

AILIS

Association of International Librarians and Information Specialists

Annual General Assembly 2008, 18 February, WHO PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Executive Committee in 2007

AILIS EXCOM Members 2007	
Kristine Clara	ITU International Telecommunication Union
Ruth Creamer	IBE UNESCO International Bureau of Education
Sylvie Jacque	UNOG United Nations Office Geneva
Avril Reid	WHO World Health Organization
Kiyo Shibata	ILO International Labour Organization
Joanne Yeomans	CERN European Organization for Nuclear Research
Evelyn Valarino	Geneva University, Service de coordination des bibliothèques (SEBIB)

The executive committee has met 8 times on the following dates:

AILIS EXCOM MEETINGS 2007
9 February 2007
9 March 2007
17 April 2007
28 June 2007
5 September 2007
3 October 2007
7 November 2007
12 December 2007

Evelyn Valarino joined the Executive Committee at the beginning of 2007. This allowed us to assure the liaison with the Geneva University and the Swiss libraries and library associations.

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Programme for 2007

Date	Event	Location
Friday January 19 (13:00)	Visit to the exhibition: Arts, Savoirs, Mémoire: Trésors de la Bibliothèque de Genève Full information on Continuing Education page	Musée Rath
Thursday 22 February (12:30)	AILIS General Assembly 2007	WHO Restaurant
Monday 19 February (15:30)	Library Science Talk <i>Archivage du web? oui vous devez... oui vous pouvez!</i> <i>Approches et méthodes pour une nouvelle mission des bibliothèques</i> Julien Masanés, European Web Archive, Paris, France Presentation pdf	CERN
Wednesday 14 March (9:30-17:00)	AILIS Training Course <i>The future of search: a survival guide</i> Karen Blakeman, RBA Information Services, http://www.rba.co.uk/ Further information and registration details	CERN
Monday 26 March (15:30)	Library Science Talk <i>Designing and managing multilingual websites</i> Michael Leiser, Philip Morris International, Lausanne, Switzerland Presentation pdf	ITU
Monday 7 May (15:30)	Library Science Talk <i>Image and multimedia indexing in large databases</i> Frederic Fol Leymarie, Goldsmiths College, University of London, UK	ITU
Tuesday 22 May (12:30)	AILIS Luncheon <i>Copyright in Libraries</i> Wolf Meier-Ewert, Legal Affairs Officer, WTO	WHO Restaurant
Thursday 14 June (12:30)	AILIS Luncheon <i>Le Réseau des bibliothèques genevoises (in French)</i> Mme Gabrielle von Roten, cheffe du Service de coordination des bibliothèques	ILO Restaurant
Monday 17 September (15:30)	Library Science Talk <i>Libraries' futures, user needs and information literacy - new challenges for librarians?</i> Wilfried Sühl-Strohmer, Universitätsbibliothek, Freiburg, Germany	WHO
Monday 8 October (15:30)	Library Science Talk <i>How can we benefit from FRBR</i> Ole Husby, BIBSYS, Trondheim, Norway	CERN
Tuesday 13 November (12:30)	AILIS Luncheon <i>Thin clients</i> Jukka Kommeri and Tapio Petteri Niemi, CERN	WHO Restaurant
Tuesday 20 November (all day) Postponed to 2008	Annual Professional Visit <i>Visit to the Bibliothèque de Lyon.</i> Full details on the continuing education page	Geneva-Lyon
Monday 26 November (15:30)	Library Science Talk <i>Scientific publishing in the digital age: European Commission initiatives</i> Celina Ramjoué, European Commission, Brussels, Belgium Presentation pdf	CERN
Wednesday 12 December (12.30)	AILIS Christmas social lunch <i>Come and meet your AILIS colleagues, exchange information, and maybe have a bit of fun!</i>	WHO Restaurant

As in 2006, AILIS organized 13 events in 2007 of which one training course and one museum visit that was particularly successful. The professional visit to the Bibliothèque de Lyon had to be postponed to 2008 because of the strikes in France. The training course “The future of search” organized in March has been attended by 14 participants (the number of participants was limited to 20). We reach more people if we organize a training course in both English and French. We should keep that in mind for the next time.

Participation in the Library Science Talks is as always fluctuating, with for example 21 participants for the LST on 26 March 2007 and 37 participants for the LST on 7 May 2007. Membership is not requested for participation in Library Science Talks. However we need to watch out for keeping up our number of members at a reasonable member. Initiatives for a publicity campaign and/or a new (better) communication tool are very welcome.

A preview of 2008 activities

AILIS 2008 : provisional program			
Title	Speaker	Dates confirmed	Location
LIBRARY SCIENCE TALK <i>Future importance of bibliographic data: Sharing and control in the Web 2.0</i>	Patrick Danowski Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin	4/5 February	CERN
LIBRARY SCIENCE TALK <i>DRIVER project : building a European repository network</i>	Rosemary Russell Ukoln Bath	10/11 March	ITU
AILIS Training Course <i>Managing successful projects: An intensive one-day workshop</i>	Beryl Morris, Hudson Rives	28 April	CERN
LIBRARY SCIENCE TALK LIBRARY 2.0	Alan Oliver Senior Sales Consultant Ex Libris (UK) Ltd.	14/15 April	?
AILIS LUNCHEON <i>Personal knowledge management : a UN experience</i>	Sylvie Jacque	7 May	UNOG
MOVIE <i>The Hollywood Librarian</i>	Ann Seidl, film director	End May, beginning June	ILO
LIBRARY SCIENCE TALK <i>Balanced Scorecard</i>	James Self University of Virginia Library	15/16 September	ITU
LIBRARY SCIENCE TALK <i>E-learning centre of the EPFL</i>	David Aymonin, EPFL	Date to be confirmed	?
LIBRARY SCIENCE TALK <i>Text mining services provided by NaCTeM</i>	Sophia Ananiadou National Centre for text mining	Date to be confirmed	?

AILIS will organize a screening of the movie “The hollywood librarian” (more information can be found here : <http://www.hollywoodlibrarian.com/>) end of May, beginning of June in the cinema room of the ILO. Mrs. Ann Seidl, film director, will come to Geneva to introduce

the movie. AILIS should try to make this a real successful event and invite not only Geneva librarians but also librarians and students of library schools in Switzerland and even nearby France. We ask all AILIS members to make as much publicity as possible for this event. The exact date of the movie screening will be announced soon.

AILIS organized a professional visit to the Bibliothèque municipale de Lyon on 25 January 2008. 21 AILIS members participated.

One AILIS lunch talk is organized on 7 May at the UNOG restaurant: “Personal knowledge management : A United Nations experience” by Sylvie Jacque.


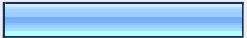
Other suggestions for lunch talks are welcome.



AILIS plans a two day visit to Libraries in Ticino in 2008. A short survey (results in annex) proved that AILIS members are in favor of a 2 day visit on the condition that this visit takes place on a Friday and a Saturday, allowing librarians from small libraries to participate without having to be absent too long from their library.

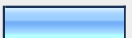
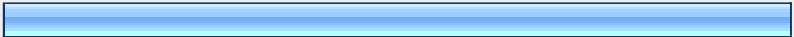
The revision of the old AILIS directory needs to be finished in 2008. This issue came up again at a meeting of small international libraries in Geneva, organized by UN/ISDR on 30th January 2008. The members of this meeting expressed the desire to have a print version of this directory. The ITU reprography service can take care of the printing.

Annex : Survey on AILIS visits.

AILIS professional visit

1. Can you spend two days for a professional visit?			Response Percent	Response Count
Yes			73.9%	17
No			26.1%	6
			answered question	23
			skipped question	0

2. If Yes, please give your preference for one of the following options:			Response Percent	Response Count
2 weekdays			29.4%	5
1 Friday + 1 Saturday (the advantage is that you do not need to be away from your library for more than 1 day)			70.6%	12
			Other (please specify)	3
			answered question	17
			skipped question	6

3. We made a rough calculation of the costs and decided that a two day trip would cost at least 300 CHF (the final cost depends on the number of participants and the accommodation we can find). Please indicate whether this price is prohibitive for you?			Response Percent	Response Count
yes, too expensive for me (or for my organization)			13.0%	3
no, the price is not a problem.			87.0%	20
			answered question	23
			skipped question	0

4. Do you want us to pursue this choice or would you prefer a one day visit as usual?			Response Percent	Response Count
please pursue this new initiative (2 day visit)			73.9%	17
please organize a 1 day visit as usual			26.1%	6
		Other (please specify)		3
		answered question		23
		skipped question		0

5. Please give your additional comments on this issue.			Response Count
			6
		answered question	6
		skipped question	17