

If the main objectives of the *Journal* is to *intellectually stimulate*, to *inform* and to *educate* its readership, then the feature articles of the current issue would seem to have been written with these very goals in mind: *Jane Schurtz-Taylor* analyzes authors' rights issues in the constantly changing digital information environment; *Palitha T.B. Kohona* gives us an up-to-date view of considerations and issues facing the United Nations Treaty Section in response to demands by the world community to make the treaties deposited with the unit available on the worldwide web; and, *I.E. Aguolu*, Principal Librarian/Law Librarian of the University of Maiduguri, Nigeria, describes the development and current status of law librarianship in her country, where *netiquette* is of no relevance compared to such basic concerns as how to afford and secure production and dissemination of legal texts in the midst of political tumult; *Mirela Roznovschi*, a Romanian scholar and journalist turned foreign and international law librarian, provides an abundance of sources and advice for "building an electronic law library in a foreign country". While the article is aimed at librarians in developing countries with scarce resources, it is just as valuable for highly sophisticated researchers in foreign and international law in the most technically advanced society anywhere in the world.

The Schurtz-Taylor article is based on a paper initially delivered at the **first occasional conference of the European Group of the International Association of Law Libraries** in Anzère, Switzerland, August 29-30, 1996. The historic meeting was conceived by IALL Second Vice-President, *Fred Chapman*, Director of the Swiss Institute of Comparative Law in Lausanne, who early on had realized that, due to lack of funding, very few European law librarians would be able to attend the upcoming 1996 IALL course and annual meeting in Vancouver, September/October 1996. Together with *Gabriel Frossard*, Director of the Geneva University Law Library and President of the Swiss Law Librarians Group (Gruppe juristischer Bibliotheken, Bibliothekarinnen und Bibliothekare/Groupe des Bibliothèques et Bibliothécaires de Droit), he designed a series of outstanding programs for the national group as well as for the IALL members. The success of the event could be measured also by the large turnout both of Swiss law librarians and IALL members coming from *Austria, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Norway and Poland*.

This is also to welcome *Robert Schaaf* back from his retirement to his *International Documentation* column and to acknowledge my debt to *Margareta Horiba* and the many *book reviewers* of this issue, supportive colleagues and friends, who generously share their time and expertise to benefit us all.

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