

From the Chair



As I begin my term as chair of GODORT, I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the GODORT members who may not know me. To those of you who have been my friends for many years and know all this—please bear with me!



tailored to local needs. I encourage all GODORT members to read the plan. GPO is working hard to engage the depository community in discussion of the plan and we must take opportunity to respond.

The issues facing the FDLP are similar to those facing international governmental organizations such as the UN, other national depository programs such as the Canadian Depository Program

and state and local depository programs. Decisions we endorse for the FDLP can inform our responses to issues facing other organizations as well.

I once had a supervisor who insisted there were no "problems," only challenges and opportunities, and largely I agree. Today, librarianship in general and documents librarianship in particular seems under re. We must reinvent ourselves and service models to accommodate new users and new research

methods. We need to acquire new skill sets in data analysis and the preservation of born digital government information. And, most importantly, we need to develop new networks and partnerships both within the FDLP community and beyond. By doing these things, we can, I believe, reinvigorate our profession and convince our administrations of the important expertise we bring to the table.

Let's challenge each GODORT task force and committee to review the issues discussed at both these conferences. Much the material is freely available on the websites. So, let's come together to discuss what this means for the future of documents librarianship. We can sit either sit back and let others decide our future or we can accept the challenges and opportunities before us and help chart our own future.

Errata

An error occurred in the Spring 2014 issue. The review for Ringsmuth was written by Kristine Stilwell, not Andrea Wright. The editors apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.