

2016-17 FCIL-SIS Annual Report  
Alison Shea, Immediate Past Chair

The officers of the Foreign, Comparative and International Law Special Interest Section during 2016-17 were Alison Shea, Chair; Alex Zhang, Vice Chair; and Loren Turner, Secretary-Treasurer. Lucie Olejnikova, as Immediate Past Chair, also served as a member of the FCIL-SIS Executive Committee. The FCIL-SIS held its annual elections in March-April 2017. Catherine Deane was elected Vice-Chair/Chair-elect, and Sabrina Sondhi elected Secretary Treasurer.

At the FCIL-SIS Business Meeting, held during the 2017 AALL Annual Meeting and co-sponsored by Bloomberg Law, LexisNexis, Thomson Reuters, and Wolters Kluwer Legal & Regulatory US, several awards were presented. Yemisi Dina and Thomas Mills received the Spirit of the FCIL-SIS award; Julienne Grant and Jonathan Pratter accepted the Reynolds & Flores Publication Award for the publication they co-edited, "Mexican Law and Legal Research"; and Sergio Stone received the Daniel L. Wade Outstanding Service Award.

The 2017 recipient of the FCIL Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians was Rosemarie Rogers from New Zealand. Rosemarie presented a program entitled "I am the River and the River is Me" at the 2017 AALL Annual Meeting. In 2016 the Schaffer Grant Fundraising committee helped raise \$3,725 in donations to support the Grant.

Also at the 2017 AALL Annual Meeting, the FCIL-SIS sponsored a very well-received program "Cuban Law and Legal Research: A Snapshot During the Deshielo". A second program proposed by FCIL-SIS, "Global Energy Law: Perspectives from North America and Africa" was also accepted by the AMPC. Both of these programs were reviewed by the FCIL-SIS Education Committee, which provides feedback and guidance for program submissions during the annual Call for Proposals.

The FCIL-SIS has a number of active Interest Groups (IGs) and Committees that are active throughout the year. Some notable achievements of these groups in 2016-17 were: the Electronic Research IG producing a number of resource reports for various FCIL electronic resources; the Latin American Law IG completing a "Guide to Cuban Law and Legal Research", which will be published later this year in the *International Journal of Legal Information*; and the By-laws Committee following up on minor changes recommended by the AALL By-laws Committee last year.

A number of FCIL-SIS meetings were held for the various IGs and Committees at the 2017 AALL Annual Meeting, where members of the respective groups engaged in discussions regarding the mission of the group and came up with 2-3 action items for the coming year. These action items will allow FCIL-SIS Executive Committee leadership to follow up on the work of the IGs and Committees throughout the coming year.