Overview of the Committee:

Purpose. The ASEEES Committee on Libraries and Information Resources [CLIR] (formerly the Bibliography & Documentation Committee), consisting of scholars and librarians in the fields of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian studies, works throughout the year on a wide range of topics and ventures that include, but are not limited to: copyright, digital initiatives, microfilming projects, vendor issues, collection development, and the ABSEES online database [American Bibliography of Slavic and East European Studies]. These tasks are carried out by CLIR subcommittees (Subcommittee on Copyright Issues, Subcommittee on Digital Projects, Slavic & East European Microfilm Project [SEEMP] Subcommittee, and the Subcommittee on Collection Development).

Meetings. CLIR has two meetings annually, both at the ASEEES national convention. The first is the CLIR Executive meeting for CLIR members and subcommittee chairs, but which is generally open to any interested ASEEES members. The second meeting, the CLIR Membership meeting, is more informational in nature, and is attended by all librarians, archivists or other information specialists in the field. Outside of the annual meetings, CLIR members also communicate by e-mail and telephone throughout the year.

Activity. CLIR oversees and supports the work of its various subcommittees, (occasionally directing work or suggesting project proposals as needed) and is responsible for their membership. The CLIR Chair facilitates the organization of the biennial Faculty Digital Resources Workshop, held Thursday morning at the ASEEES Convention every other year. S/he works with ASEEES Convention organizers to ensure there minimal conflicts in the scheduling of library-related events/panels or committee meetings and facilitates the suggestion and submission of topics for conference panels or roundtables on library topics for the ASEEES Convention. Beginning last year, the Chair also served as an ex-officio member of the ASEEES Board of Directors and as an ex-officio member of the new ASEEES CLIR Distinguished Service Award Selection Subcommittee.

Current B&D Membership:

- Michael Brewer [Chair] — University of Arizona (2005-2010)
- Ksenya Kiebuzinski — U. Toronto (2010-2012)
- Marcus Levitt [Faculty liaison] — University of Southern California (2008-2010)
- Daniel Pennell — University of Pittsburgh (2009-2011)
- Janice Pilch — University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign (2009-2011)
- Kristen Regina — Hillwood Museum (2010-2012)

New Information from the Committee:

CLIR Executive Membership Changes (pending approval by the AAASS Board). After a three year term, the current CLIR Chair will be rotation off of the committee at the end of the calendar year. CLIR guidelines call for the outgoing CLIR Chair to consult with former CLIR Chairs and

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1 There are over 100 ASEEES members that identify themselves as librarians, archivists or information professionals of some kind.
then make a recommendation to the ASEEES Board on the appointment of a new CLIR Chair. After consulting with several former CLIR Chairs, I am recommending that the ASEEES Board approve the appointment of Janice Pilch as CLIR Chair for 2011-2013. Janice has been an extremely active CLIR member, having created and chaired the CLIR Subcommittee on Copyright Issues since its inception in 2004, and having served on CLIR Executive Committee for the past two years. Janice will bring great energy to the position, as well as a deep understanding of the field and of the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. The current CLIR Faculty Liaison, Marcus Levitt (USC) will also be rotating off. We are suggesting that he be replaced by Scott Palmer (Western Illinois University) for a three year term.

**Slavic Review Committee Membership.** Following discussions at the 2009 AAASS Board Meeting, a librarian from the CLIR membership has been officially added to the membership of the Slavic Review Board. Michael Biggins (University of Washington) will serve on this committee through 2013.

**CLIR Subcommittee Membership Changes.** The CLIR Subcommittee on Digital Projects, the CLIR Subcommittee on Collection Development, and the CLIR Committee on Copyright Issues will all have vacancies beginning in January 2010. For the Subcommittee on Collection development, Wook-Jin Cheun (Indiana) will take over as Chair for Michael Biggins (University of Washington). New members will be Robert Davis (Columbia) and June Farris (Chicago). Nina Bogdanovsky (Boston College) and Liladhar Pendse (UCLA) will join the Subcommittee on Digital Projects. Janice Pilch will continue as Chair of the Subcommittee on Copyright Issues and Michael Brewer will have his membership extended through 2011.

These names were forwarded to B&D by the subcommittee chairs and are supported by the B&D Committee membership. The terms for the new appointments will be for three years (2011-2013).

The CLIR Distinguished Service Award Selection Subcommittee will also have new members. The CLIR Chair is an ex-officio member. For the two at large members of this subcommittee, an online ballot including all members of the CLIR executive committee and its subcommittees is voted on by ASEEES librarians, archivists & curators in January. The term of service for the at large members will be the same as the term of the CLIR Chair (through 2013).

**Recent Activities:**

**Vendor Presentation Session at ASEEES.** Because of logistical issues, this session has been discontinued by CLIR. While the membership would be interested in finding alternative ways of providing vendors access to librarians in a single session, the current model is no longer feasible. Vendors have been encouraged to individually or collaboratively organize events or information sessions themselves, either as part of the exhibits or through some other means.

**ASEEES Panels & Roundtables.** A number of library-related panels and roundtables were proposed and will take place at this year’s convention. Many of these are notable for their broader appeal to (and inclusion of) Slavic scholars, researchers and educators. [http://intranet.library.arizona.edu/users/brewerm/bd/panels2010.html](http://intranet.library.arizona.edu/users/brewerm/bd/panels2010.html).

**Distinguished Library Service Award.** Late last year, CLIR established an ASEEES CLIR Distinguished Service Award. This is an occasional award that was created to recognize ASEEES member librarians, archivists or curators who have had a significant impact on the field of Slavic,
East European and Eurasian studies librarianship. This impact could be the result of continuous or distinguished service to the profession, but might also be the result of extraordinarily active, innovative or collaborative work that has emerged only recently, but deserves national recognition. This year we are presenting the award to two phenomenal members of the field: Miranda Remnek and Edward Kasinec. The awardees will be recognized at the President’s Reception on Saturday evening at the National Convention.

**International Council for Central and East European Studies [ICCEES] World Congress.**

Over 20 Slavic librarians from North America, the UK, Germany, Russia, and the Czech Republic attended the International Council for Central and East European Studies Convention held in Stockholm from 26-31 July 2010 and participated in five panels on topics relating to Slavic libraries and bibliography. The papers given ranged from archival access to collection development to collection histories. A respite to the summer heat back home, invigoratingly cool temperatures motivated us to sample the white nights, fantastic cuisine, and local sights, and in addition to catch up on five years of life since the last Conference in Berlin. There were group visits to Uppsala University Library where Hakan Hallberg and his colleagues prepared a fascinating display of Slavic manuscripts, newspapers and other collection items. Janis Kreslins Jr took two groups round the stacks of the Royal Library (KB) in Stockholm, entrancing us with stunning collection items relating to Russia.

Some of the papers from ICCEES 2010 will be published in *Solanus* which, after a break of several years, is being re-launched under the new editorship of Ray Scrivens with Vol.22 planned for publication in May 2011.

**2010 Digital Preconference**

CLIR sponsors a biennial digital preconference for ASEEES members. This year’s Librarians’ Digital Resources Workshop is taking place on Thursday morning from 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. in the San Bernadino room. The workshop will be opened with introductory remarks by UCLA’s University Librarian, Gary E. Strong, and will consist of three presentations:

- Annelie Rugg (Center for Digital Humanities) – Distance learning and Slavic studies: (How) can it be done?
- Marcus Levitt (USC) – USC’s Russian satirical journal project
- David MacFadyen (UCLA) – Far from Moscow: A Website on new music from Russia and beyond

**B&D Name Change to CLIR.** In July, concurrent with the change from AAASS to ASEEES, the former Bibliography & Documentation Committee officially changed its name to the Committee on Libraries and Information Resources [CLIR]. Hereafter, this change should be in effect in all ASEEES publications.

**Subcommittee Reports.** Current (and past) subcommittee reports are available online at: [http://intranet.library.arizona.edu/users/brewerm/bd/subcommittees.html](http://intranet.library.arizona.edu/users/brewerm/bd/subcommittees.html). Most subcommittee reports for 2010 will not be completed until November, shortly before the AAASS National Convention.

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