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## Book Review of Directory of Foreign Law Collections in Selected Law Libraries

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544. Schaffer, Ellen G., and Thomas R. Bruce, eds. **Directory of Foreign Law Collections in Selected Law Libraries.** Littleton, Colo., Fred B. Rothman, 1991. 273p. (AALL Publications Series, no.41). \$37.50. K68.D565. 016.34'0025. LC 91-11812. ISBN 0-8377-0141-4.

Schaffer and Bruce's directory is based on responses from 69 libraries to a 1988 survey of foreign law collections in law libraries. The questionnaire surveyed 8 categories of publications for 169 countries, as well as materials of 8 international organizations. Nearly 90 percent of the respondents are U.S. academic law libraries. A handful of law firm libraries also responded to the survey, as did one county law library, the Law Library of Congress, the American Society of International Law Library, the Chinese University of Hong Kong Law Library, and the High Court of Australia Library.

The directory is organized into three main sections, the most significant being a country-by-country list of libraries that collect materials of those nations. The holdings are further divided into several general categories: cases; codes, statutes, and regulations; digests, citators, and encyclopedias; gazettes; historical materials; journals; provincial materials; treaties; and treatises. The directory does not identify specific titles held. The second section lists libraries that own materials from eight international organizations, including the Council of Europe, the European Communities, the Organization of American States, and the United Nations. The third section provides some indication of the depth of each library's collection by noting the approximate number of titles held by country and international organization.

Because it is based on responses to a survey, the directory should not be considered a comprehensive list of foreign law collections; some libraries with large collections are not included. Those who will benefit most from the directory are law librarians who want to quickly identify other libraries that might have materials from or about a specific country or international organization. Because titles are not given, it will still be necessary for the requesting library to find out whether specific items are actually in the collection of the listed library. —**James S. Heller**