IFLA WLIC 2018, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Anne Burnett & Marisol Florén

This year’s International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) World Library and Information Congress (WLIC), held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, August 24-30, centered on the theme Transform Libraries, Transform Societies. Three thousand five hundred delegates from five continents gathered in Kuala Lumpur; for some of us coming from the United States, it took more than 23 hours to reach KL.

KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA

With over 32 million inhabitants, Malaysia occupies the southern part of the Malay Peninsula as well as sharing the island of Borneo with Indonesia and Brunei. It is a country of contrasts and diversity with a multicultural and multiethnic society, with its culture, folklore and cuisine reflecting the influences of three major ethnic groups: the Malay (the native indigenous and largest ethnic group), Chinese and Indian. The official and majority religion is Islam (61%), followed by Buddhism (10%), Christianity (9%), Hinduism (6%) and Confucianism, Taoism and other traditional Chinese religions.

The United Nations classifies Malaysia as an upper middle-income economy. Kuala Lumpur, the capital and largest city of Malaysia, boasts record-setting skyscrapers housing national and international corporations, high-end fashion stores and delicious street food. The high-rise twin towers of Malay’s Petroleum Company, Petronas, are the emblematic symbol of the city, but the city’s architecture also reflects Portuguese, Dutch and British colonialism.

OPENING CEREMONY

Government and library authorities welcomed the delegates and officially opened the conference during the WLIC Opening Session. These dignitaries included Malaysia’s Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture, Mohamaddin Ketapi; IFLA President, Gloria Pérez-Salmerón; and IFLA Secretary General, Gerald Leitner. In addition, Malaysia’s Prime Minister, the Hon. Tun Dr. Mahathir Bin Mohamad sent a special message welcoming attendees. Local authorities relayed the efforts of the Malaysian government to improve library services in the country, the central message being “a society that reads is a society that achieves.” As is custom during the opening session, we enjoyed a performance of traditional local music, opera, and dance, around the topic of libraries, the book and reading, by Malay performing arts group Istana Budaya.
Catherine Deane

Hello All, as I’m writing this I’m just back from the 2018 IALL Conference, Law in Luxembourg – Where Local Tradition Meets European and International Innovation. I took the opportunity to invite some of our IALL colleagues to blog for Diplawmatic Dialogues and encouraged them to apply for our Schaffer Grant. The work of the FCIL-SIS Chair is never done. :)

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Executive Board

I’d like to thank Alex Zhang for her level headed leadership this last year and for support in the coming year. Thanks also to Alison Shea, our Immediate Past Chair last year, who continues to informally provide us with continuity and guidance. I have to admit that, looking at the list of past FCIL Chairs, I am experiencing a bit of Imposter Syndrome. I’m so grateful for the opportunity to serve my beloved FCIL Librarian community this year as the 34th FCIL Chair. Please feel free to contact me with suggestions or concerns.

Sabrina Sondhi, our Secretary/Treasurer had a lot of work to do this year as we changed the bylaws. I’d like to acknowledge her efforts, her time and her attention to detail. I’m also really excited to have Loren Turner as the Vice Chair. Loren has already done a great deal to get us ready for 2019 AALL.

AALL 2018: Award Winners

Our Immediate Past Chair, Alex Zhang wrote a beautiful blog post about our award winners, but I can’t resist congratulating our award winners one more time:

- **Loren Turner**, Spirit of the FCIL-SIS Award
- **Victor Essien, Daniel L. Wade FCIL-SIS Outstanding Service Award**
- **Sherry Leysen and Alena Wolotira, Reynolds & Flores Award for Multinational Sources Compared: A Subject and Jurisdiction Index**
- **Heidi Frostedt Kuehl and Megan A. O’Brien, Reynolds & Flores Award for International Legal Research in a Global Community**

AALL 2018: Programming & Events

The Executive Committee thanks, Dennis Sears, Co-Chair of the Education Committee, and everyone who presented and moderated programs in Baltimore. Below are links to some of the FCIL programs and events that were either recorded or reviewed.

- **Publicizing Faith or Privatizing Law? Researching Religious Arbitration and Private Dispute Settlement** (organized by Marylin Raisch)
- **Schaffer Grant Presentation — Professional Profile Survey of the Law Librarian in the State of São Paulo, Brazil** A big thank you to the members of the FCIL-SIS Schaffer Grant Fundraising Committee (Sherry Leysen, Jennifer Allison, Dan Wade) and Selection Committee

Catherine Deane, FCIL Chair

- **Sarah Reis**, Newest FCIL Member Award
- **Daniela Majorie Akama Dos Reis**, FCIL Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians recipient

Congratulations!
IFLA launched the full version of IFLA’s Global Vision Report during the opening ceremony. The Report provides insights into the process undertaken by IFLA to gather information to set the future vision of the library information field and highlights opportunities for actions to be undertaken by IFLA’s dynamic units, such as the Law Libraries Section.

**CULTURAL EVENING**

Each year, IFLA WLIC attendees enjoy a Cultural Evening highlighting the food, music, dance and other traditions of the host country. This year, we attended an exciting evening at the MaTiC complex, featuring traditional Malay dances including Joget, Kuda Kepang (Horse dance), and the Malaysian version of the Chinese Lion dance, along with numerous buskers and stilt walkers. The dining and cocktail area transported participants 600 years back to a Malacca Sultanate spice market with “traders” in traditional costumes.

**LAW LIBRARIES SECTION STANDING COMMITTEE**

The Law Libraries Section Standing Committee (SC) held two business meetings and two educational programs during the WLIC. The business meetings focused on reviewing progress on the Section’s action plan, including several past and future law librarian workshops in Africa and the country of Georgia; approving topics for the 2019 WLIC in Greece; planning a strategic planning day during the 2019 WLIC; and improving communication and increasing SC member involvement in the Section’s activities.

In addition, the SC reviewed a report on Sally Holterhoff’s successful promotion of the Section-sponsored 2016 IFLA Statement on Government Provision of Public Legal Information in the Digital Age, including translations of the statement into Spanish, French and German. In addition, Sally has worked to bring the Statement to the attention of IFLA’s Section on Library and Research Services for Parliaments, the NGO ARTICLE 19, and the Open Government Partnership. Stephen Wyber, IFLA’s Manager of Policy and Advocacy, highlighted the Statement in Libraries and Good Governance, a May 2018 briefing providing guidance for libraries seeking to support policy designed to ensure transparency and accountability, as well as aiding citizens in engaging with government services and knowing and using their rights to information.

The general topics of the two programming areas planned for the 2019 WLIC in Greece are:

- the role that libraries and librarians are currently playing in making the laws of the world more accessible to vulnerable groups
- legal cultural heritage, with compelling stories on the value of special collections in Law Libraries.

The Section sponsored two programs during the meeting in Kuala Lumpur:

- FCIL SIS member Heather Casey, Georgetown Law Library, chaired a session highlighting The Role of Government and Law Libraries in Times of Crisis and Turmoil. The speakers provided stories of library support for communities and nations undergoing natural, politi-
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cal or humanitarian disasters, and discussed the advocacy role that some librarians have undertaken. The speakers for this session included:

- Jane Sanchez, Law Librarian of Congress;
- AALL member Dr. Yolanda Jones, Director of the Florida A&M University Law Library;
- and Edita Bačić, Chief Librarian, Faculty of Law, University of Split in Croatia.

- The second session, titled Legal Capability: Law as a Life Skill, described two initiatives in the United States and Canada providing knowledge, understanding and life skills to engage citizens with the law in everyday issues that have legal implications. Sonia Poulin, Chair of the Law Libraries Section SC, chaired the program, which featured Dave Nolette and Marc Legacy from Justice Education Society in Canada, and Bonnie Hough from the Judicial Council of California in the United States.

For a more detailed report of these two educational programs, please see the FCIL SIS blog, Diplawmatic Dialogues.

Additional interesting programming from other sections focused on the application of artificial intelligence and blockchain technology in libraries, on copyrights vs. licensing agreements, and on ownership problems created by computer-generated works. A program on librarian fashion provided a thoughtful glimpse into the impact of clothing choices on the librarians wearing the clothing, their institutions and their library users. The program began with ALA President Loida Garcia-Febo declaring “librarians are the Truth Force!” and ended with an exuberant fashion show of wonderfully diverse librarians in their equally diverse attire.

IFLA WLIC 2019

Delegates from around the world will gather August 24-30, 2019, in Athens, Greece, for the 85th World Library and Information Congress. Programming will center on the theme of “Libraries: Dialogue for Change” and the cultural opportunities are guaranteed to be numerous and exciting.

Keep an eye on the 2019 conference page for updates and registration information. We hope that you can join us there!

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, 2019

QUESTIONS?
Contact Melissa Abernathy.
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(Mark Engsberg, Sherry L. Leysen, Joseph Hinger, Hunter Whaley) who gave us this opportunity to meet Ms. Daniela Reis, PhD Candidate and law librarian at the firm of Lobo de Rizzo Advogados Associados, São Paulo, Brazil.

• Don’t Just Hire the Best—Keep Them (featuring FCIL-SIS Members: Kristina J. Alayan & Sherry Leysen)

• FCIL Basics for Metadata Professionals (Deep Dive) (organized by Ajaye Bloomstone, featuring FCIL-SIS Members Susan Gualtier & George Prager, and speaker Loyita Worley)

Strategic Plan

The Strategic Plan for 2018-2021 will guide the Executive Board for the next few years. We are looking forward to beginning the process of implementing this plan, and we are very appreciative of the work done by the Strategic Planning Committee, composed of Paul Moorman, Thomas Mills, Kristina Alayan, Caitlin Hunter, Loren Turner, and Michael McArthur.

Priorities for the upcoming year

We on the FCIL-SIS Executive board and on the Committees are here to create opportunities for the FCIL-SIS members to grow professionally. Following the Strategic Plan, our goals this year are:

1. More Educational Webinars

2. Pre- or Post-AALL Annual Meeting Conference Programs

3. Updating of FCIL-SIS Website Content

We would also like more people to step up and be more involved with the FCIL committees and Interest Groups. We are also particularly looking for bloggers to blog about their experiences. Please contact the co-Chairs of the Publicity Committee to blog for Diplawmatic Dialogues.

AALL 2019

Many thanks to Loren Turner and her Education Committee co-chair, Dennis Sears, who have already begun work on the AALL 2019 program proposals and are working with Mabel Shaw & Charles Bjork, the co-chairs of the Task Force for the 2019 Pre-Conference Workshop in D.C., to create some interesting educational FCIL programming. Once we know if the workshop has been accepted, we will provide more information.

Loren and Dennis have also reviewed 14 regular program proposals on foreign and international law topics and of these, the two programs that will receive FCIL-SIS sponsorship are:

• The Key to a Quality FCIL Collection: Collaboration between FCIL and TS Librarians, proposed by FCIL-SIS members Dan Wade, Marci Hoffman, Lucie Olejnikova, and Susan Gualtier; and

• The Age of AI: Emerging Regulatory Landscape around the World, proposed by FCIL-SIS member Jenny Gesley and the other foreign jurisdiction specialists at the Law Library of Congress

COMMITTEE AND INTEREST GROUP CHAIRS

In this edition of the FCIL Newsletter, you’ll be able to read all of the reports from the Committees and Interest Groups. I’d like to thank all of you who take on leadership roles in FCIL-SIS Interest Groups and Committees. You volunteer your time and expertise, and everything that the FCIL-SIS is able to accomplish is because of your altruistic efforts. I hope that those of you who have been considering stepping up to the plate may be inspired by the contributions of our colleagues.

I’d particularly like to thank our Publicity Committee co-chairs, Alyson Drake and Susan Gualtier for their work. The Publicity Committee is the glue that holds our community together, their work is time-intensive and we thank them for their tireless work promoting FCIL-SIS projects and interests on Twitter and Facebook, curating the FCIL-SIS blog DipLawMatic Dialogues, and promoting the FCIL-SIS at the AALL Annual Meeting and Conference. This year, we are asking for more people to step up and assist the co-chairs with their extensive work, please contact me directly if you are interested in helping with publicity.

New!

Committee for Continuing Education

We are currently accepting applications for co-chairs for the Committee on Continuing Education. This year, they will be responsible for implementing the “More Educational Webinars” aspect of the Strategic Plan for 2018.

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Resource Reviews: UN iLibrary

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

Yemisi Dina

INTRODUCTION
The UN iLibrary is available on the Internet and it provides comprehensive access to all its publications covering 25 UN Secretariat Departments, 17 Agencies, Funds, Programmes, Institutes, Entities and Related Organizations.

There are over 3,500 publications made up of books, series, periodicals, monographs, journals, working papers and statistics.

The topics covered include the following:

- Economic and Social Development
- Environment and Urban Issues
- Human Rights and Gender Studies
- International Trade
- International Peace and Security
- Public Health and Population
- Statistics
- United Nations Matters

The UNiLibrary was developed in partnership with the OECD* Publishing and OECD iLibrary.

HOW WELL-KNOWN IS THE SOURCE?
The resource was well publicized when it was launched in 2016, announcements were sent out by United Nations contacts to different networks and listservs. It is very well known and the links are available on websites of academic, public, government and special libraries.

HOW ACCESSIBLE IS IT?
The website is available freely on the Internet. There is a subscription service with access to content in pdf formats, the materials can be used in course packs, it allows free downloads and provides the ability to save books and charts, MARC records, IP authentication and COUNTER-compliance usage reports. The option of allowing content in course packs is of great benefit to academic law libraries where the materials are used as teaching and course materials. Personalisation options such as tagging, save searches and email alerts are forthcoming.

*OECD is the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development

HOW COMPREHENSIVE (CONTENTS) AND AUTHORITATIVE IS IT?
The database contains official publications created by the United Nations and its agencies and is available in 34 languages including its six official languages English, French, Spanish, Russian, Chinese and Arabic. This makes it a universal and authentic resource that can be accessed globally.

HOW EASY-TO-USE (USER-FRIENDLY) IS IT?
The content is configured to be accessible on desktops and mobile devices. It doesn’t have an app but it works very well on mobile devices (iPhones, iPads, Samsung phones and tablets). It can be searched using the discovery layer or advanced search functionality. Contents can be browsed by theme, country, theme & country.

Users can use the global or advanced search options where results are clustered into themes, publication year, content type, language, country etc. See Figure 1. Search results can be shared on social media platforms. They can be exported to bibliographic citation tools like BibTeX, Endnote, Procite, Zotero, RefWorks and Mendeley.

The website provides a lot of visual effects; for example, on the home page there is a display of selected publications that have been recently added. The “Access Key” tab explains the symbols used throughout the resource for the level of access to each document.

Figure 1 Result Screen UNiLibrary

HOW USEFUL IS IT IN TERMS OF ITS ABILITY TO ANSWER BOTH COMMON AND RARE (DIFFICULT-TO-FIND) QUESTIONS?
The vast and rich content of this resource provides immediate access to materials that are usually available in print. Access to digital content provides many options for users.

HOW CURRENT (UP-TO-DATE) IS IT?
The digital library is up-to-date with content being added periodically. The content update count is dated January 2018.
Resource Reviews: The Constitution Project

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

Christopher Galeczka

INTRODUCTION

Founded in 1997, and now part of the Project on Government Oversight – a “nonpartisan independent watchdog organization that champions good government reforms” – The Constitution Project (TCP) “works to combat the increasing partisan divide regarding our constitutional rights and liberties.” It “undertakes original research, develops policy positions, publishes reports and statements, files amicus briefs, testifies before Congress, and holds regular briefings with legislative staff and other policymakers.”

The Constitution Project’s website provides information about the Project’s policy and issue committees, events and awards, as well as access to the Project’s reports, letters, press releases, amicus briefs, transcripts of testimony before Congress, and other materials.

HOW WELL-KNOWN IS THE SOURCE?

TCP is linked to by a number of library research guides and websites. It has been featured as the Website of the Week by the Gallagher Library at the University of Washington. TCP’s Twitter feed has almost 4,000 followers.

HOW ACCESSIBLE IS IT?

The Constitution Project’s website is freely accessible to the public.

HOW COMPREHENSIVE & AUTHORITATIVE IS IT, IN TERMS OF ITS CONTENTS?

TCP’s website contains a wealth of information about the organization and its work, including membership of its various issue-oriented tasks forces and committees, and recipients of its Constitutional Champion and its Constitutional Commentary Awards. Issue-focused pages under the “Issues” tab gather and link to TCP’s reports, press statements, amicus briefs, and Congressional testimonies regarding each particular topic. The “Newsroom” tab contains the organizations press releases and newsletters arranged in chronological order. The site also contains a blog, the aforementioned Twitter feed, and contact information.

HOW EASY-TO-USE (USER-FRIENDLY) IS IT?

Documents can be quickly and easily located via the “Advanced Search” feature at the top right of the homepage. The “TCP Documents” tab under “Publications and Resources” links to the same feature. Both take the user to a search engine by which you conduct a keyword search, as well as filter your search for documents by issue, material type, date range, and committee. Bypassing the keyword search box and selecting one or more filters will retrieve all documents within those filter parameters.

HOW USEFUL IS IT IN TERMS OF ITS ABILITY TO ANSWER BOTH COMMON AND RARE (DIFFICULT-TO-FIND) QUESTIONS?

Rather than seeking to be a comprehensive collection gathering resources from all sources regarding topics, the TCP site provides information about the organization’s research and work regarding the constitutional law topics on which it focuses. It is particularly active in the areas of criminal justice and national security, individual privacy rights, government transparency, and institutional checks and balances.

HOW CURRENT (UP-TO-DATE) IS IT?

At the time of this writing, the TCP’s most recent Twitter post was on May 26, 2018, and provided a link to its amicus brief in the pending U.S. Supreme Court case of Shockley v. Griffith. With the exception of “Comments and Petitions” and other “Web Forum” posts, which apparently ceased in 2015, other resources’ most recent uploads range from early 2017 to January 2018.

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Customary and Religious Law Interest Group, New Chair

Kevin Rothenberg is our new Chair of CARLIG. He is interested in creating an Educational Webinar on researching religious or customary law. He is also interested in proposing an annual meeting conference program for AALL 2019 or 2020. Please reach out to him directly if you would like to be involved with CARLIG in some way.

Thanks also to our Newsletter Editor, Melissa Abernathy, and Copy Editor, Carmen Valero, for their excellent work on the FCIL Newsletter.

Please contact any of us on the Executive Committee if you have ideas on how to improve our SIS.
Minutes of AALL FCIL-SIS Business Meeting, July 18, 2018

Sabrina Sondhi

The FCIL-SIS business meeting was called to order at 7:40am on Monday, July 16, 2018 by FCIL-SIS Chair Xiaomeng (Alex) Zhang. Other members of the executive board in attendance were Catherine Deane (Vice Chair/Chair Elect) and Sabrina Sondhi (Secretary/Treasurer). Alison Shea, the former FCIL-SIS Chair, could not attend the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Alex reminded the attendees that the meeting minutes from 2017 had been shared with the membership and had also been published in the October 2017 issue of the FCIL-SIS newsletter. David McFadden moved to approve those minutes and was seconded by Alyson Drake. The attendees voted and the motion was passed.

Sabrina delivered the Treasurer report and shared that the FCIL-SIS account balance as of May 31, 2018 was $16,415.74. Sabrina then delivered the 2018 election results. Loren Turner, FCIL Librarian at the University of Minnesota Law Library, won the election as the next Vice Chair/Chair Elect. Congratulations Loren!

NEW BUSINESS

Alex then presented an important piece of new business: the proposed amendment of the SIS bylaws. These amendments had been circulated for discussion among the entire membership via the listserv. They were also available in print at the business meeting. Deane acted as parliamentarian with Sabrina as second. They each confirmed that a quorum had been reached within the room. No members volunteered discussion or comment and a vote was held which served to pass the amendments almost unanimously.

REPORTS

Alex then invited reports on various meetings and topics. Heidi Kuehl reported on the 2018 ASIL meeting in Washington DC and commented that it was the first time the conference had been held in the United States in over 10 years. Amy Flick reported on IALL and reminded members that the September 2018 meeting would be held in Luxembourg and the October 2019 meeting in Sydney, Australia. Sally Holterhoff reported on IFLA and reminded members that the 2018 conference would be held in August in Kuala Lumpur and that the 2019 conference would be held in Athens, Greece. Sabrina, as a member of AALL’s AMPC, reported on the process for submitting programs for the 2019 annual meeting. Susan Gaultier then presented a brief report on the FCIL-SIS ad hoc committee on the enhancement of metadata.

SCHAFER GRANT RECIPIENT

Alex then introduced our Schaffer Grant recipient, Daniela Reis. Ms. Reis holds a bachelor’s in Library Science (2009), a Master’s in Information Science (2012), and is a candidate for a PhD in Information Science at the Universidad Estadual Paulista Julio de Mesquita Filho, in São Paulo, Brazil. In 2013-16 she worked as a librarian at a technical school and also as an archivist at Medeiros Advogados, a major São Paulo law firm. She currently works as a law librarian at the firm of Lobo de Rizzo Advogados Associados, one of São Paulo’s leading law firms. Ms. Reis’s presentation was titled “Professional Profile Survey of the Law Librarian in the State of São Paulo, Brazil” and uses data to explore the paths toward a profession in librarianship in Brazil, with an emphasis on the many current challenges in the training and education of professional librarians in her country.

AWARDS

Next, Alex announced the annual FCIL-SIS award recipients.

- **Newest FCIL-SIS Member**: Sarah Reis of Northwestern Pritzker School of Law was awarded this title. In Dan Wade’s absence, his traditional role in the bestowal of this award was performed by Sergio Stone.
- **Spirit of the FCIL-SIS Award**: This award is presented to members whose work furthers our mission, serves the entire FCIL-SIS membership, and inspires others to act. This year’s recipient was Loren Turner.
- **Reynolds and Flores Publication Award**: This award recognizes FCIL-SIS member(s) who have created a publication that enhances the professional knowledge and capabilities of law librarians. Alex noted that this year the decision was a difficult one due to receiving so many nominations for excellent publications. Two winning publications were chosen:
- **Daniel L. Wade Outstanding Service Award**: This award recognizes an FCIL-SIS member who has made outstanding contributions to the SIS in any number of areas. The award was presented to Victor Essien who had recently retired from Fordham Law School’s Maloney Law Library.

INTEREST GROUP REPORTS

The various interest groups have all been busy creating re-
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sources, revising websites, blogging, and/or updating material. Each of their representatives made brief reports.

- African Law IG – represented by Yemisi Dina
- Asian Law IG – represented by Anne Mostad-Jensen
- Customary and Religious Law IG – represented by Susan Gualtier
- European Law IG – represented by Erin Gow
- Electronic Research IG – represented by Sherry Chen
- Foreign Law Selectors Group – represented by Marci Hoffman
- Latin American Law IG – represented by Yasmin Morris
- Roman Law IG – represented by Charles Bjork
- Teaching Foreign and International Legal Research – represented by Beau Steenken

COMMITTEE REPORTS
The majority of the FCIL-SIS committees also reported on their accomplishments in the past year. Each of their representatives made brief reports.

- Education Committee – represented by Dennis Sears
- FCIL Schaffer Grant Selection Committee – represented by Hunter Whaley
- FCIL Schaffer Grant Fundraising Committee – represented by Sherry Leysen
- Internships and Exchanges Committee – represented by Hunter Whaley
- Nominating Committee – represented by Gabriela Femenia
- Publicity Committee – represented by Alyson Drake
- Strategic Planning Committee – represented by Paul Moorman

PASSING OF THE GAVEL
After a few remarks, Alex duly passed the gavel symbolizing leadership of this SIS to Deane. Deane passed the Parliamentarian book to our new Vice Chair, Loren. Deane spoke about her priorities for the upcoming year which include increasing the number of members on our committees and accomplishing the strategic goals outlined in the most recent plan. Deane and Alex both acknowledged and thanked the various committee and interest group chairs and the other members of the executive board.

ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 8:35am.

European Law IG Report

Erin Gow

A FCIL-SIS European Law Interest Group community was created in the AALL My Communities website in 2017, to provide a space for librarians to share resources, gather feedback from other professionals on tricky questions, and get involved in European-related FCIL programming. That community now has 30 members, although communication through the platform has been sparse.

An online survey at the end of 2017 gathered ideas on the future direction of the group. 24 people responded to the survey, and generated a range of interesting ideas and comments. The survey was completed overwhelmingly by academic librarians, who expressed interest in a variety of programming and topics. The top choices for programming or services were:

- a webinar
- an AALL conference program
- email updates on European legal news
- research or teaching tool kits
- European resource lists.

Interests covered an equally wide range of topics, with some creative suggestions added to the mix. Topics that received the most interest included:

- researching national legislation or cases
- latest news & legal developments in Europe
- finding free European resources online
- accessing European government documents
- the European Union
- Brexit
- European resources in electronic databases.

During the joint jurisdiction meeting, we began to refine some of the ideas that came up in the survey and discussed ideas for programming or services to implement in the coming year.
E-Resources IG (ERIG) Report

Sherry Xin Chen

THE "RESOURCE REVIEWS" PROJECT
Starting in October 2017, the FCIL E-Resources Interest Group undertook a new project to evaluate and review new, popular or useful e-resources and publish the results in the “Resource Reviews” column on the FCIL Newsletter. The project’s purpose is to provide some useful information about resources to both FCIL and general law librarians. Each review is individually authored and the opinions expressed in the review are the author’s own.

Here are the resource reviews already published:

FCIL Newsletter (October 2017):
- The Foreign Law Guide;
- GlobaLex.

FCIL Newsletter (February 2018):
- The United Nations Treaty Collection;
- HeinOnline’s World Constitutions Illustrated;
- HeinOnline’s World Treaty Library.

FCIL Newsletter (May 2018):
- Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals Case Law Database;

Future Candidates for Resource Reviews are:
- Global Regulation (subscription);
- Library of Congress, International Tribunals Archive (free);
- OUP Max Planck Encyclopedia of Comparative Constitutional Law (subscription);
- HeinOnline’s Multinational Sources Compared (subscription);
- UN iLibrary (free to read; subscription for PDF download);
- The Constitution Project (free).

THE FCIL JUMPSTART LIST
The FCIL Jumpstart List was last updated in July 2016, and ERIG has not made major changes to the list in the past year. However, as many of the experts on the current list are approaching retirement age, time seems ripe for another revamp of the list. We will move it up to the top of our priority list in the 2018-2019 calendar year.

OTHER PROJECTS
Sensing FCIL members’ strong interest in hearing from experts about their experience in selecting FCIL electronic resources, we are currently considering a third potential project. The project may involve a series of interviews with experts about their tips and experience on how to select FCIL electronic resources. In the 15 to 20 minutes’ interview, questions we ask may include:
- What do you see as the current trend in FCIL resource selection in terms of print v. digital?
- What are some of the new FCIL resources acquired in your library?
- What are some of the factors that you consider while acquiring new resources?
- What are your tips on working with vendors?
Publicity Committee Report

Alyson Drake

DIPLOMATIC DIALOGUES
The Publicity Committee had another active year. At the 2017 meeting, we developed a plan to try to increase our DipLawMatic Dialogues posts to at least once a week in an effort to provide consistent content and increase our viewership. We put out a number of calls for bloggers and also reached out to the committees and IG chairs for content. The FCIL-SIS membership met this call, and we have maintained that schedule since the start of August.

The new regular schedule, along with the development of AALL Headquarter’s daily KnowItAll and a monthly digest being sent out to the FCIL-SIS and Open Member MyCommunities pages, and the int-law listserv, have resulted in significant increases in our monthly and yearly viewership. We distributed all posts via our Twitter account and on the two FCIL-SIS Facebook groups. We also linked posts on Twitter to AALL’s account to reach more people. Since September, we have had at least 1,000 views per month, and since January at least 1,500 per month. With just five months of weekly posts, 2017 became our most viewed year with 12,545 views. We surpassed that record in 2018 in June before the year’s halfway point and we expect to double the 2017 views.

The blog’s success would not be possible without the many bloggers who volunteer to write for us. Many thanks to this year’s bloggers: John Bamgbose, Charles Bjork, Anne Burnett, Sherry Xin Chen, Catherine Deane, Yemisi Dina, Alyson Drake, Gabriela Femenia, Amy Flick, Erin Gow, Julienne E. Grant, Susan Gualtier, Edward T. Hart, James Hart, Marci Hoffman, Caitlin Hunter, Lora Johns, Jootaek Lee, Katherine Orth, Joan Policastro, Taryn Marks, Mike McArthur, Kim Nayar, Mariana Newman, Lucie Olejnikova, Carlos Andres Pagan, Beth Parker, Jessica Pierucci, Marylin Raisch, Brooke Raymond, Rachael Smith, Beau Steenken, Stacia Stein, Loren Turner, and Dan Wade.

CONELL
We worked to connect the 2017 CONELL attendees with committees and interest groups of interest to them in July 2017. Taking their interests from the sign-up sheet, we emailed them all, cc’ing the chairs of the committees and interest group, to introduce them to one another.

We also attended CONELL 2018. Susan Gualtier attended and shared a table with IFLP and Marci Hoffman. We will be following up with this year’s CONELLians to make similar connections.

Asian Law IG Report

Anne Mostad-Jensen

The Asian Law Interest group charge was to:

1. Provide a forum for the exchange of legal information related to Asian law.
2. Provide an informal environment for FCIL and non-FCIL librarians to discuss current trends and issues in Asian law.
3. Complete Asian law legal information related projects as resources and time allow.

Our action items were as follows:

1. Revise the Asian Law Interest Group website text to make it more approachable to newer law librarians who are interested in Asian Law, or to encourage law librarians to contact members if they have Asian Law questions. For example, we will link to the Jumpstart Guide.
2. Brainstorm, organize, and submit an Asian Law-themed proposal for next year’s annual meeting (possibly coordinate with AALL, CAFLI, etc.).
3. Have 1 reading group/informal discussion of an Asian law/legal information themed publication/topic in the next year.

We were able to draft the Asian Law Interest Group website text and make it available to IG members for approval. We will be submitting this language change following the annual meeting. We also brainstormed an Asian Law-themed proposal for the 2018 meeting, but we were unsuccessful in having a proposal accepted. We will attempt to submit a proposal again this year. We were not able to have a reading group/informal discussion on a topic before this year’s meeting, but suggestions have already been made for the upcoming year so we hope to have one or two discussions.
I. Introductions

The meeting opened with introductions by those attending the meeting (31 people). The Schaffer Grant Recipient, Daniela Majorie Akama dos Reis, was introduced and she talked a bit about her experience.

II. Library Collection updates

Harvard Law Library (Jennifer Allison)

Changes to Library Space

- The law library collection space is being reduced from two buildings to one – we have lost four floors of shelf space in the Lewis International Law Center, where almost all of our on-site foreign and international books and journals were held.
- We were required to undertake a massive project in which we made relocation decisions for every item in both library buildings. This project has taken us around two years.
- As a result of this analysis, approximately 80% of our on-site foreign and international materials are in the process of being sent to our offsite depository, which is shared between all the Harvard libraries.
- What remains will be located in the stacks of the Langdell building.
- As far as foreign and international materials are concerned, what stays is mainly recent primary and important secondary sources, and the general policy is a 5-year date split (almost everything published more than 5 years ago is going off-site).
- The off-site depository is not open to the public and not browsable. Books can be ordered from it through the Harvard library catalog, HOLLIS. Delivery time is approximately one business day.
- We are also losing space on the 4th and 5th floors of the main library building. New spaces are currently being built for the administration and for the reference department.

Personnel Changes

- Our Slavic bibliographer, who was also a professional cataloger and cataloged materials in Slavic and Germanic languages, retired in April. She has not been replaced and we do not know if she will be.
- Her selection responsibilities have been taken over by Stephen Wiles in reference.

Approval Plans

- We are in the early stages of a project to, when feasible, link our approval plans with those of the Harvard Library. Note that this will not work for all jurisdictions, as some of the Harvard Library vendors do not supply law materials. At this point, Bridget Reischer is working with them to establish best practices.
- Relatedly, the Harvard Library is making more of an effort to reduce/eliminate duplicates between the various library collections.

American-Iraqi Reconciliation Project

- We sent 200 boxes of withdrawals, primarily Arabic-language duplications, to Minnesota for delivery to a library in Iraq that was destroyed by ISIS.

Digitization

- We have been working on digitizing older gazettes from African and Asian jurisdictions. Jurisdictional priority is given based on preservation needs. For access, go to https://hls.harvard.edu/library/digital-collections/foreign-comparative-international-law/foreign-official-gazettes/.

Law Library of Congress (Kurt Carroll)

The Law Library of Congress remains committed to building its print collection. Foreign legal databases tend to be added based on research needs of individual staff legal spe-
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Specialists. Continuing deposits of US and some foreign publishers have allowed us to keep foreign approval plan allocations stable despite a stagnant book budget ($2.7 million) which has not been increased since FY2015.

There are currently eighteen recommending officers selecting specific foreign jurisdictions. Selections are made to satisfy current Law Library of Congress research and writing, and build a representational collection of foreign countries. Additionally, three librarians recommend material from any FCIL jurisdiction, and one curator is dedicated to rare book acquisitions.

There were two staff departures in 2018. The first recommending officer (RO) selected material for Turkey while the second selected from the jurisdictions of Australia, Indonesia, Malaysia, New Zealand, and non-US South Pacific Islands. The loss of the RO for Turkey comes at a time when we have noticed a significant uptick in legal publishing in Turkey. Despite current selection guidelines, our Cairo Field Office has requested an additional $19,000 to cover Turkish approval plan acquisitions. Australia is proving problematic as the vendor-select approval plan has essentially been Library of Congress-select.

Acquisition Highlights

E-resources

- Beck, Germany. The addition of Beck, paired with online access to most DeGruyter titles due to a special relief agreement with the US Copyright Office, is allowing us to devote more book budget funds to other German publishers.
- JustisOne, Caribbean Core & Bermuda Module.

Print

- Africa
  2. Gambia: We acquired older issues of the official gazette. This includes scattered issues from the 1950s and ’60s and long runs from the 1970s, ’80s, and ’90s.
  5. Seychelles: Laws of Seychelles

- Asia
  1. Fiji: Laws of Fiji
  2. Hong Kong: Halsbury’s Laws of Hong Kong
  3. Malaysia: Halsbury’s Laws of Malaysia
  4. Singapore: Halsbury’s Laws of Singapore
  5. Singapore: Statutes of the Republic of Singapore

- Middle East

- United Kingdom
  1. Laws of Scotland: Stair Memorial Encyclopaedia
  2. Halsbury’s Statutory Instruments
  3. All England Law Reports

Rare Books and Special Collections

The Law Library’s Rare Book and Special Collections, comprised of approximately 60,000 volumes, focuses on the areas of general principles of law, Roman law, Canon law, law from most European jurisdictions, and the Americas, as well as a small number of Middle Eastern and Asian volumes. Some of the highlights of this year’s acquisitions are the Turkish law treatise, Hādhā kitāb Durar al-ḥukkām fi sharḥ Ghurar al-ḥukmā, 1580 AD; the Coustumes de Peronne (Paris, 1569); Vocabularius Utriusque Iuris (Antonio de Nebrija and Giovanni Caccialupi, Venice, 1547), an important early law dictionary attributed to Jodocus of Erfurt; Femme Coverts (anonymous, London, 1732); and [Two] Laws Concerning the Liberation (Brasil, Lisbon, 1755).

As reported last year, a new Secured Storage Facility (SSF) is under construction, with a targeted completion date of March 2019. In preparation for this new vault, staff and contractors are creating bibliographic, holding, and item records in the online catalog for collection materials.

Collection Storage (General Collection)

Onsite: Replacement of 1/3 of the compact shelving in the closed stacks is currently underway. This required moving over 250,000 volumes to swing space. All volumes are fully accessible during this three-year project.

Offsite: We continue to send material to offsite storage. As of June 30, 2018, we have sent 42,116 single-volume foreign monographs to offsite storage in Cabin Branch, MD. This is a temporary facility; items will be transferred to an expanded Library of Congress facility at Ft. Meade, MD, pending construction. Volumes were selected in consultation with Law Library legal specialists to ensure essential re-
sources remain on Capitol Hill. All offsite items can be retrieved within 24 hours.

Class K

Reclassing retrospective items into the K Class continues to be a priority. We have classed over 22,000 volumes since October 1st, the beginning of our fiscal year. The jurisdictions of Germany, Japan, Indonesia, and the Netherlands dominated this work. Two contract classifiers are working on monographs, while a permanent librarian is focusing on serials. An estimated 289,000 volumes remain classed under the old LAW system.

Los Angeles County Law Library (Malinda Muller)

Changes since FY17

Renewed commitment to preserving and maintaining primary law throughout all countries in the collection. Cancellations of duplicate material (such as regional reporters, unofficial reporters, some journals in print that we have available electronically) had occurred significantly over the last several years due to significant court filing fee revenue decreases. Examples:

- Secondary sources where we have extensive holdings in primary law, such as Encyclopedia of European Law.
- Compilations/Digests where we have extensive holdings in primary law, such as Canadian Abridgement and Australian Digest.
- Internet-based online primary law in certain jurisdictions due to limited-use: Hungarian Gazette, Czech Republic cases, Ukraine cases.

As court filing fees are starting to stabilize once again and slightly improve year-over-year, LA Law Library has been able to gradually replenish print content – GRR monographs, topic-specific material in demand such as Hague Convention, Brexit, Water Law. New one-time legislative funding may allow even more gap-filling and updating.

Specific countries identified as priority to collect: Latin America and Africa.

Maintain global print & electronic content while cutting domestic content in large vendor contract renegotiations.

- Keep global journals in print from Hein. Maintain only electronic format for many domestic journals previously collected in print.
- Keep global content while reducing domestic print and electronic content.

- Reinstate RIA Checkpoint to address domestic and global research needs:
  - Tax and commercial laws for Africa (a priority collection jurisdiction).
  - U.S. federal and foreign tax materials, both primary and secondary.
  - Continues to be one of several substitutes for the discontinued Bloomberg BNA Tax Management Portfolios (this is a collection priority) which includes international tax series.
  - Checkpoint is only available to staff, and so it’s mainly of use in supporting document delivery and the Platinum Program.

Internal Projects and Collaboration

Platinum Program for Global Law – modelling on domestic Platinum Project in place for law firms, possibility to expand the program to libraries or library departments. Currently a domestic law firm is a Platinum Member and has cut library materials budget but indirectly retains access to materials since LALL sends content on an on-demand basis. If institutions are cutting certain aspects of collection, would have indirect access to that content from LALL. LALL Staff member would retrieve unlimited materials requests & send in a timely manner. Monthly/annual fee to participate.

Global Law Binding Study – Considering Reinstating binding or digitization of the primary and important secondary resources in the Global Law collection. Preservation of publications from damage due to excessive handling and potential environmental conditions.

Monographs Inventory and Review – In the past few years, it appears that some of the GRR monographs have become out of date. The process will determine which monographs are out of date and how out of date they are.

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.
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  - Top foreign collections viewed
  - Canadian Provincial
  - Haiti
  - India

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- Cuba
- British Empire Studies
- South Africa
- Argentina
- Sizeable collection additions in past year include:
  - Peru, Argentina, Mexico, Uruguay, Ecuador, Chile, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica
  - Canada
  - Africa: Kenya, Tanganyika, Sudan
  - United Kingdom
- Specifically:
  - Primary sources (e.g. Hansard, subsidiary legislation) from Africa
  - Latin America: Court reporters (Costa Rican Corte de Casación, Sentencias), civil codes, criminal codes, and other legislation
  - United Kingdom: Statutes from Magna Carta forward, trials, treatises
  - Canada: Provincial compiled statutes & session laws, federal sessional papers fill ins, Consolidated Regulations fill-ins
  - Switzerland: Supreme Court cases & gazette
  - Caribbean: Barbados, Dominica, & Puerto Rico
- At any time, from our LLMC website, you can view and sort the current title list. You may also download as a spreadsheet.
- 2018-19 initiatives include:
  - Deepening Canadian coverage: Digitizing provincial gazettes from film.
  - French civil codes previously missed.
  - Berlin State Library: Rare 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)
  - CRL Foreign Official Gazettes continue to be digitized (most recently Sudan)
  - LALL/CRL/LLMC partnering to digitize the Tanganyika Gazette
  - Partner with CRL for additional Latin American, Eastern European, and South Asian coverage
  - 19th century Chile trials
  - Extern Scanning Sites
    - LALL
    - University of Hawaii – Trust Territory news letters are complete
    - 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. Columbia interested in providing additional materials
- Requests help us prioritize what is processed and what we seek out
- We are in the process of determining fiche collections as candidates for digitization
- Finally, please think of LLMC if you are withdrawing print foreign titles

NEFLLCG (Gabriela Femenia)
The Northeast Foreign Law Librarians Cooperative Group held its fall meeting at Fordham in November, and its spring meeting at Penn in May. The participants gave updates on databases and vendors; shared information on collection budgets, space issues and other concerns; and continued the discussion about the functions and membership of NEFLLCG.

A few highlights from the meetings:

- Discussion of new databases or changes to current ones:
  - Laws of Ghana
  - Lexis Africa
  - Oxford’s International Organizations module
  - China Law and Practice
  - Wolters Kluwer China Law and Reference
  - China Law Translate
  - L’Extenso (France)
  - Les Éditions Législatives (France)
  - JurisClasseur (should NELLCO renegotiate?
  - Thomson Reuters LAWnB, http://lawnb.com/ (Korea)
  - Wolters Kluwer Italian databases: Pluris, Leggi d’Italia and Edicola Professionale
  - Free access to AJIL Contemporary Practice of the US via Penn
  - Newly-launched UN Women’s Family Law database by the Global Women’s Leadership Project (GWLP) at Penn Law with UN Women

- Current projects:
  - Each members’ current collection strengths and needs versus the original VCRs when NEFLLCG was established
  - Review and revision of VCR definitions, particularly the increased presence of electronic options

Our next meeting will be hosted by NYU in Fall 2018.
Yale Law Library (Evelyn Ma and Dan Wade)
The biggest event for the year is that Lucie Olejnikova has joined the library staff as Head of Foreign and International Law and has assumed responsibility for German law selection. The biggest news of the year is that there have been two major publications coming from members of the Library staff this year. The first, written by Mike Widener, our Rare Book Librarian, and Professor Mark S. Weiner, Rutgers Law School, who earned his J.D. and Ph.D. in American Studies at Yale, is Law’s Picture Books: The Yale Library Collection (Clark, N.J.: Talbot Publishing, 2017). It is the exhibition catalogue from their exhibition at the Grolier Club, New York City, which ran from September 13th to November 18th, and which received a good deal of media coverage including the New York Times and the Wall Street Journal. Mike and Mark displayed a large number of fine illustrations from foreign law books. It was certainly one of the highlights of the year when the staff received released time to travel to New York to enjoy a tour by the two authors. It was even more special when we learned that the authors had received this year’s Joseph L. Andrews award.

The other book, written by John Nann, our selector for Britain, Ireland, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, India, and the European Union, bears on Foreign law, only in the sense that America in the Trump era looks more and more foreign. It is The Yale Law School Guide to Research in American Legal History (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2018). It is fitting that the book comes out of the Yale Law School which places a heavy emphasis on legal history.

It was not a year of major acquisitions, but our budget remained level and we acquired a large number of foreign law monographs. Cate Kellett, selector for Latin America, Evelyn Ma, selector for the Far East including Singapore and Malaysia, and John Nann report no major developments in their respective areas.

In German monographic collection development there has been an increase in commercial and criminal law, and somewhat in the law of sports. Also, there seem to be more major treatises in English from Beck. This year we have two new selectors for Austria and Switzerland, Stacia Stein and Lora Johns, and thus there is more of an emphasis on these two jurisdictions.

On May 29th I posted a blog on DipLawMatic Dialogs on collection development of German legal monographs. I solicited suggestions or tips which might help us enhance our firm order program. We are looking for such things as how to find university press publications, announcements of publications of more minor publishers, serial bibliographies of journals, etc. Thank you in advance for any assistance you may render. I want to especially thank Jennifer Allison at Harvard for her very helpful response.

There are increasing sources of availability for African law books though with 54 jurisdictions, it is still difficult to have coherent collections for jurisdictions other than perhaps two or three. We continue to collect African legal monographs as they are made available to us and we become aware of them.

You may find a new, revised Collection Development Policy on the Library website. Finally, we are eagerly awaiting the arrival of Dr. Anja Graebitz from the National Library of Science and Technology in Hannover who will visit us in August for five weeks.

III. Updates: Foreign Law Guide and Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals (Marci Hoffman)

Foreign Law Guide, since last year's AALL meeting.
New:
Brazil
DR (forthcoming)
Chile (forthcoming)
Colombia (forthcoming)
Congo
Iceland
Italy
Ivory Coast (forthcoming)
Federated States of Micronesia
Finland (forthcoming)
Myanmar
Pakistan
Philippines (forthcoming)
Senegal (forthcoming)
Turkey (forthcoming)

Updated:
Australia
Belgium
Hong Kong
India
Ireland
Luxembourg
New Zealand
Norway
Singapore
South Africa
Sweden
US

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Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals (IFLP)

During the Advisory Board meeting, we selected the following titles for addition to the Index.

- Revue Cirkevniho Prava
- Split Faculty of Law Journal
- Inonu University Law Review
- Derecho PUCP
- Studia z Prawa Wyznaniowego
- European Journal of Commercial Contract Law

IV. New Foreign and Comparative Law Electronic Resources

Databases (distributed at the meeting)

China Law and Practice (ALM)
https://www.chinalawandpractice.com/
Legal and risk management resource for investors in PRC; provides analysis and translations of laws.

China Law & Reference (Wolters Kluwer)
http://law.wkinfo.com.cn
Analysis and primary sources, including Chinese laws translated into English.

China Translate
https://www.chinalawtranslate.com/?lang=en
English-language source for news and analysis on Chinese law, includes translations.

Les Éditions Législatives (France)
http://www.editions-legislatives.fr/

Erilaws (Eritrea and Southern Sudan)
http://erilaws.com/

The Global Women’s Leadership Project (GWLP)
https://www.law.upenn.edu/international/global-womens-leadership-project/
Gabriela Femenia will report on this project.

JurisClassuer (France)
https://internationalsales.lemisnexit.com/products/juris-classeur
French-language legal information that includes jurisprudence, laws and journals.

JustisOne, CarliLaw
http://www.justis.com/

Caribbean cases.

LaWnaB (Thomson Reuters) (Korea)
http://lawnb.com/

Laws of Ghana

Lextenso (France)
https://www.lextenso.fr/

Oxford International Organizations
http://opil.ouplaw.com/home/OXIO

Wolters Kluwer Italian databases:
- Pluris
  http://pluris-cedam.utetgiuridica.it/
- Leggi d’Italia
  http://online.leggidiitalia.it/
- Edicola Professionale
  http://www.edicolaprofessionale.com/

Free access to AJIL Contemporary Practice of the US via Penn
http://law.upenn.libguides.com/CPUS

The FCIL Electronic Resources IG provides descriptions of some FCIL resources (information provided by Sherry Chen, ERIG Chair).

- The Foreign Law Guide;
- GlobaLex.

- The United Nations Treaty Collection;
- HeinOnline’s World Constitutions Illustrated;
- HeinOnline’s World Treaty Library.

- Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals Case Law Database;

Candidates for future reviews:

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Roman Law IG Report

Marylin Raisch, Chair; presented by Charles Bjork

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This has been a quiet year overall, but the emergence for review of the new book by our colleague, Professor Timothy Kearley, Lost in Translations: Roman Law Scholarship and Translation in Early Twentieth-Century America (Durham, N.C.: Carolina Academic Press, 2018) is a cause for celebration. After working with the papers and translations of Wyoming Supreme Court Justice Fred H. Blume on Justinian’s Code (and presenting on it here at AALL in 2016), Tim has written this monograph on several American translators and the context for interest in Roman law among legal and classical lawyer/scholars in the early twentieth century. Marylin Raisch displayed it and discussed it (as a forthcoming reviewer for the International Journal of Legal Information. Ideas and involvement of others for coming years are welcome.

AND

We have more authors to celebrate:


(For the benefit of our related IG on Religious and Customary Law, I did a post also on Teaching Religious Law Research as Part of Comparative Law: Focus on Jewish Law).

And are there others in Roman Law we have missed?

See you in Washington!
Daniela Majorie Akama dos Reis

It all started with my approval as the Schaffer grant recipient, I did not expect such good news. I was very excited to visit Baltimore, where I had never been before. Everything went as expected on my flight from Brazil to Atlanta, even when I missed my connection flight there. In less than two hours I took another flight and quickly arrived at my hotel in Baltimore, very close to the premises where the convention would take place. I was extremely surprised by the heat in the city, because it was winter in Brazil, and because I didn't really expect such weather in the U.S.

I researched Baltimore before the trip, and prepared a schedule so that I could take advantage of all the city's sights before the event started on Saturday. The day I arrived (the Friday before the conference), I visited the George Peabody Library, The Washington Monument, and Edgar Allan Poe's Gravesite and Memorial. After that, I went to the Inner Harbor, a location with many attractions, shops and cool restaurants, and a very nice place to visit.

On Saturday, as part of the grant, I attended the CONELL, event for the newer law librarians at the AALL conference. It is perfect to get an overview of the conference (what to expect), meet new people and exchange business cards. After that, I went on a quick tour of the most important historical sites of Baltimore, as part of CONELL. The Exhibit Hall was open every day, it was a place with several vendors, interesting tools and services. I was amazed by how similar the services and tools offered in the U.S. are to those we have in Brazil. The Exhibit Hall was full of law librarians every day. As a Brazilian law librarian, I have never seen so many law librarians together in one place, such a crowd of interesting people.

On Sunday, I listened to the keynote speaker, John Waters. Very provocative, sincere and funny, I loved it. I attended several sessions during the conference, and as there were a great variety of themes, I focused on some specific topics, like presentations about subject analysis and indexing studies (theme of my PhD dissertation, under development) and on the profile of law librarians (subject of my presentation as the Schaffer grant recipient). My favorite sessions included: FCIL-SIS Foreign Selectors Interest Group Meeting, FCIL Basics for Metadata Professionals (Deep Dive), 25 Free Technologies for Law Libraries and Library Services for Communities Living in Fear. They provided me a rich perspective about law library science in the U.S.

Contrary to what I expected, library science in the U.S. and in Brazil are similar in several aspects. There is a very interesting theoretical consistency, and the practice is similar in many ways. In Brazil, both European and American theoretical influences are perceived. It was interesting to talk to several librarians, about their practice, and to know more about their daily activities.

As part of the grant, Mark Engsberg and Hunter Whaley arranged visits to some law libraries in Baltimore and Washington, D.C. In Baltimore, I visited the University of Maryland law library, there is a very impressive law collection, and the staff is dedicated to reference service, and treatment of documents, among other services. In Washington, D.C., I visited the Supreme Court library, Library of Congress, Paul Hastings law firm library, and Caplin and Drysdale law firm library (I scheduled this last visit with a librarian I met in my presentation, Abby dos Santos, her relatives are from Brazil).

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Apart from the Supreme Court library and the Law Library of Congress, which have physical storage for historical purposes, I noticed that the law firm libraries aim at the digitization of documents with the purpose of faster dissemination of information and knowledge to their patrons.

In addition to the libraries, I visited several tourist spots in Washington, D.C.

- The Union Station is a very beautiful train station with shops and restaurants. It connects several points of the city through the subway;

View from the Lincoln Memorial - Washington, D.C.
- The United States Capitol, which I only saw from the outside, but it was worth it anyway;
- The Supreme Court Building, I visited the ground floor with small exhibits and the library: amazing;
- The Thomas Jefferson Building - Library of Congress, which is the main and oldest building. It’s free, and very beautiful (the LC has other buildings for staff and the storage of documents);
- The Lincoln Memorial: there are several museums and monuments to see when walking from the Capitol to the Lincoln Memorial, like The Washington Monument, The World War II Memorial, The White House, The Einstein Memorial and lots of museums (Smithsonian Museums).

I know there are other interesting sights, but I do not recommend walking to them all on the same day. Go by bike or car, if you want to keep your feet whole and functional.

The travel and conference in a nutshell: I met wonderful people because of the grant, it was an excellent experience, which I will remember with fondness forever. I hope that the 2019 event in Washington will be as good as this year's.