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I look forward to meeting many more of our readers and authors at the XXIX IULCTS Congress/103rd Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. June 20-24, 2007.

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