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## From the Chair

Stephanie Burke Farne, Chair

Although it seems the 2005 AALL Annual Meeting just wrapped up, summer has quickly disappeared here in the soggy Northeast. Christmas decorations have already begun to appear in store windows, and I sit here planning the “Meeting Matrix” for the SIS for 2006. But before we switch our attention to planning for the Annual Meeting in St. Louis, I would like to thank everyone who worked so hard to make the 2005 Annual Meeting such a success. First, Mirela Roznovschi, who worked diligently as Chair to be sure the SIS events and programs were interesting, educational and well coordinated. Also, thanks to all of the leaders of Interest Groups and Committees (see the reports included in this issue for more information about these meetings), the hard working Executive Board, everyone who participated in meetings, and attended FCIL sponsored programs and events. The SIS membership’s interest and enthusiasm keep this group so vital.

I would also like to thank the Education Committee, co-chaired by Mary Rumsey and Dennis Sears, who put together a wonderful slate of program proposals. And, of course, my appreciation also goes out to all of the proposal authors who worked so hard with the Education Committee to prepare program proposals – a lot of work following right on the heels of the Annual Meeting. The programs

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accepted to be presented in St. Louis are: "Developing FCIL Collections", "Do We Have the Numbers: Empirical Research in International Law?", "Pioneering Global Health Law", "International Legal Process: the Crime of Terrorism", "International Law in the Heartland: Implications of Consular Rights for Foreign Nationals ", and "Trading Spaces: International Law Library Exchanges and Visits". As you can see, it is a varied slate of programs, and we hope there is something for everyone in the SIS.

Much to my dismay, the workshop on international labor law was not accepted. Although this is a great disappointment, the Education Committee and the Executive Committee are trying to find an alternate means to bring this information to you. Watch for more information in this column, and also on the FCIL listserv.

Finally, I would like to mention a new FCIL SIS blog on developing foreign law collections, please see <http://foreignlawcollections.blogspot.com/> . Many thanks to Heidi Kuehl, Dan Wade and Marylin Raisch for using this new high tech tool to share the wealth of knowledge within the SIS about foreign collection development. I encourage everyone, especially those with collection development as part of their job responsibilities, to check it out.

As I will not be writing again until February, best wishes to everyone for a wonderful holiday season and peaceful New Year.

### **From the Editor**

Amy Burchfield, Editor

As brand new editor of the *Newsletter*, I would like to start by thanking all of you who contributed fantastic articles, pictures and ideas to this issue—my first stint as editor has been made immeasurably easier because of your thoughtful contributions. Special thanks goes to two individuals who helped and encouraged me. Former Newsletter editor, Annette Demers, passed on a well-ordered bundle of files to get me started and had answers to my questions along the way. Carmen Valero continues to serve as copy editor. She's assisted other editors before me and remains a terrific partner.

The October *Newsletter* issue traditionally reports the activities of the most recent Annual Meeting, and this issue is no exception. The SIS business meeting is recapped, along with reports from several of the committees and interest groups. Stephanie Burke Farne writes her first column as SIS Chair. Linda

### **From the Editor (cont'd)**

Tashbook reports from San Antonio on the one-day European Union workshop. Additional pieces include two new member profiles, an article on the new *GlobaLex*, an introduction to our new blog, a summary of the war crimes conference held at American University's Washington College of Law, and even some FCIL SIS trivia to help us gear up for the centennial.

Our next *Newsletter* is only a few short months away. Please consider contributing an article, picture, or your suggestions for topics to be covered!

### **FCIL-SIS Business Meeting**

(July 19, 2005) Submitted by Mary Rumsey, Secretary/Treasurer

Mirela Roznovschi, outgoing chair of the FCIL-SIS, called the meeting to order and welcomed all attendees.

Approval of minutes: The minutes from the 2004 FCIL-SIS Business meeting held in Boston were published in the October 2004 FCIL Newsletter and were unanimously approved without corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Mary Rumsey presented the Treasurer's Report.

The FCIL-SIS's current account balance is \$11,954.22. In the 2004-2005 fiscal year, the SIS made two major expenditures. This spring, the Executive Committee contributed \$500 from the FCIL account to the Schaffer grant, to

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## **FCIL-SIS Business Meeting (cont'd)**

enable the 2005 recipient to attend AALL. The SIS also paid \$714.26 in travel and housing expenses for University of Houston Law Center law professor Stephen Zamora, so that he could present an SIS-sponsored program on Latin American legal systems.

Approval of election results: Mirela Roznovschi announced that Dennis Sears, Brigham Young University Law Library, was elected as Secretary-Treasurer for the 2005-2007 term, and that Mary Rumsey, University of Minnesota Law Library, was elected as Chair/Chair-Elect for the 2006-2007 term. Mirela thanked the Nominating Committee (Ken Rudolph, Chair; Katherine Topulos, and Mark Engsborg ) for its work.

New Business:

Bylaws change: By voice vote, with a quorum present, the membership approved an amendment to the SIS bylaws that will permit electronic voting.

Committee and Interest Group Reports:

[Note: For more details, see the separate Committee and Interest Group Reports in this issue of the Newsletter.]

Dennis Sears reported from the Education Committee, primarily to encourage members to submit proposals for next year's annual meeting. Mary Strouse reported for the Schaffer Grant Committee, highlighting efforts to improve fundraising for the Grant. Linda Tashbook reported for the Publications/Website Committee. For the Clearinghouse for Internships and International Personnel Exchanges, David McFadden reported that a program proposal on foreign exchange programs will be submitted to AMPC for the third year in a row. Jean Wenger reported on activities of the Strategic Planning Committee, and Mary Rumsey reported on the Centennial Committee.

Chairs of the Electronic Issues, African Law, Asian Law, CIS and Eastern European Interest Groups reported on the substantive programs conducted at their meetings.

### **Old Business**

Mirela Roznovschi welcomed Irma Aladashvili, the recipient of the Ellen Schaffer Foreign Librarian's Grant. Chaired by Nona K. Beisenherz, the Schaffer Grant Committee (Anne Burnett, Mary Strouse, Ellen Shaffer) reviewed the grant applications and selected the recipient.

## **FCIL-SIS Business Meeting (cont'd)**

Mirela presented the "Spirit of the SIS" awards to Lyonette Louis-Jacques, for her many contributions to FCIL librarianship. She also thanked the members she worked with throughout her year as Chair. Mirela noted that new members have assumed responsibilities within the SIS, including new FCIL *Newsletter* Editor Amy Burchfield, and Heidi Frostestad Kuehl, the new webmaster of the FCIL-SIS Home Page.

In the absence of incoming Chair Stephanie Burke Farne, Mary Rumsey read a message from Stephanie that expressed her enthusiasm for leading the SIS throughout the following year.

Mirela then adjourned the meeting, and the SIS hosted a reception for visitors from abroad.

## **Foreign Law Selectors Meeting**

Submitted by Dan Wade, Lillian Goldman Library of the Yale Law School

The Northeast Foreign Law Librarians Cooperative Group convened an ad hoc meeting of American academic foreign law selectors for the Annual Meeting of AALL.

Approximately 20 selectors met on Monday morning, July 18<sup>th</sup>, to consider how they might work cooperatively to improve foreign law collecting in this country. Dan Wade reviewed some of the items the Northeast Group had addressed over the past year, and Linda Tashbook discussed the progress she had made on the website "Foreign Law Collections in U.S. Libraries." Dan passed out a handout that covered Sarah Carter's email on English reports on Lexis and Westlaw, a list of Mexican law journals from Zamora et al.'s Mexican Law, a list of German antiquarian books, a list of major authors of Spanish administrative law treatises, and an analysis of the database "The Tax Treaty Analyst" by Mirela Roznovschi.

The Group made several decisions in the course of their meeting:

- 1) It agreed that it should meet again next year. While new publications are announced in the various regional interest sections, there is really no forum for Europe.
- 2) Selectors agreed that they would encourage neighbor or regional libraries, i.e., the libraries they network with, to respond to the "Foreign Law Collections" survey.  
Please contact Linda Tashbook at [tashbook@law.pitt.edu](mailto:tashbook@law.pitt.edu) to request a form if your institution has not already responded.

### **Foreign Law Selectors Meeting (cont'd)**

- 3) Barbara Gavaglia of the University of Michigan Law Library, volunteered to conduct a project to determine the state of the old RLG Latin American PCR's.
- 4) Heidi Kuehl of Northwestern, in consultation with several selectors including Lyonette Louis-Jacques from the University of Chicago, offered to establish a blog where selectors could announce major new publications and new foreign and international law journals. (Heidi has subsequently set up the blog, and selectors can access it at <http://foreignlawcollections.blogspot.com/> . Please contact Heidi at [h-kuehl@law.northwestern.edu](mailto:h-kuehl@law.northwestern.edu) , so that she can add you to the member list, which will allow you access.

Selectors are encouraged to attend the 2006 meeting and share their discoveries with their colleagues. It is hoped through such cooperation we can build a better national foreign and international law collection. Agenda items for the meeting can be sent to me, the Convenor of the Northeast Foreign Law Librarians Cooperative Group, at [Daniel.wade@yale.edu](mailto:Daniel.wade@yale.edu) .

### **FCIL Clearinghouse for Internships and International Personnel Exchanges Committee**

(July 20, 2005) Submitted by David McFadden, Chair

Attendees: Cyril Emery, Maureen Garmon, Matthew Grieder, Carole Hinchcliff, Vanessa King, David McFadden, Mirela Roznovschi, Mary Sexton, and Sergio Stone.

There were no requests or new surveys added in 2005.

Mirela Roznovschi brought up the need to use listservs to promote the Clearinghouse. It was suggested that postings be made three times a year. Intlaw, EuroLex, SLA, lawlib, the director's listserv, Australian, New Zealand, Baltic, UK and Caribbean were some that were mentioned. Carole Hinchcliff will help post messages on the director's list and on Australian lists. Mirela Roznovschi volunteered to help on many of the others. Sarah Carter was mentioned as a possible person to help us with the UK lists. The listservs could be used to help with the Survey Project (see below) to solicit additional participants in the Clearinghouse.

### Clearinghouse Committee, (cont'd)

Mirela Roznovschi brought up the need to find sources of financial assistance to support visits, especially from disadvantaged countries.

Our San Antonio program – Working Abroad: An Opportunity to Gain New Vistas, Reassess Values, and Reshape Visions – But Don't Drink the Water! submitted by Elizabeth Goldberg – was not accepted. (See below for next year's plans.)

Carole Hinchcliff completed *Guidelines for Visits*. This document needs to be added to the website. Also, the Additional Resources page linking to other exchange programs' websites was updated by Lee Peoples but is now out of date and needs to be updated and added back onto the FCIL page.

By 1 November, committee members will check the existing Results of Surveys on Exchanges and Visits in Foreign and U.S. Law Libraries. At minimum, each existing entry should be checked and updated as needed. Additional entries from the "Libraries Responding to Prior Surveys" page or elsewhere can be added. One resource mentioned for updating the survey was study abroad programs.

Assignments for updating the survey results:

Australia - Carole Hinchcliff

Europe – Maureen Garmon, Cyril Emery (Germany)

Latin America – Sergio Stone

United States – Mary Sexton

Asia - Matthew Grieder, Cyril Emery

Africa - Vanessa King, Mirela Roznovschi

There was a discussion of increasing the number of testimonials on the Clearinghouse webpage. Carole Hinchcliff has agreed to get a testimonial from a visitor to her library. Mirela Roznovschi has agreed to acquire testimonials as well. It was suggested that photographs should be included along with the testimonials.

Cyril Emery agreed to help on a program for next year in Saint Louis. Elizabeth Goldberg, who submitted the proposal last year, will also be contacted. Carole Hinchcliff is unable to help now but is willing to help later. If the program is not accepted by the AMPC, the FCIL Education Committee has already discussed the possibility of running it as a FCIL program against AALL programs. This practice will be allowed during certain time-slots beginning next year. An AMPC program

## Clearinghouse Committee, (cont'd)

would be submitted for possibly a 30-minute slot but a FCIL program could be longer. Mirela Roznovschi suggested using foreign visitors to AALL as speakers. They could discuss visits and exchanges from their perspective.

David McFadden will continue on as chair for another year.

## FCIL-SIS Electronic Issues Interest Group

(July 19, 2005)

Submitted by Marilyn J. Raisch, Chair, International and Foreign Law Librarian, John Wolff International and Comparative Law Library, Georgetown Law Library

### Of Patrons, Portals, Partners and Pedagogues

What might a true Law Sources  
Portal look like?

Over a dozen colleagues came to our early morning meeting this year. Thanks go to Mirela Roznovschi for arranging our speaker, Emily Allbon, Law Librarian, City University, London U.K. It was good to be meeting on a regular day of the conference as well, and no doubt both factors contributed to our good turnout.

The meeting opened with a brief presentation by myself as Chair of the Electronic Issues Interest Group. Entitled "*Of Patrons, Portals, Partners and Pedagogues: What Might a true Law Sources Portal look like?*," [and linked on the FCIL-SIS web site at <http://www.aallnet.org/sis/fcilsis/committees.html> ] the presentation surveyed the best of what is available in the many versions of the concept of a portal: "super-tutorials" that provide both links and interactive learning opportunities, hypertext guides, metadata for texts, intelligent (annotated) links, catalogues, aggregators, gateways, and "my.library." These many types of guides and services were briefly defined and reviewed and examples shown, and most of the free examples are linked in the presentation at the web site, as indicated above.

Emily Allbon presented the web portal she created for the students at her university in London. It is called *Lawbore*, <http://www.lawbore.net> . With a lively and student-friendly approach, Emily gladly explained the choice of title to us Statesiders as indicating a source of expertise in a subject, but with a tongue-in-cheek suggestion of the student mind-set over the course of study

### **FCIL-SIS Electronic Issues Interest Group, (cont'd)**

required to prepare for the legal profession. You know, as in someone's being an *opera bore*, either by reputation or self-described. In any case, her presentation was anything but a bore, with her site taking a Google-generation approach to put the students in touch with academic and practical information for their studies, using graphics and segmented "cut-to-the-chase" information balanced by more in-depth course related materials for use when time is less pressing. Emily answered several questions about the nature of law study at a practice-oriented, urban university, and so the presentation was informative in the area of comparative legal study as well.

Other sites for guidance on U.K. law were mentioned. Those familiar with the excellent project of Sarah Carter at the University of Kent, Canterbury, U.K. called LAWLINKS, <http://library.kent.ac.uk/library/lawlinks/default.htm> were interested to learn of another site at the same institution which aims to collect tutorials and research guides as well as curriculum-based teaching materials for the U.K. as a central resource. Called LAWPATHS, <http://library.kent.ac.uk/library/lawpaths/default.htm> it is in development but already populated with a wealth of resources from institutions all across the U.K. where legal courses are taught.

Among U.S. institutions, a personal favorite of this reporter is the cluster of guides at the University of Texas, Austin, Tarlton Law Library in its Virtual Library, <http://tarlton.law.utexas.edu/vlibrary/> . Guides for case law, primary legislation, and delegated legislation are extremely useful as guides to sources and to the court structure that accompanies a fairly complex legal reporting system that has changed over the centuries.

Closer to home for FCIL librarians is of course the new Foreign Collection Development Blog, <http://foreignlawcollections.blogspot.com/> spearheaded by Dan Wade and Heidi Kuehl. With the increasing trend to "quicklinks" in one section of a web site and "in depth" or longer guides in another, finding information on primary sources or establishing publications can be much easier than finding out about publishers and vendors with a proven "track record" for jurisdictions of the world; so we should all get used to visiting the blog as part of our professional work, and remember to contribute our discoveries as well.

### **FCIL-SIS Electronic Issues Interest Group, (cont'd)**

For next year, what with a call for performers and other creative contributions, I would like to pose a "challenge" to FCIL librarians as animators and film directors: make an animated tutorial or guide, or film a tour of the library or a virtual orientation session, and submit it to be shown at the Electronic Issues meeting in St. Louis! We may be able to offer an "Oscar" or some other appropriate award (name? An "Oppenheim" ?). We hope to see you there.

### **Report from AALL Annual Meeting: Teaching Foreign, Comparative & International Legal Research Committee**

Submitted by Patricia Kasting, Co-Chair

Like many of the FCIL committees a different approach was taken to the committee's business meeting. We were fortunate to have Amy Burchfield (Georgetown University Law Center), David Merkin (Shearman & Sterling LLP, NYC office) and Lee Peoples (Oklahoma City University Law Library) as panelists to discuss their activities as FCIL librarians. The meeting was very well attended by librarians ranging in experience from those who have none in the field to those who have been specialists in the field for many, many years.

We started the panel discussion by asking what an FCIL librarian does, and then opened the panel to questions from attendees. There were many questions and at some points the experienced attendees added their own wisdom to the give and take of the conversation. The focus of the discussion evolved into novice attendees asking how one gets started as an FCIL librarian and what one needs to know. The panelists agreed that the primary qualification is interest and a willingness to learn. Foreign language skills were an issue for many. The panelists expressed the opinion that language skills helped but were not necessary. There was some disagreement about this from experienced librarians in the audience who felt that the ability to work in other languages is important. An in-depth knowledge is not required, but recognition of basic legal terms is essential. Everyone agreed that a lack of foreign language skills should not stop one from pursuing FCIL librarianship, as it can be learned on the job.

All in all, the panel discussion was a success and requests for more information on FCIL librarianship were made. In response, Lee Peoples solicited established FCIL librarians to write down their thoughts for those considering a career in FCIL librarianship. Keep an eye out for these articles!

**New Vistas and Values for Europe:**  
**A Workshop Remembered**

Linda Tashbook, FICL Librarian University of Pittsburgh School of Law



If you wanted to know where to look for scholarly commentary on European Union legislation or what kinds of information could be found in an EU Commission Document, where would you go if not San Antonio?

It was there that a group of forty-seven worldly law librarians convened for a full day prior to this year's AALL Annual Meeting and Conference to study the methods and context of intermediate European Union legal research. Comfortably versed in the basic EU institutions and documents, or at least aware of the EU's official Website, the participants had submitted questions in advance for the workshop presenters to answer.

To start the day, there were back-to-back presentations crammed full of practical tips and recommended sites. Ann Sweeney, librarian, webmaster, and information officer from the EU Commission's Delegation to the U.S. <http://eurunion.org>, conveyed numerous insider tips while reviewing the basic documents published by EU institutions:

- Use the General Report <http://europa.eu.int/abc/doc/off/rg/en/welcome.htm> to answer basic reference questions like "how many participants are there on the EU Council?"
- Using the European Union at a Glance page [http://europa.eu.int/abc/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/abc/index_en.htm) gets readers to EU history, member countries and candidate countries, including links to their government pages, EU treaties, key figures, a glossary, and other clear basic information.
- The Commission is similar to the U.S. Cabinet, but in addition to making regulations it enforces them. Often, the quickest way to get legal information is to go straight to the web page of the appropriate directorate general. [http://europa.eu.int/comm/dgs\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/dgs_en.htm)
- Use SCADPlus to get summaries of legislation. [http://europa.eu.int/scadplus/scad\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/scadplus/scad_en.htm)

## **New Vistas and Values for Europe, (cont'd)**

- Eurojust <http://www.eurojust.eu.int/> is a relatively new EU component that investigates and prosecutes cross-border crime.

And best of all, she demonstrated ECLAS <http://europa.eu.int/eclas/> which is the Commission's library catalog. She said to use it when you've heard of something and want to know which Directorate General put it out. This dynamic and thorough catalog links straight to full-text documents and includes articles as well as books.

Stephen Wiles, from Harvard, followed Ann's presentation with a gentle but strategic explanation of EU legislative procedures and documentation emphasizing, especially, the procedure files available from the Legislative Observatory <http://www.europarl.eu.int/oeil/index.jsp?language=en> and Com Docs [http://europa.eu.int/documents/comm/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/documents/comm/index_en.htm). He particularly encouraged using the "motive memos", which are part of Commission proposals, to find the reasons underlying directives and regulations.

And then there was the hot topic. Only weeks after the Treaty Establishing a Constitution for Europe failed to gain approval from two of the EU member states, the FCIL-SIS had Professor Ian Lee, from the University of Toronto, briefing workshop participants on the political significance of the treaty and its legal comparison to existing EU organizing treaties. He showed the many similarities between the language and effects of the current EU organizing treaties compared to the proposed constitution and pointed out that enlargement of the EU is central to the worries and objections of the current EU member states.

Two more presenters followed lunch. Theresa Papademetriou, from the Law Library of Congress, described the authority and structure of the European Court of Justice and summarized the Court's foundational cases about member state obligations, sovereignty of member states, the relationship between Community law and national laws, external relations, human rights, and access to the Court's records. Then, the final lecture of the day was presented by neither a lawyer nor a librarian; Dr. Maria Green Cowles, a public policy analyst spoke with bright enthusiasm about the issues surrounding globalization and economic unity within Europe, police and judicial cooperation, and foreign policy.

## **New Vistas and Values for Europe, (cont'd)**

After all was said, but before we were done, the librarian speakers joined as panelists to answer the pre-submitted questions, and offering on the spot to be stumped by queries that had formed throughout the workshop day. And then, in the great European tradition, William S. Hein Company hosted an elegant wine and cheese reception. And, at last, we all rode back into downtown San Antonio with our thoughts, words, and palates all tingling with the spirit of the Continent.

### **New Member Profiles**

Submitted by Mary Rumsey

*Note:* To help introduce newer FCIL-SIS members to the SIS, the *Newsletter* will run occasional profiles. If you would like to submit a profile of a new FCIL librarian, please contact editor Amy Burchfield at [aeb48@law.georgetown.edu](mailto:aeb48@law.georgetown.edu)

### **New Member Profile: Barbara H. Bean**



Barbara Bean's first library job is the one she started in summer 2004--as Reference Librarian, Michigan State University College of Law, with responsibility for FCIL work.

Like many of us, she took an indirect route to law librarianship. After Vassar College and law school at Georgetown, she practiced as a corporate lawyer in New York and L.A., specializing in large bank financing transactions, both domestic and international. When she eventually left practice to stay home with two young children, she fell into the perfect part-time job: working as American counsel to the New York office of a large Netherlands law firm. In 1995, her family moved to Moscow, where they stayed for seven years. (While in Moscow, she acquired what she modestly describes as "workable Russian.") On her return, she went to library school at SUNY-Albany, and from there to Michigan State.

### **New Member Profiles, (cont'd)**

Barbara reports that she's "definitely learning on the job." She adds, "as a newcomer, I have taken advantage of the many excellent research guides in the field prepared by my more experienced colleagues. I hope to be able to develop and contribute some guides myself." Given what she has accomplished so far, this seems likely. Already, Barbara has put together a collection of resources for student projects on international environmental law, and developed the international law component of an advanced legal research course. She also has responsibility for a long-term empirical research project, and supervises many student researchers.

So far, Barbara agrees with a colleague who says librarianship must be the best job in the world. "If curiosity is an essential part of your nature, you will never be bored."

While she hasn't found anything to dislike about her job yet, she finds treaty research the hardest aspect, citing "the confusingly named treaty collections (with many similar acronyms – TIAS, CTIA), the long delay in official treaty publication, the practice of assigning 'temporary' numbers all contribute to a confusing system." Um—yes.

Barbara's hobbies include water sports, travel, hand bells, and reading. She gravitates to books set in remote locales. "Right now I am reading *At the Tomb of the Inflatable Pig: Travels through Paraguay*, having just finished Simon Winchester's *Korea*." Welcome, Barbara!

### **New Member Profile: Sergio Stone**



Sergio Stone is the new Foreign, Comparative & International Law Librarian at the Westminster Law Library at the University of Denver (DU); but he's not new to that library. He came up through the ranks as an Acquisitions Assistant, then as a Reference Librarian, and became the FCIL librarian in July 2005. This progression gave him a chance to learn from his predecessor, Martha Keister, before she retired.

### **New Member Profiles, (cont'd)**

Sergio was born in Chile, though he's a naturalized U.S. citizen. He's fluent in spoken and written Spanish, and reads both French and Portuguese. His college degree, from Carleton College, is in political science; his J.D. is from New York University. Sergio got his MLIS in library science closer to home, at DU.

Sergio's duties include doing reference work and collection development, supporting faculty research, teaching, maintaining internet links, and preparing research handouts. The Westminster Library's collection supports a large LLM program on International Environmental and Natural Resources Law—something to remember if you find yourself in need of a rare source!

At DU, the library and its staff serve students, professors, local attorneys, and the occasional pro se patron. Sergio lists collection development as one of the best parts of his job. He also enjoys "working with a great staff of reference librarians." The worst aspect of his job is the evening shifts (until 9:00 p.m. on weeknights, *ouch*).

When not at work, Sergio most enjoys spending time with his wife and two children, ages 3 and 8.

He notes that he "enjoyed meeting FCIL colleagues at the AALL convention in San Antonio." Keep an eye out for Sergio in St. Louis next year!

### **New Foreign Collection Development Blog Launched!**

Heidi L. Kuehl, Pritzker Legal Research Center, Northwestern University School of Law

## FOREIGN COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT BLOG (FCIL-SIS)

A BLOG THAT DISCUSSES NEW TITLES AND CURRENT ISSUES IN COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT FOR  
LAW LIBRARIANS WHO COLLECT FOREIGN AND INTERNATIONAL LAW AT THEIR INSTITUTIONS.

An exciting new forum now exists for discussion of foreign law collection development through the newly created FCIL Foreign Collection Development blog (<http://foreignlawcollections.blogspot.com/> ). Newer FCIL librarians can learn from the wisdom of experienced FCIL librarians who collect foreign titles, and the blog can serve as a medium for discussions of current titles in this unique area of collection development. As always, there are philosophical

### **New Blog, (cont'd)**

debates about which trends should be followed for collection development in foreign law, and our AALL interest group hopes to facilitate open discussions about foreign law collection development in this digital era. In addition, the blog should serve as a forum for exchange of bibliographic information for new titles, and the postings will include the cost of new online/print titles. Ideally, the discussions, postings, and archives should help everyone make better decisions for foreign collection development and provide helpful guidance for budgeting foreign legal purchases.

The inception of the blog arose through an ad hoc meeting at the 2005 AALL Annual Meeting in San Antonio for collectors of foreign law in US academic institutions, which was led by Dan Wade. Based on the discussions at that meeting, everyone decided that it would be beneficial to post new major acquisitions and information on newly published journals in an archivable electronic format, such as a blog. Further, it was thought that this information might be especially helpful for specialists in foreign collection development and not of general interest to all of the subscribers of Int-Law. Therefore, the group decided that a blog should be created for specialists in this field of law librarianship and should also be available to those who want to ask questions about foreign collection development through a subscription to the blog for posting. In consultation with several selectors, including Lyonette Louis-Jacques from the University of Chicago, I developed the blog where selectors can announce major new publications and new foreign and international law journals. We ask that you include the following information in your posts and comments to the blog when you refer to a foreign or international title: 1) Journal or book title; 2) Publisher; 3) Cost for print and/or electronic source, if available; 5) URL for the publisher; and 6) Any other bibliographic information. That way, others can easily locate the titles and more effectively comment on appropriateness and cost-effective collection development policies. Dan Wade of the Yale University Law Library is our current moderator for the blog and hopes to add entries each week to facilitate discussions on new foreign legal titles.

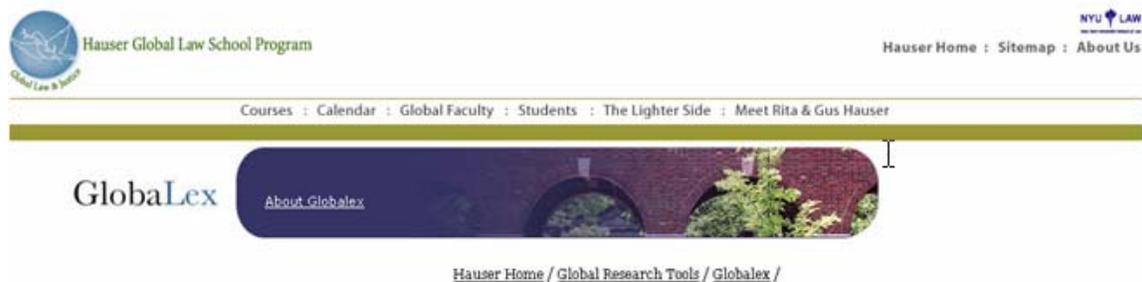
As noted above, the blog is now implemented and is readable at <http://foreignlawcollections.blogspot.com/> . In order to ensure that all comments are from those who are interested in foreign collection development, the blog was created as a closed forum, which requires registration for posting and making comments to the blog. If you want to register to become a member of the blog and post comments or new entries, please contact me at [h\\_kuehl@law.northwestern.edu](mailto:h_kuehl@law.northwestern.edu) and I will quickly add you to the member list, which allows you access to create posts and comment on posts through

## New Blog, (cont'd)

Blogger. If you use an aggregator, you can subscribe to our blog's site feed URL at <http://foreignlawcollections.blogspot.com/atom.xml> . We will have weekly messages to stimulate discussion, but we can become even more successful in archiving this bibliographic material for foreign collection development through your posts and comments from FCIL members. So, we encourage all of the experts to contribute to this information exchange and, if you are a newer member and have a foreign legal collection development question, do not hesitate to use the blog as a forum to ask questions and seek the advice of your more experienced FCIL colleagues.

### ***GlobaLex***

Mirela Roznovschi, *GlobaLex* editor



*GlobaLex* <http://www.nyulawglobal.org/globalex/> is a new electronic legal publication that started in February 2005, dedicated to international and foreign law research. Published by the Hauser Global Law School Program at New York University School of Law <http://www.nyulawglobal.org/index.htm> , *GlobaLex* is part of a prestigious portal where you can find also the Jean Monnet Working Papers, the Global Law Working Papers, Human Rights and Global Justice Working Papers, the Institute for International Law and Justice Working Papers, as well as Teaching Materials and Syllabi, the Book Review Project: European and Global Law Book Reviews, and European Integration Current Contents.

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## **GlobaLex, (cont'd)**

The tools available in *GlobaLex* will continue to expand at a high speed, covering international law topics and new jurisdictions, thus providing a coherent and encompassing research tool for all constituencies. *GlobaLex* brings together legal specialists from all jurisdictions of the world. *GlobaLex*'s goal is to cover territories of legal research still hard to reach, by representing all legal systems of the world as well as jurisdictions never addressed before.

### **An FCIL Opportunity in My Own Backyard**

Amy Burchfield, John Wolff International & Comparative Law Library,  
Georgetown Law Library

It's always gratifying when a terrific FCIL learning opportunity presents itself locally. This is exactly what happened for me the last Friday of September here in Washington, D.C. The War Crimes Research Office of American University's Washington College of Law celebrated its tenth anniversary by hosting a one-day mini conference on International Criminal Tribunals in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Talk about one-stop shopping for all of the big names in international criminal tribunals.

After arriving slightly late due to poor commuter decisions on my part, I was still able to catch the first session on the next era of war crimes tribunals. Aryeh Neier, the president of the Open Society Institute, and professor Diane Orentlicher of American University Washington College of Law discussed ideas for the next generation of tribunals. The second morning session addressed the intersection of humanitarian law and international human rights law. One of the speakers, Judge Patricia Wald—a former judge on the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY)—is probably familiar to many FCIL members. She also spoke at the IALL 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Course in 2002 at Yale.

The morning concluded with a fascinating discussion of the Rwandan media case (Nahimana, ICTR-96-11), led by Judge Navanethem Pillay who wrote the opinion in the case at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR). This is the case involving the infamous RTLM radio station that was later convicted by the ICTR for incitement to genocide.

Lunch was definitely the main event (and I'm not referring to the meal). The keynote speaker was Luis Moreno-Ocampo, the chief prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC). The charming Argentinean easily convinced his audience of the unique difficulties he faces as chief prosecutor in the three situations currently under investigation by the ICC (in Darfur, Sudan, the Republic of Uganda, and the Democratic Republic of Congo). I was also impressed by the fact that instead of rushing off to more important

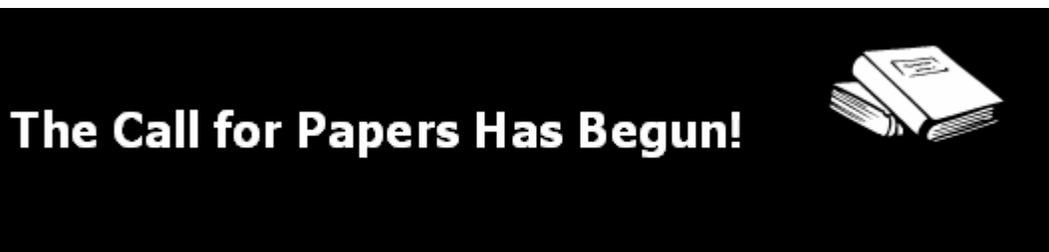
### **FCIL Opportunity, (cont'd)**

engagements, Mr. Moreno-Ocampo stayed for the entire conference and contributed his insights in several of the discussions.

We all know that the just-after-lunch time slot is a hard one to schedule at any conference. The coordinators of this conference had that problem solved. The after lunch session on the effective apprehension of indictees was as exciting and fast paced as watching any cop show. Speakers included David Crane, former chief prosecutor for the Special Court for Sierra Leone and Siri Frigaard, former deputy general prosecutor for the ad-hoc tribunal in East Timor. I especially enjoyed the accounts from the deputy prosecutor with the ICTY about some of the more colorful incidents that happened while apprehending suspected war criminals indicted by the court. After that, I wrapped up the day with a session on the impact of criminal justice mechanisms on peace initiatives, with a special focus on the conflict in Uganda.

So did attending this conference help me be a better FCIL librarian? It sure did, and in a very concrete way. The week following the conference I had a research consultation with an international student at Georgetown who is writing a seminar paper on the possibility of the establishment of a war crimes tribunal for Afghanistan. We spent the better part of our meeting discussing some of the ideas that I had heard at the conference. I'm looking forward to more such local learning opportunities in the future.

### **AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers**



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

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

For more information, a list of previous winners and an application, visit the AALL website at [http://www.aallnet.org/about/award\\_call\\_for\\_papers.asp](http://www.aallnet.org/about/award_call_for_papers.asp). **Submissions must be postmarked by March 1, 2006.**

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Committee, Chair, Patty Wellinger, [pwelling@law.du.edu](mailto:pwelling@law.du.edu); Renee Rastorfer, [rrastorf@law.usc.edu](mailto:rrastorf@law.usc.edu) or Ed Greenlee, [egreenle@law.upenn.edu](mailto:egreenle@law.upenn.edu)

### **FCIL-SIS History Trivia Quiz**

Submitted by Mary Rumsey



As part of the AALL Centennial celebrations, here's a short quiz:

1. Who was the first chair of the SIS?  
a. Dan Wade b. Mila Rush c. Claire Germain
2. Who was the first editor of the SIS newsletter?  
a. Annette Demers b. Dan Wade c. Tom Reynolds

### Trivia Quiz, (cont'd)

3. Who was the first SIS webmaster?  
a. Anne Burnett b. Marc Andreessen c. Lyonette Louis-Jacques
4. Which two of the following FCIL members started the INT-LAW listserv?  
a. Lyonette Louis-Jacques b. Suzanne Thorpe c. Mila Rush
5. What was the theme of Jean Davis's reign as FCIL chair?  
a. baseball b. "Star Wars" c. cricket d. hip-hop
6. What university was the home institution of the most FCIL chairs, at the time of their nomination?  
a. NYU b. Yale c. Harvard d. Duke
7. What publisher sponsored the AALL foreign and international Institutes in the early- to mid-1990s?  
a. Hein b. West, a Thomson Corporation c. Thomson, a West Corporation d. Oceana
8. What publisher has typically sponsored the FCIL-SIS Reception for Attendees from Abroad?  
a. Kluwer b. Martinus Nijhoff c. West, a Thomson Corporation
9. From which of the following countries has a Schaffer grant recipient come:  
a. Kazakhstan b. Kenya c. Indonesia d. Kyrgyz Republic
10. Who is the long-time chair of the African Interest Group?  
a. Mary Strouse b. Victor Essien c. Marilyn Raisch

Answers: 1.c; 2.b; 3.a; 4.a,c; 5.a; 6.b; 7.d; 8.c; 9.d; 10.b.

## Upcoming Calendar of Events



### **International Law Weekend**

October 20-22, 2005; New York, NY  
International Law Association, American Branch  
<http://www.ambranch.org/ilw.htm>

### **Information Today, Inc. (ITI)**

October 24-26, 2005; Monterey, CA  
Internet Librarian 2005: The Internet Conference and Exhibition for Librarians and Information Managers  
<http://www.infotoday.com/il2005/>

### **American Society of Comparative Law (ASCL)**

October 27-29, 2005; Honolulu, HI  
2005 Annual Meeting: Multiple Sovereignties: Federalism in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century  
University of Hawaii at Manoa  
<http://www.comparativelaw.org/meet.html>

### **American Society for Information Science & Technology (ASIS&T)**

October 28 – November 2, 2005; Charlotte, NC  
2005 Annual Meeting: Sparking Synergies: Bringing Research and Practice Together  
<http://www.asis.org/Conferences/AM05/index.html>

### **The CISG and the Business Lawyer: The UNCITRAL Digest as a Contract Drafting Tool: A Symposium Celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Vienna Sales Convention**

November 4, 2005; Pittsburgh, PA  
An ASIL Centennial Regional Meeting. Sponsored by the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law and the Center for International Legal Education at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law  
<http://www.law.pitt.edu/academics/programs/cile-uncitral2005.php>

### **International Rule of Law Symposium**

November 9-10, 2005, Washington, DC  
American Bar Association, Central European and Eurasian Law Initiative  
<http://www.rolsymposium.org/>

### **Nuremberg and the Birth of International Law**

November 11, 2005; Washington, DC  
American Bar Association, Section of International Law  
<http://www.abanet.org/intlaw/home.html>

**The Final Pics: AALL 2005**  
Pictures submitted by Mirela Roznovschi



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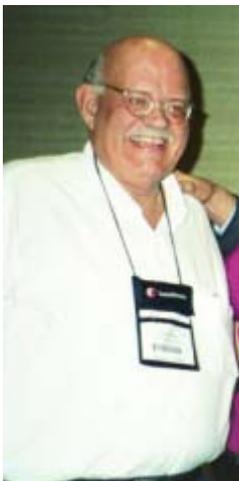
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Latin American Law Panel