

THE RECIPIENTS HAVE TO SAY?

Ms. Mariya Badeva-Bright, the 2019 FCIL-SIS Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians recipient, leads the AfricanLII project at the University of Cape Town, South Africa. A veteran open access activist, she co-founded the South African Legal Information Institute (SAFLII), and most recently, a legislation commons, Laws.Africa:

grant to attend the AALL annual conference in Washington, DC. It was an unforgettable experience: starting with the impressive scale, size and richness of the programmes of the event, through the interactions with the dedicated librarians in the foreign law section, and finally with the post-event visit to the Yale Law Library. I work on digital law libraries in Africa, and while there are organisations of law librarians in South Africa and a nascent continental organisation, nothing matches the organisation and dedicated spaces created for law librarians in the United States. In that sense, it was very useful to me to understand how the profession is organized, the variety of topics discussed at your annual conferences, and, through the foreign law librarians committee, how you organise the

digital law librarianship (is there a difference these days?). The individual interactions have resulted in building lasting networks, which I tap into to date. Moreover, several law libraries and librarians have stepped up since to offer support to the cause of open access to African

the Schaffer grant programme is an important mechanism for extending the US experience and best practices internationally and improving law librarianship

The 2018 recipient, **Daniela Majorie Akama dos Reis** was a law librarian

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The 2017 recipient, **Rosemarie Rogers**, is a law librarian/Information Services Advisor at Buddle Findlay in New Zealand:

Attending the AALL Annual meeting was a not-to-be missed opportunity. Not just to meet and create relationships with international colleagues, but also to introduce some New Zealand history to a new

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with a strong focus on technology and staying educated, and surviving change - something that is a constant in the legal information field these days. The opportunity to speak with other law firm librarians to share experiences and

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The 2016 recipient, **Rheny Pulungan**, was the Liaison Support Librarian at the University of New South Wales School Library in Australia. She is now Senior Coordinator, Discipline Hubs and Subject Support Tutors, Library Learning Services, La Trobe University:



"As an early career law librarian in Australia, I always look for professional development opportunities. Presenting and attending the AALL Annual Meeting was one of such opportunities. It was a very important meeting hosting hundreds of law librarians

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The 2015 recipient, **Atarino A. Helleisar**, is Assistant Chief Clerk at Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia:

made many connections that will likely last throughout my career. The opportunity to connect with government and special law librarians . . . enhanced the value of the



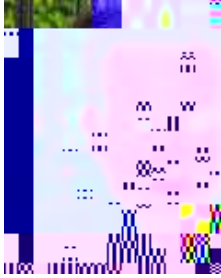
convincing me that, regardless of library type, we all share a common commitment to provide our library patrons with the best possible access to the law. The face-to-face contact and the human connection was truly my

shrinking budgets and rising costs, the FSM Supreme Court law libraries are challenged to successfully meet the legal information needs of the regions we serve In the Exhibit Hall, I met face-to-face with vendors and previewed new products and services. I also spent most of my time visiting booths where I had the chance to talk to publishers on ideas for collection development, and also on how they can help by providing services to the law libraries in the Pacific, especially here in Micronesia I attended other presentations that were

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The 2013 recipient, **Bård Sverre Tuseth**, was the Head of the Library at the D



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