Minutes
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Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

Present: Fernando Acosta-Rodríguez (NYPL, chair), Eduardo Lozano (UPitt), Angela Carreño (NYU), Peter Stern (UMass), Joseph Holub (UPenn), Peter Johnson (Princeton), Pamela Graham (Columbia), Edmundo Flores (LC), Lourdes Vázquez (Rutgers), Dan Hazen (Harvard), Miguel Valladares (Dartmouth), Lynn Shirey (Harvard, recording), Patricia Figueroa (Brown), Heleni M. Pedersoli (UMaryland), David Block (Cornell), Denise Hibay (NYPL), Darlene Waller (UConn), César Rodríguez (Yale).

Guest speakers: Peter Altekrüger (Ibero-Amerikanisches Institut, Berlin), Alan Biggins (ILAS, London), Geoff West (British Library).

I. Welcome and administrative

Patricia Figueroa of Brown University was welcomed to her first LANE meeting. Peter Altekrüger, Alan Biggins and Geoffrey West were welcomed as guest speakers (see below).

New members: Fernando (NYPL) reminded members that useful information for new members is available on the LANE website: links to member institution library catalogs, collection descriptions, lists of ARL collecting responsibilities, lists of important microform sets, and a union list of Latin American serials. Also asked new members to submit information about their respective institutions that needs to be added to the LANE website.

Review of previous LANE meeting:
-- Members reviewed the mission of LANE and agreed that the information and resource sharing function of the group is essential. Expressed a need to share more information about vendors, including vendor performance, acquisitions trips, important acquisitions, etc.
-- The idea of creating a web page that would identify digital Latin American collections at our libraries was mentioned, and UT Lanic was mentioned as perhaps being the appropriate host for this information.
-- We decided to be selective about the collaborative projects we agree to undertake, as all members are extremely busy.
For more details, see the November 9, 2001 minutes.

The 2002 Fall LANE meeting will be held at New York Public Library; date to be announced. Patricia Figueroa (Brown) proposed a presentation of the CSIC database at the meeting.

I. New and ongoing projects

Digital project: Pamela Graham (Columbia) agreed to conduct a survey of LANE members about digital projects. Dan Hazen (Harvard) commented that such a survey could serve as a starting point for future collaborative digital projects.
LANE web page:
--Please send links to lists of major microform sets to Fernando for the page.
--Report new holdings to Fernando for the Union List of Newspapers and Selected Serials.

Literary manuscripts: The group agreed to go ahead with putting together a list or guide to 20th century literary manuscripts held by LANE libraries. List would include links to finding aids and digital content. Cesar Rodriguez (Yale) will try to collect this information by the fall LANE meeting.

Union List of Newspapers and Selected Serials: No LANE or other US library subscribes to the Spanish daily El Mundo (Lynn Shirey, Harvard). Miguel Valladares (Dartmouth) will get subscription information and inquire about film, with a view a proposing its acquisition to CRL.

III. Guest speakers' presentations

Following are notes from presentations given by LANE guests Geoffrey West (British Library), Alan Biggins (Institute of Latin American Studies, University of London), and Peter Altekrueger (Ibero-Amerikanisches Institut, Berlin). Each spoke about their libraries' collections and collaborative initiatives regarding Latin American Studies.

Geoff West (Hispanic Section, British Library): A number of Hispanic collections in UK have funding problems. They collaborate on relatively few projects, and there are few major players. UK research libraries, including the BL, are generally under funded for foreign acquisitions at present. There is a group in the UK called ACLAIR (Advisory Council on Latin American and Iberian Information Resources), similar to SALALM. They have published a union list of Latin American census material in UK libraries and, most recently, by Alan Biggins and Valerie Cooper. There are two listserves, Iberia and LATAM-INFO that post information of interest to scholars of Spain, Portugal and Latin America.

Alan Biggins (ILAS, Institute of Latin American Studies, Univ. of London): ILAS was founded in 1965. The library has 20,000 volumes, with an emphasis on contemporary Latin America (social sciences) and complements other libraries with Latin American holdings within the University of London (most notably, the University of London Library). The Institute houses the editorial office of the Journal of Latin American Studies. ILAS forms part of the University of London's School of Advanced Study, and the INNOPAC catalog holds the combined records (since 1988) of the seven member libraries. Staff at the ILAS library serve as bibliographic and reference specialists within the University of London, and nationally. The new directory of libraries, therefore, published by ILAS on behalf of ACLAIR, falls within this national bibliographic remit. ILAS also compiles an irregular directory of Latin American collections in London. He also spoke briefly about REDIAL, the Red Europea de Informacion y Documentacion sobre America Latina, which is a European SALALM. It has a number of projects in hand, and two were mentioned: (1) a European database of doctoral theses on Latin America, since 1980, to which the ILAS library contributes the UK output; (2) a directory and contents-list of European Latin-Americanist journals (Sumario de revistas europeas latinoamericanistas). Both are accessible through the REDIAL website (www.red-redial.org). Detailed handouts on ILAS and REDIAL were distributed at the meeting.
**Peter Altekrueger** (Ibero-Amerikanisches Institut, Berlin): The Institut is a center for cultural activities and sponsors a research program. It publishes the journal Ibero Amerikana, and provides a political advisory service for the German government called "Iberoanalysis." The library holdings include 820,000 books, 5,000 serial subscriptions. Their catalog is PICA (Netherlands, integrated library system).