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Activities at the 82nd AALL Annual Meeting that are of particular interest to the membership of the Foreign, Comparative and International Law SIS, regardless of sponsorship. See inside for more information; locations are unknown at this time.

Saturday, June 17

9:00a.m.-5:00p.m. Workshop on Law and Literature in Civil Law Countries

Sunday, June 18

9:30a.m.-11:00a.m. Latin American Law Librarians Meeting
11:00a.m.-12:00p.m. FCIL SIS Committees' Meetings (concurrent)
12:00p.m.-1:30p.m. FCIL SIS Business Meeting
3:00p.m.-4:00p.m. African Law Working Group Meeting

Monday, June 19

9:00a.m.-10:30a.m. International Commercial Arbitration (Program B-2)
12:30p.m.-2:30p.m. Opening Luncheon - SIS Table
2:30p.m.-4:00p.m. Canadian Documents in Legal Research (Program D-2)

Tuesday, June 20

10:30a.m.-12:00p.m. A New Horizon for International Trade: Pacific Basin (Program G-3)
4:00p.m.-6:00p.m. Asian-American Law Librarians Group Meeting
8:00p.m.-9:30p.m. Development and Access to Foreign Legal Databases (Program J-2)

Wednesday, June 21

9:00a.m.-10:30a.m. The Japanese Legal System and International Trade (Program K-3)
10:30a.m.-12:00p.m. Soviet Law Working Group Meeting

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From the Chair

Dan Wade

Annual Business Meeting Tentative Agenda

While the SIS business meeting is too far away to have a finalized agenda at this time, there are general items of business that need to come before the membership.

1. Amendment to the By-laws to announce the candidates for SIS officers in the third issue of the SIS newsletter. This would have saved the SIS seventy dollars or about 5% of its assets this year. Article VI, Section II will need to be amended accordingly:

"The Nominating Committee shall submit the names of candidates together with their written acceptances to the Chairperson in sufficient time to enable the Chairperson to inform the members of the nominations prior to May 1, or as soon thereafter as possible, by publication in the SIS newsletter. In the event of nominations for the office of chairperson after the May 1 deadline, such notification may be limited to the actual mail ballot itself along with an explanation for the exigent circumstances.

"Further nominations may be made upon written petition of five members. Such petitions with the written acceptance of the nominees, should be filed with the Secretary-Treasurer not later than May 12. The Secretary-Treasurer shall prepare an official ballot, including nominations by petitions."

2. Amendment to the By-laws to have the Chair appoint someone other than the Secretary-Treasurer to manage the election, when the Secretary-Treasurer is a candidate. The first sentence of the second paragraph of Article VI, Section III will need to be amended accordingly:

"By May 15, the Secretary-Treasurer, or in the event the Secretary-Treasurer is a candidate, a person appointed by the Chair, shall mail a copy of the ballots to each member of the section."

3. Consideration by the membership of the feasibility and advantages of endorsing a slate

of, rather than running opposing, candidates.

4. John Strzynski's report on the Harms' proposal.

5. There is a need to establish a procedure for the SIS membership to suggest candidates for nominations to the Executive Board and to the office of President of the Association.

6. Report on the 1989 SALALM Meeting at Charlottesville.

If you have other items to be added to the agenda, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Opening Luncheon

As in the past several years, our SIS will gather at the Opening Luncheon. This luncheon is included in the Annual Meeting registration. Spouses, family and friends may join you. Look for the United Nations flag that will identify the FCIL SIS table.

If you would like to meet others interested in foreign, comparative, and international law or renew old acquaintances, please fill out the sign-up slip on page 12 and send it to Francisco Avalos, Secretary-Treasurer by June 12, 1989. We especially welcome those librarians who have not joined us at the luncheon before.

The 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 the exchange of ideas and information on foreign, comparative and international law, and to represent its members' interests and concerns within the AALL."

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

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Deadline for next issue: September 15, 1989.

SIS Working Groups

Three FCIL SIS working groups will meet at various times during the AALL Annual Meeting. These groups are: Latin American Law Librarians, African Law Working Group, and Soviet Law Working Group. For efficient planning, interested members are requested to fill out the corresponding intention-to-attend forms found on pages 12-13. In addition, suggestions for discussion topics and comments are solicited. Please return the forms by June 1, 1989.

Latin American Law Librarians will meet from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 18. The meeting promises to be a full one. Items on the agenda include:

1. Discussion of Jacqueline Rice's report on her Latin American gazettes microform project.
2. Report on the 1989 SALALM meeting in Charlottesville.
3. Discussion on establishing PBR's (Primary Bibliographic Responsibilities) for the Latin American countries for which there are no PCR assignments yet. These include Mexico, Argentina, Venezuela, Uruguay, and Belize.
4. Status reports on RLG PCR's (Primary Collecting Responsibilities). Forthcoming letters will be mailed to the libraries which have been assigned PCR's.
5. Brief updates on the bibliographies prepared for last year's "Workshop on Latin American Law and Law-Related Reference Sources." Forthcoming letters will be mailed to the bibliographers. Others may wish to provide a brief list and description of the best Latin American law books they have seen during the year.

African Law Working Group. In preparation for the possible assignment of RLG PCR's (Primary Collecting Responsibilities), representatives of the RLG libraries and other institutions seriously interested in collecting African legal materials are invited to an informational meeting on Sunday, June 18, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The object of the meeting is to gain a

better understanding of current collecting practices for this part of the world. Victor Essien of Fordham University Law Library, originally from Ghana, will chair the meeting. For the meeting, librarians are asked to update the conspectus (if they are RLG members) and bring a brief (one or two pages) collection development priority statement noting jurisdictions collected on, strength of collecting on a scale of 1 to 5 (with 5 being the most comprehensive), areas concentrated upon within these jurisdictions, and sources (dealers or distributors). If institutions are desirous of being assigned certain PCR's, they may wish to note these, and the information will be passed on to the Law Program Committee of RLG or another appropriate body. It is especially important to obtain these information from non-RLG members. Ellen Shaffer's survey should be of value in this regard, but it may not be ready by the time of the meeting.

Please make twenty-five copies of your statement and come willing to share your ideas on how we can best go about assuming responsibility for collecting law from this part of the world.

It should be emphasized that this is an SIS, NOT an RLG, function.

Soviet Law Working Group. In an effort to maximize collection development and to avoid undesirable duplication, libraries involved in the collecting of Soviet Law in Russian will meet to discuss their current programs of collection development and plans for the future on Wednesday, June 21 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. I have asked Blanka Kudej of New York University Law Library to chair this meeting. For optimal use of this time, librarians are asked to bring twenty copies of their brief collection development statements discussing their libraries' subject interests within Soviet law; and regional interests, if any; their sources, i.e., dealers and distributors; and the historical depth of their library's collection. In addition, participants are encouraged to bring their ideas for projects on which the group might focus, e.g. a union list of serials.

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Mexican Law at Tarlton Law Library

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Mexico has a population of 80 million and a land area of 1.9 million square kilometers, making it the second largest nation of Latin America in population, and the third largest in area. Mexico shares a border of over 2,000 kilometers with the United States, and is our fourth largest trading partner, after Canada, Japan, and West Germany.

Little wonder, therefore, that Mexico's law and its legal system generate substantial interest among the legal community in the United States, especially in the Southwest. Some current legal and law-related issues of note include immigration, sovereign debt, cooperation in the suppression of drug trafficking, Mexico's accession to the GATT and other trade issues, environmental protection in the border area, and the "maquiladora" industry.

Tarlton Law Library has a long-standing commitment to collecting legal materials from Mexico and other major Latin American countries. The collection of Mexican law supports study and research both in the law school, where a course on Mexican law is offered every year, and in the university at large, which has a strong program in Latin American Studies.

Mexico is a federal state. It has 32 jurisdictions--31 states and a federal district. There is a strong centralizing tendency that federalizes many areas of law. Still, the upshot of the federal structure is to make it virtually impossible to collect comprehensively. The policy at Tarlton Law Library is to concentrate on the federal (national) level. Tarlton's collection qualifies as a strong 3, to use the scale of the *RLG Conspectus for Law*.

The collection begins with Spanish colonial law, including a first edition of the *Recopilación de Leyes de los Reynos de las Indias* (1681). Current acquisitions are classified according to the LC schedule for Mexico (KGF).

Primary Sources

The *locus classicus* for legislation in Latin America is the official gazette--in Mexico, the *Diario Oficial de la Federación* (*D.O.*), as well as the state gazettes. Tarlton's collection of the *D.O.* begins in 1966. An important adjunct to the *D.O.* is the *Gazeta Informativa de Legislación Nacional* published by the Instituto de Investigaciones Jurídicas of the National University (UNAM). The *Gaceta* is a better index than the one published with the *D.O.* Tarlton also maintains as comprehensive a collection of codes, both federal and state, as possible. Many of these are published commercially in the series *Leyes y Códigos de México* (Porrúa) or by one of several other publishers (Cajica, Trillas, etc.). There are now several looseleaf commercial editions of federal legislation. These generally concentrate on the areas of tax, labor, social security and commerce. The best known set is published by Ediciones Andrade; another is from a publisher called Editorial Fiscal and has the overall title *México Fiscal*. Tarlton maintains both.

There is a collection of international agreements called *Tratados Ratificados y Convenios Ejecutivos Celebrados por México*. It is not generally available.

Judicial decisions in Mexico are not widely reported. The exception is the decisions of the Suprema Corte de Justicia de la Nación (the Federal Supreme Court). The series of reports called *Semanario Judicial de la Federación* publishes Supreme Court decisions either in summary, or with extended extracts from the opinion, or with the opinion in full. One section of the *Semanario* reports summaries of decisions from the intermediate courts of appeal. Tarlton has one of the few complete sets of the *Semanario* in the United States, beginning with *Época 1, v. 1* (1871), including the annual *Informe* and the *Apéndice of jurisprudencia obligatoria* (binding precedent).

Secondary Sources

Commentary on the law in Mexico takes several forms. There are several respected law reviews. These are usually published by universities,
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Proposal to Increase AALL Dues

Margaret A. Leary
President
American Association of Law Libraries

(A Special Message from the President, prepared for the April issue of the *AALL Newsletter*. Reproduced here to follow up the author's piece "What's AALL's Financial Status?" printed on p. 5 of *FCIL Newsletter*, v. 3:2, February 1989)

The Executive Board, responding to a recommendation from the Advisory Committee on Financial Affairs which Roger Jacobs chairs and from our Treasurer Alan Holoch, has voted to bring a suggested dues increase to \$115 for active members, to the membership in Reno. The dues are set by our Bylaws and changes must be adopted by a 2/3 vote at the Business Meeting. Concomitant increases for all types of membership except retired and student members will be included.

I wrote in the December 1988 *Newsletter* of an almost certain need to increase our dues. The Board has taken many steps to postpone or avoid a dues increase, and has concluded that there is no choice but to ask for one now. We sense that the membership wants more, not less, service from Headquarters; and that those in leadership positions or aspiring to them want to take policy-making roles rather than perform clerical or administrative tasks.

In the last decade, AALL has evolved into a complex organization in which many programs and activities are beyond the capacity of the member volunteer: growing educational offerings; an expanded, informative, and sophisticated newsletter; professional investment management; professional exhibit and convention management; continuing computer support at Headquarters; a larger staff and more meetings at Headquarters, requiring more space.

The Association covered most of the cost of training sessions for new SIS and Chapter leaders.

We face a \$200,000 deficit in 1988-89 and a

similar shortfall in 1989-90. We can "cash in" funds in our quasi-endowment (for details, see the December and September <issues of the> *Newsletter*), but lowering the corpus is self-defeating: those investments now generate income worth over \$30 per year per member, and if we eat the corpus, our problem will be substantially worse.

The recommended dues increase will generate enough money to solve the deficit problem; it will not generate money for new projects. The Board turned down \$70,000 worth of ideas for new activities at the November meeting, ideas not of Board members but from Committees, SIS's, Chapters, and individual members. We would like to be able to fund the most worthy activities, and in order to generate such money the Board directed Executive Director Judy Genesen and Board Member Donna Tuke Heroy to vigorously investigate new methods of gaining revenue, as well as ways of cutting fixed expenses, and bring them to the June Board meeting.

This three-pronged approach seemed wisest to the Board: raise dues, curtail expenses, and increase revenue. Our dues have not been raised since 1982. In 1981, dues brought in 68% of the Association's total income; this year, dues are only one quarter of income. The proposed increase would still bring in dues worth less than half of all income, and as we find added sources of revenue the percentage will again drop.

The Board believes the following about the proposed dues increase:

- It brings dues back to a reasonable percentage, in historical perspective, of all income.
- It is the equal of slightly more than 5% per year for each of the nine years that will have elapsed between increases.
- It is reasonable in light of dues of other professional organizations; my ALA dues were \$192, my state bar dues \$150.
- It is reasonable in view of the general increases in the cost of library materials, postage, newspapers and many other items our institutions purchase.

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Asian-American Law Librarians Group to Meet (and Dine?) in Reno

William B. McCloy
Chair
Asian-American Law Librarians Group

The Asian-American Law Librarians Group will have its annual meeting on Tuesday, June 20, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., in conjunction with the AALL Annual Meeting in Reno. The exact location will be announced in the final program. Small group discussions on a variety of subjects are being planned as well as the possibility of a meal together at a local Asian restaurant. Membership in the Group is informal, and all are welcome.

The Statement of Purpose, adopted at the 1988 Atlanta meeting, is as follows:

"The object of the Group shall be: 1) to enhance communication among Asian-American law librarians and between Asian-American law librarians and other librarians, especially law librarians; and 2) to provide a forum for the exchange and promotion of ideas and information among all librarians interested in Asian legal materials."

We would like to extend a special invitation to FCIL SIS members to join us in Reno! For further information, please contact me at (812) 855-9666.

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The Association's Constitution makes this decision one for the members, not the Board. The Board's recommendation for an increase doesn't have to be followed, of course. Should the dues increase fail, the Board will have to choose between spending the investment fund, or curtailing our activities drastically and immediately. Neither would serve the interests of the Association.

I urge each of you to inform yourselves, with the information in this and past issues of the *Newsletter*, so that you can vote intelligently. Please contact me or any other Board member if you need more information.

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though business groups and bar associations also sponsor law journals. Some of the leading titles in Tarlton's collection are *Boletín Mexicano de Derecho Comparado*, *Revista de la Facultad de Derecho de México*, *Revista de Investigaciones Jurídicas*, and *Jurídica*.

Treatises, manuals and monographs are available in every field of law. The leading commercial law publisher is Editorial Porrúa. This name should not be confused with that of Grupo Editorial Miguel Angel Porrúa, another leading law publisher from the same family. Tarlton selects heavily from the lists of both. One title that may be of interest to many law libraries in the United States is the *Diccionario Jurídico Mexicano*, 2nd edition (1987-88), in four volumes. It gives a current and authoritative introduction to Mexican law in the format of an encyclopedia.

My firm prediction is that Mexico will gain continually in significance in the United States over the course of the next decade. Any member of the SIS who would like to know more about the library side of Mexican law (bibliography, acquisitions, reference) should feel free to contact me at (512) 471-7260. Tarlton Law Library welcomes inquiries about its collection of Mexican law.

Editor's note: This is the second in a series of articles (the first appeared in the February issue) that hopes to give us a closer look at some collections that may be our best sources for information that our own libraries can not furnish. I realize that I may be getting into the this-is-what-we-have-period vs. tell-me-what-you-need-and-I-will-find-it debate, but I think we are all aware that no one library can collect everything and therefore, it will be helpful to at least know where we can refer some clients to.

In addition to describing the contents of the collections, the articles also offer tips on acquisitions and organization.

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have deadlines and are designed so you can use window envelopes should you so desire.

EC Databases and Beyond; a Proposal
for a Foreign Legal Databases Users' Group
Column

Kevin P. Jewell
Reference Librarian for Foreign and
International Law
Harvard Law School Library

As many of the SIS members are already aware of, the European Communities (EC) joined the information age some time ago with their *CELEX* and *SCAD* online information databases (and their *ECHO* host for a number of more technical databases). Recently, the Harvard Law School library joined several others here in the U.S. in gaining access to these databases, and we have already begun using them in our reference work. It occurred to us that it would be good for the SIS to develop a forum for its members to share their knowledge and experiences as we all learn to make effective use of not only these databases, but other foreign legal databases as well, as they become more widely accessible and more widely used in the U.S.

To that end, I am (with the blessings of Dan Wade) volunteering myself as a contact person--at least at this initial stage--through whom we can share problems, solutions, and ideas in this area. If there is enough interest, we can develop this activity in whatever direction seems appropriate. One possibility that comes to mind is a question and answer column of the type found in *Law Library Journal*.

This suggested activity is not meant to supplant the efforts of the EC's own information office in Washington, D.C. (or their training program in Belgium for EC database users). We have gotten helpful information from Colin Hensley, who is their database specialist in Washington, and would encourage anyone interested in the EC databases to contact him for information at (202) 862-9547.

Instead, this is meant to be more of a "users' group" in which we could share our experiences and learn from the experiences of others. The training offered by the EC in Belgium is fairly expensive by the standards of American library funding, so many of us are not going to be able

to take advantage of it (unless we arrange for a shared trainer to come here, which can be done). Even for those who do get such training, our group could be very helpful, particularly as other foreign databases become more common in law libraries.

Anyone who is interested in following up on this proposal can contact me with requests, information, or ideas: Kevin P. Jewell, Reference Librarian for Foreign and International Law, Harvard Law School Library, Langdell Hall, Cambridge, MA 02116, phone (617) 495-9001.

To start the ball rolling, I would like to explain that our access to the EC databases is obtained via MCI's Tymnet, using Datastorm Technologies' PROCOMM software. After we made the arrangements with EC for our use of the databases, our Tymnet contract was arranged and I learned how to program automatic dialing using PROCOMM with the kind assistance of Ruth Block, Harvard Law School's Director of Word Processing and Microcomputer Support. We can now simply select an EC database from the PROCOMM menu and we are dialed through and logged on automatically (right through our ID number and EC password), although I had to play around with the somewhat incorrect log-on instructions in the user manuals for the databases in order to accomplish this.

That is one area where I can already share some experiences with those who are interested. I have also begun making reference searches for patrons (principally in *CELEX*), and can be of some elementary assistance to those endeavoring to decipher the user manuals for *CELEX* and *SCAD* (as well as *Mistral*, the search language), which are clearly still in a state of flux. Since the *ECHO* databases are, for the most part, more technical in nature, we have made little use of them so far (although I have tried to comprehend the manual). They will be of less use to law librarians than those who work in the particular fields covered; nonetheless, information on such things as patents and exchange rates can be located there.

To those who have not yet obtained access to
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On Information Sources

Among recent publications are compilations of basic documents, two pertaining to human rights and both published by intergovernmental organizations, and a third on administrative tribunals of international organizations:

United Nations Centre for Human Rights. *Human Rights: A Compilation of International Instruments*. New York, United Nations, 1988. viii, 416 p. ST/HR/1/Rev.3. Sales no. E.88.XIV.1. ISBN 92-1-154066-6.

In commemoration of the fortieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the United Nations has published this compilation (previous editions: 1973, 1978, 1983) to update it to include "conventions, declarations, and certain recommendations, adopted by organizations within the United Nations system up to 31 December 1987."

Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. *Basic Documents Pertaining to Human Rights in the Inter-American System (Updated to 1 March 1988)* Washington, General Secretariat, Organization of American States, 1988. iii, 160 p. OEA/Ser.L.V/II.71, Doc 6 rev.1. ISBN 0-8270-2705-2.

Amerasinghe, C. F., ed. *Documents on International Administrative Tribunals*. Oxford, Clarendon Press, 1989. ix, 214 p. ISBN 0-19-825636-1.

The Statutes and Rules of Procedure for each administrative tribunal is preceded by a short introduction that includes the purpose, structure, frame of reference, etc. of the tribunal, with selected references.

Jacqueline Elliott, Court Librarian, High Court of Australia contributed the following:

Elliott, Jacqueline D., comp. *Pacific Law Bibliography*. Canberra; <London, Commonwealth Secretariat>, 1988. 561 p.

A compilation of over 2,000 items (both published and unpublished) on law in the Pacific area, with emphasis on Commonwealth jurisdictions. It is arranged by subject and by

jurisdiction, with an author index. Some entries include annotations, and holding libraries for scarce items whenever possible.

Available from: Legal Division, Commonwealth Secretariat, Marlborough House, Pall Mall, London SW1 5HX, England. Price: £ 25.00 or \$50.00.

Irene Berkey, Foreign and International Law Librarian, Northwestern University School of Law Library contributed the following:

Those interested in the case law of the European Communities will be glad to hear that the long-awaited update to Hunnings' *Gazetteer of European Law* (1983) is now apparently about to become a reality. (The *Gazetteer* is an index and citator to Common Market case law). The European Law Centre has announced plans to publish a new finding guide to EC case law, called *Case Search Monthly* to be published monthly and cumulated annually, starting with 1989 (1983-1988 to be covered separately).

Annual subscription price is £175.00 outside the United Kingdom. Sample issues and further information are available from: Peter Lake, European Law Centre, 7 Swallow Place, London W1R 8AB, England.

Peter Ward of Ward and Associates announces the publication of *Catalog of New Foreign and International Law Titles*, a bi-monthly bibliography intended to identify all foreign and international law titles collected in America, i.e., the acquisitions of the Library of Congress, Federal administrative libraries, and about 50 law libraries. It has author and title indexes, lists of new periodicals and title changes, and a 'Hot Sheet' (lists most heavily collected titles).

As of December 1988, the Hein-published *National Legal Bibliography* is being split into three titles, one of which is this *Catalog* (the other two are: Hein's *Catalog of Current Law Titles* and *Lawyers' Monthly Catalog*). The new titles claim greatly expanded data bases.

Available from Ward and Associates, 317 S. Division, Suite 66, Ann Arbor, MI 48104, phone (313) 665-3520. Subscription price: \$210.

Austin in October? Tarlton Law Library to Host a Conference on the Global Responsibility of Law Librarians

Tarlton Law Library of the University of Texas School of Law is sponsoring a Conference on the Global Responsibility of Law Librarians to be held from Wednesday afternoon to Saturday morning, October 18-21, 1989. The Conference is intended for people interested in the field of legal information from a global perspective: law librarians, lawyers, law publishers, etc.

Under the overall theme of: Global Access to Legal Information, the Conference will discuss (in plenary, panel, and group settings) these three main issues: 1) Information access and information flow: government, publishers, law libraries, and end-users; 2) Preservation and conservation: guidelines, responsibilities, and means; and 3) Legal information and technology.

The opening presentations from the Honorable Edward D. Re, Chief Judge of the United States Court of International Trade and from Marianne Scott, National Librarian of Canada will highlight the program. These speakers will take contrasting points of view on the theme of the Conference.

Participation, and other speakers, at the Conference will come from all over the world. They will be librarians, scholars, jurists, and representatives from both government and the private sector. Among the sponsors are publishers and suppliers of legal publications, producers of electronic databases (both textual and bibliographical), and lawyer associations.

For more information, including the detailed Conference program and a registration form, please contact: Professor Roy M. Mersky, Tarlton Law Library, the University of Texas School of Law, 727 E. 26th Street, Austin, TX 78705; telephone (512) 471- 7735.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO RETURN
(even if it's way past April 1)

your Foreign Law Survey questionnaire.
However, please send it NOW!

Briefly...

1990 AALL Summer Institute on "Research in Foreign, Comparative and International Law"

Now that we are packed and ready for Reno, we can start to THINK MINNEAPOLIS! The University of Minnesota Law School is hosting the 1990 AALL Summer Institute on "Foreign, Comparative and International Law." It will be held during the week of June 11. Jeanette Yackle of Harvard Law School Library and Janet Zagorin of Baker and McKenzie are the Institute Co-directors. Tune in for developments while in Reno!

ASIL 1989 Meeting

Lyonette Louis-Jacques, University of Minnesota Law Library reports that there was a panel on "Researching International Law" at the 83rd Annual Meeting of the American Society of International Law held April 5, 1989. The panelists were Igor Kavass (treaty research), John Strzynski (European Communities), and Amelia Porges (GATT). "Their presentations and handouts were excellent!" she says.

LC MAP's Recommendations

Gleaned from the summary recommendations of the Management and Planning (MAP) Committee of the Library of Congress to help revitalize the Library of Congress as it prepares for its bicentenary in the year 2000:

"(92) Consolidate the foreign-language capabilities of the Congressional Research Service and the Federal Research Division in an expanded National Translations Center.

"(93) Develop a strategic plan for completing class K and restructuring class JX.

"(96) Conduct a systematic evaluation of the foreign law collections for completeness, currency, and objectivity and consider repackaging this information for sale to other libraries."

Source: *Library of Congress Information Bulletin*, v. 47:49 (December 5, 1988).

Placement

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS LIBRARY,
Urbana. Two positions available:

1. Assistant Law Librarian.

Duties: Provides legal and document reference service. Aids in the use of LEXIS and WESTLAW. Oversees use of microforms and A-V materials. Works on special projects. Works one evening per week.

Qualifications:

Required: Masters Degree/Library Science/A.L.A. accredited.

Coursework/experience in legal research. Ability to work with research-oriented faculty/students. Research orientation and ability to meet promotion/tenure requirements.

Preferred: Public service law library experience; LEXIS & WESTLAW experience.

Desired: J.D. degree/A.B.A. accredited.

2. Assistant Law Librarian (Foreign Law)

Duties: Selects, maintains and provides reference service for foreign, comparative and international law materials (100,000 volumes; European Communities Depository). General legal reference services. Advises cataloger on foreign law cataloging/classification. Supervises staff. Works one evening per week.

Qualifications:

Required: Masters Degree/Library Science/A.L.A. accredited. Reading knowledge of German and one Romance language. Ability to work with research-oriented faculty/students. Research orientation and ability to meet promotion/tenure requirements.

Preferred: Coursework/experience in legal research. Advanced coursework in European legal systems, European government, European history, and Germanic or Romance languages.

Desired: J.D. degree/A.B.A. accredited.

The following apply to both positions:

Salary/Rank: \$21,000 upward, depending on qualifications/experience. Twelve-month appointment. Assistant Professor. Must meet University requirements for promotion/tenure

(research, publications, university, community and professional services) as well as specific library assignments.

Benefits: Eleven (11) holidays; 24 days vacation; 12 days annual sick leave (accumulative to 240 days maximum); 13 additional days (non-cumulative); paid employee health insurance; tuition/fee waivers; mandatory retirement contributions (8%); Medicare deduction (1.45%).

Application/Information: By May 30, 1989. Send application, resume, and names and addresses of five professional references to: Allen G. Dries, Library Personnel Manager, University of Illinois (U-C), 1408 W. Gregory Dr., Urbana, IL 61801. Phone (217) 333-5494.

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CELEX or *SCAD*, but who are called upon to locate EC information with some regularity, I can definitely recommend gaining access. As anyone who has used the official print indexes to the EC's *Official Journal (OJ)* can attest, finding something in the *OJ* without a proper citation (and especially searching by subject) can be a very frustrating experience.

Contrasting that often grueling experience with a quick search in the "OJ" lexicon in *CELEX* is like contrasting night and day. If your library is a depository, there are no search fees or connect-time fees to pay to EC, either. There are, of course, the actual telephone charges (from MCI, in our case), and one topic we could discuss is how to anticipate and budget for those costs.

I look forward to hearing from those who are interested in this growing field of legal information, whether relative beginners like me or persons who have developed more expertise. For those who would first like to read about EC databases, one good article I can recommend is Elisabeth Hardt's "Online to Europe", which can be found at page 21 in the October 1987 issue of *Europe* magazine.

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