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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Had I been granted a couple more terms as your chair, I would have ended backlogs as we know them and positioned Slavic librarianship for the twenty-first century. Under the circumstances, I shall cooperate with the new administration of Cathy Zeljak. Cooperation is definitely in the air.

This year SEES and WESS (West European Studies Section) are co-sponsoring each other's programs and advertising in each other's newsletters. The Slavic and Baltic Division of the New York Public Library is assisting SEES in several ways, among them putting Robert Davis in charge of the program, placing their Reading Room at our disposal, and updating their 1985 "Slavic New York" brochure. The topic of the innovative program is "New Audiences, New Perspectives: The Role of the Slavic and East European Specialist in Support of Non-Slavic and East European Studies." The speakers are scholars who have worked with non-Slavic materials in Russian and East European libraries and archives. Paul Le Clerc, president of the NYPL, will chair the panel, and Robert A. Karlovich of Pratt Institute will be the commentator. As usual, our program, scheduled for Sunday (July 7), will be followed by our membership meeting. All our committee meetings, however, will be on Monday, July 8 in the Reading Room of the NYPL Slavic and Baltic Division.

American Slavic librarians have recently stepped up their cooperative efforts. To cite some examples of this activity: the Center for Research Libraries is organizing a Slavic and East European Microform Program (SEEMP) similar to the programs for preservation and delivery of scholarly materials that it has been running in other area studies fields. The libraries that belong to the Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC—the Big 10+2) can now access each others' online catalogs. The CIC Slavic librarians are using their e-mail list to plan cooperative purchases. The University of Kansas is organizing a sort of preservation cooperative to produce bound photocopies of rare Slavic books at reduced prices. In May, a Slavic librarians' conference on cooperation will convene in Lawrence,

Kansas. The consortium of northeast Slavic collections has been active.

The basic mechanisms of cooperative collection development have been around a long time: union lists of serials, division of collecting responsibilities, interlibrary loan. It is easy to discern the motivating forces behind libraries' renewed interest in cooperation. Caught between price increases and budget reductions, American research libraries cannot afford to continue collecting individually at accustomed levels. Will the same economic logic apply to processing, which is caught between the pressures to catalog more and to catalog cheaper? The national bibliographic utilities have made great contributions. Now outsourcing is being tried as a means of lowering costs. The challenge remains of sharing cataloging responsibilities while maintaining standards.

Alan Pollard, University of Michigan

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

I am very pleased to have had the opportunity to preside over the publication of this year's edition of the *SEES Newsletter*. The newsletter is a worthy endeavor and I have heard its praises sung from many sources in the past years. It is a mighty challenge to maintain its effectiveness as a record and communication vehicle in our field. My work and the copy in your hands would have been impossible without the contributions of so many. I would like to thank Patricia Thurston for her efforts as managing editor and the members of the committee as well as the many others who did the actual work writing and compiling the Newsletter. I would also like to thank Molly Molloy, the past editor, for continuing her many efforts for the newsletter and Alan Urbanic who continues to look after our fiscal well-being.

Sandra Levy, University of Chicago

I. Conferences

ALA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, CHICAGO, JUNE 1995, ACRL, SLAVIC AND EAST EUROPEAN SECTION

Minutes recorded by Mieczyslaw (Mischa) Buczkowski, SEES Secretary.

Continuing Education, June 25, 9:30–11 a.m.

The meeting was chaired by Patricia Thurston. Minutes of the Midwinter meeting in Philadelphia were approved as read.

Ared Misirliyan gave a brief presentation on electronic resources in the Slavic field. He mentioned that communication with public libraries in Russia has been established, but mostly in a social context. New resources are being added to the University of Pittsburgh's REESweb. He is also trying to set up a Slavic Web site at McGill University.

Patricia reported on several CD-ROM and online bibliographic resources. *Knizhnaia Letopis* is now available on CD-ROM, in English and Russian. She finds it quite easy to use. The CD-ROM from the National Library in Prague is also available, but only in Czech. It includes newspaper articles up to 1994, but is not comprehensive. *Access Russia CD-ROM* is also available. It contains good, comprehensive legislative text. *ABSEES Online* is still awkward to use. The print copy of 1993 will be available at the end of July with a new index.

The second part of the meeting was mostly addressed to program suggestions for the annual meeting of 1996. Patricia mentioned that somebody has suggested that a roundtable be held as part of the Continuing Education Committee's midwinter and summer meet-

ings. With so many new activities underway, it should not be difficult to find a roundtable theme. Theme possibilities for the roundtables could include new reference sources and acquisition trends, she suggested. Not everybody can afford to buy reference sources, Patricia noted, that it would be helpful to know which libraries have them. Sandra Levy suggested that it might be difficult to hold a roundtable during a midwinter meeting because of the concentration on section business.

Robert Davis stated that the Slavic and Baltic Division of the New York Public Library would supply and set up equipment for the 1996 annual meeting. Julie Swann volunteered to talk about cataloging on the World Wide Web (WWWeb). Her announcement was enthusiastically received.

Alan Pollard proposed that those attending the Krakow Library Preconference to the World Congress of Slavists report back to the group. Patricia agreed to report from Krakow at the midwinter meeting in San Antonio and will try to find two or three other attendees willing to share their experiences.

Patricia announced that the final proof of a brochure designed to attract new members to SEES is ready to go to ACRL for its approval and funding.

Newsletter Committee, June 25, 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

The minutes of the Midwinter meeting were approved as read. Sandra Levy, upcoming committee chair, presided in the absence of Molly Molloy.

Sandra announced that the ACRL Sections Newsletter editors' meeting was scheduled for the following day. She will report at the later executive committee meeting should any important matters arise.

Sandra read the annual report prepared by Molly Molloy for the ACRL newsletter board. The Newsletter Committee added two new members last year, Jane Scales of Washington State University, and Julie Swann of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. Jane reported

the international news and Julie summarized the 1994 SEES program. Expenses increased again, but there is still an adequate balance. 520 copies of issue 11 were printed: 318 for members, 31 for subscribers, and the balance to be sent to Yale and UC Berkeley for distribution. The section should receive adequate funding from ACRL for the next newsletter issue.

Sandra will be editor/chair for the next issue; Patricia Thurston will be managing editor; Jane will continue to report on international news; and Julie will compile the bibliographic section.

The rest of the meeting was opened to comment and suggestions from the floor regarding the newsletter.

Sandra reminded contributors to the newsletter to keep formatting as simple as possible.

The last item on the agenda was discussing a permanent logo for the newsletter. Suggestions have included hiring a professional graphic designer, using the network to request logo ideas, or asking for assistance from university art departments.

SEES PROGRAM: "LIBRARIANS RIDING THE BEAR: KEEPING PACE WITH RUSSIAN PUBLISHING"

June 26, 2-4 p.m.

Chair: Alan P. Pollard, U of Michigan

Speakers: June Pachuta Farris, U of Chicago; John Bushnell, Northwestern U & co-owner, Russian Press Service, Inc.; Yelena Mushyats, Far Eastern State Technical U, Vladivostok, Russia

Discussant: Ared Misirliyan. McGill U

SUMMARIES OF THE PAPERS PRESENTED

Julie Swann, U of Nebraska, Lincoln

June Pachuta Farris described how changes in the Russian publishing industry have affected librarians who are struggling to acquire materials from that region. Farris noted that librarians must be flexible in order to solve problems caused by the lack of a cen-

tralized method of distributing books and serials, the end of government subsidies, and rising publishing costs and postal rates. Farris reviewed methods of obtaining materials, noting that a combination of methods is most effective. She said that vendor lists and catalogs are usually reliable but warned that orders must be placed quickly since items are issued in small tirages. Farris noted that exchange programs have suffered because many Russian libraries can no longer afford to participate in exchanges. She recommended antiquarian dealers for acquiring retrospective titles and observed that selecting sources, like *Novye Knigi*, are not terribly useful except to get a sense of what is being published. Farris said that the Russian public is interested in reading entertaining genres—romance novels, memoirs, crime stories. She noted that many newspapers, an important, but expensive, primary source, have started up. Farris closed by observing that it is important for librarians to build collections that reflect new areas of Russian publishing, while maintaining traditional collections, but to do so requires perseverance.

John Bushnell explained that the publishing industry in Russia is struggling to recover from rising costs and a market which shrank with the dissolution of the Soviet Union. Private publishers now dominate the market, with new publishing houses arising in response to demands from the public for materials that have not been available since the 1920s. Bushnell described the collapse of established methods of book distribution. The bookstore method has been replaced by wholesalers and street peddlers, who strive to sell out-of-print items, and have no interest in retaining stock or carrying a wide variety of books. Because of these changes in publishing and distribution, it is difficult for vendors to keep track of what is being published and difficult to move items out of the country. Vendors must create private networks and must adapt to continuous changes. In addition, contracts between vendors and publishers are often unsuccessful and difficult to negotiate. Russian publishers have exaggerated expectations of the Western market. Bushnell observed that despite these challenges, the market-driven publishing industry is healthy. Although fewer books are published, they are better books. What was once a stable but stagnant industry is now vital.

Yelena Mushtyats described the research library where she works in Vladivostok. The library has a collection of 900,000 volumes, subscribes to 170 journals and has 20,000 users. In 1994 the library received its first four computers which are used to register and catalog acquisitions. Cuts in the university's budget and inflation, along with a university administration that underestimates the importance of the library, have made it difficult for the library to survive. Librarians cannot afford to buy materials needed to support teaching. Mushtyats explained that previously all books went from printers to centralized warehouses. Bookstores sent orders to regional centers which, in turn, forwarded these orders to the warehouses. With privatization, these central and regional organizations have become obsolete. Now publishers distribute materials to independent vendors, and acquisitions librarians must struggle to locate items. Mushtyats, who is responsible for the library's collection of foreign materials, noted that she is no longer constrained by censorship, but she is limited by the library's budget. She cannot afford to purchase foreign materials because to do so would require hard currency. In the past, requests for foreign books and journals were processed by a central office in Moscow. Based on the amount of currency available, this central office would determine which items libraries would receive. Since 1992 all subscriptions have been canceled and librarians who collect foreign materials are dependent on receiving gifts from abroad.

Ared Misirliyan opened the enthusiastic discussion which followed by wondering how decentralized methods of distributing books—an East-West system rather than shipping everything through Moscow—could improve the distribution of materials.

Membership Meeting, June 25, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

The minutes of the Annual meeting in Miami were approved as read. The meeting was chaired by Alan Pollard, SEES chair. Alan reported that membership in the organization has dropped since last year. As of April 1995, there was a total of 318 members (255

personal and 63 organizational) representing a drop of 21 members. In his annual report to ACRL, Alan outlined SEES goals, membership, programs, and activities of all committees.

The SEES committee chairs, with the exception of Lydia Wasylenko, reported on their respective committees' activities.

The International Relations Assembly invited representatives of all sections dealing with international matters to report on their activities. Tanja Lorković will represent SEES.

Program Planning Committee (New York, 1996), June 26, 8-9 a.m.

The minutes of the Midwinter meeting were approved as read. Robert Davis, chair, presented the preliminary proposal, with the tentative title of: "New Audiences, New Perspectives: The Role of the Slavic and East European Specialist in Support of Non-Slavic and East European Studies" to ACRL. He hopes to procure honoraria for non-library participants. Most participants will be based in the New York metropolitan area, so travel cost should be limited.

In his presentation to ACRL, Robert noted that the proposed theme is timely in light of the collapse of the Soviet Union and the Eastern Bloc regimes. He said the "intent of the 1996 program is to make librarians from within, and outside of our field, more aware of the kind of research that is taking place in the non-Slavic portions of libraries and archives of the former Soviet Union."

Robert suggested a roundtable format with three or four panelists, each offering a specific case study based on their own research and perspectives. Examples included: an East Asianist; West Europeanist; Hebraist; Islamicist, etc. Each speaker could touch on the following: 1) examples of some of the specific former Soviet collections relating to their field, especially those in which they have carried out research; 2) examples of some of the available printed sources to access the contents of these collections; 3) what, if any, are some of the publications, printed or electronic, that monitor activity in these areas; 4) names of individuals to whom Slavic library specialists may turn for reference assistance; and finally, 5)

how might Slavic and East European library specialists better serve researchers representing these new constituencies, whose interests overlap with our own.

The committee will decide which of several proposed panelists will lead the discussions.

The committee considered the use of the Slavic and Baltic Division of the New York Public Library for various activities. The Division could be the site of meeting and/or work space for any SEES committee activities, a distribution point for any relevant literature, and host an exhibit/reception. A revised edition of 1985 guide, "Slavic New York" was suggested.

The committee reviewed possible conference tie-ins with any of the many cultural institutions in the New York area. The committee will try to contact UN Missions, consulates, New York-based book-sellers to see if interest exists for conference receptions.

Automated Bibliographic Control Committee, June 26, 9:30-11 a.m.

The meeting was chaired by Tatiana Goerner Barr. The minutes of the 1995 ALA Midwinter meeting in Philadelphia were approved as read.

Susan Summer reported on the NACO meeting she had attended the previous evening. She said the discussion was focused on training for trainers in the bibco (bibliographic contribution, one of three components of the Program for Cooperative Cataloging of core records) program.

Patricia Thurston and Sandra Levy reported on the cataloging aspects of the Slavic Librarians' Workshop, in Urbana-Champaign, June 1994.

Tatiana asked for suggestions on how the online directory for Slavic catalogers could best be used, and whether it should be limited to Slavic subjects or include a larger audience. Susan suggested posting a reminder on AUTOCAT twice a year that the directory exists.

Tatiana opened the rest of the meeting to a discussion of impor-

tant cataloging issues now facing catalogers and how ABC might help the Slavic library community. She noted that events are moving quickly in the world of cataloging and electronic information. The larger question is: what is ABC's function and purpose and how "can we act to fulfill them?"

The discussion included Princeton's Slavic cataloging manual on the WWWeb. Opinion was divided on whether or not the manual's usefulness is limited to Princeton.

Tatiana discussed the possibility of posting on ALA's gopher the questions most frequently asked of Slavic catalogers. She also brought up the topic of subject headings updates for the lists compiled by Julie Swann. Allan Urbanic said that from a reference librarian's point of view it would be useful, so the group decided that Julie should continue the project.

The group also explored the issue of cataloging simplification, its repercussions on Slavic records, and whether the Slavic community can contribute in some specific way to the standards. The final questions explored were: What do Slavic catalogers do today? What is the impact of combining technical services and reference work? What else do Slavic catalogers do for their community? Participants were urged to mail or e-mail their responses to the questions.

Preservation Committee, June 26, 2-4 p.m.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as published in the *SEES Newsletter*. Jared Ingersoll described several film preservation projects, details of which are found within the Grants and Acquisitions sections.

Jared also announced that in October, 1995 the Library of the Russian Academy of Sciences in St. Petersburg, with the sponsorship of the International Science Foundation (Soros Foundation), will host a seminar consisting of lectures, training and workshops. The title of the seminar is "Libraries and Archives in Emergency."

Patricia Thurston reported on the preservation concerns in Romanian libraries. Buildings lack adequate climate control and

materials are kept in rooms that are unprotected from summer heat, winter cold, moisture, and damaging sunlight. Library staff are very concerned about the fate of their collections, yet face preservation difficulties without enough funding for training and equipment that would help them implement effective preservation policies and laboratories.

The rest of the meeting was dedicated to presentations by Sonja Jordan, head of the Preservation Dept., University of Notre Dame, and Laszlo Kovacs, recently retired Director of the Library at St. Olaf's College.

As part of a Commission on Preservation and Access trip, Jordan visited Bulgarian libraries March 1-20, 1994. The National Library of Bulgaria is the only automated library in the country. In 1956 the library established a chemical laboratory for preservation. The technology is now outdated, and it is difficult to cope with hundreds of damaged manuscripts and rare books. She found that approximately 45% of the collection is brittle. While preservation is not being treated as a priority, Bulgarian librarians seemed ready to accept suggestions and monetary help. She showed slides of different aspects of library operations: reading rooms, stacks, a chemical lab for preservation, binding, filming, and rare books shelving.

Kovacs ended the meeting with his slide presentation "Libraries and Other Curiosities" summarizing his visits to eleven libraries in St. Petersburg, Kiev, and Budapest in 1992. He saw the Library of the Academy of Sciences, the Russian National Library (formerly the Saltykov-Shchedrin), the libraries at N.K. Krupskaya Institute of Culture, and St. Petersburg State University, all in St. Petersburg; the State Public Library of the Ukraine (the national center for preservation and conservation), T.G. Shevchenko State University Library, and the Vernadsky Central Scientific Library of the Academy of Sciences of Ukraine in Kiev; the National Szechenyi Library, the Center for Library Science and Methodology, the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, and the Eotvos Lorand University Library in Budapest.

Executive Committee, June 26, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

The meeting was lead by Alan Pollard, SEES chair. The minutes of the Midwinter meeting in Philadelphia were approved as published in the *SEES Newsletter*.

Alan congratulated all committee chairs and members for doing a good job. He announced that he had sent welcoming letters to all new members of SEES. He also reported the election results: Cathy Zeljak (George Washington U), vice-chair/chair-elect; Alena Aissing (U of Florida, Gainesville), member-at-large. He noted that the preceding day's SEES program attracted many people.

Inasmuch as many committee reports had already been made at the earlier Membership meeting, the only report was Sandra Levy's description of her participation in an ACRL Sections Newsletter Editors' meeting. She said that the group will be represented on a larger ACRL publication committee by an ex-officio member. Discussion at that meeting also included examination of various forms of electronic publishing.

Preceding her report, Sandra again raised the question of a permanent logo for the *SEES Newsletter*. She and Allan Urbanic had discussed the possibility of using a small amount of newsletter money to fund prizes for a logo-design contest in which various university art schools would be invited to participate. The desirability and logistics of this idea require further investigation.

Jared Ingersoll, chair of the nominating committee, asked members to submit names of potential candidates, even if they wanted to nominate themselves.

Alan said a few months ago he had approached WESS with the suggestion that SEES and WESS co-sponsor their programs, but had not received a reply from WESS. He reported that there have been many complaints that ACRL has too many programs and too much control over ACRL's various sections. He also described "Donor Prospect Coordination," which requires that ALA must be asked for its permission before a section can seek funds from outside sources. ALA requires this in order to protect potential donors from being targeted by several requests. ACRL has made

compliance with the rule more rigorous by requesting its units to submit, in writing, detailed reasons for asking such permission.

He announced that Carol Erickson will represent SEES at a meeting of the International Assembly, replacing Tanja Lorković, who had to leave Chicago prior to its session.

The meeting ended with discussion of future scheduling for SEES meetings, centering on the possibility of holding them on Saturday/Sunday instead of Sunday/Monday.

ALA MIDWINTER CONFERENCE, SAN ANTONIO, JANUARY 1996, ACRL, SLAVIC AND EAST EUROPEAN SECTION

Minutes recorded by Mieczyslaw (Mischa) Buczkowski, SEES secretary.

Preservation Committee, Jan. 20, 2-4 p.m.

Because the chair, Jared Ingersoll (Ohio State U) was unable to attend, the meeting was an informal exchange of ideas and discussion. Bradley Schaffner reported that the University of Kansas has implemented a listserv to facilitate preservation photocopying/binding information. Any library can utilize the program, he said. If five libraries join, the cost can be cut by 50% and the first reproduction would be free. Bradley said it is a very good cooperative program.

Alena Aissing told the group about a panel she has prepared for AAASS in Boston. She said a CRL microfilming program also will be discussed at AAASS.

Alan Pollard asked about the future of the Preservation Committee. He wondered if it should be defined as a clearinghouse for public information regarding preservation. He also noted that the committee ought to assume a more active role. Alan also requested that the committee prepare a statement outlining the reasons for

having a separate Slavic preservation committee and why the committee is important.

Patricia Thurston once again emphasized the need for preservation in Romanian libraries which need help. She noted that less and less grant money is available to us. She suggested it might be well to cooperate more with commercial enterprises. Tatiana Goerner Barr asked whether or not soliciting funds is an obligation of the committee.

Continuing Education Committee, Jan. 21 1996, 9:30–11:00 a.m.

The minutes of the annual meeting in Chicago were approved as read. Patricia Thurston chaired the meeting. Julie Swann will be the new committee chair after the New York meeting.

Patricia reported on the Professional Education Council of ACRL which she attended. Different education ideas were presented. One was to set up a WWWeb page. As many people are unable to come to meetings, the newsletter has been the primary way to keep those people in touch. She said a WWWeb page would not be a bad idea, and that our committee should consider it. Sandra Levy suggested that instead of having a WWWeb page for one committee, it might be better to have it serve a whole section. She suggested discussing the subject at the Executive Committee meeting.

Patricia said that the ACRL Professional Education Committee had discussed mentoring people who are new to the profession. It would especially serve librarians newly graduated from library schools. Nobody has a model plan. Our committee already does quite a bit with Slavlibs (the Slavic librarians' e-mail forum) and the newsletter. She asked for volunteers to serve as mentors. Joanna Dyla suggested that preference should be given to librarians in more distant geographical areas. Selina Lin from the University of Iowa volunteered to prepare a work sheet for mentors, i.e. what meetings to attend, organizations to join, travel destinations, etc.

Patricia told about her participation in the Krakow Library Pre-conference to the World Congress of Slavists. The meetings took

place in Przegorzaly Castle, August 3-5, 1996. The theme of the conference was "Libraries in Europe's Post-Communist Countries in their International Context." Representatives of almost every country in Europe, with the exception of Romania and Albania, attended the preconference. The USA and England had the most representatives. Romania and Albania were often not mentioned in statistics, she said. She hoped that this will change in the future. Economic problems were mentioned most in speeches. Participants were taken on a variety of tours. She went to Jagiellonian University Library in Krakow and was very impressed with it. It now tries to reach out to patrons instead of having the library serve principally as a depository. Most of the library's funds come from western grants. Instead of only the four PCs it had to begin with, the library now has more than 100.

The committee discussed inviting Dr. Maria Kocojowa, head of the Department of Library and Information Science at the Jagiellonian University, to speak at the New York meeting.

Newsletter Committee, Jan. 21, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

The meeting was chaired by Sandra Levy. The minutes of the annual meeting were approved as read. Sandra introduced committee members and described their responsibilities. She also presented funding information from Hugh Thompson from ACRL, as well as Allan Urbanic, SEES treasurer. There should be adequate funding for Issue 12.

Several members reported that they have already collected material for Issue 12.

Molly Molloy will compile the news from the US and Canada. She also asked that she be notified if any member hears of institutions aiding with donations of books and computers to Eastern Europe. Tatiana Goerner Barr volunteered to write an item on network resources.

Although ideas had been presented for the library collections section at the last summer meeting, none have been received yet.

The question on a logo for the cover arose again. Sandra showed two illustrations for possible use and mentioned the possibility of dispensing with an illustration and moving the title to the center of the cover. She will proceed with the illustrations for this year.

The deadline for submitting material for the newsletter is February 1. March 1 is the deadline for the committee to submit materials in copy-ready form to Patricia Thurston, managing editor.

Automated Bibliographic Control Committee, Jan. 21, 2-4 p.m.

The meeting was chaired by Tatiana Goerner Barr. She will continue as chair for the coming term. The minutes of the annual meeting in Chicago were approved as read.

Tatiana gave an overview of the previous meeting's discussion. Included were subject headings for the Slavic librarians' listserv; creating a FAQ (frequently asked questions) file for Slavic cataloging questions, and contacting counterparts in ALA. She presented a list of questions frequently asked about Slavic cataloging. She asked whether or not it would be a good idea to put the questions on the proposed homepage. It was generally agreed that the answer was affirmative. Some members suggested additional questions for the list, such as Cyrillic transliteration problems, the breakup of Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia, etc.

Tatiana suggested that ABC make a presentation or conduct a seminar during the annual meeting in New York City. Julie Swann agreed to make a presentation on cataloging on the WWWeb. She will also give examples of Slavic subjects.

The balance of the meeting was taken up with a discussion about who would take responsibility for maintaining the homepage. The matter will be taken up by the Executive Committee.

Executive Committee, Jan. 21, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

Cathy Zeljak chaired the meeting in the absence of Alan Pollard. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

She reported that as of November 1995 SEES membership totaled 307, and she announced committee assignments. She presented ACRL's Strategic Plan for 1996–2001: to provide development opportunities for academic and research librarians and other library personnel that enhance their ability to deliver superior service and resources, collaborate with other professional organizations and associations of higher education in order to promote mutual interests, maintain at the national level a prominent role in planning and decision making for influencing information policy, and ensure that ACRL's operating environment provides efficiency in its use of resources and effectiveness in the delivery of services to its members and constituent units. ACRL is asking for the section's reaction to the Strategic Plan.

In 1997 the ACRL program will focus on changes in higher education, economic changes and their effect on library collections. ACRL would like to consolidate activities into one, overall program and discourage the various sections from having separate programs. Molly Molloy said that SEES' mission would be best served by having its own program. Elisa Topper, ACRL director of membership services, suggested that the group draft a letter to ACRL outlining its reasons for wanting a separate program.

Chairs of the various committees reported on their groups' activities.

Bernard Fradkin, member of the Board of Directors, came to the meeting to hear the groups' concerns. He will relay them to the Board.

The committee then discussed the homepage issue. Sandra Levy said that the homepage should not copy other homepages but develop its own sources. WESS already has a homepage model, according to a WESS representative, and it could serve as a good example to follow.

27TH NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SLAVIC STUDIES, WASHINGTON, D.C., OCTOBER 26-29, 1995

Library And Archive Related Programs

Access and Archiving of Electronic Resources for Slavic and East European Studies

Chair: Molly Molloy, Hoover Institution

Participants: Janet Crayne, U of Michigan; Jared Ingersoll, Ohio State U; Scott Gilles, U of Illinois

Baltic Library and Information Resources

Chair: Maira Bundža

Participants: Viivi Verrev, National Library (Estonia); Martin Halbert, Rice U; Janis Kreslins, NYPL; Eric A. Johnson, LC; Danguole Kviklys, DePaul U

E-Texts and Russian Literature: Research Applications

Chair: Miranda Beaven Remnek, U of Minnesota

Participants: Gary Jahn, U of Minnesota; Bruce McClelland, U of Virginia; George Fowler, Indiana U; David Birnbaum, U of Pittsburgh

Information and Access Across Borders: Evaluating Efforts in International Collaboration

Chair: Eric A. Johnson, LC

Participants: Richard E. Quandt, Princeton U; Peter Burnett, Oxford U (UK); Carol Erickson, IREX

Discussants: Marianna Tax Choldin, U of Illinois; Tanja Lorković, Yale

Information Resources on Hungary and Romania

Chair: Grant Harris, LC

Participants: Patricia K. Thurston, U of Illinois; James P. Niessen, Texas Tech U; Kenneth Nyirady, LC; Pongracz Sennyey, U of Illinois; Paul E. Michelson, Huntington C

The Library of Congress—New Collections and New Programs in the Slavic and East European Area (Roundtable)

Chair: Irene Steckler, LC

Participants: John Hardt, LC; Michael Neubert, LC; Cooper Graham, LC; Abby Smith, LC; Vera DeBuchananne, LC

Publishing, Acquisitions, and Bibliographic Control of Current Materials From Central and Eastern Europe

Chair: Karen Rondestvedt, U of Pittsburgh

Participants: Michael Biggins, U of Washington; Zuzana Nagy, Harvard U; Ronald Bachman, LC; Murlin Croucher, Indiana U

Recent Books on Yugoslavia

Chair: Julie Mostov, Drexel U

Participants: Dennison Rusinow, U of Pittsburgh; John Lampe, Woodrow Wilson Ctr; Gale Stokes, Rice U

Renaissance or Death: Book and Serial Exchanges with Russian and East European Libraries (Roundtable)

Chair: Gordon Anderson, U of Kansas

Participants: Michael Biggins, U of Washington; Murlin Croucher, Indiana U; Colleen M. Hansen, Linda Hall Library; Bradley L. Schaffner, U of Kansas

Who Gets the Books? Problems of Restitution Fifty Years After the War

Chair: Marianna Tax Choldin, U of Illinois

Participants: Ekaterina Genieva, Library of Foreign Literature (Russia); Klaus-Dieter Lehmann, Deutsche Bibliothek (Germany); Patricia Grimsted, Harvard Ukrainian Inst.; Jack F. Matlock, Harriman Inst.

Bibliography & Documentation Committee

Minutes submitted by Harold M. Leich (Library of Congress)

1995 Committee membership: June Pachuta Farris (chair; U of Chicago), Terence Emmons (Stanford U), Harold Leich (LC), Hugh Olmsted (Harvard U), Wojciech Zalewski (Stanford U)

The Committee met on October 29 from 8–10 a.m., and again from 10:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m. June Pachuta Farris chaired both meetings.

First Meeting: 8–10 a.m.

I. Announcements

June Farris (U of Chicago) announced the new chair of the Bibliography & Documentation Committee, Karen Rondestvedt (U of Pittsburgh), and new committee members who will serve terms for 1996–98: Molly Molloy (Hoover Institution), Tatjana Lorković (Yale U), Janet Crayne (U of Michigan), and Kurt Engelmann (U of Washington). In addition, Ellen Scaruffi has been appointed the new chair of the B&D Access subcommittee.

Patricia Thurston (U of Illinois, Urbana) announced that the 1996 workshop for Slavic librarians at the U of Illinois/Urbana will be held June 26–28.

Janet Crayne (U of Michigan) reported on current efforts at the U of Michigan Library to compile a Bosniaca bibliography. The library has hired a scholar to conduct bibliographic research (including database searches) with the goal of producing a comprehensive bibliography of materials from and about Bosnia.

Sandra Levy (U of Chicago) announced a February 1, 1996 deadline for submission of materials for publication in issue number 12 of the Newsletter, Slavic and East European Section, ACRL, ALA. Materials should be sent to her or to Susan Summer, Columbia U (grants and acquisitions information).

II. Reports

Marianna Tax Choldin (U of Illinois, Urbana) reported that the AAASS Board of Directors is reviewing committee structures and procedures with a view to restructuring them.

Choldin also reported on the Mortenson Program at the U of Illinois. Two current Mortenson fellows are attending this AAASS conference.

Choldin reported on the Soros Foundation Library Advisory Board, the Soros Regional Library Program, and the Soros Internet Board. Members of the first board are Peter Burnett, Winston Tabb, Christine Borgman, Ekaterina Genieva, and Choldin. Choldin noted that the Internet Project is completely separate from the Regional Library Program.

Genieva spoke briefly on the Internet Project, which covers Russia, Ukraine, and Belarus and which has approximately \$10 million in funding for 1995-96. Internet access is being supplied not only to libraries, but also to other institutions such as museums, schools, hospitals, etc. An international advisory board for the project is in the process of formation.

Nerses Hayrapetian (National Library of Armenia), currently at the U of Illinois Mortenson Center Program on an IREX grant, announced the recent formation of a library association in Armenia with a charter membership of 119.

Farris reported on the International Librarians' Conference (Krakow-Przegorzaly, August 3-5, 1995) and the World Congress of Slavic and East European Studies (Warsaw, August 5-11, 1995). The next World Congress will be held in 2000 in Tampere, Finland, with a librarians' preconference tentatively planned for Helsinki.

Harold Leich (LC) gave a brief report on activities at LC, including a recent reorganization that reconstitutes area studies as an administrative unit. The Library is awaiting its final budget for fiscal year 1996, and it is hoped that no further large-scale serial or newspaper cancellation projects will be necessary in 1996. A number of special projects at LC continue to operate, including the Soros-funded internship program for library and information professionals

from the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, and a program of long-term loans of microfilming equipment to several libraries and archives in Russia and Lithuania.

Alan Pollard reported on the activities of the Slavic and East European Section, ACRL, ALA. The Automated Bibliographic Control Committee is continuing its project of developing a directory of professional catalogers with Slavic/E. European language and area expertise. The Continuing Education Committee is working on an information brochure about the section. A program on the Slavic specialist in support of non-Slavic studies is being planned for the summer 1996 annual conference in New York.

Carol Erickson (IREX) reported on IREX activities. She reminded those present that the short-term travel program is available to fund librarians' research travel; there are three deadlines each year. She also mentioned the Freedom Support Act graduate fellowships funded by the USIA: 26 librarians are currently studying at twelve US schools. IREX needs to locate American institutions willing to host the fellows for three-month internships over the summer of 1996, and would be glad to hear from any volunteers. Funding from the granting agency that supports the Special Projects in Library and Information Science program will not be confirmed until the spring; however, IREX is proceeding with advertisement of the program in anticipation that funding will be confirmed. The deadline for submission of proposals this year will be May 1, 1996.

Farris reported on the Slavic librarians' e-mail forum based at the U of California/Berkeley and coordinated by Allan Urbanic. There are currently 220 subscribers. In general the network is functioning efficiently and continues to serve a valuable purpose.

Wanda Wawro (Cornell U) reported on the annual Slavic Librarians' Workshop held at the U of Illinois, Urbana, June 19-21, 1995. Steve Corrsin (Brooklyn College) and Bob Burger (U of Illinois) presented position papers on the future of Slavic librarianship, forming the basis for discussion of this and other topics (these papers were later posted on the Slavic librarians' e-mail forum). As at past workshops, several vendors were present and a session on cataloging issues was held.

Janet Crayne (U of Michigan) reported on the library column in the AAASS newsletter, *NewsNet*. An increasing amount of information is being submitted for each issue, making it difficult to accommodate all items. Choldin suggested using the library column in *NewsNet* for items of general interest to the AAASS membership as a whole, while using the e-mail forum for communication with librarian colleagues on specific issues. Choldin noted that the AAASS homepage is also available for general news, announcements, etc.

Natasha Lyandres (Hoover Institution) reported on the Communist Party microfilming project that Hoover runs with Rosarkhiv, the Russian State Committee on Archives. Chadwyck-Healey has just published a catalog of the finding aids and archival guides that have been filmed under the project.

Lyandres also reported on the RLG/Rosarkhiv/Hoover Institution cataloging project, supported by funding from NEH. In this experimental project, archivists at various archives under the jurisdiction of Rosarkhiv are contributing records to the RLIN database. The goal of the project is to establish an international methodology of decentralized, remote input of archival records to the RLIN database. Most records are at the fond level and have come from four archives: the Russian Center for the Storage and Study of Documents of Modern History (RTsKhIDNI); the State Archive of the Russian Federation (GARF); the State Archive of the Tver' Region (GATO); and the Tver' Center for the Study of Documents of Contemporary History (TTsIDNI). Differences in American and Russian descriptive cataloging standards have been worked out; access to records via AACR2 name headings and LC subject headings is being coordinated by Lyandres at Hoover.

Second Meeting: 10:15 a.m –12:15 p.m.

I. Announcements

Joan Beecher Eichrodt made a plea for assistance to libraries in Chechnya, many of which have been damaged or destroyed in the current war.

II. Reports

Patt Leonard (U of Illinois, Urbana) reported on the American Bibliography of Slavic and East European Studies (ABSEES) and the ABSEES Subcommittee of the B&D Committee. M.E. Sharpe Publishing will publish the printed edition of ABSEES beginning with the 1993 volume, which is currently being indexed and which will appear in early 1996. Title VIII funding for ABSEES ends as of December 31, 1995, so there will be charges for online access beginning in January 1996; the schedule of fees has not yet been finalized. The U of Illinois Library will provide some transition funding until the bibliography becomes self-supporting.

Nadia Zilper (U of North Carolina, Chapel Hill) reported on the work of the B&D Subcommittee on Collection Development. The group's current project is the production of an acquisitions manual designed for dealers, librarians, and exchange partners. Drafts of the manual are being circulated for comment.

Karen Rondestvedt reported on the REESweb site at the U of Pittsburgh.

Patricia Grimsted (Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute) reported on the status of her ArcheoBiblioBase project, designed to provide the latest information about Russian archives and manuscript repositories. It is hoped that a printed version will be produced sometime in 1996.

Maira Bundža (Latvian Studies Center Library in Kalamazoo, Michigan) announced that the Center's board has decided to disband the library. Consequently, the library needs a new home, preferably a research library which will continue to make the holdings accessible to the general public as well as to researchers. Bundža asked for advice from those present on various issues involved in the transfer of such a large collection. Should the collection be sold or donated as a gift? Should it be maintained as a separate collection or integrated in with existing holdings at any future home?

II. Old Business

Farris noted that, as in the past several years, the minutes from the B&D Committee meetings would be distributed over the Slavlibs e-mail forum, and printed in the forthcoming *SEES Newsletter*.

Those present discussed the future of the print version of the *International Directory of Librarians and Library Specialists in the Slavic and East European Field*. East View Publications issued the fourth edition in late 1994, but a number of changes and additions have accumulated since then. It was the consensus of those present that a printed version of the directory is very useful and should, if possible, be continued. In the meantime, changes, additions, and corrections to the current printed edition may be sent either to the European Division at the Library of Congress or to East View Publications in Minneapolis.

III. New Business

Farris introduced Marlys Rudeen (Center for Research Libraries) who discussed the proposal to form a Slavic and East European Microform Project (SEEMP), analogous to similar microfilming projects in other area studies, based at CRL. Rudeen distributed draft by-laws for the proposed project and noted that the annual fee for each member institution would be in the \$500–\$800 range. She asked those present to comment on the proposed by-laws and to urge their home institutions to join the project by April 1, 1996, so that the by-laws can be formalized and operations begun. The actual membership of the project will finalize the by-laws and elect an executive committee that will actually run the project.

Those present discussed possible panels and roundtables for the 1996 AAASS conference, to be held in Boston, November 14–17. The deadline for submission of completed panels to Grazyna Slanda (Harvard U) is January 1, 1996. The following were suggested: Nadia Zilper, Electronic information sources; Joanna Epstein and Steve Corrsin, Recent changes in library technical services and their effects on Slavic and East European materials; Nina Shapiro, Re-

cent developments in publishing and the booktrade; Eric Johnson, A look at regional developments five years after the demise of the USSR; Organizer to be determined, Archives in the former USSR and Eastern Europe; Janet Crayne, Developments in international standards for cataloging character sets. Completed panel and roundtable proposals are to be sent directly to Grazyna Slanda.

II. Reports

NEWS FROM THE U.S. AND CANADA

Molly Molloy, Hoover Institution

ABSEES Update

The American Bibliography of Slavic and East European Studies marked the start of its fifth year at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Patt Leonard continues as Managing Editor, and Rebecca Routh is the Assistant Editor.

The 1993 edition should be published in early 1996, while ABSEES 1994 will be published in late 1996.

Past editions of ABSEES were printed by the AAASS and some issues are still available from them (8 Story St., Cambridge, MA 02138). Future editions will be published by M.E. Sharpe, Inc.

In addition to the annual printed edition, the ABSEES staff produces the database ABSEES Online. Housed on a computer at the UIUC Graduate School of Library and Information Sciences (GSLIS), it contains over 26,000 citations for material published from the late 1980s to the present, and new records are added every month.

From 1991–1995, production of ABSEES was funded by Title VIII through the US Department of State. With the loss of this support, the ABSEES staff, together with the staff of the UIUC Library and UIUC GSLIS, have been developing a subscription service for ABSEES Online, as a means of generating revenue to apply towards production costs. ABSEES remains a not-for-profit endeavor.

Subscriptions will be offered on an annual basis to institutions and to independent scholars. Subscriptions for colleges and universities will be domain-enabled, so that access to the database will be available from any computer on the campus network. A demonstration version of the database, featuring a selection of records from ABSEES Online, will be available at no cost for those who are considering subscribing.

With support from IREX, the UIUC Library, and revenue from the ABSEES Online subscription service and royalties from sales of the printed editions, the position of ABSEES is assured through June 1996. Whether ABSEES can continue at the UIUC Library after that point will depend on the success of the subscription service. (Patt Leonard, UIUC)

ALA News

IRC-Eurasia and Central Asia Subcommittee

The Subcommittee, which includes the former IRC US-Armenian Libraries Subcommittee, hopes to prepare a manual providing guidelines for developing strategic plans for Eurasian/Central Asian countries, based upon the prototype developed with the libraries and librarians in the Republic of Armenia. The manual will be distributed to the target countries and its usefulness will be monitored through electronic communication. Grant support will be requested from IREX for the manual. The Subcommittee has already completed a survey on Eurasia/Central Asian libraries, which was given to Freedom Support Act Fellows, including Mortenson Fellows from the U of Illinois, Urbana. Support will be requested from ALA for a week-long conference in Erevan in the fall of 1996.

The Chair, Sylvia Manoogian of Los Angeles Public Library, will be one of the speakers at the PLA IRC-sponsored program: "Li-

braries in Rapids: Challenges and Changes," at the annual conference this summer in New York. Her topic will be: "Literacy, Armenian Libraries, and the Library Association of Armenia." The program will be held on Sunday, July 7th.

For more information, contact Sylvia at: LA Public Library, 630 W. 5th St., Los Angeles, CA 90071; laplintl@class.org.

Library Fellows

Marie Bednar, Pennsylvania State U, has written a report on her stay at Masaryk U in Brno, Czech Republic as an ALA Fellow from October 1994–March 1995. It was recently archived in the Slavic Librarians' e-mail forum, moderated by Allan Urbanic, UC Berkeley.

SEES in New York

Our program, "New Audiences, New Perspectives: The Role of the Slavic and East European Specialist in Support of Non-Slavic and East European Studies," will be held on Sunday, July 7, from 2–4 p.m. This program is jointly sponsored by the Western European Section (WESS) of ACRL. It hopes to raise awareness of the richness and diversity of book and archival collections in the former Soviet bloc. Robert H. Davis, Jr., NYPL, is the Chair of the 1996 Program Committee.

The Chair of the program will be Dr. Paul Le Clerc, President of The New York Public Library. Panelists will be: Dr. Elizabeth Brown, Brooklyn College Emerita, a French historian who has worked with the Saltykov-Shchedrin's collection of French manuscripts and printed books; Dr. Myra D. Orth, Getty Center Emerita, who directed an ongoing joint project between the Getty and the Institut de Recherche et d'Histoire des Textes in Paris to photograph and microfilm Western European and Czech illuminated manuscripts in St. Petersburg and Prague; and Dr. David Fishman

of the Jewish Theological Seminary and the YIVO Institute of Jewish Research's "Project Judaica," an effort to survey archival resources throughout Russia and the FSU. The discussant will be Dr. Robert A. Karlowich, Professor of Library Science at Pratt Institute, a Slavacist.

The Slavic and Baltic Division of NYPL will serve as host to most SEES meetings in its Reference Room, which is closed to the public on Mondays. The Division is also preparing information on Slavic resources (museums, libraries, archives) in the NY metro area, and hopefully some tours may be offered. (Robert H. Davis, Jr., NYPL)

WESS Program

The WESS program this year, "The Changing Face of European Studies," is being co-sponsored by SEES. It will be held on Monday, July 8th from 8:30-11:00 a.m.

David Magier, Director of Area Studies, Columbia will speak about his experience with the electronic resources project at Columbia, focusing his presentation on electronic resources as they relate to the future of European studies. Glenda Rosenthal, Director, Institute on Western Europe, Columbia will be focusing on Western Europe and its multi-cultural, multi-ethnic society. And Sara West, Program Officer, Advanced Training and Research Branch, Center for International Education, US Department of Education will talk about funding sources for European studies. Martha Brogan, Yale University will act as moderator.

Donations to Eastern Europe

1. Donate your computer equipment to Lithuania! Assist International Inc., a tax-exempt, non-profit organization, is seeking donations of 286/386 and more advanced computers and peripherals (including keyboards, monitors, printers) for use in Lithuanian univer-

sity and research libraries. These libraries, which have always been the prime sources of information for professionals as well as faculty and students, are now automating and developing a national information network. Their progress, however, is impeded by the lack of computers, which they cannot afford to buy. As a result, librarians lack means for inputting records and managing networks while users are denied access to important national and international information resources. Your discards can serve as needed workstations on library networks in Lithuania. Assist International Inc., which has been assisting libraries in Lithuania and 12 other newly independent countries of Central Europe, has agreed to acquire and deliver needed computer equipment. Not only will you receive a tax deduction, you will help a good cause and help build economic growth in a country struggling to overcome years of communist domination. For more information about Assist International, Inc., the kind of equipment needed, and how to arrange a donation, contact Dr. Lee G. Burchinal (lburchin@gmu.edu; (703)-525-9045; 4141 N. Henderson Rd., Arlington, VA 22203).

2. Recycle your library literature! The International Federation for Information and Documentation Education and Training Committee (FID/ET) and the SLA International Relations Committee have created a project called "Adopt a Library School." This project supplies professional library journals to library schools in countries where purchasing subscriptions is not feasible. For more information, contact Dr. Irene Wormell, Royal School of Librarianship, Birketing 6, DK-2300 Copenhagen S, Denmark; iw@db.dk.

East Coast Consortium

The East Coast Consortium of Slavic Library Collections was established in 1993 to better coordinate activities among major Eurasian area studies collections in the Eastern United States. The Consortium presently numbers six member institutions: Columbia,

Cornell, Harvard, The New York Public Library, Princeton, and Yale. Initially, the meetings of the Consortium offered a venue for the discussion of issues related to the state of post-Soviet publishing and the book trade, and sharing information on dealer and exchange relationships. In subsequent sessions, the Consortium's work has included the following topics: collection development and acquisitions, collections assessment, preservation, and the pursuit of coordinated grant-funded projects, including the creation of a cooperative preservation Slavic and East European area studies group, under the auspices of the Center for Research Libraries. (See "Slavic and EE Microform Project") The Consortium is also working on the preparation of informative literature intended to assist and promote area studies research at member institutions, cooperation and coordination with other regional area studies consortia, identification and evaluation of electronic resources for the Slavic and East European studies field, and the development of a Consortium homepage. The Consortium hopes to further broaden both its membership and its scope in the months ahead. Electronic mail may be sent to the Consortium listserv: slavcoop@columbia.edu. (Robert H. Davis, Jr., NYPL)

Electronic Resources for Librarianship & Area Studies

1. REESweb

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

Overwhelmed by the proliferation of Internet resources from and about our area? The University of Pittsburgh invites you to try our REESweb, a WWWeb hypertext guide to Internet resources from and/or about East Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe, Russia, the Caucasus, and Central Asia. Begun in late 1993 by Casey Palowitch (now at Princeton), the REESweb is now Pitt's most popular site (ca. 26,000 visits per month) and one of the more popular on the Internet. The maintainers' goal is that the REESweb be comprehensive and up-to-date. Funding from our Center for Russian and East European Studies' National Resource Center

grant since the summer of 1995 has allowed us to update it approximately every two weeks.

Please send updates and new sites (with URL and description) to Karen Rondstvedt (rondest+@pitt.edu) or submit through the form on the REESweb. (Karen Rondstvedt, U of Pittsburgh)

2. Special Homepages for Slavic collections:

New York Public Library

URL: <http://www.nypl.org/research/chss/slv/slav.balt.html>

University of California, Berkeley:

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

University of Chicago:

URL: <http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/LibInfo/SourcesBySubject/Slavic/>

3. IREX Homepage

URL: <http://www.irex.org> (See "Irex News")

Hoover News

An exhibit of paintings of Ivan Alekseevich Vladimirov at the Hoover Institution began on November 8th, and will continue until May 8th. Although Vladimirov's paintings of war and revolutionary heroism reside in the collections of major Russian museums, these private sketches of everyday life showing the abuses and suffering resulting from Bolshevik policy were sold during the 1920s to Frank A. Golder for the Hoover War Library. Notecards of some of the paintings (5 each of 4 subjects) are available from Spin Off, 9882 Eastside Road, Healdsburg, CA 95448; (707) 836-0244.

On January 12, 1996, Rosarkhiv, citing recent changes in Russian law and pending legislation, notified the Hoover Institution and Chadwyck-Healey Ltd. of its intention to terminate in six months the agreement of April 17, 1992, under which their joint project to

microfilm the archives of the Soviet Communist Party and Soviet State was undertaken. During the next six months, the parties agreed to enter into negotiations for a new agreement that would take account of the new legislation and the experience derived from past cooperation. Noting the achievements of the project to date (more than 6,000 reels of microfilm), the three organizations reaffirmed their commitment to the principles of open access to archival information according to national law, parity in the exchange of archival materials, and international archival cooperation. In negotiating the new agreement, they agreed to explore possibilities for undertaking such scholarly projects as archival guides and documentary publications, as well as continuing the reproduction in microform and other formats of archival records. A published catalog of the microfilms can be obtained without charge by contacting Chadwyck-Healey, Ltd.: in the US: (800) 752-0515; mktg@chadwyck.com; outside US: mail@chadwyck.co.uk.

IREX News

The International Research & Exchanges Board (IREX) has expanded its library and information science activities in the past year through a variety of formats, including training programs and the creation of information resources to better serve the library and academic communities.

The Freedom Support Act (FSA) Graduate Fellowship Program in library and information science entered its second year in 1995. Funded by the United States Information Agency, the FSA Program provides fellowships to citizens of the Newly Independent States (NIS) for one to two years of graduate-level training at accredited US institutions in disciplines of importance to the NIS democratic reform process. During the 1994/95 inaugural year of the program, thirty one Fellows, representing a wide geographic cross-section of the NIS, enrolled at twelve US universities. The 1995/96 academic year brought an additional twenty six FSA Fellows to the

US, initially for an intensive summer pre-academic and English language program sponsored by the Mortenson Center for International Library Programs of the University of Illinois, then to eleven US universities for their formal graduate training.

An integral component of the FSA Program is the summer internship, which allows the Fellows to expand on their academic studies by undertaking a three month professional position in a US library, archive, or information center. A wide array of US institutions have sponsored Fellows for summer internships, and the experience has proved to have mutual benefit for all parties involved. Internships have permitted the Fellows to develop expertise in cataloging, automation, the creation of WWWeb sites, reference, and online services, while the host institutions have been able to take advantage of the Fellows' unique linguistic and professional skills.

Recruitment and selection of the participants in the 1996/97 FSA Program is currently underway. IREX anticipates sponsoring a similar number of Fellows beginning in summer 1996.

The IREX Special Projects in Library and Information Science program entered its third year, with grants awarded to ten projects in 1995. The activities ranged from conferences, workshops, the creation of guides and directories, to library assessment visits by American specialists to understudied regions of the NIS and East Central Europe. Since the program's inception in 1993, the Special Projects program has supported forty-three initiatives that have increased the availability of information on research resources for US scholars, and promoted international collaboration and dialogue aimed at improving library and archival access and services.

Information sources available from IREX that were created as a result of the Special Projects program include library assessment reports to East Siberia/Russian Far East, Hungary, Ukraine, the Volga Region, and Southeastern Europe. All of the reports are available from IREX in print form, and on the IREX WWWeb site: URL: <http://www.irex.org/libpub.htm>.

The fourth annual Special Projects competition is scheduled for 1996, with an application deadline of May 1, 1996.

In an effort to complement the programmatic aspects of IREX activities, IREX is tapping into the knowledge and experience of its participants to create a series of information resources to keep researchers and others up-to-date on the changing academic situation in East Central Europe and Eurasia. In addition to the library assessment reports mentioned above, IREX is producing a series of first-hand reports from IREX scholars on access and working conditions in regional libraries and archives. These reports have become a regular feature in IREX's bimonthly publication, the *IREX News In Brief*, and are also available via the IREX WWW. Thus far, access reports have included:

Magadan (<http://www.irex.org/magadan.htm>),
Rostov on Don, (<http://www.irex.org/rostov.htm>),
Tashkent (<http://www.irex.org/tashkent.htm>),
and Tbilisi (<http://www.irex.org/tbilisi.htm>).

IREX is also working to make excerpts of recent IREX scholar reports on access and working conditions in regional libraries and archives available on the IREX Homepage;

(<http://www.irex.org/access.htm>). The resource is divided into four geographic subdivisions: Moscow, St. Petersburg, Other Russia, and Other NIS, and is further divided according to individual archives and libraries, with specific comments about scholar experiences listed subsequently. The resource is updated on a quarterly basis, with more recent information added as IREX receives reports from American scholars working abroad.

For additional information on IREX library and archival programs, contact: Carol A. Erickson, Senior Program Officer, Library and Archival Programs, IREX, 1616 H Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006; tel: (202) 628-8188; fax: (202) 628-8189; e-mail: cerickso@irex.org. (Carol A. Erickson, IREX)

NYPL News

The Division has made an almost complete transition from reliance on the RLIN cataloging utility to OCLC. As in the past, however, all records will be available in both utilities. A new and

updated version of the Slavic and Baltic homepage was mounted on the WWWeb. (See "Electronic Resources" above.) By the spring of 1996 all of the staff will be accessible individually via e-mail.

The Division loaned many books to the Nassau County Museum of Art for its exhibit "Legacy of a Czar and Czarina," which ran from September 30, 1995 until January 7, 1996. An exhibit of Ambassador Jan Papanek's archival material was prepared for Mrs. Betka Papanek, widow of Ambassador Papanek and the benefactor responsible for an endowment for Czech and Slovak collections.

During the fall of 1995, Dr. Slavomir Michalek, Fulbright Fellow, Institute of History, Slovak Academy of Sciences, worked in the Division and with the Papanek archives on a Fulbright Fellowship. The Division also benefited from the work of Ms. Suyumbika Ziganshina, a USIA/Freedom Fellows Intern from the National Library of Tatarstan, who worked primarily with the Russian and Tatar collections of the Library.

The Division held several seminars including one sponsored by the Institute of International Education on international library cooperation, marketing, technologies, and management, that was attended by visiting library directors from the Kazakh Academy of Sciences and the Kazakh National Library. On June 12th there was a symposium on Slavic and East European studies and electronic resources. Speakers included Robert Scott (Columbia), Steve Corrin (Brooklyn College Library), Wojciech Siemaszkiewicz (NYPL), and Jerzy Kulczysky (Orbis Books, London). The Division continued its regular series of staff seminars.

Research Libraries News

The Russian Academy of Sciences (INION) bibliographies are available only as an RLG CitaDel file. They are a unique and rich new source of information created by one of the world's largest producers of bibliographies in the social sciences and humanities, citing and abstracting books, manuscripts, dissertations, plus articles from more than 10,000 periodicals. Author-title information is given in the original language of the publication; abstracts and keywords

are in Russian; subject headings are in both Russian and English. An institution can choose to search the bibliographies via Eureka and see all data in Latin-alphabet transliteration, or via the RLIN interface that presents data in its original Cyrillic script. Material covers 1992 to the present, and is updated bimonthly. For more information, contact Brian Keyes, RLG Account Manager; (800) 537-7546; bl.bnk@rlg.org.

Retirements

Joseph A. Placek

Joseph A. Placek recently retired from the University of Michigan Library, where he headed the Slavic and East European Division in the late 1970s and early 1980s. He received masters degrees from Catholic University (Library Science) and Georgetown (Russian). From 1965–67 he headed the Reference Department at Ohio State University. He was one of the founding members of SEES, serving as Chair from 1968–71, and was also active in AAASS (serving on the B&D Committee), and in the Catholic Library Association. He was instrumental in establishing the pioneering cooperative collection development between the University of Michigan and Indiana University. His most recent publication, authored with Donald R. Mandich, is *Russian Heraldry and Nobility* (Boynton Beach, FL: Dramco Publishers, 1992).

Dmytro M. Shtohryn

Dmytro M. Shtohryn joined the faculty of the University of Illinois Library in 1960. In 1964 he was named Head of the Slavic Cataloging Section in the newly formed Slavic and East European Department of the Library, a position he held until his retirement in December 1995. He has been chair of the Ukrainian Research Program at the University of Illinois since 1984. He received his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Ottawa, both with honors. He was one of the founding members of SEES in 1964, and served

as its chair from 1967–71. He also founded the Franko International Society and has been active in the Shevchenko Scientific Society of America and in other Ukrainian scholarly societies. He has done consulting and served on doctoral committees at the Ukrainian Free University in Munich and has taught there, at the University of Ottawa, and at the Ukrainian Catholic University in Rome. He has given courses in Ukrainian language and literature at the University of Illinois. His research agenda has included topics in Ukrainian literary criticism, librarianship, and political and cultural aspects of Ukrainian literature and its relations with other East European literatures, especially Russian and Polish. He is on the editorial boards of several scholarly journals in his field. He is also responsible for organizing twelve conferences on Ukrainian subjects, held annually at the University of Illinois since 1984 that have attracted scholars from around the world. In the past several years since the breakup of the Soviet Union, he has taken several research trips to Ukraine in order to attend conferences, develop library relationships between Ukrainian libraries and the University of Illinois, and to help with other cultural matters in Ukraine. (Bob Burger, UIUC)

Slavic and EE Microform Project

Institutions with an interest in Slavic and East European area studies are invited to become members of the Slavic and East European Microform Project (SEEMP). This new project will be organized along the same lines as the other area study microform projects such as the Cooperative Africana Microfilm Project (CAMP) and the Latin American Microfilm Project (LAMP). Its purpose will be to promote the preservation of scholarly materials relating to Slavic and East European studies through cooperative action. It will be organized on the principle of institution membership with a committee of the whole and an executive committee to carry out project business between annual meetings. Each institution has one vote and appoints its own representative to the project. The Center for Research Libraries will take the responsibility for storing and loan-

ing the materials and providing administrative support. The Steering Committee is asking institutions for a commitment to join by April 1st; annual membership fees will be \$600. The first annual meeting will be at AAASS this fall. For more information, please contact Marlys Rudeen, Microform Projects and Preservation Coordinator, Center for Research Libraries, 6050 S. Kenwood Ave., Chicago, IL 60637; (312) 955-4545, ext. 324.

Slavic Librarians' Workshop

The fifth annual Slavic Librarians' workshop took place on June 19–21, 1995, at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, as part of the UIUC Summer Research Laboratory on Russia and Eastern Europe. Thirty-five Slavic librarians from the US and Canada, and representatives of six major vendors met once again to discuss issues of concern peculiar to Slavic and East European librarianship.

The workshop began with opening comments from Aaron Trehub, Acting Director of the Illinois Researcher Information Service. He made the point that librarians must shift away from merely gathering and organizing information, in order to create new information resources using electronic media and other new technology. Bob Burger, Head of the Slavic and East European Library at the UIUC, then presented an insightful and concise talk on the economics and politics of contemporary Slavic librarianship. Along with the dissolution of the Soviet Union, came utter chaos in the East European book trade, which may not be merely temporary. He added his interpretations of the grim internal conditions within university libraries, including budget cuts, decreases in staff, and cutbacks in programs, and warned that current administrative trends towards finding short-term solutions for problems threaten the very concept of the research library as we know it.

Nadia Zilper, Slavic and East European Bibliographer at the U of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, reported on the long-awaited Collection Development Manual, compiled by the Collection Devel-

opment Subcommittee of the Bibliography and Documentation Committee of AAASS, which she chairs. She stressed the contents of the chapter dedicated to relations with vendors.

Helen Anderson, Assistant Coordinator of Collections at McGill U in Montreal, offered remarks closely connected to those of Bob Burger, on "Changing Patterns in Collection Development. Discussion followed on the factors affecting the current state and future direction of Slavic and East European collection development.

Presentations by vendors, some well known to the workshop and others who attended for the first time, made it possible for the participants to get a more complete picture of the information trade and the services available to us during these troubled times. ATC Books International, East View Publications, Moscow Independent Press Publishing, Orbis, Russian Press Service, and Srbica each sent a personal representative. Panorama of Russia, although unable to send a representative, provided their latest catalogs and information on their activities. Russian Press Service issued an in-depth analytical handout concerning the latest developments in the field. Patt Leonard, Editor of ABSEES, updated participants on the necessity of commercial publication of the bibliography, which will now be issued by M.E. Sharpe. A price increase is essential, and the online version of the bibliography, previously free, will soon be accessible for a fee for institutions or individuals. Workshop participants realized that these changes are necessary for the continued existence of this basic research tool.

Casey Palowitch, Electronic Text Librarian at the U of Pittsburgh, provided participants with an in-depth, hands-on introduction to his own collection of Slavic resources available online through the Internet and the WWWeb. Steve Corrsin, Associate Librarian for Research and Access Services, City University of New York, Brooklyn College Library, presented an important paper on the under-represented topic of issues in technical services in the field. He analyzed some of the problems facing catalogers, and offered advice for dealing with cataloging in a time of rapidly changing subject and geographical headings.

Patricia Thurston, Research Librarian at UIUC, held the conclud-

ing discussion for the workshop, speaking on the subject of exchanges. She observed that since the old goals and procedures for such exchanges have recently become obsolete, librarians must work towards developing new ways of establishing mutually beneficial communication and exchange between East and West.

Marianna Tax Choldin, C. Walter and Gerda B. Mortensen Distinguished Professor for International Library Programs, UIUC, hosted a dinner party for the participants and a group of Russian librarians, providing an opportunity to become better acquainted in a congenial atmosphere.

This successful workshop provided a high degree of interaction between librarians and vendors and the organizers would like to extend their sincere thanks to all those who helped make the workshop possible. (Wanda Wawro, Cornell, coordinator)

NEWS FROM ABROAD

Jane Scales, Washington State University

Bosnian listserv

Cuprija (cuprija@umich.edu) is an electronic listserv devoted to the discussion and dissemination of information regarding the restoration of libraries and their collections affected by the recent conflict in the Balkans. Many of these collections were specifically targeted for destruction by nationalist forces, and all have suffered to some degree from the effects of the war. The focus of this list is Bosnia-Herzegovina, the country whose libraries and archives sustained the most damage. This list, however, does not exclude discussion of efforts to restore libraries in neighboring states, such as Croatia. Although national boundaries and alliances have changed in recent years and might do so again, the intention of this list will remain the same: to establish a forum for the free exchange of information, for the coordination of cultural and humanitarian assistance

in the broadest sense, to regions so devastated by repeated acts of armed aggression that their sole remaining resource is the human spirit. It is hoped that this list will be used to promote and plan restoration activities by providing our colleagues with the materials, equipment and information they want and need, when they need them. For more information contact Janet Crayne at jcrayne@umich.edu. (Janet Crayne, U of Michigan)

Bosnian Libraries Donation Account

UNESCO has opened a special account for donations to be used for the revival of the National and University Library of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Check donations made out to UNESCO can be addressed to: The Director, Division of the General Information Programme, UNESCO, 1, rue Miollis, F-75732 Paris Cedex 15. Please indicate code 416 BIH 60. For more information on the assistance program and bank transfer donations, contact Mr Wolfgang Loehner, Director, Division of the General Information Programme, UNESCO, telephone 33.1.45.68.45.00 or e-mail pipla@frunes21. (Andras Riedlmayer)

EROMM Database Created

A new international database, the European Register of Microform Masters (EROMM), has been created to assist the coordination of preservation activities around the world. The database will provide records of materials already microfilmed. To promote a better understanding of the database and its purpose, the Commission report "The European Register of Microfilm Masters — Supporting International Cooperation," written by Dr. Werner Schwartz, will be distributed to those on the Commission on Preservation and Access's mailing list. Additional copies are available for \$10 each from: Commission Program, Commission on Preservation and Ac-

cess, 1400 16th Street NW Suite 740, Washington, DC 20036. Make checks payable to: The Commission on Preservation and Access. (*The Commission on Preservation and Access Newsletter*, no. 77, April 1995)

IFLA Conference

A record number of librarians from Russia and former-Soviet republics attended the 61st General IFLA Conference which took place in Istanbul, Turkey, August 20–26, 1995. Librarians from Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, Tadjikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania represented 10% of the 2500 conference participants. Russian delegates alone numbered 130. The topics of new technology and the Internet dominated the discussions and papers presented at the conference. Among Russian lecturers at the conference were L.A. Terekhova, N.N. Kasparova, and M. Zaluzhskaia.

At the closing general conference session, the vice-president of the Russian Library Association, E.U. Genieva presented a resolution on behalf of librarians from Russia, the Commonwealth of Independent States, and Baltic countries which called for an international effort to help revive the Chechen National Library which has been destroyed during the war. The resolution received ardent support from conference participants. (Marianna Tax Choldin, *UTUC; Biblioteka*, no. 11, 1995)

International Conference on Library Automation in Central and Eastern Europe

The Regional Library Program and the European Commission are pleased to announce their first jointly sponsored International Conference on Library Automation in Central & Eastern Europe. This will take place at the new Central European University Conference Centre in Budapest from April 11–13, 1996. The conference

will be preceded on April 10 by three parallel pre-conference workshops. The conference program will include presentations and workshops from Western European librarians who are currently working on European Union funded projects and studies which are of potential relevance and interest to librarians from Central and Eastern Europe. Conference participation is limited to a maximum of 200 people. The official language of the conference will be English. For more information on the conference, contact Ms. Melissa Hagemann, Program Coordinator, Regional Library Program, Open Society Institute, Oktober 6 utca, 12. (Eric A. Johnson, LC)

International Librarians' Conference

The Pre-Congress Library Conference of the Fifth World Congress of Central and East European Studies took place August 3-5, 1995 in Krakow-Przegorzaly, Poland. The theme of the preconference was "The Libraries of the Post-Communist Countries: Their International Context." Events included reports from various information and bibliographic organizations, a book dealers' session, art exhibitions by the scholars of Jagiellonian University and by artists from the *Correspondance des Arts*. Plenary sessions, discussion panels, and poster sessions were conducted by conference participants. A volume containing the conference proceedings will be published through the School of Library and Information Science, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland in the near future. Send inquiries for copies to that institution: 31 007 Krakow, Ul. Golebia 16. (AAASS *NewsNet*, January 1996)

National Library of Serbia, Exchange Department

Individuals may now contact the National Library of Serbia via e-mail. Address questions and correspondence concerning its exchange program and new orders to: INJAC@nbsbg.nbs.bg.ac.yu. (Injac Vesna, National Library of Serbia)

News from Britain

The Fifth World Congress of Central and East European Studies took place in Warsaw, August 6–11, 1995. Its program for librarians and bibliographers focused on the present state and prospects for library collections in Eastern Europe and the former USSR. Presentations included: "Literature Lacking in East European Libraries (1945–1994)," "Books Outside Their Native Lands," "Censorship: publishing, bibliographies, libraries," and "The Cultural Heritage of the Slavic and East European Book." Many of the presentations have been offered to the editorial board of *Solanus*, and selected papers will be published in a double-sized volume in 1996.

Ursula Phillips, editor of *COSEELIS Newsletter* is compiling recently established Russian periodical titles (1990-) on Russian language and literature in UK libraries. She requests detailed holdings and information on distributors and acquisition issues from UK libraries.

The catalog of the Hoover/Rosarkhiv microfilm project *Archives of the Soviet Communist Party and Soviet State*, recently purchased by BLDSC (British Library Document Supply Center), is now available for use. This catalog is available from Chadwyck-Healey in both Russian and English. (*COSEELIS Newsletter*, no. 11, October, 1995)

Russian DDC 21 Translation Agreement Signed

The Russian National Public Library for Science and Technology and OCLC Forest Press have signed an agreement for the first Russian language translation of the unabridged Dewey Decimal Classification. The agreement provides for the translation of DDC 21, which will be published by OCLC Forest Press in June 1996. The translation agreement received an impetus from the second international Crimea 95 conference, held in Ukraine in June. Yakov L. Shraiberg, first deputy director of the Russian National Public Library for Science and Technology, was instrumental in bringing

about the translation agreement with OCLC Forest Press. The Russian version of DDC 21 will be prepared by a team of translators under the direction of Ekaterina M. Zaitseva, deputy head of the Scientific and Research Division at the Russian National Public Library for Science and Technology. For more information: Peter J. Paulson, plp@oclc.org or Nita Dean, nita_dean@oclc.org. (Victor F. Gorodinsky, U of Wisconsin, Madison)

University of Sarajevo Internet Connection Imminent

A project for full Internet access is in progress at the University of Sarajevo. A group of electrotechnical engineers (NetGroup) is setting up an "open university teleinformatic center" with main support from the Free University of Amsterdam (Vrije Universiteit) and the Soros Foundation. For the first time, this center should provide the members of the University of Sarajevo with electronic communications. Further expansion of the center is planned for the development of the university network of Bosnia and Herzegovina (Tuzla, Mostar, etc.). The center should open by March 1996. (Michel Cartereau)

Workshop in Bucharest

A four day workshop, sponsored by the Soros foundation, was held May 6-9, 1995, in Hotel Flora, Bucharest, Romania. The sessions concentrated on information and training on how to use international programs to obtain funding for library-centered programs in Romania and other East European countries. The workshop welcomed guest speakers from the Council of Europe, the European Commission Program, the PHARE Program, the British Council of Bucharest, EBLIDA, the Mortenson Center, IREX, USIS, the New School for Social Research of New York, and the Soros Foundation. Key officials from the Romanian Ministries of Education and Culture also gave brief presentations. The program included ten

sessions and introduced case-study examples whenever possible. The conference provided information on library activities in four countries: Romania, Bulgaria, Ukraine, and Moldova. The participants learned practical approaches for applying for support. (Dragoş Munteanu, Soros Foundation, Bucharest)

III. Grants

Susan Cook Summer, Columbia University

The American Library Association has received a \$20,000 grant from the Open Society Institute in Budapest, Hungary, to sponsor a series of three workshops in Chişinau, Moldova, Iaşi, Romania and Bucharest, Romania. The workshops are being coordinated by the ALA International Relations Roundtable. The goals include assisting with the organization and development of national library associations as well as standards for bibliographical control and description for information technology and for library practice. (press release)

The Hoover Institution, with support from the National Endowment for the Humanities, is entering the second year of a joint Hoover-Rosarkhiv-RLG project. The primary objective of the project is to test the capacity of RLIN and the MARC AMC format in order to promote a common database of archival descriptions and to encourage international cooperation in the area of archival research. By the end of the first year of the project, over 600 USMARC Cyrillic records were prepared for loading into RLIN.

Also at Hoover, work was completed on the cataloging and preservation microfilming of Polish independent press literature, 1976–1990. With the support of the US Institute of Peace, the project produced 223 reels of film and bibliographic descriptions of 1,310 serials and 150 books. A guide to the collection was compiled by Maciej Siekierski and Christopher Lazarski (*Guide to the Polish Independent Publications, 1976–1990, in the Hoover Institution Archives*,

Hoover Institution Press, 1995). (Natasha Lyandres and Molly Molloy, Hoover Institution)

Stanford University Libraries hosted three IREX interns during the summer of 1995. They were instrumental in cataloging the Russian children's book collection of about 6,000 titles. Stanford plans to continue working with IREX interns to bring the entire collection under bibliographic control.

In addition, Wojciech Zalewski received an IREX grant to present a paper at the Pavlenkovskie chteniia in Saint Petersburg, October, 1995. The paper concerned Russian book trade abroad in the 1920s. The grant also sponsored archival research in Saint Petersburg. (Wojciech Zalewski, Stanford U)

The University of Birmingham, Centre for Russian and East European Studies and the University of Birmingham Library have received a grant of 100,000 pounds sterling for retrospective cataloging of Russian history and humanities materials. The grant comes from the Higher Education Funding Council of Great Britain and will run from 1996 to 1997. (Graham Dix, Centre for Russian and East European Studies, U of Birmingham)

The University of Michigan

a. In fall 1995, Rashi Jackman, a doctoral student in the Department of History, was appointed the 1995-96 Bosniaca Research Assistant. Under the auspices of and funded by the University of Michigan Working Group on War and Peace in Southeastern Europe, he will create a bibliography of the University Library's Bosniaca holdings. This bibliography will be contributed to *Bosniaca: Journal for the Revival of the Collections of the National and University Library of Bosnia and Herzegovina*. The National and University Library intends to use this and other collations as the basis for reconstituting its collection. The University of Michigan contribution will be based on its holdings recorded in OCLC, MIRLYN (the local online catalog), the card catalog, and INNOPAC. It is scheduled for completion by the end of August 1996.

b. From January 23rd to February 21st the University of Michigan Library hosted Senella Krehić, a librarian from Bosnia and Herzegovina. She is currently employed as a subject specialist in biomedical literature at the National and University Library's Referral Center. She also represented the National and University Library at Sarajevo. Her visit was sponsored by the Working Group on War and Peace in Southeastern Europe, a joint initiative of the International Institute and the Center for Russian and East European Studies at the University of Michigan. (Janet Crayne, U of Michigan)

The University of Pittsburgh has been given a fourth fellowship by the Kosciuszko Foundation for work on the Alliance College Polish Collection. The new Kosciuszko Fellow is Marzena Magda Zacharska, Head Librarian of the Department of Scientific Research at Jagiellonian Library in Krakow. Thanks to the generosity of the Kosciuszko Foundation and many others, Pittsburgh placed approximately 10,800 Alliance titles online with full cataloging by the end of November 1995. (Karen Rondestvedt, U of Pittsburgh)

IV. Acquisitions

Susan Cook Summer, Columbia University

Boston College's John J. Burns Library of Rare Books and Special Collections will receive a representative sample of books published by the St. Kliment Ohridski University Library Press in Bulgaria. The acquisitions will amount to about 600 books per year and will include books in many subject areas and languages. (*College & Research Library News*, July/August 1995)

Boston College recently received the library collection of the late George Florescu, a noted Romanian historian. This gift, from his son, Radu Florescu, includes more than 3,000 books on 19th and early 20th century Romanian history, with a concentration on the history of Bucharest and church history. The gift includes a complete run of the *Romanian Historical Review* and other valuable academic serial publications (Radu Florescu, Alexandru Grigorescu)

Hoover Institution's recent acquisitions include:

- a. the Karay-Kys Arakchaa collection on Chechnia (Ms. Arakchaa is the deputy to the Russian Duma from Tuva, and a member of the Duma Committee on Nationality Affairs)
- b. Substantial additions to the Russian/CIS Opposition Press Collection
- c. A sizable addition to the large Russian political party documents collection
- d. The S. Arutiunov collection on the Caucasus (Mr. Arutiunov is the Head of the Institute of Caucasian Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences)
- e. A collection of Siberian economic statistics from the 1980s

- f. Additions to the existing collection of the "Memorial" Society, Saint Petersburg
- g. The papers of Karol Poznanski, consul-general of Poland in Paris and London between the world wars
- h. the papers of Stefan Jedrychowski, a member of the Politburo of the Polish Communist Party
- i. Archives of the Tolna district of the Hungarian Communist Party, 1970–1984
- j. A microfilm copy of a private collection of materials concerning Admiral Kolchak
(Molly Molloy, Hoover Institution)

McGill University, Department of Rare Books at McLennan Library has acquired the papers of Petr Genrikhovich Tiedemann, a Russian diplomat to China from 1898 to 1920. The archive consists of family letters as well as official papers and documents, rare books published in Russia and China, and original runs of some newspapers, including *Novyi krai* (1903–1905), *Izvestiia Obshchestvennogo soveta russkoi kontsessii v Kan'kou* (1920–1921) and the *Chefoo Daily News* (1904–1905).
(Helen Anderson, McGill University)

The New York Public Library, Slavic and Baltic Division has received a number of notable acquisitions including:

- a. The library and archive of Dmitry and Eugenie Lehovitch, numbering more than 1,200 volumes and including materials relating to the Tsarskoe Selo (Alexander) Lycee, military history, ballet, the monarchy, and the Lehovitch family as well as correspondence with notable literary figures
- b. A supplemental donation by Eda Isaakovna Glaser including 760 books, archives and art materials donated to the Division and the Prints Division; the materials include rare Soviet art books and original art works
- c. Microfilm copies of *Eastern Catholic Life* and other Rusyn regional community publications donated by Bishop Michael J. Dudick, D.D.

d. A supplemental gift, deposited in the Prints Division, was made to the rich collection of graphic design by the Ukrainian-American artist Jacques Hnizdovsky and his wife; the gift includes examples of Hnizdovsky's poster art, book plate, book design and an oil painting

e. Twenty additional items added to the Rev. Dr. John Shintay collection including materials relating to the Slovak Lutheran Church in New York; this supplemental gift brings the total donation to 2,419 items

f. Three rare printed books by Franklin Sciacca of Hamilton College with a supplemental gift of 36 volumes

g. A gift from the Dutikow Family including: *Bozheiu milostiuu* (1957) with portraits of the family of Alexander II

h. The Marina Shelehoff Collection, including 175 items and two photograph albums primarily about the Russian monarch and court life

i. A number of rare items including: Baronius, Ceasar, *Rocznedzieie koscielne ... W Krakowie*, 1607; [Skrizhal], *V tsar[s]tvoishtem grade Moskve*, 1656; Bible. O.T. *Psalms*. Church Slavic, *V b[fo]gospasemom grade Mogilev*, 1705; Hirmologion. Church Slavic, *Pochaev*, 1775; a treatise on monastic and religious life printed in *Klink-Limonar sirech tsveetnik*, 1787; Langans, F. *Slovar' iuridicheskii*, Moskva, 1788; a coronation church ceremony for Tsar Alexander I, *Chin diestvie...1801*; *Besiedy k glagolemomu staroobriadtsu*, Moskva, 1841; and a two-volume description of a voyage to India and the West Indies, *23,000 mil na iakhtie "Tamara": puteshestvie Ikh Imperatorskikh Vysochestv Velikikh Kniazei Aleksandra I Sergiia Mikhailovichei v 1890-1891 / putevyia vpechatleniia* G.I. Radde; illustrated by N.S. Samokishem

(Robert H. Davis, Jr., Serge Gleboff, Natalie Zitzelsberger, New York Public Library)

OSU's Hilandar Research Library, a special collection of the Ohio State University Libraries, received the first shipment of negative master microfilms of medieval manuscripts from collections in Russia. This is the first of several expected shipments that are part of

a project originally funded by Title II-C. The first shipment includes around 500 manuscripts. (AAASS *NewsNet*, Jan. 1996)

Stanford University Libraries' recent acquisitions include the following:

- a. A collection of books and archival materials from Janina Hoskins, former Polish specialist at the Library of Congress, including biographical materials, manuscripts, and extensive information about Polish bibliography and libraries in Poland
 - b. Works by artists including Mikhail Karasik from Saint Petersburg, Aleksandr Sevastianov from Moscow, Jadwiga and Janysz Tryzno from Łódź and Ley and Kurtiak from Koszalin
 - c. Major poetry acquisitions based on the Tarasenkov bibliography *Russkie poety*
 - d. An archive of materials and catalogs relating to Slavic book dealers
- (Wojciech Zalewski, Stanford U)

The University of Alberta Library acquired a copy of Pamva Berynda's *Leksykon slavenorosskyi al'bo imen tolkovanyie* (1653) in honor of Dr. Peter Jacyk who received an honorary doctorate.
(*Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies Newsletter*, Fall, 1995)

The University of Chicago Library received a bust of the Bulgarian author Aleko Konstantinov as a gift of the Bulgarian people and in honor of the centenary of the publication of Konstantinov's book *To Chicago and Back*. The book describes the author's experiences during his visit to the US for the World's Columbian Exposition near the University campus in 1893. In addition to the bust, the University Library also received more than 600 titles to add to its collection.
(Sandra Levy, University of Chicago Library)

V. Professional Appointments

Sandra Levy, University of Chicago

MARIA BORYSIEWICZ was named Monographic Cataloger and Slavic Bibliographer at the University of Colorado at Boulder. She did cataloging of Slavic materials and specialized Slavic Reference services at the University of Michigan Libraries, while she completed her Master's in Information and Library Studies and progressed on her PhD in Slavic Languages and Literatures. She also did cataloging, collection development and reference service at the Library of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Gdansk and taught Polish language and linguistics. She is especially interested in authority work and subject access systems.

JOHN DESANTIS is the new Bibliographer for Russian and Slavic Studies at Dartmouth College. He was formerly the Russian Language cataloger at Amherst College as well as a multilingual translator for the government of Ontario. He studied at the University of Toronto where he earned a BA in Russian, a MLS specializing in cataloging as well as an MA and a still in-progress PhD in Slavic Languages and Literatures. His special interests include Slavic linguistics, Polish and Czech language and literature and the cataloging and collection management of Slavic materials in libraries.

JEAN DICKINSON is a new Resident Librarian in the Slavic and East European Library at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana. She came to Illinois after earning her MLS and BA from the University of Arizona. She has also studied at Indiana University, Bloomington.

VICTOR GORODINSKY moved to the University of Wisconsin in Madison to be their Slavic and Central Asian cataloger. He had been at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign as a cata-

loger where he also earned his MLS. His special interests include automation, authority work, languages as well as music and magic.

DIANA GREENE is now the Slavic Librarian at New York University's Bobst Library. While this is her first library position, she has taught English in St. Petersburg, Russia and Slavic Languages and Literature at the University of Virginia and Manhattan College, as well as Women's Studies at State University of New York, Plattsburgh. She earned a BA from Vassar College and a MA and PhD in Slavic Languages and Literatures from Columbia University. She took her library degree at the University of Rhode Island. Her particular interests include the study of women in Russian literature.

INNA GUDANETS is the Slavic Monograph Cataloger at Stanford University libraries. She came to Stanford from Belarus where she was in the Collection Development Department of the National Research Library of Physical Education in Minsk. She earned her MLS at the Minsk State Pedagogical Institute. She is particularly interested in early 20th century Russian poetry.

JAMES P. NIESSEN is now the Librarian for History and Foreign Languages at Texas Tech University Libraries, where he also has an appointment as Adjunct Assistant Professor of History. He earned his BA in history at Notre Dame, and his PhD in history, as well as a Russian and East European Studies Certificate from Indiana University. He received his MLIS at the University of Texas, Austin. Although his duties are more general, Niessen maintains a research interest in Central European history and an active ALA life.

SCOTT SILET is an Instruction and Information Services Librarian at the University of Virginia. He teaches library research courses for the Slavic Language and History Departments and maintains the Russian and East European reference collection as well as the department's WWWeb page. He works with Angelika Powell in maintaining Virginia's Slavic collection. He studied at Indiana University in Bloomington.

TERRI TICKLE was appointed Research Associate for the Slavic Reference Service in the Slavic and East European Library at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. She came to Illinois from

Kent State where she earned her MLS in 1995. She was editorial assistant for *Russian Review* while studying history at Ohio State U 1992–1994. She also had editorial responsibilities with *Ethnic Forum* from 1994 until the title ceased in 1995. She has strong interests in library technology and electronic resources, as well as 18th century Russian history.

VI. Libraries in Profile

The library and archives of the Texas Wendish Heritage Museum in Serbin, Texas

David Chroust, Texas A&M University

The Texas Wendish Heritage Museum is devoted to the Sorbian immigrants in Texas and their descendants. The Sorbs are the smallest of the Slavic nations, have never had their own state, and are a small minority of several tens of thousands even in Lusatia, their native region in the German states of Saxony and Brandenburg. The 19th century Sorbian emigration to Texas amounted to about 1,400 people. In 1854, some five hundred Sorbs organized as an independent Lutheran congregation arrived in South Central Texas and purchased a tract of land in Lee County. The town that developed there, Serbin, became the nucleus of a cluster of Sorbian communities in the region. Despite the name "Serbin," the descendants of the Sorbs in Texas identify themselves as "Wends." They do not use the native name "Sorbs," which has become standard in English. "Wends" was the German name for the various Slavs encountered on the eastward expansion, *Drang nach Osten*, that began in the ninth century. Germans began to settle in Serbin during the Civil War, and the Sorbs there had adopted German in both community and private life by the turn of the century. The shift to English occurred between the 1930s and 1960s. (Nielsen, George R., *In Search of a Home: Nineteenth Century Wendish Immigration*, 1st ed. College Station: Texas A&M University Press, c1989)

The Texas Wendish Heritage Museum is a product of the ethnic consciousness that has developed in American society in recent decades. The emphasis is on ethnic pride, family genealogy, and

reclaiming the folk culture of immigrant forefathers through ethnic festivals and the activities of a heritage society. This heritage society was founded in 1971 to enable the Wends to join the annual Folklife Festival organized by the Institute of Texan Cultures in San Antonio. The Texas Wendish Heritage Society opened its museum in Serbin in 1980. The library and archives became a necessary component of the museum because the flow of donated items included many books, personal papers and photographs.

Today the archives contain some one thousand books, three thousand images, and numerous documents. Books judged to be rare or out-of-print are kept in the archives. This book collection is of unique value as a record of the character of Sorbian emigration to Texas and of the interests, concerns and reading tastes of the immigrants and their descendants. Books used in the practice of religion are numerous. Devotion to the Lutheran faith motivated emigration, and life in the Sorbian communities in Texas centered on the church. The Bible collection includes many German editions and twenty Sorbian-language examples from as early as 1773. Among the hymnals is the 1846 *Spewarski wjesel* by Jan Kilian, who accompanied the 1854 party and remained pastor of Serbin and religious leader of the Sorbs in Texas almost until his death in 1884. Kilian had been a leader of the Lutheran revival movement in Lusatia, and his hymns were reprinted and remained in use there for many years. (Malinkowa, Trudla, *K brjoham nadzije*. Budysin: Domowina, 1995) Five sixteenth-century editions of Martin Luther's writings that belonged to Kilian are also in the Serbin archive. Other religious texts include prayer books, catechisms, compilations of sermons, and Bible commentaries. Besides those brought from Germany, some of these books were published by Concordia, the publishing house of the Missouri Synod of the Lutheran Church. Kilian was affiliated with this synod, which had been founded by earlier German immigrants, and despite his conflicts with the synod, the affiliation became permanent.

The schoolbooks and examples of popular literature in the archives are valuable as artifacts of the assimilation and evolution of the Sorbian communities in Texas. This value is being preserved by

professional archival practices. An inventory sheet is completed for each item in the archives and includes information on provenance, inscriptions and glosses. The popular literature is predominantly German but includes translations of English and American classics, such as *Robinson Crusoe* and *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. A German-American almanac and a self-study textbook of English are representative of a German publisher in Milwaukee, Georg Brumder.

Photographs are by far the largest part of the image collection. The prints show life in the Sorbian communities in Texas from its beginnings, although only about one-fourth are fully identified. The document collection includes the records and minutes of the Heritage Society and personal documents, such as baptismal and confirmation certificates and German passports of immigrants. Letters, journals and other personal papers are lacking. Some of Pastor Kilian's letters are among the *Serbin papers* at Concordia Historical Institute in St. Louis, which also include the records of the Serbin church. Letters from Texas Sorbs to Lusatia, which were sometimes published in the newspaper *Serbske nowiny*, are available at the Sorbisches Institut in Bautzen, Germany.

The library collection in Serbin is smaller than the archival one. Books and brochures from Domowina, the Sorbian publishing house in Bautzen, cover the Sorbs in the homeland. Folk art, such as costumes, music, crafts and folklore, are the most prominent subject, with about seventy-five titles. The thirty-five titles in literature are mostly children's books. The scholarly, multi-volume *Geschichte der Sorben* and a few minor titles of a general nature cover history. The periodicals section includes some eighty issues of *Rozhlad* (a cultural monthly), smaller numbers of other Sorbian-language titles, and a few Domowina catalogs. The library also has a turn-of-the-century German encyclopedia, *Meyers Konversations-Lexikon*, maps and atlases of Lusatia and Germany, and a few dictionaries.

Sorbs in Texas are represented by a number of monographic studies: Engerrand, George Charles, *The So-called Wends of Germany and their Colonies in Texas and in Australia*. (Austin: The University of Texas, 1934); Blasig, Anne, *The Wends of Texas* (San Antonio: Naylor, 1954); Caldwell, Lillie Moerbe, *Texas Wends: their First*

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The library suffers from a shortage of funds. The Heritage Society allots just \$100 per year, so collection development relies on donated materials. As a result, notable gaps in the collection remain unfilled. For example, Gerald Stone's *The Smallest Slavonic Nation*, a major scholarly study of the Sorbs in English, is missing. The language reference collection is weak. For example, apart from two brief volumes of local origin, the library has no grammars of the Upper and Lower Sorbian languages. Inadequate staffing is another problem. The librarian and archivist have pursued professional training as members of the Society of Southwest Archivists and apply its standards. They are both part-time volunteers however, and cannot cope with the workload. Inventory sheets exist for only about half of the photograph collection, and few of the books in the archives have such access yet. Especially challenging are the Sorbian religious books published in the Gothic script before the orthography of the language had stabilized.

Despite the problems, the library and archives of the Texas Wendish Heritage Society are a valuable contribution to the librarianship of Slavic peoples and American ethnic groups. As a research library, the Serbin collection is not significant in the field of Sorbian studies. It does, however, have much to offer researchers interested in the history of the Sorbs in Texas, the only place in the world besides Australia where Sorbian emigrants created a distinct ethnic community. As a research collection on this subject, the Serbin

library and archives have already attracted and served researchers. Trudla Malinkowa, for example, drew on the sources and photographs here for her Sorbian-language *K brjóham nadzije* which is the first study in Germany of the 19th-century Sorbian overseas emigrants. (Domowina also published a German translation: *Ufer der Hoffnung*.)

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