



LTR Newsletter July 2007

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

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Welcome to Durban in 2007



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Word from the Chair

Dear LTR-members,

As chairman in the standing committee for Library Theory and Research I welcome you all to taking part in the LTR-activities at the upcoming IFLA-conference in Durban from. This conference marks a turning point for our standing committee. Last year in Seoul it was decided to invite the members of the former section on library journals to join our section. This conference is the first where LTR integrates library journal issues in our programmes, reflected in the theme of our session this year: *LIS research and publishing; The African LIS researchers' story*. At this session, researchers from a number of African countries will present challenges related to undertaking LIS research as well as to finding channels of communicating that research. I look very much forward to learning about LIS research – topics, research environments and achievements as well as challenges - in different African countries and hope many of you will attend this session. It is scheduled to take place on Wednesday the 22nd of August from 08.30 till 10.30 a.m. I would also like to draw your attention to the session of the Division on Education and Research to which our SC belongs, on Thursday the 23rd of August 10.45 – 12.45 hrs. The topic of that session is: *The internet, libraries and the changing information behaviour: perspectives for research and education*.

Our business meetings this year take place on Saturday the 18th of August at 2.30 p.m. and Friday the 25th at 2 p.m. At these meetings there will also be a presentation of preliminary results from the world wide survey on IFLA's role in diffusing professional norms and standards. I hope many of you will participate also at these meetings and contribute to our plans for future activities in general, See you in Durban!

Ragnar Andreas Audunson
Chair of Library Theory and Research Section



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IFLA Congress sessions and activities

14.30-17.20, Saturday 18 August 2007

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this SC meeting will be used for the elections of the new Section Officers

9.30-11.30, Sunday 19 August

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11.45-13.30, Sunday 19 August

70 PC Hearing on IFLA's professional structure

08.30-10.30, Wednesday 22 August

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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](#)
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)
- [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](#)
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
GODWIN SHOKI (University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria)

10.45-12.45, Thursday 23 August

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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)
- [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)

Afternoon, Thursday 23 August

Closing Session

14.00-16.50, Friday 24 August

202 SC II Library Theory and Research

Other sessions of interest: for example

08.30 - 10.30, Monday 20 August

88 New Professionals

Developing new professionals for the future

- Diversity counts: challenges for new professionals in promoting a diverse workforce
TRACIE HALL (Dominican University, Illinois)
- Developing leadership skills
UJALA SATGOOR (University of Pretoria, Pretoria, South Africa)
- Rising to the challenge: contributing to the strategy of your organisation
ANDREW CRANFIELD (EBLIDA, The Hague, Netherlands)
- Developing skills through exchanges: the "Inform the World" programme
VERONDA J. PITCHFORD (Urban Libraries Council, Chicago, USA)

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16.00-18.00, Wednesday 22 August

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The history of libraries and librarianship in Sub-Saharan Africa

- [The factors which influenced the establishment and development of libraries in Sub-Saharan Africa](#)
INDRA RANASINGHE (University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka)
- The history of libraries and librarianship in South Africa, and their future
SEBINA LEVEMBER (Tshwane University of Technology, South Africa)
- The mobile libraries of Ngaoundere (Northern Cameroon): a contested means of acquiring knowledge
ROSTAND KAWÉ (University of Ngaoundere, Cameroon)
- Librarians and readers in the South African anti-apartheid struggle
ARCHIE DICK (University of Pretoria, South Africa)
- Library history in Africa; or, Cinderella and the ICT sisters
ANTHONY OLDEN (Thames Valley University, UK)

News from Division VII and Professional Committee

Some notes from the Report of the Professional Committee and Governing Board Meeting of April 22-26 2007



Gwynneth Evans

Professional Structure Review Committee

The report on the professional structure of Sections, Divisions, Special Interest Groups and their relationship to governance was approved with a few amendments. The report will be sent to all officers in June for their comments and a hearing will be held in Durban.

Election Process and Timetable for SC Officers,

Coordinating Boards and Professional Committee SC members, eligible candidates can think about their interest in office *before* we get to Durban. New or re-elected officers should know what is expected of them. They should also participate in one of the

two officers' training sessions on Monday, August 20 at **13.45-15.45 hrs.** This will be in a new format and it is hoped to be a good basis for effective leadership. The chairs of sections have received a list of the SC members, including the new members, whose term begins at the second SC meeting on Friday, August 24.

Membership Recruitment Toolkit

Cynthia Mouanda, IFLA Membership Manager announced the availability of the Membership Recruitment Toolkit on IFLANET:

You can find it by going to IFLANET and then clicking on *Activities & Services > Officers Corner > Membership Recruitment Tool.*

This toolkit provides sections with comprehensive information and statistics about IFLA membership. We hope that this toolkit equips you with the additional knowledge that you may need to plan your strategies as far as membership recruitment and development is concerned. We invite you to actively start recruiting new members. There are many ways to approach this task and this toolkit will support you in your endeavour.

Other news

Work is in progress, including the development of regional and language centres in different parts of the world to facilitate our use of the IFLA languages, to support regional training and professional activities and to encourage growth in membership, communications and commitment.

The GB is committed to a better IT infrastructure to support IFLA work, including a Content Management System of the website, certain administrative and support for all IFLA activities.

Gwynneth Evans

Chair, Division VII

Professional Committee Hearing

11.45-13.30, Sunday

PC Hearing on IFLA's professional structure

Hearing for Standing Committee Members

Some notes from the IFLA Professional Structure Review Committee Report and Recommendation, (IFLA paper revised 15 June 2007)

The proposal is to have Divisions with each Section, Special Interest Group, and Core Activity assigned to one Division, as follows:

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Four Divisions:

- a. Library Types
- b. Library Materials, Functions and Services
- c. Support for the Profession
- d. Regions

LTR Section would be part of **Division c:**

Support of the Profession, which includes:

- Management of Library Associations
 - *New Professionals SIG*
 - *Women, Information and Libraries SIG*
- Management and Marketing
- Education and Training
 - *e-Learning SIG*
 - *LIS Education in Developing Countries SIG*
- Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning
- Library Buildings and Equipment
- Statistics and Evaluation
- Library Theory and Research
 - *Library History SIG*
- *FAIFE Committee Chair*
- *CLM Committee Chair*

All Sections will be required to have a minimum of 50 members and 10 members of the Standing Committee. Sections that do not meet these requirements by June 1, 2007 (the end of the current cycle for election of Standing Committee members) will have two years (i.e., by 2009) in which to achieve the required number. If not achieved the section will be disbanded, become a Special Interest Group or merge with another Section.

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Agenda for Standing Committee Meetings

Saturday, 17 August, 14.30 – 17.20, room 12 d

Friday, 24 August, 14.00 – 16.50, room 21 def

Agenda

1. Welcome
Introductions
2. Excuses
3. Approval of minutes from Seoul (Please bring your Newsletter December 2006)
4. Treasurer's report

5. Election of officers: chairman and secretary/financial officer

6. IFLA business in Durban

7. Our session in Durban

8. The status of our projects:

- The politician project of Bob Usherwood
- The project on IFLA's role in diffusing professional norms

9. Programme planning for 2008 and 2009 conferences: Quebec City; Milan

10. IFLA's professional structure: Preparatory discussions in connection with the hearing Sunday morning:

10. Review of our strategic plan

11 Other issues.

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