

FCIL Newsletter

Foreign, Comparative and International Law Special Interest Section

From the Chair

Jonathan Franklin

As we reach the midpoint of the SIS year, there are several important and exciting things to announce.

There will be a change from the past in terms of our SIS Reception at the meeting in Portland. In prior years, we have had an SIS reception independent of the IALL reception. This year, we will have a joint reception with IALL on Sunday evening,

immediately following our SIS Business Meeting. The Schaffer Grantee will make a presentation on Monday, ending before the West Party starts. This is a trial to help us deal with both the compressed schedule and the fact that the Portland Annual Meeting is split between two locations.

The Schaffer Grant is a wonderful opportunity, both for the recipient and

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for the SIS members who get to meet the recipient. Ellen’s very generous

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Upcoming Meetings:

- ASIL Annual Meeting, “The Politics of International Law” April 9-12, 2008 in Washington, DC.
- 2008 Joint Spring Institute, “Harmonization and Confrontation: Integrating Foreign and International Law into the American Legal System,” June 25-28, 2008, in Washington, DC
- ALA Annual Meeting, June 26-July 1, 2008 in Anaheim, CA.
- AALL Annual Meeting, “Energize, Explore, Evolve,” July 12-15, 2008 in Portland, OR.

Report from IALL in India

Roy Sturgeon

The International Association of Law Libraries’ (IALL) 26th Annual Course in International Law Librarianship took place in December from Dec. 1-5, 2007, at the National Centre for Performing Arts in Mumbai, India. Approximately 80 delegates representing 20 nations and five continents attended.

During the conference, lectures by judges, lawyers, and legal experts elucidated India’s legal system and ever-



IALL Opening Ceremony. Photo by Roy Sturgeon

increasing role in globalization. The Honorable Dr. Justice Y.V. Chandrachud, former Chief Justice of India, inaugurated the conference on the first evening

and gave the presidential address. On day two the Honorable Mr. Justice B.N. Srikrishna, a retired judge of the Indian Supreme

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NEW!

Can you answer the Reference Stumper?

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New Titles Indexed by IFLP

Several new titles were added to the Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals for the 2007/2008 year:

- ◇ Asian Journal of WTO and International Health Law and Policy (Taiwan)
- ◇ European Company Law (Netherlands)
- ◇ International Journal of Law in Context (UK)
- ◇ Journal of Intellectual Property Law and Practice (UK)

- ◇ Journal of Islamic Law Review (India)
- ◇ Korea University Law Review (Korea)
- ◇ Law Yearbook of China (China, PRC)
- ◇ Slovenian Law Review (Slovenia)
- ◇ Swedish Studies in European Law (UK)

A complete list of indexed journals can be found at the IFLP website <http://www.law.berkeley.edu/>



library/iflp/periodicals.html. The current chair of the IFLP Advisory group is Jenny Selby from University of Michigan Law Library.

Send articles, news, or comments to Mabel at shawm@law.georgetown.edu

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initial grant and ongoing support from friends of the grant have helped to fund the corpus. The goal is to fund the annual grant from the interest generated by the corpus. Due to a variety of factors, it would be best for us not to remove the

interest generated by the account for the next few years. Feel free to ask me why and I'll let you know (and know that you read the Newsletter). To that end, one idea is to have the SIS promise to fund the annual grant for the next few years (~\$2000 per year). For

each donation to the grant for that year, the SIS will invest whatever is left over from the \$2000 in the corpus, to help the grant grow. That means that if you contribute \$100 to the annual grant, the SIS will contribute \$100 of the \$2000 to the grant's corpus. Please let me know what you think. The method for moving forward will be determined once we get feedback and review the SIS bylaws.

Thanks to the Strategic Planning Subcommittee (Molly Brownfield, Victor Essien, Barbara Garavaglia, Carolyn

McKelvey, Mary Rumsey, and Dan Wade) for their work on the new SIS Strategic Plan. It is now posted at <http://www.aallnet.org/sis/fcilsis/strategic2008.html>

Thanks to Mabel Shaw and Carmen Valero for their excellent work on the Newsletter. Having looked at other SIS Newsletters, I can honestly say that we have one of the finest. Thanks to both of you for your time and effort!

Happy Chinese New Year!

Reference Stumper: Where can I find the full text of interim measures issued by the European Court of Human Rights?

This was a real reference question. The patron was looking for the interim measure concerning Vasily Aleksanyan, a prisoner with AIDS in Russia who was being denied transfer to a specialized hospital. There were many press accounts about this from November 2007, but the librarian was unable to locate the actual interim measure. Do you know the answer? We don't, so please send your answers to shawm@law.georgetown.edu. Let us know if you have a reference Stumper.

Musings From Mumbai

Trinie Thai-Parker

Mrs. Uma Narayan and other members of the local planning committee, in addition to providing a wonderful array of speakers for the 26th Annual Course on International Law Librarianship, organized many entertaining and informative activities during our five day visit to Mumbai.

The welcome reception on Saturday evening began with a lively performance of folk and Bollywood dances by students of Dr. Sandhya Purecha, founder of the Kala Parichaya Institute and a well-known authority on Indian classical dance. The next day, we were treated to a coach tour of Mumbai, which included a visit to a Jain temple in Malabar Hill and to Mani Bhavan, the private residence used by Mahatma Gandhi as his headquarters from 1917

to 1934. It is now a museum and library dedicated to promoting inter-religious and inter-communal understanding.

The next two afternoons we were given the opportunity to join two architecturally focused tours. One was a heritage walk around the Bombay Fort area, which included a peek inside one of the only two synagogues in the city, and the other was a tour of historical Mumbai libraries.

The last day was reserved for a trip to Elephanta Island, a UNESCO world heritage site, where we visited a cave temple carved out of solid rock, which is said to date back to the 5th century AD. Located at the top of a hill in the middle of the island, the temple could only be reached by either climbing 125 steep steps or



Dancer at IALL. Photo by Roy Sturgeon

else by employing, as Tom Reynolds did, a hearty group of men to carry you up in a palunki, or sedan chair!

It was a splendid conference that struck the right balance between academic and cultural programming and it gave us the opportunity to get to know the city and its people, in addition to its laws and legal system. ●

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Court, spoke about the legal system. He was followed by Dr. Chandra Krishnamurthy, Vice Chancellor of S.N.D.T. Women's University, who spoke about legal education and the legal profession. She was followed by Ms. Flavia Agnes, an activist and Bombay (Mumbai) High Court Advocate, who spoke about women's rights and legislative reforms. After lunch, Mr. Talwant Singh spoke about the Indian Legal Information Institute (INDLII), of which he is the General Secretary, and Dr. Rakesh Kumar Srivastava, Chief Librarian of the Indian Supreme Court, spoke about court libraries.

Mr. Surrendra Malik, Chief Editor of *Supreme Court Cases*, started day three by speaking about legal literature. Afterward, the Honorable Dr. Justice S.

Radhakrishnan, Bombay High Court Judge, spoke about the development of human rights, and his high court colleague, the Honorable Dr. Justice D.Y. Chandrachud (son of the former Indian Chief Justice), spoke about constitutional and administrative law.

Day four featured talks by Dr. V.V. Tulzapurkar, Bombay High Court Senior Counsel, about intellectual property law and technology transfer; Mr. Shiraz Rustomjee, Bombay High Court Advocate, about global environmental law and India; Mr. Nishith Desai, international legal and tax expert, about India's perspective on international trade law; and Mr. Paven Duggal, Indian Supreme Court Advocate, about the legal issues of outsourcing. Day five of the conference was set aside

solely for sightseeing.

I enjoyed listening to all of the speakers and learned much about the Indian legal system. In addition, I enjoyed meeting fellow law librarians from all over the world. I have already e-mailed some of them for research help, and vice versa. As a new foreign and international law librarian, I was fortunate to have been able to attend the conference—my first-ever IALL conference. I hope it was just the first of what will be many more to come. I also hope to return to India someday because five days in Mumbai, two in Delhi, and one in Agra was far too short a time to fully experience such a fascinating country. ●

New Member Profile—Marin Dell

Mary Rumsey

This issue's New Member profilee is Marin Dell, Reference Librarian at Florida State University Research Center. Born in Brooklyn, Marin grew up in Brooklyn and a couple of the other NY boroughs, escaping without a NY accent. After college in Tampa, Marin got her law degree at California Western School of Law, where she took Foreign and International Legal Research from Bobbi Weaver. Marin describes Bobbi as "a wonderful librarian who really taught me a great deal, and one of the law librarians who inspired me to become a law librarian." While in law school, Marin also worked as a research assistant for a human rights scholar. In that job, she became especially interested in the ATCA/TVPA human rights cases.

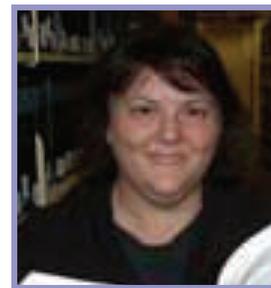
Bouncing back east again after some time in San Diego, Marin picked up an MLIS at Florida State University in Tallahassee, then headed to Montgomery, Alabama for her first library job. She served as Electronic Resources/Research Librarian at Faulkner University's Jones School of Law-- "a wonderful library and law school, which just received its provisional accreditation from the ABA during my time there

and which has been licensed to educate Alabama lawyers since the 1930s."

Given the chance to return to Tallahassee, Marin took on a full slate of duties: "I am very much a public services Research Librarian, concentrating on faculty research, teaching Foreign and International Legal Research, teaching short afternoon workshops on a variety of topics, especially Florida legislative history (keeping them awake is a challenge!), and going into law classes for specialized research presentations for classes with an upper level paper requirement. I am also the Circulation Manager and oversee the Circulation department and all the interesting things that entails."

At FSU, Marin joins Mary McCormick and Margaret Clark, "the FCIL research goddesses here." This spring, Marin is co-teaching Foreign and International Legal Research with Margaret. Marin reads Spanish, but is trying to branch out—"Maybe Italian next, since my dad was from Naples."

Asked what she likes most about her job, Marin says, "Working with other librarians, of course! Librarians rule! I love technology, books and the law. I am so happy to have found the job



Marin Dell from FSU Research Center

where I can actually use all of them at once!"

And, asked what she likes least: "That I am not independently wealthy, so I can't have a big screen plasma TV in my office, or any other random cool thing that the FSU research center REALLY needs to have. Like an [R2D2 home theater system](#) with the Millennium Falcon remote for the students to watch their make-up law classes on? We need that, right? Come on, it's for the law students! They deserve the best!"

Marin's hobbies include "computers, books, law...oh, yeah...I guess I mentioned that before. Um, reading? Surfing the internet? Learning about legal topics? Hmmmm. I think I may be repeating myself. I guess that is why I love my job so much. It's my hobbies...

The Back Page News

- ◇ **Correction:** **Julienne Grant** is a librarian at Loyola-Chicago. She was mistakenly identified as being from Loyola of Los Angeles in our previous newsletter.
- ◇ FCIL is now accepting applications for the Schaffer grant. The recipient will receive a waiver for AALL Annual Meeting registration fee and a \$2000 grant to assist with travel and accommodations. Professionals from the legal information field and employed in foreign countries are eligible. The deadline is March 1, 2008 and more information can be found at <http://www.aallnet.org/sis/fcilsis/grants.html>. Pass this on to your colleagues abroad.

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Our next issue will be in May All submissions are welcome!