



LTR Newsletter December 2007

IFLA Standing Committee on Library Theory and Research
(International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions)

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(Pictures by Marian Koren)



The Keynote Address delivered by **Justice Albie Sachs**, Judge at the Constitutional Court of South Africa, told the breathtaking story of his life: how an unknown librarian saved his life, by providing good reading during imprisonment.



Report from the IFLA Congress 2007

IFLA Durban was a congress not easy to forget. The opening session presented stories giving the flavour of South Africa: South African Mother of Books, **Gcina Mhlophe**, an extra-ordinary writer/storyteller with a warm heart for all in need caught the attention of all to the importance of stories for life and education.



Facts and Figures

IFLA's effort to travel around and stimulate participation to the IFLA World Library and Information Congress, especially by people in the region was successful, with 1606 delegates from the African Continent present in Durban.

2427 Full time delegates
349 Day registrations
202 Accompanying persons
33 Exhibition visitors
122 Volunteers
431 First timers
202 Grantees thanks to generous grants.

Multilinguism:

393 Conference Papers of which 226 Papers in English, 98 in French, 17 in German, 12 in Russian, 35 in Spanish, 4 in Chinese, 1 in Arabic.

Country Representation:

118 countries were represented. South Africa had the largest representation, 1212 delegates, including day visitors and exhibition visitors!
Runners up were: USA 488, UK: 231; China 122, Russian Fed. 97 persons.

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Word from the Chair

Dear LTR-members,

As chairman of IFLA's section on Library Theory and Research, I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and successful 2008.

Our activities in Durban in August were interesting and successful. Our session on African LIS research resulted in five very interesting papers on the challenges and developments in research within the field on the African continent, covering different parts of the continent from Morocco in the north to Botswana and South Africa in the South. At our business meetings we had fruitful discussions on the sections activities from 2008 till 2010. Our activities in this period will be organized around three pillars:

- Research on libraries as space and place. Both in Quebec 2008 and Milan 2009 we will have sessions devoted to this topic.
- The highly salient issue of open access to research. Students will be invited to submit research papers on the topic till the Milan conference in 2008.
- Research agendas in LIS. What should be the main focus of such agendas if our field is to produce the knowledge the multicultural and globalised knowledge society is in need of.

I look forward to cooperating with you on these issues to the best of our field in general and IFLA in particular.

See you in Quebec in half a year!

Ragnar Audunson, Chairman



IFLA Honorary fellow: Kay Raseroka, Botswana



At the IFLA World Library and Information Congress in Kwazulu Natal, the IFLA Honour was presented: "The person nominated for honorary fellowship this year has made a major contribution, over a long period of time, in her own country, in her region, and worldwide. She has been a driving force in promoting the entry of her continent,

Africa, into the Information Society.

She has highlighted the value of indigenous knowledge and of its appropriate utilisation, and has promoted recognition of the importance of orality in indigenous communities.

She is a respected leader in Africa and in the developing world generally. She has been a strong leader and a dignified and respected spokesperson for the library community and for IFLA in International forums such as the World Summit on the Information Society. In 2003 she became IFLA's first African President. Today, in the province of her birth, we honour --- Kay Raseroka.

The LTR Section congratulates Kay Raseroka and is very proud to count her among its members!

IFLA 2007 Congress sessions and activities

The first session was organised by Kerry Smith, from the set up for the call for papers, the reviewing process till the exciting moment of the session:

08.30-10.30, Wednesday 22 August

LIS Research and publishing: the African LIS researcher's story

[Tendances de la recherche nord africaine en science de l'information: entre la théorie et l'empirisme](#)

English

WAHID GDOURA (Manouba University, Tunis)

[LIS research in Africa: how much is it worth? A citation analysis of the literature, 1986-2006](#)

OMWOYO BOSIRE ONYANCHA (University of Eastern Africa, Baraton, KwaDlangezwa, South Africa/Eldoret, Kenya)



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[Research patterns, trends and challenges in library and information science in South Africa. An analysis of journal research and output from 1993-2006](#)

DENNIS N. OCHOLLA (University of Zululand, South Africa) and LYUDMILLA OCHOLLA (University of Zululand, South Africa)

[Library and information science research in Botswana, an analysis of trends and patterns](#)

Français

KGOMOTSO H. MOAHI (University of Botswana, Gaborone, Botswana)

[Readability as consideration for book selection criterion in book selection practices in some academic libraries in Nigeria](#)

Français

GODWIN SHOKI (University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria)



Speakers at the LTR session with Kerry Smith

The good cooperation within the Division VII was continued with a joint Divisional session with a variety of speakers.

10.45-12.45, Thursday 23 August

158 Division of Education and Research

The internet, libraries and the changing information behaviour: perspectives for research and education

[Libraries for a Global Networked World: Toward New Educational and Design Strategies](#)

ROBERT M. MASON and TABITHA HART (University of Washington, Seattle, USA)

[Changing information behaviour: education, research and relationships](#)

JUDITH BROADY-PRESTON (University of Wales, Aberystwyth, UK)



Very serious!

[Role of third world libraries in academic institutions in an environment of the IT revolution: lessons from the University of Zimbabwe's ILS training programme](#)

ENOCH CHIPUNZA (University of Zimbabwe, Zimbabwe)

[Predictable and Unpredictable Patterns: Adoption, Avoidance and Alteration in Danish Research Libraries](#)

CARL GUSTAV JOHANNSEN (Royal School of Library and Information Science, Copenhagen, Denmark)

[Information Literacy Applied on Electronic Resources - Practices from Brasov, Romania and Bergen, Norway](#)

ANGELA REPANOVICI (Transylvania University Library of Brasov, Romania) and ANE LANDOY (University of Bergen Library, Bergen, Norway)



Also very serious!

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Draft Minutes for Standing Committee Meetings 2007
Durban, South Africa

Saturday 18th August 2007 Durban, South Africa

Present Ragnar Audunson – Chair, Marydee Ojala – Secretary/Treasurer, Marian Koren – Information Officer, Chu Jingli, Helen Partridge, Binny Fisher, Ann Curry,

Observers: Eileen Breen, Elisabeth Freyre, Wanda Dole, Automie Gale Fontane

Apologies: Terry Weech, Kerry Smith, Lynn Silipigni Connaway, Beverly Lynch, 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 Durban conference. The Agenda as set in the LTR Newsletter July 2007 was adopted.

2. The Minutes of the SC meetings in Seoul on the 20th and 25th of August 2007 were accepted. Ragnar commented on the importance of the Journals section joining with LTR.

3. The Treasurer reported that there have been no expenses as yet during the year. However, it is anticipated that a new leaflet will incur printing costs before the end of 2007. The payment to Bob Usherwood has been sorted.

4. Ragnar Audunson was elected to a second term as Chair of the Section and Marydee Ojala was elected to a second term as Secretary/Treasurer of the Section.

5. IFLA business in Durban:

Ragnar reported on the Coordinating Board VII meeting held on the 17th of August in Durban. The Information Literacy SC is particularly impressive, particularly in pursuing outside funding. A hearing on the proposed new professional structure will be held on Sunday, the 19th of August. A new officers training session will be held on Monday, the 20th of August.

6. LTR session in Durban:

Ragnar presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Kerry Smith for her work in organizing the session. We have accepted five papers, one of which will be delivered in French. The countries represented by the speakers are Tunisia, Kenya, South Africa, Botswana, and Nigeria.

7. Project status

Bob Usherwood's project on the *Political perceptions of public libraries* is completed and is in publication stage as an IFLA professional report.

Ragnar's project on *IFLA's role in diffusing professional norms* is ongoing. Data collection is almost done. Papers reflecting research in specific countries was presented both at the IFLA conference in Oslo and in Seoul. A new survey was distributed this spring, based on the participant list from Seoul, corrected for an oversupply of names from Scandinavia and South Korea. The response from about 200 people has produced some interesting preliminary results. More participation is needed from some geographic regions, particularly Africa. Ragnar expects to finish the project by the end of 2007.

8. Programme planning for 2008 in Quebec City and 2009 in Milan

The main theme of the conference is *Libraries without borders: navigating towards global understanding*.

We should look into the possibilities of a satellite event in 2009, to be held in Italy, near Milan. Our topic for 2008 will be *Libraries as places*. This would start as a session in Quebec City, then move to Milan as a satellite event.

Our topic for 2009 will be *Open access*.

We will issue a call for papers for Quebec City.

We will investigate the possibility of a student competition focused on a literature review of open access for Milan.

9. IFLA's professional structure:

The proposal is an attempt to reduce bureaucracy within the association. It is proposed that there be four broad divisions, organized by library types; materials, function & services; support of the profession (which is where LTR would be placed); and geographical regions.

10. Other business

Ann Curry asked for suggestions regarding a project to establish a research agenda for a country.

11. Chair Ragnar Audunson closed the meeting at 16.35 hrs.

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Second business meeting

Friday 24th August 2007, Durban, South Africa

Present: Ragnar Audunson, Marydee Ojala, Marian Koren, Terry Weech, Helen Partridge, Jingli Chu, Biddy Fisher, Michele Battisti

Observers: Kerry Smith, Sylvie Chevillotte, Eileen Breen, Wahid Gdoura

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Apologies: Lynn Silipigni Connaway, Ann Curry, Lars Høglund, Beverly Lynch

1. Opening: Ragnar welcomed all to the second meeting of the Standing Committee meeting. He congratulated Marian Koren, Information Officer, for her editorial work on the SC newsletter, which resulted in winning the runner-up prize for most improved newsletter.

2. IFLA business in Durban

Ragnar reported that the proposed restructuring has been under review throughout the conference. The major change in the proposal is that the number of divisions has been increased from four to five. Also, the minimum number of members for standing committees remains under review and is fluctuating.

3. Review of LTR sessions in Durban

The session was very successful, with about 80 attendees. The papers were of high quality and gave a good picture of challenges faced by African researchers, both regionally and nationally. Four of the five papers were delivered. The speaker from Nigeria was unable to attend. If funding is a problem for speakers from developing countries, they should be put in touch with ALP. Two of the papers have already been published in the *South African Journal of Libraries and Information Science*. LTR will propose Gdoura's paper on the history of research in francophone Africa to Division VII for publication in the IFLA journal.

4. Future conferences

Discussion continued on future conference session topics.

The Quebec City session on libraries as places should include public, academic, special, and virtual libraries. Papers should concentrate on the theoretical aspects of the topic. Ragnar has drafted a call for speakers. Eileen Breen volunteered to help distribute the call.

Biddy Fisher has a colleague who could coordinate logistics for Quebec City speakers.

Marketing and Management has expressed interest in cooperating on sessions in Quebec City. We could share with them, if they include the words "theory" or "research" in their title, which currently is *Managing in a changing environment*, but do not want to give up our session time.

The satellite event in Milan will move the topic from the theoretical to the empirical. Ragnar will investigate partnering with another SC. LTR will submit a request to hold a satellite event on its own in case the partnering does not transpire.

The Milan session on open access will be coordinated by Helen Partridge. Only one student submission from each university will be considered. We will investigate if there is sufficient technology to support distance presentations, in case a winning student would be unable to travel to Italy. The student could present the paper using some type of streaming media technology.

Another topic of interest for future conferences revolves around the research agendas of governments being an obstacle to research. Perhaps in Brisbane we could look at public policy regarding research agendas. Where are the research gaps where collaboration would be beneficial? What is the agenda for practitioners in regards to research. This theme could be related to the section of Management of Library Associations.

5. Strategic plan

LTR will revise its strategic plan to reflect its changing topic priorities, including library as place, stimulating research, open access to information, research agendas.

The plan will set out LTR's main priorities until 2010. The research agenda will hopefully result in a book on research agendas, giving the "state of play" by region. Kerry Smith is interested in editing this book. Ann Curry, Biddy Fisher, and Helen Partridge will work with Kerry on the project.

Eileen Breen will review a draft version of the strategic plan from the perspective of the former Journals section.

6. Annual report

The annual report will be dated from conference to conference (August to August), but is to be filed mid-January.

It will summarize information from the minutes and the newsletter.

7. Leaflet

An updated leaflet is necessary to reflect changes in LTR priorities and strategic plan. Translations by SC members will be encouraged.

The goal of the leaflet is to encourage new members to the section.

It can be put on the Emerald website since Emerald is a corporate sponsor. It can be mentioned in Libris with a link to the LTR website.

8. Other business

Terry Weech distributed the BOBCATTS leaflet for its 16th Symposium.

9. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 15.50 hrs.

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Library Theory and Research STRATEGIC PLAN 2007-2008

Mission

The IFLA Section on Library Theory & Research exists to:

- provide a research-based framework to IFLA's professional priorities through a program promoting theoretical and empirical library and information science research and analysis;
 - provide and encourage international networking opportunities for library professionals engaged in library and information science research.
- Professional priorities:** Supporting the role of libraries in society; Developing library professionals; Promoting standards, guidelines and best practices.

Goals

1. Encourage exchange between practice-based and theoretical research in LIS.

Actions

1.1 Encourage theoretically as well as empirically based papers at IFLA and IFLA sponsored conferences. In the coming period the section will focus upon libraries as place and space (Quebec and Milan), open access to research (Milan) and research agendas for LIS-research (Brisbane).

1.1.1. Quebec 2008

Theme: "**Libraries without borders: Navigating towards global understanding**"

- A session on Theoretical approaches to research on **Libraries as space and place**
Libraries as space and place have become an important research topic within library and information science. How can libraries develop into places promoting community, knowledge sharing, citizenship, confidence and trust? Such research questions are relevant for public libraries as well as for academic, government and special libraries, and they are relevant for digital libraries as well as physical libraries. At its session in Quebec, the IFLA section on Library Theory and Research will focus upon research on libraries as space and place. In particular, we want to examine theoretical approaches when doing research on this issue, e.g. theories on the public sphere, concepts and approaches related to social capital, approaches from knowledge management such as communities of practice, the concept of The Third Place, etc.
Papers discussing the fruitfulness of different theoretical approaches when researching this topic in general or when doing research on libraries as space

and place in particular contexts, e.g. an academic context or a local community context, are welcomed.

- Contribute to the session **Managing libraries in a changing environment** together with the section on Marketing and Management and Statistics and Evaluation.
- Completing the research projects on IFLA's role in promoting change and diffusing professional norms.

1.1.2. Milan 2009

Theme: "**Libraries create futures: building on cultural heritage**"

- Libraries as space and place: The topic libraries as space and place will be continued with a satellite conference focusing upon empirical research and practical examples.
- Open access to research is a highly salient and much debated topic. LTR invites graduate students to submit research papers on this topic. The best papers will be presented at a session at the Milan conference in 2009.

1.1.3. Brisbane 2010:

- A session on Research agendas for Library and information Science.
- LTR to communicate with the IFLA Management of Library Associations Section and library schools.

1.2.1 To commence knowledge exchange amongst LTR members;

1.2.2 Evaluating research projects for their relevance to IFLA's professional priorities and LTR's goals.

2. Assisting in the development of expertise and knowledge in useful research methods

Actions

- Evaluate conference papers for possible inclusion in IFLA and other journals.

3. Facilitating transnational networks of common research interests

Actions

3.1 Sharing LTR communications:

- 3.1.1 LTR Newsletter;
- 3.1.2 LTR Discussion List;
- 3.1.3 LTR Website on IFLANET;
- 3.1.4 Encourage attendance at LTR Standing Committee meetings;

3.2 Promoting membership to LTR:

- 3.2.1 Target professional groups (e.g. library schools)
 - Encourage broad international representation on LTR Standing Committee
 - Update the Section leaflet

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News from Division VII, Professional Committee and Governing Board



The IFLA Governing Board (GB) met in cold and rainy The Hague, Netherlands in December 2007. The main points of discussion were as follows:

Revision of IFLA Statutes and structure

The revision of IFLA Statutes has the aim of implementing the changes resulting from the consultation process conducted by the Professional Committee during 2006 and 2007, incorporating other changes approved by the Governing Board. This revision offers an option for the recognition of personal affiliates as "Personal Members". The revised Statutes are to be approved by the IFLA Council in Quebec. A subgroup has been nominated with the authority of suggestions and additional comments with deadline in March 2008. The Professional Committee has the task of coordinating the transition in the new Sections and Divisions structure. The elections of the new IFLA structure are before Milan and running soon after the conference. In Quebec an information meeting will be held at the start of the Conference.

Financial matters and IFLANET

The budget situation is good, especially for input from Conferences. The Bill & Melinda Gates Grant will be used a.o. for a new IT system and IFLANET, incl. staff. IFLA will consult section members on the transition to the new software. IFLA benefits of ILL Vouchers made electronically and arrangement is running well with British Library and OCLC. Membership has increased but efforts will be made with the help of IFLANET to improve communication, and include responsibility of Regional offices to do more recruitment.

2008 Multilingual year and IFLA languages

2008 is the year of Multilingualism and the Conference in Quebec will promote multilingual aspects. All Sections should discuss Multilingualism in the meetings, with constant reminding of it. It was suggested to have a guest speaker on the topic, and a plenary session; and to have a special issue of the IFLA Journal with a Call for Papers on Multilingualism.

The connection between literacy and language was stressed.

Conference translations of IFLA express add importance to the English original. The first community to start to do translations has been the French community, with approval from IFLA but with all the costs paid by the language community. Now, a new agreement gives to the languages communities the responsibility of mobility and accommodation costs of translators, including coordination (dealing with time schedule, getting papers in time etc.). IFLA will support the translation with the availability of rooms, equipment, editing layout and all software infrastructure needed, including printing costs.

Core activities

Core activities are all looking for better coordination with IFLA structure and sections, and with partners. *Preservation and Conservation (PAC)* prioritises training; trainers are needed: a database of trainers in different languages will be set up. Training material needs to be shared, including books, films for e-learning, practical exercises for the disaster planning. In Milan 2009, a Conference on safeguarding monuments and heritage at risk is planned. *Action for development through Libraries Programme (ALP)*: The cooperation with the Regional Offices, and Division continues. The Balkan countries will also be included in the Developing Countries Group, and be included in ALP activities. *Alliance for Bibliographic Standards ICABS*: Major changes are taking place in the internetbased world and the access to digital sources. IFLA works for leadership in the field of bibliographic standards also regarding digital resources. Transdivisional activities from Library services and bibliographic control need a first step: a Liaison Group for Bibliographic control and ICABS will prepare a proposal to be discussed in GB meeting in April 2008.

Anna Maria Tammaro
Chair Division VII

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[World Library and Information Congress: 74th IFLA General Conference and Council](#)

Québec, Canada, 10-15 August 2008
"Libraries without borders: Navigating towards global understanding"

Call for papers Library Theory and Research Section

Theme: ["Theoretical Approaches to Research on Libraries as Space and Place"](#)

Libraries as space and place have become an important research topic within library and information science. How can libraries develop into places promoting community, knowledge sharing, citizenship, confidence and trust? Such research questions are relevant for public libraries as well as for academic, government and special libraries, and they are relevant for digital libraries as well as physical libraries. At its session in Quebec, the IFLA section on Library Theory and Research will focus upon research on libraries as space and place. In particular, we want to examine theoretical approaches when doing research on this issue, e.g. theories on the public sphere, concepts and approaches related to social capital, approaches from knowledge management such as communities of practice, the concept of 'The Third Place' etc. Papers discussing the fruitfulness of different theoretical approaches when researching this topic in general or when doing research on libraries as space and place in particular contexts, e.g. an academic context or a local community context, are welcomed.

Abstracts in English or French although any IFLA approved language are welcome. However, availability of simultaneous interpretation into other IFLA languages may not be possible. Every effort will be made to provide simultaneous interpretation, or to provide a translation of the paper for the presentation. The abstracts should amount to approximately 500 words and should be sent no later than **30 January 2008** to Marydee Ojala (Marydee@xmission.com).

Decision on acceptance of proposals will be made by March 1st. Papers accepted will be due no later than May 15th.

Please note that all expenses, including registration for the conference, travel, accommodation etc., are the responsibility of the authors of the accepted papers.

Congrès IFLA Québec 2008 Français Appel à communication

Section "Recherche en bibliothéconomie et en sciences de l'information"

THEME: Approches théoriques sur la recherche relative aux bibliothèques en tant que lieu et espace
Le lieu et l'espace que représentent les bibliothèques sont devenus des thèmes de recherche importants pour la bibliothéconomie et les sciences de l'information. Comment, en effet, les bibliothèques se développent-elles pour devenir des espaces de promotion des communautés, de partage des connaissances, de citoyenneté, de confiance et de sécurité ? De telles questions sont pertinentes pour la recherche relative à des bibliothèques publiques mais aussi des bibliothèques académiques, des centres d'information spécialisés et elles portent à la fois sur les bibliothèques physiques et les bibliothèques numériques.

C'est le thème choisi par la section "Recherche en bibliothéconomie et en sciences de l'information" de l'IFLA pour sa session à Québec. Elle souhaite, en particulier, examiner les approches théoriques que l'on aborde lorsqu'on étudie ce thème, soit, à titre d'exemple, les théories sur la sphère du public, les concepts et les approches liées au capital social, les approches sur la gestion du savoir en tant que communauté de pratiques, le concept de "troisième endroit" etc. Elle retiendra tout particulièrement les communications relatives à l'utilité des diverses approches théoriques quand on étudie cette question en général ou quand on fait de la recherche sur les bibliothèques en tant que lieu ou espace dans des contextes particuliers, dans un contexte académique ou dans celui d'une communauté locale.

Les résumés pourront être produits en anglais ou en français, mais aussi dans d'autres langues officielles de l'IFLA, bien que la disponibilité d'une interprétation simultanée dans ces autres langues puisse ne pas être assurée lors du congrès. Néanmoins la section s'efforcera de l'obtenir ou de fournir une traduction de la communication lors de la présentation.

Le résumé doit représenter environ 500 mots et être remis **avant le 30 janvier 2008** à Marydee Ojala (Marydee@xmission.com).

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La décision de retenir ou non la proposition de communication sera prise avant le 1er mars 2008 et la communication complète devra être remise avant le 15 mai 2008.

La section tient à ajouter que l'acceptation de la communication ne l'engage pas à s'acquitter des frais liés à l'enregistrement au congrès et au séjour et que ces dépenses sont la charge des personnes dont la communication aura été acceptée.

(traduction de l'appel diffusé ce lundi 29 octobre par la Section "recherche en bibliothéconomie et en sciences de l'information" de l'IFLA)

Michèle Battisti

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Call for Papers

**Management & Marketing Section;
Statistics & Evaluation Section; and
Library Theory & Research Section**

Theme: ["Managing Libraries in a Changing Environment - Legal, Technical, and Organizational Aspects"](#)

[عربي](#) [中文](#) [Deutsch](#) [Español](#) [Français](#)
[Русский](#)

Aims and scope

All types of libraries – academic, public, school, special, and governmental – must respond quickly to many demands in a rapidly changing world. Some of these changes come from developing technologies, while others come from new and changing legal requirements, or from experiments in changing organizational structure. All these demands have a significant impact upon the management of libraries. In order to research and assess the impact of various management challenges, libraries must turn to benchmarks, standards, and guidelines, while working within the theory and principles of librarianship and governing laws.

Relevant topics for the Program:

- Adjustment of general management principles to a changing library environment
- New strategies for an effective organizational structure to advance the library's mission
- Impact of a changing legal environment that affects the provision of services and resources of Libraries
- Use of new technologies to advance the effectiveness and efficiency of Libraries.

Language of Joint Session

French or English, although any IFLA approved language is welcome. However, availability of simultaneous interpretation into other IFLA languages may not always be possible. Every effort will be made to provide simultaneous interpretation, or to provide a translation of the paper available at the presentation.

Important Dates and Information

Proposal submission – Must be in an approved IFLA language, with an abstract (maximum of 250 words), due **February 18, 2008**. The proposal must include the abstract, name, contact information and institutional affiliation of the author [authors].

- Please send proposals including abstracts to each of the following people:

James L. Mullins (USA), jmullins@purdue.edu

Madeleine Lefebvre (Canada), mjlefebv@ryerson.ca

Michael Heaney (United Kingdom),

Michael.heaney@ouls.ox.ac.uk

Papers due - Final version of the full paper must be submitted to the above contacts by **May 20, 2008**.

Please note: selected papers will be recommended for inclusion in the *IFLA Journal*.

Depending upon time allotted for the program, four to six papers will be selected.

All proposals will be evaluated by a scientific committee representing the three sections:

Madeleine Lefebvre (Canada) and James L. Mullins (USA), co-chairs; Ragnar Andreas Audunson (Norway), Raymond Berard (France), Dinesh Gupta (India), Michael Heaney (United Kingdom), Daisy McAdams (Switzerland), and Ruth Wuest.

Management & Marketing Section: Ms Angels Massísimo i Sanchez de Boado, (Spain), Chair.

Statistics and Evaluation Section: Ms Colleen Cook (USA), Chair.

Library Theory and Research Section: Mr. Ragnar Andreas Audunson (Norway), Chair.

Call for Poster Sessions IFLA/WLIC 2008

This year in Durban there were 80 Posters which combined to a very interesting and well-visited exhibition. The Call for Poster Sessions for the 2008 World Library and Information Congress in Quebec can be found on the IFLA web site:

<http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla74/call-postersession-en.htm>

The deadline for proposals is **13 February 2008**, be sure to send in your proposal in time!

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New IFLA Publications

Measuring Quality. Performance Measurement in Libraries - 2nd revised edition.

By Roswitha Poll and Peter te Boekhorst.
Munich: K.G. Saur, 2007 ; (IFLA Publications; 127)
ISBN 978-3-598-22033-3

After ten years this new edition widens the perspective to include public libraries and adds indicators for electronic services and cost-effectiveness. It offers a set of 40 such indicators and provides practical help by describing sampling and surveying procedures and by giving examples for each indicator. The Handbook is intended as a practical instrument for the evaluation of library services. Although it aims specifically at academic and public libraries, most indicators will also apply to all other types of libraries.

World Guide to Library, Archive and Information Science Education. 3rd new and completely revised edition.

Edited by Axel Schniederjürgen. Munich: K.G. Saur, 2007 (IFLA Publications; 128/129). ISBN 978-3-598-22035-7

The third edition of this guidebook lists more than 900 universities and other institutions, and more than 1,500 relevant programmes world-wide related to professional education and training carried out at a tertiary level of education or higher.

The Politics of Promoting Freedom of Information and Expression in International Librarianship: The IFLA/FAIFE Project

By Alex Byrne
Scarecrow Press, Lanham Maryland, 2007
ISBN: 0-8108-6017-1

ISBN-13: 978-0-8108-6017-9

Series: Libraries and Librarianship: An International Perspective #4.

Forthcoming: IFLA/FAIFE World Report 2007

It is expected that the IFLA/FAIFE World Report 2007 will be available in the beginning of 2008.

This time there will be a special focus on access to health information, in particular about HIV/AIDS in areas most affected, especially for women and illiterate people. The report will also contain four commissioned articles:

- From censorship to freedom of access to information and freedom of expression in South Africa, by Archie L Dick (Department of Information Science, University of Pretoria, Pretoria, South Africa);

- Corruption and transparency in Russia: the anticorruption role of libraries, by Irina Trushina (Assistant Deputy Director General, National Library of Russia);
- The USA patriot act: an example of the impact of national security legislation on libraries, by Barbara M. Jones (University Librarian, Wesleyan University, Middletown, USA)
- Censorship in Arab countries, by Kamel Labidi (Tunisian freelance journalist, currently based in Arlington, Virginia, USA; Consultant for the International Freedom of Expression Exchange (IFEX) and the Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ).

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Presidential Theme: Libraries on the Agenda 2008

"Libraries on the agenda!" is the motto of IFLA's president, Prof. Dr. Claudia Lux. The top priority will be to have the concerns and needs of libraries put on the agenda of governments and local policy makers.

See Presidential Programme and Newsletters:
<http://www.ifla.org/III/PresidentsProgram.htm#President>

Furthermore:

**Second International Meeting
21-22 February 2008, Berlin, Germany**

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"Free access and digital divide - challenges for science and society in the digital age"

Second meeting on 'Libraries on the Agenda'

On the occasion of the IFLA presidency of Claudia Lux, the German IFLA National Committee, in cooperation with different partners, is organising an international meeting on the topic "Free access to information".

According to Claudia Lux' presidential theme "**Libraries on the Agenda**", librarians and politicians together will discuss the subject of free access to information in the digital age as a basis for education and research as well as for developments in a democratic society.

Asia being the focus area of this second meeting 2008, more than 20 experts from the library, research and cultural policy fields from Singapore, China, Japan, Korea, Vietnam, India, Indonesia, Pakistan, Thailand and the Philippines have been invited. Together they will discuss the role of libraries as partners of science in the digital age, and they will define and highlight the socially relevant links.

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IFLA Standing Committee on Library Theory and Research

During this two-day conference, political policy makers, library experts and an international public will approach the motto of the German IFLA presidency "Libraries on the agenda!" from a broad perspective.

Time:

Thursday 21 February 2008, 9:30 h- 17:30 h (reception afterwards) and
Friday, 22 February 2008, 10 h - 15:45 h (16:00 h library tour starts).

Venue:

[Federal Foreign Office](#), Berlin, Werderscher Markt 1, 10117 Berlin, Germany

Partners:

Foreign Office in Berlin, German Research Foundation, Goethe-Institut, Bibliothek & Information Deutschland, BI-International
All contributions will be interpreted simultaneously into **German and English**.

Conference fee:

The non-refundable registration fee for the two-day programme (including lunch and reception) is:
100 € for registration until 22 January 2008 (inclusive)
160 € for registration from 23 January 2008
Closing date for registration: **12 February 2008**.

Programme Schedule:

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