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LIBRARY NEWS

**Elizabeth Larson participates in Law School's Faculty Exchange Program*

Through the Law School's faculty exchange program with the Adilet Higher Law School, I was able to spend the month of May working in Almaty, Kazakhstan. This exchange is funded by a Soros Foundation grant and is administered by Professor Joseph Hoffmann of IU's School of Law.

Kazakhstan, located in Central Asia and rich in oil and gas, was part of the Soviet Union but is now an independent nation. While Kazakh is now the official language there, Russian is still the lingua franca (for now--this is expected to change over the next decade). I majored in Russian Studies at UCLA and took a Russian language course here at IU this past Spring to refresh my memory, so I was able to converse with the locals, find my way around the city, and work in Adilet's law library. Thanks to Adilet's sister-school programs with law schools at IU, the University of Westminster (in London), and Lewis & Clark College (in Oregon), the library has a large collection of English-language books. However, because nobody on the library staff reads English, none of the books had been entered into the online catalog. During my stay, I transliterated into Cyrillic the title, author's name, and publication information for each book. In addition, I translated the subject matter of each book into Russian. This enabled the library staff to finally enter the books into the online catalog. I also took an inventory of the library's English-language collection so that Professor Hoffmann can determine which books to purchase for Adilet with the Soros grant money earmarked for book purchases.

Everyone I met in Kazakhstan was incredibly friendly and hospitable, the mountains were gorgeous, and the food was delicious. I had a wonderful time!

--Submitted by: Elizabeth Larson

**Representatives from Research Libraries Group (RLG) to visit IUB Libraries*

September 12-14, 2001 Sue Marsh and Karen Smith-Yoshimura will be visiting the IUB Libraries.

Sue is the RLG Program Officer and Karen is the RLG Manager of Bibliographic Initiatives.

Sue and Karen will be meeting with various library groups during their visit, and several of those meetings will be open to all library staff or to targeted audiences.

Please join us at the open sessions which include:

Wednesday, 9/12
10:30-1200, Room E174

RLG Overview Update (Sue & Karen)
including Cultural Materials Resource dem
and use of original script features in RLG
databases
Target Audience: all staff

1:30-3:00, Room E172

Eureka training (Sue)
Target Audience: public service librarians

3:00-4:30, Room E172

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Thursday, 9/13

1:30-3:30, Room E172


Tech Services' use of the Sirsi SmartPort
Z39.50 client to retrieve MARC records from the
RLG Union Catalog
Target Audience: technical services staff and Lit

Friday, 9/14
9:30-11:00, Room E174

SHARES partnership (Karen & Sue)
Target Audience: ILL, CAS, Tech Services

JOB POSTING

****Metadata Librarian, IUB Libraries***

Metadata Librarian - review of applications will begin November 1, 2001 and the position will remain open until filled. To apply send a letter of application, professional vita, and the names, addresses, and phone numbers of four references to Yolanda Cooper-Birdine, Libraries Human Resources, Main Library 201A, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN 47405. For more information or a complete copy of the posting contact Betty Davis in Libraries Human Resources at IU-Bloomington at (812) 855-8196  or e-mail her at betdavis@indiana.edu.

MASTER CALENDAR

****PA COUNCIL***

Wednesday, September 12
10:30-12:00
Ground Floor Conference Room (Room 043)
Main Library, IUB

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