

EDITORIAL COMMENT

It is humbling to be part of and responsible for the production of the *Journal* in quite a different way than I was years ago as *Book Review Editor*. When **Barney Reams** unexpectedly resigned as *Editor-in-Chief*, the *Board* did not have a candidate ready to step in to replace him. Since **Bridget Reischer** from Harvard Law School already had accepted **Larry Wenger's** invitation to be *Guest Editor* for the Vienna proceedings, it seemed more like a breeze than a challenge to agree, in an emergency, to serve as *Interim Editor* for a year. Now I know better...

However, here it is, at long last, issue No. 1 of Volume 24, the product of a cooperative effort: **Larry Wenger**, *IALL President*, and **Dick Danner**, *Chair of IJLI Advisory Committee on Publications*, have exhibited unflinching interest, encouragement, and moral as well as practical support in the materialization of the *Association-produced Journal*. Credit goes last, but not least, of course, to the key player, **Bridget Reischer**, who, as *Guest Editor* as well as *Program Chair* and *sine qua non* of the Vienna Course, is responsible for the contents. The collecting of papers from different countries and continents, *n.b.*, in various formats, has been a gargantuan task. When Bridget was appointed coordinator for the *14th Course* in Vienna, it was with the knowledge and assurance that she would take advantage of the professional and personal contacts she acquired during her seven years as librarian at the *Vienna International Centre Library*. There is where she also developed some of the Austrian charm and zest with which she so successfully conducted the proceedings.

This is also to announce that **Larry Wenger** and **Dick Danner** currently are soliciting suggestions for the office of *Editor* of the *Journal*. In their own words, they are looking for a "world-class editor" to make the *Journal* a "premier publication for law librarians", for someone with an interest in bringing **IJLI** into the 21st century. The ideal candidate should be interested in expanding the membership base, have a broad net-work of professional contacts, and be open to discussing ideas such as: should the *Journal* be multilingual [*i.e.* English-French-German]? more scholarly, less scholarly? include also membership news? frequency: quarterly, or maybe biannually? should the *Board* consist of regional or national representatives?... Please convey your ideas and suggestions to any member of the *Board*.

Although late, it is hoped that this *Symposium Issue* will accurately reflect both the content and the spirit of the proceedings of the *14th Course* in the eyes of those who were present and be a valuable research and reference source for those who were not able to attend.

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