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RE: Report on LAUC Presentation & Travel Award, 2017

I was the recipient of a LAUC Presentation & Travel Award this year for \$350. This contributed to my travel expenses to attend the International Conference on Changing Landscape in Science & Technology Libraries hosted by the Indian Institute of Technology campus at Gandhinagar, Gujarat, March 2-4, 2017. I was invited to deliver the keynote address in the Collections Technical Section, "New Priorities for Science & Engineering Library Collections: Integrating and Harnessing Interdisciplinary Collaboration, Data and Publishing with Technology" (Slides at <http://events.iitgn.ac.in/2017/CLSTL/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/JuliaGelfand.pdf>)

I had the chance to meet with other international speakers and guests at the invitation of the senior administrative team that is planning a new university library at this campus that is now only 6 years old. This was my first trip to India and I reconnected with colleagues I had worked with on international projects through different associations, and met many other librarians from throughout India and that subcontinent. It was a very well organized conference offering sufficient time to meet with many Indian libraries and learn of their practices and confirm that many of the issues related to collection development/management & scientific publishing that we face here are exactly the same in different flavors overseas.

The hospitality of the local library community was plentiful and genuine as we had a terrific day of sightseeing in Ahmedabad, the provincial seat just a few miles away. This was the Indian home of Mahatma Gandhi and we visited his Ashram and several other religious and cultural institutions.

I am very grateful for this opportunity from LAUC and appreciate how this additional support assisted in travel expenses. Thank you for the opportunity. This was one of the best international professional development experiences I have had.