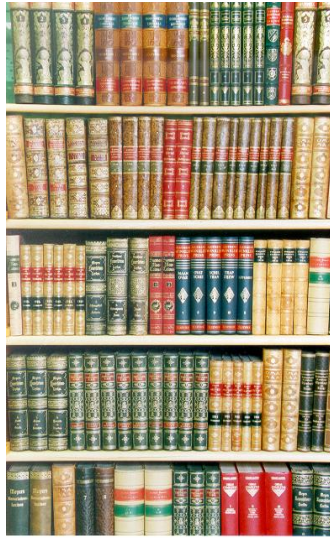


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From the Chair of the Section

This newsletter will be the last printed newsletter of the Section. Future issues will be in electronic format only and accessible in IFLANET. A printed copy will be sent to those members that experience problems in accessing IFLANET. Follow the website at: www.ifla.org/VII/s14/index.htm



From the Secretary/ Information Coordinator

The contents of Issue No. 34 of the Section's *Newsletter* remind us that one of the roles of the *Newsletter* is to provide a readily accessible and easily consulted historical record of what the Section has done. In addition it is important to place the Section's activities in a larger IFLA context and to ensure that all members of the Section are fully apprised of key IFLA initiatives.



Looking Back at Recent Activities of the Section (1):

An excellent summary overview of the Acquisition and Collection Development Section's activities over the past two years can be found in the *Annual Report, 2005-2006*, a required submission to IFLA HQ from the Section Chair. It is available on IFLANet at <http://www.ifla.org/VII/s14/annual/s1>

[4-AnnualReport05.pdf](#). A more detailed look at some recent activities is provided in the remaining 'Looking Back' contributions, below.



Looking Back at Recent Activities of the Section (2):

International seminar on Collection Mapping

The Section sponsored a conference "International seminar on Collection Mapping" at the University of Helsinki, Finland 28-29 November 2005. The seminar was organised in co-operation with the Finnish Research Library Association and the Council for Finnish University Libraries. The seminar gathered more than 100 interested from four countries. The papers presented in the seminar are at:

<http://pro.tsv.fi/stks/signumnew/200603.htm>



Looking Back at Recent Activities of the Section (3):

IFLA, Seoul, Satellite Meeting: Resource Sharing, Reference and Collection Development in a Digital Age

The Acquisition and Collection Development Section was one of three co-sponsors of and participants in this very successful satellite meeting, held at the National Library for Children and Young Adults immediately before the main IFLA Conference. A more detailed

account may be found in Section 7.1 of the first Standing Committee meeting (below). Texts and/or PowerPoint slides of the presentations may be found on the meeting's web site at: <http://www.nl.go.kr/satellitemeeting/wlic/program.php>



Looking Back at Recent Activities of the Section (4):

IFLA Acquisitions and Collection Development Section Standing Committee meetings held at the 2006 World Library and Information Congress: 72nd IFLA General Conference and Council in Seoul

The Standing Committee met twice during the Annual IFLA Conference in Seoul. The first meeting was held on Saturday, August 19 from 11:30-14:20 and the second on Saturday, August 25 from 11:00-13:50. These Minutes cover both meetings.

IFLA Acquisition and Collection Development Section-Standing Committee 1: Saturday, 19th August, 11:30-14:20

1. Attendance and general introductions

Standing Committee members attending were:

Corrado Di Tillio, Sook Hyuen Lee, Natalia Litvinova, Pascal Sanz, Lynn Sipe, Sun Tan, Pentti Vattulainen,

Nadia Zilper

Standing Committee members not attending were: (*= prior notice given)

Nancy Davenport*, Pilar Dominguez Sánchez, Ole Gunnar Evensen*, Doina Farkas*, Jeffrey Gardner, Rosa Garcia Blanco*, Rolf Griebel, Catherine Omont*, Anna Popova, Silke Trojahn*, Kazuhiro Uchumi* (Corresponding Member)
Observers attending were:

Beth Fisher (U.S.), Suzanne D. Gyeszly (Qatar), Franck Hurnville (France), Li-Pong Yu (China), Xi Wen Liu (China), Nor Hayati Hayha (Malaysia), David Harlink (U.K), Sara Gube-Josefsson (Sweden), Glenda Lammers (U.S.), Helen Ladrón de Guevara (Mexico), name illegible (Norway)

1.1 Permission of Observers to attend

Permission for Observers to attend the meeting of the Standing Committee was unanimously granted. Observers were welcomed by Pentti Vattulainen, Chair of the Committee and were encouraged to participate in the discussions.

2. Apologies for absences

The Chair passed on to the Committee apologies from those members that had communicated their inability to attend either this first meeting or that would not be able to come to Seoul at all. The excused attendees are noted with an asterisk

in the list of members not attending, above.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

The Agenda was approved as proposed.

4. Approval of Minutes of the Mid-Term Meeting of the Standing Committee, held in Paris, 17-18 March 2006.

The Minutes of the Paris Mid-Term meeting were approved as presented in the Section's *Newsletter* no. 33, July 2006.

5. Report from the Division V Coordinating Board Meeting of Friday, 18 August 2006.

Lynn Sipe reported on highlights of the Coordinating Board meeting held the day prior to the Standing Committee's first meeting of the conference. Edward Swanson, Chair of Division V, reported that the Division had received €325 from IFLA HQ, which Section's can use to pay for one day registration for one of their speakers, if needed. The Acquisition & Collection Development Section has a budget of €610. Section budgets are dependent on the number of members; the A&CD Section has 148 members, just short of the next plateau of 150 members, which would provide a budget of €825. [Six Sections in IFLA have less than 50 members; none of these are in Division V.]

Emphasis was placed on as many

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committee members as possible attending the special Professional Committee meeting on 20 August, 12:45-1:45. The purpose of the meeting is to receive input and for members of the Professional Committee to answer questions about proposed changes to IFLA's professional structure. The Professional Committee will also receive written responses until November.

Officers were reminded that if a Standing Committee member misses two consecutive annual meetings without providing prior notice then they may be dropped from the Committee's membership. The policy started with the Oslo meeting. The Chair should warn any such committee members in jeopardy. Final notification of removal from the committee should be made in consultation with the Division Chair, with the committee chair informing the offending members.

A broad range of short topics were addressed in the meeting. The December meeting of the Governing Board was to discuss IFLA's Code of Ethics. In response to a question it was noted that one individual may present two papers at the same IFLA conference, provided that they are on different topics and presented in different Sections. Standing Committees were asked to recommend one paper from their Open Programmes for publication in *IFLA Journal*. The site of the 2009 Annual Conference was to be announced, from among Lisbon, Florence and Milan, at the Closing

Session. IFLA intends to step up its advocacy efforts in the future. A proposal for revamping of IFLANet is under consideration.

Brief reports were presented from each of the Section's represented in Division V: *Newspapers* had held a mid-term meeting, accompanied by a program, in Salt Lake City. Their next mid-term meeting/program is to be in Santiago de Chile. *Rare Books & Manuscripts* had held a very successful pre-conference before Seoul in Hangzhou, China.

Reference and Information Services had held a mid-term meeting in Paris, with the next one possibly scheduled for Columbia University in New York City. Their Digital Reference Guidelines has been translated in to Swedish. *Serial Publications and Other Continuing Resources* reported they are working on a couple of project and that they had held no mid-term meeting.

Document Delivery and Resource Sharing had held a mid-term meeting in Rome and was planning their next one for Lisbon. In addition, their IDLS conference has being held in Talinn, Estinoia and the subsequent one was likely to be in Singapore.

Government Information and Official Publications had held a very successful four day seminar in Addis Ababa on the topic of "Strategic Management of Government Information". *Acquisition and Collection Development* reported its activites, which are noted elsewhere in these Minutes.

The second meeting of the Division V Coordinating Board was to be held on Friday, 24 August after the

second meeting of the Standing Committee.

7. Section's Activities in Seoul

7.1 Report on Satellite Meeting

Pentti provided a summary report on the satellite meeting in Seoul, co-sponsored by the Section, at the National Library for Children and Youth. The theme of the meeting was "Resource Sharing, Reference and Collection Development in a Digital Age: a Practical Approach". The meeting was very well organized by Sook Hyeun Lee and her colleagues, with generous support provided by the National Library of Korea and an outstanding group of volunteers. There were 58 registrants, from 16 countries, including 27 from outside Korea. Several members of the Standing Committee were present. The overall quality of the papers presented was good. The consensus appears to be that the meeting was extremely useful, with a good sense of camaraderie developing among the attendees.

Those who were not able to attend the satellite meeting were encouraged to consult the text of the papers presented on the satellite meeting's website. In addition, Sook Hyuen Lee offered to send a list, with addresses, of the registrants to all of those who attended.

7.2 Special Meeting of the IFLA Program Committee

Members of the Standing Committee

were encouraged to attend the special meeting of the IFLA Programme Committee on Sunday, 20 August, at 12:45. Further information on this meeting is noted in these Minutes in Section 5, above.

7.3 Section Dinner

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the Section. Thus, the traditional Section dinner takes on special significance. It was announced that Sook Hyuen Lee has kindly arranged for Kyobo Bookstore to generously sponsor for the dinner, which will be held at Korea House and is to be followed by a cultural performance. Attendees should meet at the IFLA registration desk on Sunday, 20 August, at 16:00.

7.4 Open Programme

The Section's Open Programme, jointly sponsored with the Serials and Other Continuing Resources Section, is to be held in two sessions on Thursday, 24 August, 8:30-10:30 and 10:45-12:45. The planning committee for this joint programme consisted of Pentti Vattulainen, and Ann Okerson and Hildegard Schäffler from the Serials Section. The over-all theme is "Evolving Business Models for Hybrid Collections". The first session, presenting the Section's interests, is to include presentations from Korea, Finland and the U.S. on differing aspects of e-books. The second section is to include four papers on differing aspects of journal publishing.

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Since the Serials Section was to chair our portion of the Programme, Pentti asked for a volunteer from the Standing Committee to chair the Serials Section portion. Pascal Sanz volunteered for this responsibility.

8. The Section's Current Activities

8.1 Section Brochure

Copies of the latest proposed revision of the Section's brochure were distributed for review and discussion by Lynn Sipe. After discussion there was consensus that the Section's interests would likely be better served with the brochure in PDF (possibly XML) format, accessible on the Section's portion of IFLANet. The existing layout would require some rearrangement to work in such a context.

8.2 Gift Instructions

There has been no progress on this desired set of guidelines since the Paris Mid-Term meeting. Pentti has received not from Kay Cassell (New York Public Library) as yet. She was to send a draft based on her presentation in Berlin. The need for a set of IFLA-originated gift guidelines was affirmed, as the existing ALA guidelines are seen as to Americentric. Once completed the guidelines will need to be translated in to other IFLA languages. Pentti, Pascal and Helen Ladrón de Guevara volunteered to serve as a working group on the guidelines.

8.3 Online Manual on Electronic Resources

There was brief discussion on the status of the Section's proposed Online Manual on Electronic Resources. Little progress was noted since the Paris Mid-Term meeting. It was suggested that additional chapters were needed dealing with aggregators and e-books, in addition to the draft chapters already distributed. The possibility of including metadata tabs in the document was raised as was the possibility of cooperating with the Serials Section on the e-journals portion. It was acknowledged that there was a need for someone to assume over-all editorial guidance of the project. Further discussion of the topic was to be taken up at the second meeting of the Standing Committee.

8.4 Proceedings of the Bologna Workshop

Pentti noted that the Proceedings of the Bologna Workshop in 2005 were available both from the conference's web site (<http://www.aib.it/aib/commiss/cnur/ifa-boe.htm3>), with a link from the Section's portion of IFLANet as well, and in published form, in Italian and English translations.

8.5 The Newsletter

Lynn Sipe, as the Section's Information Officer, again encouraged contributions for the *Newsletter*, by way of conference

reports, announcements, book reviews, essays, etc. as identifying sufficient material for each issue is a monumental task. Submissions may be in any of the official IFLA languages.

9. Programmes for Future Conferences

9.1 Durban

Considerable discussion took place, with nothing definitively resolved, as to possible topics for the Section's Open Programme in Durban. The following suggestions were raised during the discussion: finding information about Africa; free scholarly resources regarding Africa (including HIV/AIDS); possibility of cooperating with the Preservation Committee; the importance of agricultural issues in Africa; networking or cooperation on a specific subject or between different countries.

As time was running out it was agreed to continue the discussion at the second meeting of the Standing Committee. In the meantime Pentti would attempt to get in touch with the Chair of IFLA's Africa Section.

The meeting was adjourned at 14:22.

IFLA Acquisition and Collection Development Section-Standing Committee 2; Friday, 25th August, 11:00-13:50

1. Attendance and general introductions

Standing Committee members attending were:

Corrado Di Tillio, Sook Hyuen Lee, Natalia Litvinova, Pascal Sanz, Lynn Sipe, Sun Tan, Pentti Vattulainen, Nadia Zilper

Standing Committee members not attending were: (*= prior notice given)

Nancy Davenport*, Pilar Dominguez Sánchez, Ole Gunnar Evensen*, Doina Farkas*, Jeffrey Gardner, Rosa Garcia Blanco*, Rolf Griebel, Catherine Omont*, Anna Popova, Silke Trojahn*, Kazuhiro Uchumi* (Corresponding Member)

Observers attending were:

Glenda Lammers (U.S.), Joanna Ball (U.K.), Franck Hurinville (France), Helen Ladrón de Guevara (Mexico)

2. Conference Review

The Standing Committee was asked by the Chair for their reactions to the Oslo Conference. There was a mix of positive and negative feedback. Pentti noted that the Tuesday edition of *IFLA Express* had an article on our satellite meeting and that Thursday's edition included a group photo from the meeting. Pentti agreed to forward photos from the satellite meeting once he received them from Sook Hyuen.

The Open Programme appears to have been well received.

Attendance ranged between 85 and 100, depending on when the count

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was taken. Members of the Standing Committee chose the presentation from the ebrary representative from the Open Programme for recommendation to *IFLA Journal*.

Corrado reported that there were no visitors during his hour in the IFLA booth.

The lack of written reports from IFLA HQ was noted as a serious liability in reviewing the official business of the organization at the Closing Session. In response to IFLA's *Strategic Plan* support was made for reinforcing the notion of multilingualism as reflected in the *Plan*. Any additional comments on IFLA's *Strategic Plan* should be sent to Pentti by November so that he might forward them to IFLA HQ.

3. Reports/Announcements

Lynn reported on the Information Coordinators meeting, which had been held on Tuesday, 20 August. The meeting was largely concerned with a preview of forthcoming changes to IFLANet.

Redesign of IFLANet has been contracted out to an external supplier. There will be a phased implementation of the revised IFLANet, as key components of database functionality are incorporated. Each page will have metadata and will be compatible with OMS and Open Archives software. RSS syndication functionality will also be available. Wikis and blogs will be supported in the new release as well. The IFLA Governing Board, at its meeting on Saturday, 26

August, was to receive a detailed report on the redesign, along with a formal proposal and an accompanying budget request.

4. Remaining Business from the First Meeting

4.1 Online Manual on Electronic Resources

It was noted, as the Manual is currently envisioned, that there is a lack of contributors for certain desirable topics and that some of the existing commitments to write a chapter have not been fulfilled.

Pentti reported that he had discussed the status of the Manual with IFLA's Professional Coordinator. IFLA has doubts about our proposed format, in terms of something as extensive as a "manual". The current scope is seen as too big. IFLA advises preparation of a brief project plan, identifying the need for such a "publication" (virtual publications require vetting by IFLA as well as print), the intended audience, the proposed contents, and costs, if any.

During discussion in the Standing Committee the value of sets of guidelines to libraries in developing countries was emphasized. As a result of the discussion it was agreed that the Manual would be downsized in to a "tool kit", which would not only be briefer, but more practical as well as easier to update. Lynn volunteered to coordinate the project and Nadia volunteered to assist.

They will look at other IFLA tool kits for ideas. The importance of having the completed tool kit available in other IFLA languages was emphasized.

4.2 Durban Conference

The Standing Committee continued discussion about the Durban Open Programme. Since the first meeting of the Standing Committee Pentti had been in touch with various members of the Africa Section. Their collective advice was that our Open Programme should not be Afro-centric but should instead focus on broad professional concerns to acquisitions and collection development. This, of course, was opposite to the initial discussions in the Standing Committee. Accordingly, an alternative approach to the Durban Open Programme was adopted by the Standing Committee. The working thematic title for the programme is "Collection Development Models-New Initiatives". Various international initiatives currently underway were seen as possible paper topics, including a new NISO Draft Standard. Pentti was to check with IFLA on the regulations regarding a call for papers. Glenda Lammers volunteered to work with Pentti and Lynn as a planning group for the Open Programme. Pentti said he would discuss possible paper topics with the Africa Section and it was noted that Pascal has an African colleague that he might contact.

An invitation to co-sponsor (in name only), with the African Section, a Pre-

Conference on “African Libraries for the Future” was approved by the Standing Committee.

4.3 Quebec Conference

No discussion took place about the Quebec Conference Open Programme. However, it was noted that the same Sections that co-sponsored the Seoul satellite meeting (Document Delivery & Reference Services) were interested in again participating with Acquisition & Collection Development in a satellite meeting connected with the Quebec conference. Pentti reported that space has been reserved for a satellite meeting. However, greater coordination among the three co-sponsoring Sections is needed if the format is to be successful. A March 2007 deadline approaches for final commitments to be made about a satellite meeting. Pascal noted that, in light of a meeting of French speakers preceding the Quebec conference that it would definitely be preferable if the satellite meeting were to be held immediately following the conference. Corrado and Pascal joined Pentti in volunteering to serve as the Section’s planning group for the proposed satellite meeting.

4.4 Mid-Term Meeting

The Standing Committee reaffirmed its interest in continuing to hold Mid-Term meetings. Various possible venues were discussed, among them Guadalajara (Mexico), and somewhere in Spain or England. Spain appeared to be the first choice

and Pentti was to be in touch with Standing Committee member Rosa Garcia Blanco about possible arrangements.

5. Any Other Business

The Chair reminded the group that the Durban conference would also bring the next round of elections for Section Officers. Both the Chair and the Secretary/Information Officer have served the maximum four years allowable in their respective positions. In addition, the terms of two members of the Standing Committee will be ending, three members will be continuing for an additional two years and six members of the committee are eligible to continue if nominated. At least nine other members of the committee are closer to the beginning of their terms and will be continuing.

6. Adjournment

There being no other business the meeting of the Standing Committee adjourned at 13:20.

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Sipe,
Secretary & Information Officer



Looking Ahead to Forthcoming Activities of the Section (1):

Mid-Term Meeting of the Standing Committee in Granada, Andalucia (Spain), 8-9 March 2007

The Standing Committee will hold its 3rd Mid-Term meeting in Granada, with the generous assistance of Standing Committee member Rosa Garcia Blanco (Library of Andalucia).

The meeting will be held at the Biblioteca de Andalucia, <http://juntadeandalucia.es/cultura/ba/>

The provisional programme, still subject to change is:

Thursday 8th March

Workshop Current issues in collection development: Spanish and global perspectives

10.00 Introduction; Greeting

- Francisco Javier Alvarez Garcia (Andalusian Library Director)
- Isabel Ortega Vaquero (Department of Book and Bibliographic and Documentary Heritage).
- Rosa Garcia Blanco (Library of Andalucia)
- Pentti Vattulainen (Chair, IFLA Acquisition and Collection Development Section)

10.30-13.00 Session 1:

- Electronic resources in Spanish libraries, Isidro Aguillo (CSIC)
- Toolkit for management of electronic resources, report by Lynn Sipe, University of Southern California, USA
- Experiences on services enabling integration of electronic resources: A to Z (EBSCO) and ScholarSFX (SFX Express with Google Scholar), Natalia Litvinova, Russian State Library
- Collection evaluation experiences

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in Mexico, Helen Ladron de Guevara Cox, University of Guadalajara, Mexico

Break and lunch

15.00-18.00

- The Andalusian library system, Rosa Garcia Blanco
- Andalusian serials in Internet, M Angeles Chacon Guzman (Library of Andalucia)
- The virtual Library of Andalucia, Laura Cerezo (Library of Andalucia)
- Electronic resources: the context of provincial public libraries in Andalucia, Carmen Mendez Martinez (Provincial Public Library in Almera)
- e-Library in Andalusian academic and research libraries (e.g. Cadiz University Library), Miguel Duarte Barrionuevo (Cadiz University Library, Member of Academic and Research Libraries Section IFLA)
- final Panel

21.00 Standing Committee dinner with local librarians

Friday 9th March

10.00 - 16.00 Meeting of the standing committee
Agenda

1. Attendance and general introductions
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Announcements
4. Annual report 2005 2006
5. Other reports
6. Newsletter and other issues by the Information Coordinator
7. Action update of the strategic plan
8. Toolkit for management of electronic resources
9. Planning the Durban (2007)

programme

- analysing the results of the call for papers

- other activities

10. Planning the Quebec (2008)

programme

- possible satellite meeting

- open session

11. Projects

12. Other business

Saturday 10th March

Morning: visit to the Alhambra

The workshop will be a small one:

the attendants are Standing

Committee members and observers,

and local librarians from Andalucia.



Looking Ahead to Forthcoming Activities of the Section (2):

The Section's Open Programme in Durban, August 2007

The following call for papers went out in December 2006 in keeping with IFLA's policy of casting the net as widely as possible for programme speakers and in following-up on the choice of topic made by the Standing Committee at the Seoul conference. Abstracts received in response to the call will be discussed at the Standing Committee's Mid-Term meeting in Granada.

"IFLA Acquisition and Collection
Development Section
Theme: Collection description
Models Next Generation Initiatives

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Over recent decades libraries have developed numerous cooperative collection development schemes on the consortial, regional and even national levels. Libraries have collaborated on acquisition and collection development profiles. Various tools have been developed to describe collections and in identifying strengths and weaknesses in collections, e.g. Conspectus. Yet many of these schemes have not been fully successful.

During the last few years collection description has gained a renewed topicality. The time may well be ripe for new openings: the need for cooperative collection development is bigger than ever. New tools have emerged to describe collections and new standards (e.g. Collection description specification NISO Z39.91-200x) have been developed to guarantee interoperability. Many practical projects are going on around the world.

The IFLA Acquisition and Collection Development Section invites proposals for papers on next generation initiatives in collection description and assessment for the sections open session at the Durban Conference. The 2-hour open session will feature 3-4 invited papers. Proposals should include a title and a 200-400 word abstract and relevant biographical information of author(s) / presenter(s). Papers must not have been published or submitted for publication elsewhere. The submission deadline is 15

February 2007. Successful proposals will be identified by 15 March 2007. Full papers are due from speakers by 15 May 2007. Papers should not be longer than 20 pages.

The paper should be in one of the IFLA languages. If not written in English, and English translations should be attached.

Please note that all expenses and fees, including registration for the conference, travel, accommodation etc. are the responsibility of the author(s) or presenter(s) of accepted papers.”



Report on the International Seminar “Cooperation in acquisition: East and West” held in Moscow in September 7 – 11, 2006

The international seminar on cooperation in acquisition has been held by the State Historical Public Library of Russia regularly, every three years since 1997. It is timed to the Moscow International Book Fair which is held annually in September (www.mibf.ru).

The seminar was attended by more than 50 participants from Russia, countries of the former Soviet Union (Byelorussia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Ukraine), Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, United Kingdom and USA. The seminar working language was

Russian. The sessions were chaired by Dr Mikhail Afanasiev, director of the State Historical Public Library. The information page on the seminar is <http://www.shpl.ru/shpage.php?menu=1578>.

The first day (September 7th) program was devoted to the analysis of the situation of books and reading in modern Russia. Mikhail Afanasiev presented a paper on readers preferences based on a series of interviews. The main tendency revealed is that the perception of the book as a value in itself is conceding to more pragmatic attitude to the book as a means of entertainment and learning. Konstantin Sukhorukov from the Russian Book Chamber reported on the current state and trends of the Russian book market. A number of brief reports were made by publishers of small circulation books: archives, museums, research institutions and learned societies. The evening session was devoted to the presentations of electronic resources of Russia and CIS countries. The program ended with the opening of the exhibition “Foreign editions on Russian history”.

The second day (September 8th) morning session was held in the pavilions of the Moscow International Book Fair. The participants took part at the round table “Russian publishers to the libraries all over the world. Publishers, booksellers and librarians in search of clues to solve the problems” and visited the Book Fair stands. The evening session

topic was international book exchange. Librarians discussed various issues of book exchange. They pointed out that in many cases libraries had refused this source of acquisitions and preferred buying books. But in some cases book exchange remains favorable, for instance, in acquiring small circulation books. Participants have noted the importance of stable partner communications and interpersonal relations in book exchange.

The third day (September 11th) theme was "Editions of CIS countries at the Russian and world market".

The seminar was accompanied by a cultural program. The participants visited the old Russian city of Torzhok, some Moscow book shops and had a library tour at the State Historical Public Library. Finally, a special reception hosted by the Library was held for the seminar participants.

The whole event was really interesting and stimulating and we hope that it will help to develop more fruitful interlibrary cooperation.

Submitted by Natalia Litvinova, a Member of the Standing Committee of the Section.



IFLA FOCUS..... (1)

Excerpts from Year-in-Review Statement by IFLA Secretary-General Peter Lor

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We can look back on 2006 with some satisfaction and much gratitude.

For many of us our Congress in Seoul was a highlight. It offered a stimulating professional programme comprising papers of high quality, effective professional meetings, an excellent exhibition, many opportunities for networking at social events, and exhilarating cultural experiences. Sincere thanks are due to our Korean colleagues, the many volunteers, our professional conference organizers, Congrex Holland, and especially the many colleagues who had worked so hard to develop programmes, prepare, translate and interpret presentations, and organise and chair sessions.

Not everyone is able to attend our congresses, but IFLA is much more than a congress. Our work continues year in year out, carried out largely by unpaid volunteers from all over the world. Our sections and core activities have had a busy year with many solid achievements. IFLA manifestos, guidelines and standards for good practice, an important resource for both professional practice and education, are steadily being produced and translated into more and more languages. This too, is being done largely by dedicated volunteers. IFLA workshops and seminars bring professional expertise and innovation to colleagues in many countries. We are deeply indebted to the many members who have made these achievements possible.

We have continued our WSIS advocacy, highlighted last year, by representation at follow-up seminars and workshops. Our educational and advocacy work in the fields of intellectual freedom, copyright and related matters has been extensive and effective. The planned advocacy unit at IFLA Headquarters is taking shape. It will initially focus on three themes that relate to libraries as key resources for the Information/Knowledge Society: freedom (freedom of access to information and freedom of expression), equity (equity of access to information resources), and inclusion (the library as an agency of social inclusion, and the inclusion of the library in the Information/Knowledge Society).

At IFLA Headquarters and in the Governing Board and its committees much spade-work has been done to consolidate IFLA's operations and lay the ground-work for a new development phase. A review of IFLA's statutes is under way and good progress has been made with rethinking the governance structures for IFLA's professional units to arrive at more flexible and efficient ways to manage them. At the Seoul Congress a well-attended hearing was held to obtain feedback on initial proposals for this. The outcome of the hearing was so successful that this mechanism is likely to be used again in future. The Governing Board also approved an ethical code for its members and is considering proposals on a future governance structure. A comprehensive

strategic plan has been developed for 2007-2009 and the Governing Board has determined a clear set of strategic priorities. The strategic plan feeds into the budget. Budgetary procedures have been improved and the Governing Board was able to approve a balanced budget for 2007 that enables us to fund new developments without incurring a deficit. We have made a start with the redevelopment of IFLA's ICT infrastructure and in 2007 we will continue with a major redesign of IFLA's website.

IFLA staff at Headquarters, in our regional offices at core activities have done great work supporting all this work in progress. Although small in number, they are able to leverage the enormous expertise and goodwill of IFLA's membership to achieve the results which make IFLA a widely admired international body.



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Key Documents from IFLA HQ

December was a busy month for IFLA HQ, with the issuance of four key documents focusing on differing aspects of the organization and its mission. Reference is made to each of them below, with inclusion of the URL where the full text of each can be accessed on IFLANet.

IFLA Strategic Plan

IFLA's Governing Board approved in

December a new Strategic Plan for 2006-2009. It includes a reiteration of IFLA's Vision and Mission Statements as well as a reformulation of Strategic Directions, built within the framework of IFLA's *Three Pillars: Society, Profession and Members*. The complete text of the IFLA's *2006-2009 Strategic Plan* may be found on IFLANet at <http://www.ifla.org/V/cdoc/IFLA-StrategicPlan.htm>.

IFLA CODE of Ethics for the Members of the Governing Board and Officers

The Governing Board also approved, for the first time, at its December meeting a *Code of Ethics for the Members of the Governing Board and Officers*. The complete text of the *Code of Ethics* may be found on IFLANet at <http://www.ifla.org/V/cdoc/Code-of-Ethics.htm>

IFLA UNESCO Internet Manifesto Guidelines

IFLA's original *Internet Manifesto*, issued in August 2002, has been taken in a new direction by moving towards a charter for users, in effect becoming a document prepared by the library community that safeguards and sets out users' rights to information on the Internet in libraries. More complete information is available on IFLANet at <http://www.ifla.org/III/announce/announcment-IM-guidelines.htm>

Guidelines on IFLA Branding

Also at the December Governing Board meeting, approval was given to the issuance of IFLA's new *Guidelines on Branding*. The reference is not to identifying livestock but to the use of the IFLA name and logo (the acronym is not unique to IFLA) in relationship with other organizations and business enterprises. The complete text of the *Guidelines* may be found on IFLANet at <http://www.ifla.org/V/cdoc/Guidelines-branding.htm>



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Recent IFLA Publications Available from K.G. Saur

Newspapers of the World Online: U.S. and International Perspectives Proceedings of Conferences in Salt Lake City and Seoul, 2006. Edited by Hartmut Walravens.

Munich: K.G. Saur Verlag, 2006. 195pp. (IFLA Publications, 122). Price: EUR 78.00 (IFLA-Members: EUR 58.00)

Changing Roles of NGOs in the Creation, Storage, and Dissemination of Information in Developing Countries.

Edited by Steve W. Witt.
Munich: K.G. Saur Verlag, 2006. 146pp. (IFLA Publications, 123) Price: EUR 78.00 (IFLA-Members: EUR 58.00)



UPCOMING.....

LIBER Think Tank on the future value of the book as artifact and the future value of digital

**documentary heritage, Stockholm
(National Library of Sweden), 24-
25 May 2007**

The future of the book is in question. The future of the digital cultural heritage is under debate. The role of the printed text as the physical carrier of information and human thought is being challenged by digital technology. Concepts such as value and authenticity are traditionally based on physical objects and collections. Has the artifactual value increased or decreased with digital developments? The value and authenticity of virtual information carriers are increasingly being discussed. Has the critical mass of "born digital" and digitized material created a new digital cultural documentary heritage?

These questions are bubbling up from a variety of disciplines, ranging from Collection Development, Collection Care and e-Strategists within the library and archive world; to cultural historians, textual critics, philosophers and authors.

The aim of this two day Think Tank is to examine and discuss whether it is possible to arrive at a common understanding of these concepts regardless of whether the format is physical or virtual.

A panel of international speakers from across the cultural heritage and literary worlds is being posed with these questions. The intention is to hold a broad, inter-disciplinary,

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participatory debate, with an audience drawn from the academic sector, libraries, archives and those concerned with managing the future cultural documentary heritage.

The meeting is being organized by the LIBER (Ligue des Bibliothèques Européennes de Recherche) Preservation Division and Collection Development Division. It will be held at the National Library of Sweden in Stockholm on Thursday 24th and Friday 25th May 2007. The proceedings and discussion will be published by the National Library of Sweden. The language of the meeting is English. Organised by:

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