

**First recipient of the new Ellen
Schaffer Foreign Librarian's Grant
attends AALL Annual Meeting**
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Librarian's Grant

It is a real honor for me as the
representative of the Library Centre for
Legal Information (LCLI) from the
Kyrgyz Republic to attend the 2001
Annual Convention of the American
Association of Law Libraries (AALL).
AALL has almost a century of history
and plays an important role in the area of
democracy and development of law

more than 150,000 copies of information sources. We work seven days per week, from 8:00AM until 6:00PM. The average number of users reaches 150 to 200 per day.

The Centre's information potential is constantly improving. At present our collection includes 14,000 volumes. We subscribe to more than fifty periodicals and serials. The Centre also has six informational and legal databases, including the texts of 200,000 legal and normative documents of the Kyrgyz Republic and CIS countries. We are increasingly using Internet resources in our everyday work. We are also constantly establishing and maintaining contacts with comparable centers and legal libraries in other countries. We keep business contact with legal centres and libraries in Uzbekistan, Byelorussia, Russia and Kazakhstan.

Our Centre is highly efficient. A similar Library Centre of Legal Information opened in Osh in 1998. We maintain close contact with our colleagues, sharing work experience, providing assistance in the area of book fund augmentation, acquisition of electronic

development of new directions of our activity and expanding horizons of cooperation with international organizations working in the area of legal information.

I am very excited to meet you and learn from you. Finally, I want to express one more time my gratitude for being here with you!

We are shocked deeply by barbarous terroristic act in the USA. With all our hearts we sympathize the American people in their grief caused by the tragedy. We hope that the American government and the the world community in cooperation will be able to overcome terrorism. The staff of the Donetsk regional library is sharing your feelings and mourn with you.

- Ukraine

It was frightful to see the scene that the World Trade Center tower collapsed while we were watching the soccer game between Vietnam and Malaysia. Hope that there are LESS people killed.

- Vietnam

This is the tragedy not only for the American folks, but also for the whole humanity. I grieve and share your pain deeply.

- Russia, Republic of Karelia

Dear friends! We are shocked with the events connected to acts of terrorism in USA. Your pain and indignation are close to us. The terrorism is a common trouble. We express the condolences to all citizens of USA. We are with you. Tula regional universal library (Russia).

- Russia, Tula