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Association of International Librarians and Information Specialists

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Executive Committee in 2006

AILIS EXCOM Members 2006	
Kristine Clara	ITU International Telecommunication Union
Ruth Craemer	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

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

AILIS EXCOM MEETINGS 2006
January 20, 2007
March 1, 2007
April 5, 2007
May 10, 2007
June 14, 2007
September 14, 2007
October 12, 2007
November 9, 2007

As announced at our 2006 General Assembly, Ruth Creamer from IBE joined the executive committee in January 2006.
In June 2006, a new member has joined the executive committee in the course of 2006, namely Sylvie Jacque from the UNOG Library. We are very pleased with this renewed active participation from UNOG – after a few years of silence – and we hope that the General Assembly approves the new composition of the executive committee.

Although there is a good representation of international organizations and a liaison with CERN is assured , the executive committee is still open for other members. Especially, we

would welcome a member from the Geneva University or HES to be seating in our committee to assure the link with the university and Swiss library associations.

AILIS activities 2006

Date	Event	Location
Friday February 3 (12:15)	**AILIS General Assembly 2006**	WHO
Monday March 27 (15:30)	**Library Science Talk** *Web statistics* Ellen Fleurbaay, Amsterdam Municipal Archives, Amsterdam, The Netherlands pdf file	WIPO
Monday April 24 (15:30)	**Library Science Talk** *Google Book Search : improving discoverability of content in the digital age* Jens Redmer, Director Google Book Search Europe, Hamburg, Germany	CERN
Monday May 8 (15:30)	**Library Science Talk** *Let the real OA stand up! say researchers, librarians, publishers, citizens, ...* Jean-Claude Guédon, Université de Montréal, Canada	ITU
Thursday May 18 (09:30-13:00)	**AILIS Workshop** *Workshop on structure and retrieval of UN documentation* Hands-on training and tour. Full details	United Nations Library
Thursday June 22 (10:00-17:00)	**AILIS Workshop** *Workshop on corporate blogging and RSS (English session)* Full day hands-on training Full details	Geneva University, SES
Friday June 23 (10:00-17:00)	**AILIS Workshop** *Workshop on corporate blogging and RSS (French session)* Full day hands-on training Full details	Geneva University, SES
Thursday June 29 (12:15)	**AILIS Luncheon** *An overview of the challenges, outcomes and significance of the World Summit on the Information Society.* Mr Charles Geiger, executive director of the WSIS Secretariat http://www.itu.int/wsis/	WHO restaurant
Monday September 11 (15:30)	**Library Science Talk** *WikiOnt : an ontology for describing and exchanging Wikipaedia articles* Hannes Gassert, Fribourg, Switzerland	CERN
Monday October 16 (15:30)	**Library Science Talk** *10 Billion words : guidelines for large-scale newspaper digitisation* Jane Shaw, British Library, London, United Kingdom	WHO
Monday November 27 (15:30)	**Library Science Talk** *The transformation of readers to contributers - how the bloggers are changing media* Espen Egil Hansen, Verdens Gang, Oslo, Norway	CERN
Friday December 8 (dep. Geneva Cornavin 07:45)	**AILIS professional visit** **Central University Library, Zurich** http://www.zb.unizh.ch/ Presentation of the Library and its services (NEBIS network, IDS metacatalogue and "sfx" (Context Sensitive Linking), Library visit) followed by lunch and a visit to the exhibition "Schatzkammer der Zentralbibliothek" (treasures of the Central Library)	Zurich
Thursday December 14 (12:15)	**AILIS luncheon** **The AILIS Christmas lunch with guest speaker:** Lara Srivastava from the ITU: *The Internet of things*	WHO

AILIS organized 13 events in 2006 of which 2 workshops and 1 professional visit that were particularly successful. The workshop programs are included in the annexes. The workshop on UN documentation, organized in May in collaboration with the UNOG library, has been attended by 21 participants.
The workshop on corporate blogging and RSS, organized in June in collaboration with the Geneva University has been attended by 29 participants for both sessions (English and French speaking).
13 AILIS members accompanied us on our professional visit of the Zurich University Library, with a very interesting program organized by Matthias Müller, former AILIS executive committee member.

Participation in the Library Science Talks is fluctuating but with a average of 20 participants, we may call ourselves quite satisfied. Membership is not requested for attending the Library Science Talks. However, more would be better and we have the impression that it is difficult to reach the "non AILIS" librarians in Geneva and surroundings. University participation needs to be encouraged and any suggestions to widen the fame of AILIS among librarians and information specialists in the broad Geneva area are welcome. AILIS still has too little individual members though we encourage participants in workshops, visits or training sessions to become member.

A preview of 2007 activities

AILIS Library Science Talks 2007 : provisional program

Title	Speaker	Dates confirmed	Location
The European Archive	Julien Masnès, Director, European Web Archive	19/20 February	CERN
Designing and managing multilingual websites	Michael Leiser – Philip Morris International	26/27 March	ITU
Image, shape and multimedia resources discovery	Frederic Fol Leymarie	7/8/ May	
User needs in the new library and research paradigm	Wilfried Sühl-Strohmenger or Malcolm Heath (m.f.heath@leeds.ac.uk)	17/18 September	
FRBR – Getting the most out of bibliographic data	Ole Husby	8/9 October	CERN
Scientific information in the digital age	EU speakers	26/27 November	CERN

AILIS is planning a workshop on Google search and desktop search (the announcement has recently been sent out) that will take place at CERN on March 14, 2007. More details are included in the annexes. The number of participants is limited to 20.

At the request of an AILIS member, we decided to look at the possibility of a revision of the old AILIS DIRECTORY. An intern of the ILO Library has done the preliminary work and we

would like to finish the new edition in 2007. We would like to ask all AILIS members to collaborate and send, upon request, their library details required for this DIRECTORY.

Attempts to set up a AILIS blog have not been very successful – our executive members are already very busy… but we hope that the project can be studied again in 2007. Any candidates who are willing to help us, please come forward.

AILIS will organize a professional visit to Lyon. A provisional and very promising program has been established in collaboration with Bertrand Calenge, Bibliothèque municipale de Lyon. A date needs to be fixed.

The AILIS luncheon program is still blank and every suggestion is welcome. We would like to mention that many organizations have interesting projects, not directly linked to library activities, but within the limits of information/content management or new technologies that affect our daily work. Staff involved in such projects may be invited as lunch contributors. We had a good example with Lara Srivastava from the Strategic and Policy Unit in ITU who spoke at our AILIS Christmas lunch in December 2006 and who made a fascinating talk. We therefore issue an appeal for luncheon proposals for 2007.

Included : 3 annexes