

EDITORIAL COMMENT

The bombing incident at Yale Law School in May 2003 must have shocked not only the academic community, but to a special degree everyone who attended the 21st *Annual Course in International Law Librarianship* on the Yale campus in New Haven, Connecticut, at the end of October, a few months earlier. The theme of the Course, "**Order from Chaos: Contexts for Global Legal Information**," was timely, located in time as it was in-between the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, and the U.S. action in Iraq this Spring. Several of the lectures focused on the distinction between law and morals, such as the current issues of *Fighting Evil: Prosecuting International Criminals*" and *Doing Good: Human Rights in the 21st Century*." In Cambridge, Egyptian-born Harvard Law Professor **Amr Shalakany** gave a thought-provoking narrative of his experiences as a "do-gooder" in the Occupied Territories, a luncheon talk which served well to bridge the theme from the Yale session to the topic of the post-conference institute, "**Law of the Islamic World**."

IALL Board liaison **Silke Sahl**, *International, Comparative and Foreign Law Librarian at Columbia University Law School Library*, in her Introductions, both to the four day program hosted by Yale Law School and to the optional one day institute at Harvard Law School, gives ample praise to the creativity, hard work and high standards of **the two Local Arrangement Committees** for so successfully putting together programs befitting two of the most prestigious legal institutions in the United States.

The energy and commitment that went into producing the 21st Course did not end with its execution. The credit for the extraordinarily high participation of speakers submitting papers to this proceedings issue goes to the continued interest and relentless efforts of **Blair Kauffman**, Director of Law Library and Professor of Law, *Yale Law School*, as well as to **Harry S. [Terry] Martin III**, Librarian and Professor of Law, *Harvard Law School Library*. I am indebted to them for remaining involved, for nudging the speakers, to the extent of even having a taped presentation transcribed, and for their friendship and good humor.

Issue 31:2 also gives tribute to the life of **Adolf Sprudz**, one of *IALL's* "founding fathers" and two-term President. Dolf came to play a significant role not only within our *Association* and, for years, as one of the most active contributors to the *Journal*, but also nationally, within the *American Association of Law Libraries (AALL)*. It does not seem long ago that **Larry Wenger**, *IALL Immediate Past-President*, in these pages acknowledged and congratulated Dolf upon his receiving its highest honor, the *Marion Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award*. In addition to the eulogies in this issue, numerous memorials by his American colleagues will be included in the upcoming issue, volume 65, number 3, 2003, of the *Law Library Journal*. *LLJ* Editor **Frank Houdek**, *Law Library Director and Professor of Law, Southern Illinois University*, has generously shared some of the tributes appearing in this issue. The same is true for Adolf Sprudz's list of publications which has continued to grow. First published in these pages in 1982 on the occasion of Dolf's 60th birthday, an updated version was published in 1999 to celebrate *IALL's* 40th anniversary. And now, thanks to the dedication of his successor at the *University of Chicago*, *IJLI's International Calendar Column Editor* **Lyonette Louis-Jacques**, we are publishing the updated and definitive version.

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