

## CLIR's International Program

For the past decade, the International Program of the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR) has focused its efforts on raising preservation awareness abroad and helping to identify methods and strategies for dealing with problems of access to library and archival holdings. Often, CLIR provides modest financial support that enables institutions to take the next steps in a preservation strategy. The International Program's activities have included:

- The Program supports projects that translate preservation literature into Portuguese and Spanish. In Brazil, CLIR's Portuguese translation project led to a series of workshops held throughout the country, a nationwide preservation survey, and the formation of a national network to promote preservation awareness and improved conditions in Brazilian archives and libraries. The Spanish translations, conducted in Venezuela, are serving as the basis for a broader translation project in Chile. The Chilean project will be supported by The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, and will be modeled on the Brazilian example to include workshops and a survey.
- CLIR established the European Register of Microform Masters (EROMM), in cooperation with the Commission of the European Union. CLIR has also supported the subsequent creation and contribution of records from Latin America, Russia, and Eastern Europe to the EROMM database. Since 1996, when RLG agreed to exchange records with EROMM, the database has rapidly grown to its current size of 2.3 million records of microform masters. EROMM is an excellent resource for preservation managers who wish to avoid duplication of microfilming and for scholars who seek access to materials.
- The Program supported a project at Fudan University in Shanghai, China, to microfilm more than 4,000 titles of Chinese-language monographs published between 1932 and 1945. Many of the titles were embrittled and most were unavailable in the U.S. The collection includes titles in literature, history, philosophy, law, economics, popular culture, and society, which are available for loan or purchase from the Center for Research Libraries.
- CLIR sponsors international meetings among scholars, librarians, archivists, and information scientists to address issues in scholarly communication. These meetings have included the 1993 conference, "Preserving the Intellectual Heritage," in Bellagio, Italy, and a recent meeting cosponsored with the Library of Congress to discuss the state of library collections about modern Greece.
- The Program sponsors preservation management workshops in South Africa.

CLIR will continue to raise preservation awareness abroad while more actively seeking international partners for cooperation on broader programmatic themes, such as digital libraries, resources for scholarship, the economics of information, and leadership.

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