

# LPSS NEWS

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## ALA MIDWINTER WASHINGTON, DC TENTATIVE MEETING SCHEDULE

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WEB SITE FOR FINAL  
SCHEDULE\*\***

[HTTP://WWW.ALA.ORG/EVENTS](http://www.ala.org/events)

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

1:00 – 3:00 PM  
LPSS ALL COMMITTEE  
MEETING  
3:00 – 4:00 PM  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP  
MEETING

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM  
MARTA LANGE/CQ AWARD  
COMMITTEE  
CLOSED MEETING FOR  
COMMITTEE MEMBERS ONLY.

2:00 – 4:00 PM  
LIBRARY INSTRUCTION  
DISCUSSION GROUP

### LPSS SOCIAL/HAPPY HOUR

**TIME AND PLACE TO BE  
ANNOUNCED ON THE LPSS  
LISTSERV**

PLEASE COME AND MEET US!

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## CHAIR'S MESSAGE

The first few months of my tenure as chair of LPSS have been a busy time, with lots of new developments I want to share with you. First, though, I want to thank everyone who volunteered to serve on a committee or to serve as an officer. Many of the committees have already accomplished a great deal. If you are not on a committee right now, please come to the All-Committee Meeting in D.C. and sit in on one or two committee meetings. I guarantee you'll be impressed by the energy and enthusiasm you will see and will be ready to sign up!

Now, on to the new developments: November 7, 2000, Election Day, is officially **LAW and POLITICAL SCIENCE DAY** in the academic library community. An official proclamation signed by ACRL President Betsy Wilson recognizes the contributions that law and political science librarians make to the academic community and the role of LPSS in supporting these librarians. Proudly wear your LPSS ribbon and your "I Voted" button on November 7! Thanks to the Membership Committee and its Chair, Madison Mosley, for initiating this wonderful way of recognizing LPSS members.

The ACRL Board has given each section a one-time allocation of \$1500 to use for innovative and creative activities that support the new strategic plan. The funds must be used by August 15, 2001. Take a look at the strategic plan, available at <http://www.ala.org/acrl/plan2005.html> and send me your ideas for using this money. Because of the time restrictions, we will need to make a decision at the Midwinter meeting. Suggestions include providing a videoconference of the General Meeting in San Francisco so that members who are unable to attend can participate, encouraging virtual committee membership, investigating and promoting ways to encourage faculty participation in library instruction, providing a scholarship for a minority student interested in law or political science librarianship to attend either the ACRL or ALA conference, taking a leadership role in the area of scholarly communication by setting up a peer-reviewed e-journal focused on law and political science librarianship, and creating a web-based tutorial or video on copyright issues. This is an exciting opportunity for us, but we do have to move quickly.

At the Annual Meeting in Chicago, we decided not to try to plan a section-sponsored program for the ACRL Conference in Denver in March 2001. However, there was interest in starting early to plan a program for the 2003 conference in Charlotte. The 2003 ACRL Conference will be an agenda item at our General Membership meeting in D.C., so bring your ideas and think about whether you would like to serve on a planning committee.

Finally, it's time for some recognitions! Congratulations to Paula Popma, who was recently promoted to the rank of Professor at Santa Clara University; to Jeanie M. Welch on the publication of the article "Restructuring a Liaison Program in an Academic Library," in the September 2000 issue of *College & Research Libraries*; and to Lisa Stimatz on her new position as Coordinator of Instructional Services at University of North Carolina. We'd like to know what all our members are doing: please send news of your professional accomplishments and job changes to the LPSS Membership Chair, Madison Mosley [mosley@law.stetson.edu] for inclusion in a new newsletter column, "Member News."

I look forward to seeing everyone in D.C. If you have questions or suggestions in the meantime, please email me at: [lewisja@mail.ecu.edu](mailto:lewisja@mail.ecu.edu) and watch the listserv for further information about LPSS meetings and the always-exciting Library Instruction Discussion Group.

## ROSTER OF LPSS COMMITTEES, 2000-2001

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

Chair: Jan Lewis, 2002  
 Vice Chair/Chair elect: Lisa Stimatz, 2003  
 Past Chair: Marifran Bustion, 2001  
 Secretary: Gabrielle Carr, 2001  
 Member-at-large: Madison Mosely, 2001  
 Member-at-large: Gwen Halford, 2002

### LIBRARY INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Sponsors a discussion group addressing library instruction issues in legal and political science research. Prepares a library guide to accompany the annual conference program.

Chair: Elizabeth Williams, 2001  
 Paul Vermouth, 2001  
 Dottie Marcinko, 2001  
 Walt Lessun, 2001  
 Bruce Pencak, 2002  
 Leslie Homzie, 2002

### MARTA LANGE/CQ AWARD COMMITTEE

Chair: Susan Parker, 2001  
 Kelly Janousek, 2001  
 Marian Shaaban, 2001  
 Graham Walden, 2002  
 Barbara Norelli, 2002  
 Connie Salyers Stoner, 2002

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Encourages new membership and the active participation of members in LPSS activities. Plans and hosts the section social at annual conferences. Crates and updates the section brochure.

Chair: Madison Mosely, 2001  
 Kathleen Fountain, 2001  
 Gwendolyn Halford, 2002  
 Michael Jackson, 2002  
 Theresa Trost, 2002  
 Dennis Lambert, 2002  
 Marian Shabaan, 2002

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE (2001 Elections)

Prepares a slate of officers for annual elections.

Chair: Lisa Stimatz  
 Michael Jackson  
 Jan Lewis, ex officio

### PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE (ALA CONFERENCE 2001)

Plans the annual conference program  
 Co-chairs: Thomas Mann, Lynne Rudasill  
 Kathi Fountain

Linda Johnson  
 Merle Slyhoff  
 Jeanie Welch  
 Kris Ogilvie      Jan Lewis, ex-officio

### PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Plans and reviews the content of LPSS News, establishes newsletter policies, solicits/submits articles, reviews, and other pertinent information of interest to section members. Assists the editor in the production of the newsletter and maintains the membership manual.

Chair: Elaine Coppola, 2002  
 Marta Deyrup, 2001  
 Jean Porter, 2001  
 Theresa Trost, 2001  
 Kathleen Fuller, 2002  
 Suping Lu, 2002  
 Brian Coutts, 2002  
 Lynne Rudasill, 2002  
 Lucia Snowhill, Newsletter Editor  
 John Stemmer, Webmaster  
 Pat McCandless, Listserv manager

### REVIEW AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Studies the implication of the ACRL Strategic Planning Task Force report as a guide for future section activities.

Chair: Paula Popma, 2001  
 Connie Salyers Stone, 2001  
 Marifran Bustion, 2002  
 Christine Angolia, 2002  
 Mercedes Benitez-Sharpless, 2002  
 Merle Slyhoff, 2002  
 Gabrielle Carr, 2002

### VENDOR/PUBLISHER LIAISON & REVIEW COMMITTEE

Works on strategies for better communications with publishers and vendors. Reviews and critiques indexing sources in law and political science, suggesting improvements to the publishers.

Chair: Atifa R. Rawan, 2001  
 Carolyn Ottow, 2001  
 David Lincove, 2001  
 Karen Rupp-Serrano, 2002  
 David Armond, 2002  
 Gerri Foudy, 2002  
 Dick Irving, 2002  
 Sarah Holmes, 2002  
 Mary Gilles, 2002

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<http://facstaff.uww.edu/hansenc/lpss.htm>

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, The people of the United States will exercise their right of ultimate participation in the democratic process on November 7, 2000; and

**WHEREAS**, The members of the academic community look to their libraries to provide the information to help them become involved on issues of the day; and

**WHEREAS**, Law and political science librarians guide members of the academic community to the appropriate sources of that information; and

**WHEREAS**, These librarians come together for support and professional growth in the Law and Political Science Section of the Association of College and Research Libraries;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Lizabeth Wilson, by virtue of the authority vested in me as President of ACRL, do hereby proclaim November 7, 2000 as

**LAW and POLITICAL SCIENCE Day** In the academic community.

IN OFFICIAL RECOGNITION WHEREOF, I hereby affix my signature this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2000.

Lizabeth A. Wilson  
ACRL President

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### DRAFT MINUTES LPSS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ALA Annual Conference, Chicago July 8, 2000

#### Introduction and Welcome

Marifran Bustion, LPSS Chair, welcomed everyone to the membership meeting.

#### Approval of 2000 Midwinter Conference minutes

The minutes were approved with the correction of the spelling of Atifa Rawan's name.

#### Nominating Committee

Lisa Stimatz reported that the LPSS Nominating Committee HAS A ROSTER OF NAMES, BUT WELCOMES ADDITIONAL NAMES OF

VOLUNTEERS. M. Bustion reported the results of the election.

#### Vendor/Publisher

Atifa Rawan reported that only four members attended the committee meeting. The committee has reviewed two products, *Polling the Nations* and *CIAO*. They will submit the reviews to the newsletter editor. The committee was concerned that their review of *CIS Congressional Universe* was not on the LPSS web page. Jan Lewis informed all in attendance that Catherine Hansen had resigned as webmaster and that John Stemmer has been appointed as the new webmaster. A. Rawan will send copies of the reviews to him. The committee will be reviewing *FindLaw* And *Alternative Press Index* at Midwinter. The committee is going to compile a list of digital projects which have political science and law information. The Vendor/Publisher Committee had program suggestions for a future conference. They recommended a session on data sets, their use and training. Another

suggestion was on scholarly communication—what publications are really doing scholarly communication. J. Lewis addressed the committee's concern about the lack of attendance at committee meetings. ALA guidelines still state that committee members should commit to attend conference, but there has been some discussion of alternate methods of participating, e.g. virtual membership. It was recommended that committee chairs take a proactive role. They should contact their respective committee members who have not been attending committee meetings to see if they are willing to perform particular committee tasks. M. Bustion recommended that the committee chairs have some sort of process for removing inactive members from committees and informing ACRL.

### **Review and Planning**

Stephen Stillwell reported that the LPSS Bylaws Revision passed. LPSS is putting off consideration of a new strategic plan until Midwinter when the new ACRL plan will be in place. S. Stillwell filed the Implementation Report on the Strategic Plan with Melissa Cast via email. The questions can be found at the ACRL web site. The answers are noted below. The *LPSS Manual* will be turned over to the Publications Committee. Committees are encouraged to review and update as necessary. Virtual membership on committees is being studied and the Vendor/Publisher Committee may take some steps in that direction. Vendor/Publisher Committee's piece in last newsletter was quite good. The Newsletter continues to be a valuable tool. Paula Popma, incoming chair, will be unable to attend Midwinter. S. Stillwell will chair that session.

#### *LPSS responses to the Strategic Plan implementation:*

*Item 1.* Annual Program in New Orleans, "The Politics of Scholarly Communication in the New Millennium", was chosen as a "Hot Pick" by *LJ* and others. It was covered in *Cognotes*. It was attended by over 300 people, and the room was overflowing. A Pathfinder was prepared for the program. At Midwinter, the Instruction Committee's discussion session on "Is the Instruction Session Dead?" was an extremely animated one and drew almost 200 people. Selected members of the Section acted as a focus group for Congressional Quarterly Inc. in New Orleans. The Section continues its web site, listserv, and newsletter. The Vendor/Publisher Relations Committee has and is continuing to develop appropriate liaisons. Their meeting was attended by representatives of two publishers.

*Item 2* LPSS has liaisons with AALL and GODORT. Reports filed by both have kept our members abreast of actions of those groups. Vendor/Publisher relations are developing.

*Item 3:* Liaisons with GODORT and AALL created bonds with LPSS. CQ focus group influences certain publishing trends and ideas. Programs, print and electronic publications of the Section aid visibility.

*Item 4* The web site, newsletter, and listserv act as communication tools for section members. The section's brochure is current and is being used as a marketing tool. Bylaws revision assisted in smooth operation of section.

*Item 5* The section has nominated a slate of officers that reflects a diverse population. LPSS has had and continues to have blacks, Asians, gays, lesbians, and recent immigrants among its committee members and officers.

*Item 6* The Section continues to award the CQ/Marta Lange Award in partnership with CQ. This recognizes excellence in law and political librarianship. The Social Hour at each conference builds connections among section members and provides opportunities to share ideas.

### **Publications Committee**

John Stemmer reported that the committee looked at the LPSS web pages. J. Stemmer will review them to see if they meet ALA standards. Stemmer will see if the LPSS site can be mounted on the ACRL server. He will add the legal database list, *LPSS manual*, and committee rosters to the site along with images of the Marta Lange Award winners, when he receives them. A mechanism to receive the list of new members from ACRL no longer exists. If the Membership Committee can obtain a list, Pat McCandless will add them to the listserv. Members must request to be removed from the listserv. M. Bustion asked for CQ to be added to the listserv. Elaine Coppola has been selected as the new chair of the Publications Committee.

### **2000 Program Committee**

Jan Lewis reported that she was going to moderate the panel discussion as Merle Slyhoff was unable to attend. No other committee members were present, so J. Lewis was uncertain as to who the speakers were going to be, as there had been some changes.

### **2001 Program Committee**

Lynne Rudasill reported that the title of the program is "New Technologies, New opportunities for Working with Faculty". There will be two speakers and three panelists. They will discuss the effectiveness of new technologies. The committee has requested the 2-4pm Sunday time slot. If that is not possible, the next choice is 2-4pm on Saturday. The schedule has been changed because of the new track system for the conference. The committee requested an afternoon period so that lodging funds would not need to be requested. The speakers are within commuting distance.

### **Membership Committee**

Madison Mosley reported that the committee was looking for ways to increase attendance at the LPSS Social. Other times suggested were after the LPSS program or after the general business meeting. The committee will continue to discuss the issue. Another

recommendation to increase the visibility of the section among academics was for members to wear LPSS ribbons on General Election Day. The membership committee is also developing a proclamation to have the November election day declared Law and Political Science Day in academia. A third idea was to have a regional outreach plan to contact the law schools in each of the committee members' states. S. Stillwell suggested that the library school in the area where each conference is held be contacted and invite people to the LPSS program, social and discussion group activities. The question of adding History to the section was raised as history librarians are a bloc which are not represented in ACRL. WESS is more literature based. LPSS seems to be more closely associated with history librarians than other ACRL groups. The Membership Committee was charged with investigating the idea. M. Mosley will survey the membership via the listserv. A pro/con editorial could be written for the newsletter. If the Section does expand, then specialized discussion groups could be planned.

#### **Marta Lange Award Committee**

M. Bustion reported that the committee was to meet the next afternoon. R. Heckart commended the committee members for the good job they have done.

#### **Library Instruction Committee**

Christine Angolia reported that the discussion group at Midwinter on "Is the Instruction Workshop Dead?" had over 150 attendees. All were very interested and involved. The new chair is Elizabeth Williams. The next discussion group will be at the Midwinter meeting in Washington, DC. The proposed topic is on training reference assistants in how they do reference, how we train them and what we need to do better. The committee has produced a one page guide of web resources and basic books for the 2000 program and will develop a pathfinder for the 2001 program. The pathfinders will be mounted on the web.

#### **ACRL Leadership Council & Section Heads Meetings**

Marifran Bustion reported that someone from the ACRL Center for Information Literacy is willing to come to section meetings to talk about information literacy and to help sections with information literacy projects. ACRL is seeking nominations for the Academic Research Librarian and Academic Library Excellence awards. If a section wishes monies from the Initiative Fund, the section needs to propose something innovative. ACRL will mount on their web site the title of requests and names of the sections which have been successful in requesting funding. It was suggested that a proposal for virtual membership or a program at a national ACRL conference may be successful. The question of LPSS letterhead was raised. The section does not have its own letterhead. ACRL letterhead should be used.

#### **GODORT**

Gwen Halford passed around a list of web addresses for sites of interest (see below). GODORT is sponsoring two programs at Annual this year, "City on the Hill: Building Urban Information Systems" and "International Statistical Data: Trends, Sources, and Issues". A silent auction is being held in support of the David Rozkuszka Scholarship Fund. The Scholarship Fund provides assistance for persons working in a governments documents library and are pursuing a masters degree in library science. The Federal Depository Library Program will be having its annual meeting in October in Arlington, VA. There was considerable discussion about the GPO budget. The Superintendent of Documents has indicated that if a product exists both in paper and electronic format, the item will only be produced electronically in the future due to costs for printing. An updated printed version of the *U.S. Code* will probably not be published in paper. The budget probably will not be passed until after Labor Day. URLs of interest:

#### *Firstgov*

([www.whitehouse.gov/WH/New/html/e-government.html](http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/New/html/e-government.html)): Forthcoming web site where all online federal information will be accessible, from one site, free of charge. This is a component of e-government initiatives.

#### *Bill H.R. 4615 information*

([www.ala.org/washoff/alawon/alwn9057.html](http://www.ala.org/washoff/alawon/alwn9057.html)): A bill which would reduce funding to GPO/FDLP.

#### *Lobbying for library interests*

([www.lib.berkeley.edu/GODORT/legday98.html](http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/GODORT/legday98.html))

#### *GODORT's response to the closing of NTIS*

([www.library.vanderbilt.edu/central/staff/ntisfull.htm](http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/central/staff/ntisfull.htm)) Strongly recommends that "NTIS scientific and technical information (STI) remain centralized; that it be included in the Federal Depository Library Program; that NTIS Clearinghouse functions be transferred to the Government Printing Office (GPO); that adequate funding be appropriated both for transferring and maintaining the STI collections; and that the implementation plan include input from all affected groups." The full resolution can be located at [www.libraries.psu.edu/crsweb/docs/godort/ntisjune2000.htm](http://www.libraries.psu.edu/crsweb/docs/godort/ntisjune2000.htm).

#### *Government Information and Depository Management Clearinghouse.*

([www.library.ucsb.edu/ala/clearing/html](http://www.library.ucsb.edu/ala/clearing/html)) GODORT's web site designed to pull together the "many tools available to government information librarians." It contains information on cataloging, developing collections, training and supervising, user access, FDLP standards and promoting collections.

#### *GODORT's home page:*

[www.library.berkeley.edu/GODORT/](http://www.library.berkeley.edu/GODORT/)

**Other Business**

M. Bustion reported on UCITA and shrink wrapped license agreements. One must click OK before seeing the agreement or open the package before being to read the entire agreement. Libraries are bound by the agreements without being able to read them.

J. Lewis requested that members send ideas for LPSS poster sessions and roundtables for the ACRL Conference in Denver. A session on critical thinking for Political Science web sites was suggested. A suggestion for the next ACRL conference was a panel discussion with CQ and Center for Information Literacy representatives.

M. Bustion reminded everyone of the ALA President's Program on Monday afternoon.

All LPSS members present commend M. Bustion for her leadership of LPSS this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10pm.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Gabrielle Carr, LPSS Secretary.

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**CIAO: Columbia International Affairs Online**

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*Columbia International Affairs Online (CIAO)* is a unique resource for research in the field of international relations. Unlike other international affairs databases, such as *PAIS* and *International Political Science Abstracts*, *CIAO* offers full-text access to publications not found elsewhere such as think tank working papers and reports, policy briefings, conference proceedings, and books.

Developed by Columbia University Press in 1997, *CIAO's* mission is "to be the most comprehensive source for theory and research in international affairs." *CIAO* also strives to provide scholarly research in an affordable and easily accessible manner, which is an effort to be applauded, especially in light of the high prices of serials and what many believe to be a crisis in scholarly communication.

Coverage begins in 1991, and content is updated monthly. Users may subscribe to a monthly electronic mailing list, which highlights new developments on *CIAO*. The mailing list is useful, as *CIAO* seems to be making an effort to keep adding new sources to its database. Contents for inclusion in *CIAO* are selected by an editorial advisory board, made up of international affairs experts from universities and non-profit research institutions, such as the Council on Foreign Relations.

One of the major sections of *CIAO* provides access to the full text of working papers (defined as "works in progress, papers submitted for publication in refereed journals, or chapters intended for publication in proceedings volumes") from forty-four research centers and think tanks. Sources include the American Enterprise Institute, the Brookings Institution, the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, the Carter Center, the Center for Strategic and

International Studies, United Nations University, and the Council on Foreign Relations. The dates of the working papers included on *CIAO* vary for each publishing institution, and many of the older papers were unavailable (a note explained that they were being converted to HTML.) Some of the working papers are available in HTML format, while others are available only in PDF format.

Another section of *CIAO* links to the full text of conference proceedings of twenty-six research centers and associations including the CATO Institute, the Asia Society, and the International Studies Association. Years of coverage vary for each conference. Full text is in HTML format, with some documents providing internal hyperlinks to footnotes.

*CIAO* provides abstracting for twenty-four journals, including *Foreign Affairs*, *Foreign Policy*, *International Organization*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *Security Studies*, and *World Affairs*. Full-text is available for six of the journals: *Critical Review*, *International Spectator*, *Journal of International Relations and Development*, *MERIA: Middle East Review of International Affairs*, *OECD Observer*, and *Strategic Analysis*. Annotated tables of contents are included for the other journals. Again, dates of coverage vary, but the majority of abstracts begin in 1997.

The full-text of over eighty books by fifteen publishers are made available, including the Columbia University Press, Lynne Rienner Publishers, the University of Washington Press, and the Stockholm Institute for Peace Research (the *SIPRI Yearbook*.) Books may be listed alphabetically, or by author, title, or subject. Publication dates range from 1993 to 1999.

Another section of *CIAO* links to policy briefs from seventeen research institutions and economic indicators from the Conference Board, OECD, and the U.S. government (the Economics Statistics Briefing Room.) A user would find more current economic

indicators online by going directly to the web sites for these sources. A "Links and Resources" page is organized by "Countries and Regions" and "Areas of Reference" and links to such sources as the United Nations and Amnesty International.

CIAO also provides a searchable "Schedule of Events" database. Past and forthcoming scholarly conferences and events may be searched for by keyword, subject, dates, organizer, region, or country. The "Maps and Country Data" section of CIAO links to the *CIA World Factbook 1998*.

All of the sections of CIAO may be searched at once. Users may perform a basic keyword search (with pull-down boxes for the boolean operators - and, or, not, near) or a subject search with predetermined subject areas such as NATO, human rights, or Latin America. Searches may also be limited by author, date, content area (i.e. books or conference proceedings), or publishing institution. Search results are returned by relevancy (the number of times the keywords appear in the text and the tags of the file.) Truncation and wildcards do not seem to be supported by CIAO's search engine. There is also a separate index which allows the user to browse all of CIAO's content by author, title, or subject. A drawback of CIAO's search engine is that it does not allow the user to keep track of search histories.

CIAO loads quickly, and has a stationary table of contents frame on the left side of the screen which makes for easy navigation. There are no special buttons for retrieving documents; users must rely on

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## Polling the Nations on SilverPlatter

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*Polling the Nations* is produced by Opinion Research Service (ORS). It contains polls taken on widely varying subjects from the United States and abroad, from 1986 to the present, and is suitable for upper undergraduate and graduate use in disciplines such as Political Science and Marketing. Its closest equivalent is the *American Public Opinion Index*, which is also produced by ORS and consists of a print and microfiche product. It is available from SilverPlatter on CD-ROM, hard disk or Internet; pricing varies upon format.

Each record in *Polling the Nations* corresponds to a question asked on a survey. Records include the poll's source (e.g. Gallup) and address, the date the poll was published, notes (information about the survey population), the poll question, responses to the question, the sample size, the survey method used, subject, poll title (if applicable), universe name, and

web browser features to print, e-mail, or download their results.

CIAO is accessible via the World Wide Web through IP addressing, and subscription prices vary according to the size of the institution, the type of institution, and country of origin.

(Note: a colleague at SUNY Albany informs me that CIAO will not work for remote access through their EZPROXY proxy system.) Colleges and universities are billed on the basis of full-time enrollments (FTE's.) Academic pricing ranges from \$655 to \$1315 annually for single institutions. Consortial pricing is also available. For more information, see the CIAO home page at <http://www.ciaonet.org>. You may sample CIAO or register online for a free trial through their web site.

The Government and Politics faculty at my university requested CIAO, and I regularly refer students doing research in international relations to CIAO because of the uniqueness of the sources of information available. Working papers, policy briefs, and conference proceedings add "meat" to their research, and expose them to sources of information outside of books, journals, and newspapers. I highly recommend this database for any institution with a strong interest in international affairs research.

Gerri Foudy  
University of Maryland at College Park

universe type. All fields may be searched in the manner standard to the SilverPlatter search software (advertising in su, for example). The publication year, universe type and universe name may also be searched through limit fields. The universe type field gives the option of limiting a search broadly by country, local or state. The universe name field allows limiting more narrowly by a specific country or state.

In comparing the print and microfiche product to the electronic product, differences are immediately apparent. Full records in the electronic product are difficult to read in comparison to the more traditional print and microfiche product. The question responses are frequently choppy and therefore difficult to interpret, requiring the reader to jump back and forth in the text. The paper product produces the same information in a clean chart format. Furthermore, the microfiche accompanying the print product often offers material not available in the electronic product. For example, in a Teeter and Hart poll of young Americans on government, a summary of the results of the poll, and numerous charts and graphs, were included in the

microfiche. Such material is currently unavailable in the electronic version.

On the other hand, the electronic product provides access to international polls and can be accessed by remote users. It provides "one-stop shopping" for users, as opposed to the print and microfiche, which definitely comprise a two-step process, and it saves shelf and cabinet space.

Anyone considering Polling the Nations for their collections would be well advised to weigh their decision carefully before making any purchase. The electronic product does not reproduce all the information available from the print and microfiche product, and until it does, maintain a subscription to the more traditional format would probably be in order.

Karen Rupp-Serrano  
University of Oklahoma Libraries

## MARTA LANGE/CQ AWARD: MAKE A NOMINATION !

The Marta Lange/CQ Award recognizes an academic or law librarian who, through research, other creative activity, or service to the profession, makes distinguished contributions to bibliography and information service in law or political science. This award honors Marta Lange, 1990/91 ACRL Law and Political Science Section (LPSS) Chair, whose exceptional talents as a leader were enhanced by a wonderful collegial spirit. Her bright career was an inspiration to others and a model of professional service.

**AWARD:** \$1,000 and a plaque donated by Congressional Quarterly, Inc. The jury is the LPSS Marta Lange/CQ Award Committee.

**CRITERIA:** Nominees should have achieved distinction in one or more of the following areas:

- Planning and implementing a model bibliography/information services program in a law or political science library;
- A history of contributions to the field through research, publications, and other activities displaying active participation in the advancement of law/political science librarianship.
- Service to the profession through ACRL or related regional and national organizations.
- Promotion or development of an education program for law and political science librarianship that has served as a model for other courses and programs.

**SUBMISSION PROCEDURE:** Nominations should include a letter of nomination including your name, address, and phone numbers as well as the name and address of the nominee; a narrative supporting the nomination; and a current vita. Individuals may nominate themselves or others. Send 5 copies to the LPSS Marta Lange/CQ Award Committee Chair:

**Susan E. Parker, Associate Dean, Library Operations, California State University Northridge, 18111 Nordhoff Stl. Northridge, CA 91330-8326. (818)677-2272 Susan.parker@csun.edu. For additional information, contact ACRL Program Assistant, Meredith Parets, (312) 280-2515 or email at mparets@ala.org**

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