

CALL/ACBD Committee to Promote Research Annual Report 2017-2018 May 2018 – Halifax, NS

Committee Chairs: Susan Barker and Elizabeth Bruton

Members: Christine Brown, Kim Clarke, Catherine Cotter, Helen Heerema, Amy Kaufman, F. Tim Knight, Vicki Jay Leung, Marianne Rogers, Michel-Adrien Sheppard, Leslie Taylor.

The committee continues its work to promote research among members of CALL/ACBD by managing the Research Grant application process and recommending awards to the Executive, by proposing programs for the conference, and by maintaining and updating the committee's web pages with information about awards and projects and links to web sites and organizations involved in the research process and resources.

Annual Business Meeting

At the 2017 Business Meeting in Ottawa, we had a very full agenda with discussions on a number of topics: research carried out by Special Interest Groups and Committees; a workshop for the Halifax Conference in 2018; and other member publication information found on the CALL/ACBD website. We had two special guests attend our meeting: Karen Crouch (BIALL) and Jeroen Vervliet (IALI) who contributed to the discussion about how their associations offer research grants. We also welcomed one new member - Amy Kaufman (Queen's University).

Committee Work: Research Grant

The Research Grant information is found on the CALL/ACBD website (under Learn – Scholarships and Awards). The content regarding past recipients of the grant and their research projects has been updated. We advertised the grant via the newsletter *In Session* (In the November and December 2017 issues and in the January and February 2018 issues) and within two issues of the *Canadian Law Library Review* (43.1 and 42.4).

We received two grant applications this year. Although both were very well thought out and interesting, the Committee recommended one proposal to the Executive for approval. With the acceptance by the Executive Committee, the research grant is being awarded to Megan Siu for her research project entitled *Accessing Legal Information as a Self-Represented Litigant in Rural Alberta*. Her study "will offer insight into how the nuances of living in rural areas can impact the way that people access legal information...[and will] find trends that are helpful for regional library systems and their member libraries to consider for their own programming purposes".

Committee Work: Conference Programming

In 2017, at the Conference in Ottawa, the committee sponsored the session "Everyone Writes! Let's Do it Well". Our speaker was Ruth Kuras from the University of Windsor. We had a great turnout for the session and it acted as a good segue into plans for a workshop in 2018.

For the 2018 conference in Nova Scotia, the committee proposed a pre-conference workshop entitled "Writing Persuasively to Build a Better Business Case for your Library". Our proposal was approved and we are expecting a good turnout. Our presenter is donalee Moulton from Quantum Communications.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Barker and Elizabeth Bruton
Co-Chairs
CALL/ACBD Committee to Promote Research
April 6, 2018