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NEWS AND EVENTS from GLIN Central...

As spring arrives in Washington, GLIN Central is pleased to report some recent news and activities. GLIN Central has been working with the multimedia group of the Library of Congress to produce a brief video about GLIN that will be available on the web and may also be distributed in other formats to help recruit new members and for other promotional purposes. We are grateful to the many GLIN members who provided photographs that may be incorporated into the video and we will be certain to provide information on how to access the video as soon as it becomes available.

GLIN was invited to present an exhibit for three days at the International Law Section of the American Bar Association conference held last week in Washington. This was an excellent opportunity to showcase GLIN to attorneys who are interested in the laws of many nations. Approximately 1200 participants attended the meeting and we had the chance to talk to a number of attendees about their legal research needs. We will be following up with several individuals to provide additional information and offer presentations to some Washington-based organizations.

A letter of intent to participate in GLIN has been received from the Congress of Peru. A GLIN team has already been designated and it has expressed an interest in utilizing the online training program to familiarize itself with GLIN standards and procedures. We look forward to working closely with Peru to ensure timely access to its laws through GLIN.

Finally, we would like to make you aware of a few of the most recent updates to the GLIN system. In response to the request of many members, the most recent versions of the GLIN Charter and the GLIN Policy Manual are now available through the GLIN member homepage. From the homepage there is now a "GLIN Network Information" link under the About GLIN section. At present only English-language versions of these documents can be found, but we intend to add other language versions over time. Those who are editing GLIN records will now notice that the GLIN ID appears on the edit screen to assure you that you are making changes to the intended record. And lastly, we are pleased to offer Title 6 (Domestic Security) of the U.S. Code through GLIN. As our first effort to include a portion of the U.S. Code in the database, we are interested in any comments you may have.

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Gabon, our country, as part of the implementation of the policy of transparency and good governance as well as natural resource management and sustainable development, is committed to disseminate, worldwide the laws and regulations governing its actions in order to ensure a harmonious development of the country.



Furthermore, the need for widespread dissemination of the law to cover the legal information needs of the people and investors on the one hand and, for the sake of consolidating the rule of law and democracy, based on a largest bid of the State and citizens to the rule of law and the need for sub-regional and global on the other hand, has led our country to accede to the process of global information network known as Legal the name of GLIN (Global Legal Information Network).

The presentation of the Station Glin Gabon thus created, will be in the following order:

- 1 - Establishment and functions;
- 2 - Organization and Operations;
- 3 - Review and Perspectives.

I) Creation and Duties

□ Inherent to the letter of accession by the Government of Gabon Glin System, dated 26 November 2007, under reserve of the adoption in the legal text establishing the structure, Glin Gabon Station begins operations on 20 May 2008.

It is located at the Directorate of Official Publications (DPO), the body responsible for the publication in the Official Journal of the Gabonese Republic, any document which requires a large content distribution.

□ Station Glin Gabon's main mission is to broadcast via the Internet, all the current legal, legislative and regulatory framework of the country in order to fit the criteria of transparency and good governance advocated by the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), while responding to demands from individuals and / or investors.

II) Organization and Functioning

□ On the organization: Glin Gabon Station has five (5) members, including:

- 1 Director responsible for coordinating the activities and the daily management of the station. He assured the approval of online texts;
- 3 legal analyst responsible for the literature review, indexing of legal texts for implementation of abstracts and their submission to the Network Glin;

- 1 scientist responsible for the administration of accounts, the digitization of newspapers and maintenance of the park.

▫ regards the operating activities of the Station Glin Gabon takes place using the following process:

Job No. 1: The data relating to legislation and regulations are digitized by the computer for the purpose of archiving computer.

Workstations 2 and 3: The legal analysts proceed successively to:

- * The extraction, Journal Officiel, the texts they need;
- * The preparation of summaries of these texts and their translation into English;

The process of this analysis and text processing ends with step approval and validation, field of competence of the Director of the station.

III) - Review

▫ To date, the mid-term review is as follows:

- Digitization of Newspapers Officials: years 1959, 1960, 1970, 1980, 1990, 2000, 2008;
- Submission and Update line: 268 texts;
- Submission of 47 texts that are pending approval.



Meltchard Ondo Eko and Gladys Peggy Obame, of Gabon, talk with Donna Scheeder at the GLIN Training Reception, Washington DC.

▫ Achieving this requires a lot of availability and concentration. Also, analysts have found legal strategies to advance without discontinuous contribution Gabonaise and mark their presence in the vast family GLIN.

Moreover, the involvement of the Gabonese Government through the Prime Minister and the General Secretariat of the Government has made effective, the participation of the Task Glin Gabon on training seminar which took place from 30 March to 3 April 2009 in Washington DC.

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Gladys-OBAME Peggy, Legal Analyst

From the Desk of Donna Scheeder...

It is an honor and a privilege to be serving GLIN as the Chair of the GLIN Executive Council and as the Acting Law Librarian of Congress. It was very encouraging to receive so many messages of support following the announcement of my appointment.

Because of the work of all of you, GLIN won the Excellence in Government Award for Transparency. It is a testimony to the successful efforts of all of the GLIN stations to produce a high quality information resource that makes official law available to anyone who needs it. Congratulations to each of you.

GLIN use statistics demonstrate that our system continues to expand its audience of users and grow in stature as a critical resource for comparative law. Last year GLIN received almost 10 million hits and one million visits. Membership in the network continues to grow particularly in the Middle East and Francophone African countries. The Distance learning Program is now available in 7 languages. All of these developments are important indicators of the growing strength of the network and is good news for our members.

On the financial front we still have a lot of work to do. The GLIN Foundation Board of Trustees met in February. Our trusted colleague, Dr. Rubens Medina is serving as the Executive Director of the GLIN Foundation. In that capacity he is leading the effort to prepare documentation in order to approach likely sources of funding. In addition, this year's budget request for the Library of Congress asks for \$ 2.7 million in additional funding for GLIN. Because of the situation with the world economy however, approval of this request is uncertain.

Outreach efforts for GLIN continue here at GLIN Central. Janice Hyde and Charles Dove presented the network and demonstrated GLIN to visitors to the exhibition booth at the spring 2009 conference of the American Bar Association International Section and at the ABA Day reception at LOC.

GLIN Central was also pleased to host colleagues from Kuwait, Gabon, Saudi Arabia and Indonesia.

Finally, preparations are underway for the next GLIN Directors meeting here in Washington. I hope to see you all here and I am looking forward to continuing to work with you.

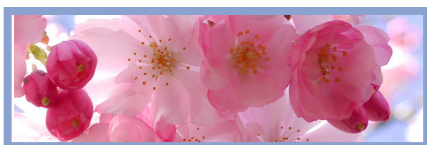


Editor's Corner

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued interest and support of the GLIN Global Journal. This publication was born of a suggestion at the GLIN 2007 Director's meeting. Now, we are in our second year of producing the journal and I am very proud to be the Editor of this publication. I continue to encourage our member stations to contribute—we love to hear what is going on at GLIN stations around the world and who is involved in the process.

This issue has some new faces, including our Acting Law Librarian, Ms. Donna Scheeder. She is not a stranger to GLIN or it's members. We are also very excited about the Excellence.Gov award. Janice has contributed an article highlighting the event and details about the award.

I hope you enjoy this issue and that you will consider making your GLIN station part of our next journal. The deadline for the July 2009 issue is June 15th. I look forward to hearing from you soon!



Warm Regards,
LeeAnne Buckley
Editor

GLIN Wins Award

We are pleased to announce that the Global Legal Information Network received the 2009 Excellence.Gov - Excellence in Transparency award at a ceremony held on April 14, 2009 at the J.W. Marriott hotel in Washington, DC. The Excellence.Gov awards are given by the American Council for Technology and the Industry Advisory Council to recognize best practices in the federal government's management and use of information technology. The award for Excellence in Transparency was given for "exemplary success in improving interaction between governments and their stakeholders." The awards ceremony was attended by 21 finalists representing numerous U.S. federal government agencies and a wide spectrum of projects. GLIN was one of only five awardees. Other awards recognized best business processes and excellence in acquisition, but we are especially proud to have won the award for transparency since free, open access to legal information is critical to facilitate the rule of law, one of the principles noted in the GLIN Charter.

The awards ceremony was attended by several members of the GLIN Central team and Janice Hyde accepted the award on behalf of the GLIN Network. GLIN Central expresses its sincere appreciation to all members of the Network whose hard work and dedication to excellence were apparent to the team of judges who selected GLIN for this prestigious award. You should be proud of this achievement.



Pictured, from L to R: Charles Dove, Francisco Macias, Janice Hyde (holding the award), Dario Ferreira and George Sadek.

GLIN Foundation Report

At its last meeting in February, the GLIN Foundation Trustees elected Dr. Rubens Medina, retired Law Librarian of Congress, to be the acting Executive Director of the Foundation. In addition, the Board recognized the service of Dr. Mohamed I.M. Aboul-Enein whose term as a Trustee was cut short when he was killed in an automobile accident while visiting Washington.

Dr. Rubens Medina and Professor Don Wallace, who serves on the GLIN Foundation Advisory Board, held meetings with senior staff at the Organization of American States and successfully secured that body's support for the work of the Foundation. Mr. George Spina, Chair of the GLIN Foundation Board of Trustees, joined them at a meeting with Mr. James Spinner, General Counsel of the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB). The Foundation expects the IDB to build on its history of support for GLIN not only by making significant contributions to the Foundation but also by introducing the Foundation to other regional development banks. Another meeting at the IADB is expected to take place toward the end of May.

Finally, Mr. Spina met with the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on the Law Library of Congress to secure that organization's support for the work of the Foundation and to help increase the level of awareness on the part of the practicing bar to the opportunity GLIN represents for research related to comparative law issues.