

## **Foreign, Comparative and International Law SIS Annual Report 2010-2011**

The 2010-2011 year was very productive for the FCIL-SIS. The officers and executive committee were Jeanne Rehberg, chair; Sergio R. Stone, vice chair/chair-elect; Heidi F. Kuehl, secretary-treasurer; and Marilyn J. Raisch, immediate past chair.

Elections were held from March 23 through April 12, 2011. Heidi F. Kuehl was elected vice chair/chair-elect, and Lucie Olejnikova was elected secretary-treasurer.

The Education Committee reviewed, edited, and submitted proposals for nine programs and one workshop for the 2011 Annual Meeting. The AMPC selected the workshop, "Researching and Understanding European Union Law," and over 40 participants attended it. Four programs were selected and presented at the Annual Meeting. Two programs examined emerging issues and norms in international law: "The Responsibility to Protect: An Emerging Norm in International Humanitarian Law?" and "Libricide as a War Crime: From the Lieber Code to Personal Liability." Two programs addressed practical issues in transnational law and dispute settlement: "Teaching Advocacy in International Commercial Arbitration Research is Essential," and "Challenges Posed by Transnational Litigation: Latin America and the Civil Law Tradition."

The FCIL Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Libraries is the major fundraising and outreach project of the SIS. The FCIL Schaffer Grant Selection Committee reviewed 44 applications from 27 countries and selected as the 2011 grant recipient Ms. Gloria Marcela Orrego Hoyos, legal reference librarian and professor of law and legal research methods at Biblioteca Max von Buch, Universidad de San Andrés in Buenos Aires, Argentina. To a standing-room-only audience at the Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, Ms. Orrego Hoyos presented a lecture entitled "Never Again, Never Forget: The Role of Libraries and Archives in Reconstructing Memory of Argentina's *Dirty War*." Following the Annual Meeting, she visited the law libraries at Columbia University, New York University, Yale University, and Harvard University.

The executive committee approved the recognition of five FCIL-SIS members with the Spirit of the FCIL-SIS Award: Laura Cadra, Amy Emerson, Don Ford, Wiltrud Harms, and Jean Wenger. Based upon nominations from the FCIL-SIS membership, the executive committee also chose to recognize two FCIL-SIS members with the Daniel L. Wade FCIL-SIS Outstanding Service Award: Mila Rush and Ellen Schaffer. This award recognizes the long-term commitment of FCIL-SIS members to leadership, education, and service within the FCIL-SIS and AALL.

This year AALL invited the FCIL-SIS and the International Association of Law Libraries to co-host a reception at the Annual Meeting for conference attendees from other countries. In the past the FCIL-SIS and IALL had hosted a similar reception. The event, always a highlight for FCIL-SIS members and foreign guests, was well attended. The FCIL-SIS also provided member-hosts for two attendees from abroad who made requests through a link on the General Information section of the Annual Meeting website.

Because the current strategic plan for the FCIL-SIS covers through 2011, the executive committee appointed the Strategic Plan 2012-2014 Committee to write the next plan. Chaired by

Molly Brownfield, the committee has completed its draft and will present it to the executive committee, and ultimately to the FCIL-SIS membership, in the fall of 2011.

Jeanne Rehberg  
Chair, 2010-2011