Message from the Chair

Jonathan Pratter
University of Texas Law Library

The legal profession in the U.S. has woken up to the fact that the world, even as seen from the relative security and comfort of “the States,” has changed. Can even a skeptical, insular, isolated, “fat and happy” lawyer doubt that as the second millennium of the Common Era draws to a close, something if not millennial, at least of secular magnitude is happening on the world scene? It has dawned on the U.S. legal profession that its relatively quiet and familiar bailiwick now borders on almost innumerable foreign jurisdictions (foreign in every way—language, culture, and legal heritage), that something called public international law may impinge on even the most common of their familiar legal transactions (the sale of goods), and that other, once common matters gain by an order of magnitude in complexity when they take on an international dimension. Think of other usually familiar fields like domestic relations, decedent’s estates, bankruptcy, and litigation procedure as examples.

Where does this leave law librarians? By definition we practice in a service profession; we find ourselves in a “staff position” (to use the managerial terminology) with regard to lawyers—if there were no legal profession there would be no need for law librarians. (I take “legal profession” to cover the entire spectrum of institutions and people who use law libraries in their work—courts, government agencies, legislatures, law schools, as well as law firms.) Yet, we find that law librarians who have taken the trouble to interest and

Join Us on Monday in Seattle
by Dan Wade
Yale Law School Library

Join your fellow FCIL SIS members at the President’s Luncheon on Monday! It is a good way to learn what is happening in our respective libraries and to meet new and not so new librarians interested in foreign and international law. Significant others are welcome to join us as well. When you enter the banquet hall look for the United Nations flag that will mark the spot of our reserved tables. It is a symbol of our longstanding tradition to join together at this time during the Annual Meeting.

To reserve your place at the table, please leave a message for Dan Wade at 203-432-1615, send a fax to 203-432-4604, or post an e-mail message to danwade@yalevm.cis.yale.edu by Thursday, June 30.

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educate themselves in questions of foreign and international legal research will be in a better position to understand both the possibilities and difficulties than the people we are supposed to assist. Most law librarians have received either plaintive or peremptory requests for assistance along the lines of: "I need to see Argentina's pesticide labeling regulations as soon as possible, in English"; or "Do we have the forms I need to file a case in the International Court of Justice?" My intention is not to parody lawyers. Rather, I simply want to make it clear that law librarians cannot evade the simple fact that their field demands they take a leading role as information professionals involved in advancing the common goals of every professional involved in legal work—improving the quality of justice and legal services, and particularly the justice, legal services, or legal education produced in the courts, agencies, law firms, and law schools with which their law library is associated.

I concede the paradox that people in staff positions should take the lead. Educating someone to both the potential and obstacles in the way of finding good, current, relevant, authoritative information (in English?) on a transnational legal question for which she is both responsible, but not up to speed, represents one of the big challenges of a law librarian's work. After having had that task tactfully performed for them on a few occasions, practicing attorneys and other legal professionals will better understand that law librarians with skills in foreign and international law participate as central players in the task of delivering high-quality justice, government action, legal education, and legal services.

When we gather in Seattle in a few weeks, I believe that the members of our SIS will come together in recognition of the challenge and potential of advancing the vocation of foreign and international librarianship as I have tried to describe it here. For us a knowledge of the methods of legal research, an understanding of foreign legal systems, of public international law, of world events, of other cultures, and of other languages are goods in themselves. Most of us would pursue that kind of knowledge even if it weren't central to our work. When we see each other in Seattle, I would like us both to celebrate what we have accomplished so far and to formulate plans for advancing the vocation of foreign and international law librarianship into the next millennium.

Thank you!

Thank you to all who made this year's newsletter possible by contributing material, especially to Janice Selberg, who faithfully wrote the INT-LAW column, and to Carmen Valero, who caught the mistakes I didn't.—KR
Minutes of the 1993 FCIL SIS Business Meeting

by William B. McCloy, Secretary/Treasurer 1991-93
University of Washington Law Library

The annual business meeting of the
Foreign, Comparative, and International Law
Special Interest Section of the American
Association of Law Libraries was convened at
4:06 p.m., July 11, 1993, by the outgoing
Chair, Mila Rush. Approximately 55 were in
attendance.

Announcements

Mila announced that she had asked Tim
Kearley to act as parliamentarian for the
meeting. She also announced that there would
be a reception following the business meeting
to welcome international visitors attending the
convention and called for volunteers to staff
the activities table in the exhibit area. The
reading of the minutes of the 1992 annual
meeting was dispensed with. Minutes were
approved as submitted in the FCIL Newsletter,
with one correction related to funds collected
for FCIL SIS-sponsored workshops and
institutes. The Secretary/Treasurer indicated
that it had come to his attention that the SIS
gets to keep a portion of funds collected for
workshops but not for institutes. He indicated
that he would make that correction to the
minutes.

Reports

The following reports were presented.
Those published in the FCIL Newsletter are
cited rather than summarized here.

1993, at 7.

Election Results: Bill McCloy, Secretary/
Treasurer, announced the results of the election
of officers. Officers for 1993/94 are: Jon
Pratter, Chair; Lyonette Louis-Jacques, Vice-
Chair/Chair-Elect; and Margareta Horiba,
Secretary/Treasurer. Bill announced that at the
time of the printing of the 1992-93 AALL
Directory and Handbook, our SIS had a
current membership of 343.

Treasurer’s Report: Bill next gave the
Treasurer’s Report, indicating that as of May
31, 1993, with adjustments for known
expenditures, the balance in the SIS account at
Headquarters was $3,505.27. He also reported
that the problem with receiving current and
accurate fund reports from AALL Headquarters
has not improved.

Special Committee on Bylaws: As chair of
the Special Committee on Bylaws, Bill
reported on the work of the committee and
discussed the proposed amendments. Since
these proposed amendments had not been
mailed to the membership 30 days in advance
of the meeting as required by the Bylaws, Bill
asked the members if they wished to wait for a
mail ballot or to go ahead and vote at the
meeting anyway, thus saving the mailing costs.
Following some discussion, the parliamentarian
ruled that voting on the spot would be illegal
according to the Bylaws, and it was decided to
distribute the ballot in the Newsletter.

1993, at 11.

Executive Committee: See Milagros R. Rush,
Foreign, Comparative, and International Law
1993, at 3.

Education/Program Committee: FCIL

10.
SIS Column in the AALL Newsletter: Jon Pratter reported that the SIS column in the AALL Newsletter is a good way to disseminate information to the larger AALL community as well as to communicate with our membership. This year the column appeared in virtually every newsletter. The goal is to have such a column in every issue.


Special Committee to Design a Model Curriculum on Basic Legal and Library Concepts to Help Those Assigned Responsibility for Law Library Collections in Developing Countries: See Mary Ann Nelson, Special Committee on AALL II.b.8, FCIL News., Oct. 1993, at 16.

Special Committee on Self-Instructional Materials: See FCIL News., Oct. 1993, at 19. In reading this report on behalf of the committee chair, Bonnie Koneski-White, Mila commented on the series of five institutes, planned by the NLRC (National Legal Resources Committee), for training foreign and international law librarians: “the next generation.” Asked to report on the just-concluded institute on international organizations held at the Harvard Law School, Lyonette Louis-Jacques noted simply that the institute was “well-received.”

Reports from AALL and SIS Council: Mila reported at this point on the search for a successor to Judith Genesen as Executive Director of AALL and on the numerous problems the SIS has had with Headquarters’ accounting procedures. Though our complaints and recommendations were included in an AALL report on the matter, no response had been received as of the Annual Meeting.

Announcements

Lyonette Louis-Jacques announced that she had cards for Alamo flags available for anyone who was interested.

Report of the Incoming Chair

At this point, Mila turned the meeting over to Jon Pratter, incoming chair of the SIS, who outlined his objectives for the coming year. He thanked the members for his nomination and election and indicated that he hoped to communicate with as many of the membership as possible and to develop cohesion in the group as we move toward the Seattle conference. He praised Mila for her efforts toward revitalizing the SIS, presenting her with a gift of stationery from the Boston Museum of Fine Arts as a token of thanks from the
Executive Committee. He then expressed a particular word of welcome to our colleagues from abroad, indicating that AALL should make a more deliberate effort to make foreign librarians feel welcome at our annual conferences and that one of the most important goals of our SIS should be to make contact with our colleagues abroad.

Introduction of Colleagues from Abroad

As the business meeting concluded shortly after 5:00 p.m., Mila gave a formal word of welcome to all foreign colleagues present, inviting them to introduce themselves and to say a few words. Following this, members and guests adjourned for a reception in the visitors’ honor.

AVALOS NOMINATED AS VICE-CHAIR/CHAIR-ELECT

by Dan Wade
Yale Law School Library

On behalf of your SIS Nominations Committee—Tim Kearley, Mila Rush, and myself, as chair—I am pleased to announce the nomination of Francisco Avalos as Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect of the Foreign, Comparative, and International Law SIS. Francisco, the foreign law and international law librarian at the University of Arizona since 1982, was a founding member of the SIS. He served as its secretary/treasurer in 1987/88 and on its education/program committee during 1992/93. He has coordinated two excellent Annual Meeting programs in recent years: “The North American Free Trade Agreement: Mexico Enters the Fray” and “EEC, ECE, CSCE, etc.: Unscrambling European Intergovernmental Organizations.” He is clearly one of very few experts on Mexican legal literature among the SIS membership today.

Francisco received his B.A. in Spanish literature and his M.L.S. from the University of Arizona and has maintained his interest in Mexico and Latin America over the years. In 1989 he published Latin American Legal Abbreviations: A Comprehensive Spanish/Portuguese Dictionary with English Translations (Greenwood) in conjunction with Arturo Torres. In 1992 he published The Mexican Legal System: A Reference Guide, and he is currently working on a reference guide for Brazil in the same series, “Reference Guides to National Legal Systems,” which he is editing. Francisco’s article, “The Legal System of the Aztec Empire,” will appear in a forthcoming issue of Law Library Journal. In addition to his scholarship and publishing activities, Francisco has contributed to various activities promoting Hispanic librarianship and literature for the public. He also still finds time to spend with his wife Anne, his sixteen year old daughter Kathleen Dolores, and the two family feline pets, as well as his hobby, collecting model trains.

We hope you will support Francisco’s election. Members of the SIS should be receiving election information soon.

BYLAWS AMENDED

by Margareta Horiba, Secretary/Treasurer
Tulane Law School Library

Ballots for changing the FCIL SIS Bylaws were mailed to members with the October 1993 FCIL Newsletter. Twenty-six ballots were returned with the following results:
1) Revise Nomination/Election Dates: 26 approved.
2) Delete the Committee on Elections: 24 approved, 2 disapproved.
3) Have Chair appoint a designee to handle the election when the Secretary/Treasurer is a candidate: 24 approved, 2 disapproved.
4) Revise the terminology “Chairperson” and “Vice-Chairperson/Chairperson-elect” to “Chair” and “Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect”: 26 approved.

The amendments were approved by the AALL Constitution and Bylaws Committee and a copy of the revised bylaws has been deposited with AALL Headquarters.
# Seattle Calendar

**July 5-8**  
Institute: Transnational Legal Transactions  
Materials for a U.S. Law Library

**Sunday, July 10**  
8:30 a.m.  Teaching Foreign and International Legal Research Working Group  
10:15 a.m.  Program B-7: The Inherent Problems of Legal Translations  
11:45 a.m.  President’s Luncheon (FCIL table)

8:30 a.m.  Processing Issues Working Group

9:30 a.m.  Electronic Issues Working Group

10:30 a.m.  Latin American Law Working Group

11:30 a.m.  African Law Working Group

12:30 p.m.  CIS and East European Law Working Group

2:30 p.m.  Subcommittee meetings

4:00 p.m.  Business Meeting

**Tuesday, July 12**  
8:30 a.m.  Program D-4: Beyond Rio: NAFTA, the GATT, the EC, and International Environmental Law

10:15 a.m.  Program E-7: Internet as a Library-Wide Resource: Using the Internet for Legal Research

1:15 p.m.  Program F-6: Japanese Legal History

**Wednesday, July 13**  
1:30 p.m.  Program I-8: The Flickering Lamp Beside the Golden Door: The Changing Environment of U.S. Asylum and Immigration Policy

**Monday, July 11**  
8:30 a.m.  Program A-6: North of the 42nd Parallel—A Core Collection of Canadian Legal

6:00 p.m.  Closing Reception and Closing Banquet
North of the 42nd Parallel—A Core Collection of Canadian Legal Materials for a U.S. Library

Monday, July 11, 8:30–10:00 a.m.
(Program A-6)
by Anne C. Matthewman, coordinator
County of York (Ont.) Law Association Library

The purpose of this program is to acquaint law librarians in the U.S. with the essential elements of a Canadian legal collection. There will be a brief discussion of the basic reference sources in print format followed by discussion of the sources now available on-line and in CD-ROM. These discussions should allow librarians to determine which sources might be better accessed on-line on an “as needed” basis rather than kept in print format. Such decisions would have budgetary and space impact. To place things in context, there will be reference to federal and provincial legislative processes. The two speakers for this portion will be Canadian law librarians.

The final part of the program will deal with “real life” issues in Canadian legal research, targeting various cross-border issues. The speaker for this segment will be an independent research consultant in Seattle who performs Canadian legal research for U.S. clients.

The Inherent Problems of Legal Translations

Monday, July 11, 10:15–11:45 a.m.
(Program B-7)
by José R. Torres, coordinator
Law Library of Congress

More and more often we are asked at the reference desk to find translations of laws into English. Foreign and international law librarians, catalogers, and legal translators, among others, represent the target audience of this advanced level program. Some of the topics that will be addressed in this session include how to evaluate translations, the availability of services providing texts of foreign laws translated into English, as well as suggested methods and search strategies that may be used in order to find compilations of laws translated into English. Among other things, this program aims to raise the consciousness of law librarians on the various issues involved in the translation of laws and other legal documents.

Mr. Javier F. Becerra, a practitioner from one of the largest law firms in Mexico City, will address the issue from a commercial attorney’s perspective. Mr. Edgardo Rotman, a foreign and international law librarian at the University of Miami Law Library, will discuss the theoretical aspects of legal translations. Mr. Krishan Nehra, a legal specialist at the Library of Congress’s American-British Law Division, will discuss the problems faced by practicing attorneys when using legal translations. The program will end with a question-and-answer session.

Beyond Rio: NAFTA, the GATT, the EC and International Environmental Law

Tuesday, July 12, 8:30–10:00 a.m.
(Program D-4)
Margaret Aycock, coordinator
University of Houston Law Library

Two panelists, Betsy Baker, associate dean of the University of Minnesota Law School, and Anthony Chase, director of the Environmental Law Program at the University of Houston Law School, will discuss whether the North American Free Trade Agreement and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
help or hinder national and international environmental protection. Dean Baker will examine the basic GATT principles relating to trade and the environment and trade provisions in other multilateral environmental treaties. She will also discuss U.S., German, and EC efforts to protect the environment. Professor Chase will speak on international environmental liability and environmental equity and justice. He will examine environmental issues expected to arise from the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Radu Popa, international and foreign law librarian at New York University School of Law Library, will discuss building a core collection of international and foreign environmental materials. He will offer research tips on finding international and foreign primary and secondary sources. Bibliographies and handouts will be distributed.

This program is intended for librarians whose patrons need information on international environmental law and environmental trade issues. Prior basic knowledge of the subject is recommended.

Internet as a Library-Wide Resource: Using the Internet for Legal Research
Tuesday, July 12, 10:15–11:45 a.m.
(Program E-7)
by Jeanette Yackle
Harvard Law School Library

This program will explore the Library of Congress databases now available on the Internet. Louis Drummond and Frances Bufalo, of the Congressional Research Service at the Library of Congress, will cover these valuable resources. The program will also target doing international legal research on the Internet. Demos software will be used to download and demonstrate examples, and emphasis will be placed on using Internet resources for solving research problems.

Japanese Legal History
Tuesday, July 12, 1:15–2:45 p.m.
(Program F-6)
William McCloy, coordinator
University of Washington Law Library

Don’t miss the program on Japanese Legal History. Co-sponsored by the Asian-American Law Librarians Caucus, the FCIL SIS, and the Legal History and Rare Books SIS, this program is designed as a basic introduction to Japanese legal history for those doing reference, collection development, or just having an academic interest in the topic. Two professors from the internationally renowned University of Washington Asian Law Program will give presentations. Yukino Nakashima, Japanese law curator at Columbia, will prepare a bibliography of Western language works.

The influence of Anglo-American and continental European legal traditions on the modern Japanese legal system has been significant. However, "[w]hat one tends to forget, is that French, German and Anglo-American law were grafted upon a society which had at least thirteen centuries of legal culture behind it, and held ideals and social forms which the imported laws could bend, but not break. [This] legal tradition [began] in Antiquity and carried on until 1869, when feudalism was abolished, and a massive modernization program begun . . . ." Carl Steenstrup, *A History of Law in Japan Until 1868* preface (1991).

The Flickering Lamp Beside the Golden Door: The Changing Environment of U.S. Asylum and Immigration Policy
Wednesday, July 13, 1:30–3:00 p.m.
(Program I-8)
by Donna Bausch, co-coordinator
Norfolk (Virginia) Law Library

Three panelists will discuss asylum issues in a point-counterpoint style. Stephen Yale-Loehr will provide an overview of the major
issues and serve as the discussion leader. Joan Fitzpatrick and Ira Mehlman will discuss and debate the issues—including asylum “abuse,” broadening of the definition of political asylum beyond that intended by the 1980 Refugee Act, and the advantage of those able to travel to U.S. shores over those who cannot get here, regardless of their “well-founded fears.”

Mr Yale-Loehr is managing editor for Interpreter Releases. Mr. Mehlman is California media director for FAIR (Federation for American Immigration Reform) and coauthor of Crowding Out the Future, which explores the population and environmental consequences of immigration, as well as Hard Choices with Colorado Governor Richard Lamm. Joan Fitzpatrick, professor of law at the University of Washington, has long been active in human rights issues and has published widely on immigration topics.

This promises to be a lively and thought-provoking discussion of one of the hottest political and social issues today.

Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union Working Group
Sunday, July 10, 12:30–1:30 p.m.
by Radu Popa, coordinator
New York University Law Library

Last year in Boston our working group gathered together 14 librarians, mostly from the academic field. The one-hour meeting barely allowed us to identify the many implications, for the legal research field, determined by major political changes in the area. We also tried to establish who has what, and what are the most timely and reliable primary and secondary sources.

This year we will try to continue the analysis and evaluation of legal sources for the Eastern European countries and the former Soviet Union, adding to the traditional paper format and computer files (available through Westlaw, Lexis, or Dialog), an increasing number of gophers and other electronic sources available through the Internet.

Teaching Foreign and International Legal Research Working Group
Sunday, July 10, 8:30 a.m.
by Christine Corcos, coordinator
Case Western Reserve Law School Library

The Teaching Research Working Group will meet Sunday, July 10. This year our focus will be on the use of multimedia and new technologies to teach legal research, so please join us to discuss new ideas and exchange information on these very exciting developments.

Processing Issues Working Group
Sunday, July 10, 8:30 a.m.
by Sandy Beehler, coordinator
Cornell Law Library

The FCIL-SIS Working Group on Processing Issues will meet on Sunday morning, July 10, in the Convention Center Room 206. This group was formed specifically to discuss technical services issues relating to foreign and international law. We are still getting off the ground, so if you’re interested, come and help us formulate goals for 1994/95 and the future.

Clearinghouse for International Placements
Sunday, July 10, 2:30 p.m.
by Telle Zoller
University of Wisconsin Law Library

The FCIL Clearinghouse for Internships and International Personnel Exchanges will meet in Seattle on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. We will discuss the activities of the Clearinghouse the past year. Of special interest might be results of the expanded survey conducted in the spring of 1994. Anyone interested in participating on the Clearinghouse or in the opportunities offered through us is welcome to attend. See you in Seattle.
ASIAN LAW WORKING GROUP MEETING IN BOSTON

by William McCloy
University of Washington Law Library

The 1993 meeting of the Asian Law Working Group was held from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., July 11, 1993. Present were Bill McCloy (University of Washington), convenor; Telle Zoller (University of Wisconsin–Madison); Yukino Nakashima (Columbia University); Rex Reyes (student, UCLA GSLIS); Amber Lee Smith (Los Angeles County Law Library); Mon Yin Lung (University of Kansas); and Dan Wade (Yale).

Members introduced themselves, explained their interest in Asian law, and shared information about Asian law collections and related activities at their libraries and at other organizations with an interest in Asian law. Other Asia-related meetings at the conference were highlighted. Finally, discussion was focused separately on each of several regions: South Asia, Southeast Asia, Central Asia, and East Asia.

Institutional Activities

Telle gave an update on Wisconsin’s East Asian Research Center, now into its fourth year. Though past interests were limited to India, now they will be purchasing English language (and perhaps bilingual) materials on China, Korea, Indonesia and Taiwan. The English language limitation is due to staff constraints.

Yukino, curator of the Japanese law collection at Columbia, reported on Columbia’s Center for Japanese Legal Studies. (In November 1992, Yukino re-joined Columbia after five years as East Asian law librarian at UCLA). The Center includes one full-time professor and occasional visitors. Columbia provides a fee-based service for law firms in New York City which includes reference for Japanese materials. Yukino also reported on the possibility of a cooperative acquisitions project sometime in the future between Harvard and Columbia (and perhaps the University of Washington) for Japanese serials. She is presently putting the finishing touches on a union list of Japanese serials held by those three libraries plus UCLA and will make an announcement when it is completed.

Amber reported that her library collects very broadly (primarily materials of interest to the practitioner) but doesn’t do as well with Asian law. (Most of their selection is from LC proof slips.) They have extensive and long-term holdings for Japan and “pretty good” ones for Taiwan. Their holdings for the People’s Republic of China are relatively poor, though improving, and they now have a cataloger who reads Chinese and Japanese and who cooperates on Japanese legal reference. They hold the Malaysian gazette and its predecessor and collect materials for Hong Kong and South Korea and in the Thai and Indonesian vernaculars.

Mon Yin indicated that her interest in Asian law stems from her ethnic background (Chinese). Although her library does not have an Asian law collection, she gets a lot of questions from patrons about Asian law. She needs to know who has the collections and the expertise. For her part, she is willing to help out with translations, an area in which she has some experience.

Dan reported that his library collects all Asian jurisdictions in English, which is not much, because they have difficulty identifying what has been published. Yale’s main library collects Asian law in the vernacular (Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Indonesian). The Indonesian vernacular collection is particularly outstanding.

Bill reported on the University of Washington’s compilation of a Chinese serials list and on the plan for separate union lists of Chinese and Korean periodicals—like the Japanese list mentioned by Yukino above—
held by Harvard, UCLA, Columbia, and the
University of Washington law libraries. He
also reported on a recently compiled UW index
to the EHS Law Bulletin Series (English transla-
tions of Japanese laws). Discussion focused
on whether other (non-EHS) translations of
Japanese laws might eventually be added.

Other Asian-Law Related Organizations
and Activities

At this point, members shared information
about other organizations and activities related
to Asian law. Bill reported on the following
committees of the Association for Asian
Studies: the Committee on Asian Law, the
Committee on East Asian Libraries (CEAL),
the Committee on Research Materials for
Southeast Asia (CORMOSEA), and the newly
established Chinese Legal History Association.

Mon Yin reported on the Asian-American
Legal Fund as a group that is interested in
Asian legal materials.

Amber reported that Los Angeles has a
number of special interest bar associations.
Also, the Pacific Rim Committee of the Los
Angeles Bar Association does programs and
has good contacts with the consuls general of
the various Pacific Rim countries. To date,
they have not provided publications to the li-
brary, but a number of consulates are becoming
receptive to helping with obtaining publica-
tions. JETRO (Japan External Trade Orga-
nization) has an office in Los Angeles. This is a
private group, without government affiliation,
and is very business oriented. Sometimes they
can provide translations of Japanese laws.
They are also good for referring patrons who
need very current materials. Amber also
indicated that L.A. County Law Library has
been receiving many, many questions on how
to do business in Vietnam as people position
themselves to take advantage of the lifting of
the U.S. trade embargo.

A final, celebratory note was that the Asian
volume of Reynolds and Flores had just been
published, though it was still lacking some
countries (such as Indonesia): Thomas H.
Reynolds and Arturo A. Flores, Foreign Law:
Current Sources of Codes and Basic Legisla-
tion in Jurisdictions of the World. vol. 3,
Africa, Asia, and Australia (1993).

What’s New on INT-LAW
by Janice Selberg
Wayne State University Law Library

In this issue we reprint just a few messages
appearing in a single recent week on INT-
LAW as an illustration of the wide variety of
topics covered.

Foreign Legal Education Symposium Issue

Margaret Aycock, University of Houston
Law Library, June 14, 1994: Greetings! I
thought I’d mention a very good symposium
issue that I thought would interest many INT-
72, no. 4 (Winter 1993), which my library just
received, has published “Symposium: Winds of
Change—A Global Look at Legal Education,”
p. 941-1018. Articles concern legal education
in England and Wales, Germany, Hungary,
post-Soviet Russia and Ukraine, Canada,
Australia, South Africa, and Japan.

Outlines of Foreign Legal Systems

Radu D. Popa, New York University Law
Library, June 7, 1994 (in response to a
question posted on INT-LAW): . . . The best
source for outlines of foreign legal systems is,
in my opinion, the Modern Legal Systems
Cyclopedia, published in loose-leaf format (22

Political Science Gopher Bookmark

Lyonette Louis-Jacques, University of Chicago Law Library, June 7, 1994: A useful list of political science related lists is at the gopher at ILSTU.EDU under “Information about Colleges and Departments,” then “Political Science.” It includes lists for electronic news about foreign countries, culture, politics, etc. Also lists the UN-LIB list, “Electronic Bulletin Board of United Nations Libraries,” at listserv@irmfa001.bitnet (no Internet alias/address). Here’s the gopher bookmark:

Name=The Political Science List of Lists
Type=0
Port=70
Path=0/depts/polisci/listof
Host=rs6000.comp.ilstu.edu

Voting Records for U.N. Resolutions

Wiltrud Harms, University of California School of Law Library, June 6, 1994 (in response to a question previously posted to the list): As far as I know, there are no handy online voting charts as we find them in the Index to Proceedings of the General Assembly and Index to Proceedings of the Security Council. For current resolutions, the voting results can be found in the U.N. press releases as downloaded to the UNDP gopher server or into computer networks such as PeaceNet/ EcoNet or TogetherNet (subscriptions are needed for both networks). Finding voting information in U.N. press releases can be a time-consuming affair because sometimes the titles are not very informative and one may have to go through several screens until the needed information shows up. The voting records for General Assembly resolutions appear at the end of the press release, in special annexes (one for each resolution). If I remember correctly, the GA press releases do not give the resolution number but only describe the topic and refer to the document containing the draft resolution text. If the text was adopted unanimously by the GA, no annexes are attached, but this fact is mentioned somewhere in the text (or, if one is lucky, even in the title).

These are the steps I take to get to the U.N. press releases:
1) gopher nywork1.undp.org 70 (can also be reached by using telnet)
2) 2. United Nations Current Information (this is a fairly new option arrangement of the UN gopher)
3) 4. United Nations Press Releases
4) 16. GA: General Assembly, ... or 46. SC: Security Council

New Lists of Interest

Lyonette Louis-Jacques, University of Chicago Law Library, June 13, 1994: EURODOC is the U.K.-based bulletin board for librarians who run European Documents Centres (EDCs); discussion of European documentation news, views, queries; to register, send e-mail to r.i.caddel@durham.ac.uk

Infoterra is a list for communications about environmental topics and sources on a global basis, including the UNEP; to subscribe, send the following message to listproc@pan.cedar.-univie.ac.at:

subscribe infoterra Your Name

EFJ is a bilingual list for discussions including legal issues related to Japan’s electronic networks. To subscribe to Electronic Frontiers Japan, send the following message to efj-request@twics.com:

subscribe Your Name

E Law is the Murdoch Electronic Journal of Law. New instructions for subscribing—send the following message to majordomo@c-leo.murdoch.edu.au:

subscribe elaw-j

ASILIELG is the new list for members of the American Society of International Law's International Economic Law Interest Group. Contact me at llou@midway.uchicago.edu for subscription information if you qualify.