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Editorial

This issue of the Newsletter brings you news relating to the WLIC in Seoul, last August and a number of reports on various other meetings of interest to those who follow the Information technology section. For those that cannot follow regularly the IFLA life throughout the year, it is an informal way of catching up easily with news about the organization governance, the different IFLA bodies and interventions of the Federation in the international scene.

From the Chair

In this issue we look back on a very successful conference in Seoul. Our sessions were well attended. I was especially pleased with so many sessions shared with other sections. The focus of the IT section is very wide, so sharing with other sections is imperative for us, if we want to present programmes with a wide appeal. I do hope that we will continue to work together with other IFLA sections in the same way in future.

All this is thanks to the work of the Standing Committee members. I want to thank them all for their efforts. Unfortunately we have again to say goodbye to a number of

Also some information on the Information technology Standing Committee. You will see that Marko Tenkanen was appointed as Information Coordinator, to fill the vacancy left by Hanna de Vries after her appointment as Secretary. Unfortunately he has had to leave the SC since.

The vacancy left by Mercedes Chacon Fuertes, who had to leave the standing

2006, has been filled by Alenka Kavcic-Colic, National University Library Slovenia. You will find some information on her on page 8 of this Newsletter.

Unfortunately we now have a new vacancy, as Mats Herder had to leave the SC. He is no longer working in the Royal Library of Sweden. The vacancies will be filled in Durban.

Hanna de Vries

People who have to leave us for various reasons. I want to thank Mercedes Chacon Fuertes, Mats Herder and Marko Tenkanen for the work they did for the SC.

Durban and our pre-conference in Dakar will together make 2007 into another interesting year. There are many interesting developments. I attended the kick-off meeting of the eIFL OpenSource Software program Empowering libraries through open Source solutions. The ideas are similar to our own intentions, started in

Oslo to make a DVD toolkit for developing countries with useful open source library software. Such topics will be discussed in Dakar. eIFL directs its attentions mainly to rather more developed countries, so it would be interesting to support their plans in addition to our own.

I will be able to say more about this in our June issue.

Altogether I look forward to a fruitful IFLA IT year.

Reinhard Altenhöner
Chair

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WLIC

World Library and Information Congress - 73rd IFLA General Conference and Council
Durban, South Africa, August 2007

<http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla73/index.htm>



“Libraries for the future: Progress, Development
19—23 August 2007, Durban, South Africa

and Partnerships”

The library and information sector needs to ensure that its service delivery is relevant to the real information needs of its clients.

There are different "worlds" that we service: e.g. educational (teaching & learning: primary, secondary and tertiary), re-search; business and economic intelligence; adult education and leisure; children; entertainment; creativity; political and development agendas; etc.

What difference does the LIS sector really make to these different worlds? Are the services to these different worlds water-tight and isolated from one another or should there be more creative cross-fertilization of service delivery to the different worlds? What relationship should there be between these different worlds? What creative and leadership role can IFLA play within the world community and what impact should the LIS sector play in this regard?

Exploring progress and new development models for libraries in developing countries in particular. Forming and building partnerships to aid development; increase standing of the profession; elicit funding; with each other and users/patrons.

The section

The Information Technology Section (ITS) serves to promote and advance the application of information technologies (IT) to library and information services in all societies, through activities related to standards, education and training, re-search, and the marketplace.

The Section belongs to the IFLA Division VI – Management and Technology

<http://www.ifla.org/VII/d6/dmt.htm>

For more information about the ITS and its strategic plan see

<http://www.ifla.org/VII/s21/sit.htm>

The Committee

At present, the standing Committee of the ITS has 20 members from 16 different countries. There are ballots for elections every two years, as members complete their terms of four years. See the complete list of SC members' on page 3.

Current officers are:

Reinhard Altenhöner, Chair,
(altenhoener@d-nb.de)

Hanna de Vries, Secretary
(deVries@ubib.eur.nl)

Information Officer: vacancy

The Membership

ITS is the second biggest section in IFLA with over 400 members from 90 countries and all types of libraries.

If you are not a member of **IFLA** and would like to join, please contact **IFLA Headquarters** or consult the IFLA membership information at <http://www.ifla.org/III/members/index.htm> If you are already a member but want to join the IT Section please review the section “**How to register for IFLA Sections**”.

Alternatively, contact the IT Section Secretary

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MEETINGS

IFLA - Information Technology Section Standing Committee Meeting – 19th August 2006

Minutes

Presiding Officers:

Reinhard Altenhöner – Chair;
Hanna de Vries - Secretary

Standing Committee members present:

Robin Fortelius, Gill Hamilton, Sally McCallum, Takashi Nagatsuka, Zhixiong Zhang, Gwen Zilm. Marko Tenkanen, Elie Youmba

Apologies for absence received from:

Noha Adly, Nazha Hachad, Mary E. Jackson, Christine Lupovici, Jagtar Singh, Alenka Kavcic-Colic

Other Standing Committee members absent:

Mats Herder, Hilde Hoegaas, Wei Liu, Wynand van der Walt

Guests:

Marie Inês Cordeiro, Karin Sundén, Leif Magne Iversland, Manvela Palavox, Radu Buddharaju, Ku Li Ping, Xiaolin Zhang, Eva Kodric-Dacic, Magdy Nagi, Elisabeth Freyre, Réjean Savard, Christel Hengel, Sarita Bali

1. Welcome

Reinhard welcomed the members and visitors. Each person introduced him/herself.

2. Changes in the SC

Reinhard explains why Larry Woods had to stand down as Chair and to leave the SC. A call was sent to all SC members to propose a Chair. Finally it was decided that Reinhard would take the place of Larry as Chair and Hanna would take the place of Reinhard as Secretary.

This leaves the place of Information Coordinator open. Marko Tenkanen declares himself willing to

take this job. Hanna will help him with the Newsletter, provided all the members help with information and articles.

Mercedes Chacon Fuertes has been obliged to leave the SC recently as she has accepted a new job. The two empty places in the SC have been filled by candidates on the list of the last elections: Elie Youmba and Alenka Kavcic-Colic. Reinhard welcomes the new members.

All these changes are only for one year. Next year there will be new elections and a new possibility to fill in the IFLA Officers jobs.

3. Minutes

The minutes from the 2005 meeting in Oslo were accepted as posted through a motion that was seconded and approved.

4. Financial Report

Reinhard reported that we have a small balance; a remnant of the old financing system. Reinhard will use this to pay the printed newsletter. Funds are now supposed to be handled centrally. Reinhard will discuss with the IFLA Bureau how to deal with any remaining funds; we will probably have to return any unexpended funds to IFLA.

5. Report on ITS activities of the last year.

The activities included:

- Preparing two newsletters; the one in March was distributed only electronically; the second one in July has also been sent by post. Copies are available in Seoul for distribution. Hanna has switched to Microsoft Office Publisher as software for the Newsletter. This has made it easier to compile.

- A number of SC members have been involved in preparing the sessions for Seoul. The ITS is involved in a number of sessions with other sections.
- Reinhard has been involved in the preparations of the Pre-conference that ITS will be involved in in 2007 in Dakar, together with the Library Management section.

6. Coordinating Board

Reinhard reported on the meeting of the Coordinating Board for Division VI.

- We were asked to take a look at the Strategic Plan for IFLA. A new text will become available during the Conference. It was decided to have a look at this in the second meeting, on August 25.
- Everybody is requested to wear their badges during all conference activities.
- The paper we selected for publication last year was indeed published. We can select one again this year.
- The sectional reviews have lead to suggestions for reform. A special meeting will be devoted to discussing .

7. Programs at Seoul.

The ITS is involved in the sessions 91 and 97. In particular 97, part II of the combined session, was prepared by the section. All papers were handed well in time and translated into French and Spanish (thanks to Mercedes Fuertes). The ITS was also involved in 140, 151, and 155.

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For the last two (2) parts on institutional repositories) Hanna helped to read and select from a large number of papers.

See the Newsletter for more information on all these sessions.

8. Professional Committee; revision of sections

As a follow up to the sectional reviews, the Professional board proposes some changes. There will be a meeting on Sunday to discuss these. Issues are e.g. the minimum number of members for a section and for a standing committee. Reinhard and some of the other SC members will attend this meeting. The SC decided to discuss this further in the last meeting on Friday.

IFLA has plans to make IFLA web a more active platform. We should hear more about this during the conference.

9. ICABS

Sally McCallum reported on ICABS (the IFLA-CDNL Alliance for Bibliographic Standards). She drew special attention of the meeting to a number of items. The July report is posted on the ICABS website.

10 Strategic Plan for ITS

It is decided that no changes are needed to the Strategic Plan for ITS at this stage. The plan will be updated next year.

11. Strategic Plan IFLA

IFLA is working on a new plan. The latest version will be published in IFLA news during the Conference. The SC will await this version and discuss on Friday.

12. Satellite meeting 2007

Rejeau Savard was present to

discuss the pre-conference 'Managing technologies and library automated systems in developing countries: open source versus commercial options' with us. A leaflet is handed out. The ITS members Reinhard Altenhöner, Nazha Hachad and Elie Youmba will be on the Scientific Committee.

The ITS will try to pursue the idea of a cd-rom with open source software to be distributed at the pre-conference for use in developing countries. This requires choosing suitable software. Reinhard will look into this. Everybody is encouraged to suggest papers, to distribute the information in the pre-conference widely and to attend the conference. Suggestions for sponsors for the conference, in particular for financing the travel expense of African attendees, are very welcome!

13. Durban 2007 Conference

A first inventory of possible issues for Durban is made:

- Information integration
- Combination of different resources in one interface
- Advanced methods of categorization
- Integration of the library in the course systems
- Globalization of information
- Role of technology in a shrinking world
- Metasearch engines
- Digitization; scanners

The meeting will be continued on Friday August 25th.

The Chair closes the meeting.

Hanna de Vries
Secretary, IT Section

Minutes

Standing Committee Meeting – 25th August 2005

Presiding Officers:

Reinhard Altenhöner – Chair;
Hanna de Vries - Secretary

Standing Committee members present:

Robin Fortelius, Gill Hamilton,
Sally McCallum, Gwen Zilm, Elie Youmba

Apologies for absence received from:

Noha Adly, Nazha Hachad, Mary E. Jackson, Christine Lupovici, Jagtar Singh, Zhixiong Zhang, Marko Tenkanen, Alenka Kavcic-Colic

Other Standing Committee members absent:

Mats Herder, Hilde Hoegaas, Wei Liu, Wynand van der Walt, Takashi Nagatsuka

Guests:

Marie Inês Cordeiro, Mary Adejoro, Christian Lupovici, Xiaolin Zhang, Leif Magne Iversland

Continuation of the August 19th session

14. Highlights and experiences of the 2006 Conference

All the sessions in which the ITS was involved went well. In session 97 "New access technologies, Tomorrow's retrieval", the ITS was pleased with the papers. The session was well attended. **Gill Hamilton will write a short report on sessions 91 and 97** for the newsletter.

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Reinhard Altenhöner and Hanna de Vries attended the session on "Workings of the ubiquitous library". A number of ITS members attended the sessions 151 and 155 on Institutional repositories. **Gwen Zilm will write a short report on these sessions.**

The ITS is well pleased with the papers presented in Seoul. However, for the whole conference it is noted that there is still a definite Anglo-American over-representation. And too many papers deal with state of the art rather than really new developments.

15. Plans for the Durban Conference 2006 (cont.).

Libraries for the Future: Progress, Development and Partnerships

We discussed various themes:

- User driven / work flow driven library systems
- Unicode
- Disappearing technology: the technology disappears behind the functionality
- Semantic indexing /authority files: to do together with ICABS
- Integrated library systems: integration with course management systems; integration of information offers (of libraries) in their institutional background (towns, research institutions, universities etc.) becomes more and more evident

USER NEEDS – user driven library services in the widest sense emerges as the best topic.

There is a general feeling that in Africa we should not choose items that are mainly of interest to highly develop countries.

It should be relevant to African librarians too. Good examples of best practices seem most suited for Durban, e.g the project Robin Fortelius is involved in.

Focus is important in the session papers.

Volunteers to prepare:

Hanna de Vries, Gwen Zilm. Sally McCallum, Jagtar Singh (? Not present, we will ask), Mary Jackson (? Not present, we will ask).

16. Activities in Durban with other sections

A number of other sections have shown interest in doing something together with the IT section. The Knowledge Management section would like to do a session on sustainability of project results. This includes technical sustainability. This can be translated into advice for technical design which makes sustainability possible. Reinhard will tell the Knowledge Management section that this is an interesting subject. If they tackle this in their session, we will be happy to support.

Semantic indexing and authority files are also interesting and important subjects. If ICABS wants to do something in that direction, we are also happy to support.

The same applies to digital preservation, technical developments, with the National Libraries Section.

For all these suggestions, it is decided that we will leave the initiative with the other section.

We will not aim for a combined 4 hour session. We will concentrate on our own 2 hour session.

Reinhard will inform the other Sections.

17. Preconference Satellite meeting 2007 in Dakar

Reinhard Altenhöner, Nazha Hachad, and Elie Youmba are involved.

- Toolkit for developing countries' libraries
Based on the Open Source Software Session in Oslo, the idea was to create a toolkit for libraries especially in developing countries. On a CD/DVD we will have a Linux-distribution (including basic networking software), office software and library management system(s). Additionally we could have a smart business tool for statistics in libraries. The ITS still likes this idea very much
Action: Reinhard will initiate this. Gill Hamilton and Sally McCallum offer to help with the selection of software. Zhixiong Zhang will be asked to be involved. Hanna is willing to help with organisational matters.
- Reinhard has spoken with people from the Gates Foundation. They may be interested in financing some project. They mainly want to focus on "middle" countries: not really developed but also not really underdeveloped.

Reinhard will keep in touch with them.

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18. IFLA Strategic Plan

The ITS would like to see more well defined actions in the Strategic Plan. It is still too vague, too general. Otherwise, the ITS feels no need to comment.

19. IFLA professional organisation

The ideas for a new structure are discussed. The section feels that the success of a section depends more on active people; the actual number of members is less important. IFLA should may be have more mechanisms for dealing with members who never show up and do not partake in the section activities. Obviously it is difficult to function with very few (active) members, but is also hard to say how many are needed. Some of the suggestions for the new structure sound like the former Round Tables are coming back. Special interest groups, connected to section, are thought as a good idea.

20. Selection of paper for the IFLA Journal

For publication in IFLA journal ITS nominates three papers

- Towards Constructing a Chinese Information Extraction System to Support Innovations in Library Services; Zhang Zhixiong, Li Sa, Wu Zhengxin, Lin Ying (first priority)
- Institutional repositories and open access
JEAN-CLAUDE GUEDON (Montreal University, Montreal, Canada)
- Institutional repositories: a review of content recruitment strategies
TIMOTHY MARK and KATHLEEN SHEARER (CARL, Ottawa, Canada)

Action:

Reinhard Altenhöner will inform the IFLA journal editorial board of this choice.

21. Other ITS activities

- The training course in Morocco will take place in the near future (in march 2007)
- Newsletter: As stated in the first meeting, Marko has agreed to become the information officer for the section. Hanna will help using her experience if this last year. Members will help with information for publication
- We discussed the maintenance of the ITS web site and the need to keep it updated. The Technology Watch and Conference Watch are both valuable aspects of the information we provide. However, the present information is out of date. We see no possibility to up date this and to keep it up to date, It is decided to move the information to the archive section of our website, until further action is seen possible.
Marko will be asked to do this
- Alenka Kavcic-Colic has suggested to Reinhard that a workshop on the systematic evaluation of digital libraries might be useful. IT, organization and users could be evaluated. It is discussed that much is already evaluated through statistics. **Reinhard will enquire what exactly is meant in this case by "digital library"**.

22. Projects.

The Authorization and Authentication publication is nearing completion. Mary Jackson did a lot of work on this. There are now only some technical problems left to be solved concerning the different files. **Marie Inês Cordeiro** offers to do this work, to make the various articles into one presentable set of pdf files. This can then be published on the ITS website. We do not plan to make a print copy. Will be advertised via the IFLA list and our website.

23. Any other business

- Section dinner in Durban: Reinhard will ask our South African member, Wynand van der Walt, to prepare this. We hope that there will be an evening available for this early in the conference. A lunch would also be an option.
- Reinhard asks all members to think about their membership: he would like to know who would like to be re-elected next year.
- For Durban the ITS should have a brochure or bookmark or leaflet on the work of the ITS. Something we can distribute easily at all our sessions. We will need a volunteer to prepare this.

**Hanna de Vries, Secretary,
IT section**

NEW member



Alenka Kavčič Čolić

Biographical note

Alenka Kavčič-Čolić graduated in Spanish language and literature at the Faculty of Philology at the University of Belgrade, Yugoslavia, in 1983. Most of her studies she completed at the Faculty of Philosophy and Literature of the Complutense University in Madrid, Spain (1978-1981). She holds a Masters degree in Information Sciences from the Faculty of Organization and Information Sciences in Varaždin, University of Zagreb, Croatia.

Alenka Kavčič-Čolić started her career as documentalist in 1988 in the Information and Library Service (ILS) of the International Center for Public Enterprises (ICPE), Ljubljana, Slovenia. For ten years was head of ILS special library, where she continued developing the Micro-CDS/ISIS cataloguing system and later introduced the union shared cataloguing system of Slovenia (COBISS).

In 1997 she moved to the Central Economic Library of the Faculty of Economics, University of Ljubljana, to the post of the Information Specialist of the Information and Documentation Centre, where she was responsible for the management of all on-line and off-line information sources and organizer of activities related to information dissemination at the Faculty of Economics.

As member of EBSLG (*European Business Schools Librarians' Group*) she represented the Central Economic Library at international meetings and cooperated in joint projects of the Group.

Since 2001 Alenka Kavčič-Čolić is Head of the Library Research Centre of the National and University Library (NUK). She is in charge of coordinating all the research and development activities in NUK. Among her principal duties was the establishment of a web archive and the archive of Slovenian electronic publications. In this regard she has been involved in related national and international projects. She also holds training courses on digital archives and long-term preservation of digital publications organized by NUK. At present she is completing her PhD degree at the Faculty of Zagreb. The topic of her thesis concerns the methodological approach to archiving the Slovenian web. Her professional interests are digital libraries, digital repositories and web archives which has been reflected in her recent bibliography.

IFLA NEWS

Funding for participation in the next IFLA World Library and Information Congress

LIASA has found the resources to make available some funding for participation in the next IFLA World Library and Information Congress to be held in Durban, South Africa.

There will be 2 different types:

- registration fee only
- registration fee and an allowance (300 EUR) for board and lodging This grant will not cover travel expenses!

These contributions are available to delegates from the following countries:

Angola, Botswana, Burundi, Congo Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, Seychelles, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Delegates applying for a grant will have to:

- be a member of their National Library Association, proof of that is required
- send a committed letter of application and a well presented CV
- provide proof of their professional background and experience: level of education, positions held and professional experience in general
- make their choice for one of the types of funding (a or b)
- declare that they are able to fund any other costs not covered by the grant allocated to them
- write a report on their attendance after the conference

Selection

Priority will be given to younger professionals with a minimum of 5 years of experience in the field of libraries.

Priority will also be given to members of Standing Committees of IFLA Sections and persons invited to give a paper at one of the conference sessions.

Please state this clearly in the application.

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Applications

*Applications, including the application form (available from the website: <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla73/contributions2007-en.htm>), professional curriculum vitae and information on present occupation should be submitted as soon as possible and should be received by the LIASA Office **not later than 30 March 2007 to:***

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Information Technology Training Needs in North Africa Countries"

March 28 – 31, 2007

Ecole des Sciences de l'Information (ESI)

Rabat, Morocco

Sponsored by

- The IFLA/ALP programme (Action For Development through Libraries Programme)
- The Goethe Institute of Rabat/Casablanca
- The "Ecole des Sciences de l'Information (ESI)"
- With the support of the UNPD Information and Communication Technology Direction for the Arab Region (ICTDAR)

Context of the seminar :

In 2000, a survey of information technology training needs in developing countries and countries in socio-political transition had been supported by the IFLA Section on Information Technology and the Coordinating Board of Division 6 "Management and Technology" of the International Federation of Library Association and Institutions (IFLA).

This survey demonstrated a distinct digital divide between industrially developed and developing countries in the use of information technology in libraries and educational environments, regarding both competencies and materials.

Thus, a series of workshops were held in some countries, with the collaboration of Mrs. Diann Rusch Feja, the director of the survey project and the Coethe Institute in each of these countries. The original project was titled: 'Information technology training needs assessments in developing countries and countries in socio-political and economic transition'.

(report: <http://www.mpibberlin.mpg.de/en/institut/dok/full/rf/informat01.htm>)

The seminar and workshops planned to be held in March 2007 at ESI would be considered the last meeting in this context, even if the survey project and various updates were closed at the end of 2003.

Themes and objectives :

The seminar will be organised in two parts:

1. A two-day conference:

entitled "Information Technology training needs in North Africa Countries". This section of the meeting would be an opportunity for attendees from this region to express their needs and preoccupations relating to the information technology training in their countries, especially in the field of library and

Information science. So, the objectives of the conference are:

- Description of the situation of IT training in North Africa;
- Assessment of library and information science schools efforts to increase the level of their faculties in the domain of IT;
- Discovering the real need on IT training in the region;
- Exploration of the possibilities the IFLA and its core programmes can offer to support these countries to promote the training and use of IT;
- Seeking possibilities for cooperation between the countries of the region to exchange experiences and competencies in this area.

Topics:

- Importance given to IT training in the curricula of the schools of library and information science in North Africa;
- Kinds of IT skills taught in these countries;
- Problems which inhibit or prevent improvement of IT training in these countries (technical, financial, human ...etc ?);
- The use of information technology in the library management;
- The real needs for IT skills of library and information workers in the view of the professionals and faculties;
- Current continuing professional education programmes on IT for the librarians and information science schools staff and other information professionals.

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2. Two days of workshops:

the workshops will be conducted by three German experts in information technology, continuing professional education and library management, all very active in the IFLA and its sections:

Mrs Claudia Lux:

President-Elect of IFLA for 2005 - 2007 and President of IFLA for 2007-2009, Director General of the Central and State Library of Berlin;

Mrs Diann Rusch-Feja: Responsible for the initial survey project above mentioned, ex-member of the Standing Committee of the IT section of IFLA and member of the IFLA Section Standing Committee for Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning, former Director of the Information Resource Center at the International University of Bremen, member of OAI and Dublin Core Metadata Initiative.

Mr Reinhard Altenhöner:

President of the Standing Committee of the IT section of IFLA, Head of IT department of the German National Library in Frankfurt, Germany.

The topics of the workshops will be :

1. Digitization
2. E-learning , open source software to support e-learning and multimedia integration.
3. Library management to meet information technology needs in the 21st century
4. Digital repositories – new networks for universities & scientists

The selection of these subjects is influenced by the current orientation of library management systems, library and information science education at the international level

and the urgent need of training in these topics on the region to allow the countries to benefit from the international experience on the matter to be able to integrate the information society.

Targetgroup

Libraries and information science professionals and teachers from North Africa Countries.

Languages:

English and French. There will be a simultaneous translation.

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EMPI Digital Library National Convention – 2007

" A Modest Initiative to Contribute in the Development of Nation as a Promising Knowledge Superpower"

EMPI Digital Library National Convention – 2007 is being scheduled on **18th March 2007 to 20th March 2007** at India International Centre, 40, Max Mueller Marg, New Delhi – 110003.

For more information on the detail programme schedule please visit <http://www.empidinc.org>

The organizing committee has received a large number of research papers for presentation at the **EMPI Digital Library National Convention 2007 (EMPIDLNC2007)**.

The eminent scholars and professionals represent prestigious Institutions/Research Organizations and Libraries from IITs, IIMs, IISc, DRDO, UNIC, Judiciary, Central Universities, Publishers-Oxford University Press (UK), and renowned Corporates like TCS,, Knowledge Genesis Online Library for Technical Communication, etc. The committee hopes to receive contributions from the UN libraries in New York and India. In addition, to meet the expectations of the participants and authors, in terms of the quality inputs and experiential learning, EMPI DLNC Boards have arranged KEYNOTE PAPERS by highly acclaimed academics and practicing professionals from all over India.

The DLNC 2007 will provide a Global Forum where intellectuals not only from India but also from international professionals managing Information Resource Centers, to discuss characteristics, management and skills to be developed, both in users and librarians, of

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the futuristic Knowledge & Learning Resource Centers.

The two days Convention will comprise of Four Technical Sessions each starting with a theme paper by a veteran & expert in Library Teaching/Management, followed by five/six paper presentations by delegates. These sessions will have ample time for discussions too. Two Tutorial Sessions on (i) Digital Libraries Fundamental and Advanced Concepts are arranged. In addition there will be Two Panel Discussions on (i) Reforming of LIS Education and(ii)Skills required for the professionals manning Information Centers of the 21st. century.

The Four Technical Sessions will cover:

- (1) e-Resource, e-Services Governance and Users Experiences.
- (2) Digital Library: Management, Policies, and Practicing Issues
- (3) Developing and Managing Library Network.
- (4) Digital Library: Project Management, Technology Selection and Deployment & Governance of Digital Library Services.

Your participation in the **EMPI Digital Library National Convention – 2007** and sharing of experiences will, more than providing a platform for building of mutual synergies, help in developing the preferred roadmap to guide the Indian Information Centers to support the efforts of all our countrymen to make India a KNOWLEDGE SOCIETY.

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IFLA 2007 SATELLITE PRE-CONFERENCE

“Managing technologies and library automated systems in developing countries: open source vs commercial options”

**Dakar, Senegal,
14-16 August 2007**

**Sponsored by Sections:
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Africa Section**

Tuesday August 14

Arrival of participants. Possibility of an informal gathering on the evening

Wednesday August 15

8h30 Registration
9h30 Opening ceremony
10h00 Coffee Break

10h30 **Opening presentations and discussion about the theme of the conference**

La puissance du développement collaboratif des logiciels libres au service du développement durable / The power of OSS collaborative work and developing countries
Paul Poulain et Henri-Damien Laurent (France)

Effectiveness and recent trends in the world of commercial software for libraries / L'efficacité des logiciels clés en mains et les nouvelles tendances des SGBD
(speaker to be announced: from a commercial firm)

12h00 Lunch

14h30 **Lessons from experience: recent case studies in the implementation of technologies**

Sustainable library services built on open-source software: a case study from Kenya
Unni Knutsen and Arne Dhal (Norway)

Case studies western Canada OSS. Reflexion on the oss general approach for libraries
Ajit Pyati (USA)

Implantation de Koha à la Bibliothèque universitaire de Kinshasa
Filip Kabeya (R.D. Congo)

A long walk to automation: experiences and challenges of the University of Malawi Libraries
Dorothy Eneya (Malawi)

16h30 Pause

Evening: Cultural event / reception (to be confirmed)

Thursday August 16

9h00 **The context of technological developments in Africa**

L'expérience de l'ESI en matière de formation du personnel pour l'utilisation des technologies de l'information dans les bibliothèques
Ilham Belkamel (Maroc)

Can librarians manage technology in developing nations ? A library administrator's view with an emphasis on African libraries
R.N. Sharma (USA)

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Tendances des fonctionnalités des progiciels documentaires et les gratuits

Ahmed Ksibi (Tunisie)

Les bibliothèques africaines en mutation : nouvelles approches de gestion

Jean-Pierre Diouf (Sénégal)

10h30 Coffee break

11h00 **New technologies and new tools for development**

Étude comparative de Koha et CDS-Isis

Tristan Müller et Daniel Caissy (Canada)

Web 2.0 et pays en développement

Véronique Mesguich (France)

Koha ou le choix du «libre» pour le réseau des Médiathèques Ouest-Provence

Jérôme Pouchol (France)

(Other speaker from English speaking Africa to be announced)

12h30 Lunch

14h30 **New projects for the future of Africa**

An open source, open access journal database appliance : a proposal

Edward M. Corrado (USA)

A pilot project on digital library support and development in Africa

John Rose (New Zealand)

Impact du système normalisé de gestion de bibliothèque (SYNGEB) sur le Réseau régional Inter Bibliothèques Universitaires (RIBU) en Algérie. Une nouvelle expérience.

Radia Bernaoui (Algeria)

Evaluating open source integrated library systems : «Library-in-a-Box» and business readiness rating

Bess Sadler (USA) and Tigran Zargaryan (Armenia)

16h00 Coffee break

16h30 **Conclusion and synthesis**

Amadou Diop (Burkina Faso) and another colleague from English speaking Africa.

(to be confirmed)

Call for Mentors
“Find a Mentor: an Opportunity to Network and to Learn from Colleagues”

IFLA Session: Academic and Research Libraries Section
World Library and Information Congress 73rd IFLA General Conference and Council

"Libraries for the future: Progress, Development and Partnerships"
Durban, South Africa, 19-23 August 2007

<http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla73/index.htm>

Needs for the future leaders for academic and other libraries

The rapid change from printed to electronic library has set new demands for the leaders of academic and other libraries. At the same time, we are facing a 'changing of the guard', where experienced leaders are retiring and there is a need for tools and ways of knowledge sharing between younger and older colleagues.

Therefore, the Academic and Research Libraries Standing Committee wishes to highlight work in this field with a "Find a mentor" meeting at the IFLA World Library and Information Congress to be held in Durban, South Africa, 19-23 August 2007. This will be an interactive session between mentor and mentees, rather than a passive session of receiving presentations from speakers.

Aims and scope

The aim of this session is to provide an opportunity for novice and middle manager librarians to discuss career and workplace issues with a mentor in order to help them to grow as a person and as a leader in a library. If appropriate, the mentoring process could continue beyond the conference-based mentoring session.

Could I be a mentor?

First of all, you need to be coming to the IFLA World Congress in Durban AND commit to attending the mentoring session. We seek experienced professionals with a

good knowledge about leadership and library issues, and who are interested in helping younger colleagues in developing their career. We offer you a possibility to learn from the process and make contacts with younger colleagues.

Language of Session

English. Mentoring, of course, can happen in any language decided.

Important Dates and Information

To help us select mentors, please complete the attached CV form, in by 15 March, 2007.

Please send CVs to Jarmo Saarti, e-mail:

jarmo.saarti@uku.fi

Notification of acceptance – 1 May, 2007.

Academic and Research Libraries Section,

Susan McKnight, Chair e-mail:

sue.mcknight@ntu.ac.uk,

or

Jarmo Saarti, e-mail:

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Please complete the survey!

Contents of the survey will only be used for planning purposes for the IFLA Congress in Durban.

Survey is in two parts and can be accessed electronically via:

Part One - [http://](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=494613440743)

www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=494613440743

Part Two - [http://](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=756223442820)

www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=756223442820

Stephen Marvin, Secretary, ARL Section, IFLA, FH Green Library, 29 Rosedale Avenue, West Chester University, West Chester, PA 19383, USA, 610-436-1068

OTHER CONFERENCES

* CERN workshop on Innovations in Scholarly Communication (OAI5)

<http://oai5.web.cern.ch/oai5/>
Geneva, April 18-20, 2007

** Fourth Nordic Conference on Scholarly Communication (NCSC 2008)

<http://www.lub.lu.se/ncsc>
Lund, April 21-23, 2008

* Second Conference on Access to Knowledge (A2K2) (sponsored by the Yale Law School's Information Society Project)

http://research.yale.edu/isp/a2k/wiki/index.php/Main_Page
New Haven, April 27-29, 2007

* German e-Science Conference 2007

<http://www.ges2007.de/index.php?id=1&L=1>
Baden-Baden, May 2-4, 2007

** Strategies for Permanent Access to Scientific Information in Latin America: Focus on Health and Environmental Information for Sustainable Development

<http://www.cria.org.br/eventos/codata2007/>
São Paulo, May 8-10, 2007

* XTech 2007: The Ubiquitous Web

<http://xtech.expectnation.com/>
Paris, May 15-18, 2007

* Building Global Knowledge Communities with Open Data (IASSIST 2007)

<http://www.edrs.mcgill.ca/IASSIST2007/>
Montreal, May 15-18, 2007

** Internet & Society 2007 Conference (sponsored by Harvard's Berkman Center for Internet & Society)

<http://cyber.law.harvard.edu/nesson/blog/?p=265>

Cambridge, Massachusetts, May 31 - June 1, 2007

** About Digital repositories: Dealing with the digital deluge (sponsored by JISC)

http://www.jisc.ac.uk/events/2007/06/repositories_conference.aspx
Manchester, June 5-6, 2007

* Imagining the Future: Scholarly Communication 2.0 (SSP 2007)

<http://www.sspnet.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageID=1>
San Francisco, June 6-8, 2006

* Global Access to Science: Scientific Publishing for the Future (IATUL 2007)

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Stockholm, June 11-14, 2007

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