

**International Association of Law Libraries
Scholarships Committee
2011 Annual Report**

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I. Professional Development Bursaries

- a. The application and selection guidelines are posted on the IALL website.
- b. The Committee received a total of 17 scholarship applications after extending the application deadline twice. Applicants were from the following countries: Australia (2 applications); Ethiopia; India (2 applications); Malaysia; Nigeria (2 applications); Philippines; Scotland; Swaziland, Southern Africa; Spain; Thailand; Uganda; USA (2 applications); Vietnam.
- c. The applications were disseminated to committee members by the Committee chair and were reviewed by each committee member. We then engaged in discussion and voting via email until we arrived at the 3 winners. We also decided on the differential bursary amounts and the recipient of gratis registration via email. The decision-making process worked smoothly.
- d. The Board decided last year to require bursary applicants to submit budgets with their scholarship applications. This enabled us to award differential bursary amounts, with a maximum of USD \$1500.00. Two of the bursary awards were for USD \$1300 and one bursary was awarded at the maximum amount of USD \$1500. The amounts awarded were based on the submitted budget estimates. The bursary awards also include gratis registration for the conference, optional day and other conference events.

In addition to awarding three bursaries, the Committee also awarded gratis registration to the conference, optional day and other conference events to Yusrina Abu Bakar of Kuala Lumpur.

- e. The three 2011 bursary winners for the Kuala Lumpur conference are also posted on the website. They are:
 1. Ms. Montse Morante from the Universitat de Barcelona-Biblioteca de Dret, Barcelona, Spain
 2. Ms. Arlene Bacayo from the University of San Carlos-Law Library, Cebu City, Philippines
 3. Ms. Le Thi Hanh from the Library Information Center-Hanoi Law University, Hanoi, Vietnam

Ms. Yusrina Abu Bakar of Malaysia was the recipient of gratis registration to the conference.

- f. Although the process worked smoothly, we learned this year that the application deadline needed to be longer and that we needed to do a better job of soliciting scholarship applications in order to build a strong applicant pool.

II. Placement and Internship Grants

- a. Kerem Kahvecioglu from the Istanbul Bilgi University, Turkey successfully completed his internship in the U.S. at the Yale Law School Library from July 2 to 30, 2011.
- b. We unfortunately did not receive any internship applications this year, although the Committee chair received several enquiries to which she responded. Most of the enquiries were actually requests for assistance in arranging internship placements.
- c. The Committee chair recommends that the Committee work this coming year on the webpage to make it clear that internships may be of short duration and to make the application process clearer. More importantly, I believe we must do a better job of publicizing the availability of the internship grants in the coming year. It would also be useful to add links to possible placement resources we are able to identify from the internship webpage.

In the coming year, the Committee looks forward to continuing the scholarship program and to working to make the internship program more robust.

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