



News from GLIN.Central

By Janice Hyde



GLIN Central would like to thank all GLIN members who participated in the external assessment by making themselves available for interviews and by responding to the online survey. Your input was very valuable in understanding how GLIN is currently serving different constituencies and in providing information to guide the future direction of GLIN. The final report from the external evaluation of GLIN was delivered in early July and GLIN Central is in the process of reviewing the results and recommendations. Recently, the Law Librarian of Congress sent GLIN members a letter that included the web address where the complete set of evaluation report documents can be found in addition to some materials that outline the major findings and highlights of the report. At the upcoming GLIN Directors' Meet-

ing to be held in Seoul, Korea from September 6-10, 2010, there will be a special session devoted discussing the evaluation results. Members will be asked to offer comments and suggestions on issues related to database contents, future membership growth, funding, and governance, among other things. For those who cannot attend the meeting, we ask that you review the report in advance and provide comments to GLIN Central no later than August 23, 2010.

Efforts to raise funds to support attendance at the upcoming Directors' Meeting in Seoul were unfortunately, not successful; however, GLIN Central is pleased by the number of members who have so far indicated that they will be attending. Our hosts for the meeting, the National Assembly Library of Korea, have put together a wonderful program including presentations by speakers on topics that will be of interest to representatives of GLIN member institutions. In addition, there will be opportunities for shopping, social events, and cultural visits. If you are interested in seeing the program, or if you have

not yet registered to attend the meeting, please visit the conference website at: www.glin2010.go.kr. If you believe that a letter from GLIN Central in support of your attendance would assist you in receiving assistance to be present at the meeting, please contact us as soon as possible. Details regarding the live webcast and other technology that may help with remote participation will be made available soon through the GLIN listserv.

A GLIN training session was held at the Law Library of Congress from May 24-28, 2010. Representatives from Cameroon, Chile, Kuwait, Taiwan and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) attended (see photographs on page 6). The training brought together an interesting mix of experienced GLIN members (Kuwait, Taiwan), members who have been working to launch regular transmission of data to GLIN (Cameroon), and two potential new members (Chile, WIPO). A tentative agreement was reached with Chile concerning the ingestion of legal information from the Chilean Library of Congress website. Following the train-

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Please submit text (preferably MS Word) and images (preferably .jpg) in separate digital forms via e-mail (cdove@loc.gov).

A rich text editor with spell checker is one of features offered to GLIN contributors; however, many do not know how to turn on the editing function. Follow the steps below to activate the rich text editor so that it is available to you whenever you create a summary.

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From the Field

GLIN.Brazil 2010 Update

By Fernando Boarato Meneguín

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been introduced into the system. Currently, the GLIN-Brazil team is working hard to enter older laws that have an important role in the legal system, including the main Brazilian codes.

In addition to the updating of newer legal instruments, the Brazilian team understands that it is important to spread the word about GLIN and promote its use. Thus, several training sessions were organized so that many librarians and legal analysts of the Brazilian Congress can learn about GLIN and how to use it for research.

The material used for the training sessions was an adaptation in Portuguese of the slides of the course taught by GLIN-central Washington last December.

The GLIN Station in Brazil is seeking to make the Brazilian database of laws more complete and updated. All the recent legislation has already

Members are invited to use the future Forum section for lively thought provoking topics that are relevant to GLIN's operations. However, just as other newsletter editors exercise discretion over which letters to publish and how to edit them, we do too. In deciding whether or how much to publish, we consider content--including mis-statements of fact, redundancy, and length (the limit for any article is 300 words--exceptions may apply).

Letters must be signed by the author, whose GLIN affiliation and e-mail address should be included so we can verify authorship. Letter writers should understand that when they sign their letters and release them to us for publication they are relinquishing privacy. —Ed.

From the Field

GLIN.Nicaragua-CSJ Conducts Nationwide GLIN Publicity Campaign

By Ana Rosa Chavarría Salinas

The GLIN.Nicaragua Station of the Supreme Court of Justice, has conducted a series of conferences--at the national level--during the months of June and July of the current year. The goal of this campaign is to raise a thorough awareness of the GLIN Network and to expose the officers of the Judiciary Branch and other judicial practitioners to the importance, use, and benefits that are provided by the GLIN Database--a tool for specialized research that is global, public, non-profit, cooperative, trust-worthy, multilingual, and, in addition, up-to-date.

The conferences were conducted at various courts of appeal, ju-

diciary complexes and halls of justice in throughout the country; and we received the assistance of magistrates, jurisdictional judges, deputy district criminal, civil, labor, family and other judges--jurisdictional and deputy criminal judges, civil and other local judges--as well as district juvenile judges, executive judges and sentence-monitoring judges, clerks, public defenders and other judiciary practitioner. We were able to raise awareness of the GLIN mission, its characteristics, access and its advantages. We shared our experience on the work we are conducting as contributing members with each of the legal resources that we submit to

GLIN, as well as the importance of using PDF documents for the full texts of the legal instruments; and, finally, we shared how to use the search interface to conduct a search in the GLIN database using the different fields.

The users with whom we have met have expressed great satisfaction in being able to rely on the GLIN Network as a tool to strengthen, stabilize, and aid them in their daily tasks. We have also added 122 standard user accounts; we have put forth a great amount of effort toward the development of these activities with the aim of making known the operations of the Global Legal Information Network.



Licda. Linda Michell Grijalva at one of the many introductory workshops given throughout Nicaragua.



The working team of GLIN.Nicaragua-CSJ, from right to left: MSc. Ana Rosa Chavarría Salinas; Ing. José Antonio Pereira; Licda. Linda Michell Grijalva.

GLIN.Uruguay: First Conferences on GLIN Oversight at the Department Boards

By Renán Pascal

The First Conference on GLIN Oversight at the Department Boards (local governments) was held on June 3 and 4, 2010, at the department of Salto, in the northern part of the country.

Employees and representatives of ten local governments of the northern part of the country attended the event, and they followed the devel-

opment of the Conference with great attention and dedication.

The President of the Department Board of Salto, Dr. Pereira, spoke at the opening of the Conference. He expressed the need to rely on stable and permanent legal analysts and justified the importance of the visit to the Northern Region of the University of the Republic, planned for the same

day, with the purpose of strengthening the links that will allow the exchange of information between the Department Board and that University in Salto. He envisioned the creation of a great center for the dissemination of GLIN and access to legal information for the whole northern region of the country.

Next, the Director of the Uruguay GLIN Station, Renán Pascal, Esq.,

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ing, a formal letter of intent to participate in GLIN was received from WIPO which will contribute treaties and other legal materials related to intellectual property to the GLIN database.

GLIN Central is also pleased to announce that the Central African Republic has started to contribute its legal information to the database. The Government of Burkina Faso has approved an agreement with the World Bank that will help finance its incorpo-

ration in GLIN. Finally, the American Bar Association (ABA) joined GLIN as an Associate Member. Through its Associate Membership agreement, the ABA will provide research and conduct trends analyses to help position GLIN to serve the research and reference needs of the ABA and other database users; provide logistical and financial support to ensure the presence of GLIN at the annual meeting of the ABA and at relevant conferences of indi-

vidual ABA Divisions and/or Sections; consider the contribution to the GLIN database of, studies, reports, or other publications of the ABA specifically related to jurisdictions and/or topics covered by GLIN; and implement appropriate website links to the GLIN database for projects including but not limited to the International Models Project on Women's Rights (IMPOWR).

Local Presentation of Awards for Affiliate Stations of GLIN.Costa Rica

By Mauricio Camacho Masís

On April 27, 2010 Dr. Francisco Antonio Pacheco Fernández, President of the Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica, presented replicas of the award given to the Costa Rican National GLIN Station for their work in the expansion of the GLIN Network and for the inclusion of information in all four categories.

The awards assembly took place at the Hall of National Heroes of the Castillo Azul [Blue Castle]. The following officers received an award: Licda. Ana Virginia Calzada, President of the Constitutional Chamber; Licda. Anahí Fajardo Torres, Director of GLIN.CR-School of Law, University of Costa Rica; Lic. Francisco Salas Ruiz, Director of GLIN.CR-SINALEVI, of the Attorney General of the Republic's Office; and Dr. Hernán Monterrosa Rojas, Director of GLIN.CR-Department of Technical Services of the Legislative Assembly.

Highlighted at the assembly were the coordinated efforts made by

GLIN.Costa Rica to diligently strive toward the inclusion, at the national level and in a strategic manner, of juridical documentation in the database. Emphasis was placed on how valuable free access to the information contained in GLIN is for legal analysts and for the citizenship.

Isabel Zúñiga Quirós, Director of GLIN.Costa Rica, gave a speech where she recognized that the "act of greatest impact in the national and international development of the Network . . . is marked by the direct participation of Dr. Francisco Antonio Pacheco, who since he assumed the presidency of the Legislative Assembly, with great vision and determination urged the national station to create affiliate stations." Among those recognized in her speech, were the following: Dr. Luis Paulino Mora Mora, President of the Supreme Court of Justice; Licda. Ana Virginia Calzada Miranda, Justice of the Constitutional Chamber; Licda. Sonia Villegas of the

Center for Constitutional Jurisprudence; Licda. Ana Lorena Brenes, Attorney General and Mstr. Francisco Salas of SINALEVI; Dr. Yamileth González, Rector of the University of Costa Rica and Dr. Rafael González Ballar, Dean of the School of Law, University of Costa Rica; Licda. Anahí Fajardo, Director of GLIN.CR-School of Law, Licda. Alcira Cascante, Assistant Director of GLIN.CR-School of Law, Licda. Sofia Cordero, Dean Daniel Gadea all from the University of Costa Rica; Licda. Valerín Rodríguez, Licda. Rocío Cerdas, Lic. Mario García Álvarez, Licda. Gloria Valerín, and Dr. Hernán Monterrosa Rojas all from the Department of Technical Services.

At the ceremony, GLIN.Costa Rica and the Directorate of the Library Services, Documentation and Information Unit recognized the contribution of then President of the Legislative Assembly, Dr. Francisco Antonio Pacheco Fernández.



Dr. Francisco Antonio Pacheco and Licda. Anahí Fajardo Torres; in the background Lic. Francisco Salas Ruiz



Dr. Hernán Monterrosa; Dr. Francisco Antonio Pacheco; Licda. Ana Virginia Calzada; and MSc. Isabel Zúñiga, Director GLIN.Costa Rica

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addressed the gathering and remembered the long journey for the creation of the “national network” composed by all Department Boards. He also explained the objective of the First Conference, emphasizing the evaluation of the functioning and the work of Affiliate Stations, the strengthening of task forces, and the exchange of information between the staff of the different Stations.

In addition, Affiliate Stations presented their reports highlighting the importance of the new development in the dissemination of GLIN in the northern region of the country. They also spoke about the achievements and challenges of their daily work. Relating to the dissemination of GLIN, work was performed on a digital pamphlet to be printed with the purpose of facilitating its distribution among authorities and legislators. Likewise, representatives from Affiliate Stations spoke about the importance of developing and deepening connections and links among the staff of Department Boards, with the purpose of sharing experiences and improving the performance of the work.

Ing. Caterina Di Salvatore made a presentation on the “New Characteristics of GLIN,” from the viewpoint of technology; and the Legal Analysts of GLIN Uruguay, Cristina Terra, Esq. and Dr. Juan P. Lista alluded to the difficulties and needs of Department Boards and participated actively in clarifying

doubts about GLIN’s work. Workshops were held with the purpose of showing searching techniques for comparative legislation, the analysis of the modernization and strengthening of the Legislative Information Services, and the preparation of studies in International Comparative Law, and national and local law. The following participated in the workshops: Cristina Terra, Esq., Dr. Sandra Casales, Dr. Alberto Canessa, Gabriela López Fabregat, Esq., Dr. Graciela Berriel, Dr. Juan P. Lista, Ing. Caterina Di Salvatore and Renán Pascal, Esq.

Later, a visit was paid to the Law School, in the Northern Region, for the University of the Republic, tertiary educational center, which gathers students from the entire northern zone of the country. The Director of GLIN Uruguay, Renán Pascal, Esq., made a presentation on the need to disseminate the benefits of the GLIN Network, the project for Department Boards of Uruguay, and the standards of work for a Legislative Information Services unit. Participants included professors of Public Law, Information Law and Municipal Issues, employees and authorities from the University Library, and students.

The opportunity was fitting to update contacts and to start conversations with the Director of the University, Dr. Alejandro Noboa, in order to establish an Affiliate Station at the University.

Likewise, an event took place at the headquarters of the Department Board of Salto, with the opening and presentation of the Uruguay - Department Boards GLIN Project by the General Director of the Senate, W. Alex Cofone, followed by a word from the President of the Department Board of Salto, Dr. José Luis Pereira Figueroa.

Subsequently, the Director of GLIN Uruguay, Renán Pascal, Esq., gave remarks on the characteristics of the Uruguay - Department Boards GLIN Project, and the work standards of a Legislative Information Services, and Ing. Caterina Di Salvatore made a presentation on the use of GLIN as a technologic tool.

An important number of current mayors participated in the event, as well as other recently-elected mayors who have to yet assume their positions, as well as municipal employees.

Lastly, a visit was paid to the headquarters of the Department Board of Salto, which was used to make known the platform from which Affiliate Stations operate.

It is important to highlight that during August 26 and 27 the Second Conference on GLIN Oversight shall take place in the Maldonado Department, which will include the participation of employees and representatives from ten local governments from the south of the country.



Renán Pascal, Esq. and Ing. Caterina Di Salvatore at an Oversight Conference.



Renán Pascal, Esq. recollecting the long journey toward a National Network.

Introducing the New Members of the GLIN Family



Left to right: Jessamyn Honculada, WIPO; Njika Lucas Ivo, GLIN.Cameroon; Janice Hyde GLIN.Central; Charles Dove, GLIN. Central; Eteme Germaine, GLIN.Cameroon; Christian Sifaqui Merczak, BCN Chile; Patricia Reyes Olmedo, BCN Chile; Pei-Ying Wang, Taiwan; Francisco Macías, GLIN.Central; Connie Johnson, GLIN.Central; Aisha Almahboub, GLIN.Kuwait.



GLIN Trainees meet colleagues of the Law Library of Congress

From the Editor's Desk



Welcome to the summer (Washington) edition of the GLIN Global Journal. Washington is simmering in the heat of what has turned out to be a very hot summer--which brings to mind that September, which is just around the corner, not only will bring cooler weather, but it will also bring the 17th Annual GLIN Directors' Meeting in Seoul, Korea. I hope that many of you will be able to attend what will be a very productive and unique meeting hosted by GLIN.Korea. For those of us who must stay at home we can still catch the action through the webcast. When the meeting begins on September 6th the links will be found on GLIN.gov by clicking on the Help Center tab and looking under General Information.

A special word of thanks goes to this month's contributors--Brazil, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, and Uruguay--for providing articles highlighting some of their activities. If you have not yet contributed an article to the Journal please consider sending one for the winter issue.

Francisco Macías is responsible for the superb editing and composition of this edition of the GLIN Global Journal. I would like to call your attention to the banner at the top of the first page. This banner, starting with this issue, will not hold just interesting photographs from around the world, but will, in fact, have national landmarks from the homes of members who are contributing articles to the current issue. For this month, starting from the left, is the Juscelino Kubitschek Bridge in Brasilia, Brazil; the monument of Rubén Darío in Managua, Nicaragua; the Palacio Salvo in Montevideo, Uruguay and the National Theatre of Costa Rica in San José, Costa Rica.

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Errata
