Report on IFLA 2017 in Wrocław, Poland

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[Note: much of this report is pulled from Charles’ post to the FCIL SIS DipLawMatic Dialoges blog IFLA WLIC 2017 Conference Recap – check out his post for the informative perspective of a first-time attendee! Also, keep an eye out for his follow-up post about Wrocław as a travel destination]

INTRODUCTION
More than 3100 delegates from 122 countries gathered in Wrocław (pronounced “Vro-tz-way”) in southwestern Poland August 19-25, 2017 for the 83rd World Library and Information Congress (WLIC). WLIC is the annual general meeting of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA). With an overall theme of “Libraries. Solidarity. Society.” this year’s conference provided 247 educational programs along with a wealth of other educational, networking and planning opportunities in the form of committee (and other sub-group) meetings, satellite meetings, poster sessions, receptions, and other gatherings. The conference took place in the historic Centennial Hall (Hala Stulecia), built in 1913 and named a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2006.

OPENING SESSION
IFLA President Donna Scheeder and IFLA Secretary General Gerald Leitner opened the conference. Both leaders encouraged delegates to vote in IFLA’s Global Vision Discussion, which explores how a connected and united library field can meet the challenges of the future. Others extending greetings included Poland’s Deputy Prime Minister of Culture, who brought a message

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From the Chair

Alex Zhang

It is my great pleasure and honor to serve as the FCIL-SIS Chair for 2017 - 2018. First of all, please allow me to extend my sincere appreciation to Alison Shea, the immediate past Chair for the invaluable contributions and extraordinary leadership she has provided to the FCIL community. I would also like to thank Loren Turner, our immediate past Treasurer, for all the hard work she did to make sure our organization was financially healthy in the last two years. And of course, many thanks and congratulations to all members of FCIL-SIS for yet another successful year!

LOOKING BACK

I am sure we all benefitted from the excellent FCIL programs that were put on at the 2017 AALL Annual Meeting in Austin, TX. Coordinated by Yemisi Dina, Professor Duruigbo of Texas Southern University spoke about the role of natural resources in both Texas and Nigeria with a focus on legal compliance in the areas of human rights and corporate accountability. Jorge R. Piñon, Julienne Grant, Marisol Florén-Romero, and Teresa Miguel-Stearns shared their knowledge in the areas of Cuban Law and legal Research. The panel also covered practical legal issues related to trade between Cuba and the U.S. In addition to these two well-attended and highly-regarded programs, many FCIL members also had the good fortune to hear a fantastic talk from Ms. Rosemarie Rogers, a law librarian at Buddle Findlay, an Australian law firm. Rosemarie was the 2017 FCIL Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians recipient. Rosemarie’s talk focused on the legal identity of natural resources in Australian law. Members of FCIL-SIS also enjoyed interacting with Rosemarie at multiple occasions throughout the annual conference. Special thanks to the Schaffer Grant Committee (Mark Engsberg, Steven Costa, Sherry Leysen, and Hunter Whaley) for their excellent work selecting Rosemarie as this year’s recipient of the Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians.

In addition to all the excellent presentations held at the Annual Conference, many of our FCIL-SIS members made valuable contributions to FCIL legal research and information literacy in writing. For example, twelve members of the Latin American Law Interest Group completed “Guide to Cuban Law and Legal Research” covering a variety of topics on Cuban legal information and research. The Guide will appear in the October 2017 issue of the International Journal of Legal Information. Stay tuned! The Electronic Resources Interest Group (Jim Hart (Chair), Yemisi Dina, Sherry Chen, Steven Perkins, and Dennis Kim-Prieto) wrote a series of e-resource reviews covering key FCIL e-resources such as Globalex, Foreign Law Guide, treaty databases, International Criminal Law case database and the Peace Palace Library. The Series will be made available in the FCIL-SIS newsletters in the coming year.

We are so fortunate to have unlimited numbers of volunteers to contribute to the development of FCIL-SIS and to share their knowledge and expertise in the area of FCIL legal information and research. Members’ tireless and loyal support and efforts are what keep our community growing. This year, the FCIL-SIS executive board had the pleasure of honoring some of our members who have made extraordinary contribution and services to the FCIL-SIS community. We were happy to award the Spirit of the FCIL-SIS Award to Yemisi Dina and Thomas Mills, and the Daniel L. Wade Outstanding Service Award to Sergio Stone. All the authors of the Mexican Law and Legal Research Guide won the Reynolds and Flores Publication Award; they are Bianca T. Anderson, Marisol Florén-Romero, Julienne Grant, Jootaek Lee, Lyonette Louis-Jacques, Teresa Miguel-Stearns, Jonathan Pratter, and Sergio Stone. Last, but not least, the Newest FCIL-SIS Member Award went to Jessica Pierucci. Congratulations to all!!

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from Poland’s President, Wrocław’s mayor, the president of the Polish Librarian’s Association, and the director of the National Library of Poland. British historian Richard But- terwick-Pawlikowski delivered the keynote address “Where Were You Going, Poland, When You Were So Rudely Inter- rupted?” In addition to introducing the audience to some of the recurring themes and continuities in Poland’s tumultu- ous history, the address also offered insights into the coun- try’s transition to democracy since the fall of the communist regime in 1989.

The Opening Session concluded with a Broadway-style extravaganza employing a combination of interpretive dance and acrobatics illustrating Wrocław’s thousand-year history.

LAW LIBRARIES SECTION & STANDING COMMITTEE BUSINESS MEETINGS

The Standing Committee (SC) conducted two business meetings under the leadership of Chair Sonia Poulin (Justice Education Institute, Canada), who explained that the work of the SC is set forth in the yearly Action Plan and that the Chair, Secretary, and Information Coordinator meet regularly via videoconferencing to plan the section’s work.

A highlight of the business meetings was a report on two very successful workshops on open access to legal information that were co-sponsored by IFLA, with additional sponsorship from IALL, Hein, and publisher CAIRN. The workshops took place in Kampala, Uganda, in December of 2016, and in Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire, in May of 2017. Plans for a third workshop to be held elsewhere in sub-Saharan Africa in 2018 are already underway.

Another highlight of the business meetings was a report on the adoption of a Statement on Government Provision of Public Legal Information in the Digital Age by the IFLA Governing Board in December of 2016. SC member Sally Holterhoff drafted the statement, which includes provisions on authentication and digital preservation for long-term access. Its formal adoption by IFLA’s Governing Board marked the culmination of a long-term project that helped to raise the profile of the Law Libraries Section. Sally Holterhoff acknowledged the assistance of IFLA Governing Board member Frederick Zarndt, as well as the encourage- ment of former SC Chair Claire Germain, during the pro- cess. Sally, Claire, and SC member Teresa Miguel-Stearns met with IFLA’s advocacy director during the WLIC to dis- cuss plans for turning the Statement into action.

The SC also discussed program proposals for the 2018 WLIC, including a potential program on the role of libraries in times of crisis and turmoil, and a program on copyright, perhaps with a regional focus.

LAW LIBRARIES SECTION 2017 PROGRAMS

The Law Libraries Section either sponsored, jointly- sponsored, or was represented by SC members at several educational programs during the conference:

**Law in Transition – Challenges for Legal Research and Legal Methodology** (Law Libraries Section jointly with the Government Libraries Section) – chaired by Law Libraries Section SC member Anne Burnett (University of Georgia, United States).

Speakers discussed:

- Overview of Polish Legal System with Emphasis on the Role of the Judge in Poland: Ethics, Law and Legal Education
- Reflection of the Swiss Institute of Comparative Law on Legal Transformation in Eastern Europe

**Optimizing Subject Access to Legal Resources: Solidarity in Diver- gence** (Law Libraries Section jointly with the Subject Analysis and Access Sections) – chaired by George Prager (New York University Law School, United States); Maja Žumer (University of Ljubljana, Slovenia); Law Libraries Section SC member Hélène Besnier (Bibliothèque Cujas, France).

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Law Libraries Section Standing Committee members present at the meeting (Sally Holterhoff)
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Speakers highlighted innovative and effective ways of applying subject access to legal resources, with topics including:

- Law Cataloguing and Classification in Poland
- Classification and Subject Indexing System of the Institute of Research on Law at the National Autonomous University of Mexico
- Optimizing Subject Access to Legal Resources: EuroVoc and VoeBench: Benefits of Using Multilingual Controlled Vocabularies and an Open Source Collaborative Tool for their Maintenance

Demonstrating Value and/or Assessing the Impact of Different Types of Libraries and Information Services: Can You Spot the Difference?

Division I sponsored this program featuring a series of lightning talks. Law Libraries Section SC member Edita Bačić (University of Split, Croatia) represented law libraries with a lightning talk titled “The Impact of the South East European Association of Law and Related Libraries (SEALL) on Open Access to Communities and Profession.”

OTHER PROGRAMS OF INTEREST

How to Find It? International Legal Institutions Informing the Public (Government Information and Official Publications Section).

This program included four presentations relevant to the law library community:

- Global Online Access to Legal Information (GOALI) - A New Legal Training Resource for Developing Countries
  - GOALI is a new initiative that is working with commercial publishers to provide free or low cost access to legal materials in developing countries. The Yale and Cornell law libraries are collaborating with the International Labour Organisation on this project, which is expected to launch publicly in February of 2018.
- From the European Institutions to the European Citizens: The Information Channels Through the European Documentation Centers (EDCs)
- Human Rights Set Sail from Strasbourg
- How to Find it? EU Documentation: Perspectives from a Research Library

Parliament and the People: Transparency, Openness, Engagement (Library and Research Services for Parliaments).

This program started with five presentations on facilitating open and transparent communication between parliaments and the public followed by break-out sessions during which each presenter met with members of the audience for a more in-depth discussion. The brief presentations included:

- Parliamentary Researchers Network (REDIPAL), a Sharing Platform of News, Publications and Events
- Transparency and Right to Access Information in the Spanish Congress of Deputies
- Facilitating for Parliaments and Legislators to Communicate with the General Public: Creating an Effective Interface for Re-use of Information and Research Outputs through Outreach and Partnerships
- Paths to Public Engagement in the Portuguese Parliament: An Example of the Improvement of Technological Mediation
- Chilean Budget Data Visualization Tool

LAW LIBRARIES SECTION ANNUAL RECEPTION

The Law Libraries Section once again hosted over 50 attendees at the traditional Monday evening reception. SC members Margo Jeske (University of Ottawa) and Elizabeth Naumczyk (Singapore) did an excellent job of organizing the event from abroad with the much-appreciated assistance of
Monika Mitera, Deputy Director of the National Library of Poland. The University of Wrocław Faculty of Law, Administration and Economics hosted the reception in its recently-renovated building, and Pawel Borszowski, Professor of Law and Deputy Dean for Finance and Evaluation, provided a presentation on “Professors at the Faculty of Law, Administration and Economics, University of Wrocław, Yesterday and Today…” The attendees enjoyed a wonderful mix of traditional Polish and modern food.

Wolters Kluwer sponsored the reception, and we were pleased that International Accounts Manager Jean-Christophe Goris was able to join us for the event. The section honored guest Frederick Zarndt (CEO of Global Connexions and member of the IFLA Governing Board) with a certificate and a gift acknowledging his assistance and encouragement during the process of drafting and adopting the IFLA Statement on Government Provision of Public Legal Information in the Digital Age.

CULTURAL EVENING
IFLA’s Cultural Evening is a conference-wide event spotlighting the food and culture of the host country. This year’s event took place on the lovely grounds outside of the conference site, Centennial Hall, where attendees enjoyed live music and excellent food and beverages. Librarians must dance, and this year’s Cultural Evening provided the opportunity to learn the traditional Polish dance, the Polonaise, along with thousands of librarians from around the world.

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS THE WLIC 2018?
The conference location rotates among regions of the world. In 2018, IFLA will meet in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on August 24-30 under the theme “Transform Libraries, Transform Societies.” Check the WLIC 2018 site for programming, registration and accommodation information.

Example of the hundreds of miniature dwarfs found throughout Wrocław. This professorial dwarf is stationed at the University of Wroclaw, near the Law Libraries Section's reception (Anne Burnett)

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MOVING FORWARD
2017-2018 is going to be an exciting year for FCIL-SIS for many reasons. Here are some highlights. Our Strategic Planning Committee (Paul Moorman (chair), Kristina Alayan, Julienne Grant, Caitlin Hunter, Loren Turner, and Thomas Mills (ex officio)) will be crafting the 2018-2021 strategic plan to lead our organization to a new and bright future in a profoundly transformative era. Our Educational Committee, chaired by Dennis Sears and Catherine Deane, will work closely with our members to develop more opportunities for members to share their knowledge and expertise at the 2018 annual conference. The FCIL-SIS Executive Committee will continue to seek opportunities to help members to pursue professional development goals. Volunteers who have dedicated their time, service, and talent tirelessly and selflessly are the main driving force of our organization as always. It is never too late to volunteer. If you are interested in sharing your knowledge, experience, and expertise with us, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time. Thanks very much and enjoy 2017-2018.
Resource Reviews: Foreign Law Guide

Part of series of reviews prepared by the Electronic Research Interest Group

James Hart

INTRODUCTION
The Foreign Law Guide (FLG) is a comprehensive, subscription guide to the sources of law, particularly legislation, of approximately 190 jurisdictions. All jurisdictions are countries with the exception of the Andean Community and the European Union. It provides users with a bibliography of primary and secondary sources of foreign law and an encyclopedia of the history and government of each jurisdiction.

HOW WELL-KNOWN IS THE SOURCE?
The FLG is widely, if not universally, known among foreign, comparative, and international law librarians. The growth of the teaching and practice of foreign and international law in the United States, has spread the word among non-FCIL librarians as well.

HOW ACCESSIBLE IS IT?
It is a Brill product, resides on Brill’s platform, and appears to be organized on the same pattern as their other reference sources. The FLG shares the same quality and stability as Brill’s other work. So you will find it on the web, but you will need to pay the cost of the subscription.

HOW AUTHORITATIVE IS IT?
In short, the FLG is highly authoritative as are its General Editor, Marci Hoffman, and its publisher, Brill, which are both among the best in their fields.

HOW COMPREHENSIVE IS IT, IN TERMS OF ITS CONTENTS?
Each article includes sections on Government & Legal System, Primary Sources, Other Materials, and Laws by Subject. Government & Legal System provides a general description of:

- the historical and recent conditions responsible for a jurisdiction’s current state;
- a country’s emergence as a sovereign state;
- the historical changes in its constitutions and government;
- the most important bodies of the current government, i.e., legislative and judicial bodies, and, where appropriate, executive bodies;
- a country’s system of sources of legal rules, e.g., constitution, legislation, treaties, regulations, directives, ordinances, notices, and decrees.

Primary Sources includes all historical publications; separate gazettes for different government bodies or purposes; unofficial gazettes, if any; and online availability. The Session Laws subdivision may also list some secondary sources, e.g., Germany and Canada’s Basic Laws.

Other Materials lists outstanding, authoritative, secondary sources including encyclopedias, guides to research, law review articles, monographs, monographic series, and public and private online sources.

Laws by Subject is one of the most useful sections. It uses a controlled vocabulary of 66 subject headings to classify particular legislation of each jurisdiction by subject, e.g., bankruptcy, health and taxation.

HOW EASY-TO-USE (USER-FRIENDLY) IS IT?
The FLG’s organization, easy access to content, and excellent user guides renders its use nearly transparent. Its ways of browsing and searching can be used by themselves or in combination. Users can browse the countries and the subjects directly or use them in combination to compare various countries’ laws on a certain topic. Users can also search FLG by using the search box above the heading, “Foreign Law Guide.” Although users can enter any term, they will get hits only on those that appear in the FLG, i.e., names of countries, subject headings, keywords associated with the subject headings, and words in titles or essays. It also offers Boolean searching along with nesting, truncation, wildcards, proximity operators, and fuzzy searches.

HOW USEFUL IS IT IN TERMS OF ITS ABILITY TO ANSWER BOTH COMMON AND RARE (DIFFICULT-TO-FIND) QUESTIONS?
FLG is one of the best places to find answers to questions that match its purposes. Users must realize that it covers a complex area of law. So its information is intended primarily for sophisticated users. That does not mean that it could not answer basic questions. Its content and organization certainly render it useful to non-FCIL librarians.

HOW CURRENT (UP-TO-DATE) IS IT?
A work of this size and comprehensiveness would be difficult to keep entirely current all the time. One would expect that the historical material would hardly change at all; that the structure of most governments and the secondary sources would change somewhat frequently; but that the content of the statutes, treaties, regulations, decrees, etc. of so many countries and on so many subjects for each country would be hard to keep up with. A careful, but informal study, shows that the FLG is indeed largely current. There is a helpful list of countries that have been updated recently on its landing page.

1 See How comprehensive is it in terms of its contents? Laws by Subject above.
Resource Reviews: Globalex

Part of series of reviews prepared by the Electronic Research Interest Group

Dennis Kim-Prieto

INTRODUCTION

GlobaLex is an electronic legal publication of Foreign, Comparative, and International Legal (FCIL) research materials, curated and hosted by the Hauser Global Law School Program at the New York University School of Law. Started by noted NYU Foreign, Comparative, and International reference librarian Mirela Roznovschi in February of 2005, GlobaLex has become a standard reference source for FCIL work, and is regularly taught by FCIL instructional librarians across the country. GlobaLex has even been cited as a resource used in at least two reported U.S. decisions analyzing issues from foreign jurisdictions. GlobaLex categorizes its articles into three sections: International Law Research, Comparative Law Research, and Foreign Law Research. Each section contains articles under the listed subject. It also features a fourth section devoted to law librarians, entitled: Tools for Building Foreign, Comparative, and International Law Collections.

HOW WELL-KNOWN IS THE SOURCE?

Among FCIL librarians and scholars, GlobaLex is quite well known. Over 170 different law librarians have contributed to this project, which constitutes a small, but significant, portion of the profession. GlobaLex is cited in several footnotes in Hoffman and Rumsey’s landmark International and Foreign Legal Research: A Coursebook, and has also been featured in AALL Spectrum, the International Journal for Legal Information, International Legal Research Informer, and Legal Information Management. As noted above, it was cited by the Court of Special Appeals of Maryland in Garba v. Ndiaye, 227 Md. App. 162, 132 A.3d 908, 2016 Md. App. LEXIS 25 (Md. Ct. Spec. App. 2016), and by the Supreme Court of New York, New York County, in People v Santos, 46 Misc. 3d 1212(A), 9 N.Y.S.3d 595, 2014 N.Y. Misc. LEXIS 5798, 2014 NY Slip Op 51914(U) (N.Y. Sup. Ct. 2014). It has also been cited in numerous briefs and other documents prepared for practice before a variety of courts. GlobaLex is selectively indexed by HeinOnline’s Law Journal Library, Legal Source, Proquest, and LegalTrac.

HOW ACCESSIBLE IS IT?

GlobaLex is an open access web-based directory of legal research articles. Users do not need to log in, nor are there any subscription costs associated with accessing the material on this page. None of the resources listed within are hidden behind any paywalls. Access is free and open to everyone in the world.

HOW AUTHORITATIVE IS IT?

As noted above, the GlobaLex project was founded by renowned FCIL librarian Mirela Roznovschi. Today, it is edited and curated by Lucie Olejnikova, the Foreign and International Law Librarian at Yale Law School. Both of these scholars are widely respected and very well known in our profession. GlobaLex articles are updated regularly, within approximately two years after each piece’s initial publication.

GlobaLex is more than a straightforward research guide. Its articles are authored by judges, librarians, scholars, and other professionals who have established their expertise in foreign, comparative, or international law. Each article serves as an introductory gateway to the jurisdiction or topic that it covers, and each author brings a different perspective to the material presented. Articles highlight different features from each unique jurisdiction or topic, representing diversity of thought, and of practice, among authors and within the systems represented.

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Minutes of AALL FCIL-SIS Business Meeting, July 17, 2017

Loren Turner

The FCIL-SIS business meeting was held at 7:00 am on Monday, July 17, 2017. Approximately 40 members attended the meeting. The Chair of the FCIL-SIS, Alison Shea, called the meeting to order. She introduced the other members of the executive board: Xiaomeng (Alex) Zhang (Vice Chair/Chair-Elect) and Loren Turner (Secretary-Treasurer), who were both in attendance, and former FCIL-SIS Chair, Lucie Olejnikova, who was not able to attend this year’s meeting, but who contributed greatly to the board this past year. Additionally, Alison thanked the breakfast sponsors, especially the representative of Bloomberg Law, who was in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

Alison reminded members that she had posted to the listserv an agenda for this year’s business meeting as well as the meeting notes from last year’s business meeting, previously published in the October 2016 issue of the FCIL-SIS newsletter. Alison asked the members if they approved the minutes from last year’s business meeting. After a vote, the minutes were approved.

Next, Loren delivered the Secretary-Treasurer report:

- FCIL-SIS account balance as of May 31, 2017: $13,711.92
- Schaffer Grant balance as of May 31, 2017: $72,921.49 ($52,000 (endowed corpus) + $20,921.49 (excess)).

Loren then delivered the 2017 election results. Elections for the next FCIL-SIS Vice Chair/Chair-Elect and the next Secretary-Treasurer opened on Monday, March 27, 2017, and closed on Friday, April 14, 2017. Catherine Deane won the election as the next Vice Chair/Chair-Elect and Sabrina Sondhi won as the next Secretary-Treasurer. Congratulations, Deane and Sabrina!

INTEREST GROUPS

Alison next asked for oral reports by Interest Group Chairs.

**African Law:** Chair, Yemisi Dina, reported that the African Law IG proposed and successfully hosted a program during the 2017 Annual Meeting called Global Energy Law: Perspectives from North America and Africa. Emeka Duruigbo, Professor of Oil & Gas Law and Business Associations at Texas Southern University’s Thurgood Marshall School of Law, was the guest speaker for the event. Additionally, last year, the IG updated its website and compiled a list of African law journals that were not indexed by the IFLP. Lastly, the African Law IG is embarking on a membership drive and welcomes anyone interested in African Law, and/or anyone who maintains an African law collection, to join the IG.

**Asian Law:** Anne Mostad-Jensen, incoming Chair, reported that the IG intends to revise its website and update the list of people identified as Asian law experts in the Jumpstart guide. Additionally, the IG will brainstorm proposal ideas for next year’s Annual Meeting and will look into creating a reading group for members interested in learning more about Asian law topics.

**Customary and Religious Law:** Chair, Susan Gaultier, reported that the IG created a list of customary law journals for submission to the Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals. Although no journals focus exclusively on customary law, the IG was able to identify 9 journals that published frequently on customary law topics. Of these 9 journals, 5 were accepted by the IFLP Advisory Board: Australian Indigenous Law Review; Indigenous Law Journal at the University of Toronto; International Journal of Minority and Group Rights; Journal of South Pacific Law; and Malawi Law Journal. Additionally, Susan reported that the IG intended to brainstorm proposal ideas for next year’s Annual Meeting and to work toward creating toolkits on customary and religious law for FCIL-SIS members.

**Electronic Research:** Chair, Jim Hart, reported that members of the IG (Yemisi Dina, Sherry Chen, Steven Perkins, and Dennis Kim Prieto) worked very hard this year and wrote in-depth reviews of the following databases: World Constitutions Illustrated; World Treaty Library; UN Treaty Collection; Globalex; Foreign Law Guide; Peace Palace Library; and the UN Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals. These database reviews will be published in upcoming issues of the FCIL newsletter. Additionally, the IG is working on its mission statement. Lastly, Sherry Chen will be the incoming Chair of the IG.

**European Law:** Alison Shea, on behalf of Chair, Alyson Drake, reported that a few members of the European Law Interest Group have started compiling a list of journals that have not yet been indexed in the Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals, focusing on Eastern Europe to begin with. This work will continue into the next academic year. Also, Erin Gow is incoming Chair and says that the IG will be brainstorming topic ideas for next year’s Annual Meeting.

**Foreign Law Selectors:** Chair, Marci Hoffman, reported that the Foreign Law Selectors IG had a good meeting, continued on page 9
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joined by Schaffer Grant Recipient, Rosemarie Rogers. The IG heard collection updates from Harvard, LOC, LA County Law Library, ILMC, NEFLLCG, and Yale. We distributed a list of newer foreign law databases and discussed two action items: (1) updating collection development policies on the IG’s website, and (2) identifying the best Indian publishers. Marci will post the minutes from the meeting on the IG’s web page and included on page 14 of this Newsletter.

Indigenous Peoples Law: Alison Shea, on behalf of Chair, Joan Policastr, reported that the IG’s plans for the upcoming year will be to work on the web page, building up the bibliography and electronic resources links, and to do a survey of implementation with the KI classification and cataloging. Also, Joan asks if anyone is involved in particular issues concerning indigenous rights or if anyone has visited indigenous nations, please consider writing some short posts and direct fellow librarians to good resources. The latest UN efforts regarding indigenous peoples included an effort to establish the right of indigenous peoples, as indigenous peoples, to have a voice within the UN, but that doesn’t seem to be going anywhere. There are also efforts on the culture property issue going on with WIPO.

Latin American Law: Chair, Julienne Grant, reported that she will be stepping down as Chair of the IG after the Annual Meeting. Yasmin Morais will become the next Chair. Julienne also announced that the Cuban Law Guide, created by members of the IG, was recently accepted for publication in the International Journal of Legal Information. Julienne reminded members to attend the Cuban law program that the IG successfully proposed for the Annual Meeting: Cuban Law and Legal Research: A Snapshot during the Deshielo, scheduled to occur later in the afternoon. Julienne mentioned that the IG may publish another jurisdiction guide in the future.

Roman Law: Charles Bjork, on behalf of Chair, Marylin Raisch, reported that last year, the IG invested most of its energy in hosting a “must have” program at the 2016 Annual Meeting: Roman Law, Roman Order, and Restatements with Timothy G. Kearley and Angela T. Spinazzè. Since last year’s program, the IG has submitted a list of core reference titles in Roman Law to the FCIL Newsletter: Feature: Books to Show you the World (February 2017). In the upcoming year, the IG intends to: create an outline or taxonomy of Roman Law compared with the outline of modern civil codes (to assist with comparative law teaching); partner with the Customary and Religious Law IG to propose a religious law panel on Roman law and its potential influences on Islamic law and/or Jewish law; update the IG’s website; and survey law schools that offer courses in Roman law or permit law students to take undergraduate courses in Roman law for graduate credit.

Teaching Foreign and International Legal Research: Alison Shea, on behalf of Chair, Catherine Deane, reported that the Teaching IG will meet later in the afternoon and encouraged all to attend. Also, Beau Steenken will be Chair of the IG next year, as Catherine moves into her role as FCIL Vice Chair/Chair-Elect.

COMMITTEES

Alison Shea next asked for oral reports by Committee Chairs.

Education: Co-Chairs, Dennis Sears and Alex Zhang, reported that the Education Committee supported the program proposals submitted by both the African Law IG and the Latin American Law IG for this year’s Annual Meeting. They thanked Christina Tarr, this year’s AMPC liaison to the FCIL-SIS and announced that next year’s AMPC liaison to the FCIL-SIS will be Joy Shoemaker. Dennis and Alex encouraged members to attend tomorrow morning’s meeting with the 2018 task force to brainstorm proposal ideas for next year’s conference.

International Visits: Hunter Whaley, on behalf of Chair, Marty Witt, reported that the Committee is working on its mission statement, and is looking for opportunities to grow the international visits program. Hunter encouraged members to contact the Committee if they would like to share details about a visit they have made to another library.

Newsletter: Alison Shea, on behalf of Chair, Deborah Schander, reported that Deborah is stepping down as Chair this year after an incredibly successful run as the editor of the FCIL Newsletter. As many of you may remember, Deborah won the AALL marketing award for best newsletter at last year’s Annual Meeting! The incoming Chair, Melissa Abernathy, will be seeking content for the Newsletter, so any members who are interested in contributing to the Newsletter should contact Melissa. The Newsletter is the publication of record for our SIS and is, therefore, an incredibly important source to support.

Nominating: Chair Dan Donahue reported that the Committee continues to nominate great nominees!

Publicity: Co-Chair, Susan Gualtier, reported that the Committee will continue to manage the FCIL-SIS blog, DipLaw-Matic Dialogues, and hopes to add more regular features. Co-Chair Alyson Drake has some ideas about ongo-
ing columns and has been reaching out to the membership. Over the past year, the Committee has struggled to generate blog content. Please contact Susan or Alyson if you would like to write about a fun trip you took or an idea you have.

Schaffer Grant Selection: Sherry Leysen, on behalf of Chair, Mark Engsberg, reported that the Schaffer Grant Selection Committee received applications from Bangladesh, Canada, France, Hungary, India, New Zealand, Nigeria, the Philippines, and Uganda. The Committee was happy to select Rosemarie Rogers (New Zealand), who is in attendance here today. Rosemarie would be presenting her paper later today.

Schaffer Grant Fundraising: Chair Sherry Leysen reported that the Committee intends to collaborate with the Publicity Committee in the upcoming year, but is already on its way to meeting fundraising goals thanks to Dan Wade and the other members of the committee, Jim Hart and Jennifer Allison.

Strategic Planning: The FCIL-SIS Executive Board will be assembling a strategic planning committee to propose a new strategic plan for 2017-2020.

Website: Alison Shea, on behalf of Lucie Olejnikova, reported that Lucie continues to go through the content of the website, cleaning it up.

**TASK FORCE**

Alison then asked for oral reports by Task Force chairs.

2017 Summit Task Force: Alison Shea, on behalf of Thomas Mills reports that they did submit a workshop proposal, but it was not accepted. The task force encourages people to share ideas for proposals at the upcoming education committee meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Alison opened the floor for new business, beginning with the FCIL-SIS awards. Alison noted that last year’s awards ceremony was cut short due to time constraints, so she wanted to avoid that this year.

**Awards & Gifts:**

- **Newest FCIL Member:** Dan Wade announced Jessica Pierucci of the University of California, Irvine as the newest member of the FCIL-SIS.

- **Spirit of the FCIL-SIS Award:** The Spirit of the FCIL-SIS Award is presented each year to members whose work furthers our mission, serves the entire FCIL-SIS, and inspires others to act.

  1. Yemisi Dina, Associate Librarian and Head of Public Services at York University, Osgoode Hall Law School. Yemisi has created excellent research guides on researching Caribbean and Nigerian laws. Recently, her work has focused on researching customary law in Western Nigeria. She has been kind enough to share the results of her research with both the FCIL-SIS Electronic Resources Interest Group and the African Law Interest Group. As Chair of the African Law Interest Group, she was responsible for proposing, coordinating, and moderating the wonderful program on energy law held yesterday morning. Congratulations, Yemisi!

  2. Thomas Mills, Director of the University of Notre Dame Law School Library. Thomas has been his library’s liaison to the law school’s office of international programs, coach to the international moot court teams and a faculty advisor. He served with a team of consultants for the UN International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda in the summer of 2009, providing advice on how to archive materials on the genocide trials. Most recently, he has worked as a member of the project team of Global Online Access to Legal Information (GOALI). Thomas is active professionally in a number of law librarianship associations, speaking at programs, contributing as a member of several interest groups, and serving in many capacities including chairing the FCIL-SIS Strategic Plan Committee as well as the Pre-Conference Summit Task Force. Congratulations, Thomas!

- **Reynolds and Flores Publication Award:** The Reynolds and Flores Publication Award recognizes FCIL-SIS member(s) who have created a publication that enhances the professional knowledge and capabilities of law librarians. This year, all authors of the Mexican Law and Legal Research Guide won the award (Bianca T. Anderson; Marisol Florén-Romero; Julienne E. Grant; Jooaek Lee; Lyonette Louis-Jacques; Teresa M. Miguel-Stearns; Jonathan Pratter; and Sergio Stone). Julienne and Jonathan,
as co-editors of the Guide, accepted the award on behalf of the Group.

- Daniel L. Wade Outstanding Service Award: The Daniel L. Wade Outstanding Service Award recognizes a FCIL-SIS member who has made outstanding contributions to the Section in any number of the following areas: outstanding leadership in the Section, at meetings, and through committee work; special and notable service to the Section; participation in Section educational programs and public-speaking activities; mentoring activities that inspire others in the Section; and activities that encourage others to join the section. This year, our colleague Sergio Stone won the Daniel L. Wade FCIL-SIS Outstanding Service Award!

Proposed Bylaws Amendments: David McFadden, as Chair of the Bylaws Task Force, reported that the task force is recommending a few proposed amendments that make minor changes to the bylaws. A summary of the changes was distributed in paper form at the meeting. An electronic vote will be held later in the year.

ASIL: Gabriela Femenia reported that this year’s ASIL conference was held in Washington, D.C. from April 12-15, 2017. The theme of this year’s conference was: What International Law Values. There were several panels on the impact of the Trump Administration on the future of international law. For recaps and videos of panel presentations (as well as the annual Grotius lecture), visit ASIL’s blog, ASIL Cables. Additionally, Kristina Alayan announced that speaker rates are available at registration for anyone who agrees to write 3 blog posts for ASIL Cables during the annual meeting. If interested, contact Kristina.

IALL: Amy Flick reported that Emory Law School in Atlanta is hosting this year’s IALL course (October 22-26). The theme for this year’s annual course is: Civil Rights, Human Rights, and other Critical Issues in U.S. Law. The preliminary program is on the conference website, but there will be excursions to: the Carter Presidential Library; the Fernbank Museum of Natural History (dinosaurs!); and several Atlanta sites that hosted movie productions.

IFLA: Sally Holterhoff reported that IFLA is hosting its annual conference in Wroclaw, Poland next month (August 19-25). The theme of this year’s program is: Libraries. Solidarity. Society. In the past year, there were two workshops on access to legal information in Africa. The first workshop was held in Uganda in October 2016, and the second workshop was held in the Ivory Coast in May 2017. Sally reported that there will be more workshops in the future, assuming funding remains. Additionally, Sally and Marisol Florén-Romero drafted a statement about open access preservation for IFLA, which is now available on IFLA’s website (translated into Spanish and German). Alison Shea added that, today, IFLA published the first of a series of annual reports that monitor the progress countries are making towards fulfilling their commitment to promote meaningful access to information as part of the U.N.’s Sustainable Development Goals. Kristina Alayan added that there are lots of funding opportunities for first-time attendees of IFLA conferences. If interested, contact Kristina.

Recognition of FCIL Schaffer Grant Recipient: Alison took a few moments to introduce this year’s Schaffer Grant recipient, Rosemarie Rogers, to the FCIL-SIS. Rosemarie Rogers is a law librarian/information services advisor at Buddle Findlay, one of New Zealand’s leading commercial and public law firms, with offices in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch. Alison encouraged FCIL-SIS members to attend Rosemarie’s presentation, I am the River and the River is Me, which will convene later in the afternoon, followed by the FCIL/IALL joint reception. Alison thanked Ellen Schaffer for her continuous support of the Schaffer Grant.

CONCLUDING REMARKS
Alison thanked the executive committee for their work, support, and never-ending energy this year! Alison thanked Loren for her service as Secretary/Treasurer (2015-2017) and presented Loren with an engraved globe (updated to include South Sudan!) as a token of appreciation. Alex thanked Alison for her service as Chair (2016-2017) and presented Alison with an engraved decision maker as a token of appreciation.

Alison encouraged FCIL-SIS members to volunteer. Our success as an SIS depends on YOU! Alison provided examples of ways to get involved: reach out to the Chair of any Interest Group or Committee that interests you; reach out to Melissa Abernathy to brainstorm on article ideas for the Newsletter; and/or reach out to Alyson Drake or Susan Gaultier to write a blog post on our FCIL blog, DipLaw-Matic Dialogues. For those serving as Chairs of IGs and Committees, please continue working on your mission statement and action items and submit reports to Melissa for the Newsletter.

Alison then passed the gavel to Alex. Alex thanked the FCIL-SIS for its trust and promised to focus on two action items: (1) to continue building relationships between the FCIL-SIS and AALL-SIS and AALL, and (2) to attract new members to the FCIL-SIS.

Alex adjourned the meeting.
Overall, the IG had an active year. The Chair continued to send out a weekly e-mail update to Group members that contained links to articles and papers related to legal developments in Latin America.

The Group’s major accomplishment, however, was the completion of the “Guide to Cuban Law and Legal Research.” Twelve members of the Group contributed to the project, and Sergio Stone (Stanford), Marisol Florén-Romero (Florida International University), and Julienne Grant (Loyola University Chicago), served as co-editors. The Guide spans some 155 pages and covers topics ranging from the legal system to the legal profession. The Guide will be published in the *International Journal of Legal Information* (Vol. 45, no. 2) in October 2017. The IJLI’s new publisher, Cambridge University Press, made a concession from its usual practice and will permit the Guide’s authors to post the published version on their own institutional repositories – no subscription required. Many thanks to IJLI editor, Mark Engsberg, for helping to make this happen.

As an outgrowth of the Guide, Julienne, Marisol, and Teresa Miguel-Stearns participated in the program, “Cuban Law and Legal Research: A Snapshot During the Deshielo” on July 17, 2017, at AALL in Austin. The featured speaker was Professor Jorge R. Piñón, who is the Director of the Latin America and Caribbean Energy Program, Jackson School of Geosciences, at UT-Austin. Marisol and Julienne compiled a handout for the program, based on some of the information contained in the Guide.

Five members of the IG (Julienne Grant, Gabriela Femenia, Marisol Florén-Romero, Teresa Miguel-Stearns, and Lyonette Louis-Jacques) had a rare opportunity to tour the Benson Latin American Collection on the UT-Austin campus on Friday, July 14, 2017. The tour was conducted by AJ Johnson, Head of Public Services and Librarian for Caribbean Studies at the Benson.

Yasmin Morais of the UDC David A. Clarke School of Law is the new Chair of the IG.
Teaching Foreign & International Legal Research IG Report

Beau Steenken

This year we organized an educational event during our meeting time at AALL.

The Teaching FCIL Interest Group would like to remind FCIL-SIS members that we maintain a database of course syllabi, sample assignments, powerpoint presentations, and other materials related to teaching an FCIL research course. The database can be found under the teaching FCIL tab of the FCIL-SIS page of aallnet (https://www.aallnet.org/sections/fcil/teaching/syllabi).

If you’re designing a new FCIL course or refining an existing one, we encourage you to check out our materials! Also, if you are an experienced teacher of FCIL research and would be willing to share any of your materials for the benefit of your FCIL-SIS colleagues, please consider sending us your syllabus, sample assignments, or any other material. Sample course materials may be emailed to the Teaching FCIL IG Chair, Beau Steenken at beau.steenken@uky.edu.

Religious & Customary Law Interest Group Report

Susan Gualtier

During the past year, CARLIG was asked to contribute a list of customary law journals for submission to the Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals. Although no journals focus exclusively on customary law, the IG was able to identify nine journals that regularly publish on customary law topics. Of these nine journals, five were accepted for indexing. These included Australian Indigenous Law Review, Indigenous Law Journal at the University of Toronto, International Journal of Minority and Group Rights, Journal of South Pacific Law, and Malawi Law Journal. After a productive discussion at the AALL Annual Meeting, the IG has updated its committee charge and intends to work on several projects over the coming year, including proposal ideas for next year’s Annual Meeting and toolkits on researching and teaching customary and religious law for use by FCIL-SIS and other AALL members.

European Law IG Report

Erin Gow

A small group of us met in person during the FCIL-SIS Jurisdictions Interest Group Joint Meeting at the AALL Annual Meeting in Austin on July 16, 2017. Erin Gow was introduced as the new chair and the group discussed ideas and plans for the future. Some ideas that we generated include: encouraging participation in the group, creating union lists of European holdings, compiling research guides, surveying the needs & interests of the group, identifying key European journals for IFLP, hosting a book discussion, and proposing programs or webinars on a range of topics.

We decided that initial priorities are to create & promote a My Communities group for discussion of topics related to European law & legal resources, and to survey group members to identify needs & interests for future programming. The first step has been completed and the group now has an AALL community page that anyone with an interest in the subject is welcome to join. We’re open to those from any type of law library, from law firms to academic or public libraries, and hope that anyone interested in European law will join the group to contribute to our discussions. The community page provides a space to share resources, gather feedback on tricky questions, and get involved in European-related FCIL programming. We consider all aspects of European law, including collection development, legal research, substantive law, and access to print or electronic materials.

Submissions For Next Issue

FCIL Newsletter is looking for submissions for our next issue.

ARTICLES
Conference reports, library visits, exhibit descriptions, resource reviews, member news, etc. Open call for authors.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE
February 1, 2018.

QUESTIONS?
Contact Melissa Abernathy.
Foreign Law Selectors Meeting Minutes, July 16, 2017

Marci Hoffman

I. Introductions

The meeting opened with introductions by those attending the meeting (30 people). The Schaffer Grant Recipient, Rosemarie Rogers, was introduced and she talked a bit about foreign law research in her law firm.

II. Library Collection updates

Harvard ((Bridget Reischer, Collection Development Librarian for Foreign and International Law)

Big items Harvard has collected in the past year:
- South Sudan Laws 2006-2016 and also 29 treaties that deal with South Sudan - Sudanese issues or intra-South Sudan issues
- Journal officiel de la République Rwandaise (250 volumes) 2005-2016
- A new 7 vol. Consolidation from the Ministry of Justice of Ethiopia is on its way.
- Textes et Documents du Cameroun 250 v. set (1815-2012)
- Journal Officiel du Chad 2001-2017

Databases recently added at Harvard:
- EriLaws (Eritrea)
- JustisOne for Singapore, Caribbean and ILR
- LawPavillion (Nigeria) (We are not happy with their response time or communication but they are the only database available.)
- OUP Max Planck Comparative constitutional law
- Heinonline – Philippine law collection
- Brill Climate Change and Law Collection

Books:

India – Harvard is getting most of our serials from LC Dehli and we are firm- ordering monographs with Mary Martin. We get emails from a variety of sources for India and South Asia generally, but we have found Mary Martin to be the most responsive.

Africa – Harvard has an approval plan with Mary Martin for South Africa and for Nigeria; firm orders for much of sub-Saharan Africa from Mary Martin; and we are still getting material from Hogarth when they are in- country and ac-
quiriing material. Mary Martin notifies us when they are planning a trip to countries where they don’t have a physical presence and we tell them what we are looking for.

Portuguese language countries - We have made great headway in collecting for Lusophone Africa with a new vendor. We are using Susan Bach out of Rio. Harvard has good current collections for Angola, Mozambique, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau and São Tomé and Príncipe are still a struggle.

Burma – Aslihan Bulut has been working with Christopher Miller [cm.pustakawan@gmail.com] who is doing selection for Harvard in Burma on his acquisitions trips. We are getting quite a lot of Burmese law that way. He is also doing transliteration and creating a basic preliminary record. We have been managing this by setting a date and dollar limit on what he acquires for us. We also get some titles for Burma through the LC Jakarta cooperative acquisition program, but not much.

Update on the Harvard collections:

We are still in the process of moving 250,000 volumes from campus to the Harvard Depository (HD) and are about halfway. The reduction in numbers is being done by an arbitrary “date split” at 2010 with certain exceptions for primary law, dictionaries and other such tools. We expect to be done with all the review and technical processing to HD in April 2018. The remaining foreign law collections will then be shifted out of the Lewis International Law Center into Langdell Hall over the summer of 2018. The Lewis Center will then be converted to office space for the Law School.

Our offsite collections are being sent to the Harvard Depository, but Harvard Library has purchased space in RECAP in Princeton. We, at Law, are moving little used material (things that haven’t been requested in over 10 years) from our Massachusetts depository to RECAP. Our preference has been for moving serials because of the ease of scanning articles for use – what we call “Scan and Deliver”. It will also be useful for Borrow Direct libraries as scans can go out directly from Princeton.

E-books:

We are still collecting some publishers both in print and in e-book format, for example: OUP, CUP, Springer (some
print), Brill and some others. Elgar is the only publisher from whom we are exclusively buying e-books.

**Law Library of Congress (Kurt Carroll)**
The Law Library of Congress is doing well under the new Librarian of Congress and Law Librarian of Congress. The book budget has remained stable. We have received funding for two major capital projects: compact shelving replacement and a new rare book vault. We have filled several technician vacancies, and we have received additional contract funds for reclass work.

**Collection Storage**

**General Collection**

We completed a shelving replacement for 20% of the closed stacks and returned all materials from swing space. We have received funding to replace an additional 30% of the shelving, which should commence in January 2018.

In anticipation of construction we are thinning the onsite collection by sending older material to offsite storage. Additionally, we are weeding excess copies. These actions will reduce the number of items that will need to go into swing space, and allow for more collection growth in the new shelving.

For weeded material, no unique titles are being withdrawn. We are reducing the number of copies retained. For US federal material the default keep decision is two copies, while US states and foreign material have a retention policy of one shelf copy. Recommending officers can adjust as necessary, especially in cases of titles assigned to reference collections.

**Rare and Special Collection**

We have received funding to construct a second vault (Secured Storage Facility, SSF). This on-again, off-again project has been pursued for over a decade. Preparatory work (e.g. asbestos remediation) in the identified location was completed this month. The new SSF will allow us to shelf the remaining 35,000 or so volumes that do not fit in our existing vault. These items are currently in locked ranges in the subbasement stacks, and in a secure cage in another building on Capitol Hill in DC.

**Law Cataloging**

Since last year’s AALL meeting, the Library of Congress has hired a new head of cataloging for the Law Team. Clara Liao came to LC from Georgetown Law Library.

**Class K**

Reclassing retrospective items into K Class continues to be a priority. We have classed over 20,000 volumes since October 1st, the beginning of our fiscal year. Two contract classifiers are working on monographs, while a permanent librarian is focusing on serials. It is estimated 320,000 volumes remain classed under the old LAW system.

**Acquisition Highlights**

**E-resources**
- Lovdata Pro (Lovdata, Norway)
- CariLaw (University of the West Indies, Barbados)
- Legiserve Botswana (LexisNexis)
- Legiserve Namibia (LexisNexis)
- HeinOnline Additions:
  - Australian Law Reform Commission Library.
  - History of Capital Punishment. Print + online.
  - Multinational Sources Compared. Print + online.
  - Philippine Law Collection.
  - Preview of U.S. Supreme Court Cases (ABA).
  - Provincial Statutes of Canada.
  - Reports of U.S. Presidential Commissions and Other Advisory Bodies. Print + online.

**Print**
- Americas
  - Laws of Saint Lucia.
- Africa
  - All-Nigerian Law Reports (1961-2009)
  - East African Law Reports (1957-2009)
  - Revised Laws of Mauritius
  - Textes et documents du Cameroun (1815-2012). 250 volumes. (Hat-tip to Stephen Wiles at Harvard for the tip.)
- Asia
  - Halsbury’s Laws of Malaysia
  - Halsbury’s Laws of Singapore
  - Statutes of the Republic of Singapore
  - Khmer Rouge trials
- Gazettes – retrospective/gap filling:
  - Coahuila, Mexico: 15 years of missing gazette issues.
  - Eritrea: gazette proclamations and laws

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Los Angeles County Law Library (Sarah Sullivan)
No written report submitted. Sarah discussed her new role at LA County LL. She briefly discussed the collection's focus and the library's commitment to maintaining its foreign and international law collections. A new collection development policy should be completed in September.

LLMC Digital (Kurt Meyer)

Progress in the past year, strategic plan going forward, new opportunities:

- Foreign legal and government information continues to be an integral part of the LLMC Digital service.
- Top 10 Collections searched in 2016-17 include:
  - Canadian Provincial & Territories
  - Canadian Federal
  - Haiti
  - India
- Sizeable collection additions in past year include:
  - British Empire Studies
  - Peru, Argentina, Mexico, Uruguay, Ecuador, Chile
  - South Asia
  - Canada
  - South Africa
- Specifics:
  - Codes, gazettes, & reporters from South Asia and Africa
  - Trial of Nelson Mandela
  - Latin America: Court reporters (Argentine Fallos de la Suprema Corte), civil codes, criminal codes, and other legislation.
  - United Kingdom: Statutes from Magna Carta forward, Howell's Trials
- From our LLMC website, you can view the current title list and sort. You may also download as a spreadsheet.
- 2017-18 initiatives include:
  - Deepening Canadian coverage on Federal and Provincial levels (Canadian Railway Cases, Nova Scotia Statutes, Canadian Consolidated Regulations fill-ins).
  - Berlin State Library: Lander/principality-level treatises from the 18th and 19th centuries.
  - University of Pennsylvania: Doctoral dissertations from late 19th/early 20th century (e.g. Germany, France, Italy, and Sweden).
  - Mid-20th century Laws of Gibraltar
  - CRL Foreign Official Gazettes continue to be digitized (most recently Southern Rhodesia and Somaliland).
  - Partner with CRL for additional Latin American, Eastern European, and South Asian coverage.
  - 19th century Chile trials
  - Large print divestitures: France, Philippines, & India
  - Extern Scanning Sites:
    - LALL – Common Law Abroad – Africa, South Asia
    - University of Hawaii – Trust Territory newsletters
    - Lincoln's Inn: Shift to UK treatises, British Commonwealth primary sources
  - Cuba – University of Miami and University of Florida continue to contribute. LC recently sent additional titles. Looking for additional partners.
  - Prioritizing donations: We are seeing an increasing number of large print divestitures. Please contact us if you have any suggestions regarding content additions. Requests help us prioritize what is processed and what we seek out.
  - Finally, please think of LLMC if you are withdrawing foreign titles. Remember we preserve everything we scan in the salt mines, and in many cases foreign materials are sent to LA Law Library as a result of our partnership.

NEFLLCG (Gabriela Femenia)
Here is the list of databases discussed at the last two meetings:

Fall
- Global Regulations
- UN iLibrary
- Lexis Advance (which foreign jurisdictions are covered)
- La Ley (Argentina)
- Columbia- reviewed all their FCIL databases
- Added two (Argentina La Ley and Global Regulation)
- Juris Arbitration

Spring
- Global Regulations
- UN iLibrary
- OUP Max Planck Encyclopedia of Comparative Constitutional Law
- HeinOnline Philippine Law Collection
- LexisLibrary (UK) modules on Commentary (which...
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includes Halsbury’s Laws of England online) and Tax/Accountancy
• Erilaws (Eritrea and South Sudan)
Gabriela also discussed some of the projects underway and will report on the progress next meeting.

Yale Law Library (Dan Wade)
See attached PDF.

FLG and IFLP
Marcia Hoffman reported on new developments regarding the Foreign Law Guide (FLG) and the Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals (IFLP). Since the last meeting, FLG revised and reorganized the following jurisdictions: Argentina, Azerbaijan, Brazil (coming in November), Federated States of Micronesia, Italy, Germany, Luxembourg, South Korea, and Switzerland. Jurisdictions in process: Afghanistan, Chile, Congo, Cuba, Portugal, Pakistan, Spain, Myanmar, and Senegal. IFLP has implemented multilingual subject searching in German, French, and Spanish. A new advisory board has been formed this year.

III. IG Charge and Action Items

History
The first meeting of this group was called as an ad hoc meeting during AALL in 2005. Here is what Dan Wade reported in the 2005 FCIL Newsletter:

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

The Northeast Foreign Law Librarians Cooperative Group convened an ad hoc meeting of American academic foreign law selectors for the Annual Meeting of AALL. Approximately 20 selectors met on Monday morning, July 16th, to consider how they might work cooperatively to improve foreign law collecting in this country. Dan Wade reviewed some of the items the Northeast Group had addressed over the past year, and Linda Tashbook discussed the progress she had made on the website “Foreign Law Collections in U.S. Libraries.” Dan passed out a handout that covered Sarah Carter’s email on English reports on Lexis and Westlaw, a list of Mexican law journals from Zamora et al.’s Mexican Law, a list of German antiquarian books, a list of major authors of Spanish administrative law treatises, and an analysis of the database “The Tax Treaty Analyst” by Mirela Roznovschi.


This meeting has continued since that time with the following basic components:
1. Report from the Schaffer Grant recipient.
2. Library collection updates:
   A. Harvard Law Library
   B. LA County Law Library
   C. Law Library of Congress
   D. LLMC
   E. NEFLLCG
   F. Yale Law Library
3. Updates on the following important resources:
   A. Foreign Law Guide
   B. Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals

Charge/Mission Statement

The primary purpose of this group is to serve as a forum for the exchange of information related to foreign law collecting and collection development issues. Meetings include reports from some major foreign law collections and groups, and updates on important foreign law resources. The group welcomes representatives from libraries of all sizes and types.

Action Items

1) Update and expand the collection development policies for foreign and international law collection at various law libraries (see https://www.aallnet.org/sections/fcil/cmtesgroups/foreignlawselectors).
2) Annotate the Indian Publishers list created by Yale Law Library to determine which are the best publishers for legal publications.
3) Build upon the list of new foreign law resources and add to the website. See below.

IV. Other Announcements

Kubon and Sagner are no longer in business. Some libraries have been contacted by Eastview regarding this business. LexisNexis has purchased many India publishers and it’s very difficult to get new publications from them. Kurt Carroll will keep the group updated.

Databases (distributed at the meeting)
** vendor in the exhibit hall during the annual meeting

ASEANLEX Business Law
Translated legislation for Indonesia, Myanmar, Cambodia.
http://www.asianlex.com/
Alastair Graham
alastair.graham@aseanlex.com

Getting the Deal Through
80 practice areas, 150 jurisdictions
https://gettingthedealthrough.com/

**Darts IP
Global IP Case Law
https://www.darts-ip.com/
Melissa Schneider
mschneider@darts-ip.com

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HOW COMPREHENSIVE IS IT, IN TERMS OF ITS CONTENTS?
GlobaLex contains more than 170 entries on International, Foreign, and Comparative Legal Research. All GlobaLex authors are recognized experts in their jurisdiction or area of practice. Authors are solicited to submit manuscripts, or they submit their own work for consideration. While a few less frequently-covered foreign jurisdictions are not represented here, many are, including North Korea, Luxembourg, the Kyrgyz Republic, and Cuba. This could stand as a call for any readers with experience or expertise in some less commonly covered jurisdiction to contact GlobaLex and propose an article!

It’s important to note that articles for GlobaLex do not follow a template; each is written by individual authors who present different insights into the topic or jurisdiction covered. This means that some articles will be more focused upon practice-related elements of research, some will serve as introductions to the legal system or issue covered, and some will do a bit of both. Rather than supplant a resource that provides direct access to citations to materials used in the practice of law (Foreign Law Guide comes to mind here), GlobaLex is intended to provide understanding and material for the novice and expert FCIL librarian alike, with the end of providing the contextual information necessary to lead researchers and practitioners to an informed judgment about material that may strike them as new or unfamiliar.

HOW EASY-TO-USE (USER-FRIENDLY) IS IT?
As a directory, GlobaLex is quite simple to use. Simply click on each section to open up its list of articles, and then click on any article title to open it up. GlobaLex links to original articles and to their most recent updates apiece, in order to capture developments for those who are interested in the history of legal research in a jurisdiction or practice area. Links are clearly marked, and are checked as thoroughly as can be done with an online resource. While some links, such as those leading to certain government reports or white papers, may not be as permanent as users might like, the rigorous updating process helps to ameliorate the inevitability of link-rot inherent to online publications.

HOW USEFUL IS IT IN TERMS OF ITS ABILITY TO ANSWER BOTH COMMON AND RARE (DIFFICULT-TO-FIND) QUESTIONS?
GlobaLex’s overall utility cannot be overstated: it is the only free, online, reputable, open access internet resource that introduces researchers, scholars, and practitioners to foreign and international legal systems, research processes, and jurisdictions. However, it is not intended to be an omnibus of legal authority around the world. It is a very strong resource for finding introductory information on a number of topics in the articles it presents, and some articles go into much greater detail than others do. This is largely a function of how developed the jurisdiction or practice area is. But when used properly, in concert with other FCIL resources, GlobaLex serves as an invaluable tool for both the novice and expert researcher or practitioner.
Schaffer Grant Recipient Report: Rosemarie Rogers

Rosemarie Rogers

The day I flew out of Wellington, New Zealand, it was a wintry day and my flight was cancelled. I did make a later flight, but further delays meant I missed my connecting flight from Auckland. Fortunately I managed to get to Austin the same day as scheduled, albeit a few hours later. Unfortunately, my suitcase didn't come with me but went on to Heathrow airport (it turned up three days later) - there's no doubt if you spoke with me at the AALL conference you were subjected to my sorry tale.

But I did make it safely and had some free time before the conference started to see the sights of Austin. I met with Mark Engsberg and Hunter Whaley of the grant committee, on the Friday before the conference, to enjoy dinner and conversation (including swapping stories about missing suitcases). I'd like to thank them for their support, especially given my nervousness about presenting on a topic that had little to do with law libraries.

As part of the grant, I was given access to the pre-conference PLLIP Summit. At the start of the summit various groups of people were asked to stand. Those who had been to all eight PLLIP summits, first time attendees (me), those who received a grant to attend (me), and those who had travelled from outside the US (me, again).

The summit was perhaps the most valuable of the sessions I attended, with a strong focus on technology and staying educated, and surviving change - something that is a constant in the legal information field these days. The opportunity to speak with other law firm librarians to share experiences and expertise was invaluable.

The other sessions I attended covered a variety of topics. Here are a few highlights.

FINDING TRUTH IN THE AGE OF FAKE NEWS AND ALTERNATIVE FACTS

This was fascinating and has made me question everything I read. Recently the Wellington City Council posted on Facebook an item about a survey where "lots of people said...". Before attending the conference session I might have just ignored that statement, but now I was ready to question it - except that several readers had got there before me, asking "what survey?", "name your source", and "how many is 'lots'?". So I'm pleased to say at least in Wellington we don't believe everything we read!

Spanish and English Water Law in the American Southwest: a case study for litigation and public policy today

Given my own presentation at the conference, this piqued my interest because of the water law aspect. What I learnt at this session was alarming; how water is treated as a business; litigation over water rights that still hasn't been decided 20 years later; and various environmental crises that mean water isn't in the right place for the people that need it. Although the issues seem insurmountable, and there's little I can do to help, it has made me aware of how lucky I am, and to treat access to water as a privilege.

HOW ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE WILL TRANSFORM THE DELIVERY OF LEGAL SERVICES

AI seemed to pop up in almost every session I attended. This presentation included speakers from private law firms and academia, all of which broadened my idea of AI. There are challenges to face - technology does not provide a complete answer; AI systems require human management; bad data in/bad data out. I recently had a discussion with a colleague about "robot lawyers". We agreed even if there were such a thing, that in a dispute whoever can afford the best robot will probably win the case. So that leaves the question, will AI mean better and equal access to legal services?

SENDING THE RIGHT MESSAGE: FINDING THE WORDS TO COMMUNICATE YOUR VALUE

The presenters offered some reminders about communicating services provided by information professionals. It's easy to slip into jargon that means nothing to the recipient of your wisdom. I took away the idea of developing and practicing one-, two-, and five-minute messages that show how you can solve a potential problem for your clients, and the importance of information services.

On Monday afternoon I gave my presentation, I Am the River and the River is Me, which covered Treaty of Waitangi settlements in New Zealand and, in particular, legislation giving legal personality to the Whanganui River. This legislation is in its infancy so I will be keeping a close eye on developments.

I possibly sped through the presentation way too fast, but I was pleased there was enough interest for some well-considered questions at the end, and even chatted more on the topic as we made our way to the reception for the international attendees.

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In the past few days I've seen a news item about a lawsuit where the judge is being asked to recognise the Colorado River as a person. I will be following this suit closely - it will be interesting to hear the arguments from both sides.

I also attended two of the FCIL-SIS meetings: the Foreign selectors interest group (Sunday evening), where I spoke a little about international materials in New Zealand law libraries, and found out a whole lot more about what US-based librarians were doing; and the Business meeting and breakfast (Monday morning), where I met more committee members, followed the change in officers, and was delighted to present the newest FCIL librarian, Jessica Pierucci, with a kete (flax basket) of gifts from New Zealand.

I'd like to thank the grant committee and the FCIL-SIS members, who made me feel most welcome; Jessica Pierucci, who wrote a great blog post for DipLawMatic Dialogues summarising my presentation; and all the AALL conference attendees and exhibitors I spoke with on a wide range of topics.

Just a bit of fun to finish. My trip to Austin isn't the first time I've been in the United States. For a few years I attended Comic-Con International in San Diego (SDCC). Although the content is different, the AALL conference and SDCC seem to have quite a lot in common.

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<td>Iron Throne (Game of Thrones)</td>
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<td>Exhibit hall swag</td>
<td>Yes - mostly useless</td>
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<td>Thought-provoking presentations</td>
<td>Absolutely</td>
<td>Possibly, with a lot more screaming</td>
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<td>Asking &quot;what is this line for?&quot;</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Sleeping outside, so you're in line to get a seat for the next day's &quot;must-see&quot; presentation</td>
<td>Thankfully, no</td>
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<td>Great people</td>
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<td>Would I go again?</td>
<td>Yes (here at the TR party)</td>
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