

Figure 1: The West party with the England team in strange baseball gear.

in quality, and our American hosts showed a surprisingly cliquey tendency meaning that most conversations were to be found with new attendees who also knew hardly anyone, or of course by locating the surprisingly large number of Brits. By far the most BIALL-like was the West party on Saturday night, with plenty of food, drink and dancing, plus the unmissable opportunity to dress in strange baseball gear and have a dodgy photo taken! Again the differences were subtle - massive queues for food but no queues at all for drink - and American librarians happily dancing (some with their children!) without having consumed a bottle of wine beforehand!

So, what can I say but many thanks to BIALL for providing me with a bursary to enable me to attend. I came away with new ideas for training and a better understanding of learning methods, with the reassurance that American law librarians were going through the same problems as us, and with some great memories.

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