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

Libraries: Dynamic Engines for the Knowledge and Information Society

Report from IFLA Congress 2006

A well visited congress: almost 3000 full time delegates from 124 countries attended the World Library and Information Congress, the 72nd General Conference of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions.

Facts and Figures
2891 Full time delegates
447 Day registrations
220 Accompanying persons
522 Exhibition visitors
194 Volunteers
931 First timers
34 grantees
424 Speakers and Presenters
85 Poster Sessions

Word from the Chair

Ragnar Andreas Audunson
Chair of Library Theory and Research Section

SEOUL 2006:

Seoul was an active conference for our SC. We were involved in three sessions: one off-site session presenting Korean LIS-research – highly interesting but unfortunately poorly attended, one on the project on IFLAs role in diffusing professional standards and norms and in addition we had the main responsibility for division VIIs session on cultural and linguistic effects of the way we perform research and teaching in LIS.
Welcome to LISJ
The Seoul meeting of the standing committee for Library Theory and Research decided to welcome the former members of the LISJ to our committee. Channels of publishing are an integrated and vital part of any research undertaking, so such a merger is natural. Our programs will be adapted so that questions related to journals and publishing will be integrated. Hopefully that is satisfactory taken care of already in the call for papers for our Durban session.

Once again- a heartfelt welcome to the LISJ-people. We are looking forward to your fruitful contributions to our work and to a fruitful extension of our scope of activities.

Draft Minutes of LTR Business Meetings

DRAFT MINUTES I
SATURDAY 20th August 2006 11.30 – 14.20 HRS.
Meeting Room 310, COEX, Seoul, Korea

Present: Ragnar Audunson – Chair, Marian Koren – Information Officer, Kerry Smith, Beverly Lynch, Jingli Chu, Biddy Fisher.
Observers: Peter Johan Lor, Gwynneth Evans, Olaf Eigenbrodt, Raju Buddharaju, Elena Zhakko, Elisabeth Freyre, Trina Yayohur
Apologies: Marydee Ojala – Secretary/Treasurer, Ann Curry, Cindy Hill

1. Opening.
The Chair Ragnar Audunson welcomed all to the first Standing Committee meeting of Library Theory and Research Section at the IFLA Seoul conference. The Agenda as set in the LTR Newsletter July 2006 was adopted. In the absence of the LTR Secretary, Kerry Smith agreed to take the minutes of this meeting.

2. The Minutes of the SC meetings held in Oslo on 13 and 19 August 2005 were accepted.

3. IFLA Business at Seoul conference.
Gwynneth Evans as Chair of Coordinating Board (CB VII reported that the Board had met on Friday 19th August 2006:
- All delegates would need their passport, invitation and conference badge for the Opening Ceremony of the conference as there would be a heavy security presence.
- All SC members were invited to a special meeting called by the Professional Committee (PC) from 12.45 – 1.45 Sunday 20th August 2006 regarding the governance of the professional activities of IFLA and questions on the role, size and composition of sections and how IFLA might support these communities of interest. The Section reviews had been considered by a special committee of former chairs of the PC who audited the sections for strength and dynamism.
The meeting would address a series of questions including:
- how do we efficiently and effectively have sections which can work usefully for colleagues and for IFLA?
- Should there be a minimum of 50 persons to enable a section to be formed and 10 members for each SC?
- How might we best address the continuing interests of IFLA members not then represented at the Section level: special interest groups, virtual communities of interest with an increased role for IFLANET? These would be like roundtables without infrastructure and bureaucracy. Marian Koren commented that IFLA needs to give more thought regarding the different representations of the sections: types of libraries? Specialist interest?
Biddy Fisher commented that it would be difficult to find one process that would suit all. There were strategic issues for the IFLA membership such as those represented by LTR section: the position of library theory and research in the future of the profession. How might this be managed?
- Members would also be invited to write to the PC expressing their views.
Each SC needs to put in their comments on the IFLA Strategic Plan.
The President elect will present her program: “Libraries on the agenda” in response to WSIS on Tuesday 23 August 2006 8.30 – 12.45. This will include a report on WSIS.
Instructions to session chairs had been handed out and were still available. They need to be reminded to adhere to them.
As we hear the papers in our sessions, we need to be mindful of articles to be included in the IFLA journal.

4. Seoul conference sessions.
LTR will be holding 3 sessions at the conference and unfortunately all are on Wednesday 22 August 2006.
There is an offsite session 9 – 10.30 a.m. at the Dept Library & Information Science Research at Sookmyung Womens’ University.
The next session follows immediately after, from 10.45 – 12.45 this is to be at COEX. As it will be impossible for delegates to make the second session in time, it was decided that some LTR
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members would remain at the first session until its conclusion and Ragnar would return to COEX and that the second LTR session could start later than scheduled, at 11.15 a.m. He will arrange that a sign be placed on the meeting room and Marian Koren will organize a notice in IFLA Express. LTR is hosting the CBVII session at COEX from 1600 – 1800 and Ragnar is to chair this. Ragnar will report to CBVII that the planning for LTR’s sessions has been very poor for this conference.

5. LTR Strategic Plan
According to the current strategic plan there is to be an LTR satellite session in Durban. This request has been registered with IFLA HQ. After considerable discussion on the logistics of getting around the city and to the outer regions it was decided that this should be cancelled. There is a need to include LISJ in the revised strategic plan. We need to ensure that we work together on areas of common interest.

Peter Lor and Gwynneth Evans were present for this item in place of Steve O’Connor and Ludmilla Kozlova. Library Journals Section (LISJ) is to be closed and the Chair Steve O’Connor has conveyed his agreement to its merger with LTR. There will be a complication because of the ongoing review of Sections as an outcome of the special PC meeting mentioned in Item 2. In the interim, the two sections will be merged and the members of the LISJ SC will join those of the LTR SC. This will still adhere to the IFLA cut off for SC membership. The LISJ members will complete their terms of office as they currently stand.

It was therefore moved (Lynch/Koren) that the LTR section welcome the current members of LISJ Section and that the current members of the LISJ SC be invited to join the SC members of LTR. Accepted unanimously
The Secretary of LTR is to contact the LISJ SC and the membership of LISJ to convey this decision and invitation. Gwynneth Evans agreed to convey the decision to the PC.

7. Communication
Marian Koren reported that two LTR Newsletters had been produced during the year: one in December 2005 and the latest in July 2006. The Section’s website was last updated in October/November 2005. Jingli Chu offered to translate the Section’s membership leaflet into the 6th IFLA Language: Chinese.

This item was deferred until the next meeting when it was expected that the Treasurer would be present.

9. Partnership activities.
Beverly Lynch reported that there had been no activity from the Quality Issues in Libraries Discussion Group.

Political perceptions of public libraries. The Chair Ragnar Audunson reported a request from the project leader Prof Bob Usherwood for more money to complete the project. The project has been in limbo for the past while and it seems apparent that it will now be finalized. IFLA has granted extra funds of 1200Euro for the completion. It seems that Bob has now finished the data collection and that a final report is to be prepared. Kerry Smith has offered to assist in this and will assess once the report is done if it will make an IFLA Professional Report or a book. Kerry Smith reported that in the meantime, Bob Usherwood had found a bank draft for GBP921.37 which she had sent him at least 2 years ago. He was unable to cash it at his bank because it was too old. She is to investigate if it can be reissued from the bank of issue at Curtin University in Australia.

IFLA Norms project. Project leader Ragnar Audunson reported that this project was now entering its second phase. The fourth phase, a qualitative study and more general survey is also being developed and the survey instrument will be the topic of his talk in the LTR session on Wednesday. He has purchased an electronic questionnaire package. So far 8 countries have been covered: North Africa, Russia, Norway, Italy, Netherlands, Cuba, Italy, Australia and he is still hoping for coverage from the US. He plans to publish the results as an IFLA book with each country being a chapter.

New proposals. There are no new project proposals that the committee is aware of.

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11. Future conference planning.

**Durban conference 2007.** As earlier noted, it has been decided to cancel the section’s plans for a satellite session at this conference. It was noted that Dr Dennis Ochalla is the contact for CBVII and Kerry Smith offered to make contact with him regarding the proposed LTR session as she knew him. There was wide discussion regarding the session content and it was decided that through the Seoul conference we consider the possibility of African researchers reporting on their research and how they publish it. This would blend the interests of LTR and LISJ. The current topic being pursued by LTR: hidden biases – cultural and linguistic differences in LIS research, was again suggested as a guiding theme.

**Quebec City 2008.** There is interest in holding another offsite LIS research visit.

12. Other business

It was noted that nominations for Standing Committee would be coming up next year. This would also be important for former LIS members.

13. Chair Ragnar Audunson closed the meeting at 1.40 p.m.

**DRAFT MINUTES II**

**FRIDAY 25th August 2006 11.00 – 13.50**

**Room 321 COEX, Seoul, Korea**

Present: Beverly Lynch, Kerry Smith, Jungli Chu, Marian Koren, Marydee Ojala

Observers: Maxi Kindling, Ben Kaden, Paige Fujisue, Ahman Kaibi

Apologies: Ragnar Audunson, Biddy Fisher, Ann Curry, Cindy Hill

1. Opening: Marian Koren, Information Coordinator for LTR, volunteered to chair the meeting. Introduced were the standing committee members present, Beverly Lynch, Kerry Smith, Jungli Chu, Marian Koren and Marydee Ojala. Apologies were received from Ragnar Audunson, Biddy Fisher, Ann Curry and Cindy Hill. Observers included Maxi Kindling and Ben Kaden from Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany; Paige Fujisue, San Jose State University, California, USA; and Ahmad Kaibi, Tunisia.

2. Review of LTR sessions in Seoul

Offsite: The offsite session was very good, with excellent speakers. Our hosts were extremely gracious, but it was embarrassing to have so few attendees, particularly when the hosts had spent so much time preparing. They were pleased that the offsite session attendees did not rush off, but stayed for a tour of the library and the embroidery museum. The secretary will write a thank you letter to our hosts.

Logistics was a major problem that needs to be brought to the attention of IFLA. Not only do venues look closer on a map than they actually are, it was unclear how people were to sign up to attend. Another problem was getting information about a schedule change into Express. One observer stated she didn’t realize there was a roster to attend the offsite meeting. The German observers commented that, based on their experience working on Express, there was considerable dissatisfaction. They wanted to put more items of interest to Germans, for example, into the German version. This was impossible, since IFLA wants all versions to contain the same information, but in the individual languages. Beverly Lynch suggested that Express this year was more of a public relations device rather than an informational publication.

Onsite: The afternoon session on Wednesday was well attended. The speakers’ papers were very varied. Jungli Chu comments that the Chinese interpretation was good, but only a few sessions had translation capabilities. More Chinese translators are needed. Chu also asked why more presentation can’t be put on the Internet, particularly when the full text is not in the proceedings. Marian Koren explained that it is IFLA policy to publish only full text, not PowerPoint slides. Ragnar Audunson is recommending one of the papers from the afternoon session for publication in the IFLA Journal.

Overall conference: There were conflicting sessions on open access Thursday morning. This type of overlap should be avoided by IFLA program planners. Room size was another problem, with some rooms almost empty and others overfull.

3. Future conference planning

**Durban:** It was reitered that the pre conference in Namibia has been cancelled. LTR will do just one 2-hour session for the Durban conference. Kerry Smith volunteered to write the call for papers. The papers should focus on research and how it is published in African countries and in African language journals. What issues are there with accessing materials, from the African perspective. The call for papers should be posted to African discussion lists as well as to IFLA lists. It should be...
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disseminated to the African section. Papers need to be proper research papers. The call for papers will ask for an abstract that the committee will evaluate. Repeat speakers should be discouraged. If someone speaks one year, they should not also speak the next year.

Quebec City: The standing committee will attempt to plan a pre conference in Canada. For the LTR session, papers about Canadian research would be welcome. Ann Curry may be able to help identify research institutes.

4. Projects
Kerry Smith will sort out the payment problem with Bob Usherwood. Hopefully the Australian bank can issue a replacement cheque to him. It is essential that Underwood’s report be written and submitted to the committee.

5. Elections
Elections will be held next year. It is important to involve the Journals members. LTR needs more members. The secretary will work on a leaflet to promote LTR. A target letter to LIS departments could spur interest in the committee. The newsletter is published twice a year and is another vehicle to get people’s attention. One possibility for the newsletter would be to include vignettes on LIS research in various countries represented by LTR members. The name of the standing committee will not change with the inclusion of the Journals committee.

6. Strategic Plan
IFLA is rethinking the size of sections. It is the opinion of LTR that library research is the underlying foundation for the future of the profession.

7. WSIS
Alex Byrne and Swiss colleagues are to be congratulated for turning around the WSIS agenda so that it reflected the importance of libraries in the world information society.

8. Adjournment
The meeting adjourned with a vote of thanks to Marian Koren for chairing the meeting.

IFLA congress sessions

The LTR Conference Program included some interesting sessions which all took place on Wednesday 23 August:

We first visited the Department of library & information science at the Sookmyung Women’s University in Seoul to learn about the studies and activities of the Research Department. We were impressed by the new modeled main library lounge, and had our session in the Centennial Hall, thanks to Prof. C.S. Lee, library director.

Library and information science research: the case in Korea
The programme was well signposted and our hosts were very hospitable. Presentations were given by: Profs. Kyung-Mook Oh and Yunkeum Kim Chang on LIS Education and Research Development in Korea, and by Prof. Soyeon Park from the Duksung Women’s University on: End User Searching: A Log Analysis of Naver, a Korean Web Search Engine. A lively Questions and Answers session followed.

Then, our hosts gave a tour of the impressive building, including the Women’s Study Center.

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The role of IFLA in promoting professional norms and standards: LTR-Project Results

IFLAs role in diffusing professional norms: results from an international survey
RAGNAR AUDUNSON (Oslo University College, Oslo, Norway)
IFLAs role in diffusing professional norms: a US perspective
WALLACE KOEHLER (Valdosta University, US)
A Cuban approach to “The role of IFLA in diffusing professional norms and standards”
EMILIO SETIEN-QUESADA (Cuban Association of Librarians (ASCUBI))
IFLAs role in diffusing professional norms: LTR-Project in Russia
NATALIA L. GENDINA (Kemerovo State University of Culture and Arts, Russia)

Interventions were made by a number of researchers and participants, a.o.:

Maria Elena Dorta Duque, Cuba
Alistair Black, UK
Alison Kinengyere, Uganda
Inini Cigongo Bukenya, Uganda

And furthermore on the same day we had the Divisional programme hosted by LTR section

Hidden biases in library concepts - Cultural and linguistic differences in research and education
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YOUNG MAN KO (Sung Kyun Kwan University, Seoul, Korea)

A Slavonic librarianship phenomenon? The Polish-Bulgarian cooperation case study
KRASSIMIRA ANGUELOVA (Sofia University, Department of LIS, Sofia, Bulgaria), MARIA PRZASTEK-SAMOKOWA and MALGORZATA KISILOWSKA (Institute of Information and Book Studies, University of Warsaw, Poland)

Developing a Master in Library and Information Science (MLIS) curriculum for Central Asia: Integrating Kazakh, Russian and North American concepts of libraries and librarianship
LESLIE CHAMPENY and ANNA BERGALIEVA (Kazakhstan Institute of Management, Economics and Strategic Research (KIMEP), Alma Ata, Kazakhstan)
Cultural and linguistic barriers to information retrieval and dissemination
GODWIN E. SHOKI and ADETOUN A OYELUDE
(University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria)
Whose model, what context? Cultural bias and the nested model of context stratification for information seeking and retrieval
ARCHIE L. DICK (Department of Information Science, University of Pretoria, South Africa)
Breaking out of the linguistic ghetto? The role of new media in facilitating international research
IAN JOHNSON (Aberdeen Business School, The Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen, UK)
Linguistic and Cultural Approaches to Knowledge Organization and Information Services
JUNG-RAN PARK (College of Information Science & Technology, Drexel University, USA)
Hidden biases in library concepts- Cultural and linguistic differences in research and education
CHANG SUK KIM (USA)

Library visits
Participants took the opportunity to visit one or more of the 37 best libraries in Korea. Buses were driving to all corners of this large city and its surroundings.

The Professional Committee held a hearing
PC Hearing
The PC organized a Hearing to give an opportunity to Sections to openly give additional views to the Section reviews particularly on issues touching on the structure of IFLA. This was the first time such a forum has been organized.
Some discussion points and recommendations:
• Currently IFLA has four types of “Professional Unit” – Sections, Core Activities, Special Interest Groups, and Discussion Groups. Reduce this to three by changing the names of current Discussion Groups to Special Interest Groups and applying to Special Interest Groups the same basic procedures governing Discussion Groups in the Rule of Procedure.
• Increase number of members required for a Section to 50 members.
• Increase minimum number of members required for Standing Committees to 10.
• Establish clear rules for disbanding Sections.
• Should the PC consider establishing virtual interest groups?

Sections and Discussion Groups
PC approved the following requests:
• University Libraries Section was renamed Academic and Research Libraries
• Discussion Group on LIS Education in Developing Countries was approved under Division VIII
• Quality Issues In Libraries Discussion Group’s life-span was extended to another term
• Agricultural Libraries Discussion Group was elevated to a Section

IFLA/FAIFE World Report 2006
"Libraries and the fight against HIV/AIDS, poverty and corruption" takes up some of the big issues and major challenges facing the world today: the HIV/AIDS pandemic, poverty and corruption.
Authors from Africa, Asia, Central America and the Caribbean, and Eastern Europe explore the role and responsibilities of libraries and information services, and how they can contribute to this fight.
The authors advocate the engagement of libraries in strong education efforts, implementation of information laws, awareness of the consequences of poverty and corruption, advocating transparency; and enhancing libraries' position in society; and thus increasing the abilities of libraries' successful
participation in the fight for equal opportunities, transparency and better public health. In regard to all three themes, the authors draw our attention to the need to identify new responsibilities and values for the library profession.

This year's report clearly demonstrates the need for libraries' active involvement and support in the fight against HIV/AIDS, poverty and corruption.

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Proposed for IFLA Journal

Whose model, what context? Cultural bias and the nested model of context stratification for information seeking and retrieval
ARCHIE L. DICK (Department of Information Science, University of Pretoria, South Africa)

From our session, we would propose Archie Dicks paper, partly because we found the paper very interesting but also because we believe it might be useful in IFLA Journal's development towards being cited in ISI and increase its role as a professional journal. Archie Dick's paper criticizes a model proposed by Ingwersen and Järvelin, two of the most cited authors in the scientific field of information seeking and retrieval. Thereby his paper is integrated into the academic discourse, and we believe that will increase that it will be read and cited in the academic world, which again might have positive effects for IFLA journal.

Ragnar Audunson

News from Division VII and Professional Committee/Governing Board (PC/GB)

UNESCO and IFLA are working together on a number of strategic issues: library statistics; post WSIS issues and action lines; Information for All Programme (IFAP) including many sub-themes related to digital libraries and preservation; Information literacy; Intellectual property issues; and multicultural diversity.

President-elect Claudia Lux's theme: Libraries on the Agenda will reinforce these current issues and partnerships.

Strategic Plan
The revised strategic plan was approved. It will be sent out early in the new year in the IFLA languages. The GB decided to focus on 6 priorities in the next months: advocacy, the website, restructuring of the professional work, multilingual services, fundraising and finances, and the membership toolkit.

Professional Structure Review Committee
The committee made up of past PC chairs and several present PC members will work to complete a set of recommendations for April 2007, so that another hearing with recommendations may be held in Durban. The Committee received a number of suggestions from IFLA officers after the Seoul hearing.

Nominations
Division VII officers are encouraged to communicate with members of their sections to increase membership in the section and on Standing Committees. The deadline for all nominations is 7 February, 2007. Check the letters that your associations or institutional members have received.


Gwynneth Evans, Chair Division VII

New Discussion Group Women, Information, Libraries (WIL)
During the Seoul Conference, a group of interested colleagues convened and worked on the start up of a new discussion group on Women, Information and Libraries (WIL). Interest was shown from eleven different countries, and from both women and men. The group will focus on women as users of library and information services, as workers in the library field, and as providers of information. The overarching strategic framework is the UN treaties, programs and initiatives related to women and information to create a fruitful link between IFLA and relevant international organizations.

During its December meeting IFLA's Professional Committee approved the establishment of a Women, Information and Libraries Discussion Group under the wings of the Management of Libraries Associations Section. This DG will be granted a 2 hours slot as part of each of our conference programmes in Durban (August 2007) and Quebec City (August 2008).

The first Programme in Durban will focus on women and information in the African context.

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Emclaire Knowles: knowles@simmons.edu

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Welcome to Durban in 2007

“Libraries for the future: Progress, Development and Partnerships”

Ellen Tise, Chair of the Durban National Committee invited all delegates present at the closing ceremony in Seoul to come to Durban, South Africa next year!

Please note:

Call for Posters IFLA/WLIC 2007

The Call for Poster Sessions for the 2007 World Library and Information Congress in Seoul can be found on the IFLA web site: http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla73/call-poster-pr2007.htm. The deadline for proposals is 14 February 2007, be sure to send in your proposal in time!

Calls for Papers IFLA/WLIC 2007

1. Library Theory & Research (LTR) Section - Programme Theme: LIS research and publishing: the African LIS researcher’s story

The IFLA Library Theory & Research (LTR) Section invites African LIS researcher colleagues to submit an abstract for consideration for the LTR Open session program at the IFLA Durban Conference. Papers should particularly focus on the effects of social, cultural and historical conditions in Africa on LIS research; or compare African LIS research with LIS research in other parts of the world. All papers should include a description of the theoretical and methodological approaches. They should also outline the publishing mechanisms proposed or used to publicize the research and why the particular publishing path has been chosen.

Please email your detailed abstract (1 page or at least 300 words) of the proposed paper (must not have been published elsewhere) and relevant biographical information of author(s)/presenter(s) by 15 January 2007 via email to: Dr Kerry Smith, Convenor, IFLA LTR Durban Open session: K.Smith@curtin.edu.au

The abstracts will be reviewed by members of the LTR Section’s Standing Committee. Successful proposals will be identified by mid January 2007.

Full papers will be due by 15 April 2007 to allow time for the review of papers and preparation of translations; papers should be no longer than 20 pages. Depending on the final allotted time for our session, we expect that we can allow 20-25 minutes for a summary delivery of the paper during the LTR open session programme. Please note that the expenses of attending the Durban conference will be the responsibility of the author(s)/presenter(s) of accepted papers.

2. Division VII: Education and Research

Theme: The Internet, Libraries and the Changing Information Behaviour: Perspectives for Research and Education

Division VII: Education and Research will hold a 2-hour Program in Durban. We invite IFLA Members to respond to this Call for Papers for a program concerned with the topic: The Internet, Libraries and the Changing Information Behaviour: Perspectives for Research and Education

The objective of the program is to present research into the issues raised by the emergence of and the ever more widespread access to and use of the Internet. We wish to examine the challenges and opportunities for libraries that the Internet presents. In the session we want to concentrate on the implications of changing user information behaviour in relation to all types of libraries and information service providers. The topic is of interest to both researchers and professionals.

It is important to note that we are looking for research-based papers in the following areas:

- What does the widespread access to the Internet mean for the use of libraries - be it public libraries or academic libraries?
- Are LIS educational programs and CPD - programs appropriately responding to changing information behaviour?
- Does access to Internet resources lead to new patterns of reading for pleasure, work and learning?
- What theory development and research are needed as the information seeking strategies of users change due to the use of Internet?
- How can information literacy assist in helping people cope with the new information behaviour shaped by Internet?
- What can we learn from library history that is relevant to the current questions and concerns on changing information behaviour

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The papers will be reviewed on their academic merits by an international panel.

Proposals for papers must be submitted by 15 February 2007 to: Professor Niels Ole Pors, Department of Library and Information management, Royal School of Library and Information Science, Birketinget 6, 2300 Copenhagen S, Denmark
E-mail: nop@db.dk

The proposal should include a 4-500 word abstract and all relevant biographical information. Successful proposers will be notified by 15 March 2007 and must supply the full paper by 1 May 2007.

Please note:

Satellite Meetings 2007

A number of Satellite Meetings is being prepared around the IFLA Congress in Durban. See: http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla73/satellite-en.htm

Some examples:

IT and Research in African University Libraries
Dates: 17 August 2007, Location: Durban
Contact persons:
Makerere: universitylibrarian@mulib.mak.ug
Durban: Buchanan@ukzn.ac.za

Developing the Library into a learning centre
Information Literacy with the University of Botswana
Location: Gaborone, Botswana
Contact person: Viggo Pedersen
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Innovative multicultural library services for all, with special reference to literacy, learning and linguistic diversity
Dates: 15 - 17 August 2007, Location: Pretoria,
Contact persons: A.J. Swanepoel
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Website: https://lib.tut.ac.za/ifla/
Publications: Call for papers

7th Northumbria International Conference on Performance Measurements in Libraries and Information Services: Quality assurance and outcomes assessment in libraries and information services
Dates: 13-16 August; Location: Spier hotel near Cape Town, http://www.spier.co.za
Contact person: Karin de Jager
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Website: www.lib.sun.ac.za/Northumbria7/Index.htm

Continuing Professional Development: Pathways to Leadership in the Library & Information World
(7th IFLA World conference on continuing professional development and workplace learning for the information professions.
Dates: 14-16 August; Location: Johannesburg
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Website General Information and Call for papers

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Library and Information Science Journals

Partnership: the Canadian Journal of Library and Information Practice and Research
In November 2006 “The Partnership: the Provincial and Territorial Library Associations of Canada” launched a new open access peer reviewed journal entitled: Partnership: the Canadian Journal of Library and Information Practice and Research. The purpose of the journal is to provide opportunities to the Canadian library community in the realm of scholarly communication. The journal is an outlet for sharing innovations in the workplace and one of only a few peer reviewed Canadian venues for research in the field of librarianship. The journal, run solely by volunteers, also provides a chance for librarians, information professionals and library workers to gain experience as editors, reviewers and writing coaches. The philosophy behind the journal is to provide rigorous peer review and high standards in both theoretical and practical aspects of our profession and to provide it freely and immediately to everyone. No embargoes - this is for librarians who talk the talk and walk the walk! In addition to the double blind peer review sections entitled Theory and Research and Innovations in Practice, the journal will have a peer reviewed conference section, as well as Canadian news, profiles and views from members of the library community and beyond. The journal is employing Open Journal Software (OJS) developed at Simon Fraser University in British Columbia and is hosted at the University of Guelph in Ontario.

To learn more about the journal or to view our first issue go to www.partnershipjournal.ca or contact Jennifer Richard, Editor in Chief at Jennifer.richard@acadiau.ca


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RAILS 3: Research Applications in Information and Library Studies
http://cedar.humanities.curtin.edu.au/conferences/rails3/About.cfm

This seminar was held in Perth, Western Australia in conjunction with the Australian Library and Information Association’s (ALIA) national conference. The RAILS seminar series is now well established. The first was a meeting of like research minds at the ALIA conference in Adelaide in 1996. Since then the seminars have blossomed with formal research seminars being held at Queensland University of Technology in 2004 and one organised in 2005 by Charles Sturt University and held at the National Library of Australia.

The Perth seminar built on partnerships amongst educators, researchers and practitioners in library and information studies (LIS) to enable a culture of informed and innovative research practice. The theme of Linking Research With Practice started at the 2005 seminar continued. The first part of the seminar was a meeting of research minds where issues surrounding LIS research in the Australian context were discussed. The key driver at the moment is the Australian federal government’s implementation of the Research Quality Framework (ROF) funding model for research funding: a scheme with some similarities to the UK’s RAE. This will drive scholarly research practice in certain ways and the LIS academic world needs to be prepared. The meeting was co-sponsored by the ALIA Research Committee http://www.alia.org.au/research/ and a number of the issues will be taken up by that committee.

The RAILS 3 all day seminar program on Saturday 23 September 2006 was held at the State Library of Western Australia. Eleven papers on a variety of research topics and activities - see abstracts at: http://cedar.humanities.curtin.edu.au/conferences/rails3/Program.cfm - were delivered and there were lively questions. Presenters are being encouraged to submit their papers for consideration to the e-journal LIBRES http://libres.curtin.edu.au.

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