



University Libraries & Other General Research Libraries Section
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Mission

To promote the development and good management of academic and research libraries in all countries, and to strengthen the integration of the library in the core institutional functions of learning, teaching, research and services.

Preparations for IFLA World Congress August 2004, Buenos Aires

Information on the forthcoming conference is well in hand from the IFLA Express newsletters. Hopefully, there will be many members of our Section attending this congress, which is sure to be exciting with a vibrant Latin atmosphere.

Section Activities during the 70th World Library and Information Congress, Buenos Aires

The Section will be busy during the World Congress with the following activities highlighted as being of potential interest to members.

Saturday, August 21, 2003 - Coordinating Board:

15:00–18:00 General Research Libraries (Division I)

Sunday, August 22, 2004 - Standing Committee I:

11:30–14:20 University Libraries and Other General Research Libraries

Tuesday, August 24, 2004

8:30–10:30 E-Theses and Scholarly Communications Program.

19:30 Evening sponsored by Bologna University at Circulo Italiano, Buenos Aires, including presentations on the Digital Library Project at Bologna University, followed by a buffet dinner. All Section members are invited but **MUST RSVP** before hand. Contact: Valentina Comba at: comba@mail.cib.unibo.it

Wednesday, August 25, 2004

8:30–10:30 Quality Issues in Libraries Discussion Group – “What do we mean by Quality?”

16:00–18:00 Statistics and Evaluation with University Libraries Program.

Saturday, August 28, 2004

11:30–14:20 Standing Committee II: University Libraries and other General Research Libraries.

Information Competencies Program Announcement

Fourth Meeting on Information Competencies
“Information competencies: How to Implement Your Institutional Program”

Ciudad Juarez, MEXICO

October 21` 23, 2004

www.uaci.mx/dhi

Juarez University libraries invite librarians, information professionals and educators to participate in the exciting fourth conference on Information Literacy in Higher Education in

Juarez, right on the Northern Mexican Border just across El Paso, Texas. You are welcome to take part in the conference by:

- Submitting a paper
- Reporting an information literacy practice/experience
- Exhibiting user education materials
- Participating in discussion groups

The conference's general objective is to offer a venue to share national and international experiences, ideas and projects on how implement information literacy programs based on IL standards for higher education communities. All sessions will have interpreting in English and Spanish, therefore, your paper can be presented or discussed in any of the two languages. Visit our website for additional conference and hotel information.

For further Information please contact the Meeting Coordinators:

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Draft Annual Report and Strategic Plan

The following is a draft of the Section's 2002-2004 Annual Report, which is being considered at the Section's Standing Committee during the World Congress. The final version will be mounted on our Section Website at:

<http://www.ifla.org/VII/s2/sulogrl.htm>

Scope: The University Libraries and other General Research Libraries Section (IFLA/URL) is the international forum for all concerned with academic and research library services. It provides members with the opportunity to exchange experiences and ideas with colleagues worldwide and is a vehicle for collaborative action. According to the strategic plan 2002-2003, its mission is "to promote the development and good management of academic and research libraries in all countries, and to strengthen the integration of the library in the core institutional functions of learning, teaching, research, and services". The Section's aims have been expanded in the Strategic Plan 2004-2005 drafted during and after the Berlin WLIC "to foster collaboration with national and parliamentary libraries represented in Division I and with special interest Sections of IFLA" as well as to encourage "research for evidence of the contribution and impact of the library on its various constituencies; and integration of the library into the broader national and international frameworks for information policy and for key skills provision".

Membership: 525 members as per August 2003. IFLA/URL continues to be the largest section in IFLA, with more than 25 % of the total membership.

Standing Committee: The Standing Committee (SC/URL) consists of 19 members from 16 countries. It has 4 corresponding members from 4 countries. In 2003 there were elections and the following colleagues were elected:

In Berlin we got news about the sudden death of our SC member Alice Bulogosi of Kenya. Mr. Alexander Plemnek has been nominated a SC member according to IFLA rules of procedure. Mrs. Mbuhle Mbambo of Zimbabwe has been proposed as corresponding member.

Section's Officers: After election of new officers in Berlin, this is the new executive team of the Section:

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Coordinating Board of Division I:

The new executive team participates in the Coordinating Board of Division I. In addition, after elections held in Berlin, the Chair of the SC continues to be as well Chair and Financial Officer of the Coordinating Board of Division I and, in such a capacity, member of the Professional Committee and the Governing Board of IFLA for the period 2003-2005. In the GB meeting held in Berlin, the Chair was elected by the GB as member of the Executive Committee of IFLA.

SC/URL meetings: Glasgow 2002

The Standing Committee (SC/URL) held two meetings during the 68th General IFLA Conference in Glasgow in 2002. The first meeting on Saturday, August 17 was attended by 13 committee members, with 4 regrets, and 7 observers. The second meeting on Friday, August 23 was attended by 13 committee members, with 3 regrets, and 3 observers.

Main points in the agenda were: annual report, financial report, review of programme for Glasgow, and planning of programmes for Berlin-2003 and Buenos Aires-2004.

SC/URL meetings: Berlin 2003

The Standing Committee (SC/URL) held two meetings during the 69th General IFLA Conference in Berlin in 2003. The first meeting on Saturday, August, 2, was attended by 14 committee members, with 3 regrets, and 14 observers. The second meeting on Friday, August 8, was attended by 12 committee members, with 4 regrets, and 11 observers.

Main points in the agenda were: election of officers, annual report, financial report, review of programme for Berlin, planning of programmes for Buenos Aires-2004, and first discussion of the Draft Strategic Plan 2004-2005.

Publications:

As of August 2004, the Section has published issue n° 30 (Dec. 2002) of the Newsletter featuring the Section's activities in Glasgow 2002; issue n° 31 (June 2003) highlighting Section's programme for Berlin; issue n° 32 (Dec. 2003), including the draft Strategic Plan 2004-2005 and guidelines for Buenos Aires '04; and n° 33 (June 2004), including our programme for Buenos Aires. All four issues have been distributed to all members in electronic format and in hard copy to those members with no known email address.

Conference Programme in Glasgow 2002

The Section sponsored and organised the following events at the Conference in Glasgow

- August, 15:** **Pre-conference workshop on "The Impact of Alternative Scholarly Publishing and the Budapest Open Access Initiatives"**, held at Strathclyde University.
- August, 18:** **Performance Measurement in Academic Libraries Discussion Group.**
- August, 18:** **Marketing of Library Services to the Academic Community Discussion Group.**
- August, 20:** **Open Session on "Change and its impact on staff", jointly with Management and Marketing Section**
- August, 22:** **Open Session on "The role of the University Library in promoting democracy and diversity", jointly with FAIFE, Latin America and the Caribbean Section, and the Regional Office in Brasil**

Conference Programme in Berlin 2003

- August, 03:** **Marketing Library Services to Academic Communities Discussion Group**
- August, 03:** **Quality issues in libraries Discussion Group**
- August, 06:** **Open Session on "The International Information Literacy Certificate: challenges for the profession", joint with Information Literacy Section**
- August, 07:** **Off-site workshop on "The Scholar's Portal: an international perspective", joint with Information Technology Section.**

Cooperation with other bodies:

Statistics and Evaluation Section, Management and Marketing Section, Information Literacy Section, FAIFE, Latin America and the Caribbean Section, Information Technology Section

Other events: The Section organised no other events during the year.

Strategic Plan

University and Other General Research Libraries Section

Strategic Plan 2004–2005

Mission

The University and Other General Research Libraries Section serves to promote and strengthen the development and good management of academic and research libraries in all countries. The Section aims to foster collaboration with national and parliamentary libraries represented in Division 1 and with special interest Sections of IFLA.

The University and Other General Research Libraries Section's programs aim to encourage:

- the integration of the library in the core institutional functions of learning, teaching, research and services;
- research for evidence of the contribution and impact of the library on its various constituencies; and
- integration of the library into the broader national and international frameworks for information policy and for key skills provision.

Goals

1. ***Assist librarians in academic and research institutions to understand and work effectively with the new professional functions of educator and knowledge manager, especially in training users to be information literate and lifelong learners***

Relation to IFLA professional priorities: a) Supporting the role of libraries in society; c) Promoting literacy and reading; d) Providing unrestricted access to information; f) Promoting resource sharing; h) Developing library professionals.

Action

- 1.1 Cooperate with other IFLA units in the creation and maintenance of an international Information Literacy Forum or Foundation to develop a shared framework for Information Literacy developments
- 1.2. Broaden the Information Literacy issue to include cooperation and partnership with other libraries, educational agencies, NGOs and other bodies for collaborative development projects.

These activities will be first responsibility for the Information Literacy Working Group of the Standing Committee.
2. ***Promote the development and dissemination of best practices in quality assurance and review of services as part of the institutional evaluation processes***

Relation to IFLA professional priorities: a) Supporting the role of libraries in society; c) Promoting literacy and reading; i) Promoting standards, guidelines and best practices

Action

- 2.1. Collaborate with Division I, the Statistics and Evaluation Section, and the [Library Theory and Research Section](#) to establish and convene the Quality Issues in Libraries Discussion Group in Buenos Aires 2004 and Oslo 2005, according to the rationale agreed in Berlin and approved by PC.
- 2.2. Contribute to the IFLA publications program by authoring a monograph on "Improving Quality: issues for academic and research libraries" by 2005. A special activity (such as a 4-hours session joint with other IFLA units as appropriate) to be scheduled for Oslo 2005 for presentation and discussion of the final content of the book.
- 2.3. Commence a cost analysis study of the open access publishing model, including political, social and economic considerations.

Activities related to these actions will be the main responsibility for the Performance Evaluation and Quality Assessment Working Group of the SC. Action 2.3 will be developed in close cooperation with the Scholarly Communication Working Group.
3. ***Address opportunities, issues and challenges faced by academic and research libraries in the changing nature of scholarly communication and the long time preservation of digital materials in cooperation with national libraries and other key players in the national information system for the benefit of all type of users, especially from less developed countries.***

Relation to IFLA professional priorities: a) Supporting the role of libraries in society; d) Providing unrestricted access to information; e) Balancing the intellectual property rights of authors with the needs of users; k) Representing libraries in the technological marketplace.

Action

- 3.1. Participate in the final discussion of the IFLA Open Access Statement and eventual preparation of an addendum specifically targeted to the academic and research libraries community.

- 3.2. Prepare a joint program with the Information Technology Section on "Libraries and Scholarly Communication" for Buenos Aires in 2004, with a strong focus in Latin American developments

These activities to be developed by the Scholarly Communication Working Group.

4. ***Monitor and report on trends in Higher Education around the world which could convey special opportunities and challenges to IFLA and the Library and Information Services profession, particularly as regards promotion of resource sharing between the information rich and the information poor, according to recommendation n° 10 of the Social Responsibilities Discussion Group***

Relation to IFLA professional priorities: a) Supporting the role of libraries in society; b) Defending the principle of freedom of information; d) Providing unrestricted access to information; e) Balancing the intellectual property rights of authors with the need of users; f) Promoting resource sharing; h) Developing library professionals.

Action

- 4.1. Appoint a Section liaison person who will liaise with the IFLA team at the UNESCO World Summit on the Information Society and report to the Section on issues that should be addresses by the Section.

- 4.2. Liaise with FAIFE, CLM and other strategic IFLA units, especially Division VIII, to bring forward the principles and recommendations of the SRDG as adopted by Council in Glasgow.

These activities to be developed by the FAIFE and SRDG Working Group and reported through the Section Newsletter as appropriate. Liaison with Division VIII for specific issues to be assumed by the Chair of the SC.

5. ***Commence preparations for the assessment and review process of the Section to be completed before 2007***

Relation to IFLA professional priorities: h) Developing library professionals; j) Supporting the infrastructure of library associations.

Action

- 5.1. Survey the Section's membership during 2004.

- 5.2. Draft a briefing paper on vision, mission, remit and rationale for the Section within Division I. for Buenos Aires, with discussions to be carried on until Oslo, where a clear agenda on the evaluation and review process should be established.

These activities to be led by the executive board of the Section.

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IFLA Statement on Open Access to Scholarly Literature and Research Documentation

The IFLA Statement on Open Access to Scholarly Literature and Research Documentation is available at:

<http://www.ifla.org/V/cdoc/open-access04.html> together with a media release at:

<http://www.ifla.org/V/press/oa240204.html>

Have you visited IFLANET lately?

This newsletter is not intended to be a substitute to the IFLANET website, which contains loads of information about IFLA, this Section, and all other sections/activities of IFLA. Please visit the site and bookmark it for future reference. Then visit it at least once a month to keep up with what is happening with your Association. Go to: <http://www.ifla.org/> You will find all the minutes of the Section's meetings, conference papers, brochures about the Section and more.

Future Conferences

[World Library and Information Congress: 71st IFLA General Conference and Council
Oslo, Norway, August 14-19, 2005](#)

[World Library and Information Congress: 72nd IFLA General Conference and Council
Seoul, Republic of Korea, 2006](#)

[World Library and Information Congress: 73rd IFLA General Conference and Council
Durban, South Africa, 2007](#)

[World Library and Information Congress: 74rd IFLA General Conference and Council
Québec, Canada, 2008](#)

Editorial Note:

This newsletter is produced by the University Libraries and other General Research Libraries Section of IFLA. The Section intends to publish two newsletters per year, one before the annual IFLA conference in that year, and one after the IFLA conference, serving as a summary of conference highlights. This way, we hope to encourage members to attend, by highlighting what was, and what is planned to be, showcased at these great conferences.

To keep costs as low as possible, the newsletter will be emailed to members who have nominated an email address, with a paper version to those who have no email address. In addition, the newsletter will be published on IFLANET.

Contributions to the Newsletter are invited from members. Forward these to:

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