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15TH ANNUAL GLIN DIRECTOR'S MEETING

The 2008 GLIN Directors' Meeting is the 15th Annual gathering of the international members of GLIN. Over 40 representatives from 22 countries are expected to attend, making this the largest GLIN Directors' Meeting to date.

Each year, the purpose of the Directors' Meeting is to allow members the opportunity to share their experiences of the past year, to offer information on new initiatives, and to plan for the future. Representatives from member countries can express their concerns and seek advice from other members. Members are also encouraged to generate new ideas pertinent to the promotion of GLIN's success.

The year's meeting is utilizing its technological resources to produce a live webcast to benefit a larger audience. This technology makes the meeting available to members who are unable to attend, providing them with real-time information from this year's meeting.

Welcome to Washington DC!



Interpretation services will be provided throughout the meeting and are available in three languages this year: French, Arabic, and Spanish. The Law Library has contracted with ASET International Services Corporation for these services. ASET is providing state-of-the-art equipment, including a voice-activated camera to make this service efficient and effective.

The interpreters include:

- Ahmed Ghazaly, Arabic
- Toufic Maged, Arabic
- Silvia Colla, Spanish
- Raquel Felsenstein, Spanish
- Cynthia Thompson, French
- Lily Olm, French



Schedule

Mumford Room, 6th Floor

9am - 10:45am -- Welcome & Status Reports

10:45-11:00am -- Break

11-12:30pm -- Medina Tribute & Status Reports

12:30-1:30pm -- Lunch Break

1:30-3:30pm -- Special Tour: Rare Books of the World

1:30-3:30pm -- GLIN Closed Business Meetings, LM240

Today's Weather

Tuesday: Sunny with a high of 24C, 55% humidity. **Tuesday night:** Clear skies with an overnight low of 15C. NE Winds at 18kp/h. Sunset at 7:00 pm EDT.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, high 24C.



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OPENING DAY PHOTOS ...



Schedule

9am - 10:30am -- Dr. Billington & Status Reports
10:30-10:45am -- Break
10:45-12noon -- United Kingdom & New Assoc. Members
12:00-1:00pm -- Lunch Break
1:00-2:15pm -- GLIN Central
2:15-2:30pm -- Break
2:30-3:30pm -- Dan Charita, GLIN Romania
Open Forum: Membership Issues

Today's Weather

Wednesday: Mostly sunny with a high of 23C, 58% humidity. Wednesday night: Partly cloudy with an overnight low of 16C. Sunset at 7:02pm.

Thursday: Showers and 34km/h winds with a high of 19C.

Status Reports

The 15th Annual GLIN Directors' Meeting opened its first day with the largest number of participants to date, gathering representatives from 21 different nations to share information about efforts over the past year and discuss issues of common interest. Several GLIN members presented their status reports focusing on contributions to the database and new initiatives. Several GLIN members reported about their efforts to promote GLIN within their own institutions, to other agencies in their nations, and beyond their borders as well. Many members have forged agreements with "affiliate" stations that will provide different types of legal materials to the GLIN database. Some described perseverance in the face of obstacles such as political instability and staff turnover. Suggestions for changes and improvements were also offered which will be considered in future development plans for the system. We look forward to hearing more reports on day two.



Tribute to Dr. Medina:

Dr. Rubens Medina was honored by the members of the Global Legal Information Network for his role in creating and developing GLIN. A Powerpoint presentation with photographs from as early as 1995 illustrated the many roles that Dr. Medina played in the GLIN Network over the years including his participation in GLIN training sessions, in promotional efforts, and presiding at the annual GLIN Directors' meetings. The Supreme Court of Nicaragua, represented by Justice Sergio Cuarezma Terán, presented a plaque to Dr. Medina that was inscribed with the text of a Supreme Court resolution in his honor. A book was given by the GLIN-Uruguay delegation with photographs of their legislature and other landmarks of their country. Finally, a plaque was presented by Charles Doyle, Acting Law Librarian of Congress on behalf of the members of the GLIN. In his remarks, Mr. Doyle said "...there is one individual who deserves special recognition—whose contributions to this endeavor are singular... I speak, of course, of Dr. Rubens Medina." The text of the plaque, offered on behalf of the members of GLIN, honored Dr. Medina "in recognition of his extraordinary vision, inspiration, dedication, and personal leadership."





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Schedule

9am - 10:15am -- GLIN Foundation & Future Features
10:15-10:30am -- Break
10:30-12noon -- Open Forum: System Functions &
Executive Council Report
12:00-1:15pm -- Lunch Break
1:15-2:30pm -- New Business for the Network
2:30-2:45pm -- Break
2:45-4:00pm -- New Business Contd. & Closing Remarks
4:00-4:30pm -- Charter Signing by New Members
7pm -- GLIN Dinner, Madison Hall

Today's Weather

Thursday: Showers this afternoon and evening. High of 19C and winds at 29 km/hr.

Friday: Showers continue throughout the day. High of 22C.

