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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

In keeping with what seems to have become a tradition of the 1990s, this past year delivered yet another series of formidable challenges. Slavic library specialists throughout the United States continued to grapple with the consequences of static or shrinking collection budgets, personnel cutbacks and the repercussions of the political, economic and social upheavals transforming the countries of the former Soviet Union, Eastern and Central Europe. Large, medium and small libraries tightened their belts and explored yet more ways to take on ever increasing responsibilities—from continuing to help in the preservation of collections in the former Soviet Union and other Central and East European countries to dealing with the ever increasing and ever chaotic explosion of resources in electronic formats. Any number of other concerns vital to members of the Slavic and East European Section also leap to mind: the increasing costs and demands for acquiring and preserving U.S.-based collections; the unpredictable and escalating costs of publications and air mail delivery from these regions of the world; the increasing inclination of some libraries not to replace departing Slavic librarians, but instead to expand the responsibilities into existing positions.

While this all begins to sound rather discouraging, the profession is finding spirited ways to respond and resolve these obstacles. The SEES program at the ALA annual meeting in San Francisco this summer, "Slavic/Area Studies Consortia and Cooperative Ventures," will illustrate three responses. Wojciech Zalewski, Curator for Slavic Collections at Stanford, will discuss the formation of the Pacific Coast Slavic Library Consortium; Sarah Thomas, Carl A. Kroch University Librarian at Cornell, will focus on AAU/ARL (Association of American Universities/Association of Research Libraries) cooperative collection development initiatives; Tatjana Lorković, Curator, Slavic and East European Collections at Yale, will discuss the East Coast Consortium for Slavic Collections; and Deborah Jakubs, Head, International and Area Studies at Duke and Director of ARL's Global Resources Program, will be the discussant.

The Section membership is also actively responding to the challenges described above. Thanks to the active efforts of our members, SEES will soon have a homepage up and running to help us better share information. Web surfers should be able to access a variety of materials, including the Automated Bibliographic Control Committee's list of "Frequently Asked Questions." The Section is also initiating a mentoring program to help orient and guide librarians new to the field of Slavic and East European librarianship.

Anyone attending ALA this summer is welcome to join us at our program and committee meetings. All meetings except the Nominating Committee are open to everyone. To become actively involved in SEES, you may contact the Vice-Chair or Chair of the Section, or the chair of the committee in which you are interested. Or you may send the volunteer form which can be found in the October issue of *College and Research Libraries News*.

I look forward to seeing everyone in San Francisco.

Cathy Zeljak, George Washington U

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Another year, another *SEES Newsletter*. Our Newsletter does a marvelous job keeping all of us informed about happenings in our field. On a personal level working so closely on the Newsletter, maintains and broadens my connections immeasurably.

Again it is my privilege to work alongside many others to put this together. Besides the members of the editorial committee, who labor so diligently on this, I want also to note several people who help us each year. Harold Leich (LC) continues as one of the proof readers of our text; Gareth Perkins (Berkeley Slavic Specialties) produces the professional looking product in your hands; Tatjana Lorković (Yale) and Allan Urbanic (UC-Berkeley) purchase multiple copies which helps our financial base as well as promote our section; to name a few. To all, my congratulations and thanks for a job well done.

Sandra Levy, U of Chicago

I. Conferences

ALA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, NEW YORK, JULY 1996, ACRL, SLAVIC AND EAST EUROPEAN SECTION

Minutes recorded by Mieczyslaw (Mischa) Buczkowski, (U of Oregon) SEES Secretary

SEES PROGRAM: "New Audiences, New Perspectives"

July 7, 2-4 p.m.

Chair: Paul LeClerc, NYPL

Speakers: Elizabeth A.R. Brown, Brooklyn College, emeritus, and the Graduate School, CUNY; David A. Fishman, Jewish Theological Seminary of America; Myra D. Orth, Getty Center for the History of Art and the Humanities, emeritus;

Discussant: Robert A. Karlowich, Pratt Institute

PROGRAM SUMMARY

Julie Swann, U of Nebraska, Lincoln

Paul LeClerc, President and CEO, NYPL, who introduced the panelists, emphasized the need for cooperation and resource sharing, noting that the need for researchers to access archival materials crosses geographical and political borders.

Myra Orth, Curator, Photo Study Collection, Getty Center for the History of Art and the Humanities, described her participation in a Getty Center project which microfilmed French illuminated manuscripts held by the Biblioteka Rossiiskoi Akademii Nauk, St.

Petersburg and the Národní Muzeum, Prague. These manuscripts were taken to Russia during the French Revolution, and Orth noted that the bicentennial of that revolution along with the changing political climate in Russia, contributed to the success of the Getty project. There is no union catalog of the Russian holdings, and a catalog of the manuscript collection in Prague is still being prepared by its curator. An archivist planned each of the photographs; negatives and microfilm were given to the library that held the original, and the Getty, which paid for the materials, mailing, travel, etc., received microfilm and copies. Orth observed that as the participating libraries saw how local researchers benefited from the project, they became increasingly cooperative.

David Fishman, Associate Professor of Jewish History, Jewish Theological Seminary, explained that collections of Judaica have surfaced in various locations in Eastern Europe after surviving Nazi and Soviet occupations. Recently a network has been established to enhance access to these items. Important materials previously unavailable to Western scholars include Yiddish chapbooks and periodicals from the 19th and 20th centuries. Fishman described how Project Judaica is training Judaica specialists in Russia to care for archival materials, which in the past have been poorly preserved. Microfilming of archival materials is underway through projects in Jerusalem and at the United States Holocaust Museum. A guide to material relating to the Jewish experience in the former Soviet Union, with addresses of relevant collections in Russia, Belarus and Ukraine, will soon be published.

Elizabeth A. R. Brown, Professor of History, Brooklyn College and the Graduate School, described her experiences using medieval manuscripts at the Saltykov-Shchedrin Library (now the Russian National Library) and underscored the need for finding aids and guides to resources in Eastern Europe. Brown was grateful that IREX (International Research and Exchanges Board) provided her with an interpreter, names of Russian contacts, and information about using the library. Without such guidance Brown felt that it would be very difficult to access important materials. Like the other speakers, she noted that there is a tremendous amount of material

in Eastern Europe that is of interest to specialists in many fields; unfortunately, without finding aids, it is difficult for specialists to use these materials.

Robert Karlowich, Professor of Library and Information Science, Pratt Institute, commented that there has always been a need for scholars to see the original work. Collections in Eastern Europe are more accessible than previously, but there is still a need to unite researchers with institutes and materials. He suggested that the Internet might be one means of exchanging this information, since information posted there can be easily updated and quickly distributed.

Membership Committee Meeting, July 7, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

The meeting was chaired by Alan Pollard, U of Michigan, SEES Chair. The minutes of the Annual meeting in Chicago were approved as read. Alan reported that we now have 319 members; 256 personal and 63 organizational.

Alan distributed the second draft of the revised SEES Bylaws and opened the meeting to discussion of the draft. The first draft had attracted comments from only one person. Discussion of the second draft focused on the number of meetings held within a year, terms and duties of officers, particularly the Member-at-Large, and number of members serving on committees. Sandra Levy (U of Chicago) moved that an ad hoc committee be appointed to study the various issues. Her motion was seconded and approved. The ad hoc committee will report at the Midwinter meeting, and the proposed Bylaws will go to the SEES Executive Committee and the ACRL Board for approval. They will then be placed on the ACRL ballot for vote by members in Spring 1997. If approved, the Bylaws will take effect as of the ALA Annual Conference, 1997.

Alan also reported on ACRL's Diversity Review of underrepresented racial and cultural groups, such as African-American and Asian-Pacific librarians.

All committee chairs then reported on their respective activities.

Cathy Zeljak (George Washington U) reported on the ACRL 1997 Conference Program Planning Committee. ACRL would like all sections to participate in one program, she said. However, SEES has submitted a separate plan which ACRL is considering. The proposed title of the program is "Slavic/Area Studies Consortia and Cooperative Ventures."

Carol Erickson is leaving her position at IREX to become Director of ALA's International Relations Office. IREX has not yet named Carol's replacement. Carol has been serving as the SEES representative to ALA's International Relations Assembly. This Assembly has asked for reports on the international activities of individual SEES members.

Alan closed the meeting by urging members to attend the Mid-winter meeting in Washington, DC and the Annual Meeting in San Francisco.

Continuing Education Committee, July 8, 9-10 a.m.

Patricia Thurston (U of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign), Chair, opened the meeting and read the minutes from San Antonio. She then introduced the guest speaker, Professor Maria Kocójowa, head of the Institute of Librarianship and Information Science at the Jagiellonian University in Kraków, Poland. She delivered a paper on the training of librarians in Poland and illustrated her lecture with slides. At present, there are several training centers. The most important are in Warsaw, Kraków, Wrocław, and Katowice. Only Warsaw University and Jagiellonian University use systems based on those of library schools in England and the U.S., Professor Kocójowa explained. Essentially, three methods are applied: workshops associated with libraries, full five-year university studies culminating with an MLS, and post-graduate studies for students with Master Degrees in other disciplines. The last group supplies the largest number of librarians.

Professor Kocójowa urged her listeners to establish closer cooperation between American and Polish librarians and suggested

that American librarians serve as visiting instructors in Poland, especially in the area of automation.

An animated discussion followed her lecture, and so many questions were asked that the group ran out of time.

Program Planning Committee (San Francisco, 1997), July 8, 10–11 a.m.

Cathy Zeljak (George Washington U), Chair, led the discussion of the coming program. The proposed theme is “Slavic/Area Studies Consortia and Cooperative Ventures—How, Why and Where.” The general focus will be on existing consortia and the future development of cooperative ventures in the United States. It may also include significant ventures in Europe and the former Soviet Union.

The program’s purpose is twofold: first, to encourage more partnerships by illustrating how current ventures have come into being and second, to present overviews on current developments regarding specific consortia and cooperative ventures and what they mean for Slavic and East European librarians.

Creating a consortium is important because shrinking budgets and escalating costs have made it almost impossible for individual libraries to collect, make available, and preserve a variety and quantity of materials.

The committee expects to present a panel of three or four speakers to be finalized later.

Newsletter Committee, July 8, 11:20 a.m.–12:20 p.m.

After the minutes from the Midwinter meeting in San Antonio were read and approved, Sandra Levy (U of Chicago), Chair, introduced committee members and reported on Issue 12. She thanked all concerned for their valuable contributions. Based on Allan Urbanic’s (UC-Berkeley) financial report, she noted that financing comes both from the ACRL and subscribers and that the Newsletter is in relatively good financial shape.

Sandra expressed concern about the timing of the newsletter's publication, noting that Issue 12 appeared in June, very close to the ALA annual meeting. Newsletters put out by ACRL for other sections came out in mid-April. She said she received copies of the latter well in advance of ours going to the printer. She suggested considering changing the deadline for inclusion in the newsletter to an earlier date.

Plans for Issue 13 are in progress. February 1 will still be the deadline for submissions to the compilers. Assignments for the collection and compilation of information were finalized.

It was suggested that the Libraries in Profile section could be used to highlight libraries in the cities in which ALA holds its meetings. Tatiana Goerner Barr (Stanford U) will try to prepare a profile of the Museum of Russian Culture in San Francisco.

It was decided to continue to use the standard format for the heading of the Newsletter cover. The lower section will have some design element, for which the Newsletter Editor will be responsible.

Preservation Committee, July 8, 2-3 p.m.

The meeting was chaired by Jared Ingersoll-Casey (Ohio State U). The minutes of the Midwinter meeting in San Antonio were read and approved. The next item on the agenda was the SlavCopy listserv, presented by Brian Baird, U of Kansas. He reported that the U of Kansas Libraries and BookLab, Inc. established SlavCopy in Spring 1996. Its purpose is to facilitate cooperative efforts among university libraries to obtain preservation quality photocopy replacements for embrittled Slavic material. Through this cooperation, libraries can work together to lower costs, lessen staff time for processing, and secure the best possible quality. The listserv is administered by Brad Schaffner (U of Kansas) and its membership is open to any research library.

Marlys Rudeen of the Center for Research Libraries reported on SEEMP (Slavic and East European Microfilm Project). As of April 1996, 26 institutions have joined the project. Project members have

been solicited to name an executive committee before the annual AAASS meeting in Boston in November.

Tatiana Goerner Barr reported on Stanford U's preservation projects. Stanford is trying to create a partnership with other institutions for seeking grants to underwrite the costs, and is exploring the possibility of utilizing commercial enterprises.

The final items on the agenda were the Slavic preservation projects reported to the committee for 1996. Oberlin College is in the second year of a Culpeper Foundation grant-supported preservation project, deacidified its LC-classes collection of Russian literature. Indiana University has purchased about \$14,000 worth of Slavic newspapers on microfilm. Eight members of the CIC (Committee on Institutional Cooperation) have purchased the "Opisi" to the archives of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union (600 reels of microfilm). The eight CIC members include the U of Chicago, U of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Indiana U, U of Iowa, U of Michigan, Michigan State U, U of Minnesota, and Ohio State U. UC-Berkeley completed its Slavic Preservation Microfilming Project funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. U of Michigan is in its second year of the NEH-funded CIC3 project to preserve serial publications of learned societies of Eastern Europe. This project is the third in a series of NEH-funded CIC projects. The Hilander Research Room of the Ohio State U Library has finished filming about 1,000 Russian manuscripts from the 15th-18th centuries; and the library has purchased two sets of the *Gubernskiiia vedomosti* series.

Automated Bibliographic Control Committee, July 8, 3:10-4:10 p.m.

The meeting was chaired by Tatiana Goerner Barr (Stanford U). The minutes of the Midwinter meeting in San Antonio were approved as read.

Patricia Thurston (U of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign) reported on the cataloging session of the Slavic and East European Librarians'

Workshop at the U of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, June 26–28, 1996. She said it was very rewarding. Topics included OCLC, NACO, BIBCO, cataloging quotas, cataloger positions, outsourcing, retrocon projects, and frequently asked questions.

Julie Swann (U of Nebraska) reported on the latest developments on a SEES homepage. She invited the Slavic cataloging community to contribute. She distributed a sample of the homepage and asked for comments.

Tatiana gave a progress report on the committee's list of frequently asked questions. She distributed a list of questions proposed for inclusion and asked for comments and contributions.

A general discussion of ABC's purposes and scope and a review of past suggestions ensued. Questions included: Whose interests can ABC represent? What kind of projects can it undertake? How can ABC contribute to a SEES homepage? What fruitful contacts could ABC establish with other ALA groups?

The meeting closed with a demonstration of the Czech and Slovene National Bibliographies on CD-ROM, conducted by Robert Scott of Columbia U.

Executive Committee, July 8, 4:20–5:20 p.m.

The minutes of the Midwinter meeting in San Antonio were approved as read. Cathy Zeljak, incoming SEES Chair, announced the results of the election and distributed a list of Section committee members with their terms of office. Julie Swann was elected Member-at-Large, and Richard Fitzsimmons was elected Secretary.

The committee approved a brochure promoting the Slavic and East European Section of ACRL.

Alan Pollard extended formal thanks to the New York Public Library for organizing and housing all of the Monday committee meetings.

The committee expressed satisfaction with the progress on revision of the Bylaws, but noted that further work is needed.

Some committee members expressed concern over the fact that

subcommittee reports are repeated at executive committee meetings after having been already reported at membership meetings.

Julie Swann demonstrated her newly designed SEES homepage. The committee approved the general concept and agreed to continue updating it. The details will be outlined in the future.

Sandra Levy said ACRL is encouraging the sections to place their Newsletters on newly created homepages and is providing links for them on their own homepage. It was agreed that SEES will continue to make clear our newsletter is not suitable for online publication.

The meeting ended with a discussion of the liaison to the ALA International Relations Assembly following Carol Erickson's resignation from the position in order to assume her new duties as Director of the International Relations Office at ALA. Her replacement will be named at a later date.

ALA MIDWINTER CONFERENCE, WASHINGTON, DC, FEBRUARY 1997, ACRL, SLAVIC AND EAST EUROPEAN SECTION

Minutes recorded by Richard Fitzsimmons (Pennsylvania State University) , SEES Secretary

Transcribed by Judy Igoe Carr, (Pennsylvania State U)

Continuing Education Committee, February 16, 9:30–11:00 a.m.

Julie Swann, U of Nebraska, Chair, opened the meeting.

Other members of the Continuing Education Committee are Joanna Dyla (UC-Berkeley), Jane Scales (Washington State U), and Nancy Sosnick (U of North Carolina). Nancy Sosnick did not attend.

Julie read the minutes; no additions/deletions. Minutes approved as read.

Patricia Thurston offered extensive comments on her experiences and thoughts on the value and role of the use of mentors and peers in our professional work. She drew upon a recent workshop at the U of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

Additionally, she distributed a bibliography on the subject, highlighting items. It was felt that SEES might offer a "secondary" mentoring and peer support program, involving, for example: job information, grant application support, "problem" resolution, i.e., cataloging, outsourcing of tasks. Patricia shared that peer and mentoring relationships involve reciprocity and work best when voluntary and kept informal, and that the most effective results come from face-to-face encounters. Mentors and peers get satisfaction and reinforcement from the process, and that mentoring helps alleviate feelings of isolation. Mentoring is personality-dependent. Patricia also stressed that peers are different from mentors.

Under Julie's leadership the members present discussed what SEES might do to develop a mentors/peers project. Joanna Dyla volunteered to assist in coordinating the Committee's initial effort. There was much discussion and consensus that a "database" was needed of SEES members' willingness to serve as mentors and peers. Julie Swann will query Committee to develop a questionnaire for distribution in Slavlibs, the future Webpage, etc., as a means of gathering information for the database. Questions are to be general, with detailed information subsequently available if a person lists a future contact method. Some persons may not want specific, detailed information on the Web. It was noted that the "database" needs to be "zero-maintenance," and agreed that the Continuing Education Committee will update and maintain it.

All those in attendance then discussed the advisability of SEES offering a conference program dealing with use of mentors and peers in Slavic Librarianship. Brad Schaffner mentioned a tie-in with the broader, generic theme of the "Future of Area Librarianship." He indicated that he had received a substantial offer from a leading academic library director to assist. Mention was made that Allan Urbanic has been a mentor/peer, and is from California, site of the 1997 Annual conference. Subsequent discussion revealed a consensus

that June 1997 might be too soon to offer such a program, but that future conferences should be considered, after SEES has developed a viable "database."

Newsletter Committee, February 16, 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Sandra Levy, Chair, opened the meeting.

Other members of the Committee are: Molly Molloy (Hoover Inst.), Jane Scales, Susan Summer (Columbia U), Julie Swann, Patricia Thurston, and Allan Urbanic (not attending).

Sandra read the minutes of the Committee's meeting, July 1996, New York City. She noted a few non-substantial changes and said that the official minutes would reflect the changes. Minutes were approved.

Sandra Levy reported that ALA funding to ACRL is declining each year, but that SEES enjoys a solid financial balance, due to the sales strength of the Newsletter. Sandra anticipates increased newsletter costs in subsequent years, but SEES can afford an increase. Molly noted that ACRL makes more than it spends on newsletters, and that SEES more than supports itself.

Sandra then opened discussion on the status of items to be published in Newsletter #13, 1997. Patricia Thurston needs all reports for publication no later than March 1, 1997, and she is supplying the "Research-in-Progress" column. Molly reports that the AAASS input is complete. Susan Summer noted that the information on grants is ready for print, and that the news on the Hoover/Rosarkhiv microfilms given to LC must be printed exactly as received from the *Library of Congress Information Bulletin*. Molly will supply updates on the Polish microfilming project. Susan Summer reported that there is a considerable amount to be published regarding new acquisitions. Julie Swann feels confident that the bibliography will be quite substantial. Jane Scales shared her news items on the U.S. and European news fronts. Jane has much information, and the SEES members present offered additional leads, items, and personal contacts for this section. Sandra Levy

mentioned that it was a lean year for new professional appointments; she noted four, and others added a few more.

Sandra then opened discussion on the 14th Newsletter (1998). She mentioned that if anyone is uncomfortable with their assigned writing responsibility to notify her and changes would be made. The deadline for submissions will be February 1, 1998.

Patricia Thurston reported that Hugh Thompson, Director of Publications for ACRL, stated that the *SEES Newsletter* is not being targeted for conversion to an electronic format. It is too large and too successful to drop its hardcopy format. In fact, if SEES needs more money to support this venture, ACRL will make it available.

Sandra Levy called for other business. Patricia Thurston mentioned that due to a previous commitment, she will not be at the Annual Conference in San Francisco.

Preservation Committee, February 16, 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Nina Palmin (LC), Chair, opened the meeting.

Other members of the committee are: Tatiana Goerner Barr (Columbia U), David Chroust (Texas A&M), Jared Ingersoll-Casey (Ohio State U), and Richard Fitzsimmons.

Nina read the Committee's charge.

The Minutes of the July 1996 meeting were read and approved, without changes, on the motion of Jared Ingersoll-Casey, seconded by Tatiana Goerner Barr.

Nina read a report that the U of Michigan Library completed its portion of the NEH-funded CIC3 project. Nina also read a report on the status of the U of Pittsburgh/Alliance College Polish Collection Preservation Project.

There were no new preservation projects presented, nor any announcements.

Alan Pollard introduced a discussion regarding the preservation of newspaper titles. The central issue is that microfilm dealers are claiming that they do not have customers for newspaper titles they

have filmed, so that their interest in future filming is possibly waning. It was noted that Norman Ross and Eastview started the filming. Significant discussion ensued. Some felt it was not the Committee's function to "bail out" vendors, and that vendors should vigorously promote their products. Alan Pollard mentioned possible solutions: The Center for Research Libraries' SEEMP should do in-house filming or use a local company; or, the Committee could ask 1 or 2 libraries to purchase already filmed, or to be filmed, newspaper titles. There was much discussion on all aspects of this question. In sum, the consensus was that SEES should be an advocate for getting low-demand, yet high priority newspaper titles filmed. SEES might best work with AAASS B & D Committee and with CRL/SEEMP on this matter.

Nina Palmin announced that the Preservation Committee will begin the development of a list of granting agencies that provide funds for preservation projects.

Program Planning Committee, 1997, February 16, 4:30-5:30

Cathy Zeljak, Chair, presided over the Program Planning Committee for the annual conference in San Francisco, 1997.

Other members of the Committee are: Sandra Levy, Ared Misirliyan (McGill U), Leena Siegelbaum (Michigan State U), and Allan Urbanic. Ared Misirliyan and Allan Urbanic did not attend.

Cathy announced that SEES would be offering a program at the upcoming annual conference entitled "Slavic Area Studies: Consortia and Cooperative Ventures." Three speakers have been committed: Sarah Thomas (Cornell), Wojciech Zalewski (PACSLAV), and Tatjana Lorković (East Coast Consortium of Slavic Librarians). Deborah Jakubs (Duke, and on temporary special assignment at ARL) has agreed to be a discussant. Back-up discussants will be Brad Schaffner and Allan Urbanic, if needed. All is "on target" for the conference. Advance information concerning the presentation will be made by Cathy Zeljak in the usual print and electronic media.

Brad Schaffner offered brief comments concerning initial thoughts for the 1998 annual conference in Washington. It was felt that one possibility might be for a presentation by a CIC Slavic librarian. Further, for the future, it would be to SEES' advantage to foster the concept of area studies within present and future CIC initiatives.

Program Planning Committee, 1998, February 17, 1997, 8:00–9:00 a.m.

Brad Schaffner (U of Kansas), Chair, opened the meeting.

Other members of the Committee are: Tatiana Goerner Barr, Joanna Dyla, and Jared Ingersoll-Casey.

Brad mentioned that in 1995 Indiana U sponsored a conference on the "Future of Area Studies Librarianship." There has been considerable discussion on this subject. Brad does not see the Washington, DC program as a follow-up to the 1995 conference, but rather to keep the topic alive and to continue the discussion.

The Committee is thinking of three or four speakers and a discussant. There could be an area studies librarian, an academic library administrator, and a person from an area studies center. Possible consideration might be a representative from the Department of Education (Title VI programs). Program co-sponsorship with WESS will be investigated, but the committee feels Slavic interests are paramount.

A discussant might address the perceived lack of academic institutional support for area studies, and the limited number of Slavic jobs.

Brad will distribute ALA conference program deadlines to the Committee.

The Committee reviewed possible speakers; the chair plans to follow up with invitations very soon. It was suggested that Indiana U be contacted for input. The Committee agreed to pursue a program which addresses the ALA overall conference theme.

Automated Bibliographic Control Committee,
February 17, 9:30–11:00 a.m.

Tatiana Goerner Barr (Columbia U), Chair, presided over the meeting.

Other members of the Committee are: Tatiana Goerner Barr, Mieczyslaw Buczkowski, Stephen Corrsin (Columbia U), and Nina Palmin.

Minutes of the 1996 annual meeting in New York were approved as read, upon the motion of Susan Summer, seconded by Jared Ingersoll-Casey.

Tatiana distributed an agenda, an electronic copy of Princeton University's (James Weinheimer) Slavic Cataloging Manual, and her FAQ on Slavic cataloging homepage.

The remainder of the meeting consisted of a wide variety of comments and suggestions on the purpose, scope, and special aspects of the SEES Slavic Cataloging FAQ. The final product will be offered on the Web, and linked to the SEES homepage.

It was the consensus that the SEES FAQ should be geared to a general audience and linked to other sources for specialists/technical information, for example the Princeton/Weinheimer Slavic Cataloging Manual.

The following areas were identified by those present as important for the initial FAQ: transliteration considerations; differentiation of Slavic languages, providing actual textual examples; a listing of Slavic catalogers, organizations, also mentioning the SEES Continuing Education Committee's anticipated work in the identification of mentors and peers; listing of existing and proposed Slavic software programs (Mary Strouse and Susan Summer volunteered to investigate and report); information on AACR2 Slavic authority records; a bibliography of Slavic cataloging articles (Patricia Thurston volunteered to investigate and confer with Patt Leonard on previous efforts).

It was felt that the FAQ should provide brief answers to questions, and provide appropriate links for in-depth technical/specialists' information needs.

Under other business, Alan Pollard inquired about an update to the directory of Slavic catalogers, which could possibly tie in with the SEES homepage. Joanna Dyla gave assurance that this would be done.

Executive Committee, February 17, 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Cathy Zeljak (George Washington U), Section Chair, convened the meeting.

Other members of the Committee are: Chair-elect, Secretary, Member-at-Large, Newsletter Editor and Section Committee Chairs.

Minutes of the annual meeting (New York, 1996) were read and approved, without change.

Brad Schaffner circulated a committee sign-up sheet, noting that most committees were in “good shape,” and that only Automated Bibliographic Control needs an additional member. Brad will be forwarding ALA committee acceptance forms, etc., to all members, and will post final committee lists on Slavlibs.

Cathy Zeljak then asked for brief reports from each Committee chair, based on deliberations at this midwinter meeting. (Note: summary report here; full minutes for each committee reported additionally in this publication.)

1. Automated Bibliographic Control; Tatiana Goerner Barr, Chair, reported that progress has been made on the FAQ and new substantive questions were discussed.

2. Continuing Education; Julie Swann, Chair, reported that the committee discussed how to proceed with mentoring/peers.

3. Newsletter; Sandra Levy, Chair, discussed Newsletter #13 and reported it is in fine shape, and she expects publication earlier than last year’s #12; plans for #14 are underway.

4. Nominating; Leena Siegelbaum, Chair, stated that no meeting was held at the conference, for all work was previously transacted. The following candidates were nominated for office.

Vice-Chair, Chair-Elect: Tatiana Goerner Barr, Patricia Thurston; Member-at-Large: Joanna Dyla, Mieczyslaw (Mischa) Buczkowski

5. Preservation; Nina Palmin, Chair, reported that the committee discussed the newspaper filming project vis-a-vis concerns of libraries and commercial dealers and tie-in with AAASS and SEEMP.

6. Program Planning, 1997; Cathy Zeljak, Chair, stated that the program is set, with three speakers and a discussant.

7. Program Planning, 1998; Brad Schaffner, Chair, stated that the program would deal with the "Future of Area Studies Librarianship" and would include a few speakers and discussant.

Cathy Zeljak then distributed SEES membership statistics. December 1995 membership was 305 (247 Personal, 58 Organizational), vs. December 1996: 286 (228 Personal, 58 Organizational). Discussion ensued on possible ways to increase membership: should we consider an ad-hoc Membership Committee; is decline cost-related, with high ALA dues; should we contact non-renewing members; should we send a "welcoming" letter and/or SEES brochure; use of Slavlibs as means of contacting persons; perhaps get new ACRL members' names from ALA; contact library schools to identify students with SEES interests, etc. It was noted that some people can only afford to belong to one organization, and they may choose AAASS. Its dues, ranging from \$40 to \$85, are based on a sliding scale according to individual salary. From this discussion, Tatiana Goerner Barr and Alan Pollard volunteered to serve as an ad-hoc Membership Committee.

Alan Pollard commented on the status of the Bylaws. He reported they were discussed at the New York 1996 conference. There had been two previous attempts at preparing Bylaws, but it appears they were never formally approved by ALA/ACRL, and that SEES has no copies. Hence, Alan prepared a 1996 edition ("version #3") which he and ACRL consider as the "original" attempt. On Saturday, February 16, 1997, the ACRL committee approved SEES' Bylaws submission by Alan. On Tuesday, February 18th it goes before the ACRL Board for approval (anticipated). Then, if approved, it will go to the SEES membership along with the SEES ballot this spring for a vote. A simple SEES majority will determine the outcome.

The secondary outcome of all the Bylaws confusion and work is that perhaps the section should consider an archives collection which would be more than loose files of items passed along to among officers.

Molly Molloy noted that a number of years ago SEES had an archive "of sorts." Mieczyslaw (Mischa) Buczkowski mentioned secretarial files he received and has since passed along to Richard Fitzsimmons. It is not known exactly what organizational, historical items are in the files. Richard Fitzsimmons offered to photocopy the entire collection and send the copies to Cathy Zeljak for establishment of an archive. It was noted that the *SEES Newsletter* is and always has been considered the official record of the Section. It was reaffirmed that the existing files of the section are its "archive." The Secretary is in possession of these items, and will forward photocopies of all to the Chair. These files will be passed on to subsequent Secretaries and Chairs. Richard Fitzsimmons mentioned that it might be prudent for the Section to have an archivist, and suggested that a volunteer be sought/appointed by the Chair.

The "new" Bylaws of 1997 will be sent to Richard Fitzsimmons and Cathy Zeljak for placement in appropriate files.

Cathy Zeljak and Brad Schaffner attended the mandatory ACRL meetings on Friday, February 14th. They reported on discussions of overall conference program coordination with ALA conference themes and that all sections commented on development or plans for homepages.

Cathy Zeljak reported receipt of a memo from Carol Erickson stating that a Bulgarian librarian is interested in presenting a paper at the 1997 annual ALA conference on Bulgarian libraries and librarianship. Cathy Zeljak will forward the offer to all SEES committee chairs for consideration.

There was a general discussion regarding the status/future of the SEES homepage. Julie Swann was commended for her developmental efforts to date. Where do we go from here, and what might be listed on it? Suggestions included: SEES officers and committee chairs with full addresses, telephones/FAX/Email, committee memberships, meeting agendas, minutes, FAQ, programs, grants, section

news, midwinter and annual conference locations, dates, committee schedules, etc., "swap-shop" of professional job opportunities (not library resources or equipment), etc. It was concluded that SEES needs a webpage editor/coordinator. Further, it must be decided where it is going to be mounted (it was mentioned that ACRL will provide links only). At this point, Jared Ingersoll-Casey and Julie Swann volunteered to address these various issues. Molly Molloy offered comments on design, listing, logos, etc. She suggested that they look at other homepages (such as WESS). Molly will send suggestions to Jared and Julie for consideration. All Executive Committee members were encouraged to do likewise.

Under other Business, Cathy Zeljak mentioned that the SEES membership meeting at the 1997 annual conference (San Francisco) will be held immediately preceding the Norman Ross reception on Sunday.

Richard Fitzsimmons mentioned that all Section committee chairs will be receiving draft minutes for review and change/correction. He requested comments ASAP. It was also noted that midwinter meeting attendance rosters will be sent to each committee chair and to Cathy Zeljak.

28TH NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SLAVIC STUDIES, BOSTON, NOVEMBER 14-17, 1996

Library and Archive Related Programs

Archival Access and Working Conditions: Recent Reports and Current Updates (Roundtable)

Chair: Carol A. Erickson, ALA

Participants: Cynthia J. Buckley, U of Texas, Austin; Patricia Grimsted, Harvard U; Viacheslav Kozliakov, Iaroslavl' Oblast Archive; Marina Sorokin, Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities, Moscow

Computer Applications in History: Electronic Texts and Methodologies

Chair: Steven L. Hoch, U of Iowa

Participants: David R. Chestnutt, U of South Carolina; Miranda Beaven Remnek, U of Minnesota; Andrei K. Sokolov, Institute of Russian History

Discussants: Jeffrey P. Burds, U of Rochester; Russell E. Martin, Harvard U

Have You Seen "De Visu" Lately?: The Dynamic World of Slavic Periodicals

Chair: Tatiana Goerner Barr, Columbia U

Participants: Gordon B. Anderson, U of Kansas; June Pachuta Farris, U of Chicago; Wojciech Zalewski, Stanford U

Discussant: Allan J. Urbanic, UC Berkeley

Note: extended version of Zalewski's paper is at:

<http://www.sul/depts/hasrg/slavic/8typolog.html>

An excerpt from this paper, "Russian journals after 1989 in the area of 'Book Studies,'" can be found in "Reports from the U.S."

New Directions in Library Technical Services and Their Effects on Slavic Collections

Chair: Stephen D. Corrsin, Columbia U

Participants: Tatiana Goerner Barr, Columbia U; Viveca Seymour, Stanford U; Jacqueline J. Byrd, Indiana U; Joanna Epstein, Harvard U

Preservation and Conservation Issues in Slavic Studies

Chair: Alena Aissing, U of Florida

Participants: Norman Ross, Norman Ross Publishing; Ann Russell, Northeast Document Conservation Center; Hans Rütimann, Commission on Preservation and Access

Discussant: Carol A. Erickson, ALA

Problems and Opportunities in the Archives After the Russian Presidential Elections (Roundtable)

Chair: James G. Hershberg, Woodrow Wilson Center

Participants: Nigel Gould-Davis, Harvard U; Hope M. Harrison, Lafayette College; Christian Ostermann, National Security Archive; Vladislav Zubok, National Security Archive

Soviet Censorship and Publishing in the 1920s and 1930s

Chair: Amir Weiner, Stanford U

Participants: Brian Kassof, UC Berkeley; Julie K. Mueller, Colby College; Jan Plamper, UC Berkeley

Discussant: Marianna Tax Choldin (U of Illinois)

Bibliography & Documentation Committee

Minutes submitted by Molly Molloy (Hoover Institution)

1996 Committee membership: Karen Rondestvedt, Chair (U of Pittsburgh), Janet Crayne (U of Michigan), Kurt Engelmann (U of Washington), Harold Leich (LC), Tatjana Lorković (Yale), Molly Molloy (Hoover Institution), Aaron Trehub (U of Illinois)

The Committee met on November 17th from 9:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m., and again from 10:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m. Karen Rondestvedt chaired both meetings.

Session 1: 9:30–10:00 a.m.

The inaugural meeting of SEEMP–Slavic and East European Microfilm Project–met from 8:00 a.m.–9:30 a.m., using time from the first session of the Committee. June Pachuta Farris (U of Chicago) has recorded the official minutes, which will be posted in the future on the Slavic librarians' e-mail listserv, Slavlibs.

I. Reports from sub-committees

Nadia Zilper (U of North Carolina, Chapel Hill) reported on the work of the B&D Subcommittee on Collection Development, which she chairs. The group is almost finished with their acquisitions manual designed for dealers, librarians, and exchange partners. It will be published by Russian Press Service in early 1997. The committee is considering compiling global statistics on monographic and microfilm acquisitions, exchanges, and cataloging. Some of the problems of compiling such statistics were discussed. A questionnaire may be sent over the Slavlibs listserv. The committee is also hoping to set up a website.

Ellen Scaruffi (Columbia), chair of the Subcommittee on Access to Research Materials, reported on the meeting of her group yesterday, which was poorly attended, even by some of the committee members. It was suggested that the meeting should be advertised in the program as an "open meeting" to encourage others to come. The committee is still focusing on access to archives "over there." Perhaps the committee could also cover access to materials in the West. It was also mentioned that it is important to get the faculty to fight for their libraries. We must get information on changes in the library world to faculty before it is too late. Issues such as the reliance on brief records with limited (or no) access points will increasingly be affecting scholarship. Electronic communication was also discussed. AAASS is working on constructing a listserv and a

website. Perhaps the subcommittee will have its own listserv, though some thought that Slavlibs is adequate for now. *NewsNet* should also be used to solicit and distribute information. In the future new chairs of committees can appoint their own members, so it was suggested that only those committed to attendance and participation should belong to the committee.

II. Reports of Consortia

Wojciech Zalewski (Stanford) represented PACSLAV (Pacific Coast Slavic and East European Library Consortium), which includes UC Berkeley, UCLA, U of Washington, U of Hawaii, Stanford; with affiliates: U of British Columbia, U of Oregon. The areas proposed for cooperation include collection development, acquisition, cataloging, preservation, document delivery, and bibliographical control. They now have a listserv, conspectus, and are working on a union list of serials and the joint purchase of microform sets. Their URL: <http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/Collections/Slavic/Pacslav>.

Robert Davis (NYPL) represented the East Coast Consortium, which includes NYPL, Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Columbia, Cornell. They are working on cooperative collection development on purchases of microform sets, and a union list of periodicals. They already have compiled a union list of newspapers, and have expedited interlibrary loans between consortium members. They hope to coordinate the collecting responsibilities for less widely held materials. Their Web page is under construction. Tatjana Lorković is investigating the creation of a national consortium, perhaps under ACRL or ARL. The ECC hopes to coordinate activities with PACSLAV, sharing duplicates, linking web pages, etc.

Session 2: 10:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

I. Announcements

Brad Schaffner (U of Kansas) announced that 17 libraries now belong to the SlavCopy listserv, which was established in the spring of 1996 to facilitate cooperative efforts among university libraries in obtaining preservation quality photocopy replacements for embrittled Slavic material. It is hoped that such cooperation can lower the cost of obtaining preservation quality photocopy replacements and insure the best possible copy is used for the replacement. Books already reproduced have come out well, at an average cost of 18 cents a page. The owner and editor of the listserv is Brad Schaffner (bschaffn@ukanvm.cc.ukans.edu).

Rob Davis mentioned that selections from the collections of the NYPL will be presented in two upcoming exhibits: 1) "St. Petersburg: The Legacy of Peter the Great," which itself is part of a three month long "St. Petersburg: A Cultural Celebration," to be held at the World Financial Center from January 15 to March 9, 1997; 2) From November 1, 1997–February 28, 1998, the NYPL will offer as its major exhibit "The Romanovs: Their Empire—Their Books. The Political, Religious, Cultural and Social Life of Russia's Imperial House, 1762–1917," curated by Professors Marc Raeff and Richard Wortman of Columbia, including many of the NYPL's holdings of Romanov books and manuscripts. An exhibit catalog is planned. In early 1997 a book by I.V. Pozdeeva will be published by Charles Schlacks, Jr. entitled: *Church Slavonic, Glagolitic, and Petrine Civil Script Printed Books in The New York Public Library: A Preliminary Catalog*. Also in 1997 a list of Russian and Ukrainian avant-garde books and serials in the NYPL will be published.

Janet Crayne (U of Michigan) announced the next *NewsNet* deadline of December 1st.

Carol Erickson (Director of International Relations for ALA), stated that the ALA President elect 1997–98 Barbara Ford (Virginia Commonwealth U) has dedicated her year as President to international library issues. The June 1998 annual DC program will be centered on international themes. The August 2001 conference of IFLA will be in Boston.

Janet Crayne then discussed library restoration efforts in Bosnia. The U of Michigan sent its database of Bosniaca holdings on disc to the National and University Library in Sarajevo. It is applying for grant funding to cost-share in the reproduction of its NEH-CIC preservation microfilms. The Association of University Presses has an initiative for university presses to donate books to the National Library as well. At least ten university presses have already made verbal commitments. Freight charges overseas will be paid by Sabre Foundation. The necessary form to donate academic materials can be obtained from Janet.

II. Report from Marianna Tax Choldin (U of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign)

Librarian exchanges are continuing through the Freedom Support Fellows, Mortenson fellows, Yale and LC.

Marianna is the new chair of the Regional Library Program, run by the Open Society Institute, funded by Soros. Their projects for 1997 include matching grants with Soros foundations in each country, 2 new foundations (for South Africa and Haiti), extensive training for local colleagues using local staff, retroconversion projects, preservation and access, workshops on requested special topics, and an intellectual freedom and access project. The OSI is assisting the European Commission on Preservation and Access. Fellowships are continuing. The staff, based in Budapest, will be holding grant preparation workshops in different countries. They are also working on special collection development projects and electronic document delivery. Next summer they will hold a special course on Internet resources and training in Budapest. OSI has its own publishing program and helps with translations. Next fall they will hold a workshop for librarians who have returned from abroad to help them plan for the future. It was suggested that OSI should announce who has received awards on their homepage or at least on Slavlibs.

Marianna discussed the "new phase" beginning for ABSEES and its funding difficulties. Patt Leonard is resigning from her position as Editor at the end of the year. Marianna will be the general editor, with Aaron Trehub as consulting editor, and a new managing editor will be hired. The 1993 volume is out, the 1994 print volume has been promised, but there is now no estimated date of publication. The Web will be the new thrust, as ABSEES concentrates on the online service, hoping to get it up-to-date and to increase subscriptions. There will probably be no more print versions after the 1994 volume, though a CD-ROM is possible. Contributing editors are wanted, hopefully from our group. The project hopes to solicit librarians/faculty/students to screen a number of journals for articles. An honorarium MAY be possible. This would be a major coordinating project. A formal request for volunteers will be sent out. It was suggested that the editors contact MLA or the Latin American bibliography for advice. Aaron asked CIC for help. NRC (National Research Council) centers inserted a line to help ABSEES in their grant proposals. There may be a set fee (\$300?) for the online service, instead of the current sliding fee. ABSEES is working with the *European Bibliography of Slavic and East European Studies*, so that they will be similar and compatible.

III. LC Report

Harold Leich reported on the renovation of LC, which should be finished by May 1, 1997. The four area studies reading rooms will be located in the Jefferson Building. The European Division will be moving to its new reading room in mid-March 1997. The reference collections will again be accessible to readers and staff.

The ALA Midwinter All-Conference Reception will be in the Great Hall of the Jefferson Building of the Library of Congress. In addition, a special presentation on area studies collections at LC will be held in the Hispanic Reading Room (see *LCIB*, November 4, 1996, p. 411).

Harry announced that LC is now doing international interlibrary loan on a limited basis, exclusively with foreign libraries utilizing the OCLC ILL subsystem.

IV. Electronic-only access to FBIS

Molly Molloy brought up the issue of the new electronic-only access to FBIS Daily Reports. It seems that most Slavic librarians do not deal with these problems since the reports have been available only in the government documents sections of some libraries. Even in the Library of Congress, they are available only to the CRS (Congressional Research Service), and not to the public. There have been problems reported with the non-user friendly access to the current Daily Reports. Some say that fewer titles will be indexed in these reports in the future, and perhaps the publications will be dropped completely. It was suggested that we contact government documents departments to see how they are dealing with these changes.

V. Miscellaneous

Karen Rondestvedt brought up the Directory of Slavic Librarians. Harry and David Kraus at LC have revised the directory, which is accessible online through:

gopher://marvel.loc.gov/00/research/reading.rooms/european/directories/slavic_librarians. Many people have requested a paper edition. It is hoped that a publisher (such as Norman Ross) can publish a new directory, which could be available for a nominal charge (\$10?).

There was some discussion of consortia purchasing microform sets. Who will they lend to? What is the difference between no sales and a few? Libraries would cooperate anyway. It was suggested that libraries consult with vendors in advance to negotiate the number of copies and price. Also some libraries in Eastern Europe are microfilming some of the current serials, so we should check with them before duplicating the effort/expense of making more films.

It was suggested that those submitting proposals for roundtables, instead of panels, should justify the use of that format to ensure chances for inclusion in the 1998 program. The deadline for submission is December 9th. Misha Harnick (Columbia) suggested a panel on retroconversion, including international projects.

Tatanja Lorković commented on the current restoration of their library, which should be completed by 2001, the 300th anniversary of the university. The library is still hosting interns, although this is dependent upon funding. Yale, Harvard and LC are working together to restore Bosnian libraries. They recently met with OCLC about this. Yale is sending duplicates from Yale University Press to Bosnian university libraries. Sabre Foundation is financing the overseas postage. Initial funding came from Title VI through the Russian Center. Next year is dependent upon private funding.

The deadline for the 1997 annual ALA SEES newsletter is February 1st.

II. Reports

NEWS FROM THE U.S. AND CANADA

Jane Scales, Washington State University

ABSEES Update

In 1997, the *American Bibliography of Slavic and East European Studies* (ABSEES) embarks on a new stage in its forty-year history. The bibliography has just received a three-year commitment from the U of Illinois Library at Urbana-Champaign. Patt Leonard stepped down as the editor at the end of 1996, and the first task facing the new office is to find a successor. ABSEES hopes to institute a system of contributing editors recruited from among specialists in the field sometime in 1997. This year will show a shift in focus from the printed ABSEES to the World-Wide Web version of ABSEES Online (URL-<http://www.grainger.uiuc.edu/absees/>). ABSEES Online is available to colleges, universities, and other non-profit institutions for an annual subscription fee of between \$100 and \$300, depending on institution size and type. The subscription provides institution-wide access to the database and unlimited searching. The printed 1993 ABSEES can be ordered from M.E. Sharpe at: M.E. Sharpe, Inc., 80 Business Park Drive, Armonk, New York 10504. Phone: (914) 273-1800. The 1994 volume should be available later this year. The recently concluded agreement with the U of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign will support ABSEES up to the next century. For more information, contact Marianna Tax Choldin, ABSEES Executive Editor, e-mail: mcholdin@uiuc.edu. (Aaron Trehub, U of Illinois)

ALA News

Programs

SEES co-sponsored two programs with WESS in New York: "New Audiences, New Perspectives: the Role of the Slavic and East European Specialist in Support of Non-Slavic and East European Studies," and "The Changing Face of European Studies."

The 1997 WESS Preconference in San Francisco will take place on June 26–27. This year's preconference topic is "European Links: Sources of Information in Western European Studies for Academic Libraries." Special emphasis will be placed on publishing trends in Western Europe, new trends in acquisitions, and cataloguing bibliographic and reviewing sources, reference services, and vendor services. For more information please contact Eva Sartori (U of Nebraska, Lincoln) at the following e-mail address: evas@unllib.unl.edu

Annual ARL/METRO Selectors' Meeting

The Annual ARL/METRO Selectors' Meeting attended by all selectors, bibliographers and collection development officers from Columbia, New York Public Library, NYU and Rutgers, was held this year on January 17 at the New York Public Library. The event featured a talk by Rebecca Lenzini (President of UnCover), on "new Partners for Present and Future." There were also announcements by Tony Ferguson of the winners of the independently-judged First Annual ARL/METRO Website Competition. Robert Davis of NYPL tied for second place with his Slavic and Baltic Division home page at <http://www.nypl.org/research/chass/slv/slav.balt.html>. (*Columbia U Libraries Newsletter*, January 1997)

Canadian News

In 1996, two archivists from L'viv, Olha Zaslavska and Volodymyr Samrsky, visited the U of Toronto Library for six weeks to receive training in microfilming preservation. This exchange was made possible by a grant from the Open Society Institute-Regional Library Program funded by Soros. U of Toronto librarians Jim Ingram, supervisor of Microfilming, and Luba Pendzey, project coordinator, will go to Ukraine for a two week follow up period for assessment and assistance with the implementation phase in L'viv. The long term objective of this project is to develop expertise within the region for a Training Centre in Preservation and Conservation in L'viv. This initiative is a continuation of the 1995 project with the Stefanyk Library obtaining research material and good quality microfilms from L'viv's library and archival resources. In September 1997, Dr. Eva Bratkova (Institute of Information Studies and Librarianship of Charles U, Prague) will visit the U of Toronto to participate in an internship program, arranged so that she can learn about automated operations. Dr. Bratkova will also give a talk on library and archival resources access in the Czech Republic.

The Petro Jacyk Centre has initiated various projects recently, including a guide to bookstores in the Toronto area supplying Central and East European material. This is the first publication of the Centre. The next one will be an index to Central and East European newspapers held by the U of Toronto Library. Research and inputting assistance for these two projects was provided by two Co-op students who were at the Centre for several months, Zelimirka Nastic-Levi, a librarian from Sarajevo; and Elena Zolotko, a librarian from Kharkiv. Also in progress is a bibliography of forbidden books in Serbian libraries and a finding aid to Ukrainian journals in the U of Toronto Library. Ongoing attractions in the Petro Jacyk Resource Centre are exhibitions of recent acquisitions in the Central and East European field by the U of Toronto Library, and a display of books by U of Toronto scholars. The Petro Jacyk Resource Centre is establishing contacts and cooperating with East European libraries via e-mail and fax.

The U of Toronto Library is seeking a donation of \$1 million for

endowing a Central and East European Librarian Chair. This would be matched by a further \$1 million by the U of Toronto from its own resources. The establishment of the Librarian Chair in Central and Eastern Europe, which would be the Library's first chair, is one of the top academic priorities of the university. The chair would assist in the cooperation between the societies of Central and Eastern Europe and our own. The library is also interested in developing its East European business-financial-economics periodical collection. The library has worked in cooperation with the Centre for Russian and East European Studies in identifying the most important newspapers, journals, and electronic sources on business in Eastern Europe and determining the prices for acquisition. The next step is to attract donors to support this project for a term or on an endowment basis. (Mary Stevens, U of Toronto)

East Coast Consortium for Slavic Collections (ECCSC)

The East Coast Consortium, which includes NYPL, Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Columbia, Cornell, is working on cooperative collection development on purchases of microform sets, and a union list of periodicals. ECC has already compiled a union list of newspapers, and has expedited interlibrary loans between consortium members. They hope to coordinate the collecting responsibilities for less widely held materials. The ECCSC webpage is under construction and hopes to coordinate several future activities with PACSLAV.

Electronic Resources for Librarianship & Area Studies

1. Directory of Russian Periodical Bibliography

URL: <http://www.nlightn.com/>

The WWW accessible Directory of Russian Periodical Bibliography, as well as databases of R&D (research and development) organizations and Russian libraries, are available from a U.S. site now. These databases are available by subscription, but interested individuals may view demos.

2. Intelligence Reform Project

URL: <http://www.fas.org/irp/fbis/index.html>

The Federation of American Scientists has set up this Web site in support of the Foreign Broadcast Information Service (FBIS), which was been singled out for potential budget cuts in fiscal year 1998. Fortunately, the Central Intelligence Agency declared that it intends to preserve FBIS; however, others warn the service still needs a strong show of support to receive continued allocations. The site contains articles and speeches about the cuts and a chance to add your endorsement of this valuable service.

3. REECA Web

URL: <http://www.library.wisc.edu/guides/REECA/>

This website contains links to over 250 fulltext newspapers and journals on Russia, Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

4. REESweb News

URL: <http://www.pitt.edu/~cjp/rees.html>

The managers of REESWeb invite its users to try the new "framed" version, with major divisions always visible along the side and shorter pages. For users without Frames-capable browsers, a new non-Frames version is available, too. We continue to try to make REESWeb the most comprehensive list of network resources on the region. Please submit new sites to either Mark Weixel, e-mail: mjw@kathleen.slavic.pitt.edu or Karen Rondestvedt, e-mail: rondest+@pitt.edu. (Karen Rondestvedt, U of Pittsburgh)

Hoover News

An exhibit of "Ballots and Banners" from the Hoover Institution Archives, documenting the stories of contemporary political campaigns in Africa, Asia, and Europe, was held from September 24–March 1st. Elections in Eastern Europe dominated the exhibit with political posters, buttons, and banners from recent parliamentary and/or presidential elections in Russia, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Romania, Slovakia, Poland, Bulgaria, and Bosnia.

“Poetry in Revolution,” an exhibit of original Pasternak materials from the Hoover Institution Archives, Green Library Special Collections, and the Collection of Irwin T. and Shirley Holtzman, opened February 21 in conjunction with the conference of the same name: “Poetry in Revolution: Boris Pasternak’s *My Sister, Life*,” and was open for a week.

More than 2,500 reels of microfilm of selected archives of the Soviet Communist Party and the Soviet state have been given to the Library of Congress by the Hoover Institution and the Russian State Archives Service of the Government of the Russian Federation (Rosarkhiv). The microfilms are the product of a joint project of the Hoover Institution and Rosarkhiv begun in 1992. In selecting materials for microfilming, the Hoover Institution-Rosarkhiv project sought to microfilm entire record groups of the highest policy-making organs of the Soviet regime. The microfilming of these record groups is in varying stages of completion. Among the records of groups represented in the collection are the party congresses and conferences, 1912–1990; the Central Committee of the Communist Party, 1903–1965; the Committee for Party Control, 1934–1956; and the People’s Commissariat of Internal Affairs, 1917–1930. The collection also includes finding aids to most archives of the Soviet period that are open for research at the three Russian repositories. The Hoover Institution is preparing a detailed guide to all microfilms produced by the project. The guide is expected to be published in 1997. Meanwhile, a preliminary catalog of the microfilms may be obtained from Chadwyck-Healey, Inc., 1101 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314 (telephone 703-683-4890), the project’s commercial distributor. (Molly Molloy, Hoover Inst.)

In Memoriam

Karl Crosby

Friends of Karl Crosby, Documents and Central European expert at the Library of Congress, were saddened to learn that last July, after a heroic struggle he succumbed to cancer. Always generous in

sharing his expertise, he was a key participant in the preparation of the first editions of the *Guide to Official Documents of Foreign Countries*. (Alan Pollard, U of Michigan)

Dr. Janina Hoskins

Janina W. Hoskins, retired area specialist for Poland and Eastern Europe for the Library of Congress, died on October 19 in Menlo Park, CA. Dr. Hoskins was born in Kuprovo, currently in Latvia, and received masters and doctoral degrees from the Jagiellonian University in Kraków, Poland, where she taught history. During World War II, Dr. Hoskins was a member of a charity committee in Kraków that assisted refugees who had been expelled by the Nazis from their homes in Poland's western and northern territories. In 1949 Dr. Hoskins came to the United States. She worked in a congressional office before joining the staff of the Slavic Division of the Library of Congress in 1952. Her contributions to the Library were many. She helped negotiate the Public Law 480 program with the Polish government which permitted the repayment of post-World War II U.S. aid through donations of Polish publications to U.S. libraries. On behalf of the Library of Congress, Dr. Hoskins traveled to Poland on numerous occasions to discuss acquisitions and to lecture on the Library's work in Slavic studies. She also participated in Voice of America radio programs.

Dr. Hoskins prepared many exhibits and displays on Poland at the Library of Congress. These included "The Millennium of the Baptism of Poland in 966," "Nicolaus Copernicus 1473-1973," and displays on the contributions of Kosciuszko and Pulaski during the American Revolution. Her numerous publications for the Library were concerned with various aspects of Polish book publishing and literature, Polish genealogy and heraldry, and Thomas Jefferson's views on Poland. She also contributed many articles to books and professional journals and wrote book reviews for scholarly journals. Dr. Hoskins was recognized with a Meritorious Service Award by the Library of Congress in 1963. A member of the American Historical Association, the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies and the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences, Dr.

Hoskins retired from her position with the European Division of the Library of Congress in 1989. She moved to California in 1995.

Janina Hoskins was preceded in death by her husbands, Franciszek Wojcicki, a judge in Poland, and Halford L. Hoskins, Professor of Middle East Studies at American University and a senior specialist in international relations for the Library of Congress. She is survived by two sons, Andrew Wojcicki, Professor of Chemistry at The Ohio State University, and Stanley G. Wojcicki, Professor of Physics at Stanford University, and by five granddaughters. A memorial service was held Monday, November 18, at the Church of the Annunciation, Washington, D.C. The family requests that expressions of sympathy be in the form of contributions to Stanford University and designated, on the envelope and in an accompanying note, for the Janina W. Hoskins Polish Book Fund. The address is Office of Development, Stanford University, Stanford, CA 94305-6076. (Family of Dr. Janina W. Hoskins; submitted by Wojciech Zalewski, Stanford U)

Viktor Ivanovich Kharlamov (1948–1996)

Viktor Ivanovich Kharlamov, historian of Russian books during the Soviet era, died in 1996. The first volumes of *Istoriia knigi v SSSR 1917–1921* were published under his editorship. He also published *Moskovskie i leningradskie izdateli i izdatelstva dvadtsatykh godov* (1990). His latest books *Katalogi izdatel'skie, knigotorgovye, bibliotechnye* and *Moskovskie i leningradskie knizhnye magaziny dvadtsykh godov*, published in 1996, were at the AAASS book exhibit in Boston. His tragic death is a great loss to all for whom “*knigovedenie*” is a part of life. (Wojciech Zalewski, Stanford U)

Andrzej Klossowski

Prof. Andrzej Klossowski died suddenly on January 30 at his home in Warsaw. He was 60. He was professor at the Library School in Torun, former Associate Director and Acting Director of

the Polish National Library, editor of the *Rocznik Biblioteki Narodowej* and several publications sponsored by the National Library, lately Director of the Center for Research of Polish Book Abroad at the National Library. He held leading positions in a variety of Polish associations dealing with library and book related issues. He was a prolific writer, author of several books, numerous articles, reviews, organizer and speaker at national and international conferences. He maintained official contacts with Polish publishers, libraries and collections in Lithuania, Ukraine, France, Switzerland and England. His latest initiative was a descriptive directory of Polish subject collections housed in non Polish libraries which he planned to extend also to the United States.

Poland lost one of her most prominent librarian-scholar. I personally lost a dear Friend with whom I worked closely including one joint book publication and involvement in other publications and conferences. He was a great human being, open to all who came in contact with him. Those who knew him will miss him sorely. (Wojciech Zalewski, Stanford U)

IREX News

IREX is assisting a newly created US Research and Education Programs Alumni Association of Armenia to organize a two day conference to promote the development of libraries and information centers in the Caucasus. Librarians and information center managers from Armenia, Georgia and Azerbaijan will exchange ideas and share perspectives on library and information resource management issues including: marketing, fundraising, resource development, information access, developing a client base, and on-line bibliography and other services. Organized with the financial support of USIA, the conference will be held in Erevan at the National Library of Armenia on May 5-6, 1997. 1996 IREX grantees for Special Projects in Library and Information Science include: Przemyslaw Bilozor (Director, Library and Information Center Franco-Polish School of New Information and Communication Technologies), Workshop for Polish Librarians on Using Virtual Information Re-

sources; Michael Carpenter (Louisiana State U), Belarus Library Education and Librarianship Project: a series of three workshops in Minsk; Terence Emmons (Stanford U), Russian Emigré Memoirs; Patricia Grimsted (Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute), "Opening Information Access to Archives in the Russian Federation: A Brief Directory and Bibliographic Guide to State Archives"; Stephen Jones (Mount Holyoke College), "The creation of a MARC-based guide to the Republic of Georgia's Central Historical Archives"; Hugh Olmsted (Harvard U), Bibliography of Bibliographies in Russian Studies for publication both in print and CD-ROM form. For more information, contact Beth Berrean, e-mail: bberrean@irex.org. (Beth Berrean, IREX)

LC News

In connection with a project sponsored by the U.S. Department of Defense, the Library of Congress has begun to receive microfilm of declassified records from the Centralne Archiwum Wojskowe in Warsaw covering the early years of the Cold War, primarily 1945–50. They include letters, memoranda, policy papers of the Polish Cabinet of Ministers, the Minister of Defense, the General Staff, and other high military bodies. Many of the documents were originally classified Top Secret or Secret. Additional Cold War records extending into the 1950s and 1960s will also be filmed, as will some World War II and pre-war materials. For further information, contact: Ronald D. Bachman, Polish Area Specialist, at rbac@loc.gov, or by phone, (202) 707-8484.

John Van Oudenaren was recently appointed chief of the European Division at LC. With funding from the Margaret Thatcher Foundation, LC hosted eleven Russian library managers for four weeks of training (October–November, 1996). The program emphasized the principles and practices of library management. (Ronald D. Bachman, LC)

Library Cooperation Between Ukraine and the United States

A conference on library cooperation between Ukraine and the United States is scheduled for June 20–25, 1997 at the U of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. A tentative organization of panels and/or roundtables include such topics as librarianship as a profession, publishing and bibliographic control, reports on major collections and large research libraries, and the management of libraries. Additional panels and topics will be considered. Suggestions are welcome. Address them to Jurij Dobczansky: e-mail: jdob@loc.gov. Registration and additional information on housing and transportation arrangements may be obtained from Dmytro Shtohryn, e-mail: sayenko@alexia.lis.uiuc.edu, phone: (217) 356-9195. (Jurij Dobczansky, LC)

NYPL News

The New York Public Library (NYPL) hosted a “World Summit of Library Leaders,” convened by Dr. LeClerc in April, 1996. Among the participants was Dr. Vladimir Zaitsev of the Russian National Library, who had subsequent individual meetings with the NYPL administration, and Chief Curator Edward Kasinec. The NYPL’s Slavic and Baltic Division also mounted an exhibit of “Great Collections” in honor of the visiting delegates. The Division was actively involved in the organization of the SEES Program entitled “New Audiences, New Perspectives: the Role of the Slavic and East European Specialist in Support of Non-Slavic and East European Studies,” and social events connected with the 1996 annual conference.

NYPL contributed materials for display as part of the “St. Petersburg: The Legacy of Peter the Great” exhibit which ran from January 15–March 9, 1997 in the World Finance Center. NYPL’s contribution, entitled “Between the Two ‘Greats’: The Russian Illustrated Book in St. Petersburg from Peter I through the Reign of Catherine II” included rare 17th and 18th century imprints from the Library’s holdings. NYPL is planning a future exhibit (Novem-

ber 1, 1997–February 28, 1998) entitled “The Romanovs: Their Empire–Their Books. The Political, Religious, Cultural, and Social Life of Russia’s Imperial House, 1762–1917.” This exhibit of rare books and manuscripts promises to provide new insight into how Russia’s rulers approached and interpreted issues of empire, religion, peoples, culture, leisure, and war. (Robert H. Davis, Jr., NYPL)

PACSLAV Consortium Formed

The Pacific Coast Slavic and East European Library Consortium (PACSLAV) was officially formed in June 1996, with the libraries of 7 major Pacific Region institutions participating. The libraries of Stanford U, U of California, Berkeley; U of California, Los Angeles; U of Hawaii; U of Washington; U of British Columbia; and the U of Oregon will cooperate in the areas of Slavic and East European collection development, acquisitions, preservation, cataloging, resource sharing, exhibits, and in other special projects. PACSLAV member librarians will meet once each year, in conjunction with the AAASS convention. Current plans include the compilation of a union list of current Slavic and East European serials held within member libraries. The Consortium’s homepage is located at:<http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/Collections/Slavic/Pacslav/index.html>.

Inquiries about the Consortium may be directed to its secretary, Michael Biggins, Slavic & East European Section, Suzzallo Library, Box 352900, U of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195, e-mail: mbiggins@u.washington.edu. (*AAASS NewsNet*, September 1996; November 1996)

Preservation News

U of Kansas

The SlavCopy Listserv has been established to facilitate cooperative efforts among university libraries in obtaining preservation quality photocopy replacements for embrittled Slavic material.

SlavCopy is a moderated list supported by the U of Kansas Libraries, and is intended primarily to provide titles and updated information about books being slotted for photocopying. The owner and editor of the listserv is Brad Schaffner. For submitting titles to be added to the list, or to sign up for a copy of a title, or for other comments send messages to: slavcopy@ukanvm.cc.ukans.edu. To subscribe to or signoff from the list send messages to the listserv at: listserv@ukanvm.cc.ukans.edu.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Brad Schaffner by e-mail at: bschaffn@ukans.edu. (Brad Schaffner, U of Kansas)

U of Michigan

The U of Michigan Library has completed its portion of the NEH-funded CIC3 project, which provided \$269,490 over two years to preserve serial publications of Russian/Soviet and East European learned societies, including those of universities and of national and republic academies of science. A total of 104 titles have been filmed, comprising 2,025 volumes. Also a head start was made on filming and cataloging the Slavic fraction of the CIC4 grant. The full OCLC cataloging includes tags for reduction ratio and frame position, with a view towards future digitization (Alan Pollard, U of Michigan)

U of Pittsburgh: Preservation in the Alliance College Polish Collection

When Alliance College cataloged books for its Polish collection, it also took whatever preservation steps were necessary. Thus most of the "cataloged collection" arrived in excellent condition.

A large percentage of books in Alliance's cataloging backlog, however, are brittle, water-damaged, or otherwise in need of conservation. It is precisely this "uncataloged collection" which includes a high proportion of rare nineteenth- and early twentieth-century

Polish-American publications. The material is rare because it is in Polish, printed on cheap paper, and often popular in nature. But it is valuable for research because it provides a window onto the everyday lives of Polish immigrants during this period.

In academic year 1993/94 we began the task of preserving these books by sending them to BookLab. The company copies the books in full color onto acid-free paper, and the material is then bound in red cloth with white labels, recalling the Polish national colors.

By the end of August 1996, 114 of the most fragile items had been copied and bound. An additional 29 had been microfilmed. A fund-raising campaign was launched for this effort in 1995, but it was not as successful as our earlier campaigns. The reason may be that the suggested donation per book was considerably higher. Thus almost all of the cost for the program has been paid from the general library budget. How long we will be able to continue this effort will depend on that budget and on priorities for using it. (Karen Rondestvedt, U of Pittsburg)

Retirement

Daria Hanowsky

Daria Hanowsky retired from the staff of Original and Special Materials Cataloging, Columbia U Libraries, at the end of 1996. In a Columbia career spanning thirty-three years, Daria's cataloging expertise included Slavic materials, rare books and art materials. She not only brought wide ranging subject and language skills to her work but was also instrumental in training many catalog librarians. Daria also served as co-coordinator of Columbia's NACO (authorities) program, the major component of the National Program for Cooperative Cataloging. (Susan Summer, Columbia U)

Angelika Schmiegelow Powell

Angelika Schmiegelow Powell will be retiring from U of Virginia on June 1, 1997. As a Slavic bibliographer and Slavic Humanities

Librarian, Angelika developed the U of Virginia holdings into a superior Slavic collection. She has been and remains a valued colleague and trusted friend to many librarians in the United States and abroad. (Janet Crayne, U of Michigan)

Russian journals after 1989 in the area of "Book studies" (Knigovedenie)

As traditional government support subsided, the major academic journal *Kniga. Issledovaniia i materialy* faced an uncertain future and was suspended for a time. It was rescued by the giant private publishing house, Terra, and now appears regularly. The more specialized titles, *Kniga i iskusstvo v SSSR* (1959–1990?) and *Al'manakh bibliofila* (M., Kniga, 1973–1990?) collapsed. While *Kniga* was experiencing its problems, a new academic journal with popular appeal appeared, *Knizhnoe delo. Ezhemesiachnyi professional'nyi zhurnal* (M., Progress, 1992–). This monthly addresses all theoretical and practical aspects related to knigovedenie. High intellectual standards and seriousness make this journal a key resource in the field. *Knizhnoe delo* also issued one annual edition. The field does not suffer from a lack of professional journals including survivors: *Zhurnalist* (1920–), *Poligrafia* (1924–), *Biblioteka* (1923–), *Bibliografia* (1929–), and newcomers: *Poligrafist i izdatel' = Print and Publisher* (1995–) and *Knigoliub* (1993–). We should not forget the variety of continuing bibliographic and reference services provided by Knizhnaia Palata, Institut Nauchnoi Informatii po Obshchestvennym Naukam (including its editorially reformatted *Referativnye zhurnaly*), the Russian State Library, Russian National Library (which mainly publishes sborniki), provincial libraries' bibliographic series and the like.

While the professional is well provided for by the above mentioned journals, the popular scene faces quite fierce competition. *Knizhnoe obozrenie*, the independent newspaper, is the most widely read. It regained its financial stability after several appeals for help. It is sponsored by the Komitet Rossiiskoi Federatsii po pechatu, which is rather displeased with its independence (*Chitaiushchaia*

Rossii 1995/1996. M. Soiuzpechat, 1996, p. 50). Published in its traditional tabloid format, it maintains a leading informational role reporting new publications in all fields and focusing on academic and mainstream literature. They also publish interviews with officials, publishers, writers and surveys of publications in the humanities, giving it broad appeal.

A competitor, *Novoe knizhnoe obozrenie*, is sponsored by Dorfa, the leading publishing house of popular literature, which entered this arena in 1995. (Unlike *KO*, *NOK* gained favorable support and promotion from Ivan Laptev, chair of the Roskompechat', see *Chitaiushchaia Rossiia* above). Despite its attractive publishing standards and often imaginative covers, it remains quite eclectic and superficial, like its sponsor Dorfa. *Knizhnyi biznes. Zhurnal dlia professionalistov* is stronger, commercially oriented and sponsored by Al'vis Incorporated. Al'vis is a marketing center and publisher of a large directory of publishers (*Izdatel'stva Rossii*, 1995), and a directory of book stores (*Knizhnaia torgovlia Rossii*, 1996). Since its beginning in 1993, *Knizhnyi biznes* changed its editors three times and its format from newspaper to journal (in Oct. 1994). It deals mainly with popular literature and provides market analysis. The first issue stated its intention to treat books as merchandise. In 1995, it listed about 12,000 titles. Al'vis is also associated with *Knigotorgovyi biulleten'* (1981-), a newspaper advertising tool, focusing on business literature, popular literature and market data including price analysis. Al'vis data in both journals is based on the book market at the Olympic Station in Moscow.

The latest newcomer is *Knigi Rossii. Knigotorgovyi al'manakh*. (M., 0, 1995- publisher and editor A. Pilipenko). I saw only issue "0", which was quite well published. Similarly, I am familiar with only one issue of *Knizhnyi portfel'* (M., Akademik tsentr, 1995).

The former Soviet enterprises, in their bid for survival, have launched their own information vehicles. *Mezhdunarodnaia Kniga*, in addition to its annual subscription catalogs and the lingering *Novye knigi*, published *Periodika. Novosti, analiz, reklama* (began in 1993, suspended with 6, 1996). Soiuzpechat', the main Soviet domestic subscription agency, launched first *Chitaiushchaia Rossiia* (1993-, in 1995 only one issue for February and in 1996 two issues were

published) and then *Vitrina. Chitaiushchaia Rossiia* (1995-) a monthly journal. It reviews activities in all book related issues, provides reviews of major works and can serve as a selection tool. *Vitrina* fills the gap between the professional *Knizhnoe delo* and the more popular *Knizhnoe obozrenie* and is gaining readership. A survey of key articles from *Vitrina* as well as other features was published in what is probably intended as an annual, *Chitaiushchaia Rossiia. 1995 retrospektiva, vzgliad iz 1996* (M., Soiuzpechat', 1996).

Finally, one can mention major competing informational bulletins. Sponsored by Knizhnaia Palata, *Knigi v nalichii i pečati* (1996), offered on CD ROM and in print, is a bibliographic-commercial hybrid. Its preparation in the opinion of Iurii Maisuradze costs about \$469,000 (*Chitaiushchaia Rossiia, 1995 retrospektiva...*, above. p. 26). It fails in its mission due to a lack of an efficient book trade in Russia. Its competitor, the well published, expensive *Katalog agentstva "Artos". Knigi*, proposes to publish an issue every three weeks. It lists mostly business oriented publications with a one year delay, and promises to supply them. As such, it might be a failure. Similarly expensive (\$200), is the list of periodicals produced by Andrigal. (See also catalogs of Soiuzpechat', Rospechat' and Mezhdunarodnaia Kniga.) We must remember that these sources, although advertised abroad, are primarily for domestic use and may or may not be suitable for foreign customers. (Wojciech Zalewski, Stanford U. Excerpt taken from a paper given at the AAASS Conference, Boston, MA, 1996.)

SEEMP Meeting Held

The Slavic and East European Microform Project (SEEMP) under the aegis of the Center for Research Libraries was inaugurated in 1996. SEEMP currently consists of 27 member institutions who, through the payment of membership fees, work toward the collection, preservation and sharing of scarce materials used in Slavic Studies research. The first meeting of SEEMP was held in Boston on November 17th, 1996 during the convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies. Appli-

questions SRS receives has changed from requests for location information to that of consultation, since people can often find locations themselves. Helen Sullivan has headed the service for last 10 years. SRS is committed to help anyone in their efforts to conduct Slavic research.

Later that day, Wojciech Zalewski, Murlin Croucher (Indiana U), Larry Miller (U of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign), Brad Schaffner, Karen Rondestvedt, Mike Biggins (U of Washington), and June Farris participated in a discussion session on "Library Instruction for Graduate Students." The participants reviewed what courses and requirements their respective institutions expected of Slavic M.A. and Ph.D. students. Universities with formal library course requirements include Stanford U, Indiana U, and the U of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. Librarians representing other institutions during this discussion session instruct Slavic graduate students during class time as arranged with professors. Nearly all of the participants use the Internet in some form to aid their instruction sessions or courses. In a third session held the second day of the workshop, Terry Tickle (U of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign) conducted a successful slide presentation and talk on electronic resources in the field of Slavic studies. Terry stated that the online catalogs of national libraries are good for checking bibliographic citations, finding the latest reference sources, and can serve as an alternative for expensive national bibliographies. She commented that accessing these catalogs via telnet presents problems with diacritics, and suggested that researchers use ISBN, and browsing and truncation options when possible. (Karen Rondestvedt, U of Pittsburgh)

Slavic Librarians' Workshop 1997

The Seventh Annual Slavic Librarian's Workshop will be held during the 1997 Summer Research Laboratory on Russian and East European Studies at the U of Illinois. The Workshop is scheduled to meet from Thursday, June 19 through Saturday, June 21, 1997. Joint activities between the Workshop and the Conference on Library Cooperation between Ukraine and U.S. are planned for

Friday. Non-U.S. citizens must submit all application materials by April 1, 1997 to be eligible for housing award competition. For application materials, contact Vicki Retzolk at the Russian and East European Center, phone; (217) 333-1244. (Brad Schaffner, U of Kansas)

UMI to Help Rebuild Bosnian Library

UMI will help the war-torn National University Library of Bosnia and Herzegovina, which serves the nearby U of Sarajevo. The university lost hundreds of thousand of books, journals, and priceless manuscripts during the fighting of the past four years. UMI will donate a CD-ROM image system and two databases to the library. (*Information Outlook*, January 1997)

Yale Intern

With funding from a generous gift by the Chopivsky Family Fund, the Slavic Reading Room hosted an intern from Ukraine for three months last autumn. Our visitor was Inga Mykhailova, a librarian from the venerable Kiev-Mohyla Academy in the Ukrainian capital. Educated at Taras Shevchenko National University, where she majored in philosophy, Ms. Mykhailova has four years' experience as a cataloger, a bibliographer, and arranging book exhibits.

During her stay at the Sterling Memorial Library, Ms. Mykhailova learned about the operation of the Yale library system. One of the more important projects in Ukraine is bringing the university's library system into the twenty-first century. As Ms. Mykhailova put it, "[We are] working on establishing an electronic catalog and putting all library processes on line. Therefore, the knowledge and experience that I have acquired during my internship at the Sterling memorial Library will help to accelerate this process." The intern also found time to examine Ukrainian and other East European material at Yale which is unavailable in her homeland.

Ms. Mykhailova's stay benefited Yale as well. Back in Ukraine,

Ms. Mykhailova will now act as an enthusiastic liaison between Yale's and the Kiev-Mohyla Academy's libraries in the coming years. (Tatjana Lorković, Yale U)

NEWS FROM ABROAD

Jane Scales, Washington State University

Bosnian Library Aid

The U of Michigan has been actively aiding Bosnian Libraries with several recent initiatives. South Slavic Librarian Janet Crayne (U of Michigan) was invited by the First Lady to the White House to celebrate the participation of the U of Michigan, U of Chicago, Harvard, MIT, and Yale, in supplying books to Bosnia in an effort to replace collections destroyed by four years of war. The U of Michigan is also completing work on a bibliography of its Bosniaca holdings, which will provide the National and University Library of Bosnia and Hercegovina with a list on which to base restoration of its collection.

Sabre Foundation has recently organized book contributions to libraries in Bosnia as of September 1996, shipping over 10,000 books to war-torn libraries. Coordinating the program for the Sabre Foundation is Project Director Tania Vitvitsky, and Dr. Kemal Bakarsic, Assistant Professor of Bibliography in the Department of Librarianship at the U of Sarajevo. Sabre and Dr. Bakarsic are working to establish a partner organization in Sarajevo Sabre Bosnia i Hercegovina. St. Lawrence University Solidarity Project for Sarajevo, led by Prof. William A. Hunt, has raised funds for the rental of facilities, including a book display room, office and warehouse at the Faculty of Philosophy of the U of Sarajevo. Students from the University's Department of Librarianship will manage the book selection, distribution, and evaluation process as part of their in-service training. Sabre accepts collections of books for specific institutions, with a pre-arrangement with the target institution

expressing interest in the collection. For more information on Sabre's Bosnian initiative, contact Tania Vitvitsky or Marta Baziuk, phone; (617) 868-3510. (Colin McCullough, Sabre)

Other efforts are underway to assist Bosnian libraries.

Academic Lifeline for Bosnia aims to give immediate welfare support to Bosnian academics and, when the war ends, to provide books and equipment to re-establish Sarajevo and Tuzla universities. Please send contributions, made payable to "WSU Bosnia Appeal" to: WUS (UK), 20 Compton Terrace, London W1 2UN United Kingdom. For offers of books and equipment and suggestions for academic links, please contact Dr. Zoran Pajic.

Associacio de Bibliotecaris, Arxivers I Documentalistes de les Illes Balears (ABADIB) raises money to support fellow librarians in Sarajevo, and is planning an exhibition on Bosnian libraries. Contact Virgili Paez, e-mail: vcpaez@ibm.net.

Association pour la renaissance de la Bibliotheque nationale a Sarajevo (ARBNS) solicits donations of funds and books for Bosnian libraries. Write to ABRNS, 94, boulevard Auguste Blanqui, 75014 Paris, France, or e-mail: iutoz@unesco.org.

The Bosnia-Herzegovina Heritage Rescue U. K. accepts contributions to support material and technical assistance for urgent conservation needs in Bosnia. Contact Dr. Marian Wenzel, 9 Canterbury Mansions, Lymington Road, London NW6 2EW, United Kingdom.

The Bosnian Manuscript Ingathering Project collects information on the current whereabouts of copies (microfilms, photographs, photocopies, etc.) reproducing rare or unique books and documents, as well as other monuments of Bosnia's cultural heritage (architecture, works of art), the originals of which have been destroyed since 1991. The resulting database will serve as a tool for the rebuilding of libraries and archival collections, and for the reconstruction of ravaged historical buildings. Information is available via the Ingathering Project's home page (<http://www.applicom.com/manu/ingather.htm>), or by contacting Andras J. Riedlmayer, Fine Arts Library, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA 02138 USA, tel: (617) 495-3372, or e-mail: riedlmay@fas.harvard.edu.

The Committee for the Reconstruction of the National Library of Sarajevo is collecting for the library's reconstruction and has an exhibition available. For details, please contact Radojka Miljevic, School of Slavonic and East European Studies, University of London.

Fund for the Revitalization of the Oriental Institute in Sarajevo. Please send financial contributions, marked "for the Oriental Institute in Sarajevo (acct. No. 7260-052)" to: Vakufska banka DD Sarajevo, via Deutsche Bank A.G., Frankfurt am Main, Germany.

Helsinki Citizens' Assembly solicits donations of funds and books for Bosnian libraries; and is seeking help with transportation and book storage facilities. For information on this project, contact Tony Bloomfield, HCA-UK, 11 Goodwin Street, London N4 3HQ, United Kingdom; e-mail: eurodialog@gm.apc.org. The Headquarters of the Helsinki Citizens' Assembly address is HCA International Secretariat, Milady Horakove 108, 160 00 Praha 6, Czech Republic; e-mail: hca@hca.cz.

IFLA/Solidarity with the Librarians in Sarajevo is calling for donations to help support the 150 librarians still in Sarajevo and their families; all funds received will be distributed equally among the Sarajevo librarians, through the good offices of the UNESCO Representative in Sarajevo and the Library Association of Bosnia and Herzegovina. For more information on this initiative, contact IFLA, P.O. Box 95312, 2509 CH The Hague, Netherlands; e-mail: ifla.hq@ifla.nl.

National Library of Canada has a project underway to collect copies of Bosniaca (works written by Bosnians or about Bosnia-Herzegovina, including coverage of the war in the Canadian media) published in Canada since 1990. These materials will be added to the collection of Bosnia's National and University Library when it is rebuilt. Please contact Helen Jelich, Director, Applications Management, Information Technology Services, National Library of Canada, Ottawa, Ont. K1A ON4 Canada; e-mail: helen.jelich@nlc-bnc.ca.

The Sarajevo Fund is accepting donations of funds and electronic resources for Bosnian libraries; tax deductible contributions should be made payable to: "Sarajevo Fund/National Library Account."

Book donations cannot be accepted at present. Address: P.O. Box 1640, Cathedral Station, New York, NY 10025, USA.

T.C. Milli Kutuphane. The National Library of the Republic of Turkey is surveying its holdings for Bosnia-related materials with the aim of making copies available for libraries in Bosnia; is interested in coordinating and consulting with other libraries wishing to engage in similar efforts. Contact: Dr. Altınay Sernikli, Director, T.C. Milli Kutuphane, 06490 Ankara, Turkey.

If you know of any other projects dedicated to rebuilding the cultural institutions of Bosnia-Herzegovina, and particularly its libraries and archives, please send e-mail to Andras Riedlmayer at: riedlmay@fas.harvard.edu. (Andras Riedlmayer, Harvard)

“Crimea 97” Conference

“Crimea 97” will be held June 7–15, 1997 in Sudak, Republic of Crimea, Ukraine. The theme of the conference will be “Libraries and Associations in the Transient World: New Technologies and New Forms of Cooperation.” The User Education Round Table of IFLA will sponsor a seminar on “Instruction in the Changing Library Electronic Environment,” which will focus on new ways of reaching out to users and how libraries can utilize the electronic environment in their instructional efforts. The registration fee will be \$300 before March 1. The fee covers Conference participation, proceedings and informational material, and social and cultural events. For more information, contact the organizing Committee, e-mail; CRIMEA97@gpntb.msk.su. (Karen Rondestvedt, U of Pittsburgh)

Georgian National Archives forms Friends group

An international group of scholars and archivists has formed the Friends of the Georgian National Archives (FGNA). The Georgian archives are at risk because of the economic and political upheaval in Georgia following the collapse of the Soviet Union. FGNA's

goals include creating a multi-lingual database that will enhance access to the archival holdings, and facilitating repair of the buildings in which the archives are housed. The Central Historical Archives in Tbilisi has been chosen as a pilot project. The FGNA is currently applying to granting organizations in hopes of beginning work on the database project in 1997. The FGNA invites the cooperation and support of interested individuals and organizations. For further information contact: Professor Anthony Rhinelander (President, FGNA), Department of History, St Thomas University, Fredericton, N.B., CANADA E3B 5G3; FAX: (506) 450-9615; e-mail: rhine@stthomasu.ca (Peter Carini, Mt. Holyoke)

IFLA 1996

The 62nd General IFLA Conference took place in Beijing, China, August 23–31, 1996, and by all accounts was a success. Over thirteen-hundred library delegates took part in the conference. Librarians from Russia were well-represented with one hundred and seventeen delegates, who participated in paper presentations and poster sessions. Sally Wood-Lamont (Central Library of the University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Cluj-Napoca, Romania) and Ionanna Robu (Director, Central Library of the University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Cluj-Napoca, Romania) presented their paper, “Self-Financing Services in Libraries: A Method of Increasing Limited Library Budgets in Post-Communist Romania.” At this same section’s workshop, entitled “Pay or Profit: Fee or Free?”, Olga Sinitsyna (Head, Arts and Children’s Library Department, M. I. Rudomino State Library for Foreign Literature, Moscow) spoke on, “Paid Services at the Library for Foreign Literature: New Objectives, Experiences, Perspectives.” The standing committee of the Section of Science and Technology Libraries workshop on gray literature included a presentation by Andrei Zemskov from the Russian Sci-Tech Library. (*Special Libraries*, Fall 1996)

Kemerovo Institute of Culture Training Efforts

The faculty at the Kemerovo Institute of Culture, in an effort to revise library training curriculum, are looking to establish contacts with library schools in the United States to explore the areas of exchange of educational programs and curricula, optional courses, and teaching staff and student exchanges. (*Journal of Education and Library Science*, Winter, 1996) (Carol Erickson, ALA)

News from Great Britain

The 1996 COSEELIS conference was held at the University of Loughborough, on September 11–12. During the general meeting there were several reports and issues raised. Sava Peic of the British Library visited Sarajevo and found the National Library out of space to hold new donations of material. *The European Bibliography of Slavic and East European Studies* is available online for a trial period of one year in cooperation with the U of Illinois. Individuals may access the database at: <http://carousel.lis.uiuc.edu/~ebsees/search.html>.

A summary of the minutes from the Acquisitions Forum reflect that competition between serial suppliers (esp. Mezkhkniga and East View) is reducing the rate subscription prices increase. Delivery problems were reported with publications from Sibirskii Khronograf. Panorama of Russia was praised for informative comments on items in their lists, and were said to be comparable in price with Russian Press Service.

The British Library recently microfilmed a complete run of *Czechoslovak v Zahranici* (1949–1967), a weekly periodical in Czech published in London by the Czech exile journalist Josef Josten MBE. The microfilm is based on British Library holdings kept at the Newspaper Library in Colindale and on additional issues loaned for the purpose by the copyright holder.

Emeritus Professor John Erickson, former Director of the Centre for Defence Studies at Edinburgh University, has donated his extensive library to the National Library of Scotland. The first consign-

ment of 7,000 volumes reflect Erickson's interest in the history of the Red Army. The collection is strong in its coverage of the Russian Civil War, the Second World War, and Soviet military theory. Cataloging of the collection began in September, 1996, and will appear in the Library's online catalog (telnet: library.nls.uk).

Devana Pavlik presented a paper on her project of compiling a catalog of Czechoslovak publications issued in England during World War II at the 6th "Conference on Historical and Rare Book Collections in Bohemia, Moravia and Silesia", which took place in the town of Olomouc in Northern Moravia. The conference was organised by Dr. Vaclav Pumpria (State Research Library, Olomouc) and on behalf of the Association of Libraries of the Czech Republic. Libuse Simandlova (National Library, Prague) reported on the activities of the Consortium of European Research Libraries.

The 1997 COSEELIS Conference has been provisionally scheduled to take place in Nottingham on September 9-10. (*COSEELIS Newsletter*, December 1996)

III. Grants

Susan Cook Summer, Columbia University

The Bodleian Library, U of Oxford, has received funding to convert over a period of four years its post-1920 Cyrillic/Slavonic materials. Retrospective conversion of the catalog has been progressing since 1994, contracted out to OCLC. However, the Cyrillic materials will be converted in-house. This project began in January 1996. A similar retrospective conversion program of the Taylor Institution Library's Slavic collections started in October 1996 and will be completed in three years. Both projects have been funded by special grants from the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE). All converted records are loaded into the CURL database (Consortium of University Research Libraries) and also into OCLC. (Peter Burnett, Bodleian Library)

The U of Michigan received: 1) an extension of the NEH/CIC grant for the preservation of serial publications of East European learned societies; 2) a Mona East grant of \$3,500 for the acquisition of Central Asian publications; 3) an Alex and Marie Manoogian grant for cataloging Armenian publications (\$5,000) and a Lilja grant of \$3,000 for the acquisition of Russian literature. (Alan Pollard, U of Michigan)

The U of Pittsburgh has received a fifth fellowship from the Kosciuszko Foundation for work with the Alliance College Polish Collection. Marzena Magda Zacharska, Head Librarian of the Department of Scientific Research at the Jagiellonian Library in Kraków, is cataloging Alliance serials. Total Alliance titles (serials and monographs) cataloged passed the 13,000 mark at the beginning of October 1996. (Karen Rondestvedt, U of Pittsburgh)

IV. Acquisitions

Susan Cook Summer, Columbia University

Columbia University's Bakhmeteff Archive has acquired the papers of Vera Blackwell (1924–1996), a Czech writer, translator, critic and student of the modern theater. After leaving Czechoslovakia in 1950, Blackwell worked for Radio Free Europe and the BBC. In the 1970s she played a pivotal role in introducing contemporary Czech theater to Western audiences through her translations, articles and radio programs. Her discoveries included playwright Vaclav Havel, stage designer Jozef Svoboda and director Jan Grossman. The papers include scripts for her original plays and cultural programs, translations, correspondence, and subject files on events in Czech history such as the crisis of 1968. Of special interest are the extensive files relating to Blackwell's long association with Vaclav Havel, including Blackwell's translations of several of Havel's plays, essays, speeches and production notes. (Ellen Scaruffi, Columbia U)

The Hoover Institution has acquired a number of collections including:

a. the family archives of Josephine Pasternak, daughter of the painter Leonid Pasternak and sister of the writer Boris Pasternak. The collection includes nearly 35 boxes of correspondence and manuscripts, many of them previously unpublished. Among the materials are 70 letters from Boris Pasternak to his family, the manuscript of Leonid Pasternak's memoirs, and a series of Leonid Pasternak's sketches and notebooks of drawings. The collection was purchased jointly by the Hoover Institution and Stanford U Libraries

- b. the ANEKS collection containing several thousand original "internal use only" and other secret Polish Central Committee documents from the 1960s through the 1980s
 - c. various materials concerning "hot spots" in the Former Soviet Union, such as Moldova (Transdnierster) and Abkhazia
 - d. the Fedor M. Levin collection. Levin was an early Bolshevik propagandist in the Crimea in the 1920s and was later a prolific and well-known editor and literary critic in Moscow
 - e. the Aleksandr M. Nekrich collection. Nekrich was a Russian-American historian long affiliated with the Russian Research Center at Harvard. The materials relate to 20th century Soviet history and foreign relations, the Soviet Union during World War II and Soviet historiography
 - f. the Henryk Piecuch collection. Piecuch was a former officer in the Polish Interior Ministry. The collection includes original documents and other materials relating to Polish intelligence, counterintelligence and internal security activities from 1945 to 1989
 - g. Russian parliamentary and presidential elections materials
 - h. additions to the Russian Political Party Documents collection
 - i. additions to the Russian/CIS Opposition Press collection.
- (*Stanford Report*, July 3, 1996; Molly Molloy, Hoover Institution)

The Library of Congress, in conjunction with a project sponsored by the U.S. Department of Defense, has begun to receive microfilm of declassified records from the Centralne Archiwum Wojskowe in Warsaw covering the early years of the Cold War, primarily 1945–50. They include letters, memoranda, policy papers of the Polish Cabinet of Ministers, the Minister of Defense, the General Staff, and other high military bodies. Many of the documents were originally classified Top Secret or Secret. Under the terms of a formal agreement with the archive, the Department of Defense provides microfilming equipment and supplies, as well as the processing of the film, while the archives' staff carries out the microfilming itself. Selection of records is by mutual agreement. Additionally, Cold War records extending into the 1950s and 1960s will also be filmed, as will some World War II and pre-war materials.

The Library has also acquired more than 2,500 reels of microfilm of selected archives of the Soviet Communist Party and the Soviet State. These films are part of a joint project by the Hoover Institution and the Russian State Archives Service of the Russian Federation. The microfilms are also available for research at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University, the Novosibirsk Regional State Archives, the State Archives of the Russian Federation, the Russian Center for the Preservation and Study of Documents of Most Recent History, and the Center for Preservation of Contemporary Documentation. (Ronald D. Bachman, LC; *College & Research Libraries News*, Jan. 1997)

New York Public Library Slavic and Baltic Division has acquired the following items:

- a. *Zbirnyk seksii mystetstv*, v. 1, Kyiv, 1921; gift of Mrs. Anya Kayaloff
- b. Address, business and telephone directories of Poland, 1897–1931, 12 reels of microfilm; donated by the Jewish Genealogical Society
- c. Pushkin, *Stikhotvoreniia*, Sanktpeterburg, 1829–1835, 4 v. in 2
- d. Pushkin, *Poemy i poviesti*, S.-Peterburg, 1835–; 2 v. in 1
- e. Karamzin, *Perevody Karamzina*, Sanktpeterburg, 1835, 9 v.; with bookplate of Grand Duke Vladimir Aleksandrovich
- f. *Rukopis Filareta, patriarkha moskovskago i vseia Rossii, Moskva*, 1837; with bookplate of Emperor Alexander II
- g. Charter. *Bozhieiu pospieshestvuiushcheiu milostiiu, My Aleksandr Vtoryi ... statskago sovietnika Pokhvalinskago v viechnyia vremena v chest i dostoinstvo Nashei Imperii Dvorianstvo vozvodim ... V Petergofie*, 1859—a diploma of nobility given to military surgeon and State Counselor Fedor Semenovich Pokhvalinskii
- h. Saint Petersburg (Russia). *Gorodskaiia uprava. Tabel domov goroda S.-Peterburga*, 2-oe izd., 1891; with bookplate of Grand Duke Vladimir Aleksandrovich
- i. Akhmatova, *Podorozhnik*, 1921; illustrated by M.V. Dobuzhinskii
- j. *Akt sdachi pamiatnika, sooruzhennago na sredstva selskago naseleeniia gubernii TSarstva Polskago Imperatoru Aleksandru II - u v gorodie Chenstokhovie*, Czenstochowa, 1890—a photo album marking the

dedication of the monument in honor of Alexander II in Czestochowa

k. A collection of artists' books: Jan Neruda, *Pisne kosmicke*, 1941; Igor Kholin, *Voinrid*, 1993; Dante Alighieri, *Inferno*. Polish. *Pieklo; Boska Komedia ilustrowana drzeworytami Stefana Mrozewskiego*, 1994

l. A facsimile of Pushkin's *Rabochie tetradi*, 1995-; 8 v. (Robert H. Davis, Jr., NYPL)

New York U has acquired a number of significant titles on microfiche including *Zhar-ptitsa* (1921-1923), the Brockhaus & Efron *Entsiklopedicheskii slovar'* (1890-1907), *Voprosy istorii* (1986-1993) and a large collection of Russian women's serials including: *Avrora*, *Biulleten' otdela TsK po rabote sredi zhenshchin*, *Damskii mir*, *Delegatka*, *Kommunarka Ukrainy*, *Mir zhenshchiny*, *Modnyi kur'er*, *Modnyi svet*, *Novyi russkii bazar*, *Rabotnitsa*, *Rabotnitsa i krest'ianka*, *Vaza*, *Truzhenitsa Severnogo Kavkaza*, *Udarnits Urala*, *Zhenskaia zhizn'*, *Zhenskie raboty*, *Zhenskii vestnik*, *Zhenskoe obrazovanie*, *Zhenskii zhurnal*, *Zhurnal dlia khoziaek*, *Zhurnal dlia zhenshchin*. (Diana Greene, New York U)

Princeton U's Mudd Manuscript Library has acquired the papers of Clinton A. Decker, one of the few Americans to witness several key events of the Russian Revolution. Decker was part of the American Advisory Commission of Railway Experts to Russia (1917) and later became a member of the Inter-Allied Technical Board (1917-1921). Donated by his son, Charles Decker, the papers contain personal and business correspondence as well as photographs. Included are detailed descriptions of Vladivostok, Harbin, an account of the July Riots (July Days) in Petrograd as well as a description of the Cossacks and their role in the Revolution. (Press Release, August 1996)

The U of California, Berkeley received the 3,300 volume library of the late Professor Oleg Maslenikov as a gift from his family. Professor Maslenikov taught in the UC Berkeley Department of Slavic Languages and Literature until his death in 1972, thus the predomi-

nant content of this collection is in the fields of literature and linguistic study. The collection contains a number of first editions of poets from the Russian Silver Age and such important historical texts as Gerard Fridrikh Miller's *Opisanie Sibirskogo tsarstva...* (St. Petersburg, 1750) and Johann Eberhard Fischer's *Sibirskaja istoriia s samogo otkrytiia Sibiri...* (St. Petersburg, 1774). Among the items of linguistic interest are Franz Miklosich's *Lexicon linguae slovenicae veteris dialecti* (Wien, 1850) and *Slovar' tserkovno-slavianskogo i russkogo iazyka*, 2 izd. (St. Petersburg, 1867–1868). In addition, the collection contains a typescript of the diary of A.A. Maslenikov written during the Russo-Japanese War. The journal narrates some of the events of that conflict as seen through the eyes of Maslenikov, who commanded the First Platoon of the Vladivostok Reconnaissance Mounted Detachment of Volunteers. (Allan Urbanic, UC Berkeley)

The U of Michigan's recent acquisitions include: (1) the Chadwyck-Healy microform set of *opisi* of Soviet Communist Party archives (in conjunction with other CIC libraries); (2) supplements 1–4 of Norman Ross' microforms of late 19th–early 20th-century Central Asian serials; (3) the Norman Ross/UCLA microform collection on Yugoslavia; (4) in collaboration with the ad hoc Midwest consortium, the RLG-RAN/INION online bibliographic database; (5) twelve early 20th-century Armenian serials; and (6) a gift of 300 Russian books from the Theatre Museum in London. In addition, the U of Michigan has acquired an 18th-century Russian atlas by Joseph Nicholas DeLisle and Louis DeLisle, "Atlas Russicus mappa una generali et undeviginti specialibus vastissimum Imperium Russicum ..." (1748) which includes 19 regional maps, a general map, and state 2 of G.F. Mueller's map of Russian America, "Carte des decouvertes faites par des vaisseaux russiens aux cotes inconnues de l'Amerique septentrionale avec les pais adjacents" (1758). (Alan Pollard, U of Michigan)

The U of Minnesota has acquired *Yugoslav statistics 1834–1919*, a set of 86 microfilm reels which brings together 323 annuals, serials, censuses and other publications for Croatia, Serbia, Montenegro

and Bosnia from the holdings of twelve institutions in Yugoslavia, Austria, the U.S. and Britain. (Miranda Beaven Remnek, U of Minnesota)

The U of Washington reports that due to financial exigencies, the Latvian Studies Center in association with Western Michigan U (Kalamazoo, Mich.) is closing its library. The Center will be donating its collection of some 30,000 Latvian books and 1,000 serials to the following institutions: the U of Washington Libraries, Seattle (which will be the recipient of the Center's core collection of some 12,000 books and 200 serials), the Latvian Academic Library in Riga (for rare or unique materials not yet held in the Academy's collection of Lettica), the Toronto Latvian Centre, the Latvian National Library, the Immigration History Research Center (St. Paul, Minn.), and other selected research and public libraries in North America and Latvia. The Center's collection includes nearly everything that Latvians have published anywhere outside Latvia since World War II, as well as publications from Latvia, and is the largest Latvian library collection in North America. The library was collected to serve the Latvian Studies program at Western Michigan U, a national center of Latvian education on the university level since the 1960s. During its decades-long existence, the Center's library has stood as one of the greatest cultural accomplishments of Latvians living outside Latvia. The transfer of the Center Library's core collection to the U of Washington Libraries is expected to lend unique strength to UW's growing Baltic and Latvian studies program. For further information about the Center's gift to the U of Washington, please contact: mbiggins@u.washington.edu or aga@u.washington.edu. (Michael Biggins, U of Washington)

Yale's Beinecke Rare Book Library has acquired the papers of the Franco-Russian novelist and revolutionary Victor Serge (1890–1947). The collection includes research files, manuscripts, photographs, clippings and correspondence with figures including Trotsky, Gide, Orwell and Dwight MacDonal. In addition, Yale's Sterling Memorial Library is acquiring the complete, unexpurgated collection of Comintern records on microfiche. The collection will include all

documents relating to the Comintern's seven congresses, the eight plenums of the Executive Committee, as well as material from preparatory and working commissions. In addition to the full texts of the archives themselves, the collection includes an English translation of the original Soviet *opisi* or indexes as well as more detailed indexes produced by the Amsterdam-based International Institute of Social History. When complete, the archive will be recorded on some 20,000 microfiches. Sterling Memorial Library has also acquired "Leaders of the Russian Revolution," a set of microfilm and microfiche which contains copies of the archives of the following nine figures important to the early history of Soviet Russia: Pavel B. Axelrod, Mikhail I. Kalinin, Sergei M. Kirov, L. Martov, Viacheslav I. Molotov, Grigorii K. Ordzhonikidze, Lev D. Trotskii, Vera I. Zasulich, and Andrei A. Zhdanov. (*C&RL News*, July/August 1996; Tatjana Lorković, Yale U)

V. Professional Appointments

Sandra Levy, University of Chicago

Tatiana Goerner Barr was appointed Catalog Librarian in the Original and Special Materials Cataloging Department at Columbia U Libraries. She acts as coordinator for all monographic reproductions cataloging in microform and electronic formats. Although she no longer has the extensive Slavic Area responsibilities held at Stanford, Barr continues her interest in Slavic Cataloging and Slavic librarianship generally. She remains active in SEES.

Carol Erickson began working as Director of the International Relations Office of ALA in August 1996. Erikson came to the ALA offices from IREX where she was the Senior Program Officer for Library and Archival Programs.

Marek Sroka has accepted a position as Assistant Professor of Library Administration at the U of Illinois/Champaign-Urbana Library. He is in the Cataloging Section of the Slavic and East European Library. Sroka earned an MA from the University of Kraków in Poland and his Library degree from Illinois. He retains an active interest in Polish libraries and bibliographies.

Patricia Thurston has also accepted an appointment as Assistant Professor of Library Administration at Illinois. She continues cataloging in the Slavic and East European Library. Previously she worked as a Research Associate with Reference, and most recently as Visiting Assistant Professor in Cataloging. Thurston maintains her interest in Romanian Libraries.

John Van Oudenaren is Chief of the European Division of the Library of Congress as of October, 1996. He comes to LC after many fruitful years with the RAND Corporation. He continues his service on the faculty of Johns Hopkins U. Van Oudenaren publishes widely in questions of international relations including Soviet/Russian political and economic interactions with the rest of the world.

Mark Yoffe is now Slavic Librarian and Curator of the International Counterculture Archive in Gelman Library at the George Washington U. Previously he was a Cataloger and Project Coordinator at The Library of Congress. Yoffe earned his PhD in Slavic Languages and Literatures and his MLS from the U of Michigan. He collects materials produced by countercultural groups including Russian rock and roll.

VI. Libraries in Profile

Museum of Russian Culture in San Francisco.

Translated excerpts of "Russkoe kulturno-istoricheskoe nasledie v SSha (muzei, kollektzii, galerei i parki-zapovedniki)," by Evgenii Aleksandrov, *Russkii Amerikanets = The Russian American*. (Nyack, N.Y.) No. 20, pp. 125-126 (vesna 1995).

Translation by Tatiana Goerner Barr (Columbia U)

Muzei Russkoi Kul'tury is housed in the building of the Russian Center in San Francisco, (2450 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94115, Telephone: (415) 921-4082). The Museum is open two days a week, Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Entrance is free. All exhibits are labelled in Russian and English.

The Museum was established in 1948 at the initiative of P.F. Konstantinov. It is a non-profit organization. Any donations to the Museum are tax-exempt under California laws. The goal of the Museum is to popularize Russian culture among Americans interested in Russian history and for the public generally.

It is the Museum's aim to collect and preserve all kinds of Russian historical materials: memoirs, books, newspapers, journals, as well as government, public and personal archives, and libraries, which relate to the lives of Russian emigrés throughout the world and their lives before the Revolution of 1917. The Museum makes all these materials available to researchers in Russian history and culture. It organizes joint exhibitions, research programs, and other activities with other educational and cultural organizations. The Museum is run by volunteers interested in Russian culture. The majority of them speak fluent Russian and English.

The Museum consists of the following sections:

1. the Exhibit Hall;
2. the Library which contains 15,000 books published in prerevolutionary Russia and by Russian emigrés. The majority are in Russian. A number of them are rare limited editions;
3. the Periodicals Department which has a large collection of Russian emigré newspapers and journals from all over the world. Some of these titles are on microfilm;
4. the Archives including:
 - materials on the Russian Revolution and the Civil War, especially in relation to Siberia and the Far East;
 - materials on the Russo-Japanese War and World War I;
 - documents on the history of the Russian emigration (archives of various organizations and societies);
 - personal papers of important emigré figures;
 - memoirs;
 - documents relating to the history of the Russian Orthodox mission in Peking, China;
 - documents relating to the building of the Far Eastern Railway in Manchuria;
 - materials on the lives and culture of Russian emigrés throughout the world;
 - materials on the life of the Imperial family, including their last days;
 - materials on the life of prerevolutionary Russia.

The Museum was founded in 1948 in order to save what was left of Russian culture and historical artifacts abroad after the Bolsheviks seized the Russian Historical Archive in Prague, and the Emperor Nicholas II Museum and the Russian Cavalry Museum in Belgrade, which were transported back to Moscow. At the same time a series of Russian museums closed in Europe and parts of their collections were transferred to the Museum in San Francisco.

In addition, a huge number of valuable artifacts, rare books, museum and archival materials were brought out of Russia at the beginning of the emigration of over 2 million fleeing Russians. The Museum of Russian Culture acquired many of these as well.

Some of the highlights of the exhibitions in the Museum are the many archeological artifacts, ancient documents, royal presentation gifts, and other items donated by the daughter of P.A. Stolypin; the inventions and 200 patents of academician V.N. Ipat'ev; the first television tube invented by V.K. Zvorykin, "father of the television"; materials about the builder of airplanes and inventor of the helicopter, I.I. Sikorskii; photographic portraits of famous Russian scholars, professors, artists, musicians, composers, writers and poets. There is also an exhibit of cereal grain introduced to America by Russian immigrants in the 19th century, which flourished on the new continent and helped this country's farmers with their abundant yield.

The flow of materials into the Museum's collections continues, especially of archival materials. The Museum and its archives are now one of the sole, most significant repositories of Russia's historical population remaining abroad and in Russian hands.

The fall of the Communist regime in Russia and the opening of its borders has given researchers from Russia a chance to study a part of the legacy which has remained closed for 75 years.

In 1966, the Museum published the first volume* of a proposed periodical publication, in which it listed and traced the fate of 122 Russian emigré museums, archives, collections, libraries, and private collections, as well as 44 foreign institutions with Russian collections in them.

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