

GODORT International Documents Task Force

ALA Midwinter Meeting

Saturday, January 25, 2003 2 :00 -5:30 p.m.

The Legislation Committee is concerned about two recent and familiar acts of legislation: the USA Patriot Act and the Homeland Security Act. The committee is particularly concerned about FBI surveillance authority under the Patriot Act, and the post of "privacy officer" to be appointed by Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge. Legislation will be working on these issues and drafting resolutions to articulate GODORT's position on them.

- Program Committee, Margaret Renton
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Program met for the first time on Friday. There was discussion of the 2003 ALA Annual GODORT pre-conference on the digitization of government information. The pre-conference will last one and a half days, and will be hosted by Cathy Hartman. They are expecting a huge turnout, so pre-registration has been set for February 22. They have already booked a room that will hold from 300 to 500 people. Most speakers have been assigned, and the event will probably be video recorded and sold. Program is working on publicizing the conference.

- Rare & Endangered Documents, Jackie Druery
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The committee has not yet met. Two agenda items of note will be August Imholz of Readex/Newsbank, who will come to discuss Readex's plans to digitize the Congressional Serial Set, and Donna Koepp, who will report on the Serial Set inventory.

- IFLA. Helen Sheehy reported for Debbi Schaubman, who was absent
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There will be a call soon for papers at the upcoming Berlin conference, which will be announced on GOVDOC-L. The following year at the Crimea conference there is the possibility of a two-day seminar, following up on the Moscow IFLA program on government information.

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David Griffiths has put together a draft procedure for selecting a GODORT nominee to IFLA's Standing Committee of the Government Information and Official Publications section (GIOPS) He distributed the draft to the IDTF membership. The rationale for doing this is that there have been ambiguities in this process in the recent past. These procedures are to be inserted in the GODORT Policies and Procedures Manual.

- Survey of IGO Preservation Practices, Jim Church
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Jim Church distributed the article "Archiving International Government Information on the Internet: Report from a Survey by the GODORT International Documents Task Force." The survey was commissioned in January 2001 the article will be published in the Winter 2002 issue of *DttP*. The article reports on the plans and policies of IGOs to archive digital documents and publications on websites. Notable findings of the survey include that over 40% of IGOs have not yet formulated plans to archive Internet documents, and that nearly 60% are open to the possibility of collaborating with libraries to accomplish this.

Julia Wallace suggested that a thank you letter be sent to all IGOs who responded to the survey, along with a complimentary copy of the *DttP* issue. It was agreed that Jim Church would write the letter and have it signed by the GODORT chair, and that Jim would work with the *DttP* editor to supply copies of the magazine to survey respondents.

Susan White and Barb Mann volunteered to work with Jim to review the individual survey responses and develop a set of recommendations for IDTF at its next meeting in Toronto. The group will consider whether the survey should be sent to IGOs on a regular basis in order to monitor developments in the archiving arena for task force purposes.

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David noted that some members think the IDTF website needs to be revised from ground up He will welcome suggestions.

New Business

- Digital Archiving of IGO Content: Issues for Libraries, Jim Church
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Jim Church believes that two important and emerging trends in documents librarianship are the cataloging and archiving of digital documents. The Library of Congress has worked with the Internet Archive to preserve US Congressional Senate and House member websites <http://www.loc.gov/minerva/> (<http://www.loc.gov/minerva/>)
