ASEEES Committee on Libraries and Information Resources  
Membership Meeting Minutes  
ASEEES 43rd Annual Convention, Washington, DC  
November 20, 2011

Attending:

Michael Biggins (U Washington), Wookjin Cheun (Indiana U), Kit Condill (U Illinois), Stephen Corrsin (NYPL), Janet Crayne (U Michigan), Robert Davis (Columbia U), John DeSantis (Dartmouth U), Jean Dickinson (U California, Berkeley), Joanna Epstein (Harvard U), Natalia Ermolaev (Rutgers U), June Farris (U Chicago), Dima Frangulov (East View), Jon Giullian (U Kansas), Diana Greene (NYU), Elena Gruznova (B. Yeltsin Presidential Library), Hephine Hakobyan (U Oregon), Grant Harris (Library of Congress), Alex Kershteyn (MIPP/Integrum), Ksenya Kiebuzinski (U Toronto), Irene Kolchinsky (U Illinois), Harold Leich (Library of Congress), Sandra Levy (U Chicago), Tatjana Lorkovic (Yale U), Molly Molloy (Stanford U), Margarita Nafpaktitis (UCLA), Liladhar Pendse (Princeton U), Dan Pennell (U Pittsburgh), Janice Pilch (Rutgers U), Pat Polansky (U Hawaii), Inna Polovnikova (Library of Academy of Sciences, St-P), Kristen Regina (Hillwood Museum), Katya Rogachevskaia (British Library), Karen Rondestvedt (Stanford U), Ellen Scaruffi (Independent scholar), Brad Schaffner (Harvard U), Lena Soglasnova (U Toronto), Andy Spencer (U Wisconsin), Susan Summer (Columbia U), Nick Thorner (Library of Congress), Patricia Thurston (Yale U), Hugh Truslow (Harvard U), Larisa Walsh (U Chicago), Mark Winek (American U), Andrey Zaytsev (B. Yeltsin Presidential Library), Nadia Zilper (Retired), Ernest Zitser (Duke U)

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Attendance and Introduction. Janice Pilch, CLIR Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed members, subcommittee chairs, librarians who participated in panels, and colleagues from abroad. Thanks were extended to East View Information Services for their generosity in providing refreshments. Participants were asked to sign the attendance roster.

Memorial tribute to our esteemed colleague Murlin Croucher. Brad Schaffner and Michael Biggins. Brad Schaffner and Michael Biggins presented remembrances of Murlin Croucher, who passed away on July 31, 2011, having served as Librarian for Slavic and East European Studies at the Indiana University Libraries from 1980 to 2005. They recalled Murlin’s life, his contributions to the field, his legacy, and his engaging personality. They encouraged the membership to submit any other remembrances to Jacqueline Byrd (Indiana U), for publication in the near future. Murlin will be fondly remembered.

CLIR Committee News. Janice explained the new CLIR committee structure, adopted in 2010 by the CLIR Executive Committee. The CLIR Executive Committee will consist of the chair, the three subcommittee chairs, the chair of SEEMP, a member-at-large, and a faculty liaison. In the transition to this structure, in 2012 the committee will include two members whose appointments are still active, plus the three subcommittee chairs, the chair of SEEMP, and the faculty liaison. At the end of 2012, when the appointments of those two members expire, and they are replaced by one member-at-large, the new system will be fully implemented.
In addition, under the new system, the three-year term of the CLIR chair will correspond to the three-year terms of the subcommittee chairs, running from January through December. This will provide stable leadership and a clear communication flow for a three-year period.

Janice reviewed the incoming and outgoing CLIR and CLIR subcommittee members:

- **CLIR Committee Changes**
  - Outgoing CLIR Members
    - Dan Pennell (U. Pittsburgh)
  - New CLIR Members- four subcommittee chairs:
    - Wookjin Cheun (Indiana U.), Chair of Subcommittee on Collection Development (2012-2013)
    - Janice Pilch – Rutgers U., Chair of Subcommittee on Copyright Issues (2012-2013)
    - Robert H. Davis, Jr. – Columbia U., Chair of Subcommittee on Digital Projects (2012-2013)
    - Jon Giullian— U. Kansas, Chair of Slavic & East European Microform Project (2012-2013)

- **CLIR Subcommittee Changes**
  - Subcommittee on Collection Development
    - Outgoing members: Liladhar Pendse (Princeton U.) and Heghine Hakobyan (U. Oregon)
    - Incoming members: Marek Sroka (U. Illinois Urbana-Champaign)
  - Subcommittee on Copyright Issues
    - Outgoing members: Karen Rondestvedt (Stanford U.)
    - Incoming members: James Steffen (Emory U.)
  - Subcommittee on Slavic Digital Projects
    - Outgoing members: Erik Zitser (Duke U.), Co-chair; Patricia Thurston (Yale U.) ,Co-chair ; Nina Bogdanovsky (Boston College)
    - Incoming members: Erika Hope Spencer (Library of Congress)
    - New chair: Robert H. Davis, Jr. (Columbia U.)
  - SEEMP
    - Outgoing members: Wookjin Cheun (Indiana U.), Secretary; Sandra Levy (U. Chicago), SEES-ACRL/ALA Chair (Ex officio)
    - Incoming members: Diana Greene, Secretary (NYU); June Farris (U. Chicago); Liladhar Pendse, ACRL SEES Chair (Princeton U.) (Ex officio)
  - Distinguished Service Award Selection Subcommittee
    - No changes

Updated committee lists for 2012 will be posted to http://intranet.library.arizona.edu/users/brewerm/bd/subcommittees.html.

**CLIR Subcommittee Reports:** These reports summarize the full text reports which are available at: http://intranet.library.arizona.edu/users/brewerm/bd/subcommittees.html.
Subcommittee on Collection Development, Wookjin Cheun, Chair (Indiana U)
- ABSEEES: Subscribers increased from 141 to 153; glitches with the import or export of data are corrected or in the process of correction; advances in retrospective indexing progression and OCR scanning and correction should be done by next year.
- Vendor database: The subcommittee is involved in maintenance of vendor database and the creation of a publisher database.
- There is ongoing discussion of resurrecting an annual report similar to the Bushnells’ former “State of Publication” report which on which members relied for many years.

Subcommittee on Copyright Issues, Janice Pilch, Chair (Rutgers U)
- Main activity is to answer copyright queries in the field (use of images in publications accounts for 50% of the queries).
- 407 queries have been completed over the years, including 48 queries in 2011.
- The committee provides directional advice, not legal advice.
- A website on copyright and FAQ is in progress.
- The subcommittee organized a copyright panel for the 2012 conference.
- Erik Zitser suggested doing an article in Newsnet on the use of images; it was agreed that it should be the next article.

Subcommittee on Digital Projects, Patricia Thurston, Co-chair (Yale U)
- The subcommittee has been discussing the location of the digital projects subcommittee website created by Miranda Remnek. Erika Spencer, Rob Davis, and Heghine Hakobyan will work on how to bring it back.
- Thanks were given to Jon Giullian and Kristen Regina for coordinating the projector for the conference.
- Jon reminded members to request a screen and a table for next year’s conference if they need a projector.

Slavic and East European Microform Project (SEEMP), Jon Giullian, Chair (U Kansas)
- $12,600 remains and $3,000 is supplemented by CRL contributions
- Projects in process include Illustrated Courier from Krakow
- Slovozhenie is moving forward thanks to Janet Crayne
- Ukraine émigré press project—a foray into digitization through CRL
- There is a new proposal for a supplement and a few projects suggested by Illinois
- Jon requested that as librarians are working and they identify newspapers, they need either to keep a running list of them and send it to June Farris at the end of year, or to send suggestions as they come up.
- Erik Zitser question/suggestion—could SEEMP also contribute to Newsnet? They could adapt CRL news releases for the newsletter. Janice replied that SEEMP is not a formal subcommittee of ASEEES, but a hybrid since it’s based at CRL. Terms of appointment at SEEMP are two years long, starting in November (vs. appointments in the three subcommittees are 3- year appointments beginning in the calendar year).
- Jon Giullian is agreeable to submitting to Newsnet. It will become part of the calendar rotation and Molly Molloy will supplement SEEMP reports by also submitting to Slavlibs.

Future of ASEEES CLIR website, Janice Pilch
Michael Brewer will soon no longer be able to host the website at Arizona, and we need to think about who will take on responsibility for maintaining the site.
- Ksenia Kiebuzyński may be able to, but not until 2012
Barbara Krupa is also a possibility
An enquiry will be made as to whether or not ASEEES can maintain the site and/or move it to Pittsburgh so we do not lose the information
Erik Zitser is a member of the Communications Advisory and reported that ASEEES is talking about the current state of the website and it is not possible right now to host the CLIR site but efforts will be made to work with the ASEEES board on this.
Brad Schaffner commented that most institutions will not allow non-onsite staff to update a site—it would have to be at the institution. One possibility is to move the site to Google so only have to change the password going forward; the ECC uses Google because it is also where they share documents via GoogleDocs and because Google has strong financial backing for stability.
Erik Zitser suggested adopting OJS (Open Journal Software) to use not as a journal but as a website.

CLIR Committee and Affiliate Updates

- Update from the ASEEES Board Meeting (attended by Janice Pilch, as CLIR Chair)
  - The membership is solid with 2,676 members as of October (534 are students) with a goal to increase it to 3,000 members and attract more graduate students
  - There is free student membership for FLAS fellows
  - Institutional membership has grown slightly
  - At the 2011 Convention there are 440 panels
- When the convention is in Washington, D.C. again, it will not be in the Omni because of difficulty with sessions in the hotel. Harry Leich reported that it will most likely be at the Marriott Wardman Park in 2016.
- The 2012 conference will be November 15-18 in New Orleans.
- Diane Koecker at the University of Illinois is elected VP-President elect for 2012.
- ASEEES has successfully completed a 3-year fundraising drive of $50,000 to match the Kathryn Davis $100,000 gift. The Kathryn Davis Fund supports graduate student travel to the conference. There were 28 applicants and 12 awards granted this year.
- The *Slavic Review* partnership with JSTOR is considered highly successful by the Board so far for visibility and profit. Current issues in 2012 will start to appear in JSTOR and subscription rates will remain basically the same. There was a discussion about the complication of dealing with the new JSTOR set up as it is targeted to individuals, not libraries or institutions. The *Slavic Review* continues to get high quality and competitive scholarly submissions.
- Title VI and Title VIII funding is still unclear and the situation precarious. Steve Corrsin reported that the details are hard to follow but the situation boils down to Section VIII funding and it is most likely to disappear based on the Congressional markup. ASEEES does not want the membership to write letters, but rather it wishes to create a single focused message to Congress through professional lobbyists. They want an organized approach and lobbying has to be done in the next two weeks. They are cautiously optimistic on Title VIII. Lynda Park plans to upgrade the status of institutional members and make more use of the website for them.
- Janice Pilch added that there are discussions underway to digitize AAASS/ASEEES archives held at U of Illinois.

ASEEES CLIR Distinguished Service Award, Janice Pilch

- We are very pleased to have presented the award this year to Allan Urbanic (U California Berkeley). The award was presented at the Presidents’ Reception and Awards Ceremony on Saturday evening.
- It is wonderful that we have this award. It raises visibility of librarians within the association.
• 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
• Award nomination and selection process will be conducted again in 2012
• The subcommittee for the award has not changed

Announcements from Consortia, Institutions and Individuals

Library of Congress, Harry Leich
• Inna Alekseevna Polonikova, a Yudin descendant, is here and just published a new book (tirazh of 1,000) about her family; Inna spoke about her book.

ACRL Slavic and East European Section (SEES), Liladhar Pendse, Chair (Princeton)
• SEES website is going to Google
• Activities of ACRL SEES include a Task Force on Romanization tables of LC and transliteration, and a joint program at the ALA annual conference with the International Relations Committee Subcommittee on Eurasia
• Call for agenda items

Patricia Grimsted
• Pat noted the session on archives held on Saturday afternoon
• The Archeo-Biblio Database needs a home. They need an agreement to keep it up to date before a western institution will agree to host it and take it over from her. The Amsterdam institute has hosted it at no cost. It cannot become commercial because of its substantial government and private initial grant support. It receives 3,000 hits a month.

Steven Grant
• Steven’s book The Russian Empire and Soviet Union: A Guide to Manuscripts and Archival Materials in the United States is digitized and was on the Library of Congress European Reading Room webpage.
• The University of Illinois now has it up as a database online. He hopes to update, revise, and correct it.
• Please be in touch with Helen Sullivan and Joe Lenhart to update entries.

Slavic and East European Information Resources (Karen Rondestvedt, Stanford)
• SEEIR Journal for Slavic librarians is in better shape this year than last year, but still needs more material. They need book reviews.
• Hugh Truslow keeps a list of books in need of review.

New York Public Library, Steve Corrsin
Steve explained the steps which the New York Public Library is taking and commitments it will make to meet its responsibilities in the area of Slavic, Baltic, and Eastern European studies:
• He has been appointed Curator of the Collections, in addition to his existing responsibilities as Curator of the Dorot Jewish Collections. This will enable him to draw on more support in such areas as services, programs, and projects.
• Research and circulating acquisitions funds have been kept separate. Significant additional funds have been added to the Slavic area for FY12.
• NYPL is clarifying and improving access and reader services.
• Perhaps the most important single project right now is complete barcoding of the older collections of the entire research collection of the library. Due to the looming physical
reorganization of the insides of the 42d Street Building (Schwarzman, or SASB), most
general research collections will be moved offsite in the next few years, to the ReCAP facility
shared with Columbia and Princeton. (Special collections are expected to remain in SASB).
This barcoding work is absolutely essential and will greatly facilitate access and retrieval.
The Slavic materials have been placed at the top of the SASB priority list, and it's planned
that this work will be completed by 30 June 2012. Steve does not have the timetable or plans
for the offsite moves, or the reconstruction of the inside of the building.

- NYPL’s strong digitization projects for older materials will be strengthened—it's a very
  competitive environment within the Library as well as for support from the outside.
- The Library has joined ASEEES as an Institutional Member. Besides showing institutional
  commitment to the field, NYPL has found that ASEEES is planning to make more use of, and
  provide greater services to, such members. For example, competitive research grants (for
  scholars and writers to become residents and privileged users of the Library and its
  collections), will be advertised more broadly.
- Membership in the Manhattan Research Library Initiative (MaRLI), the ReCAP facility, and
  renewed activity in the ECC all serve to support not only the Library's strengthened collection
  and access initiatives, but also to demonstrate our intention to serve as a “good institutional
citizen” of the field.
- There will be no reconstituted reading room, and no reconstituted consolidated department—
  the staff remains distributed, among such departments as Cataloging, Acquisitions, Reference
  and Research, and Collections.
- Finally, Steve invited colleagues to refer questions about NYPL Slavic operations to him.

Proposals for Panel Topics for 2012
- Harry Leich is a member of the ASEEES Program Committee this year, representing the area of
  Library/Archives/Bibliography. When the library members organize more than 6 library panels,
  we tend to run into conflicts, so we should think carefully about proposals. He advised members
  to follow the instructions for proposal applications and to contact Harry with questions.
- The deadline this year for panel and roundtable proposals is January 15, 2012. Individual paper
  proposals are being accepted again.
- Suggestions for panel and roundtable proposals:
  o E-book collections in the regions, collaborative collection development (Wookjin Cheun)
  o Copyright (Janice Pilch)
  o Problems of acquiring East European videos: business models, licensing, rights, other
    issues (Andy Spencer)
  o Best practices for reference and instruction, including libguides (Jon Giullian)
  o Transcaucasian books, Old Armenian manuscripts, book culture (Heghine Hakobyan)
  o Title VI cuts- Making the most of what you have (Janet Crayne)
  o Teaching collaboration with faculty and graduate students (Erik Zitser)

East Coast Slavic Consortium (Brad Schaffner, Harvard)
- The consortium is coordinating with Book Expo, where Russia is the guest of honor this year
- The consortium’s website will come back

Midwest Slavic Consortium (Jon Giullian, Kansas)
- The consortium will have its biannual meeting in 2012

Pacific Coast Slavic Consortium (Karen Rondestvedt, Stanford)
- Pacslav is still alive
- The consortium meets primarily via email and exchanges are still quite active
- The consortium plans to update its website

**New or Old Business**
There was no new or old business.

Janice again thanked East View Information Services for their kindness in providing refreshments, and thanked Kristen Regina for kindly agreeing to be the scribe for this meeting.

(Submitted by Janice T. Pilch, Chair, ASEEES Committee on Libraries and Information Resources)