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Message from the Chair

Maria Smolka-Day

University of Pennsylvania Biddle Law Library

This is our last newsletter before the Annual Conference in Washington, which promises to be quite interesting from the point of view of foreign and international law. For the first time in many years there will be an advanced workshop devoted to foreign law: "Meet the Legal Specialists: Expert Advice on Research and Acquisitions of Foreign Law." For those of us who have felt that many programs, because they were directed towards beginners, did not address our needs, here is an opportunity to meet LC legal specialists and learn from them many details in the legal research of countries of their expertise. The Program Committee approved this unique workshop knowing that such a program could be organized only in the Law Library of the Library of Congress. Now it is our turn to show that we do care about and are interested in advanced programs by signing up for this workshop. It will take place in the Library of Congress on Friday, July 16. Our attendance at this workshop might help or hurt our chances for additional advanced programs in the future.

All programs of interest to our members (most of them sponsored by the FCIL SIS) are listed elsewhere in this newsletter. I would like, however, to alert you to two events not included in the official program, but treated as SIS functions. On Tuesday, July 20, at 5:00 p.m., we will be able to present something new, namely our own SIS program, during which our guest and colleague from Australia, Ruth Bird of the University of Melbourne Law Library, will talk about Australian law and legal research with some reference to New Zealand's legal system. Although not approved by the Program

Committee and therefore listed only among FCIL SIS working groups and committee meetings, it will have the format of a regular one-hour program with a presentation backed up by access to the web and handouts. This program is not limited to the members of our SIS. We would like to publicize it widely since these common law jurisdictions are of interest not only to specialists. Please come to this meeting but also spread word about it among your colleagues.

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For Wednesday, July 21 (2:00-4:00 p.m.), we are planning a visit to the US Department of State to meet staff members of the Office of the Legal Adviser, particularly people from its Treaty Affairs division. Attendance at this meeting will be limited to 25 persons, and we will ask you to sign up in advance as soon as all arrangements are finalized. Look for an announcement on the FCIL SIS listserv and follow the sign-up instructions. We will fill these 25 slots on a first-come, first-served basis. I hope we will be able to make this announcement shortly so that everybody interested in this trip can make the necessary adjustments in their travel arrangements.

In addition to its programs, the SIS will, as usual, conduct several working group and committee meetings on Sunday and Monday morning, culminating in the annual Business Meeting on Monday afternoon. Although this schedule is not perfect, I hope that it will be more convenient than in Anaheim, and that all meetings will be well attended. Although all of these meetings are very important to our activities, this year I would like to draw your particular attention to the Electronic Issues Working Group, which should discuss issues of archiving international law materials, particularly documents of international organizations.

This year attendance at the Business meeting is of particular importance since we will discuss and hopefully approve the FCIL SIS Strategic Plan, which will determine our work for the next few years. The Strategic Planning Committee is working on a draft of this document, but before we approve it we need to make sure that everybody will have a chance to express his or her opinion. And do not forget about our traditional reception for foreign librarians attending the Annual Meeting. As usual, it will follow the FCIL SIS Business Meeting.

Although we are still preparing for the Washington conference, it is not too early to start thinking about next year. This issue of the newsletter includes a

ballot for electing next year's officers for the FCIL SIS. Please, send your vote! Think also about next year's program proposals. Even if you do not want to work on a program but know of hot topics which should be covered at the Philadelphia meeting, put your ideas forward now so that someone else might be inspired by them. The deadline for proposals comes very quickly after the Conference and it will be very useful if our Educational Committee has a chance to think about proposals in advance.

See you in Washington.

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

FCIL Newsletter is sent free to members of the FCIL SIS. It is available for that "exchange of ideas and information."

The newsletter can be read on the Word Wide Web at: <http://www.aallnet.org/sis/fcilsis/fcilsis.html>.

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The American Society of International Law Annual Meeting Thematic Dinner Program "International E-Pubs: Evaluating, Cataloging, Using, Archiving"

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On Thursday, March 25, 1999, M. Kathleen Price, Director of the Law Library and Professor of Law, New York University School of Law Library, and Jill Watson, Director of Library and Information Services, The American Society of International Law ("ASIL"), led a provocative discussion on international electronic publications. Professor Price noted that the *American Journal of International Law* ("AJIL") is the only legal journal included in JSTOR, a database of well-known scholarly jour-

nals in fields such as mathematics, history, and political science. By establishing an archiving arrangement (currently, 1907-1995 AJIL materials are available) with JSTOR, ASIL is setting a positive example. Professor Price and Director Watson emphasized that information professionals and other researchers cannot rely on LEXIS-NEXIS and WESTLAW databases as official archives for legal journals. The LEXIS-NEXIS and WESTLAW standards for legal journal availability are not comprehensive. Also, journals available today may not be accessible tomorrow through these vendors.

Professor Price explained that William S. Hein & Co., Inc. is developing a prototype for complete backfiles of all journals (to which Hein can secure the rights) in the *Index to Legal Periodicals and Books*. To enhance word-in-text searching of the journal data, Hein will do bitmapping plus "dirty ocr." Hein hopes to contract with George Washington University, which has already begun indexing the journal data by author, title, and subject. Interested persons may contact Daniel Rosati of Hein, 1 (800) 828-7571, for a free trial. Hein would like feedback regarding 1) which journals are most important to researchers and 2) whether recent or old articles would be more likely to be used, given some preexisting availability of data through services such as LEXIS-NEXIS and WESTLAW.

The program leaders and attendees noted that there are a few examples of true international law-related electronic journals. Yale Law School publishes the electronic *Yale Human Rights & Development Law Journal*. The web page for this journal, <http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/lawschool/pubsfp.htm>, includes the helpful instructions "How To Read Our Articles Online" and "How To Cite and Link to Our Articles." Each article in a particular issue receives a number on the "Contents" page, and the Editorial Board instructs researchers to cite to particular paragraphs of an article. The staff also is publishing print volumes of this journal. Additionally, Duke University School of Law has mounted all of its journals in electronic format, including the *Duke Journal of Comparative & International Law* (see <http://www.law.duke.edu/journals/djcil/>).



Attention FCIL SIS Members: Please look for the ballot inserted between pages 12 and 13 of this newsletter. Fill it out, clip it, and return it to Jonathan Franklin according to the very specific instructions printed thereon. Ballots will be accepted from FCIL SIS members only, and ballots that do not comply with the instructions cannot be counted.

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Those present defined key issues regarding international electronic journals: pricing, licensing, cataloging versus not cataloging on the World Wide Web, archiving, customizing, determining the future of the traditional print law school journal, and establishing faculty "peer reviewed" legal publications. Director Watson then asked attendees to consider: How long will the current form of HTML last? Will old files in HTML slip away if a new format replaces HTML?

As explained by Professor Price, the Research Libraries Group ("RLG") has decided that digitizing everything (such as all laws of a foreign country) is too expensive. RLG participants such as New York University and the University of Pennsylvania plan to digitize indexes and to continue to microform text. New York University has purchased digitization on demand equipment from Canon to deliver microform as electronic files or in paper copy.

Marylin Raisch, International, Comparative, and Foreign Law Librarian, Arthur W. Diamond Law Library, Columbia Law School, noted that her institution electronically archives human and constitutional rights materials. Refer to the documents available at the *Human & Constitutional Rights Web Site* <http://www.hrcr.org/docs/index.html>.

Radu Popa, Associate Director for Global Library Services and International Law Librarian, New York University School of Law Library, pointed out that as long as an electronic resource is not paginated in the same manner as its print equivalent, and *The Bluebook* discourages citation to Internet sources, law professors and students will still ask librarians for print sources. Others supported him, noting the language of current *Bluebook* Rule 17.3.3: "citation to Internet sources is discouraged unless the materials are unavailable in printed form or are difficult to obtain in their original form." Associate Director Popa also reminded participants that there are still some print publications, such as the *Netherlands International Law Review* (which includes status information on many private international law treaties), that provide data which is not yet fully available through World Wide Web sites.

John Gamble, Professor of Political Science, The Pennsylvania State University, said that faculty members still need to publish inprint reviews and journals for promotion and tenure. Others commented that law faculties, unlike astronomers, have not yet embraced the concept of an e-article that might change form as others responded to the article. Many agreed that if the next edition of *The Bluebook* deals with electronic publications in a more detailed, positive manner, a greater number of legal scholars will cite to electronic data.

Participants learned that ASIL's currently free, valuable electronic publication, *International Law in Brief*, might soon become a fee-based product. Professor Gamble led the discussion of how much readers would be willing to pay for this current awareness source that links to World Wide Web primary data. He asked whether those who use this source value the editorial commentary or primarily regard the electronic publication as an "events and documents alert" service. Please share your views regarding the content of, and pricing for, *International Law in Brief* with ASIL.

Author's Comments:

Those interested in electronic publications should note that at the 1999 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries 1) the FCIL-SIS Electronic Issues Working Group will meet on Sunday, July 18th at 8:00 am, and 2) "At the Crossroads in the Age of Electronic Publishing: The Potential Impact of Electronic Publishing on Law Libraries, Legal Education, and Legal Scholarship" (Program A-2) will occur on Sunday, July 18th at 10 am.

The existence of Dynamic HTML should not preclude browsers from reading lower levels of HTML.

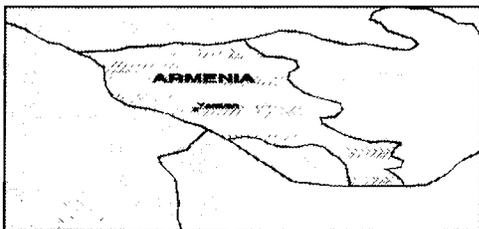
ASIL is offering individual ASIL members World Wide Web access to the *AJIL* (1907-1995) in JSTOR for a low fee. The introductory 6-month offer costs \$15.00. ASIL members may telephone 1 (202) 939-6000 for further information.

Editor's Note

Many thanks to all who contributed to this issue of the newsletter, especially Jean Davis, Mirela Roznovschi and, as always, our Copy Editor, Carmen Valero. If you are a member of the FCIL SIS, your copy of this newsletter should contain a ballot inserted between pages 12 and 13. If you did not receive a copy of the ballot, please contact either Anne Burnett (aburnett@arches.uga.edu) or Jonathan Franklin (jafrank@umich.edu). For the SIS members preparing to head to Washington, D.C. in July for the AALL Annual Meeting, please look for the calendar spanning pages 8 and 9 of this newsletter. For updated information, keep an eye out for messages posted to the FCIL SIS listserv and also on the FCIL SIS Web site (<http://www.lawsch.uga.edu/fcil/fcil.html>).

REPORT FROM ARMENIA

Mirela Roznovschi
New York University Law Library



In March and April of this year, I spent 10 days in Yerevan, Armenia, as part of the Rule of Law project funded by the USAID. The project is between Armenia State University Law School and New York University Law Library. During my assignment there I trained faculty and students on online legal research and on building the School of Law Home Page. My curriculum covered HTML editing, designing Home Pages, creating a virtual electronic library, legal research using Westlaw and Lexis, specialized legal research in the field of Public International Law, Private International Law,

Foreign and Comparative Law on the Internet legal databases. I also provided training on the U.S. legal system and U.S. government legal databases.

My time was spent on teaching (5-7 hours per day) and preparing my lectures according with the reality I met at the Yerevan Law School. Despite Internet problems or LAN problems, some language obstacles (at the beginning, not all my students were able to understand English even though they were able to read English very well) or some software complications - the program covered all proposed objectives. In my teaching I emphasized individual research and independent work while tests checked the level of acquired knowledge every day.

During my training program I covered:

- HTML basics, search engines, database evaluation and acquisition of electronic resources
- FrontPage98
- Westlaw, Lexis from description to legal research (especially international and foreign legal materials, primary and secondary sources).
- European Union, Council of Europe databases, CELEX, GLIN, United Nations ODS and Web, WTO, CIESG, CIESIN, PACE, UN Treaty Collection.
- Specialized legal research in the field of Human Rights, International Organizations, International Courts, International Criminal Law, International Treaties.
- Foreign Legal databases (Russia, France, USA, etc).
- Secondary sources (law reviews, legal journals, scholarly publications available online)
- Principles for electronic collection development and maintaining the virtual library
- The School of Law Home Page in three

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languages (Armenian,
English, Russian).

Comments:

I am very fortunate to have had such hard working students able to follow the entire program at the pace I imposed and the load I proposed in my Syllabus. They stayed for hours in the class room without a break, eager to learn more, to understand more. Every student or professor in my class of fourteen had a personal project so I had to supervise their work individually. It was exhausting to be jumping from one computer to another but exhilarating to see how the group was progressing day by day.

My hosts were wonderful and caring and they made my visit not only very nice but also very fruitful. I would like to mention here Karen Kevorgyan, the School of Law Vice Dean, and Sergey Arakelyan, the Law Library's director. I also would like to thank all my students whose feedback and final evaluation of the program showed that my efforts were useful and meaningful to them.



New Resources To Aid Students and New Opportunity for Librarians

***Jean Davis, Reference Librarian
and Adjunct Professor
Brooklyn Law School***

International Opportunities Resource Guide.
Washington, DC: National Association for Law Placement, 1999.

In the March 1, 1999 issue of the Brooklyn Law School publication, *Career Center News*, Joan King and Jennifer Modell noted that this work includes 1) a lengthy list of print and electronic sources, 2) scholarship and internship opportunities, and 3) short descriptions of key international law practice fields.

An Introduction to International Law. 3rd ed.
Gaithersburg, MD: Aspen Law & Business, 1999.

Mark Janis recently revised this classic student handbook. According to the description available at the ASIL conference, new data in the third edition includes a discussion of 1) key International Court of Justice judgments, 2) international criminal court and United Nations developments, and 3) international environmental law developments that followed the Rio Conference. Those who teach may wish to contact Aspen Law & Business, Legal Education Division (1 800 950-5259), for a complimentary examination copy.

Many of Brooklyn Law School's International Business Law Fellows have praised two annotated guides available through the Internet: Marci Hoffman's *Guide to International Trade Law*

Sources on the Internet <http://www.llrx.com/features/trade.htm> and Jeanne Rehberg's *WTO/GATT: Selected Materials in the New York University School of Law Library* http://www.law.nyu.edu/library/wto_gatt.html. If I learn of other materials, I will describe them at the FCIL-SIS Teaching Foreign and International Legal Research Working Group Meeting on Sunday, July 18th at 7:00 am in Washington, DC!

There is a dynamic new body within the American Society of International Law ("ASIL") -- The Teaching International Law Interest Group. Its leaders welcomed librarians as members at the Interest Group's March 1999 Business Meeting. Marci Hoffman and I have volunteered to participate in this Interest Group's panel discussion at the Spring 2000 ASIL Annual Meeting. We hope to speak about formal/informal foreign and international law teaching opportunities for librarians, and selected sources created by, or often used by, librarians who teach. On April 14th, 1999, the Chair of this Interest Group solicited comments on the proposed Spring 2000 program through this Group's "asil-innovations" listserv (a discussion group "dedicated to the exchange of innovative methods of teaching international law"). If you would like to see librarians incorporated into a "practical training for international law" panel at the ASIL Annual Meeting, you could send a supportive message to the asil-innovations listserv. To subscribe to this listserv, send the message <subscribe asil-innovations> to majordomo@lumen.law.vill.edu. For more information on this Interest Group, contact Professor Rafael X. Zahralddin, Chair, zahraldd@chapman.edu or Professor Diane Penneys Edelman, Vice-Chair, Villanova University School of Law, edelman@law.vill.edu. The annual dues for this Interest Group are \$10.00 (this does not include the ASIL membership fee).

Annual Meeting Programs to Address Millennium Issues

*Timothy Coggins, Chair
Annual Meeting Program*

Selection Committee

Hazel Johnson, Member

Annual Meeting Advisory Task Force

Reflecting the theme, "At the Crossroads: Information Management, Technology, and Policy," the programs at the 1999 Annual Meeting will confront the issues facing law librarians as the 21st Century approaches. We are at an important crossroads. We must position ourselves not only to survive but also to thrive in the technology based world that continues to evolve around us. Within each of the five tracks at the Annual Meeting, -*Management; Technology; Information Access & Policy; Foreign, Comparative & International; and Technical Services* - there is a plethora of programming designed to help law librarians address important millennium issues.

The **Technology** track includes exciting ideas and dynamic speakers. *It's All in the Books, Right?: The Ethical Perils of Ignoring Electronic Legal Resources in the Information Age* features Judge Robert E. Payne (E.D. Va.) who wrote one of the first opinions acknowledging that attorneys have a duty to stay "abreast of developments in the law" and that there are numerous resources, including online services, serving this purpose. *Encryption at the Crossroads* features Marc Rotenberg, compiler of *The Privacy Law Sourcebook*, Director of the Electronic Privacy Information Center and one of the organizers of the grassroots campaign against Lotus Marketplace. The program will feature a discussion of PGP, the current industry standard for email encryption, and current and proposed legislation regulating the use and export of strong encryption products. The proliferation of electronic products, the *Hyperlaw* decision and the burgeoning number of legal documents found on the Internet has escalated the need for a uniform citation system. The principal drafters of AALL's new Universal Citation Guide will "state their case" for adoption of the guide during the program, AALL's

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Calendar of FCIL-related Activities in Washington, D.C.,

Friday, 7/16

Saturday, 7/17

Sunday, 7/18

8:30-5:00pm
Meet the Legal Specialists:
Expert Advice on Research
& Acquisitions of Foreign
Law in the Vernacular (at
the Library of Congress)

7-8am
Teaching Foreign & Inter-
national Legal Research
Working Group

8-9am
Electronic Issues Working
Group

10-11am
Clearinghouse for
International Placement

11am-12pm
Latin American Law
Working Group

12-1pm
CIS & East European
Working Group

4-5pm
Asian Law Working Group

5-6pm
Education Committee

**during the AALL Annual Meeting
July 16-21, 1999**

Monday, 7/19

Tuesday, 7/20

Wednesday, 7/21

7-8am
Publications Committee

7:30-8:30am
African Law Working
Group

10:15-11:30am
D-6 From Russia with
Love: Research in the
Laws of the Russian Fed-
eration & Newly Indepen-
dent States

12-1:30pm
Association Luncheon or
Alternative Luncheon

2-3:15pm
E-6 Keeping Art or Sending
It Back

4:45-6:30pm
Business Meeting & Recep-
tion for Attendees from
Abroad

8-10:30pm
IALL Film & Dessert Re-
ception

7-8:30am
Strategic Plan Implementa-
tion Committee

8:30-9:45am
G-6 Official Gazettes: The
Ultimate Source for For-
eign Statutes

2:15-3:30pm
H-5 Cuban Legal & Political
Systems

3:45-4:45pm
I-5 Information Policy at
The Crossroads: The
Challenge of Globalization

5-6:30pm
Australian & New Zealand
Legal Systems

8:30-10am
J-5 Our Neighbors to the
North & South: The Legal
Systems of Canada &
Mexico

10:15-11:45am
The Transatlantic World:
The Law from the English
Civil War to the Early
18th Century

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Universal Citation Guide on Trial. A panel of judges representing various segments of the legal system will cross-examine the drafters about the potential problems and impact of such a system on the way judges, lawyers, scholars and others work.

Among the **Information Access & Policy** track programs, *Unauthorized Practice of Law 1999* will feature representatives from Nolo Press, which is currently under investigation by a subcommittee of the Supreme Court of Texas for producing materials which assist individuals to do their own legal work. The preservation of the digital records created by federal agencies is one of the greatest challenges of the upcoming millennium. Lawyers, scholars, judges, reporters all should have an interest in how the federal government and the National Archives and Records Administration plans to meet this challenge. *Federal Information Policy and Agency Recordkeeping at the Crossroads* will feature Scott Armstrong, a noted author and journalist, and Dr. Lewis Belardo of NARA debating the issue. The consolidation in the legal publishing industry affects law librarians every day. The two-part program, *Meeting of the Minds at the Crossroads of Legal Information*, offers a panel of law book publishers participating in a roundtable discussion on the state of legal publishing today. Part Two will feature a panel of law librarians reacting to the points made by the publishers.

The **Technical Services and Foreign, Comparative & International** tracks feature programs of value to everyone, not just the librarians who specialize in those two fields. *Crosswalks to Information Management: Metadata* focuses on one of the cutting edge issues of searching the Internet. What is metadata? How can it make storage and retrieval of information more accurate? How will it affect search engines? The emergence of electronic publications has caused librarians to rethink the definition of a serial. The program *Loose-leaves at the Crossroads: Redefining Seriality* will focus on the ongoing discussions of proposals to re-define seriality and the impact that may have on cataloging and processing

traditional materials and their new electronic counterparts. The globalization of the world's economy makes the quest for the law of other countries a daily challenge. *From Russia With Law, Cuban Legal and Political System* and *Our Neighbors to the North and South* will provide insights in understanding and researching the law of some of the most important of the U.S.'s many trading partners.

A facet of a law firm librarian's life is laboring on research projects and wondering how much of that time will actually make it to a client's bill. The program, *Getting the Client to Value Legal Research*, in the **Management** track will offer a number of suggestions about ways to present librarian research time and tools to be used in the client-retention process. The ubiquitousness of technology in today's law libraries often requires that technology professionals be employed in the law library. Ensuring that all employees understand each other's work and that upper level management (and library staff) understand the need for well-compensated technology staff is the focus of *How to Hire the Right Computer People - and Keep Them From Crossing the Road*.

This is just a sampling of the more than 70 programs scheduled for the 1999 Annual Meeting. Want to know more? Watch for "Crossroads Spotlights" postings on the dcedprog and law-lib listservs.

Oceana Publications Press Release

(New York - March 1, 1999) – Oceana Publications, Inc. is pleased to announce the launch of a new monograph series that will focus on emerging topics in international law. The *Philip F. Cohen Distinguished Monograph Series in International Law* will publish works by new and emerging authors in their respective fields. Three monographs will be published each year with the first monograph in the Series scheduled for publication in the Fall of 1999.

West Group Product News and Information Press Release

Developed expressly as a forum for new and rising authors, the Series is named for Oceana's Founder, Philip F. Cohen, whose continuing tradition of publishing excellence in the field of international law is recognized worldwide.

"Oceana was founded on the works of new and emerging authors and I am pleased that this Series builds on that proud tradition," remarked David Cohen, President of Oceana. "This much-needed forum for new voices in the legal community will ensure that fresh new insights on international law issues will continue to be heard."

The Series boasts an impressive Editorial Board of well-known and respected experts, including Julius J. Marke, Distinguished Research Professor, St. John's University School of Law; Betty Woodall Taylor, Clarence J. TeSelle Professor of Law, University of Florida College of Law; and Dan F. Henke, Professor Emeritus, Hastings College of Law, University of California, San Francisco.

Julius Marke commented: "I am truly excited to be a part of this important new Series. It will be a strong addition to Oceana's list of high-quality international legal publications."

For information on submission guidelines for the Series and an application form, please direct all inquiries to: PFC Series Editor, Oceana Publication, Inc., 75 Main Street, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522, USA, or e-mail to info@oceanalaw.com. No unsolicited manuscripts will be accepted.

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March 4, 1999

Largest Collection of International News Now Available on Westlaw

Desktop Access to World Reporter from Dow Jones Interactive Highlights Essential Global Content

EAGAN, Minn. — In this unprecedented period of expanding global commerce, borders continue to fade while companies focus more energy on business ventures with international trading partners. Through it all, West Group continues to provide legal practitioners with the tools necessary to keep a finger on the pulse of the international business climate. The latest in key international content on Westlaw® is World ReporterSM, one of the largest collections of international news ever assembled. World Reporter is available through Dow Jones Interactive, the world's premier business intelligence service, which is fully integrated into Westlaw.

With access to World Reporter (WORLDRPTR), the research capabilities of Westlaw expand by the addition of more than 350 more international business, news and information publications that provide timely access to first-rate coverage of local, regional and international news. It carries both full-text English-language news and English abstracts of local-language news from a wide range of authoritative sources, as the result of an alliance of Dow Jones Interactive Publishing, Financial Times Information and The Dialog Corporation.

"As more and more law firms and their clients do business around the world, attorneys

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must stay informed about local economies and local events that can affect their business dealings,” said Wendy Beecham, West Online vice president for content development.

“These professionals need a resource they can count on to provide them with key information regarding mergers and acquisitions, exporting and investments in foreign companies. World Reporter is just the tool to keep those interested parties aware of current developments abroad that might not make headlines in the domestic publications they read each morning.”

Notable examples of newspapers, newswires and business magazines included in World Reporter are: Ambito Financiero (Argentina), Asia Intelligence Wire, AssA-Irada (Azerbaijan), Budapest Sun (Hungary), Business Venezuela, The Daily Telegraph (UK), Dow Jones Business News (US), Gazeta Mercantil (Brazil), Les Echos (France), Hospodarske Noviny (Czech Republic), Indian Express, The Nation (Thailand), New Zealand Herald, El Pais (Spain) and Times of Zambia. The amount of information provided by World Reporter is expected to expand to 2.2 million articles this year.

Researchers will benefit from two search-friendly multibases: WORLDRPTR contains all available newspapers, magazines and journals, while WORLDRPTR-PLUS includes that content plus material from prominent wire services. Users also can choose to search each of the hundreds of publications individually. Data in both multibases can be searched geographically or by key words, an efficient search function that brings the required information to the user with just a few mouse clicks.

World Reporter from Dow Jones Interactive is a key component in the multitude of international content available on Westlaw. Used in conjunction with information and

analysis provided by databases such as EIU-ALL (from the Economist Intelligence Unit), practitioners can monitor business, economic and political movements abroad without ever leaving their desk. And by using WestClip, West Group’s flexible online clipping service, Westlaw users can set up tailored searches that scan selected databases and send the latest updates to their fax machines, printers or e-mail accounts.

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In addition to Dow Jones Interactive and The Wall Street Journal and its interactive and international editions, Dow Jones & Company (NYSE:DJ) publishes Barron’s and SmartMoney magazines and other periodicals, Dow Jones Newswires, Dow Jones Indexes and the Ottaway group of community newspapers. Dow Jones is co-owner of the CNBC television operations in Asia and Europe, and also provides news content to CNBC in the U.S.

Oceana Publications Press Release

Oceana Publications Sponsors The SLA International Law Roundtable

“The Future of International Legal Resources . . .
It’s the Web!”

Oceana Publications, Inc. is pleased to announce its continuing sponsorship of the Annual International Law Roundtable at the Special Libraries Association 90th Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

This year, the theme of the Roundtable is “The Future of International Legal Resources ... It’s the Web!” The Roundtable will take place Monday, June 7, 1999, from 3:00PM to 4:30PM.

The Moderator of the event is Marci Hoffman, International & Foreign Law Librarian at Georgetown University Law Library in Washington, DC. The members of the panel are Ann R. Sweeney, Librarian at the European Commission Delegation in Washington, DC, and Nina Platt, Director of Library Services at Faegre & Benson, LLP in Minneapolis, Minnesota. *[Ed. note: Marci Hoffman and Nina Platt are members of the FCIL SIS]*

The Roundtable will address the reality that the World Wide Web has become an indispensable, but overwhelming, source for international, foreign, and comparative law research. These three prominent international law librarians will guide attendees through the maze of websites for international legal research, and handouts will be provided containing valuable pathfinders and bibliographies.

Topics Include:

- *Sources for Public International Law
- *Misconceptions of International Legal Research
- *Research Guides
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