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LAW LIBRARY

8th January, 1988

Mrs. Elspeth Broad
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Dear Mrs. Broad,

There is certainly no shortage of special interest groups within the profession of librarianship, whether taking the form of offshoots of the Library Association or Aslib or established as independent organisations. Law libraries, for instance, are well-served by the British and Irish Association of Law Librarians. However, the distinctness of Scotland as a constituent of the United Kingdom with its own legal system justifies the present proposal to form a SCOTTISH LAW LIBRARIANS GROUP. In Scotland, we have the whole range of legal libraries, from practitioners' collections to the institutions of national importance, libraries serving the academic community and those serving government, and we all have something to contribute and something to gain. The activities of the Group would be determined by the needs and wishes of its members, but its overall aim would be to support and strengthen the network of libraries handling legal information.

I very much hope that you, or your representative, will be able to attend a meeting to establish the Group to be held at 2.30 on Wednesday 3rd February in the Scottish Law Commission, 140 Causewayside, Edinburgh. If you cannot come, but wish to be kept informed of the outcome, please indicate this on the enclosed form.

Yours sincerely,

David R. Hart

D.R. Hart
Law Librarian

SCOTTISH LAW LIBRARIANS' GROUP

1st meeting on 3.2.88 at the Scottish Law Commission *

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LAW BRIEFINGS

A series of lectures arranged in conjunction with BIALL giving an overall view of aspects of law usually available only to graduate students. Each topic, with the exception of Financial Services, will last for 6 hours spread over three evenings. Financial Services will last for 8 hours over four evenings. Enrolments may be made for one topic or a combination of topics.

The lectures given under the heading Computer and Information Law will be designed to explain the law relating to copyright, data protection, computer crime and competition and trading issues surrounding the use and abuse of information technology.

The courses are of particular interest to law librarians dealing with legal inquiries and research; non-lawyers engaged in legal work who are seeking to enlarge their expertise, students who are seeking information in the areas offered before making option choices, researchers needing background material; and members of the public interested in deepening their knowledge of the law.

VENUE:

Faculty of Law
Polytechnic of Central London
Red Lion Square
London WC1
(nearest tube: Holborn)

TIMES: 6.30 - 8.30 p.m.

COURSE FEE: £30.00 per subject. Cheques made payable to PCL

COURSE

ORGANISER:

A.R.COOMBES
Faculty of Law
Polytechnic of Central London
Red Lion Square
London WC1

Tel. 01-405 3144

LAW BRIEFINGS 1988

Courses this current academic year are:

<u>INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW</u>	10, 17, 24 February
<u>COMPANY LAW</u>	2, 9, 16 March
<u>FINANCIAL SERVICES</u> (with particular reference to investor protection)	20, 27 April 4, 11 May
<u>SHIPPING LAW</u>	18, 25 May 1 June
<u>COMPUTER AND INFORMATION LAW</u>	8, 15, 22 June

Please send the application form with your remittance to:

Netta Swallow
Short Course Unit,
Polytechnic of Central London
35 Marylebone Road
London NW1 5LS

Tel. No. 01-486 5811 Ext. 434

Enrolments should be made as soon as possible because numbers on each course are limited.

Further details of the syllabuses can be obtained on request from the address above.

Eliy Moya: Name of Law Librarianship
and list of authors (1 year old)
S.L.C. Home a full holding of S.I.² - telephone service.
HM50 Daily lists

Butterworths. List in force - this summer - commencement orders.
(Scotland)

Scottish Office Library can also give ref. details.

Bibliographies. - compilation.

Hold Training Seminars for Law Librarians
University to organize seminars.

Type of information material required for a training seminar.

Links between Academics & Law Librarians.

University Law Library?

Director of Law Librarians. (Scottish edition?)

twice of a year. Butterworths offer Social.

Sponsorship from us etc.

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A meeting to establish the Group was held on Wednesday 3rd February 1988 at the Scottish Law Commission, 140 Causewayside, Edinburgh.

The following were represented:

Advocates Library
[Mr Browne, Mr Cummings, Mr Sibbald]
Bird Semple Fyfe Ireland W.S.
[Mrs Broad, Mr Harpley]
Butterworth
[Miss Cherry, Ms Searle]
Butterworth (Telepublishing)
[Mr Gailey]
Calders
[Mr Ferrie]
Crown Office
[Ms Stocks]
Dundas & Wilson
[Mrs Sandeman]
Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland
[Miss Cassidy, Mrs Hogg]
Lindsays W.S.
[Mr Elliott, Mrs McIsaac]
McGrigor Donald
[Mrs Ludlam]
Maclay Murray & Spens
[Mr Colquhoun]
MacRoberts
[Miss Hutchison]
Napier College
[Ms Lobban, Miss Millar]
Scottish Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux
[Mrs Lamb]
Scottish Law Commission
[Mrs John]
Scottish Office
[Mrs Brearley]
Scottish Police College
[Mr Cronie, Miss Johnstone]
Scottish Special Housing Association
[Mrs Aitken]
Shepherd & Wedderburn W.S.
[Mr Flanagan]
Signet Library
[Mr Ballantyne, Mrs Penney]
Society of Advocates, Aberdeen
[Mrs Bruce]
Society of Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland
[Mr Tait]
Tods Murray W.S.
[Miss Guest]
University of Aberdeen
[Mrs Bowie]
University of Dundee
[Mr Hart, Dr Purdue]
University of Edinburgh
[Miss Sturgeon]

University of Glasgow
[Mr Hickman]
University of Strathclyde
[Mrs Duffy]

A Steering Group was formed to implement decisions taken by the meeting.

Mr George Ballantyne
Signet Library
Parliament Square
Edinburgh EH1 1RF
[031 225 4923]

Mrs Kathryn Brearley
Assistant Librarian
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New St Andrew's House
Edinburgh EH1 3SX
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Glasgow G2 4RB
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Mr David R. Hart
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[0382 23181 ext 4100]

Mr Roger Hickman
Glasgow University Library
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Glasgow G12 8QE
[041 330 4283]

Mrs Carol A. John
Librarian
Scottish Law Commission
140 Causewayside
Edinburgh EH9 1PR
[031 668 2131]

Miss Ruth Johnstone
Librarian
Scottish Police College
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Interest in the proposal to form a Scottish Law Librarians Group had been shown by the British and Irish Association of Law Librarians and by the Scottish Branch of the Information Services Group of the Library Association. Liaison with BIALL was assured through Mr Hart, their Scottish representative, and it was agreed that Mr Hickman should represent SLLG at the forthcoming ISG Committee meeting. It was, however, considered inappropriate at this early stage to enter into affiliation with either association. Those present supported the view that it was important that people could join the Group without being members of either BIALL or the LA, and indeed without being qualified librarians.

The question of a fee for membership was raised, but the infancy of the Group, and the possibility of sponsorship from Butterworths and other publishing concerns to cover administrative costs, made this seem a little premature. The proposal to meet twice a year was received favourably.

The meeting discussed items of mutual concern.

i) Union Lists. Mrs John would welcome information on libraries holding the legislation of countries outwith the UK. The question of a Union List of law reports was raised, and Mr Hart agreed to investigate the progress made by the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies in this area.

ii) Statutory Instruments relating to Scotland. Mrs John had recently begun an index of these and offered to assist anyone enquiring by telephone. The Butterworths representatives announced that Scottish material would be included in Is it in Force? from 1989, forming part of the service to subscribers to the loose-leaf updating for The Laws of Scotland.

iii) Bibliographies. Although it appeared that the Scottish Law Commission Library was the only one currently producing bibliographies, it was agreed that it would be useful to maintain a list of those available.

iv) Education. Mrs Ludlam introduced this topic which was of concern to most of those present. The two areas in which SLLG seemed to have the field to itself were training in the use of legal materials and courses on law for librarians. Mrs Broad suggested an equivalent of Post-Qualifying Legal Education, and indeed it was proposed that the Law Society of Scotland be encouraged to mount a PQLE course on the use of legal resources.

v) Contacts. Since contact with others working in law libraries was regarded as very important, especially for those working alone, an enhanced Scottish version of the Directory of Law Libraries was proposed.

It was agreed that the Steering Group should investigate the points raised at the meeting and report back to the membership. A second meeting would be held in the Autumn.

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REPORT TO THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE

SCOTTISH LAW LIBRARIANS GROUP

Inaugural Meeting held in Scottish Law Commission, Edinburgh
on Wednesday 3rd February 1988

On Wednesday 3rd February EBB and EAH attended the first meeting of the Scottish Law Librarians Group hosted by Carol John, Librarian at the Scottish Law Commission, Causewayside, Edinburgh. The number present, 45 in all, exceeded expectations and covered a variety of different types of organisations and institutions. In addition to representation from academic, private sector and Governmental libraries, other libraries such as the Scottish Police College, Institute of C.A.s of Scotland, Scottish Association of Citizens Advice Bureau were also represented.

Those present at the meeting expressed interest in the group as

- (1) a way of making and maintaining contact with others involved in a similar line of work
- (2) a means of making known the resources available within the various law libraries and institutions in Scotland with a view to the compilation of union catalogues, bibliographies etc. for wider exploitation of these resources
- (3) to consider effective means of providing training and education for new entrants to the field of Law Librarianship and continuing education programmes for those already in service.

Ideas raised for consideration were the compilation of a contact list between the academic and the practitioners libraries, a Scottish version of the Directory of Law Libraries, Seminars for Law Librarians on suggested topics, and a PQLE course on Legal Resources.

The group considered that at this stage it would be preferable to have a Steering Committee rather than a formal Committee consisting of 5 or 6 members to represent the various interests. EBB was nominated as a member of this Steering Committee, together with Carol John of the Scottish Law Commission, Roger Hickman of Glasgow University Law Library, David Hart of Dundee University Law Library, Kathy Brearly of the Scottish Office and Ruth Johnstone of the Scottish Police College Library. It is envisaged that meetings will be held twice a year alternating between Edinburgh and Glasgow. Margaret Searle of Butterworths indicated that Butterworths are willing to offer premises and/or hospitality for future meetings.

It was decided that affiliation to established groups such as the Library Association Information Services Group or to BIALL (British and Irish Association of Law Librarians) would not be appropriate as many of those present were not members of the Library Association or of BIALL and consequently might be excluded but it was felt that representation in such an established group would be advisable. Roger Hickman of Glasgow University Library, therefore, volunteered to be co-opted on to the Committee of the Library Association Information Services Group.

The question of the group's funding was raised and it was suggested that a small membership fee or subscription might be charged to cover administrative costs. If speakers were to be invited, substantial charges would need to be made. John Sibbald mentioned the possibility of sponsorship for consideration.

All those present felt that the first meeting had been useful and wished to continue to participate in activities of the Group.

EBB/K 09-Feb-88

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LIST OF REPRESENTATIVES

MR GEORGE BALLANTYNE	SIGNET LIBRARY
MRS EILEEN BOWIE	TAYLOR LAW LIBRARY, UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN
MRS KATHY BREARLEY	SCOTTISH OFFICE
MRS ELSPETH BROAD	BIRD SEMPLE FYFE IRELAND W.S., GLASGOW
MR MARTIN BROWNE	ADVOCATES LIBRARY
MRS BRUCE	SOCIETY OF ADVOCATES, ABERDEEN
MRS ROSINA BURNS	SOLICITORS' LIBRARY, SCOTTISH OFFICE
MISS BRIDGET CASSIDY	INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS OF SCOTLAND
MISS MARGARET CHERRY	BUTTERWORTH (EDITOR)
MR J COLQUHOUN	MACLAY MURRAY & SPENS
MR R DERRICK CRONIE	SCOTTISH POLICE COLLEGE
MRS VALERIE DUFFY	UNIVERSITY OF STRATHCLYDE
MR THOMAS J. FERRIE	CALDERS SOLICITORS
MR GERALD FLANAGAN	SHEPHERD & WEDDERBURN W.S.
MR JOHN GAILEY	BUTTERWORTH (TELEPUBLISHING)
MISS MAIRA GUEST	TODS MURRAY
MR EDDIE HARPLEY	BIRD SEMPLE FYFE IRELAND W.S., EDINBURGH
MR DAVID R. HART	UNIVERSITY OF DUNDEE
MRS DOROTHY HOGG	INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS OF SCOTLAND
MR ROGER HICKMAN	GLASGOW UNIVERSITY LIBRARY
MISS FIONA HUTCHISON	MacROBERTS
MRS CAROL JOHN	SCOTTISH LAW COMMISSION
MISS RUTH JOHNSTONE	SCOTTISH POLICE COLLEGE
MRS SHIRLEY LAMB	SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAUX
MS MARGARET LOBBAN	NAPIER COLLEGE

MRS RUTH LUDLAM	McGRIGOR DONALD
MR FRANK McADAMS	UNIVERSITY OF STRATHCLYDE
MISS SHIRLEY MILLAR	NAPIER COLLEGE
MRS JOYCE PENNEY	SIGNET LIBRARY
MR EDWARD PIERCE	ROYAL FACULTY OF PROCURATORS IN GLASGOW
DR BASIL PURDUE	DUNDEE UNIVERSITY
MRS SUE SANDEMAN	DUNDAS & WILSON
MS MARGARET SEARLE	BUTTERWORTH (SALES)
MR JOHN A. SIBBALD	ADVOCATES LIBRARY
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MR J.H. TAIT	SOCIETY OF SOLICITORS IN THE SUPREME COURTS OF SCOTLAND