

**GODORT Rare and Endangered Government Publications Minutes  
ALA Midwinter Conference, Washington, DC  
January 14, 2001  
Renaissance Washington Hotel, Tavern  
8:30 - 11:00 am**

August Imholtz discussed up-coming pre-conference program sponsored jointly by REGP and FDTF, for ALA San Francisco. The program is titled, "19<sup>th</sup> and Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Federal Documents: Research Avenues and Access Tools. Program speakers and talks are:

- August A. Imholtz, Jr. "19<sup>th</sup> Century Federal Government Publications: Pre-Civil War Printing Practices and the Post-GPO World";
- Gregory C. Harness (U.S. Senate Librarian) "Recreation of the First Library of Congress Collection: An Experiment in Senatorial Reader Response, and Some Problems in Senate Bibliography, both Historical and Current";
- Cindi Wolff "Deconstructing Historical Census Publications: A Primer"; August Imholtz, Jr. "Impeachments and Explorations: Some Research Examples of Congressional Fishing Expeditions";
- Donna Koepp "Mapping a Continent: Where the Maps Are";
- Steven Daniel "The Titanic Investigation and Other U.S. Government Document Blockbusters."

The pre-conference will be held June 14<sup>th</sup> on the campus of UC-Berkeley from 9:00 - 4:30. Committee noted that nothing about this pre-conference was included in the ALA Midwinter program, and we need to get something up on the ALA website as soon as possible. Committee is also working on getting this program publicized to as many people as possible.

Donna Koepp and Bill Wears gave a demonstration of their Serial Set database. Database covers Congresses from 1817-1969 showing their corresponding Serial Set volumes. Each volume has a short record giving basic bibliographic information, with volumes containing six or less titles giving information on each title. The database also contains holding information for depository libraries, with instructions on how you can add your holding to the list. The database will be moved to its permanent location in the next couple of weeks. Check GOVDOC-L and the REGP website for the location.

August passed out a sample of a future paper, "List of Unused Document and Report Numbers in the U.S. Congressional Serial Set." This paper shows documents and reports that were originally listed as not being printed in the Checklist of United States Public Documents, 1789-1909 and gives the Serial Set volume number in which it can be found, its document or report number, the Congress-session enumeration, and the publication's title.

Roberta Palen talked about a program proposed for the 2002 Public Library Association Conference. The program title is "They're Yours: Collecting and Preserving Documents from Local and Regional Governments." PLA will make a decision on accepting or rejecting this program idea later this Spring.

Respectfully submitted by David Larkin, Chair REGP