

EMIERT

Ethnic Materials Information and Exchange Round Table
ALA/New Orleans

June 25, 2006

Present: Any Matosian, Sylva Manoogian, Al Jones, Myra Appel, Vladimir Wertsman, Katalin Radnay-Baltimore, Rebecca Stuhr

Al Jones discussed attendance at the membership meeting and a desire to work more closely with committees and discussion groups that have a similar mission to EMIERT. Jones commented that many librarians who are interested in issues of diversity attend discussions groups and programs offered by the divisions because these programs are often more central to their professional assignments.

Myra Appel talked about her ideas for a program at ALA 2008 that might address some of these same concerns. Generally, the session would be four hours and include a program, refreshments, and a membership meeting. Appel suggests making the program about food and culture. Myra mentioned the success of the Anthropology and Sociology Section of ACRL's food program at this conference. We will try to have the program on Sunday from 8-12.

Vladimir Wertsman reminded the group about his book on 480 cuisines that also serves as a bibliographic tool for identifying cookbooks.

Washington, D.C. programming: EMIERT will offer a program on how libraries have helped immigrants. Al Jones will be speaking at this program. It is possible that the program will feature a panel presentation. We may look for a co-sponsor as well.

There was discussion about the various ethnic coalitions and how better to cooperate. We reviewed our structure as part of the Office for Literacy and Outreach Services (OLOS).

It was announced that Sylva Manoogian was awarded the OCLC Forest Press Award. There will be an announcement in the newsletter and on the EMIERT Web page.

Myra Appel also announced Lynn Miller-Lachman's new book, *Dirt Cheap* published by Curbstone Press. She encouraged members and libraries to buy this book. We also thanked Lynn for her significant contribution in putting together the EMIERT booth and also staffing it!

There was some discussion about whether we should continue to have a booth at the convention.

The Armenian Librarian Libraries and Information Committee will be presenting a poster at ALA in Washington, D.C. "What's in a Name." This will be part of the Diversity Fair. They might also have a reception at the Armenian Embassy.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Stuhr
Secretary elect for EMIERT