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Because book funds are limited, technical services (acquisitions, collection development, and cataloging) primarily processes gifts and exchange items. In fact, the University of Havana central library

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IRRT Election Results

Pierce and Hunt Elected

During the spring 2004 IRRT elections, 244 ballots were cast. Jeannette E. Pierce of Johns Hopkins University was elected Vice-Chair/Chair Elect and Judith Lin Hunt of Montclair State University is the new Member-at-large. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to the others who offered their services to IRRT and who continue to serve in other capacities.

Vice-Chair/Chair Elect

Cumiskey, Kurt H. —53

Pierce, Jeannette E. —150 ELECTED

Member-at-large

Veli, Ravil —72

Hunt, Judith Lin —126 ELECTED

The International Relations Round Table Executive Committee's recommendation for changes in IRRT membership dues was approved by the membership in the spring 2004 elections. For ALA personal members, the dues are now \$15 up from \$10.

The IRRT Executive Committee also recommended that student members pay dues for the first time but that International members be allowed to join for free. Student will now pay \$5 to join IRRT. The fee increases passed by a large majority as shown below.

Yes, I support changes in IRRT membership dues: **163 PASSED**

No, I do not support membership dues changes: 53

IRRT Conference Events

International Librarian's Orientation

ALA-IRRT

Friday, June 25, 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Peabody Orlando, Plaza International BR A/B

An introduction to the ALA Conference and the city of Orlando for International librarians and other attendees from abroad. ALA members will provide an overview of the conference, including recommended programs and social activities. Learn about conference transportation, the ALA's Exhibit Hall and the meanings of the ALA's many acronyms. Meet your mentors and representatives from ALA's many divisions and round tables who will help international librarians get the most from the conference experience.

International Librarian's Reception

Monday, June 28, 2004 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Café Tu Tu Tango, 8625 International Drive, Orlando

Open to all conference attendees, this reception offers a unique opportunity to network with hundreds of information professionals from around the world. Join us for a mixing of cultures and ideas, regional cuisine, hors d'oeuvres and open bar.

Fees: Onsite: \$30; Free to International Librarians outside the U.S. Tickets are available at the conference registration area and at the door.

The IRRT wishes to thank the following sponsors of the International Librarian's Reception:

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From ALA's Information Desk By Michael Dowling

Fulbright Scholar Program 2005-06 Professional Librarian Award in the United Kingdom

The United Kingdom Fulbright Commission has again announced an award for an assistant librarian to help provide professional library services for the Second Air Division Memorial Library, located within the Norfolk and Norwich Millennium Library. The Second Air Division Memorial Library has three purposes:

- * to act as a war memorial to the 6,700 US airmen and women stationed in East Anglia who were killed in the Second World War;
- * to provide a current library and information service on U.S. culture and history;
- * to provide an archive of Second World War memorabilia.

Norfolk County's libraries have 1.2 million volumes, service the inhabitants of Norfolk and are administered by the Norfolk County Council. Service is provided through 46 libraries and 17 mobile libraries which deliver services across Norfolk. The service also has libraries in two prisons and in one village shop. All libraries are connected to a DS Galaxy 2000 system and enable public access to the internet and to ICT facilities through broadband technology.

Visit <http://www.2ndair.org.uk> for more information about the Memorial Library.

GRANT ACTIVITY:

- * To help provide professional library services for the 2nd Air Division Memorial Library, working as an assistant librarian with the Trust Librarian and library assistants
- * To contribute to managing the stock at the Memorial Library
- * To maintain and develop the Memorial Library web site
- * To develop links with schools, colleges, and universities and maintain links previously established
- * To develop the role of the Library and the four branch collections, in supporting formal and independent learners of all ages
- * To promote the Memorial Library and its purpose throughout the community through public talks, promotional activities, and liaising with the

Norfolk Library and Information Service, other services and organizations

- * The award is for 12 months, beginning September 2005.

There is a possibility the grant may be renewed for an additional year.

BENEFITS:

Stipend is approximately 23,500 pounds sterling for 12 months plus round-trip travel for grantee, accommodation aid, and a leased car (for which a contribution will be required for private travel).

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- * U.S. citizenship
- * Masters degree in library science* Minimum of three years of recent experience in providing a public library service, including the delivery of inquiry services and, in particular, support for education programs to young people
- * Experience with library stock management
- * Public speaking experience
- * Experience with Web site development and maintenance
- * An interest in U.S. culture and history
- * Advanced knowledge of the internet as an information source
- * Ability to drive, a clean driving record, and willingness to take the U.K. driver's test

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS AUGUST 1, 2004

APPLICATION and QUERIES:

Visit the Web site of the Council for the International Exchange of Scholars (CIES) at www.cies.org to download the application form and guidelines. (Click on the Fulbright Traditional Scholar Program Link). You can also request a hard copy of the application by sending an email to apprequest@iie.org

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“Migrations in Society, Culture, and the Library” was the theme of the second international conference sponsored by the Western European Studies Section of ACRL. (The first conference was held in Florence, Italy in 1988.) Held in Paris, March 22-26, 2004, 120 participants from 11 countries heard and discussed the policies and politics of migration in Western Europe. Over 35 papers were presented on the broadly defined concept of “migration”, including in the content the transformation of materials libraries acquire and the tools they use to provide access and storage.

Among the papers was “Integration and Integration Policies in Germany and Europe,” by Friedrich Heckmann, Director of the European Forum for Migration Studies, University of Hamburg. Reporting on a series of comparative studies of migration outcomes in various European countries, Heckmann observed that all countries adhere to basic democratic values and human rights, noting that all subscribe to family reunion rights; that all countries open core institutions to migrants; that the policies of temporary migrant employment now found in some countries will not be upheld (“workers are needed; human beings arrived” is how he put it); and that access to citizenship has been eased. He discussed the European Union policies to accelerate convergence among countries and noted there is a strong affection for local context, less affection for a national context. He observed that the concept of nation is getting increasingly obsolete in Europe.

Roger Chartier, cultural historian and Directeur, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales and Visiting Professor of History at the University of Pennsylvania, considered “Books, Reading, and Libraries from Print Culture to

“Of the seven programs I have facilitated, this was the best!” said Lyudmila Guseva of Open World Leadership Program (OWLP). Lyudmila and four other librarians from Russia spend October 5-12, 2003 engaged from early morning until bedtime in a theme-based visit called, “The Information Universe: A Midwestern Perspective”.

OWLP, administered by Academy for Educational Development, Washington, D. C., enables young Eurasian elected officials, political candidates, and emerging political and civic leaders to observe firsthand the American democratic system. This Kansas program addressed OWLP topics including federalism and representative government, women as leaders, rule of law, health, environment, economic development, educational reform and youth.

Distinguished Russian guests were: Mariana Andryushkina, Deputy Director for Scientific Work and Publishing, Chuvashiya Republic National Library; Tatyana Bragina, Deputy Director for Scientific Work, A.M. Gorkiy Scientific Library, Vladimir Region; Irina Eydemiller, Head of Reference Library Stock Department, Russian National Library, St. Petersburg; Natalya Mitrofanova, Head, Pskov Region Scientific Library,

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