Minutes  
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Nashville, Tennessee

Present: Fernando Acosta Rodríguez, New York Public Library; David Block, Cornell; Ana María Fernández, Collectio Libri, Caracas; Edmundo Flores, Library of Congress; Pamela Graham, Columbia; Dan Hazen, Harvard; Denise Hibay, New York Public Library; Joseph Holub, Pennsylvania; Peter T. Johnson, Princeton; Eduardo Lozano, Pittsburgh; Katherine McCann, Library of Congress; Miguel Marquez, Collectio Libri, Caracas; Terry Peet, Library of Congress; Carlos Rodríguez, Yale; James Simon, CRL; Peter Stern, Massachusetts; Barbara Tenenbaum, Library of Congress; Miguel Valladares, Dartmouth; Darlene Waller, Connecticut

I. Government Documents Project

Pamela passed out the tabulations of the surveys each library had done on its holdings of documents listed in the GODORT Guide to Official Publications of Foreign Countries. The results included the availability of World Wide Web equivalents of the GODORT titles for the three countries (Guatemala, Mexico, and the Dominican Republic) for which LANE members contributed holdings information. At the previous meeting members had collected a list of their holdings of Chilean titles. It remains for Joe to check for the web presence of Chilean titles, as he did for the other countries. Pamela plans to put the results of the documents survey on the LANE website. Meanwhile, those who had not completed surveys were urged to do so by the time of the fall meeting in New York City.

Discussion about the documents project focussed on the inability to translate the categories created by GODORT across countries. It was suggested that LANE might need to construct its own union list and include, as Peter Johnson stressed, documentation from other levels of government besides the national. As the project continues, it was recommended that libraries with ARL collecting assignments should seek to acquire titles from the GODORT list for those countries. Denise will post the ARL assignments on the LANE homepage for the fall meeting. It is also necessary to learn which titles are available in other formats, such as microtext and compact disc, although, as Edmundo noted in the case of Library of Congress holdings - which he distributed separately - most are in paper.

II. Newspapers

Denise explained the newspaper union list. It was noted that Montalvo-produced microfilm is already reaching subscribers. Edmundo has recommendations for more titles Montalvo might film; he will distribute them at the newspaper panel scheduled for Tuesday. Ana María recommended filming the Caracas El Mundo, inasmuch as it is the chief opposition publication in Venezuela. Carlos suggested that Montalvo might pick up this option and could drop filming a newspaper already being filmed by the Biblioteca Nacional in Caracas. Finally, Denise noted that ICON (International Committee on Newspapers), is a CRL initiated project in which a number of LANE libraries are participating. Goals include a union list of foreign newspapers, improved bibliographic control and preservation. Further details will be discussed at other SALALM meetings.


**III. Large purchases**

The LANE listserv has served to keep everyone informed of new acquisitions. A number are purchasing the labor archives set. Peter Stern announced that the New England Title VI group has purchased the NACLA archives, which will be housed at the University of Massachusetts. The Library of Congress has acquired two-thirds of the Latin American religiosity segment of the CIDOC set. Terry recommends negotiating a 20% discount with CIDOC’s North American representative.

**IV. Projects**

Denise noted that both NYPL and Pittsburgh have received NEH preservation grants. NYPL was awarded close to 1 million dollars to film portions of its Latin American history collection including monographs, pamphlets, and serials. Fernando added that he will post updates of the NYPL filming project. Eduardo said that Pittsburgh's grant covers preservation filming of its Bolivian collection.

The fall meeting will take place in New York City, the date yet to be determined.