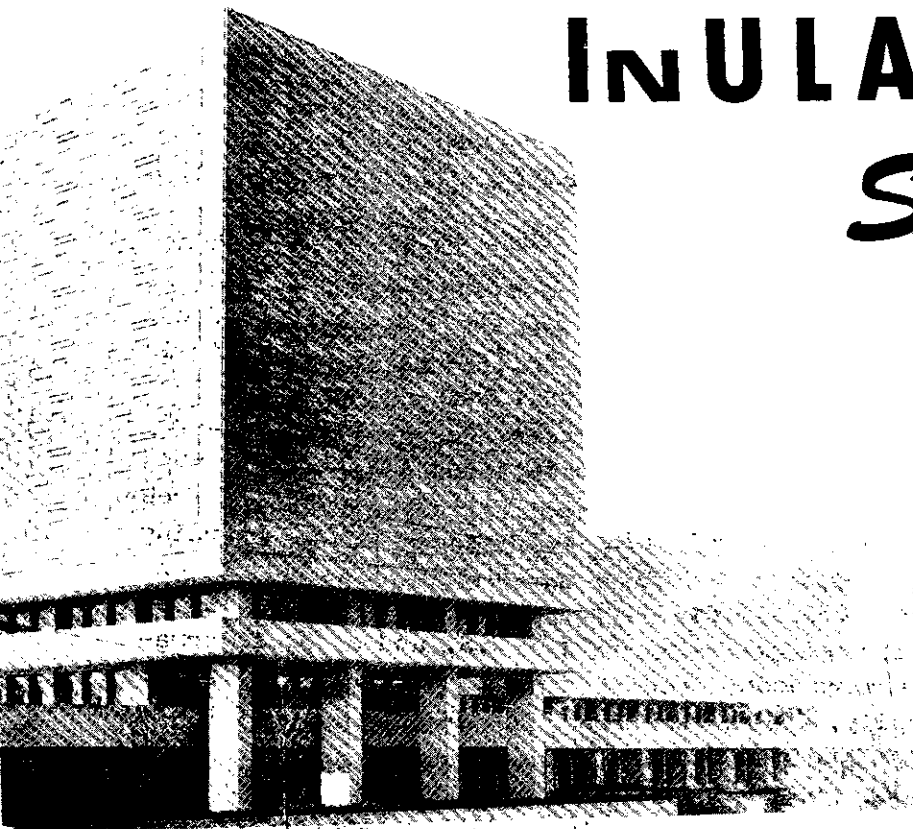


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INULA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, January 24, 1973 - 7:00 - Staff Lounge
Discussion and vote on constitutional changes.
Program to follow.

LIBRARIANS ABROAD

I. Marian Shaaban

On September 7-8, the European Community Information Service sponsored a Workshop/Conference on Documentation of the European Communities in Washington, D.C. Librarians representing the forty deposi-

tory libraries and European documentation centers in North America attended. I went as the representative from the I.U. Library, which has been a depository since 1963.

The purpose of the workshop/conference was to allow an exchange of ideas between the personnel of the European Communities and the librarians and to assist the librarians in the maintenance and use of their collections. A general discussion of the four Community institutions (Commission, Council of Ministers, Court of Justice, European Parliament) was presented, and then followed a detailed description of the publications of each of the institutions. During this time the librarians were able to present and discuss the various problems encountered in trying to maintain their collections. Learning about the work of the European Community Information Service was one of the most important features of this conference. The ECIS serves as the sales office for publications for the U.S. and as an information center, which answers more than 600 questions each month on all aspects of the Community. The Librarians were urged at this conference to refer the more difficult questions and requests to the ECIS.

Our hotel and meal expenses were paid for by the European Communities. My transportation, a round trip airplane ticket, was paid for by the Library.

Upon returning, I presented an oral report on the conference to the Government Publications Department. Later I gave a report on the official documents of the European Communities and on the conference to the Library Science class on government publications (L528).

While in Washington, D.C., I was also able to visit the United Nations Information Centre.

Marian Shaaban

II. Oleg Kudryk

Upon the invitation of Sigfred Taubert, director of the Frankfurt Book Fair, Oleg Kudryk, Acquisitions Librarian, visited Europe from September 24-November 6, 1972. In this trip Mr. Kudryk had two main objectives: 1) "To attend the Frankfurt International Book Fair, and participate in its conferences and discussion meetings. b) To in-

investigate the European book markets as to distribution and procurement of general and more complex research and teaching materials for the library; to secure better conditions in purchase agreements as to book prices, shipping costs, and accelerated service."

The Frankfurt Book Fair took place from September 28 to October 3, 1972. The fair, which features an extraordinary display of book production brings at the same time, publishers, booksellers, librarians, authors, designers, etc., from all over the world. In addition, it provides the opportunity for discussions and conferences on subjects related to books. During this week Mr. Kudryk participated in meetings which deliberated in subjects such as high prices of books, low profit margins in book trade, automation of book trade, and tendencies of stocking saleable material.

At this time he extended his contacts with book people, and was able to obtain concessions for the Indiana University Library. He also had the opportunity to meet with representatives of the Soviet Union and the East European countries. He had separate meetings with the representatives of the following countries: U.S.S.R., Poland, Rumania, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Yugoslavia, the German Democratic Republic,...and with Japan. Some of these representatives allowed us rebates, agreed to consider special requests, and promised to confirm certain concessions.

Further contacts and negotiations were made before and after the book fair. For this purpose Mr. Kudryk visited dealers and suppliers in England, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, France, Belgium, Holland, and Luxemburg.

In addition to visiting book suppliers, he approached new vendors in Western Europe which met high standards of competence and efficiency. He observed and investigated their stock, their managerial organization and general operations, and the availability of bibliographical resources. Some of the concessions were discounts, rebates, free packing and shipping, reporting, and handling of our accounts. In addition to the above, the problem of accelerating the delivery of materials was discussed in detail with very serious attitude from our business partners.

Mr. Kudryk was also interested in getting better acquainted with other university and national libraries in Western Europe. He observed their methods of operation, and discussed our relationship of permanent or occasional nature. The selected libraries are the following: British Museum, London; City and University Library, Frankfurt/M.; Deutsche Bibliothek, Frankfurt/M.; Bayerische Staatsbibliothek, Munich; Institute fur Ostrecht, Munich; Vatican Library, Rome; Louvain University Library, Louvain; Bibliotheque Royale de Belgique, Brussels.

Mr. Kudryk's attendance to the Frankfurt Book Fair and his survey of the European book trade were very useful and advantageous to our library. In economic terms they increased the library's book purchasing dollar. They improved existing and developed new relations in these book markets effecting favorable commitments which will help to increase our research and teaching resources. This trip brought not only financial and practical results but also extended the good image of our institution abroad. The invitation from Sigfred Taubert did prove that books bring people together.

Lilian Riggs

III. *Mary Hurt*

Mary Hurt spent a great part of August visiting Portugal. Her objectives were to order books available only in Portugal, to replace books lost in the library fire, and to order books dealing with Portugal and its colonies.

While in Lisbon and Coimbra she visited such dealers as Livreria Portugal, R.B. Rosenthal, and J.C. Silva.

Funds for the trip were made available by the Library and the Crosscultural Fund.

Ms. Hurt felt the trip was valuable not only because of the books acquired, but for the opportunity to see the kind of literature available, to gain historical insight, and to practice and use the language.

IV. Andrew Turchyn

With a grant from the Russian and East European Institute, Andrew Turchyn visited Europe from July 4 to August 18.

He visited libraries and book dealers in England, France, Switzerland, Germany, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, and Italy.

As the Librarian for Slavic Studies his purposes included the viewing of Slavic collections, and contacts with librarians and book dealers.

Some of the cities where he stopped were London, Paris, Geneva, Zurich, Munich, Sofia, Zagreb, Belgrade, and Rome.

While the trip was tiresome, Mr. Turchyn felt his personal contacts with many librarians and bookdealers will help him very much in his future work. He already was able to fill many gaps in Slavic serials the list of which he had with him in Europe.

V. Emma Simonson

Emma Simonson spent the summer of 1972 visiting Mexico, Colombia, and Chile. Her trip was funded by the Library, the Latin American Studies Office, and the Ford Foundation.

In her travels to purchase library materials she visited the states of Oaxaca, Puebla, and Michoacan and the cities of Bogota, Medellin, Santiago and Mexico City. She visited 20 dealers and also contacted several libraries to secure exchange agreements.

Ms. Simonson felt the benefits included savings of money by purchasing the books in person rather than searching for them and the establishment of good will in relations with dealers and publishers.

OF SPECIAL INTEREST

- January 20-23: National Audic-Visual Association, annual conference and trade show, Rice Hotel, Houston, Texas. Information: Jim Thompson, National Audic-Visual Association, 3150 Spring St., Fairfax, Virginia 22030.
- January 25-26: Computer-Based Operations Research Institute to be held at Embassy Row Hotel, Washington, D.C. Information: The LARC Association, P.O. Box 27235, Tempe, Arizona 85282.
- January 25-27: Special Libraries Association Winter Meeting to be held at Fairmont-Mayo, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
- January 28-February 3: American Library Association Midwinter Meeting to be held at Shoreham and Sheraton Park Hotels, Washington, D.C.
- February 1-3: Music Library Association, Midwinter meeting to be held at Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana.

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