



LTR Newsletter July 2008

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

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Word from the Chair Ragnar Audunson

Welcome to active LTR-days in Quebec!

In a rapidly changing world, Research on libraries and librarianship is more necessary than ever if we are to develop relevant and adequate answers to the challenges our professions field is facing. The activity of our section, therefore, increases in importance.

In Quebec we are involved in two sessions. The first one, which we arrange alone, focuses upon theoretical approaches for doing research on libraries as spaces and places. Within library and information science that has become a hot topic, and it is necessary to try to draw some of the threads together. That is what we aim at contributing to with our session. The call for papers attracted a high number of abstracts, so the competition to get accepted was hard. Our session this year in Quebec is step one in a two year program which will end in Torino next year. Together with the sections on public libraries, management and marketing and library buildings we plan for a satellite conference focusing upon empirical research on the same subject. Theoretical approaches in Quebec 2008, empirical research in Torino 2008. We believe that will result in a fruitful totality. Monday the 11th of August 13.45 is the date and time for this session in Quebec. The next day, Tuesday the 12th of August 08.30, we are having a session together with the sections on Management and Marketing and Statistics and Evaluation. Managing libraries in a changing world is the topic of that session.

In the year to come, we will invite young students in library and information science to submit research papers on public and open access to research in a digital environment. The best of these papers we hope to be able to present in Milan next year. The sections first business meeting takes place Saturday at 11.30. We hope as many as possible of you will attend also that meeting and contribute with your ideas and thoughts on our future activities. See you in Quebec!



Welcome to Quebec City IFLA Congress 2008



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

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

Address:

[Québec City Convention Centre](#)
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IFLA 2008 Congress sessions and activities

11.30-14.20, Saturday 9 August 2008

nr. 31 SC I Library Theory and Research Room 207

This SC meeting will be used for planning and discussion of the section's activities.

09.30-11.30 Sunday 9 August

Opening Session

13.45-15.45, Monday 11 August

nr. 91 Library Theory and Research

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

SI-F = simultaneous interpretation **Français**

- Socially controlled space or public-sphere third place? The design of adult and children's reading rooms in British public libraries before World War II
ALISTAIR BLACK (Leeds Metropolitan University, UK)
- Theoretical approaches on public libraries as places creating social trust
ANDREAS VÅRHEIM (Oslo University College, Norway)
- Spaces for society – The constitution of library space through activity
OLAF EIGENBRODT (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany)
- The Library as Sacred Place: Applying the Psychology of Religion to the Academic Library as a Sanctified Space and Implications for Measurement and Evaluation
HEATHER JACKSON and TRUDI BELLARDO HAHN (University of Maryland, USA)
- Les espaces publics en bibliothèque: éléments de réflexion sur la conception des espaces.
MARIELLE DE MIRIBEL (Université Paris X, France)
- Virtual library as a space of communication and social interaction
ROSANE TARUHN (BIREME/OPAS/OMS, Brazil)
- University library should be the "Third Space" for students
CONGHUI FANG (Nanjing University of Science & Technology, China)
- Place and Space as Presented in English Language Library and Information Science Encyclopedias
MARY NILES MAACK (University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA), USA)

Facilitator: Ragnar Andreas Audunson

08.30-11.45 Tuesday 11 August

Management and Marketing, Statistics and Evaluation, and Library Theory and Research

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

- Measurement of library services, to quantify or qualify?
DAVID McMENEMY, STEPHEN BUCHANAN and CHRISTINE ROONEY-BROWNE (University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, UK)
- Measuring innovation in libraries: relevance concepts and methods
SEBASTIAN MUNDT (Stuttgart Media University, Stuttgart, Germany)
- The ethical implications of some high value-added information services in S&T and corporate libraries
EDUARDO OROZCO SILVA (Institute of Scientific and Technological Information, Havana, Cuba)
- Understanding public access to information through ICT: a landscape study of 24 countries
RICARDO GOMEZ, CHRISTOPHER T. COWARD and RUCHA AMBIKAR (University of Washington, Seattle, USA)
- Count the traffic
TORD HØIVIK (Oslo University College, Oslo, Norway)
- The challenge of introducing web archiving to library stakeholders and staff: playing with metrics and organization – the IIPC experience of the National Library of France
GILDAS ILLIEN (National Library of France, Paris, France)
- Visualising and defining effective library systems: Croatian academic libraries
MARINA MIHALIC (The National and University Library of Zagreb, Zagreb, Croatia)
- At the crossroads: library and technology
VESNA VUKSAN (Belgrade City Library, Belgrade, Serbia)

13.15-16.15, Thursday 14 August

Council Meeting + Closing Session

11.00-13.50, Friday 15 August

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Other sessions related to research

for example:

16.00-18.00, Monday 11 August

Nr 98: Library History: Promotion and representation of libraries and librarians in non-textual media

08.30-12.45, Wednesday 13 August

Nr. 134 SI-F – Information Literacy with Academic and Research Libraries: Return on investment: learners' outcomes in information literacy. Do they really learn?

08.30-12.45, Thursday 14 August

Nr. 160 National Libraries with Statistics and Evaluation:

Ensuring quality in national libraries: performance measures and quality evaluation supporting cultural heritage and research

News from IFLA Division VII, Professional Committee and Governing Board

Statutes

The new IFLA statutes were approved —next, they will be voted by the Council in Quebec. It is important for members to attend the only one Council meeting. Especially the National and the International library associations should take part in the Council meeting as their simple majority constitutes the quorum.

Lobbying Function

The new IFLA lobbying strategies, financed with resources from the Gates foundation, is being developed by the new hired manager Stuart Hamilton, who is working on the development of a new unified strategy that includes FAIFE and ALP functions. A brainstorming session on different items for the outline was done based on the "Libraries on the Agenda" President's theme.

Poster Presentations IFLAWLIC 2008

Related to Research, for example:

Nr. 33

"...in from the Cold" Multicultural Researchers, Global Scholarship, and the Library . A la Recherche d'informations: la bibliothèque universitaire dans la recherche et l'érudition internationale et multiculturelle

Presenters: Denix Lacroix and Erika Banski

Nr. 43

North American Studies without borders: The International research grant program of the John F. Kennedy Institute Library, Berlin / Germany
Presenter: Benjamin Blinten

Nr. 55

Mujer y Vigilancia en Salud: un estudio bibliométrico desde la perspectiva de género (Woman and Health Surveillance: a bibliometric study based on gender perspective)

Presenters: Rosa Lidia Vega Almeida, Lidiet del Risco Nolla and Ricardo Arencibia Jorge

Nr. 67

Public and School Libraries as a Gatekeeper for Health Information: Research from the Lower Rio Grante Valley of Texas, USA T.B.C.

Presenters: Bill Lukenbill and Barbara Immroth

Nr. 101

Scholars Portal: connecting researchers and scholarly resources

Presenters: Kate Davis and Amy Greenberg

New IFLA Publications

IFLA/FAIFE World Report 2007

Volume 7 of the IFLA/FAIFE World Report Series, *Access to libraries and information: Towards a fairer world.*

Theo JD Bothma (Ed).

ISBN: 978-0-620-41005-2

The 2007 edition contains 116 country reports, based on questionnaires and additional research carried out by the Department of Information Science at the University of Pretoria.

The 2007 World Report shows that in many of IFLA's member countries, intellectual freedom is still very much under pressure, leaving library users unable to fully express their rights to freedom of access to information. In addition to the global survey, the report contains the following articles:

- Archie L. Dick, *From censorship to freedom of access to information and freedom of expression in South Africa*
- Irina Trushina, *Corruption and transparency in Russia: the anticorruption role of libraries*

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- Barbara M. Jones, *The USA patriot act: an example of the impact of national security legislation on libraries*
- Kamel Labidi, *Censorship in Arab countries*
- Jane Duncan, *On libraries and intellectual self-defense*
- Ethel Kriger, *The interrelated roles of archival and right of access to information legislation to promote democratic government in South Africa.*

The IFLA/FAIFE World Report 2007 is an extensive 480-page document that updates previous World Reports from 2001, 2003 and 2005.

The Report is also available in a limited print run at a price of 25 Euro for IFLA members and 30 Euro for non-IFLA members. To order a hard copy, please contact: publications@ifla.org.

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Agenda for Standing Committee Meetings Library Theory and Research Section

Saturday, 9 August, 11.30 – 14.20, room 207
Friday, 15 August, 11.00 – 13.50, room 301a

1. Welcome to all, Introductions
Apologies
Adoption of Agenda
2. Confirmation of Minutes of previous meetings and business arising not elsewhere covered in Agenda
3. IFLA business at Quebec conference
PC and CBVII business arising from meetings
4. Quebec conference sessions
5. LTR Strategic Plan
6. Communication
7. Financial report
8. Projects
Role of IFLA in promoting change and diffusing professional norms
New proposals
9. Future conference planning
Milan, Italy 2009
Brisbane, Australia 2010
10. Other business
11. Close of business

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