

Memorial Resolution for Susan S. Lazinger

Whereas Susan S. Lazinger, Former Head of the Academic Program in the School of Library and Archive Information Studies, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem died on August 2, 2020;

Whereas she received a bachelor's degree in Russian from Douglass College, Rutgers University, an MA in Russian Language and Literature from Smith College, a PhD in Slavic Languages and Literatures from Syracuse, and a M.L.S. in Library Science and Archival Studies from Hebrew University of Jerusalem;

Whereas she began her library career as Assistant Librarian at the Jewish National and University Library, held visiting positions at Stanford University Libraries, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina Central University, and Haifa University, she spent most of her academic career at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem where she was Senior Librarian and Senior Teacher as well as Head of the Academic Program in the School of Library, Archival and Information Studies;

Whereas Dr. Lazinger served as associate editor and co-editor of the visionary Third Millennium Cataloging Series for Libraries Unlimited, later a division of ABC-CLIO;

Whereas she was honored by Phi Beta Kappa, was a Fulbright Scholar and a Syracuse University Fellow, and received a Distinguished Teaching Grant from Hebrew University and a North Carolina Central University Study Grant;

Whereas Dr. Lazinger was a prolific author of journal articles in Russian literature as well as library and information science as well as author and co-author of articles, reports of research grants, monographs, research papers on a wide variety of LIS topics from cataloging and metadata to critiques of theories. She brought her expertise in international librarianship into her writing for the profession. Her two books, *Metadata and Its Impact on Libraries* and *Digital Preservation and Metadata*, led librarians into this new area of expertise;

Whereas she was an active participant in many international activities such as the Advisory Board of *World Libraries*, was elected a member of the Standing Committee on Education and Training for the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions where she was a member of the Subcommittee on Updating IFLA Standards for Library Schools, and also served as Secretary/Treasurer and then Chair. She was on the National Conference Organizing Committee for the 66th IFLA Annual Conference in Jerusalem;

Whereas Susan sang soprano in the Rutgers University Choir and performed with the choir in Carnegie Hall in a Memorial service for John F. Kennedy after his assassination; volunteered at the hospice at the Hadassah Hospital on Mount Scopus; and upon retirement worked as a volunteer at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem, translating from Hebrew to English, and for the last 15 years, volunteered with the English language community theater in Jerusalem where she was make-up mistress. At every cast party, she baked a legendary lasagne and performed a parody of one of the songs from the show; and

Whereas she was noted by her colleagues for her collegiality and her keen sense of humor, a multifaceted person who loved people and was loved in return by them, and her family for her life as a grandmother of four and a step-grandmother of six, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the American Library Association, on behalf of its members

- (1) recognizes the remarkable achievements of Susan S. Lazinger as an international leader and educator in the profession and acknowledges her many contributions to her colleagues and friends; and
- (2) conveys sincerest sympathy and sends copies of this resolution to her husband, Brian Negrin, her brother, Stephen Schwartz, and her children, Laura Stein, Shira Lazinger, and Peter Smernoff.

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