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The Marta Lange/ CQ Award

LPSS is inaugurating a major new \$1,000 annual award, to be known as the Marta Lange/CQ Award, recognizing achievement in law and political science librarianship. The award honors former LPSS Chair Marta Lange, who died tragically in a car accident in 1992. Congressional Quarterly, Inc., sponsors the annual award.

The award is to be given to an academic or law librarian who, through research, creative activity, or service to the profession, makes distinguished contributions to bibliography and information service in law or political science. The award will be administered by a new four member LPSS Award Committee. The ACRL Board approved the award and ALA Awards is expected to approve it in Chicago in June. The award will be officially announced at the LPSS 20th Anniversary Breakfast. The first award cycle will begin immediately after the Annual Conference in Chicago. The nomination deadline is December 1, 1995. Nominations should be in the form of a letter, with supporting documentation. Five copies of the nomination packet should be submitted to the ACRL office. The first award will be presented at the 1996 Annual Conference in New York. When the award cycle begins in June--nominate a worthy colleague. Please contact Ron Heckart if you have any questions.

--Ron Heckart, Chair, LPSS

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Preconference on Legal Research

Years of planning will come to fruition when the LPSS preconference "Taking the Mystery out of Legal Research for Non-Law Librarians" takes place on June 23rd at the annual conference in Chicago. This full-day preconference is for librarians who want to learn more about legal research. Experienced law librarians will provide an introduction to the legal system of the United States. Participants will learn how laws are passed, where to find federal and state laws, and the basics of finding administrative law and case law. The program concludes with a panel discussion on applied legal reference and a demonstration of Westlaws online legal reference system. At 5:30pm there will be a vendor fair and reception. This is open to ALL LPSS members; registration is not required. Please come meet your colleagues. The registration deadline for the preconference is May 15th. The cost, which includes lunch is \$120 (ACRL,PLA, RASD members), \$155 (ALA members) and \$215 (non-ALA members). Registration forms should be sent to "ACRL/LPSS Preconference" at ALA headquarters or by fax (312) 280-2520.

--Caroline Tibbetts

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LIBRARY

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WWW Review Corner

THOMAS: Legislative Information on the Internet

URL: <http://thomas.loc.gov>

Provided by Congress via the Library of Congress, THOMAS (refreshingly not an acronym, but named after Jefferson) provides a variety of services dealing with federal legislative interests.

Full text of legislation from the 103rd and 104th Congress may be searched, as well as the full text of the Congressional Record for these Congresses. A WAIS search engine is used for this service, and appears to have been set with a 100 item retrieval limit.

Also available is an expansive treatise concerning the legislative process, "How Laws Are Made", authored by Edward F Willet, Jr., House Law Revision Counsel.

Pointers are provided to House and Senate gophers and to an e-mail directory of House members and committees. (This directory does not include all House members, as some either do not have e-mail addresses or have not contributed them to this database.)

A C-SPAN gopher lists program schedules, selected press releases, and results of the 1994 Congressional elections.

Future enhancements include the addition of the Library of Congress's Bill Digest files, which will be integrated with the full text of bills.

--Bill Orme

WWW Sites of Interest

CapWeb

A guide to the U.S. Congress

URL: <http://policy.net/issues.html>

United Kingdom Open Government

URL: <http://www.open.gov.uk/>

European Union

URL: <http://www.echo.lu/>

LPSS 20th Anniversary Breakfast

Mark your calendars for the LPSS 20th anniversary breakfast at the Chicago annual conference, Saturday June 24th, 8:30am-9:30am. Congressional Quarterly, Inc. is the breakfast sponsor and Neil Skene, CQ Editor and publisher, will be the featured speaker. Take this opportunity to socialize and to hear remarks by one of the most prominent publishers in law and politics. The LPSS Executive Board meeting will follow the breakfast in an adjoining room. You are encouraged to stay for the meeting and learn about LPSS activities. Who knows? You might be inspired to volunteer for a committee. LPSS is always looking for new active members! Invitations to the breakfast will be mailed to the LPSS membership in mid-April. **BE SURE TO RESPOND TO THE INVITATION!** Seating is limited! With the invitation you will receive an LPSS 1975-1995 commemorative ribbon to be worn with your conference badge. Be sure to bring the ribbon and wear it with pride during the conference! (No excuses here--there will be extra ribbons at the breakfast in case you forget!).

--Ron Heckart, Chair, LPSS

United Nations 50th Anniversary

LPSS, IRRT, and GODORT will sponsor a program at the ALA annual conference in Chicago to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the United Nations. The program entitled "The United Nations at 50: Information Services, Policies and Documentation", will be held Saturday, June 24th from 2:00pm-4:00pm. The focus of the program will be the availability and dissemination of United Nations information through the first fifty years of the Organization and beyond; the United Nations Library and its services; and the possible impact current UN restructuring proposals may have on information policies. Speakers include: *Rima Bordcosh*, Officer in Charge, User Services Section, United Nations Library, New York, NY; *Mickie A. Voges*, Director, Legal Information Center and Associate Professor of Law, Library of International Relations, Chicago-Kent College of Law, Chicago, IL; *Peter Hajnal*, Government Publications Specialist, University of Toronto Library, Toronto, Ont., Canada; *Richard Amdur*, Information Officer, Dept. of Public Information, United Nations, New York, NY
--Erminio D'Onofrio

Facts about the United Nations

- *The name "United Nations" was first officially used in 1942
- *The Charter of the United Nations was signed June 26th 1945 in San Francisco
- *There were 51 original members
- *UN Gateway URL:
<http://undpc.or.at/unlinks.html>

100 Years of Keeping America Informed

In recent years, the Government Printing Office and with it the Federal Depository Library Program has come under attack. Both the agency and program are currently being threatened through various initiatives. The importance of this information to individuals, businesses, researchers etc must be emphasized. The following information was taken from a "fact sheet" about the GPO and DLP.

- *Federal Depository Library Program makes available to the public no-fee access to information published by all federal agencies.
 - *Title 44, Chapter 19 of the U.S. Code gives the Superintendent of Documents (SuDocs) responsibility for receiving, classifying, cataloging, distributing to libraries and ensuring the preservation of Federal Government Documents.
 - *Access is through approximately 1400 Depository Libraries--of which 53 are Regionals (depositories that collect all GPO published government documents)--located throughout the U.S. and its possessions.
 - *49.75% of Depositories are Academic libraries; 20.49% are Public Libraries; and 11.21% are Law Libraries.
 - *Depository Libraries serve an average 167,000 users per week.
 - *The online GPO Access system which contains the Federal Register, Congressional Record, Congressional Bills, GAO Reports, and the U.S. Code is available free of charge through many Depository Libraries.
- Thanks to Linda Kennedy (GODORT) for providing *LPSS News* with this information.

Services to the Academic Community

ALA and ACRL have strongly encouraged their sections and committees to work closely with academic associations outside the field of librarianship. To meet this end, LPSS has established an Ad Hoc Committee, Services to the Academic Community, which met at Midwinter to discuss its objectives of "academic networking."

As a short term goal, the Ad Hoc Committee would like to collect the names of non-library associations to which any LPSS members belong. If you belong to another organization you may send this information to Laura Bartolo (lbartolo@kentvm.kent.edu).

As a long term goal, the group will begin a model program with the APSIA librarians for developing working relations with other professional groups. The Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs (APSIA) is a not-for-profit institutional membership organization comprised of 15 United States graduate schools of international affairs. These schools are dedicated to advancing the global understanding and cooperation by preparing men and women to assume positions of leadership in world affairs. The Association serves as a source of information on professional international affairs education, representing the interests of forums and coordinates activities among and for its member institutions. The Ad Hoc committee is very interested in ideas and participation from LPSS members to help establish bridges with other academic associations and will meet on Saturday, June 24th at ALA in Chicago.

Please contact any of the following individuals to become involved in this exciting area of development!
Ad Hoc Committee members:

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--Laura Bartolo

Marta Lange/CQ Award Committee

The members of the new LPSS Marta Lange/CQ Award Committee are: Ron Heckart (Chair), Rosemary Allen Little, Patricia A. McCandless, and Merle J. Slyhoff. The Committee will have its first official meeting at the Chicago annual conference.

What you can do--spread the word about the award. Begin now to give some thought about suitable candidates. The first award cycle begins after the annual conference, with a nomination deadline of December 1st. If you have questions about the award, please contact Ron Heckart at:
e-mail--rheckart@library.berkeley.edu
phone--(510) 643-6445
fax--(510) 642-3020

--Ron Heckart, LPSS Chair

Preconference Reminder!

If you have not signed up for the LPSS Preconference, "Taking the Mystery out of Legal Research for the Non-Law Librarians" there is still time! The preconference will be held on Friday, June 23, 1995, 8:30am-5:15pm. A vendor fair and reception will follow the seminar at 5:30pm-7:00pm.

This seminar will cover BOTH standard print resources AND Internet resources. Presentations by librarians experienced in legal research will provide insight into the often complicated process of legal research.

The Program:

Introduction to Legal Research
Lorraine Kulpa, Baker and McKenzie Library, Chicago

Legislative Process--Statutes and Codes
Natalie Schatz, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy Library, Tufts University

Administrative Regulations--the Federal Register
Deanna Wood, University of New Hampshire Library

Case Law Research--Reporter System, Digests, and Shepardizing
Jacqueline Orlando, Capital University Law Library

Secondary Legal Materials
Darcy Kirk, Georgetown University Law Library

Looseleaf Services
Cheryl Nyberg, University of Illinois Law Library

Panel Discussion

Answering Difficult Legal Questions at the Reference Desk and Library

Instruction Programs

Bruce Kennedy, University of Toledo, College of Law Library

Laura Bartolo, Kent State University Library

Barbara Morgan, University of Massachusetts, Amherst Library

A demonstration of Westlaw online services will follow the panel discussion. This is a rare opportunity to learn from experienced librarians. Take advantage of it! For more information contact the ACRL office at 1-800-545-2433 ext. 2521.

CD ROMs available from the GPO

Whistleblower Library
SuDoc:L 1.89: W 57/CD

From the Office of Administrative Law Judges, this CD contains decisions, digests, and regulatory and statutory materials relating to the employee protection provisions of the Clean Air Act, Energy Reorganization Act, and Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as well as Judges' Benchbooks relating to Alien Labor Certification, Black Lung Benefits Act, and Longshore & Harbor Workers' Compensation Act.

The Ethics CD
SuDoc:Y 3.Et 3:16/994

This CD is a collection of Federal executive branch ethics laws, executive orders, regulations, advisory opinions, and program administration aids.

State Legislation on the Internet

Free online access to state legislative information has long been a goal of librarians, researchers and citizens. Many states make legislative information available for a fee. These fees can range from \$50.00 per year to \$1500.00 per year for a subscription.

Over the last few years, however, many states have started making this valuable information available for free via the Internet. Currently, the states that provide free access to this information are:

Alaska

URL:telnet sled.alaska.edu

California

URL:gopher gopher.sen.ca.gov

Hawaii

URL:telnet fyi.uhcc.hawaii.edu

Minnesota

URL:gopher
gopher.revisor.leg.state.mn.us

New York

URL:gopher unix2.nysed.gov

Oregon

URL:gopher gopher.leg.state.or.us

Washington

URL:gopher leginfo.leg.wa.gov

Wisconsin

URL:gopher badger.state.wi.us

New Publications

The following is a list of new publications related to law and political science:

The Art of Legislative Politics. By Tom Loftus. Washington, D.C.:Congressional Quarterly, Inc., 1994, 179 pages.

The Congressional Yearbook, 103rd Congress, 1st Session, 1993. Ed. Colleen McGuiness. Washington, D.C.: Congressional Quarterly, Inc., 352 pages.

Reports Required by Congress. CIS Guide to Executive Communications. Bethesda, MD: Congressional Information Service, 1994.

The Supreme Court Yearbook, 1993-1994. Ed. Kenneth Jost. Washington, D.C.:Congressional Quarterly Inc., 1994. 383 pages.

World Social Situation in the 1990's. The Department of Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis. New York: The United Nations, 1994, 319 pages.

Commitment to Purpose: How Alliance Partnership Won the Cold War. By Richard L. Kugler. Santa Monica, CA: Rand, 1993, 611 pages.

*The Military and Political Succession in China:Leadership, Institutions, Beliefs.*By Michael D. Swaine. Santa Monica, CA: Rand, 1992, 270 pages.

New GPO Access Gateways

The GPO Access Gateway Program continues to grow. There are currently six gateways up and running. The Gateways allow access to GPO Access databases such as the Federal Register, Congressional Record, Congressional Bills, Full text of GAO Reports, U.S. Code, and History of Bills. In the near future, GPO Access will also make the Locator Service available. The Locator service will provide easy access to government information of all types.

The Gateways can be accessed either through the Internet or via phone/modem. The following is a list of GPO Access Gateways:

COIN (Columbia Online Information Network)

Telnet to coin.missouri.edu or dial (314) 884-7000

Login as guest; from the main menu select 5, Government Center.

Seattle Public Library

Telnet to 198.137.188.2 or dial (206) 386-4140

Login as library (all lower case); select VT100; select Internet off both the first and second menus.

Georgia Southern University

Telnet to gsvms2.cc.gasou.edu or dial into GSNet (9600 baud) at (912) 681-0005. To reach host GSU computer type:connect gsmvms2.
Login as INFO.

Alaska's Statewide Library Electronic Doorway (SLED)

Telnet to sled.alaska.edu
Choose Government Information; then Federal Government Information on the menu screens.

Penn State University LIAS

Telnet to lias.psu.edu or dial in at (814) 865-5427.

From LIAS welcome screen type select then choose GPO Access.

University of North Carolina--Chapel Hill Libraries

Telnet to unclib.lib.unc.edu or dial (919) 962-9911.

Login as library. Select option 2 for Government Databases then choose GPO Access.

For a more detailed description of these sites, please consult Administrative Notes (SuDocs GP 3.16/3-2:16/5) or contact the GPO Access Services Access User Support Team at (202) 512-1530 or via e-mail: help@eids05.eids.gpo.gov.

Participate in LPSS Activities at the Annual Conference in Chicago!

There are many exciting activities that LPSS is involved in at the annual conference in Chicago. Remember to register for the LPSS preconference and attend the vendor fair, LPSS Anniversary Breakfast, UN 50th Anniversary, and learn more about the Marta Lange/CQ award.

Annual Conference Meeting Schedule
Friday, June 23rd

LPSS Preconference;
"Taking the Mystery out of Legal Research for Non-Law Librarians" 8:30am-5:15pm
Preconference Vendor Fair and Reception 5:15pm-7:00pm

Saturday, June 24th

LPSS 20th Anniversary Breakfast 8:30am-9:30am
Sponsored by Congressional Quarterly, Inc. 9:30am-11:30am
Executive Board 11:30am-12:30pm
New York Program Planning 11:30am-12:30pm
Services to the Academic Community

Sunday, June 25th

Review and Planning 9:30am-11:00am
Vendor/Publisher Review 9:30am-11:00am
Marta Lange/CQ Award 11:30am-12:30pm
Library Instruction 2:00pm-5:30pm

Monday, June 26th

Publications 8:30am-11:00am
Membership 4:30pm-5:30pm

Tuesday, June 27th

General Membership Meeting 9:30am-12:30pm

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