



IFLA Law Libraries Section Annual Report 2015

Year of report: 2015

Name of professional unit: Law Libraries

General Introduction:

2015 marks the 10th anniversary of the Law Libraries Section. In recognition of this anniversary, both the current IFLA President Sinikka Sipilä and the incoming President Donna Scheeder stopped by the first session of the Standing Committee in Cape Town, 2015. They both praised the development of the Section and the programs and projects its members had undertaken so far. Currently the Section has 50 members from 22 countries.

Professional unit project: Sally Holterhoff and Marisol Florén Romero at the IFLA Law Libraries Section Standing Committee second session in Cape Town 2015 updated us on their project of developing a standard on authentication and preservation of online legal materials. They reported on a meeting they had with two members of the IFLA Committee on Standards to discuss the possibility of our Section developing an IFLA standard or statement concerning the accessibility, preservation, and authentication of electronic legal material. During this meeting, Patrice Landry (Standard Committee Chair) and Frederick Zarndt (member of the Committee) provided feedback and guidance about how to proceed. It was suggested to start by drafting a statement and seeking support from other IFLA entities, and then submitting the draft statement to the Committee on Standards.

Professional unit conference activities/conference programs:

2015

World Library and Information Congress: 81st IFLA General Conference and Assembly 15-21 August, Cape Town, South Africa. *Dynamic Libraries: Access, Development, and Transformation.*

Session 114 - *Access to legal information and legislative data in Africa: the role of libraries and librarians- African Legal information and legislative data and- Building a Reading Culture in Africa* – co-sponsored with the Library and Research Services for Parliaments, Law Libraries and Africa Sections.

Margo Jeske from the Law Libraries Section was moderator, as well as the co-coordinator of the program, along with Victoria Okojie, Registrar/CEO Librarians' Registration Council of Nigeria (LRCN). Speakers from Cameroon, Ghana, Nigeria, Uganda, and the United States spoke about the current status of legal and legislative information access in their countries and what libraries and librarians are doing to improve it. Across the countries the speakers mentioned similar challenges in sustaining technical and physical capacity to publish the law. Barriers are not only financial and technical, but also institutional, such as changes in government organizations. Speakers discussed the role that libraries, especially public libraries, can play as collectors and providers of legal information and services.

The session was attended by 150 people.

Tuesday 18 August 2015 09:30 - 11:30 | Room: Auditorium 1 | SI

1. SHAFACK, Rosemary M. [*Enabling legislation for access to information in Cameroon and the role of libraries and librarians*](#)
2. JONES, Yolanda and ILAKO, Caroline [*Dynamic Law Libraries: Access, Development and Transformation in Africa and the United States*](#)
3. APEADU, Eric Yeboah [*Ignorance of the Law is no excuse; making Ghana's Legal and Legislative Information Accessible to All*](#)
4. BAMGBOSE, Oludayo J. and ETIM, Imaobong A. [*Accessing government information in Africa through the right to know: the role of the library*](#)
5. BEKOLLE, Monique Marguerite [*L'offre en tic de l'information juridique et légale au Cameroun : le rôle des bibliothèques et des bibliothécaires*](#)
6. BADEVA-BRIGHT, Mariya *AfricanLII: facilitating free and open access to legal and legislative information from Africa.*

Session 209 - *The future of law libraries: tales of existence and transformation* - Law Libraries

Thursday 20 August 2015 10:45 - 12:45 | Room: Ballroom East

This Session organized by Sonia Poulin, from Alberta Law Libraries and Information Services, Alberta, Canada on behalf of the Law Libraries Section, speakers addressed the current status of law libraries from the perspective of their own region and experience, focusing attention on what is being done to meet challenges and stay relevant for the future.

The speakers Guerra-Bustamante, Espinace Olgúin and Salas Prussing, listed below were from the Library of Congress of Chile (Department of Legislative Services and Documentation) spoke about efforts their organization is making to improve the future provision of legal information.

1. MACPHEE, Kirsty, *Kom Saam Met My! Leading the change from the practice of law to the business of law.*
2. MILLER, John *African Law Library (ALL)*
3. AIPPERSBACH, Carole and MOORE, Katy [Reaching the diverse public of Alberta, Canada: How law librarians helped fill a gap in legal information delivery and access to justice through an innovative and collaborative new website](#)
4. GUERRA-BUSTAMANTE, Allen [Coexistencia de normas vigentes y derogadas: Un problema a resolver](#)
5. IRHAMNI, Ali and NURHADRYANI, Yani and SANTOSO, Joko [E-government Service on Law & Legal Libraries : Case Study In Indonesia Government Agencies](#)
6. ESPINACE OLGUÍN, Denisse Jimena and SALAS PRUSSING, Carolina de los Ángeles [The History of the Law for everyone](#)

2016

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

At the WLIC Second Session of the Law Libraries Standing Committee the topics for next year's programs in Ohio were defined and program coordinators and teams were assigned:

(a) on digital privacy including the issues raised by the "right to be forgotten" (led by Robert Newlen, Sally Holterhoff, Carole Hinchcliff). It was agreed the topic should cover all countries and the different approaches taken by them on

this issue. It could be co-sponsored with the Library and Research Services for Parliaments Section, as well as Copyright and other Legal Matters (CLM) and Freedom of access to Information and Freedom of expression (FAIFE).

(b) on collaboration between public libraries and law libraries to facilitate access to legal information for members of the public, improving access to justice for the public (led by Yolanda Jones). Yolanda Jones agreed to explore options for cosponsoring with other sections such as the Public Libraries Section. The call for papers could be from any regions in the world.

The Section consented to sign on as a co-sponsor of a 2016 IFLA pre-conference satellite workshop/meeting in Toronto, *Managing Human Resources in the Library and Information Context: how do we want to work tomorrow?* organized by the IFLA Management and Marketing Section. It will be held at the University of Toronto in Canada.

Professional unit publications

Action Plan 2015-2016: <http://www.ifla.org/publications/law-libraries-strategic-plan?og=86>

Communication: The new Information Officer learnt how to post on the Section's page and posted call for papers and other publications. Call for papers were widely distributed through different professional association lists.

Minutes of Meetings:

IFLA Standing Committee on Law Libraries Section, First Session, Saturday 15 August 2015, 15:15-17:45, Ballroom West/Session 39, Convention Center
http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/law-libraries/ifla_law_libraries_sc_1_2015_minutes1_final.pdf

IFLA Standing Committee on Law Libraries Section, Second Session, Tuesday August 18, 2015, 16:45-18:15, Session 153, Rms. 1.63-1.64, Convention Center
[http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/law-libraries/minutes/ifla_sc2_law_libraries_section_minutes_session_153_18th_august2015 .pdf](http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/law-libraries/minutes/ifla_sc2_law_libraries_section_minutes_session_153_18th_august2015.pdf)

Other publications:

Marisol Florén and Sally Holterhoff "Report on IFLA 2015 in Cape Town, South Africa" *FCIL Newsletter Volume 30, Issue 1, October 2015*. p. 14-19.
<http://www.aallnet.org/sections/fcil/newsletters/vol30/oct2015.pdf>

New chairs/New conveners

The Section Standing Committee met twice during the WLIC. The Chair of the Standing Committee (SC) for 2013-2015 has been Claire Germain. Since she was unable to come to Cape Town, the first meeting of the Standing Committee (held on Saturday, before the official opening of the Conference on Sunday) was chaired Sonia Poulin (Alberta Law Libraries, Canada). After recognizing the work of the outgoing officers, all of whom were at the end of their two-year terms, the SC then undertook the election of new officers. Pascal Sanz (National Library of France) chaired the election process of our Section. The newly-elected leaders for the section are: Sonia Poulin (Alberta Law Libraries and Information Services), Chair; Elizabeth Naumczyk (International Criminal Court), Secretary; and Marisol Florén Romero (Florida International University), Information Coordinator. The information coordinator will be assisted by Margot Jeske (University of Ottawa) and Yolanda Jones (Florida A&M University) and one of the members of the Chilean Congress to be designated.

As a new elected team, the Chair, Secretary and Information Coordinator had monthly meetings on Skype to set goals and objectives, in addition to prepare, review and discuss documents and projects.

Professional Unit Standing Committee membership during the year (list of names with any indication of retiring members and replacements appointed, including corresponding members):

Members retiring in 2015

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