

Donation of books from the International Law Book Foundation (ILBF)



In April, the Library received a donation of over 500 books from the International Law Book Foundation of the United Kingdom. The books originally came from the family of Professor Thirlway who bequeathed his library to the ILBF. The collection will go a long way in meeting the information needs of the staff of the Court. The Library is very grateful for the donation.



Transition



The Library pays tribute to Ms Constanca Ishebabi, who passed away on 24 May 2020, while receiving treatment at the Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre (KCMC) in Moshi, Tanzania. She has been a staff member of the Court, and a consistent user of the library since October 2008. May she rest in eternal peace.

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Installation of new Library Security System (30 Mar to 03 April 2020)

The Court installed a new library security system in April. The system, based on RFID technology is designed to protect library resources by detecting any illegal removal of library items including print resources (books and journals) and audio-visual resources (DVDs, CD-ROMS) and others.



The system was officially launched by the President of the Court, Honorable Sylvain Ore on 2 April 2020 in the presence of Library staff, the IT Officer, the CEO and engineers from Exceed Solutions, the company that did the installation.



Retreat on the 2021-2025 Strategic Plan (16-22 Feb 2020)

The Librarian took part in the consideration of the Draft Framework for the 2021-2025 Strategic Plan of the Court. Sponsored under the auspices of the PANAF Project, the retreat took place at the Lake Manyara Kilimamoja Resort on the edge of the picturesque East African Rift Valley.



The retreat, which was opened by the President of the Court, was attended by heads of units and legal officers of the Court. The objective of the retreat was to review the previous strategic plan (2016-2020) and prepare the next one (2021-2025).

Library services in view of the Covid-19 Pandemic (March-June)

With the advent of Covid-19 in Tanzania, the Court and the library made some adjustments to ensure safety of staff while ensuring continuation of Court activities. Library services remained open to staff and judges, but were temporarily closed to the public. This was in order to ensure social distancing and reduce crowding in the library. Library meetings were held virtually while online services continue to be greatly strengthened and their use encouraged.

The 57th ordinary session of the Court was held virtually. Since the library plays a key role in supporting the court sessions, most of this support was also rendered virtually, though traditional library services continued to be offered but at a reduced rate. The Library has also been issuing regular updates and bibliographies during this pandemic period.

