

Mentoring Program - David Griffiths

David proposed an IDTF mentoring program for newcomers, in the form of a database of members willing to share their expertise. The database would enable matching librarians with similar interests or specialties. Discussion centered on how to promote this tool and possible coordination with various other ALA/GODORT committees and IFLA.

Updating Guide to Official Publications of Foreign Countries - Barb Mann:

A SALAM member proposed that the guide be updated and moved online with links to agencies/publications. This could be an enormous amount of work, and frustrating because some publications would not be freely available online. However, Kristina Waldron and volunteers will work on expanding the Northwestern University list of foreign government links, and adding topical breakdowns.

Other

UN Treaty Database license - Jim Church

The license agreement contains several troubling clauses, and UC San Diego has not been able to negotiate changes. David Griffiths and Jim Church will draft a letter from IDTF to the UN expressing our concerns. Other members whose libraries subscribe to the database will find out how their libraries handled the license and report to Jim.

2003 Program

If we are to do a program, it needs to be approved at Midwinter 2002. Topic ideas will be solicited through intl-doc perhaps something on the Canadian depository program?

Updates on Products and Services

Center for Research Libraries - Pat Finney

In the Foreign Official Gazette project, the NY Public deposit has been completely processed. Pat has seen an increase in requests as records became available. They are now processing materials from a variety of areas of the world.

Academic Microforms Inc. - Norman Ross/Peter Clifford

(AMI) has announced a new filming project in cooperation with the Council of Europe. The first publication will be Decisions and Reports, containing 94 volumes on 188 microfiche, for \$1500. Other titles to be filmed include the Human Rights Files, Conclusions of the Committee of Independent Experts on the European Social Charter, and Reports of the Governmental Committee on The European Social Charter.

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