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

Libraries: Dynamic Engines for the Knowledge and Information Society

In recent years, society has been changing rapidly with the onset of a new digital era and rapid developments in information technology and digital communications. It is time for libraries to work together with library scholars and professionals in order to fulfil the role and functions of 21st century information centres to meet the challenges of this fast moving world. This theme has been chosen because we believe that libraries should act as a dynamic engine for the knowledge and information society. This is to be the mission of library scholars and professionals worldwide in the new era.

Welcome by the Chair

SEOUL 2006: AN ACTIVE LTR-CONFERENCE

The IFLA-conference in Seoul will be an active one as far as LTR-activities are concerned. Our standing committee is heavily involved in three sessions: We will follow up the success from Buenos Aires by visiting an institution of education and research in library and information science in the hosting country to have a presentation of Korean LIS-research. The LIS-department at Sookmyung Women’s University has kindly invited us to visit them in order to hear about Korean LIS research. In addition we will have a session dedicated to our research project on the role of IFLA in diffusing professional standards and norms, and we are involved in Division VII’s session on linguistic and cultural effects on the way we do research and teaching.

Our business meetings this year will be more important than usual. The former section on library journals will be integrated into our standing committee. Research presupposes channels of publication, so the merger seems promising and fruitful and we are happy to welcome our new members from the library journal section. But how should this merger be reflected in the strategies and work of the standing committee? That will be a main topic at our business meeting.

We hope to see as many of you as possible at the professional sessions we are involved in during this years conference and also at our business meeting. See you in Seoul!

Ragnar Andreas Audunson
Chair of Library Theory and Research Section
LTR Programme at IFLA Congress in Seoul

The Business meetings of the LTR Standing Committee are held:

Friday 19 August 2006
11.30-14.20 - Room 310

Friday 25 August 2006
11.00-13.50 - Room 321

Besides the regular agenda items, the merger with the Library and Information Science Journals Section will be a major item. Furthermore LTR Projects and future activities are worthwhile discussion. See Draft Agenda in this Newsletter.

The LTR Conference Program includes the following sessions:

Library Theory and Research
Wednesday 23 August 2006
9.00-10.30 – off site
Site: Department of library & information science, Sookmyung Women’s University, Seoul
How to get there will be announced at registration

The session will take place in the new modelled main library lounge, with the kind permission of Prof. C.S. Lee, library director

Please note:
After this event we have to hurry back for our next session:

Library Theory and Research with Division VII
Wednesday 23 August 2006
10.45-12.45 – Room 401, COEX

The role of IFLA in promoting professional norms and standards: Results from an LTR-project

- IFLA’s role in diffusing professional norms: results from an international survey
  RAGNAR AUDUNSON (Oslo University College, Oslo, Norway)
- IFLA’s role in diffusing professional norms: a US perspective
  WALLACE KOEHLER (Valdosta University, US)
- IFLA’s role in diffusing professional norms: an African perspective
  TBA
- 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: an Asian Perspective
  TBA
- IFLA’s role in promoting professional norms and standards: a Russian perspective.
  NATALIA GENDINA (Kemerovo State University of Culture and Arts, Kemerovo, Russian Federation)

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

Division VII. - Education and Research
Wednesday 23 August 2006
16.00-18.00 – Rooms 102-104, COEX

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 an 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 (Kemmeth Dykje Library, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria)

Whose model, what context? Cultural bias and the nested model of context 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)

• Members of the library communities in China, Japan, and Korea who work with the materials in these languages;

Co-Sponsors: Council on East Asian Libraries (CEAL) of the Association for Asian Studies (AAS);
Korean Education & Research Information Service (KERIS);
Korean Library Association (KLA)
Contact: Philip Melzer (pmel@loc.gov), Library of Congress, USA
Register online at http://ohmyvocabulary.com/ifla
There is NO fee to attend the CEAL pre-conference, but pre-registration is required. On-site registration will be offered ONLY IF space is available.

Congress Social Events

Opening Ceremony, 20 August
The Opening Ceremony will take place in Olympia Hall of the COEX from 10:30-12:30 on Sunday 20 August, Dr. Dae-Jung Kim, former president of the Republic of Korea and Nobel Peace Prize Winner will give the keynote speech.

Please note:
Passport details needed!
This year’s IFLA WLIC congress will be opened with a spectacular opening in the COEX, Seoul, and high officials of Korea will also attend. We would like to inform you that in case you or your accompanying person would like to attend the Opening Ceremony, you need to send your passport number and date of birth before 1 August to wlic2006reg@congrex.nl.

Exhibit Party, 20 August
The opening of the international Congress exhibition will take place on Sunday 20 August from 16:00-18:00 hours at the exhibition floor in Hall 11 of the COEX.
The exhibition will be held from 20-23 August 2006. Within the exhibition areas there will be also the opportunity to use the Internet free of charge.

Minister’s Gala Reception, 21 August
All delegates are invited to a traditional and cultural reception hosted by the Minister of Culture and Tourism, taking place in the Pacific Hall during the evening on Monday 21 August.
Cultural Evening, 22 August
The cultural evening of Tuesday 22 August will take place at the Sejong Center. The programme will include a variety of traditional and modern music and dance of Korea. The transportation schedule to the Sejong Center will be available on the website in due time. Dinner is not included.

Sejong Center

Mayor’s Reception, 23 August
The reception hosted by the Seoul Mayor, will take place on Wednesday 23 August, offering a choice of buffet food.

Library Visits
Visits to 37 best libraries in Korea take place on Wednesday 23 August and Thursday 24 August and they all start at the COEX at 9:00 in the morning. The libraries are very pleased to welcome the colleagues from all over the world. A desk especially for questions regarding the Library Visits is set-up in the registration area.

Tae-Joon Park Digital Library

Please note:
Most sessions for LTR and Division VII take place on Wednesday, so Thursday will be advisable for visits.

NOTICE! NOTICE! NOTICE! NOTICE!
IFLA Management & Marketing Section announces:

5th IFLA International Marketing Award-2007 (sponsored by Sirsi Dynix)

The Award will honour organizations that have implemented creative, results-oriented marketing projects or campaigns.
The Award winner will receive airfare, lodging and registration for the 2007 IFLA General Conference and Council in Durban, South Africa, as well as a cash award of USD 1,000.

Full announcement and Application forms will be available on IFLANET.
Last date for submitting applications:
30 November 2006

For previous years’ award please visit:
http://www.ifla.org/VII/s34/index.htm

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Agenda of LTR Standing Committee Meetings

Note: All annual documents, including the Strategic Plan and the Minutes of last year’s meeting are included in LTR Newsletter December 2005, and can also be found on the website:

Friday 19th August 2006, 11.30 – 14.20 – Room 310 COEX
Friday 25th August 2006, 11.00 – 13.50 – Room 321 COEX

Draft Agenda LTR Standing Committee meetings:
1. Welcome
   Apologies
   Adoption of Agenda
2. Confirmation of Minutes of previous meetings and business arising not elsewhere covered in Agenda
   • SC Minutes Oslo 13 and 19 August 2005
3. IFLA business at Seoul Conference
   • PC and CBVII business arising from meetings
4. Seoul conference sessions
5. Strategic Plan 2006-2007
6. Merger LTR- LISJ Section - Steve O’Connor, Ludmila Kozlova
7. Communication
   a. Newsletter – Marian Koren
   b. Website – Marian Koren
   c. Membership leaflet – Marydee Ojala
9. Partnership activities
   • Quality issues in libraries discussion group – Beverly Lynch
10. Projects
    a. The political perceptions of the public library – Bob Usherwood
    b. The role of IFLA in promoting change and diffusing professional norms: lifelong literacy – Ragnar Audunson
    c. New proposals
11. Future conference planning
    a. Durban, South Africa 2007 – Libraries for the future: progress, development and partnerships
    b. Montreal, Quebec, Canada 2008
12. Other business
13. Close of meeting

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