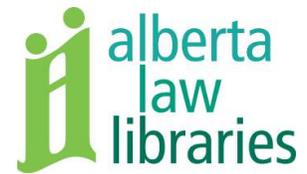




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CLAIRE GERMAIN



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SPOTLIGHT ON LAW  
LIBRARIES

# LAW LIBRARIES SECTION

## FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Law Libraries Section Member,

Welcome to this third issue of the IFLA Law Libraries Section Newsletter. The Section has continued to be very active this year, thanks to the contribution of its members.

I was honored to have been invited as a speaker by the Croatia Library Association, and spoke to the South East European Association of Law Libraries (SEALL), which is associated with the Croatian Library Association, and is trying to develop and strengthen the Law Librarians' Working Group . I gave a presentation to them on Thursday, October 16, 2014, in Split, Croatia. The program was sponsored by an IFLA Project Fund to improve open access to legal knowledge in that region of the world. **Edita Bačić**, the director of the law library of the University of Split, Croatia, and secretary of the IFLA Law Libraries Section, was the main organizer. I was involved in the development of the program as Chair of the IFLA Law Libraries Section.

The 30 or so participant hailed from Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Slovenia, and Serbia. **Donna Scheeder**, IFLA President-Elect, made a presentation on the IFLA Trends document. I presented my vision for the future of law librarians, emphasizing the teaching role of librarians, and the importance of forming strong law library associations and working together on projects.

The participants mentioned problems with faculty not encouraging students to attend their legal research sessions, but some are starting legal research courses, not often for credit,



though. They have come up with a list of standards for law libraries, inspired in part by the AALL standards. I made them aware of the scholarships offered by AALL, IALL, and IFLA, to attend international meetings and network. It was a great opportunity to exchange on the problems facing law librarians, and experiences and knowledge of working in law libraries and library associations.

The larger group of the Croatia Library Association consisted of about 250 librarians from the region, extending to Slovakia and Hungary. It is a gregarious group, dynamic, forward-looking, and also fun-loving. It was an excellent meeting, with terrific welcome and hospitality, as well as wonderful opportunities to network and enjoy the social events, from the Karaoke evening and dance, to the cultural excursion in the Dalmatian countryside, including the Roman ruins and the wonderful lunch at the hotel.

Many thanks, **Edita**, for this wonderful workshop!

I look forward to seeing you all in Cape Town, South Africa for IFLA 2015. The Law Libraries Section has two interesting programs, one highlighting access to legal information and legislative data in Africa and one that will discuss the future of law libraries, tales of existence and transformation.

Best regards,

**Claire M. Germain**, Chair, IFLA Law Libraries Section





## REPORT ON IFLA 2014 IN LYON, FRANCE

**Sally Holterhoff & Marisol Floren**

Confluence is a word with added meaning for the nearly 4000 delegates who came from around the world to Lyon, France, in August to attend the 2014 conference of the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA). The city of Lyon has been shaped and defined by its location at the confluence of the Saône and Rhone rivers. The word “confluence,” beyond its geographical meaning, is also defined as a union, a joining, or a coming together. The theme of Libraries, Citizens, Societies: Confluence for Knowledge set the tone for IFLA’s 80th annual conference, with delegates joining together to share knowledge and to discuss issues affecting libraries and information. The

impressive Lyon Convention Center, designed by world-renowned architect Renzo Piano, was the venue for this year’s conference.

One headline event at the 2014 conference was the launch of the Lyon Declaration on Access to Information and Development ([www.lyondeclaration.org](http://www.lyondeclaration.org)). The declaration calls upon the members of the United Nations to make an international commitment to ensure that everyone has access to (and is able to understand, use, and share) the information that is necessary to promote sustainable development and democratic societies. The declaration emphasizes the importance of access to information, supported by the availability of information and communications technologies (ICTs), to empower people and improve their lives. So far over 275 institutions and associations from within and beyond the library sector have shown their support by signing the declaration.

While benefiting from the confluence of so many fellow librarians from around the globe, attendees at an IFLA conference tend to seek out and become involved with a smaller sub-group of colleagues. For many law librarians that sub-group is the IFLA Law Libraries Section ([www.ifla.org/law-libraries](http://www.ifla.org/law-libraries)). The Section is led by its Standing Committee (SC)



([www.ifla.org/law-libraries/standing-committee](http://www.ifla.org/law-libraries/standing-committee)), which meets twice during each year's conference. The current Chair is **Claire Germain**. Another member is **Donna Scheeder**, Deputy Chief Information Officer for the Congressional Research Service, who is now the IFLA President-Elect for 2013-15 and will serve as President for 2015-17. Observers are welcome at the Standing Committee meetings.

Discussed by the Standing Committee this year were plans for next year's IFLA conference, which will be held in Cape Town, South Africa (<http://conference.ifla.org/ifla81>). Following the theme for that conference, Dynamic Libraries: Access, Development and Transformation, the Law Libraries Section will propose two programs, one about law libraries in various countries of Africa and another focused on the continuing value of law libraries. Looking even farther ahead, it has been announced that the 2016 IFLA conference will be held in Columbus, Ohio.



## Law Libraries Section 2014 Programs

Usually IFLA sections sponsor one main program during the conference. However, this year the Law Libraries Section sponsored two programs, both of which featured valuable presentations and were well-attended.

1. Access to Law at the Digital Cross Roads: Innovative Solutions to Complex Challenges. (<http://conference.ifla.org/ifla80/node/337>)

In this session, organized by **Pascal Sanz**, **Karine Delvert**, and **Valerie Alonso**, speakers examined challenges to the provision of

access to law in various settings around the world and solutions being employed to address those challenges. Speakers for this session (3 hours and 15 minutes in length) had been identified by a Call for Papers. Most of their submitted papers can be accessed via the link above. **Pascal Sanz** served as **Moderator**. The session was co-sponsored with the Information Technology Section, the Library and Research Services for Parliaments Section, and the Committee on Freedom of Access to Information and Freedom of Expression (FAIFE).

**Liesbeth Kanis** of Brill Publishing in the Netherlands spoke on *Global Online Access to Law (GOAL) to Further Sustainable Development*, <http://library.ifla.org/1045/>. She explained that GOAL is an initiative being developed to provide affordable online access to legal resources for academic, government and non-for-profit institutions in developing countries.



**Donald Lickley**, from a British employment agency specializing in the information sector, spoke about *Outsourcing – Opportunity or Threat? New Management Models and Future Challenges for Legal Information Services, in UK Law Firm Libraries*. <http://library.ifla.org/1047/1/121-lickley-en.pdf>. He analyzed the impact that the enactment of the Legal Services Act 2007 (which allows non-lawyers to invest in law firms and to provide legal services as alternative business structures) is having on outsourcing of legal information services in the United Kingdom.

**Ni Ni Aye** and **Moira Fraser** from Myanmar spoke about the building of a digital repository for the Parliament of Myanmar: *Fast Forward to the Future: building a digital repository for the Myanmar Parliament to store, organize and make accessible parliament's documents for the use of Members of Parliament, parliamentary Staff and Myanmar citizens* <http://library.ifla.org/id/eprint/1046>

**Ravinder Kumar Chadha** (Joint Secretary, Parliament of India) and **Priya Rai** and **Akash Akash** (librarians from National Law University, New Delhi) gave a presentation

titled *Transformational Role of Law Libraries in Access to Justice in India: Time to Act Locally and Think Globally*, <http://library.ifla.org/1044/1/121-chadha-en.pdf>. They discussed how the development of the Free Access Movement in India is facilitating open access to government information and the role that law libraries are playing in providing understanding of these e-resources through outreach programs.

**Aline Girard** (from the French National Library) and **Alexandra Gottely** (from Bibliothèque Cujas, Paris) spoke about *French Heritage Law Collections in the Digital Age: Cooperation for Access*. The paper was coauthored by **Alexandra Gottely** (from Bibliothèque Cujas, Paris), **Aline Girard**, **Pascal Sanz** and **Claire Bonello** from the Bibliothèque Nationale de France. They described the collaborative digitization of French heritage legal collections. The national digitization program focused on four main sources: legislative, jurisprudence, doctrinal sources, and customary sources, with an additional section for crime, punishment and prison resources. Although is still a work in progress there are 21 partner libraries cooperating all over the country. The National Library of France has digitized over 15,500 books and 270 periodicals. There are 8.2 million pages in *Les Essentiels du droit* that are accessible through Gallica (online catalog of the National Library of France) (<http://gallica.bnf.fr/html/und/livres/essentiels-du-droit>).

**Francisco Adolfo Cifuentes-Silva** of the Library of Congress of Chile spoke on the topic *Service-Oriented Architecture for Automatic Markup of Documents. A Use Case for Legal Documents*, (<http://library.ifla.org/1048/1/121-cifuentes-es.pdf> ). He described the designing of a service-oriented architecture for automatic mark-up of documents in the Chilean Congress.



2. How Safe is the Law? Authentication of Official Gazettes: A Worldwide Report, with particular attention to the technical and practical aspects. (<http://conference.ifla.org/ifla80/node/319>)

[Note: This program was organized by **Marisol Florén** and **Sally Holterhoff**. Speakers were identified by a Call for Papers and through personal contacts. Sally served as Moderator.]



This two-hour program was sponsored with three other IFLA sections. **Moderator Sally Holterhoff** provided background on the issues and the concerns that arise when primary legal sources are produced exclusively in electronic format and designated as official versions, without technology-based protection or measures for long-term preservation. This provided the context for the presentations of the three speakers on the panel, representing the European Union, France, and the United States. All of them had well-designed PowerPoint slides to illustrate their presentations. A planned fourth speaker, **Patricia Reyes Olmedo**, of the Universidad de Valparaiso, Chile, was unable to attend the conference. However, her paper, *Legal Certainty for Legislative Process*, is available in Spanish

in the IFLA Library (<http://library.ifla.org/963/>). She presents the successful experience of “Ley Chile”, the legal database of Chile’s Library of Congress.

**Martine Reicherts** spoke about *The authentic e-Official Journal of the European Union – One Year On* (<http://library.ifla.org/924/>). She is currently the European Union Commissioner for Justice, Citizenship and Fundamental Rights, having recently assumed that position. She previously was Director General of the Office for Official Publications of the European Union. She explained the progression of the Official Journal to digital format and some of the technical and organizational issues along the way, including the challenge of translating all content into the 24 official languages of the EU. The technological infrastructure for the e-Official Journal includes public key infrastructure and signature and verification platforms, as well as a fall back procedure, in case the technology fails.



**Didier Francois** spoke about *Authentication of the French Digital Journal Officiel* (<http://library.ifla.org/957/>). He is Deputy Director of the Directorate of Legal and Administrative Information (DILA), the Prime Minister Department, in Paris. He explained that the authentication is done using an electronic signature based on key management infrastructure (IGC). Both the print and the electronic versions of the *Journal Officiel* have legal value and are released daily. Since June 2 of this year, the electronic version is open access. Actually, there are two websites: Legifrance (<http://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/>) and the Journal Officiel (<http://www.journal-officiel.gouv.fr/>).

Legifrance is for information purposes only and is not an official website. However, the two portals are linked.

**Charley Barth** spoke about *Authentication of the Federal Register*. He is the Director of the Office of the Federal Register, National Archives & Records Administration, Washington, D.C. He explained that the Office of the Federal Register has a partnership with the Government Printing Office (GPO), which authenticates the Federal Register in digital format. GPO uses digital signatures on PDF files and cryptographic hash values on metadata, as well as serving as a Trusted Digital Repository through its FDsys archive and demonstrating chain of custody. He provided illustrations and examples of each of these measures. He also addressed the pros and cons of using digital signatures. He commented on the challenges of preserving the Federal Register in electronic format in contrast to print and microfiche format.

## Exhibition Hall and Poster session

As usual, the Exhibition Hall had its grand opening at the end of the first day of the conference, with a large crowd browsing the exhibits and enjoying refreshments. Over 100 vendors and library-related organizations from around the world were there to display their products and services.

On display outside the Exhibition Hall were 200 some



posters, which on two days were the focus of two-hour periods of poster session presentations. A poster titled: *Keeping the Law Safe: Librarians Advocating for Digital Authentication in the United States* had been designed by **Sally Holterhoff** and printed on fabric. She used the poster (in the required 3 ft. by 7 ft. vertical format) to illustrate and explain the advocacy efforts of U.S. law librarians—first to bring attention to the need for authentication and preservation of official versions of primary legal sources in digital format, then to support the creation of a uniform law on this topic by the Uniform Law Commission, followed by efforts to get legislation introduced in various states to enact the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act (UELMA). Those who stopped to look at the poster asked about the issue of authentication but also about the advocacy role in which U.S. law librarians are engaged, with support from our national association.

## Other Highlights of the Conference

At the opening session on Sunday morning, delegates were greeted by dignitaries including Mayor of Lyon (**G rard Collomb**) and the President of the National Library of France (Bruno Racine). IFLA President **Sinikka Sipil ** of Finland made welcoming remarks. The keynote speaker was Bernard Stiegler, a French philosopher, who encouraged the crowd of thousands of librarians with his view that libraries will never die. He noted that, although digitization and proliferation of e-books have caused some to predict their demise, libraries are more important than ever. The opening event ended with a display of French culture: several short examples of late 19th century filmmaking by the Lumiere Brothers of Lyon (who are credited with being the first filmmakers in history) and a performance by the breakdancing group “Pokemon Crew.”

A Sunday program on Producing IFLA Standards (<http://conference.ifla.org/ifla80/node/283>) was of particular interest to some members of the Law Libraries Section. IFLA is the major forum to influence information policy at the international level. It publishes a wide selection of standards, written and compiled by the IFLA professional units and covering a varied range of library activities and services. The Standing Committee is considering the possibility of proposing a set of IFLA standards regarding authentication of primary legal materials in digital format. Many countries of the world have not yet authenticated the online/digital versions of their official laws, regulations, court decisions, and other legal materials. It seems possible that a set of IFLA standards could be developed to encourage governments around the world to publish their laws online in an authenticated digital format. Attendees at the session learned that the Committee on Standards has produced a

manual to help guide the production of these documents, covering the steps needed to produce an IFLA standard—starting with building a base of best practice and proceeding to the final stage of seeking IFLA endorsement. During the coming year, a working group of the Standing Committee will be reviewing the manual and considering the feasibility of proposing a standard on authentication of official government publications.

The Monday plenary speaker, **Princess Laurentien of the Netherlands**, spoke about ways that librarians must advocate to politicians and communities about the needs of libraries and explore new partnerships to foster library support. She is founder of the Netherlands Reading and Writing Foundation, which helps to prevent illiteracy among children and reduce it among adults.

On Monday evening, members of the Law Libraries Section, parliamentary librarians, and local law librarians gathered at the Bibliothèque municipale de Lyon-Part-Dieu for an intriguing program about an historic collection of documents and books on forensic science donated to the library nearly 100 years ago by French physician Alexandre Lacassagne (considered to be the founder of modern forensic science). The program was followed by a reception sponsored by Lexis-Nexis.



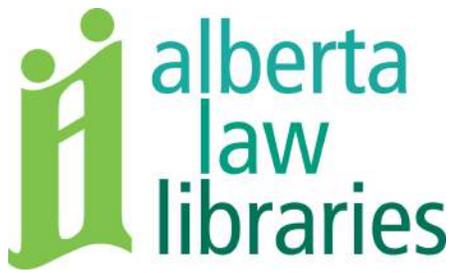
The Tuesday night cultural evening for all the conference delegates is traditionally a party to remember. This year's event was held at La Sucrière, a renovated sugar warehouse along the Saône River in the Lyon Confluence area. The historic venue provided a fine setting for IFLA delegates to socialize while enjoying the cuisine, music, and dance of Lyon.



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# SPOTLIGHT ON LAW LIBRARIES

## ALBERTA LAW LIBRARIES: YOUR LEGAL INFORMATION NAVIGATOR



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Alberta Law Libraries (ALL) is a network of eighteen law libraries located in the province of Alberta, Canada. ALL provides research support and information services to the legal community (including the Judiciary, Members of the Bar, Crown Prosecutors and Justice Department employees), self-represented litigants (SRL) and indeed all Albertans, since 1885. [Eleven of our courthouse libraries](#) are open to the public during regular courthouse hours.

To state it plainly, in our libraries, individuals will find resources to help them research legal issues. We have an extensive collection of primary (the “law”) and secondary (commentary) resources available in both print and electronic formats, and this collection is available to all Albertans for use in the library. In addition to the eleven locations that are open to the public, we also have four specialized judicial libraries, two Crown Prosecutor libraries and one dedicated Department (Ministry of Justice) library.

Our team is happy to help users navigate their legal research, including instruction on the use of [electronic databases](#), use of our [online catalogue](#), and identifying and finding books or other resources. We can also direct users to additional agencies that may be of help. As well, individuals may email questions to our “[Ask a Law Librarian](#)” service directly from the [Alberta Law Libraries](#) website. Note that members of the bar can also access additional reference and research [services](#), such as our paid research services and our “Book a Librarian” service, a confidential, one-on-one, hands-on legal research training by appointment that can be used for continuing professional development (CPD) credit. In addition to the information resources we offer, library computers, printers and photocopiers are available for legal research.

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## KUDOS

Congratulations to **Sally Holterhoff**!

The American Association of Law Libraries just announced that **Sarah (Sally) G. Holterhoff**, associate professor of law librarianship and the government information/reference librarian at the Valparaiso University Law School Library in Valparaiso, Indiana, USA, will receive this year's Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award, AALL's highest honor. In addition to her work at Valparaiso, Sally was AALL's representative to IFLA from 2011 to 2014.

## UPCOMING EVENT

The Second Regional Workshop of the Southeast European Association of Law and related Libraries (SEALL) will be held in Ljubljana, Slovenia (23-24 September 2015) in cooperation with the Slovenian Library Association.

The keynote speaker will be IFLA's President, **Sinikka Sipila**, and our very own **Edita Bačić** will represent our Section. There is no registration fee and all interested law librarians are invited. For more information, please contact **Edita Bačić** at [edita.bacic@pravst.hr](mailto:edita.bacic@pravst.hr).

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- encourages growth in the development of new law libraries, with a particular focus on emerging nations;
- fosters the profession of law librarianship and legal research competencies worldwide;
- develops professional standards and practices;
- and provides leadership in the field of legal information policy, recognizing that equitable and permanent public access to authentic legal information is a necessary requirement for a just and democratic society worldwide.

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