

IFLA Section on Library Theory and Research (LTR)

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Medium Term Programme 1998 – 2001

Scope

The Section on Library Theory and Research concerns itself with the continuing development of library and information science through theoretical and applied research in all aspects of the discipline.

The Section:

- promotes the importance of investigation and research activities within IFLA's programme;
- upholds scientific integrity in research and development activities;
- supports the design and investigation of research projects and the reporting and publication of research results within the Library and Information Science community world-wide.

Goals 1998 – 2001

1. To encourage and promote research that is designed to improve the quality of Library and Information Science;
2. To encourage and promote research that builds upon solid theoretical foundations;
3. To promote the practical application of relevant research findings in Library and Information Science;
4. To inform researchers in other countries of research in progress;
5. To encourage professional collaboration with related research communities in the information field;
6. To encourage educators in Library and Information Science world-wide to include the training in research in their programmes.

Membership

There were 129 members of the Section for 2000-01

Meetings

LTR held two business meetings at the 67th IFLA Conference in Boston, USA in August 2001 at which its Action Plan endorsed at the Bangkok Conference were reviewed:

Action Plan 2000-2001

1. To establish a closed Listserv using IFLANET for the Section's Standing Committee; done
2. To organise at least two research papers on a topic of importance to library and information science at the Section's open meeting at each IFLA conference. At least one of these papers should be presented by a researcher from the region in which the conference is located; done

3. To publish and distribute two issues of the Section's newsletter each year; done
4. To translate the Section's revised leaflet into all IFLA official languages and to distribute it widely; underway
5. To co-operate with Division VII and also with other relevant sections in establishing standards for library and information education, placing a special emphasis on education and training for research; - underway
6. To sponsor annually a workshop on a particular topic, paying particular attention to collaboration with practitioners; done
7. To cooperate with the Round Table of Library History in organizing the conference in Borås, Sweden, in 2001 about libraries in the 60s and 70s. done
8. That the section synthesise and report on research papers presented at the IFLA conference. - outstanding

Publications

Two Newsletters were published, one in November 2000 and the other in July 2001.

Conference Program

LTR's participation in the IFLA Boston 2001 conference was through a workshop and an open session. The workshop was entitled:

Collaboration between the Library and Information Science Researcher and the practitioner: Leadership Programs in the U.S.

The Introduction of the Program and Comments on the Research on Leadership were delivered by BEVERLY P. LYNCH (Professor, Graduate School of Education & Information Studies, UCLA and Interim President, Center for Research Libraries).

There were presentations from:

Association of Research Libraries – Management Programs – DUANE WEBSTER (Executive Director, Association of Research Libraries);

UCLA Senior Fellows Program – JEFFERY HORRELL (Associate Librarian of Harvard College and 1999 Senior Fellow);

Frye Leadership Institute – DEANNA MARCUM (President, Council on Library and Information Resources);

Association of College and Research Libraries/Harvard Program – ALTHEA JENKINS (Director, Florida State University Libraries and former Executive Director, Association of College and Research Libraries);

Urban Libraries Council Executive Leadership Institute – JOEY RODGER (President, Urban Libraries Council);

Stanford – California State Library – Institute on 21st Century Librarianship – ANNE MARIE GOLD (Executive Director of the Institute);

Mortenson Center for International Library Programs. Visitors Program – MARIANNA TAX CHOLDIN (Director and Distinguished Professor)

The LTR Open Session was titled:

International Cooperation in Library and Information Science (LIS) Research: Making a Difference in the Knowledge Age with the following papers delivered:

An example of European cooperation on research in librarianship, FRANCOISE BOURDON and ELISABETH FREYRE (Bibliothèque nationale de France, Paris, France);

Research and international technical cooperation, programmes, IAN M. JOHNSON (Head, School of Information and Media, The Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen, Scotland, UK);

Collaborative efforts in cross-country studies on information resource sharing infrastructure between China and the U.S.: introducing an international cooperative research method, YAN QUAN LIU (Assistant Professor, Information and Library Science, Southern Connecticut State University, New Haven, CT, USA).

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