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Association of International Librarians and Information Specialists

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President's report

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The Executive Committee has met on the following dates:

- 24 January
- 24 February
- 17 March
- 21 April
- 31 May
- 30 September
- 25 November

At the end of 2005, Françoise Félicité decided to retire from the Executive Committee. We are pleased to announce that Ruth Creamer Head Librarian at IBE is now joining the Executive Committee from January 2006.

Since the Executive Committee has been installed in the beginning of 2005, it will continue its mandate for the next two years 2006-2007. Elections are to be organized end 2007.

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Ailis activities

In 2005, AILIS organized 10 events in total. We had our annual General Assembly meeting on 2 February and our Christmas Lunch on 9 December, and other luncheons :

- 7 June : Jens Bammel, IPA, spoke about the new 13 digit ISBN and its consequences
- 26 September : David Aymonin spoke about the new digital library at EPFL

There were 6 Library Science Talks on topics as diverse as information classification, digital archiving, knowledge management, quality control, and RFID applications in libraries. The talk about open access had to be cancelled unfortunately.

2005 has been a busy year for many librarians, WSIS events has taken quite some worktime from your president and other Executive Committee members. For that reason In 2005 we did not manage to organize a course and that had its negative results for the membership. Librarians often become a member in context of a course. This will certainly be put right in 2006. Some good ideas for training have already been proposed by you and will be forwarded to our members soon.

Membership and promotional activities

Although we have lost some members in the course of 2005, AILIS is still a very healthy organization. Today we have 42 individual members (57 in 2004) and 20 institutional members (22 in 2004). In 2006 we certainly have to double our efforts to maintain the membership at a good level. The AILIS brochure we will distribute among libraries and information centers in Geneva may be a good promotional tool. The traditional AILIS-CERN-NLS poster is in preparation. Other initiatives are of course always welcome.

We thank our members for their loyalty and hope in making 2006 another successful AILIS year.