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From the Chair

Tracy Thompson, Chair

While some might call me a pessimist, I prefer to think of myself as a realist. And it's as a (perhaps critical) realist that I've historically hated the New Year holiday. The overblown sense of anticipation, the exaggerated mood of expectation has always put me off. The forced march toward change (change something, anything! Just make a resolution already!) seems artificial. I guess I just dwell too much on the time-space continuum to really appreciate a holiday like New Year's Eve. Until this New Year's Eve. This New Year's Eve, 2002, the need for renewal seems more genuine than ever before, and the New Year seems to hold promise and hope on a global scale. I hope each of you experiences some small measure of that promise and that hope in this New Year.

The FCIL-SIS has a lot to look forward to in 2002. Thanks to the work of our nominating committee, Katherine Topulos (chair), Mary Strouse and David McFadden, we have a wonderful candidate for vice-chair/chair-elect: Ms. Jean M. Wenger. Jean is currently employed as the Foreign & International/Government Documents Law Librarian at the Cook County Law Library in Chicago. Jean brings a wide range of experience and will be a real asset to the leadership of our SIS. Please look for her complete bio in this edition of the newsletter. Don't forget to fill out and mail in your ballot, which also appears in this newsletter, by **March 20, 2002**.

Strategic Planning will continue as we evaluate the results of our surveys and feedback. Thanks to all of you who responded to this call. I would especially like to take this opportunity to thank Stefanie Weigmann, not only for her work with the Strategic Planning Committee, but for her dedication to the work of the FCIL-SIS in many ways over the last several years. Stefanie has resigned her position at Harvard and will be living in Israel. We will all miss her spirit of cooperation and collegiality. Best of luck, Stefanie!

Thank you also to the members of our Education Committee, Dennis Sears (chair) and Ken Rudolf. Their efforts, combined with the efforts of each of the program coordinators, have resulted in four programs for the 2002 AALL Annual Meeting in Orlando of which the FCIL-SIS

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is either a sponsor or co-sponsor. These four are: Devolution in the UK, the intersection between International Law and International Relations, the International Criminal Court (co-sponsored with the GovDocs SIS), and Government Documents Around the World (also co-sponsored with the GovDocs SIS).

Changes to the format for the upcoming Annual Meeting have resulted in fewer program slots and thus fewer FCIL-SIS programs than we are accustomed to seeing. We hope to make up for some of our lost programming by making the best possible use of our Interest Groups and other alternative meeting opportunities. One such opportunity will be presented by June Renie, Law Librarian at the Hugh Wooding Law School in Trinidad, West Indies. Ms. Renie has presented numerous papers on the subject of legal research and resources in the Caribbean and has graciously agreed to attend our Meeting and present on Caribbean Legal Materials. Her presentation is tentatively scheduled for July 24 from 4-5 p.m. Mark your calendars now!

The FCIL-SIS is also pleased to be co-sponsoring an upcoming workshop on Latin American Trade Law entitled "Creating Commercial Connections". This one-day workshop, co-sponsored with the Law Library of Congress, the Friends of the Law Library of Congress, Law Librarians' Society of Washington D.C. (LLSDC) and the American Society of International Law (ASIL), would not have been possible without the efforts of Marci Hoffman, Malo Bernal, Herb Somers, Jean Davis and Jill Watson. They have worked tirelessly to put together a valuable program at a convenient time and an affordable cost. The workshop is scheduled immediately prior to the ASIL Annual Meeting and you will find more detailed information in this newsletter.

Another exciting opportunity for FCIL-SIS members in 2002 is the Annual Course of the International Association of Law Libraries (IALL). This year's meeting will be held October 20 through 23, 2002, at the Yale Law School in New Haven, CT. An optional day will be offered on Thursday, Oct. 24 at Harvard Law School in Cambridge, MA. For those of you who have always wanted to attend this event but have labored under limited travel budgets, this may be your year! Check back at the IALL site for further information later this year.

So, 2002 is already shaping up to be a busy year for all of us. Please don't forget to reach out to other FCIL-SIS members in the coming year. I've included here a list of the names of our newest members. If you meet them in your travels, make them feel welcome!

NEW FCIL SIS MEMBERS

Piyanuj Charoonpongs (Bangkok, Thailand)	Heidi Frostestad (Iowa City, IA)
George Sweeny (NY, NY)	Michael Sweeny (Philadelphia, PA)
Ryan Overdorf (Toledo, OH)	Sedef Olcer (Chicago, IL)
Wei-Yau Jim Huang (El Cerrito, CA)	Michael Rosenberg (NY, NY)
Maria Diaz (Washington, DC)	Sylvia Halladay (Bloomington, IN)
George Jacobsen (Baton Rouge, LA)	

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

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

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

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

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Deadline for next issue is April 15, 2002.

For more information about the FCIL SIS, visit the Web site at:

<http://www.lawsch.uga.edu/fcil/fcil.html>

Creating Commercial Connections Trade Laws of Latin America (Argentina, Brazil, Costa Rica and Mexico)

Presented by: Law Library of Congress, the Friends of the Law Library of Congress, Law Librarians' Society of Washington D.C. (LLSDC), American Society of International Law (ASIL), and the AALL Foreign, Comparative and International Law Special Interest Section (FCIL SIS)

Mark your calendars! On Wednesday, March 13, 2002, the above-mentioned groups will sponsor a one-day workshop focusing on trade in Latin America (with associated topics such as taxation, labor, and investment). With the Free Trade of the Americas Agreement (FTAA) gaining momentum, it is important for librarians in the U.S. to be well equipped to find relevant information and laws related to many of the major jurisdictions in Latin America: Argentina, Brazil, Costa Rica and Mexico. This workshop will highlight the major issues surrounding this topic and focus on the best resources for obtaining legal information. Relevant sources will include print and electronic in both English and the vernacular.

If you are traveling to Washington, DC to attend the ASIL Annual Meeting (see <http://www.asil.org>), consider arriving one day early to attend this valuable workshop.

The price of the workshop is \$50.00 and includes a continental breakfast, lunch, and program materials. A great value!

The workshop will be held at the U.S. Law Library of Congress, National Digital Library Learning Center. More information (directions, schedule, speaker information, etc.) is available at <http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/intl/presentations/latamworkshop.html> The registration form is also available from this page. The deadline for registration is **March 1, 2002**.

For more information, please contact Marci Hoffman, Georgetown University Law Center, 202-662-9159, hoffmamb@law.georgetown.edu

Submitted by Marci Hoffman

**ELLEN SCHAFFER FOREIGN
LIBRARIAN'S GRANT
AALL ANNUAL MEETING 2002
ORLANDO, FL**

The purpose of the Ellen Schaffer Foreign Librarian's Grant ("Schaffer Grant") is to provide financial assistance to ensure the presence and participation of foreign librarians at the AALL Annual Meeting. Foreign attendees enrich AALL events by sharing global perspectives to the benefit of all participants. **The Schaffer Grant for the 2002 Annual Meeting in Orlando FL will cover only AALL Annual Meeting registration costs.** Due to poor market performance in the prior fiscal year, the Grant principal failed to generate any income and therefore no monetary stipend will be offered for this year. Grant applicants should have other sources of funding to cover the costs of travel, lodging and meals.

Applicants for the Schaffer Grant must be librarians working in foreign countries who have not previously attended an AALL Annual Meeting. To be considered for this award, please send a letter of application, including a brief biography, your current

position, your reason for interest in attending the Annual Meeting and what you hope to gain from attendance. The recipient will be asked to provide a written report on her or his experience at the Meeting for inclusion in the October newsletter of the FCIL-SIS. Application letters (copy of application, page 6) should be sent to the Schaffer Grant Committee Chair:

Rhonda Gold
Reference/International & UN Librarian
Nova Southeastern University Law Library
3305 College Avenue
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33314
E-mail: Goldr@nsu.law.nova.edu.

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Qualifications: An applicant must be a librarian who resides and works in a country other than the United States of America. If circumstances prevent use of the Schaffer Grant by a recipient, the grant will revert to the AALL FCIL SIS Grant Committee ("Grant Committee") for disposition at the discretion of the Grant Committee.

Deadline: The Chair of the Grant Committee must receive all applications by **March 15, 2002**. The Grant Committee will not consider late or incomplete applications.

Selection Criteria: The Grant Committee may give preference to:

- A foreign librarian who demonstrates financial need.

- A foreign librarian who has never attended an AALL Annual Meeting.

The Grant Committee will not consider applications from individuals who have received the Schaffer Grant during the preceding two years.

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

Responsibilities: The Schaffer Grant recipient will agree to help educate law librarians by completing one of the following activities: writing a brief article for the AALL FCIL SIS web site; or participating in an AALL FCIL SIS Interest Group or Committee meeting at the AALL Annual Meeting. The Schaffer Grant recipient can discuss appropriate methods of sharing knowledge with the Grant Committee.



See <http://www.aallnet.org/events/> for more information about the 2002 AALL Annual Meeting

Schaffer Grant Application 2002

Name:

Work Address and Telephone Number:

E-Mail Address:

Job Title/Position:

Check the statement below that applies to you:

I have never attended an AALL Annual Meeting

I have previously attended one or more AALL Annual Meetings. Year(s) _____

Will your employer pay any percentage of your registration and travel expenses for the AALL Annual Meeting?

NO

YES (if YES, please describe below the percentage and types of expenses that your employer will pay)

Check the statement below that applies to you:

If I do not receive a grant: (Check one)

I will be unable to attend the AALL Annual Meeting.

I may not be able to attend the AALL Annual Meeting.

I will attend the AALL Annual Meeting.

Are you a member of AALL or any other library organization(s)?

In a few paragraphs, please describe why you are a strong candidate for the Schaffer Grant. Please include all factors that the Grant Committee should consider in reviewing your application.

If I receive the Schaffer Grant and am unable to attend the AALL Annual Meeting, I shall return the money to the Chair of the AALL FCIL SIS Grant Committee. If I receive the Schaffer Grant, I will help to educate law librarians by writing an article, actively participating in an AALL FCIL SIS Committee or Interest Group meeting at the AALL Annual Meeting, or sharing knowledge in another manner as discussed with the Grant Committee.

Applicant's signature:

Date:

Please send one copy of your application to:

Rhonda Gold
Reference/International & UN Librarian
Nova Southeastern University Law Library
3305 College Avenue
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33314
Goldr@nsu.law.nova.edu.

*Applications must be received by **March 15**.*

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES

Foreign, Comparative, and International Law Special Interest Section

TO: Members of the FCIL-SIS
FROM: Mirela Roznovschi, Secretary/Treasurer
DATE: February 1, 2002
RE: Annual Election of Officers

Below is the official ballot for the election of FCIL-SIS officers. The office of Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect is up for election. Please feel free to vote for a write-in candidate of your choice—after verifying that individual's willingness to serve.

Mark your ballot and place it in a plain envelope, seal it and mail it to me in a cover envelope. Your name must appear on the outer envelope for the ballot to be valid. Do not write anything on the outside of the inner envelope. Please return your ballot by **March 20, 2002**.

Foreign, Comparative, and International Law Special Interest Section Official Ballot 2002

The Nominations Committee, consisting of Katherine Topulos (chair), Mary Strouse and David McFadden, has nominated the following candidates:

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect:

[] Jean M. Wenger, Foreign & International/Government Documents Law Librarian, Cook County Law Library, Chicago, IL (Please see *Candidate's Bio*, page 9).

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Please return ballots to:

Mirela Roznovschi
FCIL-SIS secretary/treasurer
New York University Law Library
40 Washington Square South
NY, NY 10012

CANDIDATE'S BIO: Jean M. Wenger is the Foreign & International/Government Documents Law Librarian at the Cook County Law Library in Chicago. She was appointed Chief Foreign and International Law Librarian in 1993. In 1995, she moved to the Cornell Law Library where she was the Reference Librarian focusing on foreign and international law, and lectured on European Union research. At Cornell she created annotated foreign and international web guides, and was the research liaison for the Cornell International Law Journal. She returned to the Cook County Law Library in 1997 as Foreign & International/Government Documents Law Librarian. Jean has authored a number of web-based research guides and has presented foreign and international programs at AALL and regional meetings. She is the author of the International Economic Law chapter of the ASIL Guide to Electronic Resources for International Law (ERG) and International Commercial Arbitration: Locating the Resources (LLRX.com). From 1995-1998, she served on the Editorial Advisory Committee for the Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals. Jean earned her B.A. from St. Mary's of Minnesota, J.D. from the University of Illinois College of Law, and M.L.I.S. from Rosary College. Before entering law school, she worked as a foreign banknote trader in Chicago. She has studied in Italy, Germany, and Wales.

**CELEBRATING TEN YEARS OF
SUCCESS
NATIONAL LEGAL RESEARCH
TEACH-IN 1993-2002**

Can you remember your favorite AALL programs or publications from ten years ago? Or even where we held the annual meeting (without looking it up!) in 1993? How about the best selling books that year? TV shows? Movies? Maybe some of us have a fuzzy recollection or two, but ten years is a long time! Wouldn't it be reassuring to know that after ten years there is an AALL/RIPS project that still remains relevant and responsive to the needs of legal research instructors? You will be pleased to know that there is something in our fast-paced world of legal research that has remained steadfast over the last decade: the **National Legal Research Teach-In** returning in 2002 for its **TENTH** consecutive year!

The 2002 Legal Research Teach-In, organized by the Research Instruction & Patron Services SIS (RIPS-SIS), offers the opportunity to improve the skills of your

patrons and showcase your skills as a teacher and information provider. Following the pattern of the past nine years of highly successful Teach-Ins, Teach-In 2002 is scheduled in conjunction with National Library Week (April 14-20, 2002). As in previous years, the Teach-In committee has worked with West Group and LEXIS-NEXIS to prepare unique instructional and promotional materials. Thanks to generous donations from the two companies, the MATERIALS WILL again BE AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE. It is a true measure of their commitment to the law library community that both West Group and LEXIS-NEXIS continue to underwrite this activity, as they have since its inception ten years ago.

RESEARCH TRAINING KITS: New spiral bound kits topped the "BESTSELLER" list last year! West Group distributed approximately 750 kits to law librarians all over the world! The 2002 Teach-In resource kit will revisit classic areas of legal research, integrating traditional legal resources and the newest electronic sources in one convenient package. The kits are designed to

provide that extra assistance to get an instructional program off the ground. They may include pathfinders, research guides, posters, lesson plans, lecture notes, research exercises; a myriad of instructional materials developed by law librarians for use by law librarians. One kit per institution is available free of charge from the West Group. Contact Marketing Support, West Group, by fax 1-800-854-1597 or email mkggsupport@westgroup.com. Be sure to provide your name, address, institution, telephone number, and, if available, your West Group account number.

PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS A BIG HIT and are back by popular demand! Over 20,000 notepads were sent out to approximately 525 locations around the United States, Canada, and Australia, setting another record! Colorful notepads designed with Teach-In committee assistance and produced by LEXIS-NEXIS, can help you promote your 2002 Teach-In activities. These notepads can be used by library staff or given away to patrons as an incentive to participate in your library events. An online order form will be available at <http://www.lexis-nexis.com/infopro/> beginning February 1st and ending March 22nd or until quantities are depleted. If you are unable to access this online form, please contact Melissa Engler, Marketing Manager, LexisNexis Librarian Relations Group via fax (937-865-1585) with your name, full mailing address, email and quantity required. If deemed necessary, a limit will be imposed in order to accommodate as many requests as possible.

Orders for training kits or promotional materials should be placed by March 15, 2002, so you will receive them in time for your National Library Week events. Now is the time to make the commitment that your library will conduct some sort of

event involving legal research during National Library Week 2002. With the vast amount of materials available to you, it's easy to plan an educational event. If you need more ideas, descriptions of Teach-In kits from previous years can be found on the RIPS-SIS web page at <http://www.aallnet.org/sis/ripssis/>. Past years' kits can be obtained through AALL Headquarters, telephone 312-939-4764.

Questions or comments about the 2001 Legal Research Teach-In should be directed to the coordinators for the event, Gail Partin, Associate Law Librarian, Dickinson School of Law, Penn State University, 717-240-5294, gap6@psu.edu; or Karen Brunner, Library Manager, Riker, Danzig, Scherer, Hyland & Perretti, 973-538-0800, kbrunner@riker.com.

2002 AALL ANNUAL MEETING/WORKSHOP GRANTS

The AALL Grants Committee is now accepting applications for grants for the 2002 AALL Annual Meeting/Workshops. The AALL Grants Program provides financial assistance to law librarians or library school students who hold promise of future involvement in AALL and the law library profession. Funds are provided by vendors, AALL and AALL individual members. Grants cover registration costs at either the Annual Meeting or Workshops. Preference is given to newer, active members of AALL or of its chapters. For additional information, including the application form, see http://www.aallnet.org/services/grant_application.asp. The deadline for applications is **April 1, 2002**.

Submitted by: Michelle Pearse, AALL Grants Committee

CALL FOR PAPERS ANNOUNCEMENT

Have you been thinking about writing an article about law librarianship? Or are you already writing an article and just need a little incentive to finish? If yes, read on! The AALL/LEXIS Publishing Call for Papers Committee eagerly solicits your articles for its annual competition. The objectives of the contest are threefold: 1) to promote scholarship among practicing law librarians and in areas of interest to the profession; 2) to provide a creative outlet for law librarians and a forum for their scholarly activities; and 3) to recognize the scholarly efforts of established members, new members, and potential members of AALL. Participating in the Call for Papers competition is a great way to get noticed by your colleagues, win some money, and contribute to our profession.

Up to three winning authors will receive a prize of \$750, generously donated by LEXIS Publishing. The recipients will be recognized during award ceremonies at the Association Luncheon of the AALL Annual Meeting. Winners also will present their papers in a program at the Annual Meeting and the paper will be considered for publication in Law Library Journal.

The papers may address any subject relevant to law librarianship. The papers may be scholarly or practical in substance and tone; the subject should be explored in depth with

appropriate reference to sources and documentation. Past winners have written about a wide range of topics, including foreign law, technology, research instruction and reference services, legal history and bibliography, copyright, and trends in law librarianship.

Authors may enter in one of three divisions:
Open Division: Current AALL members who have been members for five or more years.

New Members Division: Current AALL members who have been members of AALL for fewer than five years.

Student Division: Currently enrolled in library school or a law school. Students need not be members of AALL.

No paper that has been published, or accepted for publication before March 1, 2002 will be eligible for consideration.

Visit AALLNET at

http://www.aallnet.org/about/award_call_for_papers.asp for more information, including substantive and form requirements, application procedures, and judgment criteria. Submissions must be postmarked by **March 1, 2002**. Good luck!

Questions? Contact a member of the Call for Papers Committee: Maria Protti (chair) at maria_protti@ci.sf.ca.us, Karen Beck at beckka@bc.edu, or Marie-Louise Bernal at mber@loc.gov.

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