Overview of the Committee:

Purpose. The ASEEES Committee on Libraries and Information Resources (CLIR), formerly the Bibliography and 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 American Bibliography of Slavic and East European Studies (ABSEES) online database. These tasks are carried out by CLIR subcommittees: Subcommittee on Collection Development, Subcommittee on Copyright Issues, Subcommittee on Digital Projects, and Slavic & East European Microfilm Project (SEEMP) Subcommittee. In addition, the Distinguished Service Award Selection Subcommittee was established in 2010 to manage the selection of candidates for an occasional award intended to recognize ASEEES member librarians, archivists or curators whose contributions to the field of Slavic, East European and Eurasian studies librarianship have been especially noteworthy or influential.

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. Formerly the CLIR chair facilitated the organization of the biennial Faculty Digital Resources Workshop, held Thursday morning at the ASEEES Convention every other year. This workshop was discontinued after the last digital pre-conference in 2010; they will no longer be organized by CLIR. The chair 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.

The chair also coordinates quarterly contributions to the ASEEES Newsnet “Library and Internet News” column. Early in 2010, CLIR agreed that responsibility for future articles for the ASEEES Newsnet column “Library and Internet News” would be subsumed by three CLIR subcommittees (Subcommittee on Collection Development, Subcommittee on Copyright Issues, Subcommittee on Digital Projects), on a rotating basis. The CLIR website provides a section entitled “NewsNet Library & Internet News Calendar and Subcommittee Responsibilities” that lists a calendar of issue numbers and due dates of contributions in rotating order, at http://intranet.library.arizona.edu/users/brewerm/bd/newsnet.html.

Since 2009, the chair has 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 CLIR Membership (2011):

- Janice Pilch [Chair] — Rutgers U. (2009-2013)
• Ksenya Kiebuzinski – U. Toronto (2010-2012)
• Kristen Regina — Hillwood Museum (2010-2012)
• Dan Pennell — U. Pittsburgh (2009-2011)
• Scott Palmer [Faculty liaison] — Southern Illinois U. (2010-2013)

New CLIR Membership (2012) (pending approval by the AAASS Board):
• Janice Pilch [Chair] –Rutgers U. (2009-2013)
• Ksenya Kiebuzinski – U. Toronto (2010-2012)
• Kristen Regina — Hillwood Museum (2010-2012)
• 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)
• Scott Palmer [Faculty liaison] — Southern Illinois U. (2010-2013)

New Information from the Committee:

CLIR Executive Membership Changes (pending approval by the AAASS Board). At the 2010 meeting, a decision was made to change the structure of CLIR membership, with the aim of improving communication among the subcommittees, and of providing a more stable structure for ongoing work. In the past, CLIR has consisted of six members, including a faculty liaison. Three CLIR Subcommittee Chairs (Subcommittee on Collection Development, Subcommittee on Copyright Issues, Subcommittee on Digital Projects) also served as representatives on the committee. (SEEMP has a hybrid status, functioning more as a consultative group, and has never been fully regarded as a subcommittee).

Under the new structure for CLIR membership, 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. After the three year term, the appointment of the current CLIR chair will end. Appointments of subcommittee chairs may end, or be extended for an additional three years with the agreement of the outgoing and the incoming CLIR chairs. Current appointments have been designed with this transition in mind: the current CLIR chair and the subcommittee chairs all have terms expiring in 2013.

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 (U. Washington) will serve on this committee through 2013.

CLIR Subcommittee Membership Changes. All the CLIR subcommittees will have vacancies beginning in January 2012. For the Subcommittee on Collection Development, outgoing members Liladhar Pendse (Princeton U.) and Heghine Hakobyan (U. Oregon) will be replaced by incoming
member Marek Sroka (U. Illinois Urbana-Champaign). For the Subcommittee on Copyright Issues, outgoing member Karen Rondestvedt (Stanford U.) will be replaced by incoming member James Steffen (Emory U.). For the Subcommittee on Digital Projects, outgoing co-chairs Erik Zitser (Duke U.) and Patricia Thurston (Yale U.) will be replaced by new chair Robert H. Davis, Jr. (Columbia U.), and outgoing member Nina Bogdanovsky (Boston College) will be replaced by incoming member Erika Hope Spencer (Library of Congress). For SEEMP, outgoing secretary Wookjin Cheun (Indiana U.) will be replaced by incoming secretary Diana Greene (NYU); Sandra Levy (U. Chicago) will be replaced by Liladhar Pendse (Princeton U.) as ACRL SEES Chair (ex officio); and June Farris (U. Chicago) will join as a new member.

Distinguished Service Award Selection Subcommittee. This subcommittee was established in 2010 to manage the selection of candidates for an occasional award intended to recognize ASEEES member librarians, archivists or curators whose contributions to the field of Slavic, East European and Eurasian studies librarianship have been especially noteworthy or influential. The appointment of members to this subcommittee is handled by a vote of ASEEES library and archive members, conducted by the incoming CLIR chair, at three year intervals that correspond to the appointment term of the CLIR chair. The term of service for the current members is the same as the term of the CLIR Chair (2010-2013). Consequently there will be no changes to this subcommittee membership in 2012.

Recent Activities:

Vendor Presentation Session at ASEEES. Because of logistical issues, this session was 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 our through some other means.

ASEEES Panels and 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. With the aim of providing as comprehensive as possible a discussion of copyright issues, and of benefiting from the location of the 2011 conference, the panel organized by the Subcommittee on Copyright Issues includes a government official from the U.S. Copyright Office. See http://intranet.library.arizona.edu/users/brewerm/bd/panels2011.html.

Distinguished Library Service Award. In late 2009, 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 our esteemed colleague Allan Urbanic, who recently retired from his position as Head, International and Area Studies, and Librarian for Slavic and East European Collections at the University of California, Berkeley in June 2011 after a distinguished career. The awardees will be recognized at the President’s Reception on Saturday evening at the National Convention.

B&D Name Change to CLIR. In July 2010, concurrent with the change from AAASS to ASEEES, the former Bibliography and 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 2011 will not be completed until November, shortly before the ASEEES National Convention.

† There are over 100 ASEEES members that identify themselves as librarians, archivists or information professionals of some kind.

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