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Don't forget you are always welcome to make suggestions for the section newsletter and website. We do want to hear from you! Contact: jwellheiser@torontopubliclibrary.ca or ingeborg.verheul@kb.nl

Volunteers needed for *First do no harm*
Section members are needed to maintain portions of the online preservation register: Standards in General and Dictionaries of Terminology (General). See also page 7. Contact P&C secretary: per.cullhed@ub.uu.se

Upcoming Early 2006

***The 3-Ds of Preservation:
Disasters, Displays, Digitization***
A symposium cosponsored by the International Federation of Library Associations Preservation and Conservation (IFLA PAC) Core Activity, the IFLA Section on Preservation and Conservation and the Bibliothèque nationale de France

March 8-10, 2006
Bibliothèque nationale de France, Paris

3-D films have once again become popular, especially in the IMAX format. 3-D glasses put the viewer in the middle of the action, as the actors seem to emerge from the screen. In much the same way, certain issues in preservation seem to emerge above others and surround librarians and archivists, clamoring for attention of leaders in the field.

The Bibliothèque nationale de France, the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), and the IFLA Preservation and Conservation Section invite you to attend a special symposium to talk about three of the leading concerns in preservation circles today. Recent *disasters* around the world have highlighted the need for better planning and preparation to ensure the survival of library collections and cultural materials.

Increasing numbers of exhibitions of library and archival materials point to the need for standards and best practices to make certain *displayed* items are not damaged. *Digitization* of materials is burgeoning around the world, yet we are not certain of the status of preservation of these important files.

Preservation experts from around the world will gather at the Bibliothèque nationale de France on March 8-10, 2006, to present papers and discuss these issues with members of the IFLA PAC Regional Directors, members of the IFLA Standing Committee on Preservation and Conservation, and other participants in the morning sessions. Tours will take place in the afternoon to the BnF Preservation Centers in Tolbiac and Bussy St. Georges. NOTE: Tours are limited in size, so reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis.

There will also be meetings of the IFLA PAC Regional Directors and the IFLA PAC Standing Committee.

Registration is required for the symposium and the tours, although there is no fee. Lunch will be provided. Watch for registration instructions to be distributed on IFLA-L and IFLANET.

Draft Programme

Wednesday 8 March 2006

9:00 Registration
9:30 **Welcome: Jean-Noël Jeanneney, president**, Bibliothèque nationale de France
Keynote: John McIlwaine, University College, London

THE FIRST "D"

10:30 **Disasters: The Difference Between Planning and Experience**
Moderator: Marie-Thérèse Varlamoff, Director, IFLA Preservation and Conservation Core Activity

- Ximena Cruzat, National Library of Chile

- Per Culhed, University Library of Uppsala, Sweden
- Sarah-Jane Jenner, British Library
- Josiane Laurent, Bibliothèque nationale de France
- Randy Silverman, University of Utah, USA

12:00 Lunch
13:30 Visit to Preservation Services in Tolbiac
15:00 Meetings: IFLA/PAC Directors IFLA Standing Committee on Preservation and Conservation (SC PAC)

Thursday 9 March 2006

THE SECOND "D"

9:30 **Displays: The Role of Preservation in Exhibition**
Moderator: Nancy E. Gwinn, Smithsonian Institution and Chair, IFLA Section on Preservation and Conservation

- Marie Lise Tsagouria, Bibliothèque universitaire des langues et civilisations, France
- Anne-Hélène Rigogne et Thi Phong Nguyen, Bibliothèque nationale de France
- Dianne van der Reyden, Library of Congress, and Jane Merritt, National Park Service, USA

11:30 Visit to the exhibition "Livres de Parole: Torah, Bible et Corans"
12:30 Lunch
13:45 Departure for Preservation Centre, Bussy saint Georges
16:30 Return to Paris

Friday 10 March 2006

THE THIRD "D"

9:30 **Digitization: Safeguarding Digital Heritage**
Moderator: Helen Shenton, British Library, UK

- Ingeborg Verheul, Koninklijke Bibliotheek, Netherlands
- Speaker to be confirmed
- Catherine Lupovici, Bibliothèque nationale de France
- Hilde van Wijngaarden, Koninklijke Bibliotheek, Netherlands.

12:00 Lunch
14:00 Joint Meeting of IFLA/PAC Directors and IFLA Standing Committee on PAC
Optional visit of Preservation Services in Richelieu for the other participants (to be confirmed)

Impressions of IFLA Oslo 2005



Main Street Oslo with IFLA Banners



Opening Ceremony

Photos Courtesy IFLANET



Opening of the National Library

IFLA Oslo 2005 **Activities of the Section**

Preconference
Arctic Circle Conservation
Colloquium: Preservation Storage
Solution for all Library Materials
10–11 August 2005
Norway, Mo i Rana, National Library
Sponsors: Newspapers and
Preservation and Conservation
Sections

The **National Library of Norway (NLN)** has developed a suite of facilities at Mo i Rana, situated just south of the Arctic Circle, that provides a new approach to the long-term retention of all types of library materials. The Colloquium offered a wonderful opportunity for some thirty participants to learn at first hand about the aims of NLN's preservation programme, and how these aims have been achieved in practice. NLN provides both digital access and long-term preservation for its depository materials with specialized cold and dark storage in three separate storage facilities. NLN also has an automated storage and retrieval system that contains the lending material of the Repository Library. This storage solution is the first of its kind in the Nordic library sector. Note: There is also a fourth underground storage facility at the Oslo location.

The Mountain Storage Vault system is carved out of the Salt Mountain range and stores paper-

based collections at a constant 8° C and 35 % RH. A new cave is being prepared to meet anticipated growth over the next twenty years.

A separate nitrate storage building and vault provide a constant environment of 9° C and 45% RH. The building houses different nitrate collections in a series of firewalled rooms with filtered air, added ventilation and a non-electrical system for heating and cooling.

The Repository Library is a high-density storage facility with a sophisticated automated retrieval system that removes trays of books from 60-foot-high steel shelving, providing delivery to a central processing center where staff scans the bar codes to retrieve the books as part of the national interloan system. Return of the materials is done using the reverse process.

NLN is also committed to the preservation of sound collections ensuring the retention of necessary playback equipment, and stocks of parts, as well as having trained specialist technicians to meet service needs.

NLN has implemented its vision for a digital repository and is working on development of version two of its repository. New web services have also been developed using OAI whereby users can simultaneously search databases and website content. NLN is also a participant in the International Internet Preservation Consortium. One of key objectives is to develop a functional toolset for Internet archiving in 2006.

<http://www.netpreserve.org/about/index.php>



P&C Section members in Mo i Rana

Twelve presentations were given at the colloquium.

<http://www.ifla.org/VII/s19/conf/cons-papers2005.htm>

- [Welcome to the National Library of Norway](#)
- [Environmental Control](#)
Anders S. Myrbakk, Conservator, National Library of Norway
- [Digital Preservation Newspapers and Periodicals](#)
Solveig Seines, National Library of Norway
- [Digital Preservation of Photography](#)
Kjetil Iversen, National Library of Norway
- [The BL additional storage programme](#)
Ed King, Head, Newspaper Collections, British Library
- [Preservation policy - The digital domain](#)
Svein Arne Solbakk, Director of ICT division, National Library of Norway
- [Automation of Storage Processes](#)
Kari Mathisen, Collections and Bibliographic Services, National Library of Norway
- [Preservation planning policy: Lessons learned](#)
Lars Gaustad, Preservation adviser, National Library of Norway
- [Multiple Media Archives](#)
Lars Gaustad, Preservation adviser, National Library of Norway
- [Sound and Video Collections at the National Library of Norway](#)
Lars Gaustad, Preservation adviser, National Library of Norway
- [Preventive Conservation in the National Library](#)
Gunhild K. Myrbakk, National Library of Norway
- [Use of Search Engine Technologies, Speeding up information access in digital libraries: the National Library of Norway approach](#)

Hosted by the NLN, the successful colloquium was organized by representatives of the two Sections and the National Library of Norway: Edmund King (British Library, Newspapers Section), Majlis Bremer-Laamanen (Helsinki University Library, P&C Section), Gunhild Myrbakk (National Library of Norway) and Kari Mathisen (National Library of Norway).



National Library of Norway (NLN), Mo i Rana



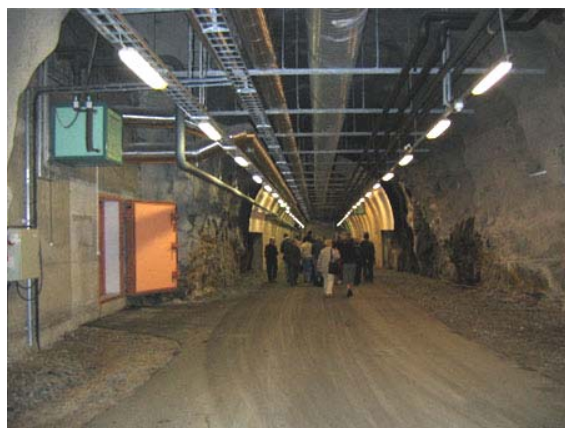
Tour of the Vault



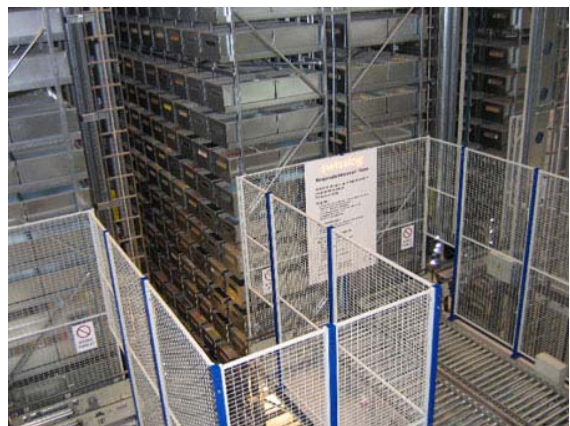
Mountain Storage Vault - Exterior



Repository Library – Processing Centre



Mountain Storage Vault - Interior entrance



Repository Library – Automated retrieval

Photos courtesy J. Wellheiser / N. Gwinn

P&C Section Meetings

The P&C Section met on August 13 and 19, 2005. The Committee was pleased to welcome a number of guests to its deliberations.

Chair Nancy E. Gwinn, Smithsonian Institution Libraries (USA), welcomed the large group of 12 new members and thanked departing members Majlis Bremer-Laamanen (Finland), Maria Louisa Cabral (Portugal), Laure Cedelle (France), Johan Mannerheim (Sweden) and Olga Perminova (Russian Federation) for their contribution to the section over the years.

In June Nancy E. Gwinn and Per Cullhed, Uppsala University Library (Sweden), were nominated as Chair (2nd term) and Secretary respectively. Both nominations were approved by the Section. Johanna Wellheiser, Toronto Public Library (Canada), will continue as the information coordinator, with the assistance of Ingeborg Verheul, Koninklijke Bibliotheek (Netherlands), who supported the section before by coordinating the Berlin 2003 preconference.

Report of the Chair

After a summary of the Committee's preconference in Mo i Rana by Chair Gwinn, Majlis Bremer-Laamanen gave a report on the August 16 Open Session on the role of library buildings in preservation. Both Arthur Tennøe, National Library (Norway), and Per Cullhed were graciously thanked for their efforts in organizing these events. The section members also thanked Arthur Tennøe for organizing the tour of the NLN facility in Oslo with special focus on preservation and conservation.



Tour of NLN, Oslo by A. Tennøe

The draft Strategic Plan 2005-2007 was presented and approved with some amendments. The Section agreed to work on closer cooperation with the Section for Continuing Professional Development & Workplace Learning, and the Newspaper Section.

It was also pointed out that cooperation between the P&C Section and AIC, the ICOM-CC Graphic Documents Working Group and LIBER would be of benefit. Chair Gwinn welcomed any suggestions for cooperative projects.



August 13 meeting

Report from IFLA Division VI Coordinating Board

Majlis Bremer-Laamanen reported news from the coordinating board. This covered the following topics:

- Discussion focused on ways to attract outside speakers to the Seoul conference. Open calls for speakers have proven to work well for the Statistics and Evaluation Section.
- Nancy E. Gwinn agreed to continue to stand as Chair for the next term.
- More cooperation with regional sections is needed.
- Plans for a satellite meeting in Durban must be approved in March 2006.
- The establishment of an IFLA fund is planned.
- Section finances will be handled by IFLA HQ in the future.

Chair Gwinn encouraged members of the P&C Section to reach out to the the regional sections. Johann Maree, UCT Libraries (Capetown), volunteered to attend the Africa Section and Helen Shenton, British Library (UK), the Asia & Oceania Section.

IFLA Core Activity on Preservation and Conservation (PAC)

Marie-Thérèse Varlamoff (Director) reported that due to the growing number of PAC Centres worldwide, PAC now has a very strong network upon which to build. A new PAC Centre is planned in India, and there will be new initiatives to reach out to other countries.

In recent years, the main focus of PAC has been on disaster planning efforts around the world. Early in 2006 a basic manual on disaster planning, edited by John McIlwaine, will be published in English, French and Spanish.

Marie-Thérèse Varlamoff, the current PAC Director is retiring on March 15, 2006. A successor is being sought. The section thanked Marie-Thérèse for her cooperation over the years and acknowledged her efforts that resulted in PAC being a stable body reaching out to the world on preservation and conservation. See page 14.

Report on Robotics and Preservation

Director Sayeed Choudhury reported on Johns Hopkins University (USA) plans to enhance collections access via automatic stack retrieval and digitization. RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) tags can contain information from online MARC and other records, as well as digitizing information. Both the Public Library of Rennes (France) and the British Library (UK) currently have experience with RFID. Johns Hopkins University will carry out research on the possible beneficial use of these tags for preservation purposes. One of the subjects will be the selection of items for deacidification. Results of this research will be presented during the Seoul 2006 conference.

Register of Standards Online

In order to facilitate use of the *First do no harm* register, compiled by J. McIlwaine, the Section decided to create a searchable database. Birgit Schneider, Die Deutsche Bibliothek (Germany),

agreed that DDB will develop and maintain the database.

The information in the database will be updated by the members of the Section. Updates will take place once a year, or every other year. Each member will provide DDB with new entries for the last 10-year period and delete outdated information. Guidelines for this work will be developed by DDB for mid 2006.

Subject responsibility was divided amongst the section members:

- Preservation & Conservation in general (Törrönnen)
- Education & Training (Törrönnen)
- Environmental Management (Toulouse)
- Security (Björk)
- Emergency Planning & Disaster Preparedness (Wellheiser)
- Preventive Conservation & Storage (Toulouse)
- Preservation Treatment/Restoration & Repair (van der Reyden with assistance of Whiffin on paper and binding)
- Reformatting/Creating of Surrogates (Jansen)

Volunteers are still needed for these sections: *Standards in General* and *Dictionaries of Terminology (General)*.

The database will be made accessible through IFLANET. The current publication can be viewed at <http://www.ifla.org/VII/s19/pubs/first-do-no-harm.pdf>.

Mid-Term Meetings

Following the example of the successful Mid-Term Meetings of the Newspapers Section, the P&C Section decided to initiate similar meetings on preservation in which Section members can give presentations for a local audience and further the work of the committy. These meetings may be hosted by one of the National Libraries represented in the Section, in cooperation with the local regional PAC Center.

Renée Herbouze, representing the Directeur Générale of the Bibliothèque nationale de France (BnF), kindly invited the Section to hold a 2006 meeting in Paris, at the BnF.

***IFLA Oslo August 14-18, 2005
Preservation and Conservation
Section: Open Sessions***

Tuesday August 16

Housing for eternity - sustainable solutions and mistakes to avoid. The role of library buildings in preservation

The P&C Section's Open Session took place on Tuesday, August 16 and was organized by Per Cullhed (Sweden), together with the Sections on Asia and Oceania, Library Buildings and Equipment, and the IFLA Core Activity on Preservation and Conservation.

In the keynote address, IFLA-PAC Director Marie-Thérèse Varlamoff set the scene by drawing a picture of internal and external threats against which preventive measures should be taken to safeguard documentary heritage, while considering issues of accessibility, operability and library design/architecture. She emphasized the cohesion between conservation on the one hand, and preservation and access on the other, as well as the important role library buildings play in safeguarding heritage.

The presentations that followed brought theory into practice by demonstrating preservation practices in various facilities around the world: the design of a relatively new building in China (Shanghai Library, built in 1996); a storage facility in an existing vault that was repurposed for the preservation of both paper and digital library materials (the Mo i Rana Storage of the National Library of Norway); and the modernization of an older building for preservation storage purposes (Russian State Library).

The session closed with two presentations on a more technical approach of libraries and their buildings. One presentation was on the importance of low-cost solutions for preservation as practiced in the Almedalen Library in Sweden, and the other presentation focused on a new technology called Hypoxic Air Venting – a Scandinavian fire protection solution for library collections, that will be implemented next year in a medieval library building in Italy and in two new buildings in Oman.

The session attracted an impressive audience of 185 people.

- [The first step in preservation: building the right building](#)
Français
MARIE-THÉRÈSE VARLAMOFF
(IFLA/PAC, Paris, France)
- [Mountain vaults: a thousand years perspective](#)
GUNHILD MYRBAKK (National Library of Norway, Mo i Rana, Norway)
- [The Russian State Library: old buildings and new solutions](#)
Русский Español
VLADIMIR GNEZDILOV, EKATERINA ILINA, OLGA PERMINOVA and TATIANA STEPANOVA (Russian State Library, Moscow, Russian Federation)
- [Preserving our books: the new building of the Shanghai Library](#)
Français Русский Español
FENG JIEYIN, SHI ZHONGHUA and WU ZHONGXIA (Shanghai Library, Shanghai, China)
- [The Almedalen library - an energy low cost solution](#)
PER CULLHED (Uppsala University Library, Uppsala, Sweden)
- [Hypoxic air venting - fire protection for library collections](#)
Français Русский Español
CHRISTIAN NØRGAARD MADSEN and GEIR JENSEN (Cowi A/S, Trondheim, Norway) and JAN HOLMBERG (Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden)

Many thanks to corresponding member Jean Whiffin for her reports on the Oslo meetings, the basis for these summaries. For her full report see <http://www.ifla.org/VII/s19/conf/ConferenceReport2005.htm>

***IFLA Oslo 2005
Other Sessions of Interest***

Monday August 15

83 Rare Books and Manuscripts

Embracing the flood. Managing the 20th century as the past: 20th century materials - selection, preservation and access

- Modern and Postmodern: Evidence of the Twentieth Century in Special Collections
RICHARD LANDON (University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada)
- 20th century artists' books
MARCIA REED (Getty Research Institute, Los Angeles, USA)
- European history in a nutshell. Propaganda leaflets of the twentieth century in the collection of single-sheet materials of the Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin. Selection, Preservation and Access.
CHRISTIANE CAEMMERER (Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin, Preussischer Kulturbesitz, Germany)
- Embracing the flood - or rather diverting a tributary in order to help prevent future flooding
ELISABETH EIDE (National Library of Norway, Oslo, Norway)

Wednesday August 17 143 Asia and Oceania

Digital libraries and sustainability

- [Promises and challenges: digital libraries in the global information society](#)
ALEX BYRNE (University of Technology Sydney, Sydney, Australia)
- [Digitization and Sustainability of Local Collection: An observation of digitization activities among Malaysian Universities Libraries](#)
SHAIFOL YAZAM MAT (Universiti Putra Malaysia) and AISHAH MOHD NASIR KOLEJ (Universiti Sains dan Teknologi Malaysia (KUSTEM) Malaysia)
- [Re-designing a library web site for sustainability](#)
Français
JUDITH TITOKO and VICTORIA YORK (University of the South Pacific Library)
- [Digitisation, sustainability and access in the Indian context](#)
Français
KALPANA DASGUPTA (New Delhi, India)
- [Sustainable digital library development for scientific communities](#)
ZHANG XIAOLIN (Library of Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, China)
- Digital libraries to preserve, archive and disseminate the Arab heritage
HASNA ASHKITA (Assad National Library, Damascus, Syria)

Thursday August 18 150 SI - ICABS (IFLA/CDNL Alliance for Bibliographic Standards)

Maintaining access to digital collections

- [Getting started: what needs to be in place to maintain access to digital collections](#)
Français Deutsch
PAMELA GATENBY (National Library of Australia, Canberra, Australia)
- [Preservation Metadata Standards for Digital Resources: what we have and what we need](#)
Français Deutsch
SALLY McCALLUM (Library of Congress, Washington D.C., USA)
- [Emerging Standards in digital preservation](#)
Français Deutsch
INGEBORG VERHEUL (Koninklijke Bibliotheek, The Hague, Netherlands)
- [Nestor and KOPAL - Two national initiatives to ensure long-term accessibility of digital documents in Germany](#)
Français Deutsch
REINHARD ALTENHÖNER (Die Deutsche Bibliothek, Frankfurt am Main, Germany)
- [Collaboration in archiving in the UK](#)
Français Deutsch
CAROLINE BRAZIER (British Library, London, UK)
- [Accès à long terme et interopérabilité pour les archives du web: l'activité du Consortium International pour la Préservation d'Internet](#)
English
CATHERINE LUPOVICI (Bibliothèque nationale de France, Paris, France)

Future Congresses

- **IFLA Seoul 2006**
At the WLIC in Seoul the P&C Section will organize an Open Session, together with the Section for Continuing Professional Development & Workplace Learning (CPDWL), entitled **Preservation Advocacy and Education**. The focus will be on the philosophy of training for different groups and ways in which a variety of teaching tools, such as distance learning, publications, exhibitions, workshops, formal certificate / degree programs and professional conferences (web- and paper-based) may be used in successful and innovative ways.

The working group, consisting of Sarah Toulouse, Michelle Cloonan, Simmons Graduate School of Library and Information Sciences (USA) and Dianne van der Reyden, Library of Congress (USA), have issued a call for papers. The program will include two or three papers and a workshop by CPDWL. The Open Session will be supported by the IFLA-PAC Core Programme.

- **IFLA Durban 2007**

The P&C Section will organize a **preconference** in Durban on August 16-17, possibly at the Kwazulu Natal University, entitled **Integrated Risk Management**. This session will be open to librarians, conservators and collection managers in libraries, archives and museums worldwide, and will focus on integrated approaches to risk management for pests, molds and dusts. Financial support will be necessary to finalize the program. Contact person for this preconference will be corresponding member Johann Maree.

The working group for the Open Session in Durban, consisting of Danielle Mincio, Bibliothèque Cantonale et Universitaire Lausanne (Switzerland), Birgit Schneider and Arthur Tennøe, presented a proposal for a program entitled **Preservation on a shoestring – Best practices and perspectives**. Several suggestions for topics were made, from photographic identification preservation to manuscript conservation in Timbuktu. Possible partners are the Newspapers Section and the Section for Rare Books and Manuscripts.

- **IFLA Quebec City 2008**

Initial plans were discussed for a P&C preconference in Canada in 2008. The Ottawa region could be considered due to Library and Archives Canada's preservation facility and the Canadian Conservation Institute. Possible themes included: research and development in preservation; exhibition and display of materials (physical and offline); digitization as a preservation method. Johanna Wellheiser (Canada) and Lars Björk (Sweden) will work on proposals.



More News from the Section...

Preconference in Tokyo 2006

The IFLA/PAC Regional Centre for Asia, located at the National Diet Library, Japan, is organizing a satellite meeting on August 16-17, 2006, on the topic of Preservation and Conservation in Asia. Cosponsors are the IFLA Preservation and Conservation Section, IFLA Asia and Oceania Section, and the IFLA/PAC Core Activity. Among the speakers are John Dean, Cornell University, USA; Rujaya Abhakorn, University of Chiang Mai, Thailand; and O.P. Agrawal, Indian Council of Conservation Institutes. There will be no registration fee. Details are forthcoming and will be distributed via IFLA-L and IFLANET.

And plan to attend

Symposium and Joint Meeting of IFLA PAC Directors and IFLA P&C Section

March 8-10, 2006

Bibliothèque nationale de France, PARIS
Further details to be issued via email and
posted on the website

<http://www.ifla.org/VII/s19/sconsv.htm>



News from IFLA

IFLA's Three Pillars: Society, Members and Profession

At its December 2004 meeting, the Governing Board decided to endorse a new model for IFLA's operations, the three pillars, which recognizes that IFLA's core functions relate to the societal context in which libraries and information services operate, IFLA's membership and professional matters. These three pillars are supported by the infrastructure offered by IFLA HQ, IFLANET and the Federation's governance structures. See more at: <http://www.ifla.org/III/IFLA3Pillars.htm>

IFLA Organization and Governance

IFLA Presidential Elections

Claudia Lux wins IFLA Presidential election (2007-2009)

Claudia Lux, Director General, Zentral- und Landesbibliothek Berlin (ZLB), Germany, has been voted President-elect by IFLA members. Claudia Lux started her two-year term as President-elect during the IFLA conference in Oslo this August. She will succeed Alex Byrne as President in August 2007 for a two-year term.

IFLA Governing Board elections (2005-2007)

In the elections for the new IFLA Governing Board, the following candidates were successful:

Bob McKee (United Kingdom)
Barbara J. Ford (United States)
Shawky Salem (Egypt) (2nd term)
Zhang Xiaolin (China)
Gunnar Sahlin (Sweden)
Réjean Savard (Canada)
Sang-Wan Han (Korea, Rep. of)
Adolfo Rodríguez Gallardo (Mexico)
Vinyet Panyella (Spain) (2nd term)
Tiiu Valm (Estonia) (2nd term).

The other members of the Governing Board are the newly elected members of the Professional Committee:

Alex Byrne, (Australia)
Claudia Lux, (Germany)
Nancy Bolt (USA)
Maria Isabel Cabral da Franca (Brazil)
Gwynneth Evans (Canada)
Nancy E. Gwinn (USA)
Torny Kjekstad (Norway)
Donna W. Scheeder (USA)
Edward Swanson (USA)
Barbara Tillet (USA)
Jacinta Were (Kenya)



In Case You Missed It...

Google posts first books online

"The first works scanned and put online as part of Google's controversial print project have been unveiled"

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/technology/4403388.stm>

Yahoo backs digital library plan

"Yahoo is taking on Google with its own digital archive of books, audio and video"

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/technology/4304192.stm>

See also

<http://www.opencontentalliance.org/>

"The Open Content Alliance (OCA) represents the collaborative efforts of a group of cultural, technology, nonprofit, and governmental organizations from around the world that will help build a permanent archive of multilingual digitized text and multimedia content." Content will be accessible soon through the OCA website and Yahoo.

Microsoft scans British Library

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/technology/4402442.stm>

PDF/A Format - ISO Standard

The first part of PDF/A format has been published as *ISO 19005-1 Electronic document file format for long-term preservation - Use of PDF 1.4 (PDF/A-1)*. Part 2 is under preparation.

<http://www.iso.org>

International Preservation News (36)

Sept. 2005

- Risk and the Preservation Management of Digital Collections by Gerard Clifton. Also in French.
- Conservation and Preservation in Shanghai Library by Zhizhen Tong

<http://www.ifla.org/VI/4/news/ipnn36.pdf>

Mould Outbreak: Immediate Response

Provides information outlining a general course of action to deal with mould infestations in a heritage collections based on [*Mould Prevention and Collection Recovery: Guidelines for Heritage Collections*](#) (Canadian Conservation Technical Bulletin No. 26).

http://www.cci-icc.gc.ca/headlines/mould/index_e.aspx

Solvent Solver

A tool created at the National Archives and Records Administration, written for users with an existing knowledge of chemistry, solvents and related subject matter.

<http://www.archives.gov/preservation/solvent-solver/>



Disaster Planning and Response Developments

Statement by ICBS on the impact of Hurricane Katrina on the cultural heritage of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. Paris, 12 September 2005

<http://www.ifla.org/VI/4/admin/hurricane-katrina.pdf>

Resources for Recovery: Post-Disaster Aid for Cultural Institutions

A new publication to help cultural institutions recover from the effects of hurricanes and other natural disasters, sponsored by the U.S. National Endowment for the Arts and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, in partnership with the Small Business Administration.

<http://www.heritagepreservation.org/NEWS/recovery.htm>

International Preservation News (36) Sept. 2005

- Preparación ante terremotos de los museos de Etambul by Nevra Erturk. Also in French.
- Disaster from Great Earthquake off Sumatra and Subsequent Tsunamis including Damage to Cultural Heritage by Isamu Sakamoto

<http://www.ifla.org/VI/4/news/ipnn36.pdf>

New Technology for Disaster Response

Zorbix (formerly Dri-Gel), developed by Artifex Equipment Inc. and the USDA's National Agricultural Library, for use in drying water-damaged books is ready to go into production. Zorbix is a patent-pending flat sheet containing a super absorbent polymer. It is reported to effectively soak up to fifty times its weight in water and is an important development for disaster recovery and general conservation.

<http://www.artifexequipment.com>

Updated Disaster Preparedness Website

The Disaster Mitigation Planning Assistance Website has recently been updated with new features. It is a joint project of [Michigan State University Libraries](#), the [Center for Great Lakes Culture](#) and the [California Preservation Program](#).

<http://matrix.msu.edu/~disaster/>

New Website:

Disaster Relief for Museums

ICOM is creating a Disaster Relief for Museums Fund to finance ICOM's response to the damage caused by the December 26, 2004, earthquake and tsunamis that struck Southeast Asia and the Indian Ocean.

http://icom.museum.disaster_relief/

See also: ICOM News Thematic Files Risk Management.

http://icom.museum/risk_emergency.html/



News Notes from around the World

Report on Preventive Conservation of Documents in Finland, France, Italy, Spain and the United Kingdom

This report is the first result of the work being undertaken by the ConBeLib partners. The project involves libraries and archives and aims to establish a common methodology for skills definition in the field of preventive conservation for materials in both traditional and digital format.

<http://www.conbelib.org>

Urgent Action Needed to Preserve Scholarly Electronic Journals

Statement issued by group of academic librarians, university administrators, and others who participated in a meeting to discuss electronic journal preservation at The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation in New York, September 13, 2005

<http://www.diglib.org/pubs/waters051015.htm>

Press release: JISC issues call to preserve online journals

1st November, 2005. Access to entire back runs of electronic journals could be lost to educational institutions when subscriptions are cancelled or when journals cease publication. Because libraries can only lease access to electronic journals, in contrast to their print equivalents, their assets are at risk and valuable online content is in danger of being lost.

JISC (Joint Information Systems Committee), in partnership with [CURL](http://www.curl.org) (Consortium of Research Libraries in the British Isles), today issued a call to librarians and publishers to meet these challenges together. An extended pilot will see the LOCKSS system, devised at Stanford University, deployed in selected libraries in the UK from January 2006.

http://www.jisc.ac.uk/index.cfm?name=lockss_a_nouncement

IPI Media Storage Quick Reference

Published by the Image Permanence Institute, this publication was created by Peter Adelstein "for today's collection care professionals, who must provide long-term, preservation-quality storage for a growing diversity of collection materials, often in a single storage area."

http://www.imagepermanenceinstitute.org/sub_pages/8page3i.htm

See also

Step-by-Step Workbook: Achieving a Preservation Environment for Collections

http://www.imagepermanenceinstitute.org/sub_pages/CNBworkbook.pdf



Upcoming Events and Training

Preservation and Conservation Issues Related to Digital Printing & Digital Photography

Call for papers: a.manning@lcc.arts.ac.uk

London (UK), 24-25 April 2006
<http://conferences.iop.org/PPP/>

IPC 5th International Conference

This conference will celebrate 30 years of achievement in conservation and focus on the relationship of practical conservation and preservation of paper and book in the 21st century.

Edinburgh (UK) 27-29 July 2006
<http://www.ipc.org.uk/>

See also **Conservation OnLine: Educational Opportunities in museum, library, and archives conservation/preservation**

<http://palimpsest.stanford.edu/bytopic/education/>

IFLA Seoul 2006

World Library and Information Congress: 72nd IFLA General Conference and Council



**Libraries: Dynamic engines for the
Knowledge and Information Society
August 20th - 24th 2006
Seoul, Korea**

<http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla72/index.htm>

And into the Future...

- 73rd IFLA General Conference and Council - Durban, South Africa, 2007
- 74th IFLA General Conference and Council - Quebec, Canada, 2008

See <http://www.ifla.org/IV/index.htm>

Preservation and Conservation Section

The Section is concerned with the preservation of the world's documentary heritage. It provides an international forum for all types of libraries to exchange, develop and disseminate knowledge and experience dealing with theories, policies and practices for the preservation of all recorded knowledge, regardless of the storage medium. The Section maintains a close working relationship with the IFLA-PAC Core Programme.

Introducing our Standing Committee 2005-2007

Since the Section was enriched with a large number of new members in 2005, the Newsletter has initiated a new section to introduce the Section and its Members.

Nancy E. Gwinn (U.S.A.), Chair



Nancy E. Gwinn was elected to the P&C Standing Committee in 1999 and became chair in 2003. She currently also serves on the Governing Board of IFLA. Nancy attended her first IFLA conference in 1997, as an accompanying person, when her husband was chair of the Reading Section.

Since 1997 Nancy Gwinn has been Director of the Smithsonian Institution Libraries (SIL) in Washington (USA). Before that she worked at the Library of Congress, Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR) and Research Libraries Group (RLG).

At the Smithsonian, - amongst many other things - Nancy launched the Libraries' exhibition program and created the 'Galaxy of Knowledge' website. She also initiated the first SIL Board to assist with an aggressive fund-raising program for preservation.

Nancy holds a Ph.D. in American Civilization. She also studied Library Science and was a Fulbright Scholar at Oxford University (UK).

Per Cullhed (Sweden), Secretary



Per Cullhed was elected to the P&C Standing Committee in 2003. In 2005 he became the Sections' Secretary. In daily life, Per is Director of the Cultural Heritage Library Group of the Uppsala University Library.

After studies in history, art history and archeology at university, and evening classes in bookbinding, he started his career in preservation and conservation. Later on, he also specialized in chemistry, fiber identification and leather technology, millimeter-binding and paper marbling. Per has worked as a conservation consultant, with a special focus on disaster management. He is also active as a teacher in paper conservation, especially on care and conservation of archives.

In 2000 Per wrote a highly appreciated short article on how to construct a 'Five minute-Phase Box'. See also: *International Preservation News*, No. 22-23 (2000), p. 26-29. Recently, Per organized the P&C Session for WLIC 2005 in Oslo.

Johanna Wellheiser (Canada), Information Coordinator



Johanna Wellheiser was elected to the P&C Standing Committee in 2001, and since then, has been active as the Section's Information Coordinator. Her first involvement with IFLA was a decade before as a Vosper Fellow.

Johanna is Manager, Preservation and Digitization Services, Toronto Public Library. Joining the library in 1984, she previously worked in the museum and archives sectors. She is currently working on projects that showcase the value of historic collections and integrate student learning in new ways. She serves on the Images Canada and Canadian Initiative on Digital Libraries steering committees. She has been active as a teacher and authored a number of publications on preservation topics.

Most recently she co-edited with Nancy Gwinn, *Preparing for the Worst, Planning for the Best: Protecting our Cultural Heritage from Disaster*, the proceedings of a special IFLA conference held in Berlin in 2003.

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P&C Standing Committee 2005-2006

Following the results of the 2005 postal ballot, fourteen candidates were successful for the term of office 2005-2009. The Section welcomes fourteen continuing and eleven new members.

2005-2009 Term

**** = members in their 2nd term**

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<http://www.ifla.org/VII/s19/sconsv.htm>

Marie-Thérèse Varlamoff: An Appreciation
Retiring Programme Director
IFLA Core Activity on Preservation and Conservation (PAC)



Marie-Thérèse Varlamoff, Director of the IFLA-PAC Core Activity since 1994, will retire in March 2006. It is an appropriate time to celebrate her tireless efforts and remarkable achievements. Her work to advocate for preservation, to provide practical assistance - especially to developing countries and to vigorously promote the role of library preservation within the larger consideration of cultural preservation have all had a remarkable impact on the profession. Recently, she completed a review of the last four years of programs and accomplishments, which provide a measure of insight into her contributions to the cause of preservation worldwide.

Marie-Thérèse attended 47 meetings and seminars of conferences in various parts of the world in just the last four years, helping to establish greater visibility for the PAC program and IFLA itself. According to one colleague, a key to her success was her ability “to appreciate both the common factors in preservation and the unique circumstances (e.g., climate, materials, culture and finances) in different countries and societies. She was always pleased to address conferences in French, English, or Spanish.”

The number of Regional Centres doubled within the last two years, from six to twelve, expanding the program especially in Latin America, the Caribbean, China, and Africa. A series of print publications and CD-ROMs on preservation topics, including the *International Preservation News*, general guidelines, surveys, disaster planning, Blue Shield activities, and care of photographs have supported preservation activities worldwide. The publication *IFLA Principles on the Care and Handling of Library Material* has been translated into 13 languages, with more to come. Marie-Thérèse planned international workshops and courses on basic preservation, disaster planning, and preservation in archives. She undertook surveys to illuminate the status of preservation activities around the world. These focused on the preservation of periodicals and newspapers in Africa, preservation in Latin America, disaster planning in national libraries, and digitization and preservation.

The International Committee of the Blue Shield occupied much of Marie-Thérèse’s working life in recent years, and she would undoubtedly regard it as one of her prime achievements. She participated energetically in all meetings and spoke and published often about it and the need for creating Blue Shield Committees in all countries. She was a co-founder and vice-president of the French Blue Shield Committee. But she also collaborated with other international organizations and projects, such as the UNESCO Memory of the World project, International Council on Archives, Council on Library and Information Resources, Social Science Research Centre, ABINIA (Association of Spanish-speaking National Libraries), ICCROM (International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property), and LIBER (Ligue européenne des bibliothèques de recherche).

Within the IFLA context, Marie-Therese has been an enthusiastic colleague, an avid supporter of preservation activities, and a delightful collaborator with the IFLA Standing Committee on Preservation and Conservation. We shared our program hours for IFLA conferences, raised funds for projects of mutual interest, and shared information at committee meetings.

We will miss her.

Nancy E. Gwinn, Chair, IFLA Preservation and Conservation Section