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2019 FCIL-SIS Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians

Recipient Presentation: Mariya Badeva-Bright

Monday, July 15, 2019, 5:30pm
Marriott Marquis Ballroom, Salon 4
Washington D.C.
Mariya Badeva-Bright

Controlled Crowdsourcing of African Law – Searching for New Solutions to Old Problems

Mariya Badeva-Bright is the recipient of the 2019 FCIL-SIS Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians. The Selection Committee chose Ms. Badeva-Bright in part because of her work with legal information outside of traditional librarianship.

A veteran open access activist, Mariya leads the AfricanLII project at the University of Cape Town, South Africa, and has helped build free access law portals in 13 African countries. Recently, she co-founded Laws.Africa, a legislation commons built and supported by a dedicated community that aims to make African legislation freely available to everyone.

A first-time attendee at the AALL Annual Meeting and Conference, Ms. Badeva-Bright is looking forward to meeting law librarians from the United States and other countries. On her return to South Africa, she plans to present to the law librarians at the University of Cape Town and University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg. She also plans to blog about her experience at AALL and publish in the Organization of South African Law Libraries quarterly newsletter, on the AfricanLII website, and in newsletters for other LIIs in Africa.

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