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Report: 2012 Business Meeting in Boston

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Submitted by Lucie Olejnikova

CALL TO ORDER AND OLD BUSINESS

The meeting was called to order by the FCIL-SIS Chair (2011-2012), Sergio Stone. The first item was approval of the Minutes of the 2011 FCIL Business Meeting, as published in the October 2011 *FCIL Newsletter*. It was moved, and seconded, to approve the minutes with no corrections or objections, and the vote was unanimous.

The Chair, Sergio Stone, began with a reminder of the remaining FCIL-SIS meetings and programs, including the IALL/FCIL reception, Education and FCIL-SIS Schaffer Grant Fundraising and Selection Committees meetings, and the remaining FCIL sponsored programs.

Lucie Olejnikova, Secretary-Treasurer, reported on the 2012-2013 Election results. Elections were held from March 1, 2012 through March 23, 2012 online. Don Ford from the University Of Iowa College Of Law

Library was elected Vice Chair/Chair-Elect with a total of 96 votes. Congratulations, Don!

Secretary-Treasurer's Report: Lucie Olejnikova next reported that as of March 31, 2012 the FCIL-SIS budget had a balance of \$23,935.60. As of March 31, 2012, the endowed corpus balance (restricted fund) of the FCIL-SIS Schaffer Grant is \$35,000 and the excess balance is \$14,261. Lucie thanked the membership for their continuous support and donations to this important legacy of international exchange, and encouraged all to continue to do so as we collectively move toward making the FCIL-SIS Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians self-sustainable.

The 2012-2014 Strategic Plan, as proposed by the 2012-2014 committee was published in the October 2011 *FCIL Newsletter*. The current 2012-2014 Strategic Plan as well as previous Strategic Plans (2006-2006 and 2008-2011) can be found on the FCIL-SIS website at

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

REPORTS OF INTEREST GROUPS AND COMMITTEES

More detailed reports from many of the interest groups and committees' meetings appear in this newsletter under separate headings, including reports from interest groups and committees that met after the 2012 FCIL-SIS Business Meeting.

African Law IG: *By Victor Essien.* Meeting was held on Sunday, July 22, 2012 from 7 -8 a.m. and was attended by five members. Attendees discussed the African law collection strengths and needs of the represented institutions. The meeting resolved to undertake a "Survey of African Law Holdings in Member Libraries." Alison Shea of Fordham Law School will coordinate the survey and will be sending out survey questionnaires over the course of the year. Yemisi Dina of Osgoode Hall Law School will be spending her sabbatical this coming year working

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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

AALS Annual Meeting, "Global Engagement and the Legal Academy," January 4-7, 2013 in New Orleans, LA.

Joint Study Institute, "The Australian Legal Landscape: Global and Comparative Perspectives," February 13-16, 2013 in Melbourne, Australia.

ASIL Annual Meeting, "International Law in a Multipolar World," April 3-6, 2013 in Washington, DC.

AALL Annual Meeting, "Rethink Your Value," July 13-16, 2013 in Seattle, WA.

From the Chair

Heidi Frostestad Kuehl

Thank you to all of the FCIL-SIS members who contributed, attended, and served in leadership roles at the Annual Meeting in Boston. I am inspired by our membership and am especially grateful for the excellent work of our Immediate Past Chair, Sergio Stone, which resulted in a wonderfully rich AALL Annual Meeting in Boston.

ANNUAL MEETING REVIEW AND POPULAR PROGRAMS

We were extremely fortunate to have a wide array of FCIL-SIS programs, events, and honors at the AALL Annual Meeting in Boston. I wish to express special thanks for the outstanding work of the FCIL Schaffer Grant Selection Committee (Ryan Harrington as Chair of the Committee, Gabriela Femenia, and Kristina Alayan) on selecting Ms. Priya Rai as this year's FCIL Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians recipient. Thanks also to the fantastic efforts of the FCIL Schaffer Grant Fundraising Committee (Lucie Olejnikova and Amy Emerson as Co-Chairs of the Committee and Laura Cadra) for their fantastic fundraising efforts again this year. Ms. Priya Rai gave a fascinating presentation on "Access to Indian Legal Information in the Digital Environment: A Comparative Study of Electronic Commercial Databases and Public Domain Resources in Law", on Monday, July 3rd during the AALL Annual Meeting. The FCIL-SIS also held a highly successful "Teaching Foreign and International Legal Research Interest Group" roundtable session thanks to the hard and innovative work of Alison Shea. We were equally proud to have the independently-produced programming of the Roman Law Interest Group led by Lucia Diamond. In sum, the FCIL-SIS hosted seven AMPC programs for the great benefit of AALL members. Thanks go out for all the hard work to those FCIL-SIS members who presented in these fine programs! Finally, I would like to congratulate Jules Winterton, Associate Director of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies at the University of London, and Dick Danner, Senior Associate Dean for Information Services at Duke University School of Law, for their outstanding

work on *The LALL International Handbook of Legal Information Management* and receipt of the AALL Joseph L. Andrews Bibliographical Award for their work as co-editors on the *LALL Handbook*. On behalf of the Executive Committee, thanks to all members who set up and staffed our Exhibit Hall table, presented and moderated programs in Boston, and to those who have agreed to serve on committees and IGs again this year.

PROGRAMMING FOR SEATTLE AND ONLINE PRESENCE

Our FCIL-SIS programming is in the expert hands of Donald Ford and Dennis Sears, Education Committee Co-Chairs, for next year's AALL Annual Meeting in Seattle. It is sure to be another successful year of FCIL-SIS programs and innovations. We are also very lucky to have FCIL-SIS member, Alison Shea, as our AMPC liaison to help our Education Committee guide our programs through the new AALL AMPC proposal process. If you have any questions about the new programming guidelines and the proposal process, please do not hesitate to contact me, Don Ford, or Dennis Sears. If you haven't had a chance to look at the 2012-2014 Strategic Plan for the FCIL-SIS, please do so. This Strategic Plan provides a fine roadmap to the work that we're planning to do in the next few years. Thanks again to the members of the Strategic Planning Committee (Molly Brownfield as Chair of the Committee, Vicenç Feliú, Gabriela Femenia, Don Ford, Teresa Stanton, and Jean Wenger) for their great work on the plan last year. Finally, I would like to thank Teresa Miguel for her tireless work on the FCIL-SIS website during the AALL CMS website migration process this past summer and fall. We are presently working with AALL to transfer all of our current FCIL-SIS website content to a new platform this year. Thanks also to Don Ford and Alison Shea for their continued website work and assistance with the website migration project. We will need help and participation from our Membership with improving and integrating social media to our new FCIL-SIS website (including our Facebook page,



Heidi Frostestad Kuehl, FCIL Chair

thanks to Marylin Raisch and Eugene Hsue), posting content to the blog, and even possibly adding audio and video content for our membership. If you have any ideas for new technologies or social media content, please share your ideas with members of the Electronic Issue Interest Group or the FCIL-SIS Executive Committee.

NEW LEADERSHIP

I am extremely honored to work with the talented Don Ford, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect, and Lucie Olejnikova, Secretary/Treasurer, during the upcoming year. The FCIL-SIS is incredibly fortunate to have their leadership this year in addition to Sergio's advice as Past Chair when working on this year's goals and initiatives. Thanks also to our impressive Newsletter Editor, Deborah Schander, and Copy Editor, Carmen Valero, for their efficient and beautiful work on the *FCIL Newsletter*. I am really looking forward to working with all of you! Please contact me if you have any questions or new ideas on how to improve our SIS throughout this year.

Have a wonderful start to autumn and our FCIL-SIS year!

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on the digitization of customary court judgments in South Western Nigeria. Yemisi has agreed to give a presentation to the group on her project during the Seattle conference in July 2013.

Asian Law IG: *By Evelyn Ma.* During this meeting, which was held on Sunday, July 22, 2012 from 7-8 a.m., the IG organized a panel discussion on the current trends and issues of Asian law collections in academic law libraries. Panelists include Xiaomeng Zhang from U. Michigan Law Library, Keiko Okuhara from U. Hawaii, Jootaek Lee from Northeastern School of Law Library and Evelyn Ma from Yale. Xiaomeng Zhang surveyed the major free/subscription digital legal resources relating to China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Macau, and also discussed print vendors and approval plans they provide. Keiko Okuhara gave an overview of Japanese legal sources including a listing of open-source websites. Jootaek Lee discussed the challenges of developing Korean law collections in addition to giving an introduction of Korean primary and secondary legal resources. Evelyn Ma reviewed Asia-related resources evaluated by Yale library in the past year and shared the findings. SCC Online (India), LawNet (Singapore), CNKD (China Legal Knowledge Database), and the merger of Isinolaw with Westlaw China were covered.

CIS and Eastern European IG: *By Lucie Olejnikova for Kevin Gray.* This meeting was held on Sunday, July 22, 2012 from 5:15-6:15 p.m. and was attended by three members. Attendees discussed a new initiative (outlined by Gabriela Femenia and Lucie Olejnikova) inviting librarians to share information about their libraries' current or historical collection of legal materials from Eastern European and former Soviet bloc countries. The goal is to gain an idea about which libraries collect which materials. A suggestion was

made to find an attractive way to present the info, such as a map format. Anyone interested in participating should contact Gabriela Femenia at gfemenia@law.upenn.edu or Lucie Olejnikova at lolejnikova@law.pace.edu directly.

Latin American Law IG: *By Sergio Stone for Sally Wise.* The meeting was held on Monday, July 23, 2012 from 7-8 a.m. Helen Wohl chaired the meeting on behalf of Sally Wise. Darlene Hull of Libros de Barvolento has taken over subscriptions formerly handled by Alan Moss. Darlene now offers materials from Dutch English, French and Spanish Caribbean countries. Members discussed the recent Association of Caribbean University Research and Institutional Libraries (ACURIL) Conference in Haiti. Marisol Floren-Romero and Teresa Miguel will soon publish guides to government sources of law for Central America, South America, and the Caribbean.

Indigenous Peoples IG: *By Asliban Bulut for Joan Policastrì.* The meeting was held on Monday, July 23, 2012 from 7-8 a.m. Attendees discussed suggestions for 2013 AALL education programs (Tribal Law workshop, Peacemaker and Healing Courts, subject-specific substantive tribal law such as environmental law or tribal peoples' views, collaborating with another IG to propose a program). Further, attendees considered postings and information the group is interested in receiving, namely ways to be involved, programs to expand at law schools, research guides available on the national Indian Law Library's website, collaborative collection development project on primary sources including codes and constitutions (aiming to digitize tribal materials as demonstrated on the Tribal Law Gateway), starting tribal law depository programs, preservation, access to tribal law governmental information, organizing and holding webinars on tribal law or short

sessions offering practical search tips, tribal law drafting, and finding codes. An important announcement for all FCIL-SIS members is that anyone interested in being included on the e-mailing list for the indigenous people group, should please contact Joan Policastrì directly at jpolicastrì@law.du.edu.

Roman Law IG: *By Lucia Diamond.* During this year's Roman Law IG meeting, which was held on Monday, July 23, 2012 from 10:45-11:45 a.m. in HCC-Room 205, the group presented a program entitled *Connecting Roman Law Books: Commentaries, Marginalia, Bookplates and More*. This program was about the connections between Roman law books, their authors, printers, and readers. Michael Widener, Yale Law School, and Jolande Goldberg and Nathan Dorn, both from the Library of Congress, presented images from books of or related to Roman law, highlighting annotations, marginalia, and the development of the law from early medieval studies through the development of the canon and national laws.

Foreign Law Selectors IG: *By Marci Hoffman.* The Foreign Law Selectors IG Meeting was held on Sunday, July 22, 2012 from 5:15-6:15 p.m. Approximately 35 people attended. Three short reports were presented: 1) an update from the Law Library of Congress; 2) information about the FCIL Collaboration Meeting held in June 2012; and 3) summary of the IFLP Committee meeting. The rest of the meeting focused on a discussion between attendees and Marie Sheldon from Brill regarding the acquisition of the Foreign Law Guide (FLG). Meeting attendees were given an opportunity to express what they like about Foreign Law Guide as well as how the

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product can be improved.

Electronic Issues IG: *By Don Ford for Marilyn Raisch.* The Electronic Issues IG met on Sunday, July 22, 2012 from 12-1 p.m. Lyonette Louis-Jacques chaired in place of Marilyn Raisch, who regrettably was not able to attend the Boston conference. Most of the session consisted of a detailed presentation by Messrs. Steve Wasserstein (Gale Cengage Learning) and Fred Shapiro (of Yale Law Library, and consultant to Gale Cengage Learning) on the MOML FCIL database, which is being rolled out this summer. Approximately 10 people attended.

Teaching Foreign and International Law IG: *By Alison Shea.* The FCIL Syllabi and Course Materials database has been fully updated as of August 2011. The committee seeks new and updated submissions to be added to it on a continuous basis. The committee sponsored a very productive roundtable session on "Teaching FCIL Topics," which took place on Sunday morning (July 22, 2012 at AALL in Boston) with close to 100 attendees. Feedback given on the session by those who attended was very positive. The hope is that the committee will be able to hold a similar, perhaps longer, roundtable next year (2013) in Seattle allowing attendees to switch topical tables throughout the session. Key points from each of the topical tables were compiled and are published in this October 2012 *FCIL Newsletter* under a separate heading.

Education Committee: *By Don Ford for Don Ford and Dennis Sears.* The meeting was held on Tuesday, July 24, 2012 from 7-8 a.m. The FCIL-SIS Education Committee, co-chaired by Dennis Sears and Don Ford, has been contacting members to remind and urge them to complete the Member Survey for the 2013 Annual Meeting in Seattle. Further, Don Ford briefly discussed the changes being planned for the 2013 Annual Meeting, introduced the FCIL-SIS AMPC Liaison,

Alison Shea, and had Alison speak about the AMPC's activities. This was then repeated at the Education Committee's meeting early on Tuesday morning, July 24. Approximately 15 people attended, including the new FCIL-SIS Chair, Heidi Kuehl. In addition to reviewing the points of the Business Meeting report, the Education Committee meeting participants discussed a number of program proposals in detail.

Internships and International Exchange Committee: *By Chair David McFadden.* This meeting was held on Sunday, July 22, 2012 from 12-1 p.m. and was attended by four members. The committee continues surveying libraries and posting results for international law library visits and exchanges on its webpage. New ideas for next year include recording testimonials at next year's annual meeting. The committee is looking into using Facebook as a marketing vehicle of its efforts. David McFadden has agreed to continue as chair for 2012-2013.

Publicity and Membership Committee. *By Sergio Stone on behalf of Silke Sahl.* Silke Sahl and Stephen Wiles did a great job setting up the FCIL-SIS table in the exhibit hall and coordinating the volunteers to staff the table. Catherine Deane of Thomas Jefferson School of Law was the winner of the raffle of Mary Rumsey and Marci Hoffman's new book: *International and Foreign Legal Research: A Coursebook* (2d ed. 2012). Many thanks go to the authors for donating a copy of their book.

FCIL-SIS Schaffer Grant Fundraising Committee: *By Lucie Olejnikova.* Lucie briefly reported on the work the fundraising committee has done throughout the year, thanked the membership for continuous support and encouraged everyone to stay involved and to continue contribution. Lucie invited anyone who'd be interested in

getting involved to attend the Committee's meeting on Tuesday, July 24, 2012 from 7-8 a.m. Please see a full report of this committee under a separate heading in this newsletter, submitted by Lucie Olejnikova on behalf of this committee.

FCIL-SIS Schaffer Grant Selection Committee: *By Sergio Stone for Ryan Harrington.* Sergio briefly reported on the work of the selection committee and announced the 2012 FCIL-SIS Schaffer Grant recipient, Priya Rai, who received a warm welcome by the membership. This Committee's meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, July 24, 2012 and anyone interested in attending was invited. Please see a full report of this committee under a separate heading in this newsletter, submitted by Ryan Harrington on behalf of the committee.

NEW BUSINESS & PRIZES AND AWARDS

Update on Website and Media: *By Sergio Stone.* This meeting was held on Saturday, July 21, 2012 from 6:45-7:45 p.m. and was attended by the FCIL-SIS Chair, Sergio Stone. The target deadline for all SIS web migration is January 2013, by which date all SIS websites should go live. The migration timeline is available at <http://www.aallnet.org/Redesign/sis-timeline.html>. The new CMS is Syscom Services, which will provide a standardized and uniform footer and header look for all SIS websites. A sitemap will be created automatically by the CMS. All SIS groups should review their websites and identify what will migrate by the end of August 2012. The new CMS provides templates, navigation buttons, images, some standard formatting, search function, etc. Some special functionality might need to be requested. Chris Siwa will be the contact person and training web managers will be provided.

Additional FCIL-SIS Web Presence:

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By Sergio Stone. Aside from the planned changes to the FCIL-SIS website, the FCIL-SIS Facebook Page is fully transferred and up-to-date, thanks to Eugene Hsue. Thank you Eugene! Everyone, Like the Page! The FCIL-SIS blog continues to be published and is available at <http://foreignlawcollections.blogspot.com/>.

Members are invited to contribute and increase readership. The MOU between Hein and FCIL was finalized and the FCIL-SIS Newsletter is becoming part of the Spinelli's Law Library Reference library available on HeinOnline. *Jumpstart Your Legal Research*, under the supervision of Mary Rumsey, continues to be updated and is available at <http://www.aallnet.org/sis/fcilsis/jumpstart.html>.

Prizes and Awards: Chair Sergio Stone thanked all FCIL-SIS members who have done programs and otherwise represented the FCIL-SIS during this year meeting. Thank you all! He then asked Mary Rumsey to lead the way in awarding the "newest FCIL-SIS member" prize on behalf of Dan Wade, who regrettably could not join us this year. The Senior Caucus pronounced this year's newest FCIL librarian to be Christopher Galeczka, Reference and Research Assistant at the University of Michigan Law Library.

The Executive Committee approved the recognition of two members of the FCIL-SIS with the *2012 Spirit of the FCIL-SIS Award*, and Sergio Stone did the honors of awarding the following recipients. The first award went to Jonathan Pratter, FCIL librarian of Tarlton Law Library at University of Texas, for his tireless work on behalf of FCIL in organizing a number of presentations and meetings at the annual meetings over the years and for speaking at them, as well as for his substantial publication contributions. The second award went to Alison Shea, FCIL librarian at Fordham Law Library, for her excellent and tireless

contributions to the Teaching Foreign and International Legal Research IG which she has been chairing, for her work on updating the FCIL syllabi, her excellent presentation contributions at AALL, her GlobaLex publications, and for her tireless work on behalf of the SIS. Thank you Jonathan and Alison!

The Executive Committee awarded two FCIL-SIS members the *Daniel L. Wade Outstanding Service Award*, which recognizes the long-term commitment of FCIL-SIS members to leadership, education, and services within the interest section and AALL. The Chair, Sergio Stone, had the honor of awarding these recognitions. The Executive Committee recognized and thanked Marilyn Raisch (recognized in absentia), FCIL librarian at the Georgetown Law Center. Marilyn has been the Chair of the FCIL Electronic Issues IG where she has led the FCIL into the digital age by supporting and pushing the FCIL to adopt a Web 2.0 presence. From 2004 to 2008, Marilyn presented programs on substantive international, foreign and comparative legal research accompanied by handouts at the annual meetings. She has lectured on human rights and held workshops on international, foreign, and comparative legal research. She has worked on transnational legal transactions, contributed to the GlobaLex collection with her publications, led the FCIL as Chair in the past, and championed the FCIL-SIS Schaffer Grant by streamlining the finances. Marilyn is the living treasure of FCIL and the membership thanks her very much! The second award went to Dennis Sears, FCIL librarian and Associate Director for Legal Research Instruction at Howard W. Hunter Law Library of the J. Reuben Clark Law School. Dennis has served the FCIL as Secretary/Treasurer as well as Chair. He has tirelessly and successfully guided dozens of program proposals through the Annual Meeting Program Committee. He has served on the FCIL-SIS By-Laws com-

mittee, contributed to the WestPAC of AALL and served on the WestPAC Selection Committee. Dennis has contributed to the law librarianship profession also as a frequent writer, through his books and articles. He has organized and presented at a number of AALL as well as WestPAC programs, which have always been well attended. Dennis is the behind the scenes master who has tirelessly worked on behalf of the FCIL and always fully supported it.

Congratulations to all of the FCIL-SIS award recipients for their outstanding services to the FCIL-SIS!

At the close of the meeting, Chair Sergio Stone thanked his FCIL-SIS colleagues, expressed gratitude for all of the contributions of members, officers, and chairs of interest groups and committees, and passed the Gavel to incoming Chair Heidi Kuehl, who recognized Sergio with a gift for his outstanding leadership and tireless service to the FCIL-SIS throughout 2011-2012. Chair Heidi Kuehl closed by thanking everyone and inviting all to the IALL/FCIL Joint Reception. The meeting was adjourned.

Support the Grant

"Winning the [Schaffer] grant was the high point of a journey that began years ago. Attending the conference and presenting gave me the confidence to write in academic journals and to take my work to another level." -Gloria Orrego Hoyos, 2011 Grant Winner

Support the Schaffer Grant by donating now at <http://www.aallnet.org/top-menu/givingopportunities>.

Internships and International Exchanges Committee Report

Submitted by David McFadden

The FCIL Internships and International Exchanges Committee met on July 22 in Boston. David McFadden (chair), Christine Napoleon, Angelina Whitfield, and R. Martin Witt attended.

The Chair reviewed the purpose and activities of the committee for the new attendees. He also reported on activities from the past year. The committee's webpage was updated by Don Ford including loading a new survey. Carole Hinchcliff and Paul Moorman weren't at the meeting but reported updates prior to the meeting. These and additional changes to the survey will be added after

returning from Boston.

Marty Witt reported that he has contacted libraries in Asia and is continuing to work on this. He will wait until he gets surveys from more of the libraries to submit them to the Chair. Assignments were made, or continued from previous years, for members to contact libraries in various regions and countries, soliciting libraries willing to be part of the committee's listing of libraries participating in exchanges and visits.

Various ways of publicizing and promoting the committee's work were discussed. There is a need to solicit new contributors to the survey, advertise the

results to encourage visits and exchanges, and collect more testimonials - including both previously published and original ones. Methods to do this include distribution through Int-Law, the FCIL-SIS Community page and other SIS's community pages. Also, Angelina Whitfield will help with Facebook and other social media.

The possibility of recording testimonials at the FCIL-SIS table next year was suggested. These could be transcribed later to be added to the committee's webpage.

David McFadden has agreed to continue as chair for 2012-2013.

Asian Law Interest Group Report

Submitted by Evelyn Ma

The Asian Law Interest Group met on Sunday, July 22, 2012, at the Boston Marriot, Room Fairfax A at 7 am. There were 6 early-bird attendees, including public services and technical services librarians. The meeting featured a panel discussion on the current issues and trends of Asian law collection in academic libraries. The panelists included Jootaek (Juice) Lee of Northeastern School of Law Library, Keiko Okuhara of University of Hawaii, Xiaomeng Zhang of University of Michigan School of Law Library, and Evelyn Ma of Yale Law Library.

Jootaek Lee kicked off the panel discussion by recapping free and subscription Korean Law electronic resources. While free sites such as the Korean Legislation Research Institute (KLRI) provides English translations of major primary sources, the more comprehensive resources with coverage of secondary sources remain only in Korean, as in the case of LawNB. Jootaek also discussed how faculty and

student interests more often than not determine how Korean law collections are shaped in U.S. academic law libraries.

Keiko Okuhara gave an informative overview of print and electronic resources in Japanese law. She detailed major print publishers and vendors in Japanese legal materials and representative print publications. She also reviewed open-source sites with English translations of primary sources and helpful news and blogs.

Xiaomeng Zhang examined the trends and challenges of developing a Chinese law collection. She noted that collection development librarians are faced with the challenges of budgetary constraints in the face of proliferating print and digital resources and increasing demands for bilingual proficiency in conducting Chinese legal research. In addition, Xiaomeng surveyed the major free and fee-based resources relating to China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Macau. She also discussed print vendors and how her library is experimenting

with approval plans in acquiring Chinese language materials.

Lastly, Evelyn Ma reviewed the efforts of the Yale Law Library to evaluate Asian legal resources, including SCC online (<https://www.sconline.co.in/>), an Indian law database; LawNet (www.lawnet.com.sg/), a Singapore legal research tool; and the CNKD China Legal Knowledge Database (www.eastview.com/Files/EV%20CNKI%20CLKD.pdf). She also discussed the merger of Isinolaw with Westlaw China, which prompted a discussion among attendees about the extent of migration of Isinolaw content into the Westlaw China database.

As a side note, the 7th Joint Study Institute (JSI) will be held at Melbourne Law School February 13-16, 2013. Planning for the third biennial meeting of the Chinese and American Forum of Legal Information and Law Libraries (CAFLL) is underway.

Latin American Law IG Report

Submitted by Sergio Stone

Helen Wohl chaired the meeting on behalf of Sally Wise. Several law librarians attended the meeting as well as one vendor: Darlene Hull of Libros de Barlovento / vLex.

Darlene has taken over subscriptions formerly handled by Alan Moss, who died suddenly last December. Libraries that formerly did business with Alan Moss may be interested in enquiring whether she can help them with their Caribbean subscriptions. Darlene now offers materials from Dutch, English, French, and Spanish Caribbean countries. Darlene is systematically visiting most Caribbean jurisdictions in a three-year cycle to check for new publications and legal publishers.

Participants discussed the recent Association of Caribbean University Research and Institutional Libraries (ACURIL) Conference in Haiti in June 2012. ACURIL has a relatively new law group representing Spanish-speaking Caribbean countries and Haiti. Previous ACURIL meetings were held in the Dominican Republic, Florida, and Guadeloupe.

Marisol Floren-Romero discussed the impact of the Dominican Republic's 2012 presidential elections and the 2010 constitutional reforms on the country's legal system and legal publishing regime.

Participants agreed that it would be a good idea to renew the Vendor List for Latin American Legal Materials. Details have not been worked out.

Free indexes to Latin American legal literature were discussed, namely Scielo, Redalyc, Dialnet (University of Rioja, Spain), and UNAM's Instituto de Investigaciones Jurídicas.

In October of 2011, Mexico's Supreme Court inaugurated its 10th judicial epoch (Décima Época). The court creates new epochs whenever there are major changes to the constitution or the laws governing the judiciary. The court's case law database (IUS) has been updated and is a bit more user-friendly.

Marisol Floren-Romero and Teresa Miguel will soon publish guides to government sources of law for Central America, South America, and the Caribbean. Prepublication versions of the guides can be found on SSRN:

Marisol Floren-Romero: http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1895626

Teresa Miguel: http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1865891

Writers Wanted

FCIL Newsletter is looking for writers for our next issue.

Personal Vignettes:

FCIL Moments Series

Whether you're a full time FCIL librarian, or just lucky enough to get the one or two FCIL-related questions that come in, you probably have a story to tell. Did you have an especially difficult question? How did you answer it? Or maybe you just learned something new yourself. We're looking for brief examples (50-250 words) of your FCIL moments to share.

Articles: conference reports, member news, etc.

Open call for authors

If you are interested in writing on one of these topics, contact Deborah Schander (dschander@gsu.edu).

Submission deadline:

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Schaffer Grant Fundraising and Selection Comm. Reports

Submitted by Lucie Olejnikova

This committee's meeting was scheduled for July 24, 2012 from 7-8 a.m. All attendees unanimously agreed that 7 a.m. is a tough hour to make and will try to meet at an alternative time in the future. Lucie reported on the fundraising committee's efforts and Ryan reported on the selection committee's efforts. The FCIL Chair, Heidi Kuehl, attended as well.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Lucie briefly reported on the work the fundraising committee has done throughout the year, and invited anyone who is interested to join the effort. Ellen Schaffer has graciously agreed to help, and the fundraising committee is very happy to have her on board. Lucie Olejnikova and Amy Emerson both agreed to continue to serve on the fundraising committee. The attendees discussed the grant, its financial standing, and the disbursement process. With the added experience gained from

each year's recipient, the committee has an opportunity to adopt any modifications to improve the grant. The committee agreed to leave the grant amount as is (minimum of \$2,000 to assist with accommodation and travel costs) subject to the Executive Board's discretion to increase it, as provided for in the Memorandum of Understanding, sec. 5(c). The committee will follow up with AALL to address a more periodic reporting.

This year, the three-member committee, Amy Emerson, Laura Cadra, and Lucie Olejnikova focused on advertising the grant and its legacy, and on encouraging membership beyond the SIS to financially support the grant. The committee updated the Past Winners' Testimonials document. Further, the committee produced the 2012 brochure advertising the grant and this year's recipient, Priya Rai. The committee also purchased maroon ribbons for AALL name badges reading *FCIL Schaffer Grant Donor* to acknowledge all the past supporters and

their dedication to this cause. Thank you everyone for your continuous support! Contributions can be made here: <http://www.aallnet.org/top-menu/givingopportunities>.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

The three-member selection committee, Kristina Alayan, Gabriela Femenia, and the Chair, Ryan Harrington, reported on the excellent work their committee has put forth this past year. The committee received close to 40 applications and dedicated time to give serious consideration to each applicant to ultimately offer the grant to Priya Rai. Please read a full report submitted by Ryan Harrington below. The committee assisted Priya with any necessary arrangements to attend the conference, including Priya's presentation. All three members agreed to continue to serve on this committee in the upcoming year and the SIS is grateful to them. Thank you Ryan, Gabriela, and Kristina for your excellent work, time, and dedication!

Grant Selection Committee Report

Submitted by Ryan Harrington

This year Gabriela Femenia, Kristina Alayan, and I had the privilege of serving on the FCIL-SIS Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians. The committee received nearly 40 applications from an extremely diverse pool of law librarians around the world. The applicants came from places as varied as Tanzania and Israel, Australia and Chile, Japan and Spain. Geographical diversity aside, we had applications from law firms, international courts and tribunals, and law schools. We had applicants who were quite new to the field and applicants with more than twenty years' worth of experience. The program topics were equally diverse, ranging from discussions of human rights to how librarians operate within the constraints of a domestic copyright law.

Priya Rai caught our interest in a number of respects. She is the deputy librarian of the

Justice TPS Chawla Library at the National Law University, Delhi, which is one of more than 900 law colleges in India. She was very active professionally, but she also made it clear that law librarianship was a burgeoning field in India. This meant she needed to actively seek out ways to contribute to the profession. Indeed, she had organized a well-attended international conference on access to legal education and research in the digital age.

Part of the reason the committee selected Priya Rai as the recipient of this year's FCIL-SIS Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians was her topic. We knew that her comparative study of electronic commercial databases and public domain resources in Indian law would prove interesting and useful to everyone in the audience. During the presentation, I witnessed nearly choreographed scribbling from audience members during several of her slides, and heard a

collective sigh when I offered to make the presentation available on the FCIL-SIS website. (It is currently live and available to everyone at <http://www.aallnet.org/sis/fcilsis/>).

The slides do not capture how masterfully Priya handled a rather lengthy question and answer period at the end of her presentation. They also cannot demonstrate how immersed Priya was in the conference; she attended a wide variety of workshops and presentation, clearly benefitting from our organization's rich level of knowledge and activity. Priya's personality was a wonderful fit for the conference and we hope to have a longstanding relationship with her.

Please consider contributing to the FCIL-SIS Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians to continue this rich tradition. AALL makes it easy to give on its online contribution form: <https://www.aallnet.org/assn/member/contribution.aspx>. We have now had 11 Grant recipients and look forward to many more.

A Strategic Nurturing: A New Journey Towards Learning... 2012 Ellen Schaffer Grant Winner

Priya Rai

I would like to sincerely thank everyone involved in providing internal and external assessments, for their contribution to selecting me for the 2012 FCIL Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians. It is a great honor and privilege to be a part of the special event of one of the largest law library associations around the world. Being the first participant from India, it was a great experience to learn from the enlightening presentations by eminent speakers, especially the keynote speaker, Richard Susskind.

To enhance leadership and training, the conference organizers brought together the newer law librarians through the CONELL workshop on the very first day. This workshop provided me the opportunity to share my experiences and thoughts through informal face-to-face talks, and extended networking among librarians to support and promote information exchange.

As a conference attendee, I had the chance to visit the exhibit halls and explore the latest developments in different areas such as publications and digital resources. I found the parallel sessions not only informative but also interesting. They gave me the opportunity to listen to many presentations, such as Dr. Anurag Acharya's on "Searching Legal Opinions: The Google Scholar Approach," where he discussed the new approaches of Google search to meet the challenges of legal research. I also had the chance to visit Harvard's Law School Library which was a dream come true. I thank my friend Aslihan Bulut for her personal guidance in exploring each and every corner of this historic law library.

I thank the selection committee of the

FCIL SIS Special Interest Group, especially Ms. Ellen Scheffer, Mr. Ryan Harrington, Ms. Gabriela Femenia, Ms. Kristina Alayan and Mr. Sergio Stone for providing me this opportunity, and building the confidence to deliver a presentation on "Access to Indian Legal Information in a Digital Environment: A Comparative Study of Electronic Commercial Databases and Public Domain Resources in Law" in front of an eminent and large audience. I presented a brief overview about the Indian Legal System from the ancient period to present. I also elaborated on the genesis and development of legal education and research since the introduction of Advocates Act passed by Indian Parliament in 1961. I explained primary and secondary sources of legal information on Indian Law, in print as well as in electronic form. I also conducted a survey to compare the use of commercial electronic databases and public domain resources in law in India, to explain the way of using electronic legal information in India. The session ended with a number of questions from the law librarians in attendance.

Immediately following the AALL Meeting in Boston, I visited the Cornell University Law Library, under the auspices of the Bitner Research Fellows Fund, from the 24th to the 26th of July. It was a great pleasure to deliver a lecture to law librarians during a faculty workshop, and to share and discuss the important issues related to legal information and research in the new electronic age. I extend my sincere thanks to Femi Cadmus and Amy Emerson for arranging a wonderful and memorable stay, including a tour of the Cornell Law Library, and meetings with such eminent people as Peter Martin, and Tom Bruce, the Director of Cornell's Legal Information Institute. I also visited the Digitization Section of Cornell



2012 Grant Winner Priya Rai

University and learned about new technologies with David Mill.

After my visit to Boston and Cornell Law School, I am well equipped with a bouquet of experience I received from a number of scholars through AALL. I will be keen to share my experience with law faculty, students, and legal practitioners in India through seminars and workshops. It will be beneficial for organizing the Second International Conference on Access to Legal Information and Research in the Digital Age, and more enthusiastically working towards the creation of an Indian Law Libraries Association modelled on the American Association of Law Libraries. I thank you for considering and providing the privilege and opportunity for foreign librarians from developing countries to share and discuss on such a prestigious platform. I hope my relation with AALL will continue as a new journey towards learning...

New Column: How the FCIL Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians Positively Impacts U.S.

Lucie Olejnikova & Teresa Miguel-Stearns¹

We are all aware that the FCIL Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians allows a law librarian from a faraway land the extraordinary opportunity to join all of us at our Annual Meeting.

In 2001, a donation by Ellen Schaffer matched by the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) gave birth to the FCIL-SIS Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians. Since then, the FCIL-SIS has had the pleasure of welcoming 11 recipients from countries around the world: Afghanistan, Argentina, Australia, China, Egypt, Georgia, Ghana, India, Kyrgyz Republic, Nigeria, and Philippines. Undoubtedly, their attendance at annual meetings has enriched the experience of all, and this opportunity has changed the recipients' professional and personal lives. Let's not forget, however, how they have shaped our lives as well! During a recent conversation, we, Lucie and Teresa, swapped stories of how we have been the beneficiaries of the Grant both directly and indirectly. Here are just a couple of our stories.

AYUDA DESDE ARGENTINA SOBRE COLOMBIA!²

Lucie Olejnikova

It all started with an innocent reference question from a student working in our Immigration Law Clinic at Pace Law School. In the course of working on one of his cases, a student was looking for Colombian primary authority recognizing "common law marriage" with respect to heterosexual couples. Upon seeking my assistance, I first searched in English, consulting the typical resources including Foreign Law Guide: Colombia, Globalex: Colombian Primary Legal Sources, Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals, and Foreign Law related collections on HeinOnline. I searched Google Scholar and Google Advanced limiting the searches by domain to .gov, .edu, or .org. I found

a lot of related documents including a number of articles,³ but none that would be or that would point us to primary law recognizing common law marriage in Colombia.

Second, I decided to search in Spanish. Although I do not speak Spanish, I was able to translate common law marriage into Spanish as "union libre." This was confirmed by the student, who does speak Spanish. I then searched the web for "union libre." Again, I consulted Google Scholar and Google Advanced limiting the searches by domain to .gov.co. I searched Juriversia.com for "union libre." I looked through the Civil Code of Colombia only to find it does not have a section on marriage. All the results I found were related but not what our student needed.

Third, I contacted my colleagues⁴ who showered me with additional ideas. Based on those recommendations, I searched across huriresearch.org for "common law marriage" Colombia and "union libre," which rendered a number of related documents, mostly NGO reports, but none led to primary authority. Some universities, such as University at Buffalo, offer an "everything" search, which I also tried, and found articles and comments but no primary authority. Another recommendation was to use Martindale-Hubbell, an international directory of lawyers, to find Colombian attorney(s) practicing family law in Colombia and contact them directly. It was also suggested to me to consult Library of Congress and see whether they have a Colombian specialist who might be able to help.

Fourth, I contacted my colleague⁵ with a specialty in Latin America. I was getting close! At least I was re-assured, which was much needed at this point, that common law marriage not only exists in Colombia but also that it is recognized, highly regarded, and is at

the forefront of Colombian Constitutional Court decisions.⁶ Teresa sent three additional related documents.⁷ All of these documents were highly relevant but most of them addressed the rights of homosexual rather than heterosexual couples.

Lastly, it was not until I contacted Gloria Marcela Orrego Hoyos, the 2011 FCIL Schaffer Grant Recipient, that I found this elusive material. Gloria explained that although "common law marriage" is traditionally translated in Spanish as "union libre," the Colombian translation is: "union marital de hecho." As she explained, the Colombian translation is quite different from the rest of the continent. Gloria solved the puzzle! Using the term "union marital de hecho," Gloria found and sent the 1990 and 2005 Colombian laws. These laws provide the legal basis for the official recognition of the "common law marriage" in Colombia and they list the requirements that must be met.⁸ Gloria further offered to look for sources in English should the Spanish versions be insufficient. Luckily, Spanish versions were just fine. The student responded that the last two sources I sent to him were "exactly what [he] was looking for." He wrote, "[t]hey both set out requirements for creating common law marriages in Colombia, the effect on property between the partners, and methods for dissolving the partnership."

Yay! Although we were close throughout our research, it was not until Gloria proffered the colloquial Colombian translation for "common law marriage" that we were able to put our hands on the material our student needed. With Gloria's direct assistance, I was able to provide my patron with what he needed in his representation of a family here in the United States.

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Obviously, had it not been for the FCIL-SIS Schaffer grant, we would not have met and connected with Gloria. This experience showed me two things: 1) once again, how important proper legal translation is, and that it cannot be taken lightly; and 2) how far-reaching the impact of the FCIL-SIS Schaffer Grant really is! With sincere thanks to all involved!

HELP FROM MALI VIA URUGUAY. REALLY?

Teresa Miguel-Stearns

Several weeks ago I was contacted by a former student who is somewhere out in the real world engaged in transnational litigation. He was in desperate need of a statute from Mali that he had seen referenced in later amendments to the original statute but had not been able to find. Since he had taken our foreign and international legal research class, he tried all the right places, starting with our open-access Country-by-Country guide that led him to the relevant GlobaLex article and the Mali gazette. No luck. When he asked for my assistance, I followed up with a search of the gazette and GLIN, both of which had several of the amendments but did not go back far enough to contain the original statute. I looked in our catalog and other online databases. Again, no luck.

I contacted a prestigious library to the northeast of New Haven whose catalog indicated they might have the gazette. They checked but did not have the issue I needed. I filed an inter-library loan request which went unanswered after several promising leads failed. I finally sent out a call for help over INT-LAW.

Each year which I served on the FCIL Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians Committee, I invited all applicants to join the INT-LAW listserv regardless of who was eventually awarded the Grant. Many did, and quite a few actively provide answers and seek assistance.

It was one of these candidates who eventually provided me with the obscure statute from Mali, within 48 hours of my initial solicitation! Leonor Porras Seguro is a librarian at the Federal Court of Accounts in beautiful Montevideo, Uruguay. She sent me a PDF scan of the original Mali gazette containing the publication of this statute in French. When I asked her why it is that she has the Mali gazettes at her fingertips, she explained that she had attended a conference some years ago and met a librarian from Mali who works just down the street from the Mali National Library. Leonor contacted her librarian-friend in Mali who stopped by the National Library that day, scanned the relevant gazette, and sent it to Leonor as a PDF. Leonor then sent it on to me. Wow! I do hope this Malian librarian has joined INT-LAW by now, and I am thrilled that Leonor accepted my invitation to join the year before last! This is not the first time a Grant candidate has come through for me, and I am certain it will not be the last.

As Lucie notes, the FCIL Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians benefits us U.S. librarians just as much as it benefits the recipients of the Grant. Not only do we learn first-hand about legal systems and legal research in foreign countries through our Grant recipients, but we have also expanded our network of colleagues well beyond our borders through this Grant which allows us to better serve our patrons.

For the next issue of the *FCIL Newsletter*, Lucie and Teresa would like to present your anecdotes of how the FCIL Schaffer Grant for Law Librarians has positively affected you. Please send your notes to either Lucie (lolejnikova@law.pace.edu) or Teresa (teresa.miguel@yale.edu).

Teresa and Lucie served on the grant's selection committee from 2008 – 2011.

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² Help from Argentina concerning Colombia.

³ James W. Dean, *Should Latin America's Common Law Marriage to the US Dollar be Legalized? Should Canada's?*, 23 J. POLY MODELING 291 (2001), available at CDE Working Paper No. 98-21 <http://odin.lcb.uoregon.edu/aemami/Finance%20663/Dollarization%20JPM%20Articles/Article%206.pdf>; Susan De Vos, *Nuptiality in Latin America: The View of a Sociologist and Family Demographer* (Ctr. For Demography and Ecology, Working Paper No. 98-21), available at <http://www.ssc.wisc.edu/cde/cdewp/98-21.pdf>.

⁴ Nina Cascio and Marcia Zubrow from University at Buffalo, Charles B. Sears Law Library.

⁵ Teresa Miguel-Stearns at Yale Law School, Lillian Goldman Law Library.

⁶ Social Movements and the Constitutional Court: Legal Recognition of the Rights of Same-Sex Couples in Colombia, *International Journal of Human Rights*, available at http://www.surjournal.org/eng/conteudos/getArtigo14.php?artigo=14,artigo_01.htm.

⁷ Corte Suprema fortalece los derechos de la unión libre, stating "The Supreme Court strengthens the rights of Union Libre..." "going forward, those who register under this status will have many of the same rights enjoyed by married couples..."; Sentencia C-075/07 where same sex couples are granted same legal rights and remedies as married couples; Judgment C-521/07 that extended health benefits to partners in "union libre."

⁸ Law 54/1990 recognizing common law marriage; Law 979/2005 amending the 1990 law with respect to the procedural evidence of common law marriage.

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Teaching FCIL Interest Group Report

Submitted by Alison Shea

The Teaching FCIL Interest Group had a very active year, beginning with the launch of the new and improved FCIL Syllabi and Course Materials database in August 2011. Many thanks to all the contributors who donated their material to this wonderful resource! For those who would like to share or update their material, please send it to Alison (aashea@law.fordham.edu) for posting.

Based on the positive discussion and interest at last year's Interest Group meeting regarding teaching FCIL topics, the Chair thought it might be fun to present a program instead of having a meeting at the 2012 AALL conference in

Boston, and, thanks to the phenomenal assistance of Sergio Stone, Mary Rumsey, and Kristina Alayan in the planning stages, the Interest Group hosted a very successful roundtable on Teaching FCIL Topics during the "A" programming slot on Sunday, July 23. This roundtable was a great success, with an informal estimate of almost 100 attendees. Participants were invited to choose a topical table to sit at and discuss teaching that topic, and teaching in general, for the duration of the program. Please see the accompanying article in this issue of the *FCIL Newsletter* to read the key points taken from each table's discussion.

There was overwhelmingly positive

feedback and significant enthusiasm for hosting another similar program next year, with a desire to make it even longer to allow participants the opportunity to sit at multiple tables. The Interest Group, along with FCIL-SIS as a whole, hopes to make a successful program proposal for an enhanced roundtable program for the 2013 conference in Seattle.

Going forward, it would be nice to form a steering committee for the IG to continue to build upon the interest and positive momentum that these recent accomplishments have generated, so if you are interested in working on projects related to Teaching FCIL topics please contact Alison (aashea@law.fordham.edu) with your ideas!

Notes From a Roundtable: Top Tips, Best Practices, Key Resources & Sage Advice from the FCIL Topics Roundtable

Alison Shea

The Teaching FCIL Interest Group hosted a very successful roundtable program at the 2012 AALL Annual Meeting in Boston. There were 8 topical tables available for participants to choose from, each with an expert facilitator who led the discussion. Participants were asked to distill their conversation into "One Key Point" which was shared with the entire group at the close of the program. For those who were unable to attend, or who would have liked to engage in more topics during the program, the most interesting and salient points of each table's discussion have been transcribed into this article for your convenience and pedagogical enjoyment.

TREATIES AND CUSTOMARY INTERNATIONAL LAW

Facilitator: Marci Hoffman, Associate Director and International & Foreign Law

Librarian, Berkeley Law Library

Treaties

With regard to teaching how to research treaties, traditional sources are no longer useful in locating treaties; Google is now the preferred research tool for locating treaties:

- United States Treaties/TIAS is slow or not consistent
- The State Department website¹ is a mixed bag – while content is fairly current, the search engine is terrible
- The UN² and COE³ websites are good places to look for treaties but the UN search mechanism does not work well; stress importance of certified treaty copies
- UNTS often easier to manipulate and retrieve by citation using Hein's UN library
- How to ensure that students know when they have come full circle in research – status info, reservations

and declarations

- A great tool is the FLARE Index to Treaties⁴ – nice because it links you to the original instrument

With regard to creating research exercises in areas of treaty research:

- It's increasingly more difficult to come up with examples that are not found through Googling the answer
- One solution is to get students to look for treaties by topic, e.g. a problem involving whale meat, use EISIL⁵ to locate good places to find relevant treaties in area of international environmental law, etc.
- Informing students of subject collections of treaties is important to ensure they locate all relevant treaties on point

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How to teach the process of treaty-making:

- Need to re-familiarize students with how treaties function differently depending on the way they are enacted
- SOFA – is it a treaty?
- How treaties function outside of traditional domestic law context
- How treaties are interpreted by different countries – locate secondary sources
- Legislative history of a treaty – use Senate documents to determine meaning; sometimes Congressional Research Service issues a report on treaty

Customary International Law (CIL):

- Teaching the idea of state practice is feasible, but need to define it well – using the Digest for the US to illustrate practice of US government in international law; try to identify case law incorporating state practice as evidence of international law to illustrate; introduce the subjective element of “*opinio juris*”, states acting out of a sense of legal duty
- CIL usually involves very complex issues – one example could be looking at North Korean state practice to illustrate the difficult nature of identifying CIL aspects; more about geo-political problems than law
- The UK Foreign Office⁶ has a number of good resources including manuals on practice in international law, specifically detainees; good for using as an illustrating in IHL classes; ICRC⁷ also has lots of good CIL resources for IHL

One Key Point: There is no avoiding the prevalence of Google amongst today’s patrons, but a good teacher will help students see beyond Google by showing them legitimate repositories of treaties – i.e., FLARE, Avalon Project⁸, UN website – all available for free.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW

Facilitator: Anna Djirdjirian, Deputy Library Director, US Court of International Trade

Much of international trade law research centers around which resources you use to locate the same information:

- There is a new library on HeinOnline⁹ for International Trade materials which includes legislative history of US customs law from the US Court of International Trade
- BNA’s International Trade Reporter¹⁰
- WTO website¹¹
- Free research guides are a good place to start – e.g. EISIL
- Westlaw has an international trade law database which is well-rounded
- Customsinfo.com¹² is an expensive but really good resource
- The International Trade Commission’s (ITC) website has the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS)¹³ for free but it can be confusing to the novice user –customsinfo.com (above) does a good job explaining the HTS, and the World Customs Organization in Brussels issues explanatory notes on HTS¹⁴
- Lex Mercatoria¹⁵ also has great resources

One way to teach international trade law is by bringing in substantive topics like choice of law issues – often times, international trade involves admiralty/maritime law, which is a nice way to incorporate subject-specific research

One Key Point: It is important to know the resources available in any area of law and be able to match your students to the most relevant ones and to teach them to be intelligent users of the resources – even Google!

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION

Facilitator: Saskia Mehlhorn, Research Li-

brarian, Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P

- Two of the leading databases for international arbitration are the Investor-State Law Guide¹⁶ and Kluwer Arbitration¹⁷. ISLG is a relatively new database focused on foreign direct investment disputes, KA is more general and helpful primarily for its secondary source content
- The content of the arbitration databases is particularly useful for practitioners but students involved in the moot court competition can benefit from them
- ASIL’s Electronic Resource Guide on international arbitration¹⁸ is a recommended source for determining which arbitration databases are most suitable for which types of research projects. There is a leading article on the subject by S.I. Strong¹⁹
- Westlaw and Lexis have arbitration databases but they have not yet been integrated into WLNext and Lexis-Advance. Because of cost, some law firms may discourage use of these databases if alternatives are available
- The winning brief in the international arbitration Moot Court competition, which is posted on the VIS website²⁰, is an excellent resource to use for teaching international arbitration research
- Indexes of international arbitration journals are also helpful sources

One Key Point: Use of actual practice documents such as winning briefs on the VIS competition website provide a useful practical illustration of how specialized international arbitration sources are cited and used in the field, and can serve as a starting point for a presentation on international arbitration research.

INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN/INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW

Facilitator: Wanita Scroggs, International Law

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Librarian and Adjunct Professor, Stetson University College of Law

Topics discussed included:

- Online teaching methods
- Free v. fee-based sources
- Basic sources
- Current awareness
- Course structure

EUROPEAN UNION LAW

Facilitator: Alison Shea, Reference Librarian/ Foreign & International Specialist, Fordham University School of Law

- European case law is available through Eur-lex²¹ but sometimes easier to search using Curia;²² Eur-lex is currently in the process of adding PDF of ECR for cases
- Some sites such as Eur-lex often have technical problems; be sure to take into account when making assignments and alert students
- In-class exercises are very valuable; students are not engaged in a long lecture; group work also is useful for encouraging discussion and engagement
- Encourage students to browse EU materials via Europa's policy pages²³ rather than Google; try to find a research problem where Google gets them the wrong answer and browsing finds the right one
- Good source for EU statistics: Eurostat²⁴
- Good background information on EU can be found in a number of places, such as the ABCs of European Union Law²⁵, EU Guide for Americans²⁶, and the EIA website²⁷. The FCIL syllabi database also has materials on EU law²⁸

One Key Point: In addition to Europa and Eur-lex as important research tools, also make use of EU delegation's website, which offers a lot of background information for students on EU law.

PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW/ TRANSNATIONAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Facilitator: Paula Hoffman, Foreign and International Law Librarian, LA Law Library

- With transnational disputes, look to foreign law libraries for resources and research guides, as well as global firms who have significant cross-border practice
- Show the best database for the topic –i.e. Kluwer Arbitration— even if you cannot access them through your library
- When planning a lecture, start with a research guide on the topic so you don't have to reinvent the wheel when it comes to choosing class content
- Be a story teller!
- See if you can bring in a speaker who practices the topic – use the local bar, faculty from your school, practitioners in your area
- Give real examples in class to help round out lectures and reinforce learning
- When teaching a database, get the students to evaluate why they would use one resource over another to reinforce strengths and weaknesses of comparable content databases

One Key Point: When you get dropped into a class (one-shot lecture), focus on the “greatest hits” for that subject and promote the library by encouraging students to come and see the librarians for more relevant resources and instruction

HUMAN RIGHTS

Facilitator: Mary Rumsey, Foreign, Comparative & International Law Librarian, University of Minnesota Law Library

Issues to keep in mind when teaching human rights legal research:

- Cross- jurisdictional nature of human right law
- What is the background of the students taking human rights courses? Have they been exposed at all to public international law? Treaty research?
- Reliability of sites – not up to date.
- “Google and done” versus finding best case law. Google offers the illusion of finding the best sources quickly.
- Multidisciplinary nature – non-law sources
- It is important to teach the law of specific jurisdictions, not just regional or international system
- Establish relationship with human rights professors – need to work hard to create a good relationship
- Prioritize resources – not just what is easy to find; no clear hierarchy of sources in public international law; what criteria used to present resources – what gets most cited?

Resources that should be covered in any human rights research class:

- ASIL ERG guides²⁹ and other research guides
- UN documents³⁰ – consider bringing in the government documents librarian to go over researching UN materials
- UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNHCHR) website³¹
- UN Courts and Tribunals websites³²
- International law reports – available through Hein, Oxford Reports on International Law, Justis (UK) has ILR³³
- Mary recommends the following book: *The Inter-American Court of Human Rights: Case Law and Commentary* / Laurence Burgorgue-Larsen and Amaya Ubeda de Torres/ Article by Article Commentary (Oxford University, 2011)³⁴

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Ranking of Resources:

- Oxford Reports on International Human Rights Law³⁵
- International Law Reports³⁶
- EISIL for treaties
- Research Guides
- Amnesty³⁷, Human Rights Watch³⁸, State Department Human Rights Reports³⁹
- UNHCHR
- Universal Human Rights Index⁴⁰
- Right to education > vocational right > concluding observations
- Anne Bayefsky Web site⁴¹
- Identify 10 books that deal with human rights – demonstrated importance of secondary sources – such as Nigel Rodley's books⁴²

Examples of how different schools teach human rights:

- Northwestern has a class on legal writing for human rights
- Yale tries to match their FCIL research syllabus with other substantive classes being offered that semester; every semester focuses on a different jurisdiction
- FSU structures research exercises from the human rights actor perspective
- Santa Clara gives exercises on specific countries
- Pepperdine faces the problem of providing assistance and instruction to students involved in study abroad (Uganda and South America, for example)

Exercises and assessment:

- Less important in human rights courses
- Consider giving a real life scenario – have students locate sources that should be consulted and turn in materials by class time
- Presentation tailored to each specific country or assignment
- Human Rights modules offer the opportunity to provide treaty re-

search reinforcement

- Locate hot topics for exercises and class materials by browsing blogs and other current awareness tools
- Send students to the stacks to find the answer – in class exercise

One Key Point: Regardless of the type of instruction – stand-alone class, module in larger FCIL class, or “drop in” lecture, identify ahead of time most important resources for the students and stress those.

FOREIGN/COMPARATIVE LAW

Facilitator: Kristina Alayan, Foreign & International Law Reference Librarian, Duke Law School

- Start with free resources to get your bearings; good place to start for free is with online research guides – Globalex⁴³, LLRX⁴⁴, Peace Palace Library⁴⁵. Then introduce subscription databases
- Bring in current events; some students are more interested in commercial law, some in human rights, so get a sense of what your class' general interest is at the beginning. Some good places to locate current events are the Global Legal Monitor from the Law Library of Congress⁴⁶
- Lecture for 5-10 minutes, then do an activity – keep class moving.
- Allow for collaboration; some instructions require it as a peer review exercise
- Make sure that the hypotheticals you use are relevant to your students and relevant to the work they might anticipate doing in foreign jurisdictions.

One Key Point: Foreign law is an enormous topic. We have to tailor our instruction to the students' particular work. Are they doing death penalty work in Tanzania or commercial work in China? Relevancy is key to learning.

This program could not have happened without the help, knowledge, and enthusiasm of the facilitators, listed above, who curated interesting and fruitful discussion at each of the tables. Thanks goes to all participants who contributed their thoughts, ideas, best practices, top tips, and insight during the program, thereby making it a success. Particular thanks to those who served as scribes and speakers: Neel Agrawal, Susan de Maine, Tom Kimbrough, Brian Laherty, David Mao, Christine Napoleon, Rachael Smith, Herb Somers, and Morgan Stoddard.

¹ <http://www.state.gov/s/l/treaty/>

² <http://treaties.un.org/Home.aspx?lang=en>

³ <http://www.conventions.coe.int/>

⁴ <http://193.62.18.232/dbtw-wpd/textbase/treatysearch.htm>

⁵ <http://www.eisil.org/>

⁶ <http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/publications-and-documents/>

⁷ <http://www.icrc.org/eng/index.jsp>

⁸ <http://avalon.law.yale.edu/>

⁹ <http://home.heinonline.org/blog/category/international-trade/>

¹⁰ <http://www.bna.com/international-trade-reporter-p6101/>

¹¹ <http://www.wto.org/>

¹² <http://www.customsinfo.com/>

¹³ <http://www.usitc.gov/tata/hts/>

¹⁴ <http://publications.wcoomd.org/index.php?language=en>

¹⁵ <http://www.jus.uio.no/lm/>

¹⁶ <http://www.investorstatelawguide.com/>

¹⁷ <http://www.kluwerarbitration.com/>

¹⁸ <http://www.asil.org/erg/?page=arb>

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Report on IFLA 2012 in Helsinki

Sally Holterhoff & Marisol Florén

Following Finland's tradition of fine Nordic design, the 2012 IFLA (International Federation of Library Associations) conference in Helsinki was a wonderful example of creative planning and excellent presentation. Highlights of the August 11-17 meeting included a welcoming and thought-provoking opening session, valuable educational programs, and interesting exhibits and social events. This gathering also provided ample opportunities for networking and sharing of ideas among the nearly 4,000 delegates from 120 countries who attended (including about 300 attendees from the U.S.).

During this conference, IFLA leaders focused attention on five key initiatives, in the areas of (1) digital content, (2) international leadership development, (3) outreach for advocacy and advancement of the profession, (4) cultural heritage disaster reconstruction, and (5) multilingualism. Arising from some sectors of the membership during the conference was another theme: a call for a more transparent approach by the IFLA organization, with greater web awareness and more emphasis on dialogue.

The Section on Law Libraries (one of IFLA's 43 sections) began in 2007 and currently has 45 members. The section's Standing Committee, chaired by Claire Germain, met twice during the 2012 conference. Recruitment of four new members for the Standing Committee is one objective of the group for 2013. There are also several openings for individuals to become Corresponding Members of the Standing Committee; this is a position which does not require in-person attendance at each IFLA conference, but simply an interest in the work of the section and a willingness to be involved virtually. Increasing the membership of the section is also an important goal. Minutes of the section are being provided in French and Spanish, thanks to transla-



Standing Committee (SC) first meeting, Helsinki.

L to R: Marisol Florén (Florida International University, SC member), Sally Holterhoff (Valparaiso University, Observer), Robert Newlen (Law Library of Congress, SC member), Yolanda Jones (Wayne State University, Observer), Elizabeth Naumczyk (International Criminal Court Library, SC member), Bård Tuseth (University of Oslo, Observer), Blair Kauffman (Yale University, SC member), Claire Germain (University of Florida, SC Chair), Dominique Lapierre (Université Laval, Quebec, SC Secretary), Pascal Sanz (Bibliothèque nationale de France, SC member), Radu Popa (New York University, SC member).

tions produced by section members.

Planning is underway for Law Libraries Section programs for the IFLA 2013 conference, which will be held in Singapore, with the theme "Future Libraries: Infinite Possibilities." Following the tradition set up for Puerto Rico in 2011 and followed in Helsinki in 2012 (see below), the main program to be sponsored by the Law Libraries Section in Singapore will focus on collecting data about the online legal materials of countries in the region of the meeting, to add to a global index of online primary legal sources and their status in regard to open access, official status, and authentication. A new working group has been formed to create an index of countries, indicating to what extent their governments provide open

access to legal information, authentication of digital legal information, and preservation for long-term access. This working group will also be exploring the feasibility of proposing an IFLA standard regarding these matters. (A new IFLA Committee on Standards was established earlier this year.)

In Helsinki, the main program sponsored by the Law Libraries Section (with the co-sponsorship of three other sections) was: *Promoting Global Access to Law: Developing an Open Access Index for Official Authenticated Legal Information. Part 2: Europe.* (<http://conference.ifla.org/ifla78/session-129>). The session and its four speakers were introduced by Elizabeth Naumczyk

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(Head Librarian, International Criminal Court Library, The Hague, Netherlands). Juha Raitio (Professor of European Law, University of Helsinki) provided an overview of the relevant characteristics of the Finnish legal system and legal thinking, exploring different sources of law and examining the influence of European law on Finnish jurisprudence.

Aki Hietanen (Director of Information Services, Finnish Ministry of Justice) spoke about e-law and free access to legislation in Finland and Europe. He outlined the historical evolution and movement toward free access to legal information in European countries and the European Union, focusing on documents such as official gazettes and on databases that provide either consolidated texts or original texts of laws. Most European countries offer open access to

their online legislation; in some the access is free of charge, while in others it is fee-based. Electronic-only format for legislation (with no print equivalent) is provided by some countries. Some online gazettes are authenticated. Trends in the use of electronic technologies in the field of justice include electronic exchange of court documents, electronic registers, and the European E-Justice portal. He concluded by analyzing Finland's movement toward free access to legal information.

Claire M. Germain (Associate Dean for Legal Information and Clarence J. TeSelle Professor of Law, University of Florida Legal Information Center, USA) spoke about worldwide access to foreign law and movement toward digital authentication at the international and national level. She discussed the

challenge for governments of finding ways to ensure the authenticity and permanence of legal information, particularly born-digital information which has no print equivalent. She reviewed the efforts of the European Commission and the Hague Conference on Private International Law, which convened a joint conference on Access to Foreign Law in Civil and Commercial Matters in Belgium in February 2012. She also traced U.S. efforts at the federal and state levels that have led to the enactment of the Uniform Electronic Material Act (UELMA) of 2011. She emphasized the role that U.S. law librarians have played in promoting changes to government information policies.

Edita Bacic (University of Split, Faculty of Law, Split, Croatia) spoke on the improvement of the free legal aid system in Croatia and their Twinning light project ("Improvement of Free Legal Aid System") with Lithuania, which is aimed toward providing better access to justice in Croatia for those who are unable to bear the costs of legal services. This is being done by training and improving the skills of the lawyers who provide legal services in the Department for Legal Aid within the Ministry of Justice and State Administration Offices in Croatia.

The Law Libraries Section co-sponsored four additional programs with other sections. Topics of three of those sessions were: copyright law and legal deposit for audiovisual materials; trends in government libraries and prospects for new user services; and empowering library users to solve problems. These programs provided perspectives on these topics from various countries around the world. A fourth co-sponsored program (with the Section on Library and Research Services for Parliaments) was *Libraries for the Law and for Lawmakers* (<http://conference.ifla.org/ifla78/session-214>). Sonia Poulin and Rhonda O'Neill



Reception at Kaisa House, new library at University of Helsinki.

First Row, L to R: Juha Raitio (Professor of European Law at University of Helsinki & speaker on Law Libraries Section main program), Dominique Lapierre (Université Laval, Quebec, SC Secretary).

Second Row, L to R: Claire Germain (University of Florida, SC Chair), Sally Holterhoff (Valparaiso University), Soledad Ferreiro (Biblioteca de Congreso Nacional de Chile), Robert Newlen (Law Library of Congress, SC member).

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FIU Law Library Receives NEH Grant

Marisol Florén

In December of 2011, Florida International University's College of Law Library was awarded a US\$ 6,000 Preservation Assistance Grant for Small Libraries from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The grant was to aid in the preservation of the Mario Diaz Cruz Collection, a unique library of historic Cuban legal materials. The award was used to hire a consultant from the Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts to evaluate the condition of the materials and to review the policies, practices, and environmental conditions affecting the care of the collection. A preservation specialist came to FIU in the Spring and released a report in September with recommendations for managing and processing these rare materials.

The Mario Diaz Cruz collection contains 6,000 volumes, approximately 882 linear feet, of legal materials published between 1757 and 1959. The collection is com-

prised of books, journals, and some manuscripts covering primary and secondary sources from Cuba, Latin America, Spain, France, and Italy. These publications belonged to Mario Diaz Cruz Sr., a well-known Cuban lawyer who practiced law in Havana from 1915 to 1958. Upon his death, the collection was transferred to his son Mario Diaz Cruz, Jr., a lawyer who brought his father's law library with him when he came to Miami in 1959. Once in Miami, the collection was acquired by the Rainforth Foundation of Coral Gables, Florida. With the support of the Rainforth Foundation, Mario Diaz Cruz Jr. remained active in the field of comparative law until his retirement in the mid-1990s. In January of 2007, the collection was donated by the Rainforth Foundation to FIU's College of Law Library.

Beyond the wealth and significance of the historic Cuban legal materials, the Diaz Cruz collection is of great value to

comparative legal historians and scholars whose primary focus is on Latin America, Spain, and France. This library represents, to great extent, the transatlantic, comparative notion of business, family, property, public policy, trade, and constitutional law that many jurists, courts, law schools, and law professionals embraced throughout Latin America.

FIU's Law Library, in partnership with University of Florida and other Caribbean libraries and archives, is digitizing nineteenth century Caribbean codes and other legal materials from the Mario Diaz Cruz collection to make them accessible to scholars worldwide. The images are posted to the Digital Library of the Caribbean (dLOC), accessible through the web at <http://dloc.com>. The Civil Code of Haiti (1892), Mexican Civil Code (1879), Civil Code of Guatemala (1877), and the Cuban Census of 1899, are already accessible in dLOC.

The main emphasis of the Diaz Cruz library is private law, covering the areas of commercial law, property, wills and trust, banks and banking, and contracts, as well as constitutional law. There are also a few treatises on the Cuban sugar industry. Of particular interest is the inclusion of several manuscripts, most notably notebooks with handwritten annotations for every article related to the Cuban civil code with references to journal articles and treatises, court decisions and related legislation, as well as handwritten commentaries on many other topics.

The Mario Diaz Cruz collection contains complete repertoires of judicial decisions published by the Supreme Court of Justice of Cuba from 1903 to 1959. The evolution and legal history of Cuba in the first half of the twentieth century can also be tracked at the level of local courts through complete sets of *La Jurispruden-*



Books from the Mario Diaz Cruz Collection at Florida International University's College of Law Library

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cia al Día, Colección de Circulares Expedidas por la Real Audiencia Pretorial de La Habana (1865-1871); Ordenes Civiles from the United States Military Government (1899 through 1903), Colección Legislativa 1899 – 1959, and Repertorio Judicial, 1925 - 1957. Historians concerned with the social dynamics of marriage, custody, marital property, housing, inheritances, children's equality, rent control, land tenancy, or business transactions have a strong collection here.

Among the rarest and hard-to-find series of Cuban legal journals, the Mario Diaz Cruz library holds *Revista Cubana de Derecho* (1929 – 1957), *Revista del Colegio de Abogados* (1938 – 1947), and *Oriente Revista General de Derecho* (1932 and 1933). The Diaz Cruz library possesses an extensive array of classic legal treatises and journals mainly from France, Spain, Italy, and other European countries, including: from Spain, *Revista de Derecho Privado* (1913 – 1959), and *Revista de Legislación y Jurisprudencia* (1853 – 1959); from France, *Revue Trimestrelle de Droit Civil* (1902 – 1959), *Revue Historique de Droit Français et Etranger* (1855 – 1869), and its continuation the *Nouvelle Revue Historique de Droit Français et Etranger* (1877 – 1921); and from Italy, *Rivista di Diritto Privato* (1931 – 1944). Latin American legal bibliography is vastly represented too with codes, treatises, and legal journals covering Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia, and Mexico among others. Among the many legal materials acquired over the years by Mario Diaz Cruz, father and son, is a collection of early civil codes which clearly conveys the practical and academic importance of this library. The library also includes a 1757 edition of the *Corpus Juris Civilis Justiniane*, which constitutes the common founda-

tion of all civil law jurisdictions in Continental Western Europe, Latin America, Louisiana, and Quebec.

More information on the Diaz Cruz collection is available in “Le droit comparé à Miami, Mario Diaz Cruz et *The Comparative Juridical Review*” 85 *REVUE DE DROIT INTERNATIONAL ET DE DROIT COMPARÉ* 213-27 (2008) by Matthew Mirow, FIU Law’s Associate Dean for International and Graduate Studies. The article discusses the life and work of Mario Diaz Cruz Junior and Senior, the foundation of the comparative law journal *The Comparative Juridical Review* (1964 – 1994), the achievements of Mario Diaz Cruz Jr. within the context of comparative legal education in Miami, and the influence of exile communities on the development of comparative law.



A view of the Mario Diaz Cruz Collection at Florida International University’s College of Law Library

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(Alberta Law Libraries, Canada) shared their experience implementing a new model of governance, organization, and structure for Alberta Libraries, which promotes greater communication and collaboration among the libraries. Soledad Ferreiro and Christian Sifaqui (Biblioteca del Congreso Nacional de Chile) described their program to promote citizenship involvement and understanding of the lawmaking process in Chile as well as their implementation of open linked data services, including data from LeyChile. John Pullinger (House of Commons, United Kingdom) and Robert Newlen (Law Library of Congress, USA) spoke about plans to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the Magna Carta in 2015.

Among other programs of interest was one on the topic of surveillance in cyberspace, featuring Siva Vaidhyanathan, who is well-known in the U.S. as a cultural historian, media scholar, and author of several books, including the 2011 *The Googlization of Everything (and Why We Should Worry)*. He was also one of several plenary speakers for the IFLA conference (having previously served as plenary speaker for the 2004 AALL Annual Meeting).

Members of the Law Libraries Section enjoyed a lovely Wednesday evening reception at Kaisa House, the brand-new main library of the University of Helsinki, located in the City Centre. Collections combined in the new facility include law, social sciences, arts and literature, theology, and languages. The design for this building was selected by an open competition. Since the new library had not yet officially opened, the reception provided us with a special preview of its beautiful and functional design and furnishings, all of which were quite impressive.

New Member Profile: Chris Galeczka

Mary Rumsey

Our newest FCIL-SIS member, Chris Galeczka, is a current MSI student at the University of Michigan School of Information. Like many FCIL librarians, he practiced law (immigration law, in this case). Later, he taught Spanish and social studies to high school and middle school students.

Chris demonstrated an early interest in international affairs, receiving a bachelor's degree in International Relations at Michigan State University, then worked on the *Michigan State Journal of International Law* in law school.

Currently, Chris works at the University of Michigan Law Library as a Reference Desk Assistant as well as a Research Assistant in the Faculty Services Office. He is also completing his MSI degree and will graduate in May 2013.

Chris brings impressive language skills to his work; he grew up speaking Polish in a bilingual family and also learned Russian in college. Additionally, he is a certified Spanish teacher.

Chris comments: "One interesting feature of working with FCIL at the university is the comprehensiveness of our FCIL collection as well the variety of research questions we receive. During the course of my time at the law library I have received and provided guidance on questions concerning the laws of juris-



Chris Galeczka

dictions as varied as Poland, India, and the Isle of Man, which as many readers likely know, is a small UK Crown Dependency located between England and Ireland."

Like many FCIL librarians, Chris enjoys "the variety of the work and the variety of people I get to work with." He continues, "I also enjoy the fact that I am really able to draw on all the experiences I have had in law, teaching, international relations, and foreign language on a day-to-day basis."

Asked what he likes the least about his work, or what he finds the most difficult, Chris commented, "while I enjoy the challenge of deciphering an unusual citation or locating an obscure resource, it can become frustrating when the

search becomes more difficult than I originally imagined. Nonetheless, I love ultimately solving such riddles because, by doing so, I build my knowledge base and can better assist my patrons when that same question, or a similar question, comes up again."

Regarding what he enjoys about his work, Chris said: "Right now I am enjoying learning to navigate the wide world of FCIL resources. If I were to pick a favorite geographic area to focus on, it would be Central/Eastern Europe and the post-Soviet states."

Another aspect of Chris's background may also help in his FCIL work: "Various types of trivia games have always been a hobby of mine. I played on Michigan State's College Bowl team while there, and currently play on a trivia team here in Ann Arbor." In fact, he appeared as a Phone-a-Friend on *Who Wants to be a Millionaire!* in October 2000. Chris helped his friend out by knowing the answer to the \$32,000 question: What was the first capital of the United States after the adoption of the (present) Constitution? (New York).

Those who attended the FCIL-SIS business meeting in Boston this July may remember that Chris won the unofficial Dan Wade prize for the newest member. It's always great to see new people at the business meeting—welcome, Chris!

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