

## **ARLIS/MOQ Annual Report 2008**

### **Executive Committee**

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### **Membership**

In 2008 we lost 13 members (through retirement or non-renewal) and we had a membership of 40, down from 53 the previous year. Although we regularly try to increase the visibility of our chapter and recruit new members (for example by participating in the joint event organized at McGill University by student members of the Special Libraries Association (SLA) and students of the School of Library and Information Science at the University of Montreal), it is very difficult to achieve a regular increase in membership and to hold onto members in the long term.

The membership forms for the chapter are available on the ARLIS/NA MOQ website. The form was revised subsequent to the ARLIS/NA Affiliation Agreement and a waiver clause was added.

The ARLIS/NA MOQ Chapter's activities in 2008 were marked by three events, the spring and autumn meetings, as well as the IFLA pre-conference in Montreal.

### **Chapter Meetings**

The Spring Meeting took place on Friday, May 30, 2008 in the École d'architecture de L'Université Laval, Édifice du Vieux-Séminaire, in the City of Quebec. Perfectly organized by two of our Quebec City members from Laval University, Marianne Demers-Desmarais and Denise Dolbec, the day's program included an in-depth visit of the School of Architecture of Laval University under the guidance of one of their affiliated teachers. The School is housed in the beautiful and historically important Old Seminary and the instructive and witty tour was a big success with all participants. In the afternoon we had the opportunity to stroll through the old part of the town in order to experience the flair of this festive city which was celebrating its 400th anniversary at that moment.

The Autumn Meeting took place on Friday, October 24, 2008 at the Grande Bibliothèque in Montreal. It differed from the usual pattern of the bi-annual meetings as it was planned as an all-day session on the question of Canadian copyright and its impact on libraries' daily activities. Thanks to the organizational skills of our very active colleague Danielle Léger from the "Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec", the BANQ provided us with a conference room large enough to accommodate all the ARLIS members as well as many non-members from the profession who attended this much anticipated educational session. Mr. Olivier Charbonneau, an associate librarian at Concordia University and a

specialist in Canadian copyright, explained with brio and much humour the current state of the (complicated und unloved) law. The afternoon session was reserved for questions and answers and allowed attendees to address specific questions and projects which were ongoing or planned within the various libraries represented.

#### IFLA pre-conference meeting in Montreal

Organized, under the guidance of Jo Beglo from the National Gallery of Canada, by a planning committee consisting of several members of the ARLIS/NA MOQ Chapter (Ann Marie Holland, Jo Beglo, Danielle Léger, Felicity Tayler, John Latour, Paul Chenier, Sylvie Alix, Marilyn Berger and Wolfgang Noethlichs), the joint ARLIS/NA MOQ - IFLA pre-conference, held 6-8 August 2008 in Montreal, attracted 47 participants from eleven countries and constitutes a fine success for all collaborators.

#### Communications

Two issues of the chapter newsletter *MOQDOC* (vol. 17, No. 2, Spring 2008, and vol. 18, No. 1, Fall 2008) were published in paper and PDF format (available on the website of the MOQ Chapter). Philip Dombowsky continues as editor of *MOQDOC* in 2009, assistant editor Isabelle Crépeau stepped down from the post at the end of 2008 and during the October meeting MOQ members thanked both of them very warmly for their excellent work throughout the years, and especially for the high quality of the last issues.

#### Finances and Awards

The financial situation of the chapter at the end of 2008 is excellent, mostly due to a net profit of about \$2,500.00 from the IFLA pre-conference and the high participation rate of about 50 paying visitors during the autumn session on Canadian copyright. At the end of 2008, we had a total amount of 7,235.86 in our MOQ bank account.

The Professional Development Committee (Melinda Reinhart, Felicity Tayler and Danielle Léger) presented one award. The Travel Award 2008 (800\$) to attend the ARLIS/NA conference in Denver was awarded to Marilyn Berger. There were no applications for the other awards in 2008. Given the good financial health of the MOQ chapter, the members of the Professional Development Committee, supported by the president, made several propositions:

- to index the amount of the Travel Award to ARLIS/NA conferences (800\$) starting in 2010 in accordance with the current travel costs and exchange rate. (still to be approved by the assembly).
- to increase the Special Travel Award to 500\$ in order to attract more candidates. (already approved by the assembly).
- to index the Membership Award to ARLIS/NA starting in 2009 in accordance with the current costs and exchange rate. (Already approved by the assembly).
- to improve the Membership Award to ARLIS/NA MOQ, geared towards library students, by covering the membership fee for the ARLIS/NA MOQ annual membership for one year, and, in addition, covering attendance and travel fees for the two annual meetings of the chapter upon receipt of the actual travel costs. (still has to be approved by the assembly).

During the October 24, 2008 meeting the MOQ assembly unanimously decided to

rename the Travel Award the "Michelle Gauthier Travel Award" in order to honour the long-time member of the MOQ chapter Michelle Gauthier, former head of the Mediathèque of the Montreal Museum of Contemporary Art, who passed away in August 2008.

**2012 Toronto Conference of ARLIS/NA**

Lesley Bell, Chair of ARLIS Ontario approached the MOQ chapter in spring 2008 in order to inquire about the potential collaboration of our chapter for the 2012 Toronto conference. The MOQ assembly decided to respond positively to the request and to assist with advice and support to the extent that it would be manageable, given the geographical distance between our two chapters. We invited Lesley Bell to let us know how the MOQ Chapter might be able to assist the Toronto planning committee.

**Wolfgang Noethlichs, President 2008**