

IALL Education Committee

2017 Annual Report

1. Introduction

The IALL Education Committee initiates and leads collaborative efforts among members and colleagues to address challenges in international and foreign legal research education.

The Education Committee met in Oxford on Saturday, July 30 led by the outgoing chair, Kristina Alayan. We conducted a small workshop to exchange experiences regarding teaching Foreign and International Legal Research and also to evaluate the efforts and made some commitments to improve on the Public International Law guidelines (last amended 10 November 2014) which are available on the IALL website.

During the Strategic Meeting in Montreal in February 2017, the Education Committee decided to try to take advantage of the plurinational origin of the IALL members and attendees, the different venues of the Annual Meetings and the exchange with other organizations of librarians to develop more documents that help in the teaching not only of Public International Law Research, but also foreign and international law both for librarians and researchers. With this aim, we presented the potential activities over the next three years.

2. Board members on the Education Committee

- Gloria Orrego-Hoyos, Chair
- Michel Fraysse
- Kerem Kahvecioglu

3. Pre-conference Workshop

The first of the potential activities was to conduct a workshop on Education during the Annual Course in Atlanta. Despite the discussion in the past regarding the pre-conference workshop as “unnecessary”; it was decided to add an education activity in Atlanta. At first, we discussed the possibility of conducting a workshop “The Great Migration: How 4 Law Libraries are Migrating to the Next-Generation Discovery Interface” proposed by Marjorie Crawford from Rutgers. In such activity, a panel of 3-4 people would discuss their roles in the planning and migration process by answering questions from an interviewer and from the audience. However, and taking into account the general subject for the Atlanta Course, it was decided to address an activity related to the Archives and Special Collections.

The IALL pre-conference workshop, “*Well, Isn’t that Special? A How-To Workshop on Creating and Using Archives and Special Collections in a Legal Research Context*”, was fully subscribed. The workshop will include the following sessions:

- PC Session 1: *Special Collections: What are They and How do we Build Them?*

- PC Session 2: *Making Special Collections Accessible to Users: Cataloging and Finding Aids*
- PC Session 3: *Using Archives and Special Collections in Legal Research* [tentative title]
- Guided Tour of the Stuart A. Rose Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library

The registration for the workshop was US \$25, which include materials and light refreshments. Jason T. LeMay of the LPC was in charge of the organization and Gloria Orrego Hoyos will make the introduction of the presentations and bios.

4. Education Committee Volunteers

With the aim of persuing the goal of forming a task force to draft and publish an article to publicize the committee's work more broadly, and continuing to maintain and update the PIL guidelines based on ongoing feedback from IALL members; it was proposed by the President of the organization (Jeroen Vervliet) to join forces working with voluntters who offered their help during the Oxford Annual Course. The volunteers selected for the Education Committee were Lucie Olejnikova from Yale University, Heather Casey from Georgetown and Gabriela Femina from UPenn.

5. Other topics to discuss and evaluate to continue working and developing the next two years

- The Committee could work with the Scholarship Committee to offer grants to participate in the Educational Workshop (just for members) and in other educational research projects.
- The Education Committee would work with the LPC in Luxembourg to be helpful in the determination on the topical focus of possibly educational programs during the Annual Meeting taking into account the theme and cultural context of each, setting an agenda for the pre-conference workshop.
- All the documents resulting of the efforts of the Education Committee would be use both to the blog and the Journal.

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