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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

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Issue 34.1 of the INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF LEGAL INFORMATION (IJLI) truly is a law librarian's issue. Even so, there is something for everyone, whether librarian, legal practitioner, jurist, academician, or just someone interested in foreign and international law. There are six substantive articles in this issue, which pretty much resolved themselves into three pairs of articles.

The issue opens with a piece by **Serena Ableson**, Assistant Law Librarian at the Diana M. Priestly Law Library, University of Victoria Faculty of Law. Ms. Ableson provides a fascinating account of how she helped provide law library services to indigenous Canadian law students in remote regions in Canada. Her account of the overcoming incredible logistics and other difficulties is truly inspirational.

Ableson's article detailing the logistical hurdles and other practical concerns of providing distance library services in remote regions of remote reaches of Canada contrasts – at least in terms of geography – with a bibliography compiled by **Joan Brathwaite**. Brathwaite's bibliography contains material written by members of the Caribbean Association of Law Libraries (CARALL). Ms. Brathwaite, a former president of CARALL, is also a longtime friend of the IALL, having been a member and serving on the Association's board for a number of years. Her bibliography lists publications of CARALL members' from 1984-2005. CARALL members have been a prolific lot, and Brathwaite's bibliography does justice to the scope of their publishing activities over the past twenty years.

The second pair of articles includes a piece critiquing legal dictionaries and a piece offering guidance for footnoting in scholarly articles. The article on legal dictionaries is written by **Gerard-René de Groot** and **Conrad J.P. van Laer**, both from Maastricht University in The Netherlands. The de Groot and van Laer article provides a detailed analysis of legal dictionaries, particularly those that translate from one language (and legal system) to another. The article on footnoting in scholarly discourse is by **William B.T. Mock**, Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at The John Marshall Law School in Chicago, Illinois. Professor Mock's elegant, erudite article on footnoting ought to be required reading for everyone who writes a law review article.

The final two articles address the sober subjects of women and war and genocide. **Annette Demers**, a reference librarian at the University of

Windsor's Paul Martin Law Library in Ontario, Canada, has prepared a useful bibliography of more recent articles, books and other material on women and war. Her bibliography will be a useful tool for those doing research in one or more of the many facets of this important subject. Her bibliography seemed to pair naturally with **Joshua Kagan's** article that urges an enhanced role for non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in the initial identification of acts of genocide. Kagan argues that limited involvement of certain NGOs at critical stages could help ameliorate the reach or scope of genocide. He writes that NGOs could act as a more timely trigger for United Nations or other international actors to intervene in a genocidal situation.

The next issue of the IJLI is the annual proceedings issue. It will contain the proceedings from the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Course, held in San Domenico di Fiesole, Italy. The title of the conference was "European Union in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: New Challenges in Law and Legal Information." As its title makes clear, the focus of the course was on Europe. The course was excellent, which bodes well for the proceedings issue containing the comments from speakers at the Annual Course. As you can see from the preview of the contents of the present issue (and the next!) of the IJLI, there is a wealth of good reading, thoughtful analysis, and helpful material in the IJLI. Enjoy!

For a final comment, I invite IJLI readers who have completed manuscripts on a topic appropriate for the IJLI to submit their work to the IJLI for possible publication. The Journal thrives on manuscript contributions from people all over the world. Even so, I hope that the Journal becomes the venue of choice for publishing the scholarship of IALL members in particular. Information for submitting manuscripts can be found in the front matter of this journal, or I invite inquiries directly to me at [mark.engsberg@yale.edu](mailto:mark.engsberg@yale.edu). Thanks, and I look forward to hearing from you!

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