

# AILIS

Association of International Librarians and Information Specialists

**Annual General Assembly  
concerning the year 2001  
January 22, 2002**

## **Presidents Report**

### **Executive Committee Members in 2001**

1. The following colleagues were the members of the Executive Committee in 2001 :

Mareile Langsdorff-Claus (President) [WIPO];  
Jens Vigen (Vice-President) [CERN];  
Felicity Nacereddine (Treasurer) [Unesco/IBE];  
Carol Davies (Secretary of the committee for the minutes) [UNOG];  
Laurel Dryden [ILO];  
Françoise Félicité (Consultant, liaison with Swiss libraries);  
Marion Jennings [Webster University];  
Malaly Séráj [World Scout Bureau];  
Kiyō Shibata [WHO].

2. The Executive Committee (ExCom) met 9 times in 2001, namely on January 18, February 22, March 28, June 6, July 3, August 8, September 11, October 11 and November 21. The ExCom has now served the last year of its three-year term and new members of the ExCom are to be elected.

### AILIS Activities in 2001

3. A list of the AILIS activities in 2001 is attached. In 2001 we organized or co-organized a total of 13 events, including five Library Science Talks (LSTs), and four AILIS luncheons. These activities were well-attended. The highlight of this year undoubtedly was the visit on October 23 to the Swiss National Library (SNL) in Bern and the Papersave plant in Wimmis, in which 30 AILIS members participated. Although some time was lost when our bus broke down in the middle of Bern, but close enough to the SNL to be able to walk the last couple of hundred meters, we had a most interesting visit there. Wimmis proved to be fascinating as well: acidic paper, which is in fact condemned some time in the future to crumble to dust, can be saved from such destruction by "cooking" it with a mixture of basic compounds in suspension as in a Harry Potter concoction. The materials (books, manuscripts, etc.) are put in metal containers by the SNL and the National Archives and conveyed to Wimmis where the cooking takes place in two huge autoclaves.

### AILIS Website

4. The AILIS website has now been revised and is regularly updated by Jens Vigen and his colleague. A few AILIS institutional members have not yet provided updating information on their library and they will be asked once more in a few weeks to provide the same.

### IFLA 2007

5. Duly mandated by the members of the AILIS Executive Committee, I participated in two preparatory meetings (on February 15 and September 10 respectively), of a group of enthusiasts among which is also our colleague Françoise Félicité. The group was advocating vis-à-vis the BBS, (the National Swiss Librarians and Libraries Association), the organization in 2007 of the meetings of the IFLA Council and General Conference in

Geneva. The group was animated by Mrs. Danielle Mincio and Mrs. Daisy McAdam, whom you all know. This activity culminated in my participation, together with the other enthusiasts of this group in the annual BBS meeting in Bern on October 4 last and thanks to our concerted efforts, the proposal, against all odds, was accepted by the members of the BBS. It is now for the IFLA management to decide whether Switzerland will get the IFLA Council and General Conference in 2007 in Geneva or not.

Election of the members of the Executive Committee and of an auditor for the years 2002 to 2004

7. To date, I have received notice that the following AILIS members are ready to take on a duty in the ExCom for the next three years:

Carol Davies [UNOG];  
Laurel Dryden [ILO];  
Françoise Félicité [Consultant and liaison with Swiss libraries];  
Felicity Nacereddine [Unesco/IBE];  
Kiyo Shibata [WHO];  
Jens Vigen [CERN].

Further, the following three members are ready to serve in the ExCom, provided they will be elected:

Marielle Carlier [Consultant, UNHCR and ILO];  
Kristine Clara [Head, Library and Archives, ITU];  
Véronique Debellemanière [Consultant, Unesco/IBE].

8. The present auditor, Mr. Paul Claus, has informed me that he is ready to continue as the auditor of the AILIS accounts.