

## Foreign, Comparative and International Law SIS Annual Report 2012-2013

The FCIL-SIS officers and Executive Committee were Heidi Frostestad Kuehl, Chair; Don Ford, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; Lucie Olejnikova, Secretary-Treasurer; and Sergio Stone, Immediate Past Chair.

FCIL-SIS elections were held from March 15<sup>th</sup> to April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Teresa Miguel-Stearns was elected as Vice Chair/Chair-Elect and Roy Sturgeon was elected as Secretary-Treasurer.

Teresa Miguel-Stearns and the web committee completed a major transfer of materials from our old FCIL-SIS website to the new AALL platform. Alison Shea also updated the Teaching FCIL Research Syllabi and Course Materials page on the new AALL FCIL-SIS website. A new FCIL-SIS website committee was formed to manage the content of the FCIL-SIS website and make improvements during the upcoming years.

Because of the terrific work of the Education Committee (Don Ford and Dennis Sears, co-chairs), the FCIL-SIS sponsored five programs at the 2013 AALL Annual Meeting: "PAC-Rim Legal Values: A Primer on Unique Legal Resources from Non-English Speaking Jurisdictions," "Lifting the Veil: How to Effectively Research Foreign Customary Laws," "FCIL Librarianship Core Competencies Roundtable," "Beyond Digitization: Designing and Marketing a Collaborative Online Experience Using the Tokyo War Crimes Trial Papers," and "WHO and ICRC: They Stand for Free Public Health Law."

Mr. Bård Sverre Tuseth, Academic Law Librarian at the University of Oslo Library in Oslo, Norway, was selected as the 2013 recipient of FCIL Shaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians. The 2013 FCIL Schaffer Grant Selection Committee reviewed over 30 applicants from all over the world, including Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Hungary, India, Nigeria, Norway, Russia, South Africa, Spain, and Zimbabwe. Mr. Tuseth gave a very well-received presentation at the 2013 AALL Annual Meeting in Seattle titled: "Nordic Legislative Cooperation and its Impact on Researching Law." The FCIL Shaffer Grant Fund Fundraising Committee (co-chaired by Lucie Olejnikova and Amy Emerson) distributed ribbons at the 2013 AALL Annual Meeting to current and past grant donors to increase awareness about the FCIL-SIS Shaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians.

The Executive Committee approved the recognition of three members with the Spirit of FCIL-SIS Awards: Kristina Alayan, Gabriela Femenia, and Deborah Schander. Based on nomination letters from the FCIL-SIS membership, the Executive Committee also chose to recognize one member with the Daniel L. Wade FCIL-SIS Outstanding Service Award: Mirela Roznovschi. This award recognizes the long-term commitment of FCIL-SIS members to leadership, education and service within the FCIL-SIS. Finally, the Executive Committee created a new Award to recognize outstanding FCIL-SIS Publications ("Reynolds and Flores Publications Award"). The first grant of this "Reynolds and Flores Publications Award" was given to two members for their excellent work during the year on the new FCIL-SIS website: Teresa Miguel-Stearns and Alison Shea.

Heidi Frostestad Kuehl  
FCIL-SIS Chair 2012-2013