

# IFLA Express 8

## The Final Chapter from Boston

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### Record year!

The attendance figures of the Boston Conference broke all records. In total over 5,300 people were involved in the conference. This is nearly 2000 more than in any previous IFLA Conference.

Boston also had the biggest exhibition ever, the highest number of first-timer attendants and the highest number of countries represented.

Congratulations to the National Organising Committee for this success!

### Country Representation

Not surprisingly, the USA was the best represented country at the conference this year. Over 1300 American delegates participated in the sessions and workshops.

Runners up were:

China	166
Russian Federation	145
United Kingdom	132
France	115
Canada	108

### Facts and Figures about the conference

261 meetings

30 meetings with Simultaneous Interpretation

68 poster Sessions

27 workshops

Appr. 3000 copies of IFLA Express each day

2000 English

500 French

500 Russian

3100+ participants

150 countries

150+ grantees thanks to generous grants from the following institutions:

91 US Fellowship Programme

30 DANIDA

26 Comité Français IFLA

3 Library Association (UK)

3 Norwegian Library Association

1279 first timers

171 exhibitors combined to an exhibition of 2900 m<sup>2</sup>

21 IFLA Corporate Partners included

307 Volunteers

3000 IFLA memo cubes given out at the booth

34 new members joined during the conference



All participants received the Conference Papers CD-ROM sponsored by Ovid Technologies/SilverPlatter

154 conference papers

153 translations into one or more of the other 4 IFLA working languages

2700 conference bags handed out

30 buses used to transport 1200 delegates between Harvard and MIT

### **Evaluation of the Conference and Professional Programme**

Ralph Manning, outgoing Chair of the Professional Board, presented an overview of the programme of the 67th IFLA General Conference to the Final Council meeting. The text of his presentation will soon be published on IFLANET and in IFLA Journal. Here are some of the highlights.

‘IFLA works very hard to encourage the participation of people from all over the world in its activities. Earlier this week we heard the report of the Advisory Group on Regional Activities which is recommending the continuation of the Division of Regional Activities to give the opportunity to our colleagues from IFLA’s regions to continue to work together while also participating in the whole of IFLA’s activities. I am very pleased that so many of our friends from the developing world have been able to share this IFLA conference through the generosity of a number of organisations.’

‘Before the conference, eleven satellite meetings took place, the greatest number of simultaneous satellite meetings that has ever taken place in conjunction with an IFLA conference. The topics of these meetings covered a whole range of issues facing librarianship today, including Library Consortia and a session dealing with the challenges and opportunities for the delivery of multicultural services in libraries.’

‘Over 160 papers were available and it is encouraging to note that over 150 translations were available including some translations into all of the IFLA languages. Ovid Technologies, a Gold Corporate Partner of IFLA has sponsored a CD-ROM which was included in the conference bag given to each delegate.’

The full text will be available in IFLA Journal and on IFLANET soon.



*Ralph Manning, outgoing Chair of the Professional Board, at his farewell dinner*

*“Congratulations. IFLA 2001 was a great experience for us. Thank you very much for arranging everything in such a wonderful way.”*

*Biju K. Abraham, Editor of Indian Journal of Library and Information Science*

### **Professional Committee elected at the conference**

During the conference the Coordinating Boards of the IFLA Divisions elected the members of the Professional Committee.

The members of the Professional Committee have elected Winston Tabb, Library of Congress, U.S.A. as Chair of the Committee for the period 2001-2003.

The Committee:

Chair: Winston Tabb, U.S.A.  
Division I: Christobal Pasadas Ureña, Spain  
Division II: John Meriton, U.K.  
Division III: John Day, U.S.A.  
Division IV: Ia McIlwaine, U.K.  
Division V: Mary E. Jackson, U.S.A.  
Division VI: Wanda Dole, U.S.A.  
Division VII: Marian Koren, Netherlands  
Division VIII: Rashidah Begum, Malaysia

### **IFLA/OCLC Early Career Development Fellows named for 2002**

The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) and OCLC have awarded five IFLA/OCLC Early Career Development Fellowships for 2002. OCLC and IFLA established the fellowships to support library and information science professionals who are in the early stages of their career development and from countries with developing economies.

The fellows are:

Dayang Zarina Abang Ismail, librarian/manager, Centre for Academic Information Services, University Malaysia, Sarawak, Kota Samarahan, Malaysia  
Ferry Irawan, head, Library and Information Technology, Castle Group, Jakarta, Indonesia  
Sibongile Madolo, librarian, Reference Unit, Library of Parliament, Cape Town, South Africa  
Purity Mwagha, library section head and lecturer, Kenya Technical Training College, Nairobi, Kenya  
J. K. Vijayakumar, scientific technical officer, Library Division, INFLIBNET, Ahmedabad, India

The five fellowship recipients will participate in a specially designed four-week program in the United States April 29-May 24, 2002. Based at the OCLC Institute in Dublin, Ohio, the fellows will also spend time at the Mortenson Center for International Library Programs at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign; the American Library Association; and the Library of Congress. The intensive program includes OCLC Institute programs,



special meetings with OCLC staff and management, observing an OCLC Members Council meeting, and visits to various libraries and OCLC regional service providers.

Applicants for the fellowships submit an application portfolio cover sheet, a resume, three letters of reference and an essay.

In his essay Mr. Irawan wrote, "With developing technology, library and information professionals will play an increasingly important role in the economic, educational and social development fields. I believe overseas training is absolutely necessary for me [to] obtain sufficient skills to play a more central role in fostering development of the information science profession in Indonesia."

Information on the fellowship program is available from the OCLC Institute on the web <<http://www.oclc.org/institute/resources/fellowships/ifla/>>, via telephone at +1-614-764-6357, or by writing to the OCLC Institute at 6565 Frantz Road, Dublin, Ohio, USA, 43017.

### **Free Registrations to the 68th Council and General Conference & Council in Glasgow, Scotland**

The 3 lucky winners of a free registration to next year's conference are:

Ms. Ekaterina Nikonorova, Russian Federation

Ms. Margarita Garcia Moreno, Spain

Ms. Patricia Riva, Canada

### **Resolution adopted at IFLA Council II**

Held at Boston, USA on Friday 24th August 2001

The following resolution was adopted. 553 votes were recorded in favour of the resolution and 54 against. There were 12 abstentions.

"Be it resolved that IFLA:

1. State its strongly felt concerns about the effects of the US embargo that include
  - Obstacles to the export of information materials to Cuba despite their formal exclusion from the embargo
  - A severe reduction in the capacity of Cuban libraries and citizens to purchase information materials and related technologies due to the economic effects of the embargo
  - Indirect disruption of access to information by Cubans and Cuban libraries caused by the effects on power supply, telecommunications and other aspects of life in Cuba
  - Inhibitions to professional interaction and exchange caused by the restrictions on travel to the US by Cuban nationals and to Cuba by US nationals.
  
2. Urge the US Government to eliminate obstacles to access to information and professional interaction imposed by its embargo and any other US Government policies.

3. Urge the Cuban Government to eliminate obstacles to access to information imposed by its policies.
4. Support and continue to monitor initiatives by the Cuban library community to safeguard free access to print and electronic information, including via the Internet, and in particular:
  - Support and assist the ASCUBI [Asociación Cubana de Bibliotecarios] initiative to develop a code of ethics for the standards and principles of library services in Cuba.
  - Urge the Cuban library community to adopt fully the IFLA Public Library Guidelines [The Public Library Service: IFLA/UNESCO Guidelines for Development. Saur: 2001]
5. Encourage IFLA colleagues to attend the international conference on information in Havana 22-26 April 2002 hosted by IDICT [Instituto de Información Científica y Tecnológica] to help further professional relations with Cuba. Científica y Tecnológica] to help further professional relations with Cuba.
6. Urge the US Government to put policies in place to make sharing of books and other materials on all subjects as well as information technology with Cuba's libraries easier for all who wish to improve access to information in Cuba through strengthening library collections.
7. Urge the US Government to share information materials widely in Cuba, especially with Cuba's libraries, and not just with "individuals and independent non-governmental organizations" that represent US political interests."

This resolution was a homologated version of two resolutions on the same subject.

The first resolution was proposed by Alex Byrne, Chair of the IFLA Committee on Free Access to Information and freedom of Expression and seconded by Glenys willars, Chair, IFLA Section on School Libraries and Resource Centres.

The second resolution was proposed by John W. Berry, President of the American Library Association and seconded by Eliades Acosta, Director of the Biblioteca Nacional José Martí, Cuba.

The homologated resolution was proposed by Bernard Margolis, President of the Boston Public Library, USA and seconded by James Neal, Dean of the University Libraries, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA.



*Duane Webster and Gary Strong,  
co-chairs of the Boston National  
Organising Committee*



### **Campaign for the World's Libraries unveiled at IFLA conference**

IFLA and the American Library Association (ALA) announced a new public education campaign designed to showcase public, school, academic and special libraries and librarians around the world.

The campaign is based on ALA's @ your Library™ The Campaign for America's Libraries, a five-year public awareness campaign launched during National Library week, April 2001, with the help of First Lady Laura Bush, a librarian and teacher. The campaign for the world's libraries will use the trademarked brand and its official translations, to unify the communications activities of libraries around the world.

"The IFLA conference is the perfect venue for unveiling this campaign." said John Berry, president of ALA, "With the Conference theme 'Libraries & Librarians Making a Difference in the Knowledge Age', we have a wonderful opportunity to speak loudly and clearly about the value of libraries and librarians in the 21st century all around the world.

Through outreach efforts, the campaign will target the general public, educators, government leaders and policy makers, librarians and those who are considering the library profession, the media and strategic partners, including funding agencies. During the conference the Turkish Librarians Association was the first to join the Campaign.

For more information on the campaign, please visit: [www.ifla.org/@yourlibrary](http://www.ifla.org/@yourlibrary) or [www.ala.org/@yourlibrary](http://www.ala.org/@yourlibrary)

*"Congratulations on another very successful conference - my sense is that everyone came away from Boston with very positive feelings about the programs, meetings, cultural activities, etc."*

*John Day, Member IFLA Professional Committee*

### **Launch of the first IFLA/FAIFE World Report on Libraries and Intellectual Freedom**

The first IFLA/FAIFE World Report on libraries and intellectual freedom was launched on Thursday 23 August at the IFLA Annual Conference in Boston. The President of IFLA, Mrs Christine Deschamps, said: "Libraries have a crucial role to play. They are an essential tool for the achievement of democracy and social development. Libraries provide access to information, ideas and work of imagination. They serve as gateways to knowledge. Libraries must reflect the plurality and diversity of society, opposing all forms of censorship without being influenced by any political, moral, or religious opinions".

"This first IFLA/FAIFE World Report is a major project, a first attempt to provide a picture on the status of libraries and intellectual freedom throughout the world. More than 140 countries have been contacted and 46 have submitted their report. The result is very encouraging since this kind of information had never previously been put together nor published on a global basis."

"The IFLA/FAIFE World Report is a living document and more countries will join the project in the future. The World Report is a living proof of the global aspects of IFLA/FAIFE and of IFLA's support to democracy and development."

The Chair of the IFLA/FAIFE Committee, Mr Alex Byrne, said: "This first edition of the IFLA/FAIFE World Report reflects the achievements of the first four years of the IFLA/FAIFE initiative. The World Report will become a key guide to issues confronting libraries in providing free access to information for their clients. The reports published in this edition begin to map the state of intellectual freedom in relation to libraries. They confirm that not all is well with the state of freedom of access to information and freedom of expression in the world. From Turkmenistan to Timor, we too frequently see books burnt, libraries destroyed or dismembered, and librarians intimidated or worse."

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### **The Public Library Service: IFLA/UNESCO Guidelines for Development**

The eagerly-awaited public library guidelines have now appeared in the IFLA Publications series as The Public Library Service: IFLA/UNESCO Guidelines for Development. These guidelines have been framed to provide assistance to librarians in any situation to develop an effective public library service meeting the needs of their local community.

Philip Gill, Chair of the IFLA Working Group which prepared these new guidelines, said: "The publication of these new IFLA/UNESCO Guidelines for Public Libraries, following wide consultation, present librarians worldwide with standards and guidelines which will help them develop public libraries relevant to the information age. In this exciting and complex information world, it is vitally important for those in search of knowledge, information and creative experience that they succeed. I believe that these guidelines will help public librarians around the world meet that challenge."

A distinctive feature of these guidelines is the inclusion of examples of provision from around the world. They provide snapshots of what is happening in public libraries in many different countries and a glimpse of imaginative solutions to specific challenges.

These guidelines are essential reading for everyone involved in the provision of public libraries. They will become an essential reference tool for public library development and planning.

The Public Library Service: IFLA/UNESCO Guidelines for Development / [IFLA]  
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### **IFLA Directory 2002-2003**

A new IFLA membership directory will be published in the beginning of next year. We kindly ask all members to return the correction forms to IFLA Headquarters, to make sure that the correct details are published.

### **Elsevier Science upgrades to Gold Corporate Partner**

On the occasion of the IFLA Conference, Elsevier Science has announced it is upgrading its IFLA sponsorship to the Gold Category. Leo Voogt, Director, Global Library Relations said: "We were happy to be invited to upgrade our sponsorship and the opportunity came at exactly the right time. We at Elsevier Science continue to work hard to strengthen our offerings to the library community.

We will do all we can to ensure that the recent merger with Harcourt will result in high quality products and services, and improved value for the library user. By continuing a high level of investment in the combined business, we are confident that we will sustain a range of superior electronic information products, tailored to meet the needs of both librarians and researchers.

Our continued presence at IFLA is a token of our desire to be in touch with our important library customers. As a company that operates around the world, we believe IFLA provides unprecedented opportunities to interact and liaise with our customer base from different parts of the world."

*"I enjoyed very much the conference and I am looking forward to my future IFLA experience."*

*Vesselina Stoytcheva*

*New Personal Affiliate Member*

### **Did you enjoy yourself?**

Come to Glasgow!

New topics in a different environment, but with the same IFLA-feeling. Information about the 2002 conference can be found at: [www.ifla.org](http://www.ifla.org)



### **Future Conferences**

This year there was no announcement of a selected host for a future conference. In 1999, during the Bangkok Conference, the Executive Board decided that both bids from the finalists were outstanding and therefore elected Buenos Aires the winner for 2004 and Seoul the winner for 2006.

IFLA has invited from National Association Members expressions of interest in hosting the IFLA General Conference to be held in August 2007.

For more information about hosting the IFLA conference please go to:

<http://www.ifla.org/IV/tohost.htm>

Future conference sites:

2002, Glasgow, United Kingdom

2003, Berlin, Germany

2004, Buenos Aires, Argentina

2005, Oslo, Norway

2006, Seoul, Korea

For more information on IFLA's future conferences: [www.ifla.org](http://www.ifla.org)

## **Guidelines for Library Services to Persons with Dyslexia**

In order to make persons with dyslexia/reading difficulties feel welcome in your library, it is essential that all staff is well informed about reading difficulties. IFLA's Section on Libraries Serving Disadvantaged Persons has just published 'Guidelines for Library Services to Persons with Dyslexia' - the latest title in a series of guidelines for library services to disadvantaged persons. This publication can be ordered from IFLA Headquarters.

*"I believe that my reward for all the hard work all of us put in to the planning of the IFLA Conference came when some of the fellows came up to me and expressed their thanks for their attendance in Boston. [...] I hope their enthusiasm allows them to strive to come to future IFLA conferences." Nancy Anderson, Boston Organising Committee*

## **Librarians and publishers working to a common agenda**

The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) and the International Publishers' Association (IPA) have established a joint steering group to work together on matters of common interest.

The group has now met three times. It has agreed the following mission statement:

"Recognising that publishers and libraries share the common objective of the transmission of information from the author to the end-user, the mission of this Group is to improve library/publisher relations throughout the world through cooperative initiatives and ongoing dialogue and communication for the mutual benefit of the two communities. As technological developments are changing the way both communities operate, it is important to identify and promote areas of synergy and discuss ways to address divergences."



*The Choir at the Opening Session*

The Group of eight members is co-chaired by Ingrid Parent, member of IFLA's Executive Board and Herman P. Spruijt, member of IPA's Executive Committee.

Areas of work identified by the group include:

- Sharing of information on activities in favour of freedom of expression and cooperation in protests against obstructions to the principle
- Support by both organisations for action to promote zero or reduced VAT rates for books and electronic publications
- Exchange of statistical information
- Exchange of views and information on deposit and archiving of electronic publications
- Clarification of the price components of electronic publications
- Participation in metadata and Digital Object Identifier (DOI) activities
- Exchange of views on electronic interlibrary document delivery.

It is also planned to work towards the drafting of a joint statement on copyright aimed at promoting agreed principles within and beyond the IFLA and IPA memberships.

### **IFLA Welcomes All New Members**

IFLA accepted a record number of new members during the conference in Boston. We extend a warm welcome to our 34 new colleagues.

#### 7 Institutions:

University of Technology Jamaica, Jamaica; Mangaung Local Municipality, University of the North West, University of the Western Cape, South Africa; King John Charles University, Spain; Direction du Libre et de la Lecture, Senegal; District of Columbia Public Library, United States



*A view of Boston*

#### 21 Personal Affiliates:

Alicia Salmeron, Argentina; David Byrne, Ann Ritchie, Australia; Ludmila Popow Mayrink da Costa, Ivone Tálamo, Brazil; Barbara Schleihagen, Germany; Kosi Kedem, Ghana; Salah B. Chebaro, Lebanon; Diljit Singh, Malaysia; Mary C. Chobot, Thomas Edelblute, Jill E. Erickson, Barbara Jones, Curley C. Jones, Richard Kort, David Miller, Rita Neri, Susan Setterlund, Vesselina Stoytcheva, Betty J. Turock, Edward Valauskas, United States

#### 5 Student Affiliates:

Cecilia Inez Ferroni, Mariana Rosell, Argentina; Haydee Batres Beltran, Guatemala; Patricio Aranda-Torres, Peru; Geraldine V. Burke, United States

### **New Membership Categories**

During Council I, held on Sunday 19 August, the membership of IFLA voted in favour of implementing the following new membership categories:

- Sub-units of Institutional Members
- One-person units
- School Libraries and Resource Centres

More details about these categories will be announced shortly.

### **Newsletter of the Year**

The award for Best Newsletter of the Year was presented to the Newsletter of the Section of Libraries for the Blind. For the second year running, this publication was judged to be the best in a strong field of competitors. The Section produces their newsletter in print form, and in Braille, as well as making it available on the IFLA website. The presentation was made during the Closing Session of the conference. Ralph Manning, Chair of the Professional Board, made the presentation to Beatrice Christensen Sköld, Editor of the newsletter. The Section received a scroll for display, and a hand-bound collection of the year's winning issues. Honourable mention was given to the newsletters from the Section on Regional Activities for Latin America & the Caribbean, the Round Table on Continuing Professional Education, and the Section Management & Marketing. Newsletters from all

Sections and Round Tables are eligible for consideration. Criteria in the judging include availability in print and electronic formats, timeliness of information, and overall layout and presentation. Good luck to all in next years' competition!