



IFLA Law Libraries Section Annual Report 2016

Year of report: 2016

Name of professional unit: Law Libraries

General Introduction:

Members of the Law Libraries Section experienced a busy and successful conference. The Standing Committee (SC) held two business meetings Saturday 13 August 2016, 15:15-17:45, Room C223-224 Session 42 and Tuesday August 15, 2016, 8:00-9.30, Room C225 Session 118.

At the first business meeting Chair Sonia Poulin (Alberta Law Libraries, Canada) and other members of the SC reported on action plan items completed. All goals and objectives were accomplished for the Section's 2015-16 strategic plan.

Sally Holterhoff reported on progress with the *Statement on Government Provision of Public Legal Information in the Digital Age*. An initial draft of the Statement was submitted and endorsed in June by an email vote of the Standing Committee members. It is now being reviewed by IFLA policy-makers. Some further revision will be required before the statement is considered for official approval.

Looking ahead to World Library and Information Congress: 83rd IFLA General Conference and Assembly 19–25 August 2017, Wrocław, Poland: Libraries. Solidarity. Society. SC members discussed ideas for programs to fit the theme. After a preliminary discussion of possible topics and programs, teams were formed to consider each topic and present a draft proposal at the second meeting three days later.

At the second meeting, draft program proposals were presented and three of them were approved.

One concerns the impact of law libraries and law library associations on society. Raissa Tedori proposed a joint program with Division 1 based on the main theme of the WLIC in Poland, Libraries, Societies, Solidarity. She suggested looking at the impact of libraries on societies seen from different points of view. Edita Bačić and Sonia Poulin proposed looking at the partnerships across Law Library Associations,

specifically the impact of Law Libraries and Law Library Associations on Society. This would fit in the Division 1 program and would not use hours allocated to our Section.

Another program is on the topic of classification schemes of legal materials under the title "*International approaches to legal classification schemes: solidarity or diversion?*" This program would be co-sponsored with the recently re-named IFLA Subject Analysis and Access Section (previously the Classification and Indexing Section) and coordinated by H  l  ne Besnier (Biblioth  que Interuniversitaire Cujas, Paris). This topic could be broadened to consider subject analysis, also important as a way to access the law.

A third topic proposed by Kristina Alayan was Solidarity and Stability in Time of Crisis, the role of libraries in times of turmoil. It would look at how libraries have an impact on society and their role in preserving memories. This program would look at the tension between the rule of law / or the lack thereof and role of libraries, examining the role of libraries as memory institutions during critical times in countries around the world.

Discussion of projects for the coming year included recruitment of new members, marketing, and finalizing the section's strategic plan for 2016-17.

The Chair reported that the Section is planning a workshop on Promoting Open Access to Law in Africa, to be held Dec. 6-7, 2016, in Uganda, Heather Casey (Georgetown University, USA), Mark Engsberg (Emory University, USA), Caroline Ilako (Makerere University, Uganda), Sonia Poulin (Alberta Law Libraries, Canada) and B  rd Tuseth (University of Oslo, Norway), with financial support from IFLA, IALL and the William S. Hein & Company.

Among the items discussed was the proposed appointment of new corresponding members and recognition of committee members whose terms have ended. Elected as corresponding members for a two-year term were B  rd Sverre Tuseth (Norway), Claire Germain (U.S., past Chair of the Standing Committee), and John Bahrij (Hong Kong). It was agreed to have past Chairs as corresponding members to assist the new officers.

Over 50 members of the Section and invited guests attended the annual Law Libraries Section reception on Monday evening at the Thomas J. Moyer Ohio Judicial Center, home of the Ohio Supreme Court, in the beautiful Native American Lobby. The event was organized by SC member Anne Burnett. The reception was kindly sponsored by William S. Hein & Co. Guest speaker was Paul Beck, Professor

Emeritus of Political Science, Ohio State University, who provided an engaging overview of the United States electoral system, including discussion of current presidential election.

Professional unit conference activities/conference programs:

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World Library and Information Congress: 82nd IFLA General Conference and Assembly 13–19 August 2016, Columbus, Ohio, United States of America. *Connections, Collaboration, Community.*

Session 099, Monday 15 August, 2016 11:45-13:45 C210-212 *Government Information Publishing Programs: Past Present and Future* - Government Information and Official Publications with Government Libraries and Law Libraries
Chair: James Church

1. *Detecting US Federal Documents to expand access*. Mike Furlough (Hathi Trust, United States), Valerie Glenn (HathiTrust, United States). Paper in English
2. *Access to UN information in the digital era: reengineering the UN Depository Libraries Programme*. Sherri Aldis (Department of Public Information, United Nations, United States), Ramona Kohrs (Dag Hammarskjöld Library, United States). Paper in English
3. *Repositioning the National Documentation and Information Retrieval Service in the digital era and improving compliance to statutory legal deposits requirements*. Faith Surtan (Kenya National Archives and Documentation Service, Kenya). Paper in English
4. *L'organisation d'un dépôt légal des publications électroniques belges par la Bibliothèque royale de Belgique* (The Organization of an Electronic Legal Deposit by the Royal Library of Belgium). Sophie Vandepontseele (Royal Library of Belgium, Belgium). Paper in French
5. *Going Viral: U.S. Government Information Online*. Sonnet Ireland (St. Tammany Parish Library, United States). Paper in English.

Session 179, Wednesday 17 August, 2016 11:45 – 13:45 C112-115 *Bringing the Law to the Library: connections, collaboration, and community in support of access to justice and the rule of law* - Law Libraries with Public Libraries, and Government Information and Official Publications.

Chairs: Yolanda P. Jones (Florida A&M University College of Law, United States)

1. *Provision of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) information to Nigeria citizens through a collaborative approach: a proposal*. Dapo-Asaju Harriet Seun (Lagos State

University Library, Nigeria), Oludayo John Bamgbose (Ajayi Crowther University Library, Nigeria). Paper in English

2. *Interdisciplinary cooperation among law and public librarians in partnership with some other institutions in Split*. Edita Bačić (Faculty of Law, University of Split, Croatia). Paper in English

3. *Meaningful Access to Information as a Critical Element of the Rule of Law – How Law Libraries and Public Libraries Can Work Together to Promote Access*. Brian D. Anderson (Ohio Northern University, United States). Paper in English

4. *Bringing law to the community: facilitating access to justice in metropolitan Detroit*.

Beth Applebaum (Arthur Neef Law Library, Wayne State University, United States), Jan B. Bissett (Arthur Neef Law Library, Wayne State University, United States), Michelle M. LaLonde (Arthur Neef Law Library, Wayne State University, United States), Michael Samson (Arthur Neef Law Library, Wayne State University, United States), Virginia C. Thomas (Arthur Neef Law Library, Wayne State University, United States). Paper in English

5. *Opportunities of collaboration with Public Libraries on government and governance*. Umut Al (Hacettepe University, Department of Information Management, Turkey), Seda Öz (Hacettepe University, Department of Communication Sciences, Turkey), Zehra Taşkın (Hacettepe University, Department of Information Management, Turkey). Paper in English.

6. *The Michigan Legal Help Project and the role libraries played in improving access to justice*. Laura Mancini (Oakland County Library, United States). Paper in English.

7. *Free, online and in your public library: delivering legal information to the community*.

Jan Richards (Central West Libraries, Australia) [Paper written by Phillipa Scarf (State Library of NSW, Australia) presented by Jan Richards.

8. *"Information literacy for all": interfacing academic and public librarians in developing a legal information literate society in Zimbabwe*. Darlington Musemburi (Faculty of Law Librarian, University of Zimbabwe Libraries, Zimbabwe) Collen Nhendo (Faculty of Engineering Section, University of Zimbabwe Libraries, Zimbabwe). Paper in English.

Session 212, Thursday 18 August, 2016 10:45 – 12:45 C112-115 *Privacy Law in the Digital Age: Governments Rethink the Meaning of Information Access Policies - Law Libraries with Library and Research Services for Parliaments*. Chair: Robert Newlen (Library of Congress, United States)

Speakers: Roberta I. Shaffer (Law Librarian of Congress, United States); Anne Klinefelter (Director of the Law Library and Associate Professor of Law University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, United States); Adam Eisgrau (Office of Government

Relations American Library Association, United States), Dennis Hirsch (Moritz College of Law, The Ohio State University, United States)

Professional unit publications

Action Plan 2016-2017: <http://www.ifla.org/publications/law-libraries-strategic-plan?og=86>

Communication Strategy: The Communications Team led by Marisol Florén Romero and includes Edita Bacic (Croatia), Lagdhir Rabari (India), Rodrigo Obrador (Chile), Helene Besnier (France), and Margo Jeske (Canada). They will work on ways to improve visibility and communication. It was proposed to use Twitter as a means of distribution of information and communication between the members; continuing the Newsletter, or creating a Blog following the success of the Public Libraries Section blog; using several law librarian's distribution lists to reach out to colleagues from around the world to create interest in the Section. Discussions will continue and the team will work on these challenges. There will also be an effort to translate documents into Spanish and French and any other languages that might be available for translation.

Representation at other meetings

Sonia Poulin represented the Law Libraries Section at the 35th Annual Course of the International Association of Law Libraries (IALL) that took place in Oxford, United Kingdom – July 31 to August 3, 2016. This was to further collaboration with other law library associations, one of the strategic objectives in the Section's Action plan.

Margo Jeske attended the program from the IFLA Satellite meeting held in Toronto, Canada on August 10-11, 2016 "Managing Human Resources in the Library and Information Context: How do we want to work tomorrow?" The meeting was co-sponsored with IFLA Management and Marketing Section and abstracts and additional information can be found at www.biblio.uottawa.ca/ext/ifla .

Minutes of Meetings:

IFLA Standing Committee on Law Libraries Section, First Session, Saturday 13 August 2016, 15:15-17:45, Room C223-224 Session 42. <http://www.ifla.org/law-libraries/minutes>

IFLA Standing Committee on Law Libraries Section, Second Session, Tuesday August 15, 2016, 8:00-9.30, Room C225 Session 118. <http://www.ifla.org/law-libraries/minutes>

Other publications:

Sally Holterhoff and Marisol Florén "Report on IFLA 2016 in Columbus, Ohio, United States" *FCIL Newsletter* Volume 31, Issue 1, October 2016. p. 23-25.
<http://www.aallnet.org/sections/fcil/newsletters/vol31/oct2016.pdf>

The Chair, Secretary and Information Coordinator had frequent meetings on Skype to review the minutes and meet the deadlines set by IFLA.

Membership

A minimum of 40 members are required to maintain our status as a Section. Currently the Section has 57 members, an increase of 12 new members from the previous year. Nominations for the Standing Committee will be held in the Fall. Several members will need to complete forms if they wish to be re-nominated, these being Edita Bacic, Ursula Bödecker, Carole Hinchcliff, Sally Holterhoff, Caroline Ilako, Margo Jeske, and Sonia Poulin.

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