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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Not wishing to deviate from the prevalent theme of the 1990s for this message, I will again underscore some of the challenges facing Slavic library specialists. One of the more positive challenges is in the area of collection development. There are now an ever increasing number of quality publications, both in traditional and in electronic formats, that are being produced in East Central Europe and the countries of the former Soviet Union. Many of these titles could not have been published during the Soviet period. Unfortunately, library acquisition budgets are stagnating or are being cut, making it difficult to acquire all of the publications needed to support the teaching and research needs of patrons. More disturbing is that when a library needs to trim its expenditures it is often international area studies budgets that are the first collections targeted for reduction. Ironically, this is happening at a time when academic leaders are calling for the "internationalization" and "globalization" of curriculum and library collections.

On a more positive note, the American Library Association has been very active in the field of international librarianship. ALA President Barbara Ford's theme for 1998 is "Libraries: Global Reach, Local Touch." One project being completed is a book by the same title. About one quarter of the book deals with East Central Europe and the countries of the former Soviet Union. SEES members authored a number of these chapters. This summer, over 300 international librarians and information specialists will attend the 1998 ALA Annual Conference in Washington, DC. The International Relations Office is looking for volunteers who would like to serve as a mentor to an international visitor. Each mentor will take a few minutes to meet with an international librarian at the beginning of the conference and again after a day or two to help orient the guest to the conference. This is a great opportunity to meet some of our colleagues from East Central Europe. If you are interested in participating in this program, contact Carol Erickson (cerickso@ala.org), Director of ALA's International Relations Office.

The SEES Program at the ALA annual meeting in Washington, DC is entitled "The Future of Area Studies Librarianship." The program will examine issues and challenges facing international area studies collections and librarians in academic and research libraries. Speakers will discuss the role that area collections and area studies librarians play in fulfilling the global mission of academic and research libraries. Speakers will include James G. Neal, Director of Johns Hopkins University Library; Maria Carlson, Director of the University of Kansas Center for Russian and East European Studies; and, Deborah Jakubs, Head of International and Area Studies at Duke University.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the chairs and members of all of the SEES committees. I am impressed with the number of projects and the amount of work that the committees successfully complete each year. Projects like the *SEES Newsletter*, the home page, the mentoring program, and the annual programs, to name a few, provide valuable support to librarians involved in the field of Slavic studies. I would like to invite anyone who will be attending ALA to join your colleagues at the SEES meetings and programs!

Brad Schaffner, U of Kansas

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

As we once again present the *SEES Newsletter*, I wish to thank the many people who worked so hard to produce it. This year we welcome several new people to our staff and acknowledge those who have taken on new responsibilities. New to the editorial board are Sara Seten Berghausen (U of Chicago), Kay Sinnema (Duke U) and Terri Tickle (U of Illinois/UC). Their willingness to join us in producing the Newsletter is greatly appreciated. Patricia Thurston (U of Illinois/UC) after several years as managing editor resigned those duties while remaining with us and contributing the Research in Progress section. Julie Swann (U of Nebraska) has stepped in masterfully to fill those shoes.

Providing appreciated continuity for us, Jane Scales (Washington State U), Susan Summer (Columbia U) and Allan Urbanic (U of California/Berkeley) kept on their various responsibilities.

We regretfully say good-bye to Molly Molloy (Hoover Institution) who has finally decided she needed a little break. This is the first time in many years that Molly has not worked formally on the Newsletter. And even so, her help in gathering information has been tremendous. We can not thank her enough for her work and dedication.

Besides the regular crew, many others have also contributed to the Newsletter, from passing along information, to proof reading, to printing. All I can say is thank you to all and sundry.

Sandra Levy, Editor, U of Chicago

I. Conferences

ALA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, SAN FRANCISCO, JUNE 1997, ACRL, SLAVIC AND EAST EUROPEAN SECTION

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

Transcribed by Judy Igoe Carr (Pennsylvania State U)

SEES PROGRAM: "Slavic/Area Studies and Cooperative Ventures"

June 29, 1997, 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Chair: Cathy Zeljak, George Washington U

Speakers: Wojciech Zalewski, Stanford U; Sarah Thomas,
Cornell U; Grazyna Slanda, Harvard U;

Discussant: Deborah Jakubs, Duke U

PROGRAM SUMMARY

Julie Swann (U of Nebraska)

Wojciech Zalewski (Stanford U) explained that the intent of the Pacific Coast Slavic East European Library Consortium, established in 1996, was not to change the programs of the participating institutions but rather to set goals that would be mutually beneficial. To facilitate communication and the exchange of information, the consortium has established a listserv and web site. Members have developed a union conspectus, rating their collecting intensity for specific subject and geographic areas. They have compiled a union list of holdings of Slavic and East European serials. The participants share information about the reliability of suppliers and sources of mate-

rials. Future plans include the distribution of cataloging responsibilities among member libraries.

Sarah Thomas (Cornell U) explained that the Global Resources Program grew out of concerns that acquisitions of global materials were declining. Three demonstration projects were aimed at improving access to research materials originating in Latin America, Japan and Germany. Of these three projects, the Latin Americanist Research Resources Project, which received funding from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and 35 participating ARL Libraries, is the most mature. Accomplishments of these demonstration projects include an online index of the tables of contents of academic journals from Argentina and Mexico and a web-based union list for the Japan Journal Access Project. Thomas pointed out that funding for retrospective conversion projects would improve access to materials held in the United States.

Grazyna Slanda (Harvard U) said that the East Coast Consortium was established in 1993 when its members began searching for a means of coping with declining federal monies and escalating costs for area studies materials. Thus far the primary focus of the consortium has been acquisitions and collection development, but participants have also found that sharing information about the reliability of exchanges and vendors is very useful. A web site for the consortium has been established, and the group has met with its West Coast counterparts at AAASS. While grant funding for preservation projects will be explored, Slanda pointed out that grant proposal writing could be very complex when more than one institution is involved. In the future the program hopes to address technical services issues. Like the other speakers, Slanda emphasized that the success of the program is dependent on the work of the participants and noted that currently human resources are stretched as institutions downsize and people take on additional responsibilities.

Deborah Jakubs (Duke U) emphasized the importance of communication between faculty and librarians, adding that the goal of cooperation is to expand access. While both informal and formal consortia can work well, the success of consortia hinges on the commitment of the participants. Jakubs noted that it is important

to balance the responsibilities of the partners so that everyone has a role; large institutions that are frequently called on to loan their materials may need to be compensated. In closing, Jakubs urged the audience to build on existing programs and to remember that even small gains accomplished by consortia are valuable.

Automated Bibliographic Control Committee (ABC), June 28, 1997, 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Nina Palmin (LC) presided in place of Tatiana Goerner Barr (Columbia U), chair, who could not be present. Committee members include Mieczyslaw (Mischa) Buczkowski (U of Oregon), Stephen Corrsin (NYU) and Nina Palmin (LC). The Minutes of the February 17, 1997 meeting were unanimously approved as presented.

Under Old Business, persons discussed the SEES FAQ handout, as prepared by Tatiana. Committee members and others are to send comments to Tatiana concerning its contents, etc. The Slavic Directory is still functioning and ultimately will become part of the SEES home page. The SEES home page “residency” and responsibility for its maintenance were discussed at length. A basis for discussion was the exchange of ideas from Tatiana and Alan Pollard (U of Michigan) which were e-mailed to present committee members. The Committee was asked about it, i.e., should it remain a responsibility of ABC, be given as a charge to a new, unnamed committee, or placed elsewhere in the ABC structure? Various opinions and justifications were offered, without a clear consensus of those present, and hence no resolution was made at this time.

Nina announced that a presentation about Cyrillic software concerns would be made at the committee’s meeting in Washington, DC, 1998.

The subject of the availability of Slavic resource materials in electronic format was discussed. Mention of a number of titles (journals, for example) was made; however, it was noted that on-line availability was limited in variety and timeliness.

It was noted that Patricia Thurston (U of Illinois/UC) (not present) had sent an e-mail of her concerns regarding Central Asian

cataloging matters to ABC members. In it she discussed two citations giving brief comments on each. Patricia was suggesting that such information might be included in the SEES FAQ. Interested parties might contact her.

Brad Schaffner and Cathy Zeljak reported on the recent Slavic workshop at the University of Illinois. Their comments chiefly addressed cataloging matters, e.g., out-sourcing, in-sourcing, using vendors' records, exporting records from national libraries, issue of quality cataloging vs. quantity, and the cataloging of web pages.

Under New Business, the Committee considered Tatiana's written suggestions that ABC have a stronger focus, and routinely have substantive reports (such as the one mentioned above for this summer). Attendees then discussed Alan's concerns regarding use of UNIMARC vs. USMARC and what is going to be the standard. It was noted that library administrations are not filling Slavic cataloging positions, and the persons present offered opinions on options: quantity vs. quality, out-sourcing quality, use of mid-level cataloging, backlogs of work, etc. It was suggested that SEES might consider doing research on these issues.

The matter of continuing/expanding work in the romanization of Cyrillic alphabets was discussed. After some discussion, it appeared the consensus was that the issue of expanding efforts in romanization was not warranted, and until there is a good software package available, to let existing transliterations handle it. It was noted, though, that for Oriental languages, there may be a continued need for romanization.

The meeting adjourned by mutual consent.

Program Planning Committee (1998) June 29, 1997, 8:00–9:00 a.m.

Bradley Schaffner (U of Kansas), chair, convened the meeting. He distributed a copy of the program proposal submitted to ACRL in May 1997. The 1998 conference program is entitled, "The Future of Area Studies Librarianship."

Discussion followed on ACRL's general acceptance of the proposal. Brad has met with ACRL administrators and officers and

expects to “fine tune” the proposal. The budget request is appropriate. Speakers and a moderator are tentatively in place and invitations to them are expected to be extended shortly.

Newsletter Committee, June 29, 1997, 9:30–11:00 a.m.

Sandra Levy (U of Chicago), chair, convened the meeting. Other Committee members are: Jane Scales (Washington State U), Susan Summer (Columbia U), Julie Swann (U of Nebraska), Allan Urbanic (U of California/B), Molly Molloy (Hoover Inst.) (not attending) and Patricia Thurston (U of Illinois/UC) (not attending).

Sandra distributed an agenda. Richard Fitzsimmons (Pennsylvania State U) read the Minutes of the Committee’s meeting, February 1997. Minutes were approved unanimously as read.

Sandra reviewed members’ assigned responsibilities and commented on new members’ expressed interests for assignments. The necessity of actively involving newcomers was stressed.

Allan distributed a financial report and reviewed it line-by-line. It was accepted as presented. The Section enjoys a sound financial condition.

Sandra commented on the Newsletter, issue #13 (1997), and reviewed assignments/schedule for issue #14 (1998). Patricia has resigned as Managing Editor. A replacement will be sought and names were solicited. Sandra suggested qualifications, and will followup on this matter. It was also mentioned that Molly is taking leave of ALA next year, but will continue to assist with the Newsletter.

The mailing of the Newsletter was discussed. Since SEES is pleased with the production of Berkeley Slavic Specialties and printer Gareth Perkins, it was decided to continue distribution from California.

The Committee gladly accepted Allan’s gracious offer to handle the mailing. Sandra solicited ideas for the cover of the 1998 Newsletter, and mentioned that she would be sending a revised listing of responsibilities for continuing and new members. There was no further business.

Preservation Committee, June 29, 1997, 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Nina Palmin (LC), chair, convened the meeting. Other committee members are: Tatiana Goerner Barr (Columbia U) (not attending), David Chroust (Texas A&M), Jared Ingersoll-Casey (Holocaust Museum) (not attending), and Richard Fitzsimmons (Pennsylvania State U).

Nina distributed an agenda, reviewed committee membership and announced names and affiliations of incoming committee members. She followed with a reading of the committee's charge.

The Minutes of the February 1997 meeting were unanimously approved as presented.

Nina announced that the Hoover Institution has received a NEH grant of \$190,000, with up to \$50,000 in matching funds for a two-year project to enhance preservation of and access to its Polish archival holdings. Nina also mentioned an upcoming conference on the promotion of permanent papers in Russia. The conference is being organized by The Library for Foreign Literature in Moscow to be convened in October 1997.

There was a brief discussion concerning the microfilming of newspaper collections, which was initially broached at the Midwinter '97 meeting. Attendees agreed that this issue is being addressed by other organizations and that SEES might best hold off committee action at this time.

Attendees discussed SEEMP and benefited from first-hand information on its status, initiatives, and operations offered by Allan Urbanic (U of California/B), SEEMP's chair. He commented on funding proposals it received this year, and noted SEEMP now has approximately 40 fee-paying members. CRL coordinates the distribution of grant monies after SEEMP revises and endorses proposals. SEES cannot submit a project proposal inasmuch as it is not a SEEMP member.

Nina noted that listings for grant agencies supporting SEES interests are available on existing listservs.

There was a brief discussion concerning the SEES home page, noting that a prototype exists without links at this time. Nina asked

for ideas to include on the home page and items suggested were SEEMP information, newspaper listservs, Slavcopy, etc.

Allan offered brief comments on the Bulgarian Library Association reception and information exchange of the previous evening. It was mentioned that the Bulgarian National Library is converting the national Bibliography (not the collection) in three stages: up to 1945, 1965–66 to date, and then 1945–1965. It will be a CD-ROM product. Additionally, the National Library is still receiving 20 depository copies of copyrighted material and using copies for exchange programs, though on a reduced postal budget.

Membership Committee Meeting, June 29, 1997, 6:00–6:30 p.m.

Cathy Zeljak (George Washington U), SEES chair, presided. The Minutes of the Membership Committee of July 7, 1996, were unanimously approved upon the motion of Sandra Levy (U of Chicago), seconded by Richard Fitzsimmons (Pennsylvania State U). Cathy announced that it was her last meeting as chair, and that at the conclusion of the San Francisco Conference, Brad Schaffner (U of Kansas) would accede to chair, Tatiana Goerner Barr (Columbia U) would assume the elective office of vice chair/chair elect and Joanna Dyla (Stanford U) would begin as member-at-large.

Sandra Levy, Newsletter chair, mentioned that Newsletter #13 (1997) was distributed this spring, and that Newsletter #14 (1998) was being organized, with assigned responsibilities being made among current and new SEES members who had expressed interest in being involved.

Brad Schaffner commented that committee assignments were nearly complete. He was able to accommodate all members interested in serving. He requested to be notified of any last minute additions/requests as soon as possible. He reviewed all committees.

Cathy Zeljak encouraged members to attend the SEES Executive Committee meeting on Monday. She noted the importance of discussing the placement of responsibility for electronic resources either: a) within the Automated Bibliographic Control (ABC) com-

mittee, b) by establishing a new committee, or c) by tying it to an existing committee other than ABC.

Brad commented on the status of the 1998 program, "Future of Area Studies Librarianship." He noted ACRL approval in principle and reviewed likely speakers.

In response to Wojciech Zalewski's (Stanford U) query, there was a brief discussion on the possible impact on the Newsletter with the development of the SEES home page. Sandra Levy responded that the Newsletter was too extensive to place in full on the home page, and that it would be rather difficult to do so, as well. The consensus seemed to be that the impact would be negligible at this time, and that the matter could be revisited, if needed.

Cathy expressed the continuing concern that greater attendance is desired at the Membership meeting and solicited ideas on how to achieve that goal. Various scheduling approaches have been tried without positive results. It was suggested that the two most promising approaches might be: a) hold it immediately following the annual conference program offering and in the same location, or b) combine the Membership meeting and the Executive Committee meeting. This latter option makes particular sense, since the audience and concerns are identical, and both meetings are "open." An added benefit would be the elimination of one meeting from a busy schedule.

Under Other Business, Cathy mentioned that immediately following the Membership meeting all were invited to a reception for SEES and WESS members, hosted by Norman Ross.

Continuing Education Committee, June 30, 1997, 9:30–11:00 a.m.

Julie Swann (U of Nebraska), chair, presided. Minutes of the February 1997 meeting were unanimously approved, as printed. Julie reviewed committee membership and indicated that additional members might be appointed to the Committee by Brad Schaffner.

As a follow-up to Patricia Thurston's presentation on mentoring at the Mid-Winter meeting, Julie received approximately seven responses to her query regarding mentoring. The majority of respondents indicated a willingness to serve as mentors.

Allan Urbanic then gave a report on U of California/B's mentoring program and his involvement with it. He pointed out that it dealt with the Berkeley system, rather than library professional concerns. It was an informal program, offered to all newly appointed librarians, as well as to non-recent hires who desired more extensive, specific information in dealing with the system. Allan made the point that the mentoring program augmented the basic new-hires orientation, rather than replacing it. The program was confidential and objective in all respects, and mentors were not part of a mentee's supervisory structure. The major emphases of the program were: a) how to effectively interact with the library system, and b) how to positively negotiate the promotion peer review process. The mentor also provided assistance in formal grievance procedures, if such routes were pursued. Grievances were also addressed by union representation. Allan concluded by mentioning that all new hires were advised to secure a mentor.

If SEES were to establish a mentoring program, the point was made that it would be impossible to provide job-specific information to mentees, due to varying employer requirements. However, subject/contact-specific information in Slavic studies, e.g., acquisitions, cataloging, publication options, etc., would be a worthwhile endeavor.

In order to alert possible mentees to the establishment of a mentoring program, Cathy Zeljak proposed that SEES send a general letter to people not on established e-mail lists announcing the service; Joanna Dyla suggested including notice to all new SEES members, and to non-SEES, new Slavic hires in libraries; Brad Schaffner suggested announcing it in AAASS' newsletter, as well as WESS' newsletter. In a related matter, in order to secure more mentors, sending individual letters to the directors of medium and small-sized libraries with Slavic strengths was suggested. It was mentioned that another approach might be to contact vendors who deal in Slavic materials for possible leads to libraries which routinely purchase from them. Brad volunteered to explore this avenue. In conclusion, Julie agreed to draft a letter on the mentoring program, with assistance from Jane Scales and Joanna.

Julie asked for ideas for future "informal" committee presentations at the mid-winter and annual conferences. Joanna responded with the idea of sessions on bibliographic control, authority records, exchange of bibliographic records, UNIMARC, etc. The possibility of a speaker from the Library of Congress was advanced, stressing our need for a general presentation, rather than for a specifically technical one. Any further ideas are to be sent to Julie.

Executive Committee, June 30, 1997, 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Cathy Zeljak (George Washington U), chair, presided, distributing an agenda.

Bernard Fradkin, ACRL representative, was a special guest and brought greetings from ACRL. He explained the impending increase in funding to SEES, and the revision in division/section free/fee membership selection. A discussion ensued on possible impact on SEES membership statistics and avenues of redress within the Association.

The Minutes of the February 17, 1997 meeting were unanimously approved, as printed, upon the motion of Brad Schaffner, seconded by Sandra Levy.

Cathy announced the election of Tatiana Goerner Barr as vice-chair/chair-elect, and Joanna Dyla as member-at-large. Brad distributed a committee membership listing and reviewed its status. He commented about the decline in total Section membership and its impact on the pool for committee assignments.

Committee reports:

1. Automated Bibliographic Control Committee, Nina Palmin, substituting for Tatiana Goerner Barr, chair; the Committee's main discussion centered on the SEES home page.

2. Continuing Education Committee, Julie Swann, chair; the chief item of discussion was the mentoring project.

3. Newsletter Committee, Sandra Levy, chair; Patricia Thurston has resigned as Managing Editor, and Sandra has a person in mind

for the position. Further, she expects reassignments of responsibilities, spread among existing and newly appointed personnel.

4. Preservation Committee, Nina Palmin, chair; discussion centered on the proposed SEES home page.

5. Program Committee, Cathy Zeljak reported on a successful 1997 program, entitled "Slavic Area Studies: Consortia and Cooperative Ventures." Approximately 35 persons attended. Brad Schaffner, 1998 program chair, offered comments on the status of plans for next year's program, "Future of Area Studies Librarianship."

Brad reported on his attendance at the ACRL Leadership Council. He mentioned revisions in funding and members' free/fee selection. He noted that ACRL's strategic plan was not discussed.

Due to a scheduling conflict, Julie Swann was unable to attend the Continuing Education Assembly, and likewise for Brad's attendance at the President's Program. He mentioned that ALA President Barbara Ford's theme is "Libraries: Global Reach, Local Touch." Brad also commented that ALA is planning to publish a book in honor of Barbara Ford's presidency and that he has volunteered to write a chapter on "Russian library programs."

Cathy updated the SEES component of ACRL's strategic plan in 1996, and Brad did it for 1997, assuring that SEES is in concert with the ACRL master plan.

Cathy Zeljak distributed a handout on current and past comparative membership statistics. Review of data followed with suggestions and/or concerns expressed over declining membership.

There was an extended discussion on the SEES home page. The consensus was that it would be prudent to connect it to ACRL. To that end, Cathy announced the formation of the Electronic Resources Task Force which will serve on an ad hoc basis to the Executive Committee. Initial task force membership is composed of Sandra Levy, Julie Swann, Allan Urbanic, Cathy Zeljak, and possibly additional volunteers. Julie Swann has agreed to maintain the web page at the University of Nebraska, and she will contact Hugh Thompson (ACRL) for information. The Task Force is to present a report on the Mid-Winter conference in New Orleans, January 1998.

Under Other Business, Richard Fitzsimmons proposed that the

recitation of the various Minutes no longer take place. The rationale is that they are printed and mailed to all members of SEES. In addition, they are distributed electronically to all members of the Executive Committee, and each committee chair is responsible for sharing them with committee members. Further, the secretary will have print copies available, if needed, at the mid-winter and annual meetings, at which time they will be formally ratified by voice vote in their final form (amended/revise, if needed).

There was no further business.

ALA MIDWINTER CONFERENCE, NEW ORLEANS, JANUARY 1998, ACRL, SLAVIC AND EAST EUROPEAN SECTION

Program Planning Committee (1998), January 11, 1998, 8:00–9:00 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Jared Ingersoll-Casey (Ohio State U)

Brad Schaffner (U of Kansas), chair, called the meeting to order. Committee members present were Brad Schaffner, Mischa Buczkowski (U of Oregon), Joanna Dyla (Stanford U), David Chroust (Texas A&M) and Jared Ingersoll-Casey (Ohio State). The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Brad reported on the status of participants for the Conference Program: Maria Carlson, U of Kansas, is confirmed. James Neal, Johns Hopkins U Libraries, is also confirmed. Nancy Schmidt, Indiana U, will be unable to attend. She will send a short paper summarizing the IU conferences to be read at the program. Brad has contacted another speaker and a discussant. Both have expressed their willingness to participate if other conflicts can be resolved to free up their schedules. The Committee may have to come up with another speaker. The Director of the U of Kansas Libraries may be a possibility, but Brad would prefer to limit the KU presence on the panel.

Revised statement: Schaffner charged the Committee to revise the

program statement and return comments by the end of the coming week via e-mail. Points to consider for this revision: ACRL wants sections to tie programs to the theme: "Facing the millennium: the value of electronic information." Is this program valuable in this light?

Continuing Education Committee, January 11, 1998, 9:30–11:00 a.m.
Minutes recorded by Nina Palmin (LC)

Julie Swann (U of Nebraska) chaired the meeting. An agenda was distributed and minutes from the previous meeting were approved as posted. The attendees were introduced.

Progress on the mentoring program was reviewed. It was decided that a letter describing the program would be sent to new SEES members and to library directors, who could forward the letter to appropriate staff. The draft letter was distributed for discussion. Information from the SEES brochure was used as the basis of the letter. The letter was redrafted. Editing will be continued by e-mail. It was anticipated that the letter would be completed shortly and might be sent out with new member letters. Other ideas discussed were to send the letter to library school students, compile a mailing list using the AAASS guide to programs, look into mailing the letter out with publishers' catalogs, use ACRL mailing labels, compile a mailing list using the AATSEL directory.

Possible speakers for the summer meeting were discussed.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned.

Newsletter Committee, January 11, 1998, 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Minutes recorded by Julie Swann (U of Nebraska)

Sandra Levy (U of Chicago), editor, opened the meeting. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written. Sandra introduced herself and the members of the committee. In addition to Sandra, members are: Sara Seten Berghausen (U of Chicago), Jane Scales (Washington State U) (not attending), Susan Summer (Co-

lumbia U), Julie Swann (U of Nebraska), Patricia Thurston (U of Illinois/UC), Terri Tickle (U of Illinois/UC) (not attending), Kay Sinnema (Duke U) (not attending) and Allan Urbanic (U of California/B) (not attending).

Sandra presented the financial report for Allan Urbanic, noting that Allan had given the report orally at the summer conference. Currently the Newsletter continues to have a solid financial balance.

Sandra opened with reports from the Newsletter sections. Those members of the committee who were present reported on the progress of their sections. Sandra reported for members who had contacted her but could not attend the meeting. Information about retirements, deaths, etc., will be included in a new section, "Transitions." David Chroust (Texas A&M) has written an article on an ethnic library in Cleveland for the "Libraries in Profile" section.

The deadline for submission to Julie Swann is February 15th.

Sandra distributed a style sheet and added that copies of the sheet would be sent to absent contributors.

Sandra asked if anyone had illustrations, perhaps from an exhibit, for the cover.

Sandra will ask Allan if copies of the SEES brochure could be included with the newsletter when it is mailed. If so, she will let Cathy know how many brochures are needed.

Preservation Committee, Jan. 11, 1998, 2:00–4:00 p.m.
Minutes recorded by Nina Palmin (LC)

Nina Palmin (LC) chaired the meeting. Committee members, Jared Ingersoll-Casey (Ohio State U), David Chroust (Texas A&M), Brad Schaffner (U of Kansas) and Nicolleta Hary were present. Grazyna Slanda (Harvard U) was absent. Nina distributed an agenda, introduced members and reviewed the Committee's charge. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as posted.

Possible speakers for the Preservation meeting at the annual conference were considered.

The Committee agreed to develop a fact sheet that would contain information on possible granting agencies which could be linked to the SEES home page.

The Committee decided to solicit a summary from the quality of paper seminar of the previous year.

The meeting adjourned by mutual consent.

Electronic Resources Task Force, Jan. 11, 1998, 4:30–5:30 p.m.
Minutes recorded by Cathy Zeljak (George Washington U)

Members of the Task Force are: Cathy Zeljak, chair, Sandra Levy (U of Chicago) and Julie Swann (U of Nebraska). All were in attendance.

The task force members and others in attendance agreed that the SEES home page should be considered permanent. With this established, the group discussed who might maintain the page. Julie Swann, who created and currently maintains the page, volunteered to continue this responsibility. Julie also announced that the SEES page is now linked to the ALA/ACRL page.

The group also discussed the scope of the page, how it will be updated and organized and how maintenance responsibilities will be passed from one person to the next. Several suggestions were made, including letting committees maintain their own links, adding committee minutes to the page, adding pointers to other Russian East European Studies home pages, adding links to granting agencies in REES, adding links to IFLA, Gabriel and the UN. The task force members decided that the Chair should ask the SEES Executive Committee for suggestions on how the page might be organized and maintained and what additional information might be included. Julie Swann agreed to bring examples of other home pages to the next Task Force meeting. Cathy Zeljak agreed to try to create a bibliography on conditions of Eastern European libraries.

The group then discussed whether or not the Task Force should become a permanent committee. All in attendance agreed that the Task Force should continue as a standing SEES committee.

The size of the task force was discussed. It was decided that three members is sufficient for now.

It was announced that at the Annual Conference, the Electronic Task Force meeting would be scheduled at the same time as the Executive Committee. To avoid this conflict, the group agreed to hold an informal meeting at a different time. The Chair will send out a notice over Slavlibs announcing when the Task Force will meet.

With all in agreement, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30.

Program Planning Committee (1999), Jan. 12, 1998, 8:00–9:00 a.m.
Minutes recorded by Tatiana Barr (Columbia U)

The meeting was attended by Tatiana Barr (Columbia U), chair, David Chroust (Texas A&M), Inna Gudanets (Standord U) and Gordon Anderson (U of Kansas).

A handout that included information from ACRL about preparing programs, lists of previous SEES programs and AAASS panels was distributed. The chair pointed out the need to consider schedule, budget and ACRL support. This year ACRL's topic is: "Leadership and learning."

The Committee discussed possible topics for the program, but discussion focused on exploring the impact of American librarianship on libraries in the former Soviet Union through the various programs and agencies that are in place—Mortensen, Soros, IREX, etc.

Tatiana suggested the program consist of a panel of four speakers without a discussant; leaving time for questions at the end. It seemed that this type of program would be timely since ALA is emphasizing globalization. It was agreed that the next steps included developing pools of possible speakers and libraries of interest. Assignments were made to investigate possibilities. Tatiana will draft a 150 word proposal and submit it to the Committee.

Automated Bibliographic Control Committee (ABC), Jan. 12, 1998, 9:30–11:00 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Tatiana Barr (Columbia U)

Committee members are: Tatiana Barr (Columbia U), chair; Darla B. Carras (U of Pittsburgh), Inna Gudanets (Stanford U), Kristin M. Johnson (Harvard U), Marek Sroka (U of Illinois/UC), Mary M. Strouse (Independent) and Patricia Thurston (U of Illinois/UC). Tatiana Barr, chair, presided.

After new members were introduced to the Committee, the meeting was primarily devoted to old business—the Slavic cataloging FAQ. There was a strong feeling that this project should be completed as quickly as possible. The main interest was the question of Cyrillic software. Although several attendees had Cyrillic fonts mounted and were using them, the group felt it might still be of interest to have someone give an overview of the issue at the next ABC meeting at the ALA Annual Conference. Patricia Thurston recommended Terri Tickle (U of Illinois/UC) and Jared Ingersoll-Casey (Ohio State U) also volunteered. In addition, a series of workshops on “Russian resources on the Internet” and “Cyrillic support: problems and solutions,” has been announced by Yakov Shraiberg of ILIAC. If any SEES members are able to attend the workshops they might report on them to ABC.

The Committee discussed the issue of a separate listserv for Slavic cataloging, but again the consensus was that Slavlibs is adequate and catalogers should be encouraged to use it. Slavic cataloging questions are also discussed on Autocat.

Executive Committee, Jan. 12, 1998, 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Sandra Levy (U of Chicago)

Brad Schaffner (U of Kansas), SEES chair, presided. Attendants of the meeting introduced themselves. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed in the Newsletter.

Mary Hollerich (Northwestern U) from RUSA/MOUSS (Reference and User Services Association/Management and Operation of User Services Section) described a pilot ILL project. They are trying to expand and quicken response time for International ILL between U.S. libraries and several libraries in Moscow and St. Petersburg. The plan is for participating libraries to provide each other with free journal article delivery.

Eventually RUSA hopes to enhance the program by bringing ARIEL capability to fax articles to the Russian libraries. Brad expressed concern that the Russian libraries might not have the technical facilities to fulfill their commitments. Hollerich mentioned that they were having difficulties getting U.S. libraries to participate.

Libraries here have been concerned that they would get overwhelmed with requests for English materials. She also mentioned they had been concentrating their efforts on libraries on the east coast.

Committee Reports:

1. 1999 Program Planning Committee. Tatiana Barr (Columbia U), chair. While the ACRL theme for that year is "Leadership and Learning" they are not concerned about sections choosing other topics. The Committee is considering exploring how the changes in Eastern Europe have impacted on libraries there.

2. Automated Bibliographic Control, Tatiana Barr, chair, reported that they are planning on speakers to give overviews about Cyrillic software at the summer meeting.

3. Continuing Education, Julie Swann (U of Nebraska), chair, said that they worked on a revision of a letter announcing the mentoring program to go to Directors of Libraries with large Slavic collections as well as to Library Schools.

4. Electronic Resources Task Force, Cathy Zeljak (George Washington U), chair, reported that the meeting discussed the nature of the Home Page and the makeup of an oversight committee. It was felt that a permanent standing committee was needed to provide review and continuity on our Web access. The task force will work on a proposal with a charge, goals, and committee size recommendation to be presented for approval at the summer meeting. Brad

was uncertain of the timing for the task force meeting at summer ALA, so the task force will do most of the work via e-mail before and meet informally at the conference. The informal meeting will be announced on Slavlibs so interested people may attend.

5. Newsletter Committee, Sandra Levy (U of Chicago), chair and editor, explained that ALA Midwinter was so early this year that the Committee has not yet finished compiling information, reviewed where everyone stood and concluded that the collection of information is going apace.

6. Preservation Committee, Nina Palmin (LC), chair, reported that the Committee has no current projects. The Chair is uncertain of future directions for the Committee, but is planning a speaker at this summer's ALA.

7. 1998 Program Planning Committee, Brad Schaffner (U of Kansas), chair, reported that plans for this summer's program are nearly complete. The topic is "Area Studies Librarianship." Speakers include James Neal (Johns Hopkins), Maria Carlson (U of Kansas), a representative from the Department of Education and Deborah Jakubs (Duke) as discussant.

Brad discussed section meeting times for this summer's ALA. We need three days to fit all our meetings in without overlap. The group preferred Sat/Sun/Mon. over Sun/Mon/Tues.

ACRL/ALA meetings. Tatiana, as chair-elect, attended the Leadership Council and Town meeting. The meeting consisted mostly of an opportunity for the dissemination of facts. ALA wants to use the programs to promote professional development hoping this will encourage conference attendance. ALA is also planning a preconference on the Wednesday before ALA on Leadership Advocacy.

The Activities Section discussed how the sections can implement ACRL's strategic plan for 2000. It was noted that while ACRL provides two sets of mailing labels, we only use one, and if we needed more than one additional set, it would be available.

Brad is on ALA's International Relations Committee and attended their meeting. He noted that Barbara Ford has used her ALA presidency to highlight International Relations. There is a plan to bring librarians from all over the world to Washington, DC for

the summer conference, including approximately 30 from Eastern Europe. ALA is looking for volunteers to help.

SEES membership statistics were reviewed by Brad. Membership is fairly steady with a few additional personal members. Brad is about to mail out welcome letters to the new members. The advisability of sending letters to non-renewing members was discussed. Brad will send a congratulatory letter to NYPL's director regarding the Slavic and Baltic Divisions' 100th anniversary.

Bernie Fradkin (DuPage C) from the ACRL Board, attended part of the meeting and mentioned how the Board is interested in Section activities and wishes to support us. He brought a copy of the ACRL proposed guidelines for extended library services and asked the section for input. He promoted attendance at the 1999 ACRL conference to be held in Detroit.

ACRL's budget allocations are based on membership. We get \$500 for various expenses, above and beyond added conference monies and Newsletter money. ACRL also has \$15,000 for grants between \$500–2500 for creative activities.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

29TH NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SLAVIC STUDIES, SEATTLE, NOV. 20–22, 1997

Library and Archive Related Panels

South Slavic Publishing in the Nineties and the Challenge of Maintaining North American Research Library Collections

Chair: Wojceich Zalewski, Stanford U

Papers: Janet Crayne, U of Michigan; Tatjana Lorković Yale U;

Milan M. Radovich U of Wisconsin

Discussant: Michael Biggins, U of Washington

Downsizing and Brief Cataloging and Their Effects on Slavic Library Collections (Round table)

Chair: James Weinheimer, Princeton U

Participants: Darla Carras, U of Pittsburgh; Jurij Dobczansky, LC; Leon Ferder, UCLA; Wojciech Siemaszkiewicz, NYPL; Mary Stevens, U of Toronto

Indexing Sources in Slavic Studies: Construction and Access

Chair: Alena Aissing, U of Florida

Papers: Robert Burger, U of Illinois/UC; Karen Rondestvedt, U of Pittsburgh; Teresa Tickle, U of Illinois/UC

Discussant: E. Willis Brooks, U of N Carolina/Chapel Hill

Electronic Resources for Slavic Studies: Their Value for Researchers and Librarians

Chair: Miranda Beaven Remnek, U of Minnesota

Papers: Murlin Croucher, Indiana U; Izabella Tomljanovich, Dickinson C; Ruth Wallach, U of Southern California

Discussants: David J. Birnbaum, U of Pittsburgh; Karen Rondestvedt, U of Pittsburgh

Universal Standards for Cataloging with Slavic Applications

Chair: Janet Crayne, U of Michigan

Papers: Jurij Dobczansky, LC; David L. Richtmyer, U of Michigan; Susan C. Summer, Columbia U

Discussants: Ruth Wallach, U of Southern California; Natasha Lyandres, East Carolina U

Building Slavic Collections for the 21st Century: Purchase or Exchange? (Round table)

Chair: Michael Neubert, LC

Participants: Michael Biggins, U of Washington; Stephen D. Corrsin, Columbia U; June Pachuta Farris, U of Chicago; Eric Johnson, LC; Larry Miller, U of Illinois/UC

Boon or Bane?—or Both? The Impact of Electronic Resources on Slavic Studies

Chair: Gregory C. Ference, Salisbury State U

Papers: Gordon B. Anderson, U of Kansas; Michael Neubert, LC; Bradley L. Schaffner, U of Kansas

Discussants: Mary Stuart, U of Illinois/UC; Allan Urbanic, U of California/B

The Future of Book Publishing in Slavic Studies (Round table)

Chair: Susan Lynn McEachern, Rowan & Littlefield Publ.

Participants: Jonathan Brent, Yale U Press; Michael Yorke Holdsworth, Cambridge U Press; Patricia Ann Kolb, Sharpe Publ; Janet Rabinowitch, Indiana U Press

Know Before You Go: Improved Preparation Strategies for Library and Archival Research Abroad

Chair: Ellen Scaruffi, Columbia U

Papers: Patricia K. Grimsted, Harvard U; Harold M. Leich, LC; Patricia K. Thurston, U of Illinois/UC

Discussant: Cynthia J. Buckley, U of Texas/Austin

Bibliography & Documentation Committee

Minutes submitted by Molly Molloy (Hoover Institution)

Committee members: Karen Rondestvedt, Chair (U of Pittsburgh), Janet Crayne (U of Michigan), Kurt Engelmann (U of Washington), Tatjana Lorković (Yale), Molly Molloy (Hoover Institution), Bradley Schaffner (U of Kansas), Aaron Trehub (U of Illinois/UC)

The Committee met on November 23rd from 8:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m., and again from 10:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m. Karen Rondestvedt chaired both meetings.

Session 1: 8:00–10:00 a.m.

Marianna Tax Choldin (U of Illinois/UC) asked that we spend a minute in silence to honor David Kraus, our colleague who served many years in the European Division of the Library of Congress, who died on October 27th.

I. New developments from vendors (alphabetical order)

Cathy Porter (East View Publications), spoke of their efforts to improve access to even more titles. They have more than 60,000 periodical titles, 40 on-line journals, adding one title a week on average. Their on-line catalog has more than 200,000 titles. They are not increasing their prices this year. There is a 30% discount for book orders. They are working on electronic options and audio-visual services, including a multi-title database, and full-text articles.

Alex Kershteyn (MIPP) said that things are improving in Russia for books, though it is still difficult. They have nine full-scale offices, and cover all republics except for Armenia and Tajikistan, and all languages. Materials are sent from individual republics, which saves the patrons money.

Norman Ross (Norman Ross Publishing) stated that his company can film whatever they want from the Russian National Library (St. Petersburg). They now have an agreement with BAN for a preservation program, starting with the manuscript collections. They will also be filming at the State Historical Library, including the card catalog on World War II. They have a camera at MGU, and hope to make microfiche of 25,000 manuscript collections. They are also working at the University of Warsaw, National Library in Minsk (filming literature and periodicals), the National Library of Lithuania (doing a newspaper project with LC), and will market films of the National Library of Poland's collections. They are working with U of California/B to publish microfilm of their Russian emigre literature collection, including both serials and books. They will also be filming archival materials from the Rodina Museum in northern New Jersey, and will be publishing microfilm of NYPL's Russian military and emigre material. They are now managing the U of

Toronto's project to film West Ukrainian newspapers, begun by Luba Pendzey, now retired. They are also filming in Kharkov and Warsaw.

Russian Press Service distributed their report on publishing in Russia, which they presented at the Slavic Librarians' Workshop last summer. They then gave their time to Natalia Perova, editor of GLAS. She helps publish the works of little known people, and stressed the need for us to support smaller publishers. Publishers, such as Vagrius and Terra, make money from commercial books and series.

II. Reports on Activities of Consortia

June Pachuta Farris (U of Chicago) reported on the CIC (Committee on Institutional Cooperation), who now have a mini-listserv. They jointly purchased the *opisi* of the Chadwyck Healy/Hoover film of the Communist Party Archives.

Wojciech Zalewski (Stanford U) spoke of the homepage of PACSLAV, the Pacific Coast Slavic and East European Library Consortium, which can be found at:

<http://www.library.berkeley.edu/Collections/Slavic/pacslav>.

They will be adding a union list of serials for their libraries in six months, beginning with Stanford's holdings and linking to the Northeast Consortium.

Nina Gorky Shapiro, East Coast Consortium, now has a home page (<http://www.princeton.edu/~nshapiro/eastconsrt.html>), and will add a union list of serials. They will link to PACSLAV.

III. Reports from sub-committees and SEEMP

A. Collection Development Subcommittee

June Pachuta Farris is the new chair. The handbook of the group (32 pages) is in the final stages. They are looking for a volunteer to index it. It will be published by Russian Press Service. Future activities depend on what B&D suggests/assigns. Perhaps they could

collect statistics on acquisitions or compile a union list of acquisitions.

June suggested that we have a home page for B&D, which would have information on subcommittees. It could also provide access to papers from conferences and for the directory of Slavic librarians (more on this later).

B. SEEMP (Slavic and East European Microfilming Project)

Allan Urbanic (U of California/B) reported that procedural issues were discussed yesterday—election of members (2 new ones soon), the process of evaluating proposals, and the financial report. A call was issued for proposals by March 1st. Four projects were accepted in last year's round: 1) Ukrainian collection from the University of Toronto; 2) South Slavic newspapers and the weekly *Oslobodjenje*; 3) LC's Russian revolutionary newspapers; 4) 1990–1994 *Oslobodjenje* (daily) from Belgrade. URL:

<http://www.crl.uchicago.edu/seemp.htm>

C. ABSEES (*American Bibliography of Slavic and East European Studies*)

Maria G. Nowak (e-mail: mgnowak@uiuc.edu) is the new editor, the only person now on salary. She is assisted by Aaron Trehub (consulting capacity), and Marianna Tax Choldin (executive editor). The immediate goal is the last print edition, 1994, due at the end of February. It will be published by M.E. Sharpe. The on-line bibliography is “picking up” and changing from Pro-Cite (Mac-based) to PageMaker. The web version will be enhanced, hopefully including non-print materials such as microfilm and audio-visual materials. Aaron asked for contributing editor volunteers, and will have an on-line form for contributions. In the next 12–18 months they hope to have links to web sites, full texts of articles, so it will be more of a teaching tool. There are now 46 subscribing institutions, including U.S., Canada, U.K., Denmark, Germany and the Czech Republic. There is free access in Russia and they hope to provide this for all of the CIS and Eastern Europe. The *European Bibliography of Slavic and East European Studies* will not be on-line for at least 12–18 months. They would like to be compatible with *ABSEES*.

IV. Soros News

Marianna Tax Choldin, Chair of the International Board of the Network Library Program previously known as the Regional Library Program, discussed the international staff and focus of the program. In 1996 more than 3 million dollars were spent, not including one million in matching funds, on a variety of projects, including library automation, training, preservation and access, conference travel, and collection development. The 1997 budget has a base of \$3.5 million and more can be obtained. The RFP (request for proposals) has a deadline of early January. Mr. Soros decided to devote up to \$500 million for new projects after his tour last month, including help for Russian publishers. Romania is his next target. The homepage is:

<http://www.osi.hu/rlp/home.html>. Money is always needed to continue projects. Most matching funds come from sources not connected to Soros.

V. Panel Suggestions for 1998 Convention in Boca Raton:

“Collecting of non-book materials: films, music, CD-ROMs, etc.”

Contact: Wojciech Zalewski: zalewski@leland.stanford.edu

“SGML and Electronic Texts for Slavic Studies.” Discussion of XML, SGML projects in coordination with TEI (Text Encoding Initiative), etc. Contact: Miranda Beaven Remnek:

m-remn@tc.um.edu

“New Models in Technical Processing and Slavic Collections.”

Contact: Steve Corrsin: sdcl6@columbia.edu

“Role of Book Fairs for Librarians.” Contact: Karen Rondestvedt rondest+@pitt.edu

“Funding panel—how to defend your book budget, funding sources crisis.” Contact: Larry Miller: larrymil@uiuc.edu

“Retrospective conversion—getting funding for Slavic retro, etc.” Contact: Misha Harnick: harnick@columbia.edu

“Libraries and AAASS: History of Collections 1945–1995.”
Contact: June Pachuta Farris: jpf3@midway.uchicago.edu

“60th anniversary of the death of Mandelstam.” Discussing his archive at Princeton. Contact Nina Gorky Shapiro:
nshapiro@princeton.edu

“The 100th anniversary of Slavic and Baltic Division, NYPL” was discussed as a possible panel.

VI. Discussion of Hugh Olmsted’s bibliography-in-process

Hugh is compiling a bibliography of bibliographies for Russian studies. His database, which has more than 3,600 records, is Mac-based, using Filemaker Pro. He has received support from IREX and Harvard, where he is based. The bibliography covers many fields and includes books, articles, databases, utilizing holdings from the Russian National Library (St. Petersburg) and Harvard. The Russian project coordinator is Boris Kardin. The final product is to be available to all, as a book and a CD-ROM or on the web, with subject and keyword access. It will include Harvard call numbers, parallel alphabets, fixed fields and will be grouped by subject. Hugh asked for suggestions on how to define Russian studies for this project. It was suggested that he include areas hard to find in a broader way, and also that it be inclusive.

Session 2: 10:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

This session began with a minute of silence honoring David Kraus, our recently deceased colleague at the Library of Congress, suggested by Marianna Tax Choldin.

I. Brief announcements

Sandra Levy (U of Chicago) reminded people that the deadline for the ALA *SEES Newsletter* is January 1st for inclusion in the annual spring newsletter.

Larry Miller mentioned that *Slavic Review* will begin publishing a reference books column again, beginning with the September issue. Suggestions of significant works to review can be sent to him: larrymil@uiuc.edu.

Tanja Lorković mentioned that Yale's fifth Slavic intern, Oksana Zavalina from Ukraine, will be leaving in December. She is from the Parliamentary Library in Kiev. Tanja hopes to have more interns in the future. Yale has also purchased the Comintern Archives, recently published on microfiche by IDC, covering 1917–1940. This will be available through interlibrary loan.

IRES funding is allowing Eric Johnson (LC), Mike Neubert (LC) and Tanja Lorković to hold acquisitions workshops for librarians in northwestern Russia in May for 2 weeks.

Alan Pollard (U of Michigan) sent word through Janet Crayne that their university has purchased an important new Armenian collection, the personal collection of Abaciyán (1924–1989), the late head librarian and archivist of the Armenian Patriarchate in Istanbul. It will be processed in the next year or so. Records will be on OCLC.

Wojciech Zalewski spoke of the Saroyan collection recently acquired by Stanford.

Pat Grimsted stated that the Russian edition of her Archives guide is out now. The English version (to be published by M.E. Sharpe) will be out soon. The web site for ArcheoBiblioBase is: <http://www.iisg.nl/~abb>. (It is based in Amsterdam.)

Marianna Tax Choldin spoke of the Mortenson fellows, including many from the former CIS. She introduced two Russian Mortenson fellows attending this meeting.

Misha Harnick (Columbia U) expressed concern about funding of Slavic recon. Some people brought up the previous conferences and resulting projects funded by Title VIII. Organizational funding is necessary. It was suggested that a survey could again be conducted to ascertain how much has already been converted. Molly Molloy offered to send her a copy of the ALA SEES survey of 1991. The necessity of first securing outside funding was stressed. The Library of Congress will take 12–15 years to clean up its huge

Pre-MARC file, and put it into MARC, then into RLIN and OCLC. Approximately 25% is already completed.

II. More Reports from sub-committees

Access to Research Materials (Ellen Scaruffi, Columbia U)

Ellen reported that the committee meeting this year was well attended. The committee is organizing a panel for next year's convention, and would also like to have panels on other countries (besides Russia). She mentioned the serious problems of Russian archives, which Arch Getty discussed in a recent *Newsnet*, among other places.

She asked for ideas on archival access and how to disseminate information, like Harry's paper (presented this morning) on "Know Before You Go." Allan Urbanic offered to put papers on Slavlibs. June offered to post such papers on the future web site of B&D. Pat Grimsted's paper will soon be published in *Slavic Review*. IREX wants to publish papers and put them on their web site. Pat Grimsted published an article on "Displaced Archives and Restitution Problems in the Aftermath of the Second World War" in *Contemporary European History*, v.6, no.1, March 1997. The IISG has also published Grimsted's "Russia Five Years After" as a research paper; it is available through the web site:
<http://www.iisg.nl/publuk.html#new>.

Collection Development Subcommittee (June Pachuta Farris)

June would like to set up a web page for B&D, hopefully by next spring, to be mounted on the Web Site of AAASS:
<http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~aaass>. She will investigate protocol and coordinate this. Such a web page could include an historical file (B&D minutes, now published in the *SEES Newsletter*), papers from conferences, links to consortia, etc.

III. Slavic Librarian Directory

Molly Molloy will be responsible for the updating and maintenance of a new edition of the International Slavic Librarians Directory, which is now on the LC web site. It has been edited by David Kraus and Harry Leich. It was suggested that it move to a Stanford web site, and eventually to the new B&D site, as this project was initially begun by this committee. Molly will be contacting people for updated information. She will begin with updating the sections on the U.S. and Canada. Contributions will be appreciated! (molloy@hoover.stanford.edu)

II. Reports

NEWS FROM THE U.S. AND CANADA

Kay Sinnema (Duke University), Jane Scales (Washington State University)

ABSEES Update

Maria Gorecki-Nowak has accepted the position of ABSEES Managing Editor. Maria has extensive experience in the Slavic and East European Studies field. She has degrees in Germanic languages and literatures from Earlham College and New York University and an M.L.S. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She is fluent in Polish and German, and has a strong working knowledge of Russian and French. Her article "The History of the Jagiellonian Library" appeared in the Winter 1997 issue of *Libraries and Culture*.

The collaboration between ABSEES and the Paris-based *European Bibliography of Slavic and East European Studies* (EBSEES) continues. In 1996, programmers at the University of Illinois developed a WWW prototype of the European bibliography, using a sample set of 500 records from the 1991 edition:

<http://carousel.lis.uiuc.edu/~ebsees/search.html>.

Since then, the French national research foundation—the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, or CNRS—has entered the picture. The libraries and networks division of the CNRS, based in Grenoble, has developed its own WWW prototype of the European bibliography. Starting in 1997, the EBSEES programming effort will shift from UIUC to the CNRS, although the Illinois option remains

open if it should be needed. The goal is eventually to combine the two bibliographies, or to provide simultaneous access to them via a Z39.50 gateway.

In the short term, the focus will be on enhancing the quality and currency of ABSEES records (by adding links to related WWW sites, for example) and marketing the bibliography more aggressively. In the longer term, a network of contributing editors will be established. This will involve two things: recruiting contributing editors from among Slavic librarians and scholars in the field, and developing a user-friendly WWW-based data-entry screen that they can use to create and submit bibliographic records from their own place of work. The first phase—recruitment—will happen in 1997–1998, while the second phase—developing the data-entry screen—will begin in 1998.

A long-standing goal has been the creation of a comprehensive international online bibliography in our field. The development of an easy-to-use mechanism for creating and submitting bibliographic records from anywhere in the world will go a long way towards making this goal a reality. (Aaron Trehub, U of Illinois/UC)

Annual ARL/METRO Selectors' Meeting

The Annual ARL/METRO Selectors' Meeting attended by selectors, bibliographers and collection development officers from Columbia, New York Public Library, NYU and Rutgers was held on January 16, 1998 at NYU. The event featured a talk by John Stromquist, consultant, on "Building blocks for collaboration in the new electronic era: libraries, networks, aggregated buying power." (Diana Greene, NYU)

Bulletin of the Museum of Russian Culture

In the journal, *Russians in Asia: Literary and Historical Annual*, no. 4, Autumn 1997, the announcement was made concerning the agreement between *Russians in Asia* and the Museum of Russian Culture in San Francisco to regularly publish the *Bulletin of the*

Museum of Russian Culture. This fruitful and valuable collaboration owes much to the president of the Museum, Dmitrii G. Brauns and the director of the Archives, Iurii A. Taral. In the first *Bulletin* preliminary lists of materials preserved in the Archives of A.T. Bel'chenko and V.V. Ponosov are published. The journal, *Russians in Asia* is published by the Center for Russian and East European Studies, University of Toronto under the direction of Olga Bakich. (Molly Molloy, Hoover Institution)

Conference on Library Cooperation between Ukraine and North America, June 20–25, 1997

Over 100 participants, including a sizable delegation from Ukraine, gathered at the 16th Annual Conference on Ukrainian Subjects at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. This year's themes were the Ukrainian language in contemporary Ukraine and library cooperation between Ukraine and North America. While the language and literary experts convened on Friday, about 50 librarians, book publishers and information science experts attended the ongoing Slavic Librarians' Workshop which featured a special session devoted to Ukrainian library issues. Conference sponsors included the University's Summer Research Laboratory, the Foundation for the Advancement of Ukrainian Studies at the University, the Shevchenko Scientific Society, the Ukrainian Library Association of America and First Security Federal Savings Bank (Chicago).

At the close of the conference a "World Council Of Ukrainian Librarians" was formed to coordinate library and information activity at the international level. The Council is headed by Mykola Senchenko of Kyiv <ukrbook@public.ua.net>. The following individuals were elected to the Council: Olena Bashun (Donetsk), Anatoliy Brovkin (Kyiv), Jurij Dobczansky (Washington), Valentyna Pashkova (Kyiv), Luba Pendzey (Toronto), Vasyl Sheyko (Kharkiv), Maria Valjo (Lviv), and Bohdan Yasinsky (Washington). With issue no. 9 for September 1997, *Visnyk Knyzhkovoï Palaty*, the monthly magazine of the Ukrainian Book Chamber, has begun publishing the conference proceedings. (Jurij Dobczansky, LC)

Electronic Resources for Librarianship and Area Studies

1. Consortiums

East Coast Consortium of Slavic Library Collections (ECCSC)

<http://www.princeton.edu/~nshapiro/eastcoast.html>

Western European Specialists Section (WESS)

<http://www.lib.virginia.edu/wess>

Pacific Coast Slavic and East European Library Consortium (PACSLAV)

<http://www.library.berkeley.edu/collections/slavic/pacslav>

2. Area Librarian Web Site

<http://www.indiana.edu/~arealibs>

3. National and University Library of Bosnia and Hercegovina

http://www.geocities.com/Capitol_Hill/6777/library.htm

4. Newly refurbished Slavic and East European Collection at Yale University Library web page

<http://www.library.yale.edu/slavic/>

5. New Hungarian resources on British Library's Web Page

1) <http://minos.bl.uk/collections/slavonic/hunlink.html> (compiled by Ildiko Wollner)

2) <http://www.bl.uk/collections/slavonic/>

The *Hungarian National Bibliography of Books* is now available on the Internet. Entitled: *Magyar Nemzeti Bibliografia, Konyvek Bibliografaja - WWW*, five recent issues of the bibliography are available at the URL: <http://www.oszk.hu/mnbkb/>

6. New WWW address for ArcheoBiblioBase

English version: <http://www.iisg.nl/~abb/> ; Russian Windows version: <http://www.openweb.ru/windows/rusarch/>

Russian KOI-8 version : <http://www.openweb.ru/koi8/rusarch/>

7. Send links to REESWeb

Karen Rondestvedt (rondest+@pitt.edu) is accepting web page links dealing extensively with Slavic Studies.

8. New Russian Barometer

<http://www.strath.ac.uk/Departments/CSPP/nrbdesc.html>

9. The State Historical Public Library of Russia

SHPL web page to be updated, calling for links, suggestions
Galina Zinina, galina@shpl.ru

10. New-ish home pages in Russia

Proekt "Literatura" <<http://www.litera.ru>> includes pointers to information on the web such as links to some publishers' pages that are on the same site, plus an online directory of booksellers in Moscow.

Knigi Rossii <<http://www.books.ru>> is in effect the Amazon.com of Russia. The emphasis is on computers, but there are other materials (law, spravochniki, for example). Note that their "bestseller" section is just what they sell well—namely, Russian language computer books.

Izdatel'skii dom "KnoRus" <<http://www.book.ru>> is a "vystavka knig" online divided by subject that includes books from other publishers. MezKniga <<http://www.mkniga.ru>> gives information (fairly detailed) about the different kinds of business MK is doing these days and an online periodicals catalog for 1998. (Michael Neubert, LC)

11. Search engines on the Internet

<http://www.nocit.ru/au/default.htm>

<http://www.aport.ru>

12. SGML Training : From SGML to XML : resources for Slavic Librarians

<http://www.lib.umn.edu/rce/sgmlslav.htm>

13. Access Russia, Inc.

Access Russia belongs to the OCLC Document Supplier Program. AR performs document delivery of scientific and business publications from libraries of Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. They also provide machine translations of documents into English. <http://www.arussia.com/>

Hoover News

"Poetry in Revolution: The Pasternak Family Papers," an exhibit of original Pasternak materials from the Hoover Institution Archives, Green Library Special Collections, and the collection of Irwin T. and Shirley Holtzman, was on display from July 15th to

October 15th. At the core of the exhibit were many unpublished letters that Boris Pasternak wrote to various family members in the 1920s and 1930s from a collection recently acquired by the Hoover Institution Archives. (See *SEES Newsletter* no. 13, p. 60). In addition to the letters were rare editions of his poetry; sketch books of his father, Leonid Pasternak, the well-known Russian impressionist painter; and other materials from the rich cultural life of Russian emigres of the period.

An overview of the Hoover/Rosarkhiv project to film the Archives of the Soviet Communist Party and Soviet State may be found on the new Hoover Library and Archives Home page: <http://www.hoover.stanford.edu/library/archives.522/overview.htm>

A preliminary catalog of the microfilms may be obtained from Chadwyck-Healey, Inc. An online catalog of separate lists of the *opisi* (finding aids) and *dela* (files of documents) so far published on microfilm is available on Chadwyck-Healey's home pages: <http://www.chadwyck.co.uk/mfcat/mf212c.html> (Molly Molloy, Hoover Institution)

IREX News

1997 IREX grantees for Special Projects in Library and Information Science include:

Catherine Albrecht (Yale Gordon College of Liberal Arts, University of Baltimore) and Vaclav Podany (Archives of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic)—Description of Archives Resources on the History of Sciences, Social Sciences and Humanities in the Czech Republic.

Michael Biggins (University of Washington, Suzzallo Library) and Viktor Vaskovsky (Primorsky Regional Library Association, Russian Academy of Sciences)—Russian-American Library Cooperation on the Pacific Rim: seminar and conference, November 1997, Seattle, Washington.

Jeffrey Burds (University of Rochester, Center for the Study of Russia and the Soviet Union) and Vladimir A. Kozlov (Center for

Research and Publication of Documents, Moscow)—Soviet Dissidents Database Project, 1953–1981.

Robert Hayes (University of California/LA) and Teimuraz Chkhenkeli (National Library of Georgia)—National Library Conference: Organization for Library Development in the Republic of Georgia with emphasis on Policies for Acquisition and Document Delivery.

Edward Kasinec (New York Public Library) and Venta Kocere (Latvian Academic Library)—Latvian books published outside Latvia (1920–1940).

Tatjana Lorković (Yale University, Sterling Memorial Library)—Western Russia Library Assessment Project.

Dale Lukas (Assist International, Inc.) and Emilija Banionyte (Lithuanian Librarians Association)—Lithuanian publishers' information: resource study.

George Mitrevski (Auburn University) and Dragan Mihajlov (University of Skopje, Faculty of Electrical Engineering)—Computerized database of Slavonic Manuscripts in Macedonia.

Roy Robson (Fayetteville State University, NC) and Elena Borisova Smilianskaia (Moscow State University, Rare Books and Manuscripts)—Guide and Conference for Old Believer Sources.

John Schoberlein-Engel (Harvard University) and Olga Bronnikova (Museum of Anthropology & Ethnography), Valerii Germanov (Institute of History), Bakhytnur Otambaeva (Almaty State University) and Nabijon Rakhimov (Institute of History, Ethnography & Archaeology)—Guide to Scholarly Resources for the Study of Central Asia.

For more information, <http://www.irex.org> (Beth Berrean, IREX)

NYPL News

The Slavic and Baltic Division began its Centennial Year (1998–99) with a highly-successful exhibit, “The Romanovs: Their Empire, Their Books,” which ran from November 4, 1997 to February 28, 1998. The exhibit included some 124 items with an Imperial provenance, drawn from the Library's holdings of more than 3,000

Romanov palace volumes. Press coverage included articles in *The New York Times*, *The Daily News*, *Newsday*, *Novoe Russkoe Slovo*, and was reported by Itar-Tass and the Voice of America World Service, to name but a few. Based on attendance through January 1, it is projected that between 75,000–100,000 people will view the exhibit before its close. The Slavic and Baltic Division also successfully coordinated two satellite exhibits—one at the Forbes Magazine Galleries, and at A La Vieille Russie—of Romanov jewelry, silver, Faberge, and other artifacts. In November 1997, a separate illustrated web page devoted to the Romanov show went live: <http://www.nypl.org/research/chss/slv/exhibit/roman.html>

An Agreement of Cooperation in the areas of publications, exhibits, and expertise between the Russian National Library (St. Petersburg) and the NYPL was signed by Drs. LeClerc and Zaitsev in January.

Distinguished visitors during the past year have included Rt. Rev. George Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Dr. Georgii Vilinbakhov, Deputy Director, The Hermitage Museum; Dr. Vladimir Zaitsev, Director, Russian National Library; Dr. Petras Anusas, Consul General, Lithuanian Mission to the U.N.; Dr. Ole Krog, Curator, Royal Danish Silver Collection; and the author and recent Metropolitan Museum guest curator, Geza Von Habsburg, to name only a few.

Other events included a reception for the Lithuanian diplomatic and cultural community, which was held in the Trustees Room on April 2, accompanied by an exhibit of Baltic rarities from the NYPL; representation at a working luncheon at the Czech Center, and a formal dinner at the Waldorf in honor of visiting President Vaclav Havel of the Czech Republic, who was presented with a copy of the Division's *First History*, which includes a lengthy description, and cover photograph of the famous "Bohemian" (Webster) Branch of the NYPL; on January 30, staff gave a well-attended public "Gallery Talk" entitled "Russian Graphic Arts from Peter to Catherine," as part of the World Financial Center's "Arts & Events" program.

In the area of publications, in addition to the many titles listed in the "Bibliography of Recent Publications" section of this Newslet-

ter, 1997 saw the appearance of *Church Slavonic, Glagolitic, And Petrine Civil Script Printed Books In The New York Public Library: A Preliminary Catalog*. Described by Irina V. Pozdeeva, Moscow State University and Catalogued by Zora Z. Kipel, The New York Public Library. (Marina Del Rey: The New York Public Library, & Charles Schlacks, Jr., 1996); and completion and copy editing of *Russian and Ukrainian Avant-Garde and Constructivist Books And Serials In The New York Public Library: A First Census & Listing Of Artists Represented* compiled by Robert H. Davis, Jr. and Margaret Sandler, with an Introduction by Gail Harrison Roman and Robert H. Davis, Jr. This latter work will appear via Norman Ross Publishing in 1998.

In addition to the more than 7,000 on-site Slavic and Baltic Division users in the past year, the Division's web page had more than 3,500 "virtual" readers in 1997. The Division's 30-plus "page" home page took Second Place in a competition among some 20 web pages produced at New York area research libraries in January of 1997. See: <http://www.nypl.org/research/chss/slv/slav.balt.html>

In 1998-1999, the Division will offer a series of Centennial Lectures presented by scholars and librarians on topics relating to the Division's history, collections, and ongoing mission. (Rob Davis, NYPL)

Pacific Coast Slavic and East European Library Consortium (PACSLAV)

In 1997 the Pacific Coast Slavic and East European Library Consortium (PACSLAV) gained two new institutional members—the University of Arizona Library and the Arizona State University Library—both with Slavic and East European collections managed by Mike Markiw. Membership in PACSLAV now stands at eight; other member libraries are Stanford University, the University of California Berkeley, University of California Los Angeles, University of Hawaii at Manoa, University of Oregon, and the University of Washington, with the University of British Columbia and Univer-

sity of Southern California participating in the Consortium as affiliates.

With financial support from IREX and the Open Society Institute, the Consortium hosted an international conference on "Russian-American Library Cooperation on the Pacific Rim," which was held November 19–20, 1997, at the University of Washington Library in Seattle. Participants in the conference included ten librarians and archivists representing key institutions ranging from Vladivostok to Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky in the Russian Far East, PACSLAV member librarians, and a number of other library professionals from institutions throughout North America. The two-day conference focused on identifying ways in which libraries in the two regions can assist each other in both the short and long term.

PACSLAV member institutions have created a union list of Slavic, East European and Central Asian newspapers currently received by PACSLAV libraries. The list, to be updated annually, is available from the PACSLAV home page at:

<http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/Collections/Slavic/Pacslav/>

PACSLAV member librarians are now developing a Web-based union database of Slavic and East European journals currently received by member libraries. The database, which will be maintained on a Stanford University Library server, will be searchable by title, country of publication, or language, and will provide a summary of display of issues held at each PACSLAV library subscribing to a given journal. One intention of the union list is to provide PACSLAV library users and staff with ready information about Pacific Coast holdings for titles that may be incomplete at one or more of the member libraries, but complete at another.

Throughout the year members of PACSLAV have continued working to coordinate their major acquisitions—including current and retrospective microfilm collections, CD-ROM data bases, and large subject- or country-oriented collections—in the interests of saving costs and assuring the most comprehensive possible distributed Slavic research collection in the North American Pacific Region.

PACSLAV continues to welcome new members: any institution in the Western Slavic Association that offers a graduate degree in

Slavic, East European, or Central Asian studies is welcome to apply to the group for membership. Contact the Consortium's Chair (Wojciech Zalewski, Zalewski@leland.stanford.edu) or Secretary (Michael Biggins, mbiggins@u.washington.edu) for more information.

SEEMP News

The Slavic and East European Microfilm Project (SEEMP) is a consortium of member libraries working under the auspices of the Center for Research Libraries in Chicago. The goals of the SEEMP are to promote the development of Slavic research collections through funding based on membership dues. For details of SEEMP's programs and a list of members, see the the SEEMP Home Page at: <http://www.crl.uchicago.edu/seemp.htm>

The members of SEEMP met during the convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies held in Seattle on November 22, 1997. SEEMP was granted status as an affiliated organization to AAASS and can now officially meet during this group's annual convention. Minutes of the SEEMP meeting will be posted on the web page described above.

During the past year SEEMP received requests for several projects and was able to fund the following:

- 1) Library of Congress: Newspapers of the October Revolution (filming)
- 2) Library of Congress: *Oslobodenje*, Sarajevo Daily Newspaper (filming)
- 3) University of Michigan: Newspapers from the Former Yugoslavia (filming)
- 4) University of Toronto: John Luczkiw Collection of Publications by Ukrainian Political Refugees, 1945-1954 (filming)

SEEMP welcomes new members. To apply for membership or for further information contact: Marlys Rudeen, Microform Projects and Preservation Coordinator, Center for Research Libraries, 6050 S. Kenwood Ave., Chicago, IL 60637, tel: (773) 955-4545 ext. 324,

fax: (773) 955-4339, e-mail: rudeen@crlmail.uchicago.edu (Allan Urbanic, Chair, Executive Committee, SEEMP)

Slavic Librarians' Workshop, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, June 19-21, 1997

This seventh workshop, held in connection with the Summer Research Laboratory, was coordinated and led by Brad Schaffner (U of Kansas) with notes by Karen Rondestvedt (U of Pittsburgh). The workshop opened with vendors' presentations, including East View Publications, Olha Isaievych, Victor Kamkin Bookstores, Norman Ross Publishing and Russian Press Service. The session included handouts and discussions among participants and vendors concerning availability, costs and online access to vendor catalogs.

The afternoon session dealt with cooperative cataloging. The discussion included cataloging according to language strength of cataloger, dividing the world with participating libraries agreeing to take a certain area, minimal level cataloging of backlogs, cataloging in country of origin, cataloging of electronic resources and problems arising from geographic and chronological subdivisions of subject headings. The second day of the workshop opened with a session of the Sixteenth Annual Ukrainian Conference on "Library Cooperation between Ukraine and the United States." The afternoon session dealt with electronic resources and reference, specifically on-line access to Slavic-area national bibliographies, *ABSEES*, web sites, indexes to Slavic periodicals and updates on print resources. The last day of the workshop opened with a session on Acquisitions, Exchanges and Collection Development. Reports were given on exchange situations between participating libraries and exchange partners. Also discussed was the impact of electronic resources on budgets of subject funds.

The Eighth Annual Slavic Librarians' Workshop will be held during the 1998 Summer Research Laboratory on Russian and East European Studies at the University of Illinois. The workshop is scheduled for June 17-19, 1998 and will be coordinated by Patricia Thurston.

Slavica Publishers and Indiana University Press merge

Indiana University (IU) and Slavica Publishers, Inc. are pleased to announce that on 27 August 1997 Indiana University Press acquired Slavica from its founder and long-time publisher Charles E. Gribble (Professor of Slavic Languages at The Ohio State University). From this day forward all orders and editorial communications should be directed to: Slavica Publishers, Indiana University, 2931 E. 10th St., Bloomington, IN 47408-2618 USA; [Tel.] 1-812-856-4186, [Fax] 1-812-856-4187; [E-mail] slavica@indiana.edu; [WWW]: <http://www.slavica.com>

Slavica operations at IU will be directed by Managing Editor, George Fowler. A new Editorial Committee has been constituted, chaired by Henry R. Cooper, Jr., and initially including IU Slavists George Fowler, Steven Franks, Nina Perlina, and Bozena Shallcross, as well as Charles Gribble as a non-voting member. Additional colleagues from beyond IU will be invited to join the Editorial Committee as additional expertise and input are required. Gribble will help see through to completion certain projects begun under his editorship, and will advise the new owners while they are learning the business.

Slavica remains committed to all existing authors' contracts, distribution agreements, and other arrangements entered into by Charles Gribble. Several new books are about to be printed, and a number of new initiatives are under development, and will be announced later this fall. Slavica will prepare this year's AATSEEL Program Book, and other areas of cooperation with AATSEEL are under discussion as well.

Slavica is especially interested in attracting new, high-quality submissions in the following categories: textbooks in Slavic and East European languages; reference books; research monographs in literature, linguistics, and language-teaching pedagogy; textbooks in literature or linguistics; and thematic collections of articles. We welcome both proposals for work in progress and completed manuscripts. We are also willing to discuss distribution arrangements for books issued by other publishers, computer software, and other media in our field.

We at Indiana University are grateful to Charles Gribble for his dedication and farsightedness in building up Slavica, and we will spare no effort to maintain and enhance Slavica's contribution to the allied causes of teaching and research in Slavic languages and literatures. (George Fowler, Slavica Publishers)

Stanford News

Contemporary Polish Artists' Exhibition And Symposium at Stanford University

A symposium on the artists' book as an art form, sponsored by the Center for Russian and East European Studies and the Stanford University Libraries, was held on November 8, 1997 at Stanford. Although Polish artists were the focus, the symposium covered a broad spectrum of issues relating to artists' books, new and dynamically developing artistic forms and expressions. Three world renowned speakers addressed this phenomenon. Judith A. Hoffberg, art critic, publisher and editor (Umbrella Editions, Los Angeles) focused on the art form in general. Piotr Rypson, Head Curator of the Centre for Contemporary Art (Warsaw, Poland) discussed the developments in Poland, while Charles Hobson, artist, publisher and teacher from the San Francisco Art Institute, described the movement in the Bay Area. The event was free and open to the public.

An exhibition of Contemporary Polish Artists' Books, the first of its kind in the United States, was on display from August 16 through November 16 in the lobby of the Cecil H. Green Library, Stanford University. A related 70-page catalogue, published in Warsaw with text in English, is available for sale. The publication, *Contemporary Polish Book Art*, encompasses the entire Warsaw exhibition (contact Billie Bousman, Department of Special Collections, Green Library, Stanford University, Stanford, CA 94305-6004. Price: \$25.00). Some artists' books may also be purchased. <http://www-sul.stanford.edu/depts/hasrg/slavic/artbooks.html> (Molly Molloy, Hoover Institution)

Transliteration standards

The International Organization for Standardization subcommittee responsible for transliteration (ISO/TC46/SC2 : Conversion of Written Languages) met from May 12–14, 1997 at the British Standards Institute in Chiswick, London to review international standards in this area—both those already published and those under development. At present, Cyrillic and Glagolitic scripts have been under discussion.

John Clews and Evangelos Melagrakis (Chair and Secretary) intend to make transliteration and ISO/TC46/SC2 far more visible and far more relevant to end users than it has been in the past. To enable this, an electronic mailing list for ISO/TC46/SC2 (tc46sc2@elot.gr) and an associated web site (located at <http://www.elot.gr/tc46sc2>) has now been set up by ELOT (the Greek national standards body). They hope this list will attract researchers and scientists who can add useful information which might assist in developing standards on the Conversion of Written Languages. (John Clews, IOS)

Western European Specialist Section (WESS)

Sixty-three participants gathered in San Francisco on June 26 and 27, 1997 for the first ACRL/WESS Pre-Conference entitled: "European Links: Sources of Information in Western European Studies for Academic Libraries." Before a reception on Thursday afternoon, June 26, at the Goethe-Institut, Richard Hacken of Brigham Young University gave a thematic overview of the Pre-Conference, with an address entitled, "The Current State of European Studies in North America and of Scholarly Publishing in Western Europe." He discussed the aims and methods of current scholarship in European Studies in correlation with the output and practices of commercial, academic, and society publishers. He presented a statistical study in handout form on "Major Scholarly Presses of Western Europe as Held in One Medium-Sized North American Library." Both the

address and the handout are available online at the URL:
<http://www.lib.byu.edu/~rdh/wess/talks.html>
(Marje Schuetze-Coburn, WESS)

Yale Intern

Oksana Zavalina was the Yale Intern at the Slavic Reading Room of the Sterling Memorial Library. She is affiliated with the Department of Scientific Bibliography of the National Parliamentary Library of Ukraine in Kiev. She graduated from Kiev State Institute of Culture, where she specialized in library science and bibliography. Mrs. Zavalina was the fifth annual intern from Eastern Europe under a program sponsored by the Chopivsky Family Fund and Yale University. During the internship, she studied the operation of the Yale Library system in order to gain insight into the operations of a major American research library. Mrs. Zavalina is particularly interested in Yale's holdings of Ukrainian literature and emigre publications and works. (Tatjana Lorković, Yale University)

NEWS FROM ABROAD

Jane Scales, Washington State University

Agreement between RFE's Polish Service and the Polish State Archives

A complete set of historic broadcasts of Radio Free Europe's Polish Service spanning the Cold War and communism's collapse will be provided to Poland under an agreement announced by Polish State Archives (PSA) in Warsaw and Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Inc., (RFE/RL) in Washington. The collection will comprise some 15,000 audio tapes, as well as program texts, of RFE broadcasts to Poland between 1952 and 1994. Broadcasts of promi-

nent Poles abroad and Polish dissidents under communism are included in the collection. RFE/RL and the PSA will collaborate on the transfer of a complete, accurately dubbed and copied set of archival materials to the PSA. There they will be available for scholarly and educational purposes, now and for generations to come. The PSA will prepare a detailed computerized index of the archive. RFE/RL will preserve the original archival materials, along with those of other services, in its Master Archive in Prague. A Polish-American Advisory Committee will be established to promote use of the archival materials for educational and scholarly purposes. The committee will include representatives of PSA, RFE/RL, prominent RFE broadcasters, Polish and American scholars, and the Polish-American community. The recordings will be made at RFE/RL's Broadcast Center in Prague. (*PR Newswire*, May 24, 1996, Washington Dateline, RFE/RL to give Poles set of Broadcasts)

Bosnian - Herzegovinian Library Aid

Blackwell's Online Bookshop (BOB) web site:

<http://bookshop.blackwell.co.uk> now includes an Internet-based charitable appeal to help rebuild the university libraries of Bosnia. The Blackwell's Books for Bosnia appeal, a dedicated Internet based initiative, is designed to attract donations via the Internet from BOB's growing customer base of personal bookbuyers, corporate librarians and academics to help rebuild the war damaged libraries of Bosnian Universities. A list of the most desperately needed text books has been provided by Bosnian universities and appears on the website. Blackwell's will also donate 5% of profits from all online book sales from the date of the appeal launch to its closure on 15th January.

A **Report from Sabre** states that efforts to assist Bosnian libraries damaged in the war continue. On July 4, 1997, Sabre's second shipment of 10,000 books (donations from Harvard U Press and The MIT Press) arrived in Bosnia. The shipment will help rebuild the

National and University Library in Sarajevo. Sabre's first shipment, sent in October, 1996, contained children's books, dictionaries, and encyclopedias donated by the publishers McGraw-Hill, Simon & Schuster and World Book. On October 21, 1996, a White House ceremony hosted by First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton recognized Sabre's Bosnia program as "an outstanding example of public-private initiative." The projected fair market value of 1997 shipments is approximately \$9 million. The project is managed in Sarajevo by University of Sarajevo professor Kemal Bakarsic, head of Sabre's partner organization and the former chief librarian of the state museum in Bosnia & Herzegovina. In Bosnia, as in each country where Sabre has established a program, the partner organization is responsible for choosing, processing and distributing donated materials. For more information, see: <http://www.sabre.org>. (Jane Scales, Washington State U)

Due to funding cuts, countries which receive books through Sabre will have to come up with some of the shipping costs themselves. It is conceivable that with limited resources, these countries will opt to prioritize receipt of Sabre stock (new books), rather than donated books. It is therefore important to warn donors that their offers might be turned away. Direct inquiries to: Prof. Dr. Kemal Bakarsic, Sabre-Bosnia i Hercegovina, Filozofski fakultet, Univerzitet u Sarajevu, F. Rackog, 1, 71000 Sarajevo, Republic of Bosnia i Hercegovina (Hereafter, RBiH), tel. 387 71 444-805, fax, 387 71 667-873, e-mail: bakarsic@soros.org.ba (Janet Crayne, U of Michigan)

OCLC, Inc. in Dublin, Ohio, agreed to search its bibliographic database from thousands of member libraries for any Bosnia-related publications, creating a massive reference resource. Enes Kujundzic, director of Bosnia's National Library, said the project will help not only people in his country, but also researchers worldwide who need information about the Balkan nation. In addition, basic computer technology such as technical journals on CD is vital in helping to rebuild the library's contents, he said. With entire collections of medical, scientific and other magazines wiped out in the shelling, it would be expensive and time-consuming to handle all new paper copies. "We don't have much staff at our disposal," he said. "In addition to online access, CD technology is very important."

The Bosnian Manuscript Ingathering Project:

(<http://www.applicom.com/manu/ingather.htm>) seeks to find researchers around the world who might have visited Sarajevo to study and photocopy some of the rare manuscripts that were destroyed. So far, the project has identified scores of manuscripts and rare photographs, and sponsors hope one day to be able to give access to the copies over the Internet. Those who possess or know of the whereabouts of any such microfilms or photocopies anywhere in the world are therefore urged to contact Andras Riedlmayer, Aga Khan Program for Islamic Architecture, Fine Arts Library, Harvard University, 32 Quincy St., Cambridge MA 02138 USA. [tel]: 617 495-3372; [fax]: 617-496-4889; [e-mail]: riedlmay@fas.harvard.edu). (*Computerworld*, November 17, 1997)

Current projects include efforts to assist these libraries:

Konjic

The Bosnian Institute for Social Research is working to set up a library of books, journal articles, research papers and other documentation (published and unpublished) on recent developments in Bosnia and Herzegovina (before, during and after the 1992–1995 war) and on the international bodies and NGOs that have been involved in Bosnia. Donations of books, articles and other publications dealing with related topics and appropriate to the Institute's library are also welcomed. Shipments of books should be addressed to: Institut za drustvena istrazivanja, Ustanova Narodni Univerzitet Konjic-Sarajevo, 79250 Konjic, R BiH. Please send a copy of the contents list for each book shipment to: Prof. Dzermal Sokolovic, University of Bergen, Department of Comparative Politics, Christiesgt. 15, Bergen, Norway; [fax.] +47 55 58 94 25, email: dzermal.sokolovic@isp.uib.no.

Tuzla

National and University Library needs recent reference works, journals and books in the sciences, technology and medicine, education, English language teaching; desktop computers and printers, photocopier, equipment and supplies for conservation and book repair; equipment for reading CD ROM and microfilms. Contact Ms. Enisa Zunic, Director, Narodna i univerzitetska biblioteka

Tuzla, Miska Jovanovica 1, 7500 Tuzla – R BiH; [tel]. 387-75-238-476; [fax]. 387-75-233-870, [e-mail]: publ-univ-libr-tuzla@zamir-tz.ztn.apc.org.

Zenica

National Library needs recent reference literature in medicine, business, arts, sciences, education, English as a second language. Contact Ms. Slavica Hrnjkas, Director, Narodna biblioteka Zenica, Zenica – R BiH, tel. 387 7221971.

Sarajevo

The National and University Library of Bosnia and Herzegovina needs recent reference works, journals and books in the sciences, technology and medicine, education, English language teaching; desktop computers and printers; CD ROM and microfilm readers; microfilm production lab and equipment for restoration and conservation. Contact Dr. Enes Kujundzic, Director, Nacionalna i univerzitetska biblioteka Bosne i Hercegovine, Obala Maka Dizdara 2, 7100 Sarajevo - R BiH; [tel/fax]: 387-71-533-204; [E-mail]: NUB_BIH@zamir-sa.ztn.apc.org.

The Library of the Cultural and Information Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired needs a multiplier for audio cassettes, computers and printers, tape recording equipment, cables and headsets, audiotape cassettes, Braille paper, and Kurzweil machines. Contact Mustafa Karabasic, Director, Biblioteka za slijepa i slabovidna lica u R BiH, A. Sahinagica 14, Sarajevo – R BiH; [tel]: 387-71-538-243.

The National Museum of Bosnia and Herzegovina Library needs funds for the repair of roof, walls and windows; dehumidification equipment; equipment for conservation and restoration; microfilm laboratory; photocopiers; book trucks and shelving; recent technical monographs and periodical literature in archaeology, ethnology, conservation, history, biology, geology and botany. Contact Dr. Denana Buturovic, Director, Zemaljski muzej Bosne i Hercegovine, Zmaja od Bosne bb, Sarajevo – R BiH; [tel]: 387-71-440-197 / 644-034.

The Historical Archive of the City of Sarajevo needs funds for repair of the building, computers and printers, microfilm lab, dehumidifiers, equipment and supplies for conservation and restoration, photocopiers, archival storage boxes, and recent technical

literature for the training and continuing education of archival specialists. Contact Tonci Grbelja, Director, Arhiv grada Sarajeva, Koturova 3, Sarajevo – R BiH; [tel]: 387-71-536-967.

The Oriental Institute of Sarajevo needs funds for new premises, microfilm readers, a photocopier, a computer and printer, archival storage containers, shelving; reference works, monographs and journals in Ottoman and southeast European history, Oriental philology, Middle Eastern and Islamic studies, and funds for the publication of studies and translation projects completed during the war. Contact Dr. Fehim Nametak, Director, Orijentalni institut u Sarajevu, ul. Bistrik br 7/III, Sarajevo – R BiH; [tel/fax]: 387-71-670-353, Director's office: 387-71-668-728.

The Historical Institute of Sarajevo needs recent literature in historical studies, especially on the history of SE Europe and on new directions in historiography, computer and printer, microfilm/fiche reader-printer, photocopier, typewriters, paper and office supplies, and funds for repair of building. Contact Dr. Boris Nilevic, Director, Istorijski institut u Sarajevu, Alipasina 9, Sarajevo – R BiH; [tel]: 387-71-471-667.

The Gazi Husrev-Beg Library needs financial support for the publication of an already prepared catalogue of the library's Arabic, Turkish and Persian manuscripts, equipment and supplies for microfilming manuscripts, a high-resolution scanner, a CD-ROM drive, desktop computers (Macintosh—with software for Arabic and other Middle Eastern fonts) and a laser printer, dehumidifiers and air conditioners, equipment and supplies for the conservation and restoration of manuscripts, and visiting experts to help with classification of books and manuscripts (esp. in the Islamic field) and to help with computerization of catalogue records and the digitization of unique materials. Contact Dr. Azra Kadic, Librarian at Gazi Husrev-begova biblioteka, Obala Isak-bega Isakovica 2, Sarajevo – R BiH; tel: 387-71-664-493 / 472-404.

The Historical Museum of Bosnia and Herzegovina needs funds for the repair of the building, a computer and printer, microfilming equipment and supplies, a photocopier, archival storage boxes, conservation supplies, reference works and recent literature in the

historical sciences, museum studies and archives management, and visiting experts to assist with the translation of Ottoman Turkish and German documents and to help train new staff members. Contact Dr. Ahmed Hadzirevic, Director, Istorijski muzej Bosne i Hercegovine, Zmaja od Bosne bb, Sarajevo – R BiH.

The Museum of the City of Sarajevo needs funds for the conservation of endangered collections of photographs, documents and other exhibits, microfilm lab equipment and supplies, a microfilm reader; dehumidifiers and equipment to monitor light, heat and humidity levels, training for conservators, ethnologists, and art historians, and funds for structural stabilization of the Jewish Museum (16th c.), Svrzo's House (18th c. mansion), Despiaev's House (19th c.) and the Museum of the Sarajevo Assassination, damaged during the siege. Contact Dr. Bajro Gec, Director, Muzej grada Sarajeva, Titova bb, Sarajevo – R BiH; tel: 387-71-535-688.

The National Art Gallery of Bosnia-Herzegovina needs funds to repair shell-holes and water damage in order to make the library rooms usable again, equipment and supplies for conservation of books and works on paper, stored since 1992 in the gallery's basement shelter, office equipment and supplies, training for one new librarian and two documentation specialists, and professional literature and journals in art history, museum studies and conservation. Contact Seid Hasanefendic, Director, Umjetnicka galerija Bosne i Hercegovine, Branilaca grada bb, Sarajevo – R BiH; tel: 387-71-664-162.

The Institute of Medicine, like medical libraries everywhere in Bosnia, in urgent need of recent runs (1990–) of basic medical journals, current reference material, medical textbooks and other current medical literature. Also needed are office and library equipment and supplies, such as photocopiers, desktop computers and shelving. Contact Edina Vlastic, Institute Librarian, Institut za naucno-istravivacki rad i razvoj, Klinicki Centar Medicinskog Fakulteta, Marsala Tita 32/III, 71000 Sarajevo – R BiH; [tel]: 387-71 472 623 or 387-71 534 767; [fax:] 387-71 664 954 or 387-71 472 447, E-mail: evlastic.dbbh@zamir-sa.ztn.apc.org. N.B.: Edina Vlastic is also President of the Association of Librarians of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The School of Music needs books on music, musicology and the teaching of music and scores, funds for the repair of facilities, and for the repair and replacement of musical instruments. Contact Farida Musanovic, Srednja Muzicka Skola, Josipa Stadlera 1, Sarajevo – RBiH; [tel]: 387-71 432195 or 387-71 441008.

In the above list, the library of the University of Banja Luka has been omitted, because that institution at the present time operates under a policy of “racial hygiene.” (Jane Scales, Washington State U)

“Crimea 98” Conference

Attendance and participation in “Crimea” conferences continues to grow. Statistics illustrate this growth: at “Crimea 94” there were 330 participants from 15 countries and 100 papers presented; at “Crimea 97” there were 800 participants representing 35 countries presenting 320 papers. The Fifth Anniversary International Conference “Crimea 98,” held under the aegis of IFLA, will take place in Sudak, Crimea, Ukraine on June 6–14, 1998. Main organizer of the Conference is the Russian National Public Library for Science and Technology, Moscow, Russia. Co-organizers of the Conference include the Ministry of Culture of Russia, Moscow, Russia; the Ministry of Culture and Art of Ukraine, Kiev, Ukraine; the International Association of CDS/ISIS and NIT Developers and Users (ISIS-NIT), Moscow, Russia; the Ministry of Culture, Libraries of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, Simferopol, Crimea, Ukraine; and the Library Association of Russia. Preliminary program topics include: Worldwide Information Infrastructure and Interlibrary Cooperation, Acquisition and Preservation of Library Collections, Automated Technologies, Databases and Telecommunications in Libraries, Interlending and Document Delivery, Business Information and Information Management, Electronic Publications: Current State and Prospects, Children’s, Juvenile, Regional Libraries and Libraries for the Blind, Art and Memorial Libraries, Linguistic Support of Information Retrieval Systems, Indexing and Classification Systems, UNIMARC, USMARC and other formats in Library Developments and Practice, New CDS/ISIS Developments and Applications for Libraries, Internet Resources and Services, Dissemination and Utiliza-

tion of Medical, Pharmaceutical and Environmental Protection Information, Turkic Language Libraries, Library Education: User Education and Improvement of Librarians' Professional Skills, IFLA Activities and Experience, Subscription Problems and Agencies' Experience. A number of sections and workshops have been traditionally held within the framework of IFLA Core Programs. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided at the Conference for speakers of English, Russian, and Ukrainian. The Vendor Exhibits will be opened during the Conference to present information products, services, automated systems, software packages, CD-ROM products, books and journals. For further information please contact the Organizing Committee: fax: +7 (095) 921 9862, [telex]: 411180 bgpnt su, [e-mail]: CRIMEA98@gpntb.msk.su, [tel]: +7 (095) 924 9458, +7 (095) 923 9998, +7 (095) 928 7379. For online registration, go to The Conference Web site at: <http://gpntb.iitp.ru/crimea98/>. (Janet Irene Crayne, U Michigan).

IFLA News

The 63rd annual IFLA Council and General Conference was held in Copenhagen, Denmark on August 31–September 5, 1997. By all accounts, it was a success, although there have been no detailed reports on attendance. Among the poster session presenters were: Boris S. Elepov and Elena B. Soboleva (State Public Library and Scientific and Technical Literature, Novosibirsk) on “The role of libraries in social reforms in Russian,” Olga P. Fedotova (State Public Library and Scientific and Technical Literature, Novosibirsk) on “The role of regional book depositories in providing a sustainable basis for scientific research and production activity,” Tatiana Feoktistova (Library for Foreign Literature, Moscow) on “Russian libraries and IFLA,” Olga Lavrik and Viktor Glouchov (State Public Library for Scientific and Technical Literature with the Siberian Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Novosibirsk and Institute on Scientific Information for Social Sciences, Moscow, Russian Federation) on “Great expectations for electronic document delivery (EED) in Russia.” Svetlana Dobroussina (Conservation Department, National Library of Russia, St. Petersburg) presented a paper

entitled "Preservation Strategy in Russian Libraries: Priorities and Realization." Many other Russian participants added their poster session and paper presentations to make the conference a success. (Jane Scales, Washington State U)

International Slavic Librarians' Pre-Conference 2000

The International Slavic Librarians' Pre-Conference to the ICCEES VI World Congress will take place July 26 – 29 in Tallinn, Estonia in the year 2000. It is organized by the Finnish and Estonian libraries. Presentations of the databases of Slavic and East European Studies are scheduled, but the program is still open. Individuals may propose programs for the conference by contacting: Anneli Virtanen, Institute for Russian and East European Studies, Annankatu 44 A, 00100 HELSINKI; [tel]: +358-9-2285 4443, [fax]: +358-9-2285 4431, e-mail: anneli.virtanen@rusin.fi. Future information on the pre-conference will appear March 1998 at this URL: <http://www.rusin.fi/iccees/library>. (Anneli Virtanen, Institute for Russian and East European Studies, Helsinki)

News from Britain

The annual COSEELIS conference was held at the Hallward Library, at the University of Nottingham on September 9. Dr. Richard Davies of the Leeds Russian Archive was appointed as BASEES (British Association for Soviet, Slavonic and East European Studies) representative on COSEELIS. Dr. Brine reported that the 1992 volume of the *European Bibliography of Slavic and East European Studies* had appeared Spring, 1997. Contributions for the 1993 volume were finished in April. This volume was scheduled for publication by the end of the year. Future volumes of the *European Bibliography* will be published as a freely-accessible online database. Print volumes are unlikely to be available.

It was agreed that a survey of library usage would be conducted for evidence supporting library acquisitions against funding cuts. The

British Library offered funding support for the survey. The survey was scheduled to be distributed in December, 1997 to BASEES members, postgraduate students, and the membership of the Royal Institute for International Affairs.

As an experiment, the next COSEELIS conference will coincide with the annual BASEES conference. The BASEES conference is scheduled for April 4–6, 1998. The COSEELIS conference will take place on the April 6 and 7 at Fitzwilliam College. A BASEES-COSEELIS joint session is planned for the Monday, April 6.

The COSEELIS annual report noted the imminent appearance of the organization's web page, now available at:

<http://www.lib.gla.ac.uk/COSEELIS/> The page supports a link to Magda Szkuta's *Union List of Slavic and East European Newspapers*. Future plans include additional links to the *Register of Slavonic and East European Source Material on Microform*, and the *Union List of Soviet Serials on Education*. It was noted that the 1996 conference was well attended. Tania Konn and Graham Dix gave a presentation on electronic resources. Representatives from BASEES and COSEELIS formed a working party to advise HEFCE on how funding for archival material should be spent. Their recommendations were accepted in full. COSEELIS members traveled quite actively in 1997, visiting libraries in Romania, the Czech Republic, Belarus, and Bosnia. Sava Peic traveled to Sarajevo as a British Library Soros fellow. In August, 1997, Hana Oplestilova, the Acquisitions Librarian of the Slovanska Knihovna in Prague, visited three COSEELIS member libraries. (*COSEELIS Newsletter*, no. 18, November 1997)

Murdzenski Prize for Literature

The Polish Social and Cultural Association in conjunction with the Polish Library in London has announced a prize of one thousand British pounds to be awarded to the author(s) or editor(s) of the book published in English anywhere in the world, which in the opinion of a panel of judges has made the most significant contribution to Polish literature, history, and culture. Books must have been

published (with ISBN number) within the period of the 1st of January 1996 to 31st of December 1998 to qualify. Two copies of each title nominated should be submitted to the Polish Library by December 31st, 1998. The winner will be announced on May 3rd, 1999. For further information, contact: The Polish Library, 140 King Street, London W6 ORF; [Tel]: 0181 741 0474. (*COSEELIS Newsletter*, no. 18, November 1997)

Polish Library Aid

Polish libraries suffered heavy damage due to floods in July and August of 1997. Libraries in 23 of Poland's 49 administrative districts have reported damage to collections. The National Library of Poland in Warsaw is organizing aid to the beleaguered institutions with a central database to collect and disseminate information on the damage. The University of Wroclaw experienced damage estimated at \$600,000. However, workers managed to protect 300,000 volumes in the university library (20,000 books were destroyed in the main library and law library). Forty percent of the Academy of Medicine's (Wroclaw) 300,000 volume collection was damaged. The main library of the University of Opole reported damage to 100,000 volumes, including 60,000 volumes of periodicals dating from 1929 to 1945. The Theological Seminary Library in Nysa reported flood damage including up to 4,000 volumes dating from the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries. Works from the 16th century were saved. Contributions to Polish libraries may be sent to a special subaccount of the Foundation of the National Library, "Pomoc dla bibliotek powodz," #12401112-30001590-2700-401112-002, at Bank Pekao S.A., VIII O/W Warsaw, Poland. (*American Libraries*, vol. 28, no. 8, September 1997).

For more information about the National Library's database on flood damage and aid information, contact Mrs. Wanda Tyminska, email: biblnar@biblnar.bn.org.pl; [tel]: +48-22 608-2298, [fax]: +48-22 608-2644. In addition to this database, the National Library has created a special team that prepares instructions on how to organize individual and group aid and material conservation. The team is

also involved with preparing reports, recommendations and proposals for all relevant authorities and institutions. The contact person is Dr. Barbara Drewniewska-Idziak, e-mail:

bnochron@biblnar.bn.org.pl, [tel]: +48-22 608-2951;

[fax]: +48-22 608-2644. (Wojciech Zalewski, Stanford U)

The Peace Corps is requesting donations for Poland. Particularly needed are donations of the following materials: complete sets of *Encyclopedia Britannica* or *World Book* encyclopedias, books on ANY ecological topic including flora, fauna, geology, earth sciences, population, pollution, etc. Please send books to: Peace Corps, Gifts In Kind Program Room 9522, Attn.: Jordan Pollinger—Poland, 1990 K St. NW, Washington DC 20526. (Jean E. Dickson, U of Buffalo)

III. Grants

Compiled by Susan Cook Summer, Columbia University

The Center for Research Libraries, Slavic and East European Microfilm Project funded four projects for 1997:

- a. Library of Congress—Newspapers of the October Revolution
- b. Library of Congress—*Oslobodenje* (daily)
- c. University of Michigan—Newspapers from the Former Yugoslavia, including *Oslobodenje* (weekly), *Vreme*, *Naša borba*, *Hrvatsko slovo*, *Vijenac*
- d. University of Toronto—John Luczkiw Collection (Allan Urbanic, U of California/B)

The Hoover Institution has received notification from the National Endowment for the Humanities of the award of \$190,000 in outright funds, with up to \$50,000 in matching funds, for a two-year project to enhance preservation of and access to its Polish archival holdings. Arrangement and description, indexing and microfilming will be carried out for several major Polish collections. These unique archival materials document diplomatic and military policy and events of the two World Wars, mass deportations of Polish citizens to the Soviet Union, the post-World War II division of Europe and the beginning of the Cold War, Polish-Soviet relations and political movements for the liberation of Eastern Europe.

The following collections are included: the archives of the Polish Embassy in Russia, the Polish Ministry of Information and Documentation, the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Polish Embassy in Great Britain, and the Polish Embassy in the U.S., as well as the papers of Wladyslaw Anders (Commander of Polish forces in World War II) and Stanislaw Mikolajczyk (Prime Minister of the Polish government-in-exile, 1943–1944).

All microfilm products in the project will be open to researchers

both onsite at the Hoover Institution and through interlibrary loan. In order to facilitate access in Poland and throughout Europe, the Hoover Institution will also give the Polish State Archives copies of all microfilm reels produced. (Press release supplied by Molly Molloy, Hoover Institution)

Indiana University reports that during the past two years the Serials Department has given the Slavic Department \$25,000 for replacing Slavic newspapers with microfilm. Norman Ross and East View have been the suppliers. In addition, by maintaining a small cooperative program with the University of Michigan and the University of Kansas, over the past four years Indiana has received \$12,500 of Title VI money to help maintain a research program for Slovene studies. (Murlin Croucher, Indiana U)

New York Public Library, Slavic and Baltic Division has received the following grants:

- a. Major funding in support of the exhibit "The Romanovs: Their Empire, Their Books" (November 4, 1997–February 28, 1998) from the Pinewood Foundation and the PaineWebber Group, Inc. Additional support included a major gift made in memory of Herman Rosenthal, Founding Chief, Slavic and Baltic Division, by his family and a grant from the New York Council for the Humanities, a state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Generous support was also received from Mr. and Mrs. Daniel P. Davison; A La Vielle Russie; Museum Reproductions, Inc.; Mrs. Ania Kayaloff; and Mrs. Stephen R. deAngelis.
- b. The Jan and Betka Papanek Foundation supplemented its endowment fund for Czech and Slovak collection development.
- c. Mrs. Karin Falencki supplemented an endowment fund for Polish current and retrospective acquisitions.
- d. Edward Kasinec, Chief Curator, and Janis Kreslins, Baltic language selector, are serving as advisors to the National Library of Latvia on a project funded by IREX. (Robert H. Davis, Jr., NYPL)

The School of Slavonic and East European Studies, London, has received a Non-Formula Funding (Follett) grant enabling a notable map collection to be cataloged. The collection comprises maps published in Russia and Western Europe. The maps cover Russia and the countries of Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe. They date from the 16th to the 20th century with the 18th century particularly well represented. Among the 219 bibliographic items (representing 238 sheets) are maps published by the Imperial Academy of Sciences in Saint Petersburg showing the Baltic and the Crimea and an exceptionally fine range of maps of Hungary and Transylvania. The entire collection was treated by conservation experts in 1973–1975 and is in excellent condition. The maps are included in the Library's online catalog (consull.ull.ac.uk) or via the School's web site: <http://www.ssees.ac.uk>
(J.E.O. Screen, Librarian, School of Slavonic and East European Studies, London, posted to the Slavic Librarians' Forum)

The University of Cambridge Scott Polar Research Institute has received a grant of 3,365 pounds from the British Library through its program for cataloging and preservation. The Institute is targeting this grant at cataloging regional material including monographs recently acquired from the Komi and Sakha Republics via research students doing field work in those areas.
(Isabella Warren, Scott Polar Research Institute, U of Cambridge)

The University of Pittsburgh's University Library System has received a sixth fellowship from the Kosciuszko Foundation for work with the Alliance College Polish Collection. Stanislaw Hrabia, a librarian at Jagiellonian University's History and Theory of Music Department, will be at the University of Pittsburgh for ten months on this fellowship. Mr. Hrabia's work involves the extensive Polish and Polish-American music collection that was donated to the University of Pittsburgh along with other material from Alliance College's Polish library. The largest part of the music collection includes approximately 350 scores from Alliance College's card catalog, plus 72 large boxes containing the repertoires of at least four Polish-

American musical groups from the first half of the 20th century. Mr. Hrabia is creating inventories of the repertoires using Access; these will be converted to Web-accessible databases. If there is time, he will also catalog important items from these repertoires on OCLC. At least one of the repertoires contains a significant number of pieces published and/or composed by Polish immigrants in the U.S., as well as pieces from Poland that were performed by this group. (Karen Rondestvedt, U of Pittsburgh)

IV. Acquisitions

Susan Cook Summer, Columbia University

Columbia University has acquired the library and archive of Yuriy Lawrynenko, a prominent Ukrainian emigre writer and passionate collector of Ukrainian poetry. The collection includes more than 2,000 books and periodicals as well as ten boxes of archival documents. Among the items are many books and periodicals published in DP camps in the late 1940s. (Eugene Beshenkovsky, Columbia U)

The Hoover Institution continues to collect large amounts of ephemeral publications documenting the political situation in Russia/Commonwealth of Independent States and East Central Europe, including political party documents, election materials and publications from the opposition press. The National Archives donated a large and valuable "Collection of Miscellaneous Foreign Records," part of the former German war booty captured by the US Army in 1945. More than 500 manuscript boxes of Polish and Russian material will be divided between the Library and the Archives.

Additional noteworthy collections added recently include:

Russia/CIS Collection:

- a. Gennadii I. Fil'shin Collection. Oral interviews with Fil'shin, former Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Republic, 1990–1991;
- b. Elizaveta Parshina Collection. Oral interviews with and unpublished manuscript from Parshina, a former Soviet intelligence officer who worked in Spain during the Civil War, with SMERSH during World War II, and in Czechoslovakia in the late 1940s and 1950s;
- c. Vorkuta Coal Miners' Trade Union Collection. Original records of the independent union in the Komi Republic, 1989–1994, many dealing with the elections of Peoples' Deputies;

- d. Warsaw Pact Common Journal (*Informatsionnyi sbornik Shtaba i tekhnicheskogo komiteta ob"edinennykh vooruzhennykh sil*), 1970–1990—photocopy of 40 volumes of a restricted journal circulated only among higher officers of the Warsaw Pact military command;
- e. Ted Kucklick medal collection. Many hundreds of Soviet military medals, some very rare in the West;
- f. Oleg Antonov Collection. A small but interesting collection of the papers of the famous aircraft designer, including taped interviews, photographs, aircraft designs, etc.;
- g. Ukrainian Independent Press Collection. 3,270 microfiches of more than 400 titles from the Library of the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences in Kiev;
- h. Increments to the collections of V. Shishkin (Western Siberian anti-Communist uprising, 1921), S. Krasil'nikov (social conditions in Siberia in the 1930s), and F. Levin (editor of *Sovetskii pisatel'*).

East Central Europe Collection:

- a. Papers of Romuald Spasowski, Poland's Ambassador in Washington, who defected to the US in 1981, including memoirs, correspondence, videotapes, and photographs;
- b. Papers of Imre Pozsgay, former Politbureau member of the Hungarian Socialist Workers' Party (MSZMP) and a key participant in the recent peaceful transition in Hungary, covering 1956–1996;
- c. A large collection (some 2,000 items) of Polish anti-Soviet underground publications from the 1944–1953 period;
- d. 88 rare Hungarian monographs and brochures on a variety of 20th century historical and political topics, mostly from the interwar period, donated by Professor Endre Gastony of Augustana College, South Dakota;
- e. Files of Professor Wiktor Osiatynski (University of Chicago) on the work of the commission on constitutional reform in Poland, over which he presided. (Molly Molloy, Hoover Institution)

New York Public Library, Slavic and Baltic Division's recent acquisitions include:

- a. The Mykola Skaskiw (1928–1994) collection was given by Maria Skaskiw. This includes 164 books and periodicals ranging in dates from 1909 to 1965. The collection deals with the Ukrainian emigra-

tion and its literature, politics and student life as well as biographical information about Mykola Skaskiw.

b. *Sermons, or Homilies appointed to be read in churches in the time of Queen Elizabeth, of famous memory: to which are added the articles of religion, the constitutions and canons ecclesiastical, and indexes of subjects, scriptures and names.* London: Printed by Ellerton and Henderson, for the Prayer-Book and Homily Society, 1817. This has a coat of arms of the Grand Duke Konstantin Pavlovich, brother of the Emperor Alexander I, on the front cover. In the Library's holdings of over 3,000 Romanov volumes there is not one single item from this historically significant personage.

c. *Illiustrirovannyi kalendar' Krasnago Kresta na 1916 g.* Moskva [1917]. Presentation copy to the Grand Duchess Tatiana Nikolaevna, with her crowned monogram in gold. The book was in the Alexander Palace, Tsarskoe Selo, Russia. With an inscription to Prince George Konstantinovich of Russia from Alexander Schaffer.

d. *Limonar sirech tsvetnik...* [1st ed.] V grade Kieve: Spiridonom Sobolem typografom, 1628. A rare description of monastic and religious life. A fine example of the important Belarusian printer, Spiridon Sobol'.

e. *Akafist*, Manuscript, ca. 1904, from the library of Grand Duke Sergei Aleksandrovich, with a custom velvet binding, incorporating a hand-painted icon of St. Serafim.

f. *Katekizmas...* (Vilnius, 1993). A facsimile of the first book printed in Vilnius in 1547 by typographer Martynas Mazvydas, presented by the Lithuanian Consulate in New York.

g. Jovan Subotic, 1817–1886. *Diela.* (U Karlovci, 1858).

h. C.F. Morse. *A grammar of the Bulgarian language.* (Constantinople, 1859).

i. *Povest o spore zhizni i smerti* (St. Petersburg, 1994), no. 25 of 29 numbered copies, with an artist's binding set with brass.

j. Several limited print-run editions of bookplates by Andrzej Buchaniec.

k. The family of artist Jacques Hnizdovsky donated the companion oil painting to the "Man Reading," which was donated previously. (Natalie Zitzelsberger and Robert H. Davis, Jr., NYPL)

Stanford University has acquired the following:

- a. The Emil Joseph Dillon Archival Collection (40 boxes). Dillon (1854–1933), was an Irish born Russian citizen who became a British journalist and scholar of ancient languages. He was a well-known journalist from the 1880s to the 1920s and covered all major international events during that time. His focus was on Russia, especially as a correspondent for the *Daily Telegraph* (London) from 1886 to 1914, when he lived and worked in Saint Petersburg. This archive includes correspondence with about 3,000 individuals as well as personal papers, photographs, manuscripts and clippings.
- b. A collection of contemporary Polish artists' books including works by Mirek Antoniewicz, Andrzej Marian Bartczak, Andrzej Bednarczyk, Anna Maria Bauer, Maria Diduch, Marek Gajewski, Marek Jaromski, Eugeniusz Jozefowski, Dariusz Kaca, Barbara Kaczmarek, Alina Kalczynska, Jan Lebenstein, Cezary Marasinski, Radoslaw Nowakowski, Zbigniew Salaj, Jacek Solinski, Joanna Stokowska, Janusz and Jadwiga Tryzno, Pawel Tryzno and Jolanta Wanger. These artists represent contemporary Polish book arts particularly since the fall of Communism.
- c. A collection of Russian children's literature, including books, textbooks, and pedagogical literature published primarily during the 1950s and 1960s. The collection numbers more than 5,000 titles and has been processed. It may be searched online under "Russian children's literature collection."

(Wojciech Zalewski, Stanford U)

The University of Michigan Library has purchased the personal collection of Mr. Krikor Abacian, the late head librarian and archivist of the Armenian Patriarchate in Istanbul. Over 90% of the approximately 4,700 items in the collection are Armenian-language books, periodicals, newspapers and engravings. The remainder are Ottoman Turkish publications. The Armenian publications range in date from the late 18th century to the mid 20th century. History, literature and the arts are all represented. With imprints including Istanbul, Sofia, Venice, Vienna, Paris, New York, Boston and Fresno, these mate-

rials document the rich intellectual and spiritual life of the Armenian diaspora. This acquisition greatly augments Michigan's Armenian holdings, already the largest between the east and west coasts. The materials should be available to readers after about a year when processing is expected to be completed. Full bibliographic records will be entered into OCLC as well as Michigan's catalog. The Abaciyan collection is expected to contribute to Michigan's position as a leading center of Armenian studies. (Alan P. Pollard, U of Michigan)

V. Transitions

Sara Seten Berghausen, University of Chicago

Beau David Case, Assistant Professor and Librarian for Europe and Area Studies, Ohio State University Libraries, was named a 1997–98 ALA Library Fellow. He is providing training seminars in library management at the National Library of Moldova during his four-month appointment in Chisinau.

Tanya Chebotarev was appointed to the position of Curator, Bakhtmeteff Archive, Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Libraries, effective March 1, 1998. She holds an M.A. in linguistics from Moscow State University and an M.L.S. from Simmons College. Chebotarev comes to Columbia from the Amherst Center for Russian Culture, where she was Assistant Curator of Russian Collections.

Joanna Dyla has moved south after working 7.5 years in the University of California/Berkeley's cataloging department, and broadened her responsibilities in taking a new position at Stanford University's Green Library. She is now responsible for Stanford's NACO program and also catalogs Slavic serials. Her interests continue to include Slavic librarianship as well as national cooperative programs in which she participates as a NACO and RLIN trainer.

Rumiana Ivanov retired from her position as Bulgarian Specialist at the New York Public Library in January 1997.

Robert A. Karlowich has retired from the School of Library and Information Science at Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY.

Sherry Little, Doctoral Candidate, School of Library and Information Studies, Texas Woman's University, was named a 1997–98 ALA Library Fellow. Little is providing workshops and other training in library automation in seven research libraries (Tallinn and Tartu, Estonia) which are in the process of installing an integrated bibliographic system.

Michael Neubert, Senior Reference Librarian in the European Division at the Library of Congress, was named a 1997-98 ALA Library Fellow. He is spending eight months in Ekaterinburg, helping to create training programs and seminars which will cover web technology and the Internet, library management and reference work, and library public relations and fundraising.

Ellen Scaruffi resigned from her position as Curator, Bakhmeteff Archive, Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Libraries, in 1997.

Wojciech Siemaszkiewicz began work in the Slavic and Baltic Division at the New York Public Library in May 1997, assuming responsibility for current cataloging in Cyrillic for the Division. He is also selecting new acquisitions for the Polish, Czech and Slovak collections. Having worked in various departments at NYPL for the past ten years, Siemaszkiewicz was most recently a cataloger in the Cataloging Division, Monograph Cataloging Section.

In Memoriam

Jelisaveta S. Allen, an authority in Byzantine and Slavic studies who retired in 1993 as a bibliographer at the Dumbarton Oaks Study Center in Washington, D.C., died January 10, 1998.

Mrs. Allen had continued as an advisor for Slavic acquisitions at the Center, where she had compiled and edited four volumes of bibliographies. She edited a 2-volume Author Index of Byzantine Studies and contributed entries on Serbia to the Oxford Dictionary of Byzantium. She was editor-in-chief of *Serbian Studies*, a publication of the North American Society for Serbian Studies, which she headed from 1990 to 1992. She taught Serbo-Croatian at the George Washington University from 1973 to 1985.

Mrs. Allen was a graduate of the University of Belgrade and the School for Museum Curatorship in her native Yugoslavia and did graduate work in archeology at the University of Vienna. Survivors include a daughter and two grandchildren. (Excerpted from the 13 Jan 1998 *Washington Post*; submitted by Harry Leich, Library of Congress.)

David H. Kraus, Assistant Chief of the European Division at the Library of Congress, died October 27, 1997, at the age of 74.

With a reputation as a skilled Slavic bibliographer and editor in addition to his extensive knowledge of Slavic and many other East European languages, Kraus began his career at LC as East European area specialist and assistant to the Chief in the Slavic & Central European Division (later the European Division). He soon was promoted to Assistant Chief, and he also served for many years as acting chief and chief of the division.

Kraus was graduated with a B.A. degree from the University of Wisconsin—Madison (1945) and an M.A. degree in Slavic linguistics from Harvard (1946). He engaged in post-graduate studies in Slavic languages and literatures at Harvard (1959–60). He held teaching positions in Slavic languages at Harvard, MIT, and the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Kraus served as editor from 1973 through 1989 of the widely-consulted annual, *American Bibliography of Slavic and East European Studies*. He was a coeditor of *East Central and Southeast Europe, a Handbook of Library and Archival Resources in North America* (1976). In addition, he edited numerous other works, and is warmly remembered at LC and beyond for nurturing bibliographic studies, editing, and linguistic skills in dozens of young employees and interns who came under his wing.

Kraus' colleagues at LC remember him with fondness and respect. At a memorial program on December 4, 1997, James H. Billington, the Librarian of Congress, said that "David played exceptional roles in administration and collection development, in the preparation of widely-consulted bibliographies, and in fostering greater public access to foreign collections nationwide. We will always be grateful for having known and worked with such a model colleague."

Kraus is survived by his wife; seven children; and ten grandchildren. (Submitted by Harry Leich, Library of Congress)

VI. Libraries in Profile

Ukrainian Museum-Archives Inc., Cleveland, Ohio

David Chroust, Texas A&M University

The Ukrainian Museum-Archives (UMA) of Cleveland, Ohio is an example of an American ethnic museum that transcends the image of these as primarily monuments to ethnic pride. UMA attempts to serve the needs of scholars in a way often beyond the interests and abilities of the enthusiasts who build and operate such institutions. In contrast to what may be the popular image of the ethnic museum as the product of unsophisticated amateurs who are generations removed from the immigrants and their culture, UMA was built by highly educated political émigrés.

These émigrés, known as “displaced persons” or “DPs,” settled in the United States in the late 1940s and early 1950s after having spent the first post-war years in refugee camps in the Western occupation zones of Germany and Austria. Ukrainians were one of the largest nationalities in these camps. Thanks to their numbers, high proportion of intellectuals, and earlier experience organizing their own cultural life and institutions in pre-war Poland and Czechoslovakia, the Ukrainians created a remarkably vibrant intellectual life in the DP camps, and Ukrainian publishing thrived in this unlikely environment.

The need for libraries in the presence of so many productive scholars and journalists was recognized early. Besides two major facilities organized by UVAN (the Ukrainian acronym of the Ukrainian Free Academy of Sciences) and the Shevchenko Scientific Society, local collections sprang up as well. Among these was the museum in the DP camp at Heidenau sponsored in 1948 by the Ukrainian Central Relief Committee from Canada. Leonid Bachynsky (1890–1989), principal of the secondary school in the DP camp

and inspector of Ukrainian schools throughout the British zone, headed this museum, whose collections were shipped to Winnipeg two years later. A graduate of Kiev University and the Ukrainian Technical and Husbandry Institute in Podebrady, Czechoslovakia, Bachynsky started his career as an educator in 1920, during the brief period of Ukrainian independence, at the university in Kamianets-Podilsky, where he lectured in zoology. Later, he served as instructor, inspector, and administrator in various Ukrainian secondary schools in Polish Galicia and Czechoslovak Ruthenia. He was also a leader of *Plast*, the Ukrainian Scout organization.

During a two-year stint in Virginia, his first home in the U.S., Bachynsky maintained his contacts with editors and publishers in the diaspora and collected their output. His collection formed the core of UMA, which Bachynsky founded shortly after his arrival in Cleveland in 1952.

The city proved a congenial setting for the museum. The flow of Ukrainian peasant immigration from Galicia and Subcarpathian Ruthenia to America had commenced in the 1880s, and an important early community formed in Cleveland and other cities in northeastern Ohio. The priest of Cleveland's St. Volodymyr Ukrainian Orthodox Church assisted Bachynsky's efforts to bring his personal collection to the city and made the basement of the church available for the museum. Bachynsky renewed his activities on behalf of *Plast*, and in 1957, UMA moved to the two-story clapboard house owned by the scouting organization's Cleveland chapter, located on the same block as St. Volodymyr's Church in Tremont, the city's original Ukrainian neighborhood. UMA continues to occupy this site today.

Within a year of its inauguration, UMA began to attract collaborators among Bachynsky's fellow émigré intellectuals. The first, Stepan Kikta, published a pamphlet on the museum in 1974. This is probably the most complete and authoritative source on UMA's first two decades. Kikta's pamphlet covers the museum's origins and history, as well as the development of its constituent units and activities, in an organized fashion and provides many details, despite his brief treatment.

Like the museum, which consisted of collections covering ethnography, art, philately, and numismatics, the library and archival section was organized into units, each headed by its own caretaker. The monographs unit, Kikta reported, had over six thousand volumes. These included over 1,300 titles from the DP camps; imprints from immigrant centers in the United States and Canada, such as almanacs and readers and grammars used in early Ukrainian schools; and Ukrainian literature and criticism, especially *Shevchenkiana*. In the period since Kikta published his pamphlet, about the same number of years that he covered, these monographs collections have continued to grow. Today *Shevchenkiana* numbers nearly eight hundred volumes and occupies its own room. Another room is devoted to immigrant religious literature and church history. Memoirs published by Ukrainians in the diaspora is one of the noteworthy theme sections discernable in the general collection. The ongoing scholarly literature on Ukrainian and Soviet topics published by university presses, émigré organizations, and privately is well represented. The last unit Kikta described was devoted to Ukrainian military history, sovereignty, and the independence struggle.

Thanks to Bachynsky's efforts and contacts, the periodicals unit contains one of the most complete collections of the Ukrainian DP-camp press. The definitive bibliography compiled by Boshyk and Balan has been used to evaluate and develop this collection further. UVAN in New York and the Ukrainian National Museum in Chicago have the only comparable collections in North America. Even if UMA's is not the largest, differences in coverage of individual titles among the three collections make each of them indispensable to scholars interested in this important episode in Ukrainian, immigration, and Cold War history. Also important is UMA's collection of the Ukrainian press in North America, ranging from rare and defunct early titles to subscriptions to most current titles. The periodicals section was very active from the outset. Kikta reported 1,323 defunct and 358 ongoing titles in the collection.

The archival unit contains the personal papers of Ukrainians active in the diaspora, most in Cleveland but some as far away as Australia. The folders of some individuals include typescript and

manuscript autobiographies. The ephemera collection, organized by year beginning with 1918, preserves countless flyers, posters, souvenir programs, and pamphlets promoting community events in Cleveland, such as the consecration of St. Volodymyr's Orthodox Church (1933), the dedication ceremony of the Ukrainian section in the city's Cultural Gardens (1940), a convention of the Ukrainian Youth League of North America (1952), and an evening of comedy, songs, and dances by a company of émigré performers from the Hutsul region (1969). UMA's files may be the only record of many of these events. The files also contain surprising items from other centers of the diaspora, such as the program to a commemoration of the rector's seventieth birthday at the Ukrainian Free University in Prague (1937), and stray personal papers, such as a report card from a Ukrainian evening school at an Orthodox church (1936). UMA has also accumulated a photographic collection from donors in the Cleveland community.

Bachynsky, Kikta, and Oleksander Fedynsky, another early collaborator, published important contributions to bibliography. UMA's first publication was Bachynsky's *Ukrainska Presa v Klivlendi* in 1957. A companion bibliography of Ukrainian monographs published in Cleveland soon appeared, followed by one of *Plast* literature in prewar Czechoslovakia and five of North American *Shevchenkiana*. Bachynsky's bibliographies are at the same time catalogs of UMA's holdings. Bachynsky was also a prolific contributor to the diaspora press, while Fedynsky attempted to bring this press under bibliographic control. In 1966, UMA started publishing his series, *Bibliohrafichnyi Pokazhchyk Ukrainskoi Presy poza Mezhamy Ukrainy*. UMA published work in other fields, notably Mykola Hnatyshak's *Derzhavni Hroshi Ukrainy, 1917-1920 Rokiv*, a large and richly illustrated volume on numismatics. Work on a UMA yearbook, however, never reached fruition.

The limiting factor in UMA's development was the scarcity of funds. Kikta devoted much space in his chronicle to the museum's finances and to various fundraising activities. In 1966, UMA adopted the system of dues-paying membership that it continues to rely on today. Kikta reported 132 members. A fund drive for the

purpose of purchasing a building for the museum eventually failed. Bachynsky left UMA and Cleveland in 1978, and in the following years, the museum stagnated. As the Ukrainian community became more affluent and abandoned Tremont in favor of Parma and other attractive suburbs, the old neighborhood decayed.

Over the past ten years, however, Andrew Fedynsky, son of Oleksander, and other children of the DP generation have revitalized the museum. Like their parents, they are well-educated and are even fluent in Ukrainian. The new generation at UMA, however, is fundamentally different from the old, which remained outside mainstream American society. Bachynsky earned his living as a machinist. Fedynsky and his colleagues are professionals, and they have the skills to promote the museum to audiences beyond the Ukrainian-American community and to take advantage of technologies and partnership opportunities that make the museum more viable and its collections more accessible. Also over the past decade, *The Cleveland Plain Dealer* and other local newspapers have publicized the museum, and Luba Gavur, a library science student at Kent State University, wrote an unpublished study about it.

The new UMA also benefits from a broader approach to fund-raising. The traditional method, recruiting dues-paying members in the Ukrainian-American community, is still important. Membership has been growing for six years and reached 226 in 1996. But, UMA has also pursued grants, identified relevant philanthropic foundations, and organized fund-raising receptions.

UMA now publishes a bilingual newsletter that reviews each quarter's activity. The reports in the final 1997 issue portray a museum that is in the midst of a dynamic phase of development. An exhibit contrasting Ukrainian political posters from the Socialist Realist and Glasnost periods opened in October. A bandura recital followed in November. Meanwhile, the museum continued to be a popular stop on the monthly Tremont Art Walk, an innovation that promotes tourism and appreciation of an historic neighborhood that is undergoing renewal. Such events and an ongoing remodeling project have raised UMA's visibility. The newsletter regularly lists additions to the collections, profiles users and their research at

UMA, and reports on partnerships with other institutions. For example, the final 1997 issue records the donation of several boxes of books, ephemera, and memorabilia by longtime Cleveland resident Mary Popovych. Users ranged from a high school student writing a class assignment to Dr. Yuri Kulchytsky, who is preparing a scholarly treatise on the Ukrainian army's winter expedition of 1920.

A milestone in access to the collections was reached when a UMA member with computer skills created a Web site for the museum. Providing Internet access to the electronic catalog, stored on the hard drive of a personal computer at the museum, is the next goal. Meanwhile, director Fedynsky has pursued partnerships with similar Ukrainian museums in Chicago and New York on coordinating and linking their catalogs; with the National Archives of Ukraine on providing access to UMA's collections; with the Ukrainian embassy in Washington on documenting Ukrainian landmarks and cultural resources in the U.S. in the wake of a recent treaty between the two governments on preserving cultural heritage; and with the Slavic Studies Department at Ohio State University on securing grant funding and presenting UMA to the academic community. Toward this end, the department assisted Fedynsky in participating in the annual convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies as a panel speaker.

Ethnic museums contain a vast body of forgotten ephemera, almanacs, and other obscure publications that are now valuable sources for historians and social scientists. Academic librarians should begin to bring this literature under bibliographic control and facilitate the rational reallocation of duplicate copies.

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**1997 ACRL President's Program, "Imagining the Learning Library"
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Complete and abridged versions of the 1997 ACRL President's Program in San Francisco are now available for borrowing by ACRL chapters wishing to use these as part of local programming as well as by libraries and individuals. The program, "Imagining the Learning Library," features presentations by Betsy Baker, of Northwestern University, and by several members of the Disney "Imagineers."

The full program runs 2.5 hours on two half-inch tapes; the abridged version runs 72 minutes on one half-inch tape. ACRL encourages state and regional chapters to bring this program to those of their members who may not have been able to travel to ALA last summer.

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