparative and International Law Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Libraries. It is published in February, May and October of each year.

Current and past issues of FCIL Newsletter are available on our website, at <http://www.aallnet.org/sis/fcilsis/newsletter.html>.

We welcome submissions. Contact us for more information.

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Asian Law Interest Group: Roy Sturgeon. The meeting was held on Sunday, July 24, 2011 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. A total of 23 people attended. Roy gave a talk about a nearly completed article on free speech in China, after which he took Q-&A from the audience.

CIS and Eastern European Law Interest Group: Sergio Stone for Kevin Gray. The meeting was held on Sunday, July 24, 2011 at noon and 12 people attended. Gabriela Femenia reported that Penn will continue to build their Polish and Ukrainian collections. Librarians from Catholic University teach in their summer abroad program in Krakow. Stephen Wiles reported on gaps and missing materials from Russian public and proprietary legal databases. Penn State has a strong collection of Russian language treatises. Beck is offering loose-leaf compilations of laws in force for the Czech Republic and Poland. Mary Strouse of Catholic University asked for information about cooperative agreements with CIS and Eastern European libraries. Cancellation of journal print subscriptions allows for sending journals to foreign libraries, if shipping logistics permit. Catherine Deane of Thomas Jefferson School of Law reported that her school offers an entirely online LLM program in International Tax and Financial Services. The meeting closed with a discussion about AALL social media services, namely the "My Communities" platform and the new FCIL-SIS Facebook page.

Latin American Law Interest Group: Sally Wise. The Latin American IG met on Sunday. AALL President Joyce Janto joined us at the beginning of the meeting to discuss her visit to Chile to participate with the Chilean law librarians at their First Conference on Legal Information and Services. We discussed different ways that we might link with Chilean law librarians. We then went around the table to give everyone an opportunity to talk about

what happened over the year and to ask questions and make comments. We had approximately 20 attendees.

Indigenous Peoples Law Interest Group: Joan Policastri. The group met on July 25, 2011. Attendees discussed the existence of a number of related organizations (American Indian Library Association, Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries and Museums, Int'l Indigenous Librarians Forum, and Native Peoples Law Caucus), research guides (Researching Indigenous Peoples' Rights under Int'l Law Research Guide by Steven C. Perkins) and other related resources (Tribal Law Journal, Turtle Talk). The group addressed some of the current issues for indigenous peoples including: 1) Rapa Nui (Easter Island, Chile [footage, disputes]), 2) Intellectual Property issues (WIPO program activities), 3) Guantanamo / Seminoles (Sam Morison on the Seminoles, Andrew Jackson, and American Military Justice) and 4) the continuing applications and effects of the Doctrine Discovery. The meeting was followed by a presentation by Dr. Jolande Goldberg on the Library of Congress Classification for Indigenous Peoples.

Roman Law Interest Group: Lucia Diamond. The Roman Law IG engaged in a discussion of memory and mnemonic techniques for recall of stored knowledge. We centered our discussion on images related to learning and remembering the rules of Roman law that were presented by Jolande Goldberg. We sincerely thanked Jolande for participating in our discussion, especially since she, on the same day, also appeared at two other meetings and gave a lecture as the first AALL Distinguished Lectureship Award winner.

Foreign Selectors Interest Group: Dan Wade. Thirty-three librarians, including three from the Law Library of Congress, met at 5:15 p.m. on Sunday, July 24th to discuss foreign law collecting in both academic law schools and the Library of Congress. Dan Wade

(Yale) convened the meeting and presented a brief annual report of the past year's meetings of the Northeast Foreign Law Librarians Cooperative Group (Columbia, Cornell, Fordham, Georgetown, Harvard, NYU, Penn and Yale). Amy Emerson (Cornell) next reported on the Gang Plus (the major private law libraries plus the Library of Congress, Berkeley, Virginia and NELLCO) held at Harvard on June 15th and attended by law library directors as well as foreign, international and collection development librarians. Mark Strattnner (Chief of Collection Services Division at the Law Library of Congress) presented a report on collection development at the Law Library of Congress and the obvious budgetary pressures it is under. Then new attendees to the group and new selectors introduced themselves. Profiles of several Big Ten schools and Case Western were presented: Jennifer Selby (Michigan); Mary Rumsey (Wisconsin); and Dan Wade (Ohio State, Penn State and Case Western). These will be added to the others on the FCIL-SIS website. At the end, attendees introduced themselves and briefly discussed developments at their respective institutions.

Electronic Issues Interest Group: Marylin J. Raisch. The Chair, Marylin J. Raisch, reported on the Electronic Issues Interest Group meeting. Please see complete minutes from this meeting in its separate report and as part of this report under Update on Additional FCIL-SIS Media.

Teaching Foreign and International Legal Research: Heidi Frostestad Kuehl for Patricia Kasting. The group discussed Alison Shea's project of updating course materials on the FCIL-SIS website at <http://www.aallnet.org/sis/fcilsis/syllabi.html>. It was reported that the project is complete and will go live soon, and that old materials will be removed. It was recommended to

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The Law of Peace Enforcement and International Criminal Law: The New 2011 Edition of LC Class KZ (Law of Nations)

Jolande Goldberg

KZ IN RETROSPECT

The classification schedule KZ-KZD (Law of Nations), implemented in draft form at the Library of Congress (LC) on May 1, 1997 (Law Day), contains the subclasses for comparative/theoretical public Law of nations (KZ), Law of the sea (KZA), and Space law (KZD). This schedule, at that time a cause célèbre, was the 10th in the series of classifications under the letters K-KZ, created for the various law systems and applied to law collections across the continent and abroad. Simultaneously, Class JZ: International Relations, created as the last subclass of Class J (Political Science), was redeveloped as a companion scheme to KZ and implemented at the same time. Both schedules JZ and KZ-KZD together replace the old and now obsolete Class JX: International Law, with its subdivisions International Relations, Diplomatic History and Diplomacy.

This 2011 edition cumulates all additions and changes to subclass KZ from 2007 through Weekly List 2011/23, dated August 15, 2011, in particular a broad development for International Criminal Law and the International Criminal Court (ICC). Additions and changes made subsequent to that date are published in Weekly Lists posted on the World Wide Web at <http://www.loc.gov/aba/cataloging/classification/weeklylists/> and also available in Classification Web, the online web-based edition of the Library of Congress Classification.

The recasting of the conceptual content of Class JX fixed in pre-World War I time and not kept in compliance with the current scientific standard, had proved to be complex. The reasons? (1) Outdated collection policies and cataloging practices, both rooted in the perceived duality of political science and history around the turn of the century, which had led to the classification of major international developments in LC classes for History; (2) only a marginal expansion for some

prominent international events, such as the two World Wars and the creation of two international treaty organizations in their aftermath: the League of Nations and the United Nations; and (3) no classification structure for materials generated by rapid changes in the global order.

It was recognized then how fragile systematic arranged collections really are, when they are based either on stagnant developments of classification, of any discipline actually, and on perceptions of an institution tied to history or its prescribed mission.

Comparative law - Comparative classification studies for the hybrid design of Classes JZ and KZ focused on correlation of the two new schedules as closely as possible: (1) it should provide for parallel or approximate patterning or (2) possibly for complete parallel arrangements of subjects in both classes. Thus, cross-class topic-relations were studied and, in reverse, converted into cross-class design, which allows for (3) comparative classification between two classes (JZ and KZ), under harmonized terminology if topics are rooted in, or related to, the same concepts.

To accomplish this goal, the hierarchies for subjects in the two new classes had to be carefully planned since they provide the order of concepts or textual elaborations of an entire discipline and its subjects. Other techniques already used earlier in the development of Class K were utilized or modified in application for JZ-KZ, especially the comparative working techniques borrowed from legal scientists, such as analytical exegesis, harmonization, and analogous interpretation, which allows for symmetric developments (parallelisms), and reference structure: extensive referencing from the systematic position of fact, event or topic to the actual class is long-standing practice and has been freely used in development of the international law/international relations complex in

order to accommodate new doctrines and scientific developments effecting rearrangement or distribution of materials between several older classes. When an older class was included in the parallel design, revisions adjusting hierarchy, terminology, etc. had to be carried out simultaneously.

PROMOTION OF PEACE AND THE LAW OF PEACE ENFORCEMENT

In the service of global order and global security, the old philosophical concepts of “peace” and satellite topics were recast with current flavor. The elaborations on peace management to the end of collective security are displayed in either schedule under the same number sequence, JZ/KZ5510-6530. Here, the vast difference of both disciplines in their scientific approach to the same political theorem, phenomena and events, requires more than anywhere else a clean comparative treatment of institutes and nomenclature. Both schedules continue under the matching number structure with “disarmament.”

KZ in a series of legal regimes for peace enforcement opens the dialogue with non-aggression pacts, renunciation and outlawry of war, KZ 5588-5594; which JZ interlaces with international tension, cold wars and detente management, JZ5595-5603.

KZ5615-5893 provides for detailed arms control and disarmament regimes with some humanitarian legal aspects of weaponry; nuclear weapon free zones and zones of peace; and reduction of armed forces. JZ5615-5865 follows the same line of topics under the aspect of international politics and disengagement; both conclude with the various military pact systems for self-defense, JZ/KZ5900-5967.

The diplomacy and arbitration section was designed for the older materials in

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Schaffer Grant Committees Reports

Submitted by Lucie Olejnikova

The FCIL Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians - Selection and Fundraising Committees met on Tuesday, July 26, 2011 from 7:45 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. In attendance were: Sergio Stone, Jeanne Rehberg, Ellen Schaffer, Teresa Miguel, Lucie Olejnikova, Laura Cadra, Amy Emerson, Ryan Harrington and Jootaek Lee.

Lucie reported on the work of the fundraising committee and its yearly efforts to raise funds to support the grant; she encouraged all attendees to get involved in promotion of the grant to help increase donations.

Teresa reported on the work of the selection committee, which had received 44 applications from 27 countries before selecting the 2011 recipient, Gloria Marcela Orrego Hoyos, Legal Reference Librarian and Professor of Law and Legal Research Methods at Biblioteca Max von Buch, Universidad de San Andres in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

At noon on Monday, July 25, Ms. Orrego Hoyos presented a lecture entitled "Never Again, Never Forget: The Role of Libraries and Archives in Reconstructing Memory of Argentina's 'Dirty War,'" as part of the FCIL-SIS Executive Committee Presents session. Gloria delivered an excellent presentation about the role of libraries and archives in preserving information and memory of those who have died, suffered or disappeared during the Argentine's "Dirty War." Her presentation was given a standing ovation by close to 100 attendees. Her presentation was archived and will be available at <http://www.aallnet.org/sis/fcilsis/grants.html>.

The Committees discussed the history, development and current status of the grant. The Committee reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding it has with AALL. Ryan Harrington agreed to Chair the FCIL-SIS Schaffer Grant Selection committee for the upcoming year 2011-2012.

Coming Next Issue

Gloria Marcela Orrego Hoyos is the 2011 winner of the FCIL Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians. Her report on attending the 2011 Annual Meeting in Philadelphia will be in our next issue.

Support the Grant

"With all my confidence I can say that winning the Ellen Schaffer Grant was a great step ahead in my professional career development, and the ideas I was inspired with at the conference influenced the library services development in my country." -Sonia Battalova, 2001 Grant Winner

Support the Schaffer Grant by donating now at <http://www.aallnet.org/top-menu/givingopportunities>.

Teaching Foreign and International Legal Research Report

Submitted by Patricia Kasting

First of all, a thank you to everyone who attended the 7:30 a.m. meeting on a Monday morning. The number of people present varied throughout since some arrived late and some had to leave early, but 20-25 people made the effort to stop by and contribute to this meeting.

The agenda for the meeting was to discuss the updating and maintenance of the FCIL syllabi and course materials website. Alison Shea undertook the project of contacting previous contributors and requesting updated materials. Alison completed the project prior to the AALL Annual Meeting, but had several questions

she needed answered before making the link live.

There was a small divide among contributors on whether older materials should be archived or removed. The pros and cons of archiving or removal were discussed, and the group decided that older materials should be removed.

A few contributors were concerned about unauthorized use of materials on the site. The group decided that a note will be added to the site stating that these materials are for non-profit use only. The language from Creative Commons is appropriate and will be used.

Alison agreed to send an annual email to members of FCIL – prior to the AALL annual meeting – requesting updated and new syllabi and course materials for the website.

It has been my pleasure to serve as Chair of this group, and I thank the FCIL-SIS for giving me the opportunity to serve in this capacity. But it is time for me to step down. It is with great pleasure that I announce that Alison Shea agrees to be the new chair of the Teaching Foreign and International Legal Research special interest group. The announcement of Alison's acceptance was well received by everyone present.

Latin American Law IG Report

Submitted by Sally Wise

The Latin American Law Interest Group met on Sunday afternoon July 24th. There were approximately 20 attendees.

We were honored to have AALL President Joyce Janto attend the meeting and discuss her recent visit to Chile to meet with Chilean law librarians at their First Conference on Legal Information and Services. For more about this meeting, please see Ellen Schaeffer's article in Volume 25, Issue 3 (May 2011) of the FCIL Newsletter (<http://www.aallnet.org/sis/fcilsis/vol25/May2011.pdf>). It was fascinating to listen to President Janto talk about the Chilean law librarian meeting as well as her other adventures during her visit hosted by the American Embassy. After her talk, we discussed possible ways we might link with Chilean librarians. We also discussed the Internships and International Exchanges hosted by the SIS and organized by David McFadden (<http://www.aallnet.org/sis/fcilsis/internships.html>).

We were also honored to have Gloria Marcela Orrego Hoyos, the 2011 recipient of the FCIL Schaeffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians, attend our meeting. Ms. Orrego Hoyos is the Legal Reference Librarian and Professor of Law and Legal Research Methods at Biblioteca Max von Buch, Universidad de San Andrés in Buenos Aires, Argentina. We enjoyed talking with her about her position and the projects that she is tackling. For more about her, please see Roy Sturgeon's article in Volume 25, Issue 3 (May 2011) of the FCIL Newsletter (<http://www.aallnet.org/sis/fcilsis/vol25/May2011.pdf>).

We had time to go around the table and hear from all attendees, and we were also encouraged to participate in the activities of the Latino Caucus.

Foreign Law Selectors IG Report

Submitted by Daniel Wade

The Foreign Law Selectors met at the AALL Annual Meeting late in the day on June 24th to discuss activity in foreign law collecting in the United States. Academic law librarians were joined by three representatives from the Law Library of Congress and a representative from the Inter-American Development Bank.

Founded six years ago, the Foreign Law Selectors IG was originally intended to advise the wider academic community of the activities of the Northeast Foreign

Law Librarians Cooperative Group (Columbia, Cornell, Fordham, Georgetown, Harvard, NYU, Penn and Yale). Since its inception there has been created a slightly broader layer of networking which includes the Gang Plus (the largest private law libraries plus the Law Library of Congress, Berkeley, Virginia and NELLCO), which has met annually at Harvard the past two years.

Dan Wade (Yale) presented a brief report on the two meetings NEFLLCG held during the year at Yale and Fordham. A ma-

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CIS and Eastern European Law IG

Submitted by Sergio D. Stone

The CIS and Eastern European Law Interest Group met at noon on Sunday, July 24, 2011 in the Pennsylvania Convention Center. Gabriela Femenia reported that Penn will continue to build the Polish and Ukrainian collections. Librarians from Catholic University teach in their summer abroad program in Krakow. Stephen Wiles reported on gaps and missing materials from Russian public and proprietary legal databases. Penn State has a strong collection of Russian language treatises and primary sources. Saskia Mehlhorn, Mary Strouse and Stephen Wiles indicated that they had Russian language skills. The German publisher Beck is now offering loose-leaf compilations of laws in force for the Czech Republic and Poland.

The Vigorous Collecting Responsibilities (VCR) are still in place for CIS and Eastern European jurisdictions in the large Northeast law libraries, such as Columbia, Penn, Yale, Harvard and NYU. It is unclear how strong the support is for the VCRs at each institution. Perhaps these lists can be released to the FCIL membership in the

future.

Mary Strouse of Catholic University asked for information about cooperative agreements with CIS and Eastern European libraries. Cancellation of journal print subscriptions, such as the arrangement among GW, Penn and American, opens up opportunities to send journals to foreign libraries, if shipping logistics can be economically arranged. Jeanne Rehberg explained that Libraries Without Borders could not provide financial support for shipping books.

Catherine Deane of Thomas Jefferson School of Law reported that her school offers an entirely online LLM program in International Tax and Financial Services.

The meeting closed with a discussion about AALL social media services, specifically the My Communities platform and the new FCIL-SIS Facebook page. Mary Strouse suggested creating a CIS blog on the FCIL-SIS My Communities page or using tags to filter content on the FCIL blog. The consensus was that people did not want to search multiple platforms to get unique information.

Electronic Issues Interest Group Report

Marylin Raisch

The Electronic Issues Interest Group meets to discuss both the web presence of the group and also new developments in technology or databases. The following are Items/announcement following up on last year's meeting as reported in the *FCIL Newsletter*, October 2010, at 8: Mary Rumsey has volunteered at last year's meeting of the Electronic Issues Interest Group to update the Roster for FCIL-SIS research help, taking over from Lyonette Louis-Jacques.

The group began the meeting discussing the transition to the new Communities format for communication. Use was made immediately of the posted Quickstart guide for My Communities, and the transition was planned and is now in effect as of this fall report.

A decision was made to revive the blog, which develops slowly. The plan agreed upon is to invite perhaps a dozen or more people to Google Blogger and see if we can add social networking feeds to the blog so that a larger group could post once per month at least. Eugene Hsue helped set up our Facebook group and we decided to make it a page so that we can facilitate our communication. As far as social networking is concerned, people want the same information on the blog and the Facebook page so that both sites need not be checked, and the feed feature on the blog should make this easier. Thanks go to Jean Davis and Lucie Olejnikova for their help in August, and the Chair has to catch up with making more of our plans happen! Reactions to the new formats at the AALL site seem mixed so far.

There was some discussion of iPod and iPhone, Droid and other mobile devices as the app world explodes. Are they relevant at all to FCIL topics? There was also discussion of apps supporting catalogue access; are we ready for the

open-source ILS? Noted were the following:

- Lyonette Louis-Jacques' list of general law apps, <http://news.lib.uchicago.edu/blog/2010/08/07/mobile-apps-for-law/> and she noted that some IGOs have apps.
- Fetched Dictionary of International Law Terms v3.5 Java J2ME; Download ID: 64665 http://www.umnet.com/downloads/software/4665-FTechdb_Dictionary_of_International_Law_Terms_v35
- UCLA Law Library (Darling Library) guide by Vicki Steiner, <http://libguides.law.ucla.edu/content.php?pid=112286&sid=845584>
- <http://www.slaw.ca/2011/07/15/building-digital-law-libraries/>
- <http://www.elsa.org/lawstudents/mobileapps.html>
- United Nations Publications, mobile access, <https://unp.un.org/MobileApps.aspx>
- Mobile Apps for Law <http://www.informedlibrarian.com/MobileAppsforLaw/reviews.cfm> - subscription-based; \$25.00 introductory fee
- *Informed Librarian* has a database of apps, but is fee-based.
- More and more! Please bring your suggestions/experiences of knowledge of new apps or ones in development.

There was also some review and discussion of FCIL-related projects to create archives or showcase digital texts or objects. Mentioned and listed in the agenda were the following:

- See Lyonette's great round-up, *Building Digital Law Libraries*, on the Canadian law blog/e-zine, [slaw.ca](http://www.slaw.ca/2011/07/15/building-digital-law-libraries/), <http://www.slaw.ca/2011/07/15/building-digital-law-libraries/> and posted recently to the Int-law listserv; my own brief and personal take on the June Harvard conference entitled *Future of Law Libraries- The Future is Now?* on Marylin Raisch's personal blog, [\[raisch.blogspot.com/2011/06/future-of-law-libraries-future-is-now.html\]\(http://raisch.blogspot.com/2011/06/future-of-law-libraries-future-is-now.html\)](http://

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- *Legal Information Archive* is including international and foreign governmental, think-tank, and international organizational reports: <http://www.legalinfoarchive.org/> At Stanford, the China RC Supreme People's Court guided cases project aims to translate cases into English and post these in a repository for researchers.
- University of Denver Ved Nanda Center for International and Comparative Law is getting bloggers for international tribunals so that international decisional developments and trial information may be more widely known.
- Pace Law CISG project (commentary and portal for UN Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods) still going along with new translations going up and Pace has English Chinese dictionary for environmental law.
- Many institutions moving into open access scholarly papers, such as Yale, Duke.

The challenge of the next year is to facilitate our own communication in a new environment, so we look forward to better communication via the blog with the coming announcements via My Communities but at least with some help from that now "outdated" tool: email. The Electronic Issues IG may next take up e-books; we welcome your suggestions throughout the year.

**DO YOU HAVE AN APP
YOU'D RECOMMEND?**

LET THE IG KNOW.

Syllabi and Course Materials Database Now Updated

Alison Shea

Just a quick note to remind everyone that the FCIL-SIS Syllabi and Course Materials database (<http://www.aallnet.org/sis/fcilsis/syllabi.html>) has been updated this summer and is currently full of useful and current resources for all librarians to utilize. A few notes on the database:

First of all, a huge thanks to the contributors: Jennifer Allison, Anne Burnett, Jean Davis, Gabriela Femenia, Thomas French, Tom Kimbrough, Lyonette Louis-Jacques, Saskia Mehlhorn, Lee Peoples, Marylin Raisch, Mary Rumsey, Wanita Scroggs, Roy Sturgeon, Linda Tashbrook and Trinie Thai-Parker. And very special thanks to Tricia Kasting and Meg Butler for providing the support and assistance needed to bring this project to fruition!

New language has been added to the top of the page encouraging users to respect the intellectual property of the creators; when in doubt, please email the author of the document directly to request permission to use the material.

To ensure continued effectiveness of the materials, current contributors and

all FCIL members will be encouraged to donate new material at the end of each school year to ensure the database remains relevant. The next call for donations will occur in June 2012, and the database will again be updated and ready to present at the 2012 AALL meeting in Boston. In the interim, if anyone wishes to contribute a document, please email Alison Shea (aashea@law.fordham.edu) to have it posted.

One suggestion made at the Teaching Foreign & International Legal Research committee meeting in Philadelphia this summer was that contributions should be sought not only from academic librarians but also from firm librarians who might give training sessions on FCIL material to their attorneys. If there are any firm librarians who have such materials and would be willing to share them, please send them to Alison.

Once again, tremendous thanks to all who helped create and populate the database (both in its current and former version), and I do hope it will be of use to both the FCIL and the greater AALL membership!

Strategic Plan Committee Report

Submitted by Molly Brownfield

The committee convened via email in Fall of 2010 with the following objective: to revise and update the existing FCIL Strategic plan, creating a plan for the next three years (2012-2014).

Committee members included:

- Molly Brownfield, J. Michael Goodson Law Library-Duke University School of Law [initially]; Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner, LLP [currently] (Chair)
- Vicenç Feliú, University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke Law Library
- Gabriela Femenia, University of Pennsylvania Law School Biddle Law Library
- Don Ford, University of Iowa Law Library
- Teresa Stanton, University of California Berkley Law Library
- Jean Wenger, Cook County Law Library

The Committee Members considered the following resources during initial brainstorming for the new Plan:

- Previous plan: <http://www.aallnet.org/sis/fcilsis/strategic.html>

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**Are you attending a conference soon?
Visiting a foreign law library?
We'd love to hear from you!**

**We're now accepting submissions for our next issue. Articles are due February 1, 2012.
Contact Deborah Schander (dschander@gsu.edu) for more information.**

Internships and International Exchanges Committee

Submitted by David McFadden

The FCIL Internships and International Exchanges Committee met on July 24 in Philadelphia.

Jennifer Allison, Trez Drake, Jim Hart, Tricia Kasting, Lyonette Louis-Jacques, David McFadden (chair), Saskia Mehlhorn, Paul Moorman, Robert Newlen, Alison Shea, Tracy Thompson-Przylucki and R. Martin Witt attended.

The chair reported on activities from the past year, including the newly "branded" survey and handout. New libraries willing to participate in exchanges and visits mainly in Africa and Europe were added and others were revised to be posted on the committee's webpage. Committee materials were distributed at IALL at the Hague

by Jim Hart and IFLA meetings last year.

Jennifer Allison from Pepperdine briefly reported on her two month visit in Germany, where she went to three university law libraries (Augsburg, Passau and Wuerzburg) and the German annual library conference in Berlin. She visited other libraries and had teaching opportunities as well. The trip was funded by a grant. Her report to the granting organization will be added to the committee webpage.

Assignments were made for updating the current survey results and soliciting new participants. It was commented that the information about opportunities for visits and exchanges is hidden on the committee's webpage. This will be corrected by the chair.

Tracy Thompson-Przylucki from NELLCO reported that the NELLCO International Fellows Program is being reinstated. A link will be added to the committee website.

Robert Newlen agreed to assist with the distribution of materials about our visitors and exchange work at the IFLA meeting. Saskia Mehlhorn will help at an international exchanges meeting in Houston next year.

Various ways of publicizing and promoting the committee's work were discussed, including using online lists, letters to law library directors, and articles and possibly ads in chapters and SIS newsletters.

David McFadden has agreed to continue as chair for 2011-2012.

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major effort of the year was the development and implementation of a faculty foreign law survey. More detail of the meetings can be found on page 16 of this issue.

Amy Emerson (Cornell) next reported on the Gang Plus meeting held at Harvard on June 15th. At the meeting Tracy Thompson, Executive Director of NELLCO, stated NELLCO was looking into maintaining access to low-use databases for members. Trials would only be arranged when five member institutions expressed interest in a given database.

In the afternoon session directors and collection development librarians held separate meetings. At the librarians session a major area of discussion was the retention of foreign law journals.

Mark Strattner, Chief, Collection Services Librarian, Law Library of Congress, then discussed foreign law collection development at the Law Library of

Congress. The collection budget is under strain because of current Congressional budgeting attitudes. It appears less money will be spent on foreign law treatises in the future. On the other hand, growth is still happening as it is estimated that the Law Library will run out of shelf space within the next year, and new projects and endeavors are underway, e.g. a program to collect primary source material from West Africa. LC will also start a cancellation list for foreign titles and will share it with Gang Plus members on a yearly basis.

Next, new foreign law selectors were invited to introduce themselves. They included Svetlana Kochkina, Magill; Juice Lee, Northeastern; Stephanie Miles, Inter-American Development Bank; Marty Witt, Florida Coastal, and Jingjing Zhang of Peking University.

The last item on the agenda was the presentation of five collection development profiles, which will be added to

the profiles currently on the FCIL-SIS website, from Big Ten Law Schools and Case Western. Jenny Selby reported on Michigan, Mary Rumsey (Minnesota) on Wisconsin, and Dan Wade on Ohio State, Penn State and Case Western. Our appreciation and gratitude goes to those who prepared these profiles: Barbara Garavaglia (Michigan), Andrew Dorchak (Case Western), Matt Cooper (Ohio State), Gail Partin (Penn State) and Sunil Rao (Wisconsin).

Time remained for attendees to introduce themselves and to briefly discuss developments at their respective institutions.

More detailed minutes prepared by Alison Shea (Fordham) along with the profiles may be found on the FCIL-SIS website under the link to the Foreign Law Selectors Interest Group.

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add a site notice that materials may only be used for not-for-profit (language can be modified according to the language used at Creative Commons). The SIS would like to investigate methods for collaboration on course materials and to identify ways to promote course materials. Alison Shea agreed to be chair of this group next year. Congratulations Alison and thank you Patricia for your excellent work!

Education Committee: Heidi Frostestad Kuehl. The education committee met on Tuesday morning during AALL in Philadelphia and discussed program and workshop proposal ideas for the 2012 Annual Meeting in Boston. The deadline for proposing programs or workshops for FCIL sponsorship is September 15, 2011. Many excellent ideas were offered and feedback was provided by the Education Committee co-chairs, Heidi Kuehl and Dennis Sears, and Sergio Stone, our incoming Chair of the FCIL-SIS. Our AALL Board liaison for AMPC Programming this year is Gail Zwirner from the University of Richmond Law Library.

Internships and International Exchanges Committee: Marty Witt for David McFadden. The committee met on Sunday at 7:45 a.m. with 12 attending. The chair reported on activities from the past year including the newly "branded" survey and handout. New libraries willing to participate in exchanges and visits, mainly in Africa and Europe, were added and others were revised to be posted on the committee's webpage. Committee materials were distributed at IALL and IFLA meetings last year. The committee made assignments for next year: to continue to update our listing of willing libraries throughout the world, to attempt to include more testimonials and reports on the webpage, and to include links and information about other similar library exchanges and visits. The committee will continue to distribute materials at library and law library meetings as they did in 2010 and any assistance in this is appreciated. David McFadden will be the Chair of the committee for 2011/2012.

FCIL-SIS Meeting Host Program: Lucie Olejnikova for David McFadden. This year two librarians used the services of this program: June Renie from Trinidad and Tobago attended AALL in Minnesota in the past, and Geeta Rooplal, a first time AALL attendee from Toronto, Canada, used this program this year. June and Geeta, both had many logistical questions that were hopefully answered. Although David coordinated the program, it is the work of FCIL members, including Catherine Deane, Gabriela Femenia, Ellen Schaffer and Sally Wise, who responded to his on and off listserv pleas for help that really made it work. David was able to have a FCIL-SIS member who happens to be on the Local Arrangements Committee help him with some really local questions. In one stroke of luck, June happened to be on a flight from Miami with one of our volunteers. Others also have agreed to email and contact our two visitors.

Publicity and Membership Committee: Linda Tashbook. This meeting was held at the FCIL-SIS exhibit table at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday July 23, 2011. Our committee has only existed for two years during which we worked to publicize FCIL resources and events, particularly in connection with the Annual Meeting, and operated the FCIL-SIS exhibit table. This year, we submitted five blog posts to the Annual Meeting blog and three articles to the Daily News, a.k.a. "The Philadelphia Story." Fourteen FCIL-SIS volunteers staffed our exhibit table which featured a game called "foreign facts craps," the FCIL Schaffer Grant committee's "where are they now" brochures about past grant recipients, and a series of "top ten" lists showing FCIL librarians' dream jobs, vacation destinations, ready reference tools, sources for inspiring student paper topics, and most heavily researched topics in the past year. We have not done any membership recruiting, however in the coming year we will make an effort to welcome every new member. Our exhibit table staff recruited

volunteers for the coming year's publicity and membership tasks. Linda Tashbook is stepping down as chair. Stephen Wiles and Silke Sahl will serve as co-chairs for 2011-2012.

FCIL Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians—Fundraising Committee: Lucie Olejnikova. Lucie reported on the work of the fundraising committee (Lucie Olejnikova, Amy Emerson and Laura Cadra). The committee has created a FCIL Schaffer Grant brochure including information about the grant, its past recipients and their testimonials, the current recipient and his/her presentation, and information about how to get involved. Lucie encouraged all attendees to get involved and invited suggestions on how to promote the grant and to increase donations. The fundraising and selection committee meeting was scheduled after the FCIL Business Meeting.

FCIL Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians—Selection Committee: Teresa Miguel. Teresa reported on the work of the selection committee (Teresa Miguel, Roy Sturgeon and Lucie Olejnikova). The committee received and reviewed 44 applications from 27 countries before selecting the 2011 recipient, Gloria Marcela Orrego Hoyos, Legal Reference Librarian and Professor of Law and Legal Research Methods at Biblioteca Max von Buch, Universidad de San Andrés in Buenos Aires, Argentina, who presented a lecture entitled *Never Again, Never Forget: The Role of Libraries and Archives in Reconstructing Memory of Argentina's 'Dirty War.'* Ms. Orrego Hoyos was in attendance and recognized for her contributions.

NEW BUSINESS AND PRIZES & AWARDS

Update on Additional FCIL-SIS Media
The FCIL-SIS thanks Mabel Shaw for her long-standing and excellent contributions as the Editor of the FCIL-SIS Newsletter and welcomes the new Editor, Deborah Schander.

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The FCIL-SIS will continue to migrate to the new AALL.net platform. The FCIL-SIS listserv will cease to function as of August 1, 2011. Instead, members will use the newly created My Communities on AALL.net. My Communities will serve as the new communication media instead of the listserv. Teresa Miguel of Yale Law Library agreed to continue to serve as the FCIL webmaster. Mary Rumsey volunteered to help update the Jumpstart Your Legal Research roster available at <http://www.aallnet.org/sis/fcilsis/jumpstart.html>, which is a great resource for finding specialists for particular foreign law/international law research topics. Many thanks to Teresa, Mabel, Deborah and Mary!

Prizes and Awards

Chair Jeanne Rehberg thanked all FCIL members who have done programs and asked Dan Wade to lead the way in granting Prizes & Awards and other recognitions. Dan recognized the outstanding work of three FCIL colleagues who are retiring the law librarian profession: Wiltrud Harms, Mila Rush and Ellen Schaffer.

The Senior Caucus announced the newest member of the FCIL-SIS and Dan Wade gave her a prize: Jennifer Allison, Foreign and International Law Reference Librarian at Pepperdine University School of Law Library.

Rosemary Noona, a retired law librarian from the U.N. Library, has generously donated a sporty U.N. T-shirt. Those in attendance had the chance to submit their names for drawing. Congratulations to Heidi Frostestad Kuehl who was the lucky winner!

The Executive Committee approved the recognition of five members of the FCIL-SIS with the 2011 Spirit of the FCIL-SIS Award, and Dan Wade did the honors of awarding the following recipients: Laura Cadra, Head of Reference and Foreign and International

Law Librarian at Loyola LA Law School Library, for her work and contributions to the FCIL-SIS Membership and the FCIL-SIS Schaffer Grant Fundraising Committees; Amy Emerson, Research Attorney & Lecturer in Law at Cornell University Law Library, for her work and contributions as Co-Chair of the ASIL Int'l Legal Research Interest Group and member of the FCIL-SIS Schaffer Grant Fundraising Committee; Don Ford, FCIL Librarian at University of Iowa Law Library, for his work as webmaster, his contributions as member of the FCIL Strategic Plan Committee and as the Editor of the ASIL International Legal Research Interest Group Newsletter; Wiltrud Harms who is retiring from Berkeley Law Library where she worked as the UN Collection Librarian, but who is better known as the Queen of UN document research and who has contributed as a speaker at AALL institute; and Jean Wenger, Government Documents and Foreign & International Law Librarian at Cook County Law Library, for her contributions as Past Chair of the FCIL-SIS, her work on the IFLP and FCIL-SIS committees, and for her numerous engagements including Strategic Plan speaker at FCIL and AALL workshops and programs, various AALL leadership roles, and most recently the FCIL congratulates Jean on her role as incoming AALL Vice-President/President-Elect.

The Executive Committee recognized two FCIL-SIS members with the Daniel L. Wade Outstanding Service Award, which recognizes the long-term commitment of FCIL-SIS members to leadership, education, and services within the interest section and AALL, and Dan Wade did the honors of awarding the following two recipients. The Executive Committee recognizes and thanks Mila Rush who is retiring after 40+ years at University of Minnesota Law Library where she fulfilled a wide range of duties from technical services to US & International documents. Mila had served as the FCIL-SIS Chair (1992-

93), the editor of the FCIL newsletter (1988-91), founded the INT-LAW and FCIL-SIS listservs, and she was an active member of the Minnesota Association of Law Libraries. Mila also contributed to the AALLnet Advisory Committee, ABA Standards for Academic Libraries Task Force, Publications Committee, and served as IFLP Advisory Committee Chair. The Executive Committee also recognizes and thanks Ellen Shaffer who is retiring as Chief Librarian from Hernán Santa Cruz Library, U.N. Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in Santiago, Chile. Ellen had also served as librarian at the U.N. Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, FCIL Librarian at Georgetown, Foreign Law Librarian at Miami, Reference Librarian at OAS, and Descriptive Cataloger for Romance Languages at the Library of Congress. Ellen is recognized for her contributions and work on the ILM Advisory Board, IFLP Committee, as the FCIL-SIS Chair (1987-88), the faculty on the AALL 1993 Institute on International Law, as a co-director of the 1996 Institute, and she is the Founder of the FCIL-SIS Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians which provides assistance to one foreign law librarian to attend the AALL Annual Meeting each year.

Congratulations to all of the FCIL-SIS award recipients for their outstanding services to the FCIL-SIS! And Happy Birthday, Roy Sturgeon!

At the close of the meeting, Chair Jeanne Rehberg thanked her FCIL-SIS colleagues, expressed gratitude for all of the contributions of members, officers and chairs of interest groups and committees, and passed the Gavel to incoming Chair Sergio Stone who recognized Jeanne, with a gift, for her outstanding leadership and exemplary service to the FCIL-SIS in 2010-2011. Chair Sergio Stone closed by reminding everyone of the remaining FCIL events and programs, and the meeting was adjourned.

New 2011 LC Class KZ, cont. from page 4

the JX collection on settlement of international disputes and conflict resolution. KZ takes the lead with universal intergovernmental conferences, mainly the Hague Peace System, and regional conferences, the Pan-American Conferences, followed by a group of celebrated treaties, KZ6015-6042.2. The preliminary processes other than institutionalized arbitration are shared under the same numbers by both schedules: JZ, mainly on diplomatic negotiations, mediation and good offices, JZ6045-6060; KZ, on fact finding, inquiry, conciliation and important international commissions established by treaty, KZ6045-6095. Of particular interest is the non-military coercion, e.g., intervention, including intervention in civil wars and humanitarian intervention, KZ6368-6372. The enforced peacekeeping measures short of war include UN enforcement mechanisms and techniques, KZ6374-6376, while JZ6377 provides for the arrangement of countries providing peacekeeping forces.

With enforced settlement and laws of armed conflict, the exclusively legal subjects presented in the number range KZ... to KZ7....for the law of war (*jus belli*) with its component of humanitarian law (*jus in bello*), and recently: for International criminal law, KZ parts with JZ. From here on, KZ follows step by step the sequence of measures and their increasing gravity as laid down by the international community represented in the United Nations.

The courts in pacific settlement, and the preliminary processes other than institutionalized arbitration are shared under the same numbers by both schedules: JZ, mainly on diplomatic negotiations, mediation and good offices, JZ6045-6060; KZ, on fact finding, inquiry, conciliation and important international commissions established by treaty, KZ6045-6095.

KZ6115-6299 completes, without parallel in JZ, the chapter on arbitration (appointed tribunals and the Permanent

Court of Arbitration in the Hague) and judicial settlement (World Court and its successor, the International Court of Justice). The whole number span is parenthesized in JZ.

The International Criminal Court (2002-) (ICC), has its place within International criminal law and procedure, KZ7000+, discussed below.

INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW AND CLASS K (LAW IN GENERAL. COMPARATIVE LAW)

International law is not static but develops in response to international events, pressures and changes of polity in the international forum. We have witnessed in recent years major wars, ethnic hostilities and violent civil strife with their fall-out: widespread human rights violations and genocide. International law scholars, political scientists and international organizations have — over the last decades — hammered out or refined the principles and doctrines that form the base of a distinct sub-discipline of International Law: International criminal law.

The International Criminal Court (ICC) 1998/2002-. The most important event in recent times is the successful establishment of the International Criminal Court (ICC) by the Rome Treaty (1998) which entered into force in 2002, together with the body of rules, adopted principles and procedures governing the international investigation and prosecution of “conduct viewed by the international community as international crimes.”

Thus, the objectives of the far reaching revision of Classes KZ and K were to create a single place in the classification for an organic arrangement of the ICC and its body of rules, as well as for the subjects and topics as they are now recognized by UN doctrine and regimes, and grounded in the Rome Treaty and the subsequent Review Conference of the Rome Statute, May 2010 in Kampala.

Therefore, the original now outdated ranges in Class KZ for:

- International criminal courts and procedure, KZ6304-6332, as well as the
- Classes for reports, digests, and pleadings of the newly erected court, KZ219-220.2

will be closed. The corresponding number ranges for the ICC and its publications in the revised section of KZ are:

- KZ7230-KZ7490 for International criminal courts and procedure;
- KZ7295-KZ7310 for Reports, digest and pleadings, and a new number for
- Trials before the International Criminal Court, KZ1215.

The substantive expansion for International criminal law takes issue with events in the international theater by providing an updated arrangement for the expanding catalog and widening scope of international crimes and consecutive doctrinal developments.

In particular:

- KZ 7140 Aggression. Crimes against peace;
 - The long catalog of Crimes against humanity, KZ7145+, and
 - KZ7180, Genocide,
- and a small number of crimes considered as “under international law,” e.g.
- KZ7212, Piracy at sea, and
 - KZ7220, Terrorism

form the core of the substantive part.

At the same time, in Class K (Law in General. Comparative Law. Jurisprudence), the original numbers for the catalog of subjects that are now governed by international criminal law doctrine and under the jurisdiction of the ICC have been closed or revised. These affected classes are:

- K5301-5304.5 (Crimes against humanity. War crimes), now KZ 7145+;
- K5256 (Terrorism), now KZ7220
- K5258 (Human trafficking), now

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Report on IFLA 2011 in Puerto Rico

Marisol Florén and Sally Holterhoff

San Juan, Puerto Rico was the location for the 77th World Library and Information Congress of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions, held August 13 - 18, 2011. Nearly 2600 attendees filled the beautiful Puerto Rico Convention Center (PRCC), where they attended educational sessions and committee meetings, toured the exhibition hall, enjoyed social events and networked with colleagues from over a hundred countries around the globe. Sessions were translated into seven languages (including English).

LAW LIBRARIES SECTION PROGRAMS

The Law Libraries Section sponsored two sessions. The first one, co-sponsored with the Government Libraries Section, was "Political and constitutional status of Puerto Rico: a continuing challenge." The two speakers, both professors at University of Puerto Rico Law School, were outstanding and they caught the attention of the audience immediately. They analyzed the historical evolution of the relationship of Puerto Rico with the United States and its impact on the legal and political system of the island. This session was organized and moderated by Claire Germain (University of Florida Law School, Gainesville, Florida, USA).

Professor Efrén Rivera Ramos focused on Puerto Rico's legal relationship with the United States. He explained how civil rights and the political status of Puerto Rico were determined starting with the Treaty of Paris of 1898, which ended the Spanish-American War and ceded the island of Puerto Rico to the United States, continuing with the Foraker Act of 1900 that shaped the judicial system establishing the state and federal courts and a United States District Court, and concluding with the promulgation in the 1952 of a Constitution and the adoption of the name of "Estado Libre Asociado de Puerto Rico," that was translated into English as the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. After his lecture, and in response to a question posed by Claire Germain, Pro-

fessor Rivera Ramos touched upon the notion and meaning of nationality for Puerto Ricans. Professor José Julián Álvarez González focused on the current status of the island and the battle for political independence. He reviewed the reasoning behind the different positions and political groups for and against the independence of Puerto Rico, the advantages and disadvantages of becoming a US territory for the United

Radu D. Popa (New York University School of Law Library, New York, New York, USA). His introductory remarks (<http://conference.ifla.org/sites/default/files/files/papers/ifla77/194-popa-en.pdf>) centered on the need and the right to access information not only from our own countries but also from countries around the world, and the increasing availability of online legal resources prompted by the adoption of e-government policies world-



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States and for Puerto Rico, and the question of where the final decision on this matter lies.

The other program of the Law Libraries Section was "Promoting global access to law: developing an open access index for official authenticated legal information. Part 1: Latin America and the Caribbean." Co-sponsoring this session were the Government Libraries, Knowledge Management, and Government Information and Official Publications sections. (Note: Text of presentations of all speakers for this session can be found at the indicated URLs below.) Chair and moderator of the session was

wide. He stated that when it comes to electronic legal resources, one of the major problems is reliability. In answer to the question "why do we need to map the world of digital legal information?", he suggested that legal information needs to be organized jurisdiction by jurisdiction to ascertain the level of transparency and commitment to the rule of law of the countries of the world. He introduced the three speakers and explained that they have undertaken an initial step by mapping and assessing the level of transparency in Latin America and the Caribbean.

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Yemisi Dina (Osgoode Hall Law School Library, York University, Toronto, Canada) covered access to digital legal information in the English-speaking countries of the Caribbean (<http://conference.ifla.org/sites/default/files/files/papers/ifla77/194-dina-en.pdf>).

Marisol Florén (Florida International University (FIU) College of Law Library, Miami, Florida, USA) focused her presentation on the digital legal resources of Mexico, Central America, the Spanish-speaking Caribbean and Haiti (<http://conference.ifla.org/sites/default/files/files/papers/ifla77/194-floren-en.pdf>).

Teresa Miguel (Yale Law Library, New Haven, Connecticut, USA) covered ten countries of South America, analyzing the government transparency and access for digital legal information (<http://conference.ifla.org/sites/default/files/files/papers/ifla77/194-miguel-en.pdf>). All three speakers used a standard approach to report on the ways that governments in the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean are providing legal information, the official status and authenticity of that information and the level of transparency.

RECEPTION AT THE SUPREME COURT

An unforgettable reception was held at the Supreme Court Library of Puerto Rico for the Law and Government Libraries sections. The event was organized by Ivette Torres (Supreme Court Librarian) and Pedro Padilla Rosa (Puerto Rico National Committee) and hosted by Chief Justice Federico Hernández Denton, Luis Estrella Martínez and Roberto Feliberti Cintrón, associate justices. The Dean of the Law School of the University of Puerto Rico attended, as well as several prominent Puerto Rican lawyers, and law librarians from all over the world. In his welcoming remarks, the Chief Justice said "... it is vital that



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our libraries continue to grow, adapt and transform with new technological innovations to assure that we can meet our goal of making information more accessible." Excellent food, wine and music created a delightful ambience to share and enjoy the beautiful new building that houses the Supreme Court Library of Puerto Rico. To close this unforgettable evening there was a tour of the new library facilities given by Ivette Torres accompanied by her staff. Photos of this event are found at: <http://www.ramajudicial.pr/orientacion/galeria/2011/08-16-11/index.html> and at: <http://express.ifla.org/node/5113>.

INTERVIEW FOR FINNISH LIBRARY WEB TELEVISION

With plans well underway for IFLA 2012 in Helsinki, Finland, the Finnish Library Web TV (<http://www.kirjastokaista.fi/>) is already starting to cover IFLA. They had interviewers on hand at this year's conference in Puerto Rico, where they conducted a series of interviews regarding the different tracks covered by the 2011 IFLA conference. Finnish Library Web TV is an entity in Finland that creates videos

to market libraries, including interviews, recordings of events, documentaries and scripted programs. This organization is funded by the Education and Culture Ministry of Finland and programs are produced in Finnish, Swedish and English. In a Finnish Library Web TV interview, Claire Germain, Radu Popa and Teresa Miguel opened up the track on Open access and digital resources (<http://express.ifla.org/videos>). Reporter Harri Annala asked Claire how the project promoting access to legal information worldwide had started. Radu highlighted some of the values of mapping the world of digital information, and Teresa Miguel summarized the conclusions and observations based on the results of the research conducted on Latin America and the Caribbean.

LAW LIBRARIES SECTION BUSINESS MEETINGS

The Law Libraries Section is one of 45 sections within IFLA. The Section's Standing Committee held two business meetings at the 2011 conference. New officers were elected: Claire Germain (University of Florida Law School, Gainesville, Florida, USA) was elected Chair of the Law Library Section; Dominique Lapiere (Université Laval, Quebec, Canada) was elected Secretary, and Valérie Alonzo (Bibliothèque Cujas, Paris, France) was elected as Information Coordinator. During these meetings, the Strategic Plan 2010-2015 adopted in the 76th Annual Meeting in Gothenburg, Sweden was reviewed and two actions were approved to be undertaken for the following year: a) the development of guidelines for an index on open access to legal information; and b) the development of guidelines for official and authenticated legal information, a step by step model. A preliminary program was also discussed for the Annual Meeting to be held in Helsinki in 2012.

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- FCIL-SIS Mission Statement: “The FCIL SIS is to serve as a forum for the exchange of ideas and information on foreign, comparative and international law. The SIS also represents members’ interests and concerns with AALL.” — By-laws, Art. II, Section 1.
- AALL Strategic Directions: <http://www.aallnet.org/strategic/>
- ALL-SIS: <http://www.aallnet.org/sis/allsis/strategic/index.asp>
- Computing Services: <http://www.aallnet.org/sis/cssis/strategy/>
- Government Documents: <http://www.aallnet.org/sis/gd/jurisdocs/jurisdocs2003.pdf>
- Online Bibliographic Services: <http://www.aallnet.org/sis/obssis/about/strategicplan.htm>
- Private Law Libraries: <http://www.aallnet.org/sis/pllis/straplan/plantoc.html>
- Research Instruction & Patron Services: http://www.aallnet.org/sis/ripssis/PDFs/StrategicPlan2006_2008.pdf
- Carter McNamara, Strategic Planning (in nonprofit or for-profit organizations), http://www.managementhelp.org/plan_dec/str_plan/str_plan.htm
- Alliance for Non-Profit Management, Strategic Planning Guide <http://www.allianceonline.org/content/index.php?pid=172>

The committee proceeded according to the following schedule:

- Chair contacted committee members via email on September 10th, 2010 to make e-introductions and to provide initial Plan of Action.
- Members reviewed the existing 2008-2011 Strategic Plan, along with the above-listed resources and emailed initial ideas, comments and suggestions to the group by October 15th, 2010.
- Chair synthesized the comments into one document and sent it out to the committee at the beginning of November 2010 (approximately two weeks after receiving comments from everyone).
- First committee conference call on November 8th, 2010.
- Committee agreed to design and circulate survey to get FCIL-SIS membership input to better inform the new Plan.
- The committee members, as individuals or in pairs, volunteered to work on one of the goals that we identified based on initial comment. [Gabriela and Teresa: Goal Number One-Teaching; Jean: Goal Number Two-Active Participation; Molly: Goal Number Three-Enhanced Position; Vicenç and Don: New Goal-Website].
- This work included drafting the language of the goal and identifying possible strategies to achieve that goal.
- Committee Members and Chair finalized survey by end of November 2010.
- Committee, after precursor message sent out by FCIL-SIS Chair, Jeanne Rehberg, surveyed the FCIL-SIS membership in December 2010 via SurveyMonkey to gather input to inform the Strategic Plan.
- Chair distributed survey results to committee on January 7th, 2011. Results reflected strong interest in enhancing the FCIL-SIS website, as well as further instructional opportunities.
- Individual draft goals were submitted by March 14th, 2011.
- Chair consolidated the draft goals into a cohesive Draft Plan and circulated Draft Plan to the committee on March 21st, 2011.
- Second committee conference call on April 4th, 2011.
- Members reviewed Draft Plan and agreed on revisions.
- Chair revised Draft Plan based on conference call discussion and recirculated to committee on April 18th, 2011.
- Chair re-circulated Draft Plan on July 13th, 2011 for refresher prior to AALL Annual Meeting.
- Committee held in-person meeting to discuss Draft Plan at AALL on Sunday, July 24th, 2011.

- Chair prepared Final Plan based on AALL Committee meeting final edits and submitted to Jeanne Rehberg and Sergio Stone.

New Class KZ, cont. from 12

- KZ7155 (Trafficking in persons. Enslavement)
- K5277 (Piracy), now KZ7212 (Piracy at sea).

References have been provided in all the above cases, as well as in other places of the K classification affected by this new development, in order to direct users of the schedules to the new numbers.

In structure, the expansion draws on the general patterns designed for Classes K (Law in general. Comparative law. Jurisprudence) and KZ (Law o Nations).

The captions in both schedules, KZ and K were, together with the new development for International Criminal Law, re-crafted in the pertinent areas in order to reflect current doctrine and principles of international criminal law.

Reclassification of a substantial number of titles (mainly monographic literature) to their new KZ classification numbers was the last phase of the project.

Hand in hand with these operations, new subject headings were created and older subject headings were revised.

This new classification does not preclude developments on international criminal law, courts and procedure, and prosecution of international crimes in the regional or national law classification schedules if it should become necessary in the future.

Northeast Foreign Law Libraries Cooperative Group Report

Submitted by Daniel Wade

(Thanks to Terri Saint-Amour (Gallego-O'Rourke) and Alison Shea for taking minutes on the two meetings discussed below.)

The Northeast Foreign Law Libraries Cooperative Group (NEFLLCG) met twice in 2010-2011, initially at Yale on October 18, 2010 and later at Fordham on May 23, 2011. At these meetings Columbia, Cornell, Fordham, Georgetown, Harvard, NYU, Penn and Yale were represented. Marylin Raisch of Georgetown was the convener.

At the October meeting, Tracy Thompson of NELLCO gave a demonstration of Universal Search Solutions (USS) showing both the user interface and the administrative interface. Twenty-eight of the member libraries of NELLCO (out of 109 members) participated in the initial project including Columbia, Fordham, NYU and Penn. Unfortunately the grant funding for the project ends in November.

Bridget Reischer explained that Harvard with B2F2 ran a list of everything it had purchased in excess of \$1,000. Boston law libraries divided up the items, so that these expensive titles are generally held by only one library.

There was a discussion of the Foreign Law Faculty Survey developed by Thomas Mills. The group decided to pursue three steps: finalize the questions, once finalized Thomas would send the survey to Harvard for formatting with Qualtrics which would enhance standardization, and finally each member library would send it to their faculty or meet with their faculty and then fill it out for them.

Thomas Mills reported that he had sent to JSTOR members' lists of choices of foreign legal journals they would like to have included in the database.

Gabriela Femenia advised the group that Penn, GW and American have divided

the list of journals on Hein by three, and split them up committing to keeping the journals in print for 3 years. They call the project "Mind the Gap."

Dan Wade raised the issue of the high cost of the Hungarian Rules of Laws in Force, i.e., \$1,800 per year, suggesting because of the low use not all libraries need subscribe to it. For the moment, Columbia and Yale will continue to subscribe.

NELLCO was able to continue the subscription to the Ghana law database (Datacenta), but there has been a price increase of \$800 per year.

There ensued a discussion of GLIN. Columbia and Georgetown both use GLIN.

The next meeting took place at Fordham on May 23, 2011. The beginning of the meeting addressed the formalizing of the minute-taking procedure.

Parina Patel of Harvard helped complete the Faculty Survey Instrument. At the time of the meeting, Cornell, Harvard and Yale had sent out the Survey. Cornell and Yale followed it up with library liaison visits to the faculty, which considerably improved the response rate. The survey has two purposes: to help individual schools understand their faculty needs, and to help NEFLLCG identify which schools might have particular needs. Schools can tailor the survey to their individual needs, as Harvard has done. An issue remains as to what extent clinical faculty should be included in the survey.

Some of the questions on the survey assess the following: what type of reader the sources were viewed in, e.g., ebooks, desktop, tablet, etc.; whether faculty were using FCIL databases in their classes; what areas of the world they are working in, and in what languages; and how often they requested foreign materials through ILL.

Bridget Reischer expressed her intention to share the survey at the Gang Plus meeting on June 15th.

Thomas Mills stated that he had sent to JSTOR the recommendations from the NEFLLCG members as to which foreign legal title journals they would like to have added to the database. At the time of the meeting Tom had not heard back.

Marylin brought to the attention of the group two new Hein libraries: the History of International Law and the Hague Academy of Collected Courses.

Bridget mentioned that Harvard had reviewed LexisNexis India and Westlaw India and found that Manupatra is still a better choice for Indian primary source material.

Thomas highlighted two resources: Getting the Deal Through, at \$700 a year, which allows users to select information on a number of issues (arbitration, mergers, etc.) in various jurisdictions, see <http://www.gettingthedealthrough.com> for further information; and Liberian LII which should be launched in mid-June and will contain the 1956 Code, slip laws and a full run of the Liberian Law Reports. See <http://liberlii.org>.

Alison highlighted two new resources: Practical Law Company, which has good coverage of multinational and foreign domestic issues, see <http://lawlib1.lawnet.fordham.edu/hot/rotmplc.html>; and the Kenya Gazette which is available for free in PDF through Google Books. See here for press release and more information: <http://google-africa.blogspot.com/2011/04/over-100-years-of-kenya-gazette-goes.html>.

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New Member Profile: Lynn McClelland

Mary Rumsey

It's probably safe to say that Lynn McClelland is the first FCIL-SIS member who worked as a microbiologist before becoming a law librarian. Lynn is the new Reference Librarian/Librarian for Research Assistant Services at UCLA's Hugh & Hazel Darling Law Library. She also got her law degree at UCLA, and worked at their library part-time while getting her MLIS.

So you might think Lynn is a life-long Californian. However, she was born and raised in the Northern Virginia/Washington, D.C. area. Her undergrad degree, in biology, is "from a tiny college in Virginia (Shenandoah University)." She has been in California since 1998, which is apparently not long enough to cause her to miss the Virginia summers. Lynn worked in the pharma/biotech industry for a few years in the Bay area, then got her law degree. She practiced health care law briefly at a large firm before turning to librarianship.

Lynn is learning FCIL work on the job, though international law classes at UCLA gave her context. She reports that she is grateful to be learning FCIL research from John Wilson, "our amazing FCIL guru" (experienced FCIL librarians will concur).

At the law library, Lynn's position is split between reference and the library's research assistant program. Most of the reference patrons are professors or students; however, Lynn recently had a masterful encounter with a public patron. She describes "one German-speaking public pa-



Lynn McClelland

tron who wanted German Constitutional Court materials a while back—I had just finished searching for similar materials for a professor, so I was able to point him to exactly what he needed immediately, and we did the reference interview switching back and forth between English and German. I'm not sure I'll ever be as impressive to another patron again!"



A photo from Lynn's Flickr page

Despite that linguistic triumph, Lynn hopes to sharpen her language skills. She can read and speak German and some Spanish and French (even a bit of Japanese, thanks to a semester's worth of classes). She plans to work on Spanish and Japanese.

Lynn enjoys the hunting-and-solving aspects of reference work, and also likes teaching. "I love the thrill of the hunt and the satisfaction of solving research puzzles. I also really enjoy teaching students, whether it's one-on-one focused tutorials for students that need help with a writing requirement or larger lectures. It's a joy to see people light up when they realize that they can find all these things they've been looking for (or might not have even realized existed)."

At the moment, Lynn notes that she is "working [her] way up to developing more of a comfort level supervising law students—most of them are highly self-motivated, and need a very light touch, but there are always a few ... who aren't so motivated."

Lynn cites health care and life sciences regulation as her main research interest, both domestically and internationally. Away from work, she enjoys sewing, especially vintage styles. In addition, she's a photographer, with an amazing collection of photographs at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/fillingthewindows/>. Lynn lives with her husband in Hollywood.

New Member Profile: Martin “Marty” Witt

Mary Rumsey

Another new FCIL member with hidden talents is Marty Witt, who competed in the 2009 and 2010 National College Curling Championships. Marty is the Reference Librarian and International/Comparative Specialist at Florida Coastal School of Law in Jacksonville.

Marty’s foray into championship curling competition occurred while he was earning his MLIS at the University of Denver (DU). Marty got his undergrad degree from the University of Albany and his law degree from Albany Law School. Born and raised in Albany, Marty also practiced law with an Albany firm before heading to Denver. As an undergraduate and later as an MLIS student, Marty worked in libraries, but also counts among his previous jobs LSAT tutor for the Princeton Review and US Census Enumerator.

Marty was among the first to benefit from the Law Librarianship Fellowship program at the University of Denver. “As part of the program, I was able to take a number of courses specifically related to legal research and law librarianship, including an intensive summer class titled “Transnational Librarianship: International and Foreign Legal Research” co-taught by Joan PolICASTRI (FCIL Librarian at DU) and Sergio Stone (FCIL Librarian at Stanford Law School). Also, as part of the program I was able to work on projects at DU’s Westminster Law Library, including creating a Treaty Research LibGuide.”

Marty also had the chance to travel to Shenzhen, China to work with Chris Simoni as an intern for the Peking University School of Transnational Law Legal Research Center. Nonetheless, “there are many aspects of FCIL work that I deal with for the very first time when a patron walks through my door with a specific question, and there is a great deal of learning on the job. As much as anything though, it’s that very sense of learning on



Marty Witt

the job that keeps things interesting.”

Coastal Law presents some unique challenges because of its size (it’s the fourth-largest law school in the US). Marty comments, “there are times when there seem to be more Coastal Law students physically in the library than are enrolled in some law schools, and many of those students have questions about FCIL research.” In addition to helping students one-on-one, Marty shares the general reference responsibilities at Coastal Law, including weekly hours on the Reference Desk and in-class and in-library instruction on domestic legal research. “I’ve also had the opportunity to speak to classes with an FCIL focus about conducting foreign or international research and provide instruction to moot court teams doing FCIL research. Collection development and liaison work to faculty – both FCIL and general – are also within my responsibilities.”

One of Marty’s favorite aspects of his work at Coastal Law is the cohesiveness and supportiveness of the library staff. For now, he is sometimes frustrated by his unfamiliarity with the collection, compared to the hands-on knowledge he gained by working at DU’s Westminster Law Library. As he notes, however, “this is something that should be solved by the passage of time if nothing else.”

In an observation that will resonate with other FCIL librarians, Marty says the hardest part of FCIL research is “preparing patrons – mainly students – for the very real possibility that what they are looking for may not exist in English and/or may not be available electronically for immediate access. Because many of them are only familiar with doing U.S. research, they assume there is a foreign/international equivalent to the large commercial databases of US law where resources from any variety of places are brought together in a single place and they often assume it has all been translated into English already.”

Asked about research interests, Marty says, “I’m still developing research interests at a professional level, but one thing that really struck a chord in me as a library student was comparing how legal education – and how academic law libraries in particular – varies across cultures. To date I have only had the chance to visit and speak with librarians at the University of Costa Rica Law Library and the Peking University School of Transnational Law Legal Research Center, but I have valued those experiences tremendously, and I think gaining that sort of perspective can be tremendously useful in helping me perform my own professional responsibilities better.”

Marty’s move to Jacksonville has forced him to adopt another perspective, too—that of a car driver. In Albany and Denver, he was able to rely on walking or public transit to get around. Jacksonville, the largest city in area in the continental US, can’t be conquered by foot or bus, so Marty learned to drive, got a license and bought a car. He hopes to make it to Boston next summer for some AALL action and perhaps a nostalgic brush with mass transit.