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◆ MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Kay Raseroka

Dear IFLA Member,

I am delighted to be able to send this letter of greetings as President to IFLA Members, to you who are the heart of our great Federation.

The cross-cutting issues that we selected as areas of focus during 2003-2005, based on the outcomes of the consultative process with you, the IFLA members, are:

Advocacy as a process that empowers librarians to advance the full realisation of the belief in IFLA Core Values at local, national, regional and international levels of library and information service operations.

Development of partnerships with stakeholders who share our values and enhancement of continuing education of librarians. Both of these empower librarians to cope with dynamic change reflected in the emerging areas of opportunity: the Information Society.

During 2003 IFLA focused its advocacy efforts on the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS). IFLA members influenced the content of the WSIS Declaration of Principles and Action Plan which form the basis for emerging information and knowledge society.

The experiences gained at the IFLA Pre World Summit Conference: Libraries at the Heart of the Information Society, has demonstrated beyond any doubt that this goal is attainable. IFLA members from 70 countries participated as powerful advocates for the potential for libraries in the rapidly developing information society' in bilateral discussions with representatives of the national delegations to the WSIS on the importance of libraries in the emerging Information Society.

Participants agree that the experience was exhilarating and rewarding both professionally and politically. It opened unprecedented communication on libraries with levels of governments that are rarely accessible to or accessed by librarians. We also firmly agree that it is imperative for us to sustain the gains made. Therefore we urge and encourage all Library Associations and pertinent national institutions to follow up on discussions with representatives of national governments. Where Library Associations missed this opportunity they are urged to embark on their own local initiatives.

IFLA members are requested to plan and devise strategic actions, at the local, national and regional levels, to explore innovative, creative ways and means of facilitating the emergence of inclusive information and communication societies, despite:

- disabilities in reading and in other literacies that provide for skilled exploitation of information;
- paucity of appropriate infrastructure
- physical disabilities.

This is an auspicious time for librarians to seize an unprecedented opportunity to respond appropriately to and support diverse human needs for information. Librarians' expertise in management of information, their skilled support for users in the exploitation of information tools and the convergence of information communication technologies in facilitating access to information across time, space and through various media are enablers for the fulfilment of the IFLA core values.

However, time is not our side. By mid 2005, IFLA membership needs to have completed advocacy efforts at local, national and regional levels. Communication of nationally or regionally agreed and viable short/long term activities that implement the WSIS Action Plans, would be helpful for coordinated approaches, sustaining concerted influence and activities for negotiation in WSIS 2005 in Tunis.

I urge IFLA members to share their local experiences through <http://www.ifla.org/III/wsis/wsis-rm.html> site. The Proceedings of the IFLA Pre-World Summit Conference: Libraries @ the Heart of the Information Society have been published and provide an excellent resource for sustained advocacy at the local and national levels.

The success of this coordinated advocacy activity proves, beyond doubt that we have the commitment, capacity and capability, as Librarians, to operate at strategic levels and use our influence with Governments effectively, in support of the principle on freedom of access to information, for the public good. I urge us all to envision success that is an outcome of these beliefs, of our hard work and courage of our convictions. It is important for us to recognise the significance of effective and efficient Library Associations at the national levels, if IFLA is to be truly representative of the global voice of Librarians. Continuing education for librarians must include the development of political savvy and effective negotiation skills as librarians accept that they have a significant role to play as members of Civil Society. We have to seek and work out partnership agreements with other stakeholders, such as telecentres and community technology centres, who are providers of information services within diversity of communities we serve.

Congratulations to all of us! Let us be buoyed up by this success and build on it for the attainment of the reality of human-needs-based library and information services at the heart Information Society.

I wish to express our sincere gratitude and indebtedness to all who contributed to the sustained IFLA presence in the entire WSIS process: Library Associations, parent institutions and other donors for their financial support. Colleagues from all the regions of the World, the Swiss Colleagues and future Librarians (Swiss library science students) harnessed their combined intellectual capital, tenacity, good will and unflinching spirit of

volunteerism for the good of our profession. Last, but not least, I wish to pay tribute to the IFLA Headquarters Team, under the able leadership of Ross Shimmon, for the extraordinary effort and success, despite human resource constraints.

Participation of IFLA in advocacy, at the WSIS, was an opportunity that we had to take; however it was possible to allocate only a very small budget for it. The total costs, in human resources, time and money, of the advocacy activities are thus yet to be calculated. The Governing Board, as part of its strategic planning activities, will consider the financial and human resource implications of IFLA's commitment to advocacy, based on this experience. The issue of financing IFLA activities, in general, is one that demands serious consideration by all members, so that IFLA may capitalize on shared expertise, diversity of experience and traditions in this area, when offered. The IFLA Treasurer, Ingrid Parent, will make a full report to Council in August 2004, and your suggestions are always welcome.

May I take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the efforts that the National Association Membership fees Working Group, have made in addressing issues on membership dues. Library Associations (LA) represent a key component of IFLA membership. We thus encourage LA members to assist the Working Group by providing the data that is requested, so that efforts made towards establishing an equitable and affordable fee structure will yield results at the earliest possible time. A satisfactory solution in this area will empower IFLA, in its diversity, to develop ongoing programmes for library association membership development at national and regional levels.

I offer our sincere thanks to Divisions and Sections for their efforts at incorporating into strategic plans and in the call for conference papers, the theme: Libraries for Lifelong Literacy, during this rather difficult, transition stage. We look forward to a rich intellectual feast at the forthcoming World Library and Information Congress in Buenos Aires.

Our South American Colleagues will have the opportunity of a lifetime, to experience the vibrancy of the meeting of minds, as well as the forging of communities of practice across time

zones, distance and linguistic barriers. I wish you exciting times as you stretch professional expertise, explore different contexts and experience, to discover innovative ways of bridging the digital divide in all aspects of IFLA's professional priorities.

Ross Shimmon, our Secretary General, retires at the end of March. He has managed both the restructuring and the adaptation of IFLA to the new Statutes expertly. His experience and expertise in formulation of Statutes, has guided IFLA members smoothly across what could easily have been turbulent waters. We thank Ross for his leadership, and personal warmth to all who seek his guidance and expert support.

Beside Ross, of course, there is Pat, his partner in life, whose loving support for Ross extended to IFLA, in special ways. Governing Board and IFLA Staff have benefited immensely from her generosity of spirit, warmth and cheerfulness. We thank them both for the contributions they made to IFLA, professionally and through their own personalities. We wish them good health, joy in retirement and the excitement of seeing the world in a new light, without the L (library) word! Except, of course, reading all the books they have always wanted to read, but lacked the time. We assure Ross that all those library cards he received in Berlin were a token of his welcome to borrow books from all IFLA member libraries.

Let us welcome, warmly, Secretary General Rama Ramachandran, who has been entrusted with the IFLA helm from April 1 2004. We pledge our support and wish him and Mrs. Ramachandran an exciting and rewarding period in IFLA. We look forward to sharing with him the opportunities that are on offer to IFLA, as the global voice of librarians, at this propitious time: the emergence of the Information Society.

2004 already promises to be an exciting and productive year for all IFLA members!

◆ RESOLUTION ON NATIONAL SECURITY LEGISLATION

During the World Library and Information Congress in Berlin, there was much debate about the US PATRIOT Act and similar legislation being enacted elsewhere around the world. The sessions organised by the IFLA Free Access to Information and Freedom of Expression (FAIFE) Committee in particular

dealt with the dangers posed by trends towards restricting access in the name of the war against terror. Kay Raseroka, who took office as IFLA President during the congress, said that she was very worried that the emerging democracies would take a lead from the West and use the excuse to reverse the path to free access to information.

At the Council meeting, Al Kagan submitted the following resolution, the resolution was adopted with no members voting against, and 17 recorded abstentions.

IFLA Secretary General, therefore request that your association takes steps to implement the resolution and, in particular, to report on the actions taken and any outcomes, to the IFLA FAIFE office at the following

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The full text of the resolution follows :

“Whereas IFLA understands the need for appropriate national legislation consistent with international conventions to fight terrorism,

And whereas almost all countries have ratified the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, specifically including Article 19 ;

And whereas IFLA has drawn attention to the consequences for libraries, librarians, and library users of the USA PATRIOT Act,

And whereas national security legislation should not infringe existing civil and privacy rights,

Therefore be it resolved that IFLA deplores the introduction by a number of countries of legislation which violates fundamental human rights to privacy and unhampered access to information in the name of national security, and calls for the repeal or amendment of all such legislation in order to protect these rights,

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rights to privacy and unhampered access to information in the name of national security, and calls for the repeal or amendment of all such legislation in order to protect these rights,

And be it resolved that this resolution be disseminated worldwide, and specifically sent to all national library associations with a request that they respond on this matter to the FAIFE Office of IFLA.”

◆ IFLA STATEMENT ON OPEN ACCESS

IFLA (the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions) **is committed to** ensuring the widest possible access to information for all peoples in accordance with the principles expressed in the [Glasgow Declaration on Libraries, Information Services and Intellectual Freedom](#).

IFLA acknowledges that the discovery, contention, elaboration and application of research in all fields will enhance progress, sustainability and human well being. Peer reviewed scholarly literature is a vital element in the processes of research and scholarship. It is supported by a range of research documentation, which includes pre-prints, technical reports and records of research data.

IFLA declares that the world-wide network of library and information services provides access to past, present and future scholarly literature and research documentation; ensures its preservation; assists users in discovery and use; and offers educational programs to enable users to develop lifelong literacies.

IFLA affirms that comprehensive open access to scholarly literature and research documentation is vital to the understanding of our world and to the identification of solutions to global challenges and particularly the reduction of information inequality.

Open access guarantees the integrity of the system of scholarly communication by ensuring that all research and scholarship will be available in perpetuity for unrestricted examination and, where relevant, elaboration or refutation.

IFLA recognises the important roles played by all involved in the recording and dissemination of research, including authors, editors,

publishers, libraries and institutions, and advocates the adoption of the following open access principles in order to ensure the widest possible availability of scholarly literature and research documentation:

Acknowledgement and defence of the moral rights of authors, especially the rights of attribution and integrity.

Adoption of effective peer review processes to assure the quality of scholarly literature irrespective of mode of publication.

Resolute opposition to governmental, commercial or institutional censorship of the publications deriving from research and scholarship.

Succession to the public domain of all scholarly literature and research documentation at the expiration of the limited period of copyright protection provided by law, which period should be limited to a reasonable time, and the exercise of fair use provisions, unhindered by technological or other constraints, to ensure ready access by researchers and the general public during the period of protection.

Implementation of measures to overcome information inequality by enabling both publication of quality assured scholarly literature and research documentation by researchers and scholars who may be disadvantaged, and also ensuring effective and affordable access for the peoples of developing nations and all who experience disadvantage including the disabled.

Support for collaborative initiatives to develop sustainable open access* publishing models and facilities including encouragement, such as the removal of contractual obstacles, for authors to make scholarly literature and research documentation available without charge.

Implementation of legal, contractual and technical mechanisms to ensure the preservation and perpetual availability, usability and authenticity of all scholarly literature and research documentation.

This statement was adopted by the Governing Board of IFLA at its meeting in The Hague on 5th December 2003.

◆ JOINT IFLA/IPA STATEMENT

Adopted, 20 June 2004

Librarians and publishers around the world deplore the regulations of the US government that seek to limit the ability of US persons to process and publish informational materials from selected countries. Such actions are contradictory to the recognition by democratic societies everywhere that the free flow of information and ideas is vital to citizens of all nations to educate themselves about the world by communicating with peoples of other countries.

Regulations by the US Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC") in the implementation of trade embargoes against certain nations attempt to restrict the importation and exportation of information and informational materials in ways that are contrary to international norms of open scholarly, cultural and scientific exchange. Such exchanges are usually championed by the US government.

As pointed out by our colleagues in the US, the national security of the US is not at issue in these matters because the regulations allow publications of manuscripts as received from nationals in embargoed countries, but does not allow "significant or artistic enhancement" of such materials by a US person without a license from the US government. Such enhancements promote free speech and free exchange of information.

We believe that these trade restrictions on information and informational materials violate important provisions of international law, including Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Article 19 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), and Article 13 of the American Convention on Human Rights.

We urge the US government and its agencies to remove this cloud of repressive regulation that is forcing US based publishers to confront government restraints on their ability to engage in the most basic aspects of publishing.

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about IFLA and IPA:

The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), founded in Edinburgh (Scotland) in 1927, is the leading body representing the interests of library and information services and their users. IFLA has over 1700 members in more than a 150 countries around the world.

The International Publishers Association (IPA), established in Paris in 1896, represents the publishing industry worldwide through 79 national, regional and specialized publishers associations in 67 countries.

IPA and IFLA are accredited NGOs enjoying consultative status to the United Nations.

<http://www.ifla.org/ifla-ipa.htm>

◆ SECTION NAME CHANGE

As from 1 January 2004, the former Serial Publications Section has become the Serials and Other Continuing Resources Section.

◆ IFLA TRAVEL GRANTEES

1. At the end of October 2003 the new travel grant - IFLA Travel Grant - was announced through IFLA's listserv, other lists in the regions, in the IFLA Regional Newsletters, IFLA Journal and on the IFLA web site.

By the deadline, February 15, we had received 473 valid applications, for which only 16 grants were available. The committee's decision was a difficult one, as there were so many well-qualified candidates.

The grantees are:

Mr Volmer Geronimo, Brazil
Ms María Helena Echavarría, Colombia
Mr Louise Foster, Jamaica
Ms Isabel Giménez García, Guatemala
Ms Patricia Cutí Del Giorgia, Uruguay
Mr Julio Santillan Aldana, Peru
Mr Solomon Zewdie, Ethiopia
Ms Nthabiseng Taole, Lesotho
Mr Abdool Cader Nunkoo, Mauritius
Mr Chris Iweha, Nigeria
Ms Sarah Birungi - Kaddu, Uganda
Ms Suqing Liu, China
Mr J.K. Vijayakumar, India
Mr Iyad Dweikat, Palestine
Ms Elvira Lapuz, Philippines
Ms Shivanthi Weerasinghe, Sri Lanka

2. Sida Speakers Grant is another travel grant and this year's grantees are:

Ms Dania Vázquez Matos, Cuba
Ms Paula Cadenas, Venezuela
Ms Zhang Hongxia, China
Ms Leena Shah, India
Ms Patricia Mamvoto, Zimbabwe
Margaret Makenzi, Kenya

3. This year's Harry Campbell grantee is Ms Mary Gorvie from Sierra Leone.

4. The travel grants, administered by ALP, started in 1999 with the Danida Travel Grant. The Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Danida, allocated a generous grant to support librarians from developing countries to attend the IFLA conferences. With this grant 39 librarians attended the IFLA Bangkok conference, 27 grantees were selected year 2000, 30 grantees year 2001 and 31 year 2002. In 2003 IFLA ALP did not have any funds for a travel grant.

◆ FAREWELL MESSAGE



Ross Shimmon

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Incredibly, this is my last hour as Secretary General IFLA. I would like to thank so many people for being such good colleagues, President Kay Raseroka, immediate Past President Christine Deschamps, present and past members of the Governing Board and its predecessors, members of our Sections, past and present Core Activities Directors and hosts, our Regional Managers, members of the conference organising committees, colleagues in our sister organisations in the International Committee of the Blue Shield, in Unesco and in the International Publishers Association and any other organisations. Not least of course, our small team at Headquarters who have been such good colleagues.

Between us all, I think, we have built on the achievements of our predecessors and made progress towards our ambition to be a truly international organisation and, as we claim, the global voice of libraries, librarians and their users.

I have enjoyed my five years at the helm of the good ship IFLA and I think it is in good shape as Rama takes over ready for the challenges ahead. I believe that libraries are needed more than ever as technology advances and terrorism threatens. We need to hold our nerve and defend our principles so that people have free access to information, ideas and works of imagination so that they can make sense of the world around them and take control of their lives.

In a few days Pat and I will return to our home in Faversham. We hope that some of you will find your way there. You will certainly be very welcome. To whet your appetite you might like to check www.faversham.org.

Some of you know that my magnificent retirement gift was life membership of KentCounty Cricket Club. If you would like to see where I shall be spending some of my new-found leisure, check www.Kentccc.com. If I am not watching cricket, I am quite likely to be at the Kent and East Sussex Railway www.kesr.org.

So, farewell, thanks and good luck!

Ross Shimmon
IFLA Secretary General, 1999-2004

IFLA AFRICA SECTION

◆ OFFICERS 2003-2005

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◆ AFRICA SECTION ANNUAL MEETING FEBRUARY 2004

The annual meeting of the Standing Committee of the IFLA Africa Section was held in Gaborone, Botswana 21-22 February 2004.

Present :

Mrs Kay Raseroka, IFLA Présidente, Jacinta Were, Chair Africa Section, Sarah Kagoda-Batuwa, Secretary, Chedza Molefe, Ellen Tise, Ellen Namhila, Buhle Mbambo, Ms Justin Chisenga, Lesego Ramore, thomas Matthee

members of the section, Mrs Birgitta Sandell, IFLA-ALP and Mr. Sjoerd Koopman.

The IFLA President deliberated on her theme « Libraries for Life-Long Literacy ». Libraries for a long time have focused on one aspect of literacy i.e. reading-print media. However, the print media has not satisfied the needs of people because of their limited use due to inaccessibility in terms of language barrier. The majority of African Languages are unwritten; hence she retaliated the importance of “oral literacy” and challenged Librarians to refocus on it, work with technologies and use local languages to communicate.

On “Communication of Information”, she emphasized that Libraries are at the heart of information and knowledge society.

On “Funding”, she said that IFLA has no money to conduct all programmes, and the IFLA/ALP has done a commendable job to support Africa Section. However, we as Librarians from Africa need to contribute to funding of activities of the section. We need to nurture and support each other. Therefore, she proposed that members participating in the annual conferences should carry items such as crafts for auctioning during conferences to raise money. She also challenged members of the Section to draw up guidelines for organising Africa Section meetings.

Agenda

The agenda was adopted with amendments

Matters arising from the minutes

1. Minutes of the Meeting held in Berlin

August 2003 and Matters Arising. The minutes were adopted with a few editorial changes

- IFLA Conference 2003.
- Poster session :
- Strategic Planning workshop :
- Caucus
- Africa Section Meetings
- PAC Regional centre in Benin
- JICPA evaluation report
- ALP projects
- African Virtual Library
- Annual meeting

2. Chairperson’s Report

The Chairperson presented her report and highlighted the salient features. The annual report runs from September to August each year. The Report was discussed and adopted.

3. Financial Report

The out going Secretary/Treasurer, Ellen Tise presente the fiancial report for 2001-2003. The money provided by IFLA is based on the number of members in the section and it’s basically for administrative overheads. Mrs Sarah kagoda-Batuwa has been elected new Secretary/Treasurer

4. Progress Reports on Projects

4.1. Preservation Workshop : Ellen Tise presented a report on the preservation wokshop held in Cape Twon (funded by Unesco) and reported that overall the workshop was a success and participants expressed their satisfaction. It was noted that there was a great need for the training workshop to continue to impart knowledge, as there are less oportimum infrastructure and resources in most countries.

4.2. Workshop on the Revitalization of the East African Library Association (EALA). Mme Sarah Kagoda-Batuwa, presented a report on the above workshop. The overall objective of the workshop was to bring together librarians and information workers in East Africa, to deliberate on ways and means of co-operating and networking in the provision of information to support the regional integration process of the East African Countries. The East African Library Associations agreed to co-operate under an umbrella body called Fedreation of East African Library and Information Associations (FEALIA).

5. ALP Projects

MrsBirgitta Sandell presented the following reports :

- 2003 Annual Report of the ALP Programme
- a list of projects reports published
- list of activities which have taken place in Africa
- ALP strategic Plan 2004-2005
- List of approved projects and planned activities

5.1. Approved Projects

Project 24. Journal of Librarianship and Information science in Africa.

Project 127. Bart Nwafor Staff Development Programme.

Project 154. Workshop to identify Library needs and to formulate proposals.

Project 150. Managing Digital Libraries in Southern Africa : a training workshop for Librarians.

Project 159 – Stand at SCECSAL XVI exhibition

Project 158 – Workshop on the establishment of a network of LIS schools in SCECSAL region.

5.2. New Projects

Two new project proposals were presented for consideration, namely ;

Project 160 SCECSAL XVI conference publications. A total of USD 4500 was approved for the project

Project 161. Enhancement of ICT curriculum content and its teaching in the LIS schools of Eastern Africa.

5.3. ALP Strategic Plan

Birgitta expressed concern over the future funding of projects, by Sida. Due to emerging issues in Iran and Iraq there is likely to be less funding for 2004 for ALP projects.

The meeting was further informed that the name Advancement of Librarianship programme (ALP) was no longer able to market the programme. There were proposals to change the name but retain the acronym. Therefore, the proposed new name is “Activities for Library Progress (ALP).

6. Africa Section Strategic Plan 2004-2005

The Chair informed members that the plan was approved by the IFLA Professional Committee and reminded members the goals that are to be achieved within the planned period.

Henri Sene, to be requested to evaluate and write a final proposal on the Bart Nwafor Training Programme.

7. Conference Planning for Buenos Aires 2004.

Africa Section will hold five activities during the conference :

- Open forum. Theme “Libraries and Literacy : Information Reading, Oral Tradition”. 2 papers from Africa Section and 1 paper from Reading Section
- Division 8 Joint Workshop with Social Science Section. Thème “The changing role of Ngo’s in the creation, validation and dissemination of information in Developing Countries”
- Poster session. Theme : “Promoting Information Literacy” : IFLA Regional Activities (Africa)
- Third World Caucus
- Africa Section Meetings. Two meetings will be held during the conference

8. OSLO Conference

Members were informed that the theme for OSLO conference is “Libraries a Voyage of discovery” Members were given two weeks to come up with a theme. The proposals could be within the overall presidential theme.

9. IFLA HQ Report

Mr. Sjoerd Koopan presented a brief report from IFLA headquarters. He reported that the new IFLA Governing Board started after the conference in Berlin with Kay Raseroka as president, Alex Byrne as president elect and Jacinta Were, Chairperson of Division 8. R. Ramachandran will succeed Ross Shimmon as General Secretary with effect from 1st April 2004. All core activities and sections will be evaluated and reviewed in the coming years, for their viability, productivity and effectiveness. Members were encouraged to subscribe to IFLA-L www.ifla.org/II/iflalist.htm#IFLA-L and also post information about the section’s activities.

10. Promotion of IFLA Priorities and Presidential Theme

Members discussed the presidential theme and other programmes such as WISIS, Advocacy and SCECSAL Conference in detail. The following proposals were proposed : curricular development in Library Schools ; Continuing Education ; publication of Children’s books.

Members were urged to support the presidential theme. Proposals were put forward for supporting the presidential theme as follows : each National Library Association could co-opt a member of IFLA Africa section (if available in the country) to be a member of the national association. The chairperson to write to all National Library Associations.

The Co-opted Members should urge national Associations to include IFLA as an agenda item during their meetings and up-date the meetings on activities of the section.

11. Advocacy for African Libraries

Justin Chisenga made a progress report on what has been done so far in the area of advocacy. The CODI meeting in Addis Ababa came up with the idea of an "Advocacy forum in African librarians". Africa Section was proposed to take a leading role and Library associations should own the forum. The forum could be affiliated to many organisations as possible such as, ECA, AU, NEPAD. "Libraries and Information Advocacy Forum for Africa (LIAFA) was proposed. And a list serve was formed <http://www.dgroups.org/groups/avlin-l>

Members were urged to sign up to the list serve

12. WISIS

It was reported that the conference will be held in Tunis in 2005. It was noted that there is no Library association in Tunisia to assist with preparations, yet there was a need to use the conference as a forum for Africa. It was pointed out that we need colleagues from North Africa to start the groundwork. IFLA will come up with the full report on WISIS. Information will be shared with library associations. It suggested that Alli Abderrazzag from Morocco be co-opted.

13. IFLA 2007 – South Africa

The proposed conference was an opportunity for Africa to host IFLA conference. This was going to be the second time for Africa to host the conference. The first was held in 1984 in Nairobi, Kenya. Therefore the Organising committee was urged to start publishing the conference to involve the African Librarians as early as possible. A feed back on the preparations will be given at IFLA conference in Buenos Aires.

14. Next Annual Meeting

The following countries were proposed as possible places for the next annual meeting : Egypt, Angola, Morocco, and Ghana. Egypt could be most ideal in view of the planned conference of WISIS in Tunis. The meeting was tentatively scheduled to take place from 19th – 20th February 2005.

SCAULWA AND WALA

SCAULWA and WALA Conferences

The Standing Conference of African University libraries, Western AREA (SCAULWA) and the West African Library Association (WALA) have respectively held conferences from 3 to 6 november 2003 and from 5 to 8 november 2003 in Accra (Ghana).

SCAULWA, which includes university libraries of ECOWAS members and Cameroon was holding its third meeting after the renewal of its activities in 1999. Organized around the theme : "Donors support to libraries and the sustainability of projects", SCAULWA Conference has gained sponsorship from INASP, the Carnegie Foundation, DANIDA, the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, of eIFLnet.

This support has facilitated the attendance of 40 librarians from our regional area, but also from East and South Africa, from Great Britain and France.

With regards to the theme of the Conference, experiences from university libraries of Nigeria, Ghana, Senegal, and Cameroon have been presented and discussed. The main issue from the discussion is that most of projects collapse in default of an efficient management after the withdrawal of donors.

The gathering of libraries in cooperative networks would be a solution to this problem. SCAULWA, owing to INASP, had financed a study on the creation of consortium of higher education libraries in Nigeria and Senegal.

These studies have been presented and discussed during the Conference.

The organization of the next Conference to be held in 2005 has been entrusted to Senegal. It will deal with "The Functioning of University libraries in consortium and capacity building through staff training".

WALA Conference that was held just after, was focused on the management of librarian associations. Many papers were presented, particularly the one of Mrs Christine Steinberg, representing Mrs Kay Raseroka, President of IFLA.

The poor representation of national associations of West African countries, namely the french speaking ones has been deplored. The next WALA Conference will be held in Senegal in 2005. It will be certainly an opportunity to drum up all the french speaking associations.

The New Executives of SCAULWA.

At a Business Session of the Standing Conference of African University Libraries , Western Area, (SCAULWA) held at Erata Hotel in Accra, Ghana, on Wednesday 5th november 2003, it was agreed that the SCAULWA Secretariat should move to Senegal in 2004. The following were therefore elected to form the new Executive
Chairman : Mr. Henri Sène, University Librarian, University Cheikh Anta Diop of Dakar, Sénégal

Secretary : Mr Mamadou Lamine Ndoeye, University Librarian, University Gaston Berger of Saint-Louis, Sénégal

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ALP NEWS

The Name change of ALP

It has been decided by the Governing Board during its meeting held in march 2004 in The Hague that the name of the ALP Programme, formerly "Advancement of Librarianship", be changed to:

"Action for development through Libraries Programme" (ALP) which will better reflect what it aims to do.

An Advisory Board for the IFLA/ALP Core Activity has also been established.

Peter Lor, Professor, Department of Information Science, University of Pretoria has been appointed to chair the Advisory Board

The other members are:

Jacinta Were, chair of Division 8 and member of the Governing Board
Winnie Vitzansky, Secretary General, Danish Library Association
Ulf Göranson, Chief Librarian, Uppsala University, the host institution
Gunnar Sahlin, National Librarian, the Royal Library of Sweden
Gary Gorman, chair IFLA RSCAO, Professor of Library and Information Management, Victoria University of Wellington
Adolfo Rodríguez, Researcher, Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico, UNAM

IFLA ALP Project Fund

Call for application

Professionals in the region are invited to submit applications for support to carry out projects in the region. See <http://www.ifla.org.VI/I/admin/general.htm#3> for more details, and <http://www.ifla.org.VI/I/admin/alpform.pdf>

Please note that December 31, 2004 is the deadline for project applications to reach :

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BUENOS AIRES 2004

◆ WORLD LIBRARY AND INFORMATION CONGRESS.

70TH IFLA GENERAL CONFERENCE AND COUNCIL. August 22th-27th 2004, Buenos Aires, Argentina

“Libraries : Tools for Education and Development”

Preliminary Programme. African Activities :

- Saturday 21 august 2004
Coordinating Board I. Regional Activities (Div VIII.)

- Sunday 22 august 2004
Caucus : Africa, Asia & Oceania and Latin America & Caribbean

- Monday 23 august 2004

Division VII – Education and Research

Literacy and literacy development programmes in Botswana after independence.

Chedza Molefe, Botswana Institute for Development Policy Analysis, Gaborone, Botswana.

National Libraries

La Bibliothèque nationale au service des populations béninoises.

Francis Zogo, Bibliothèque nationale du Bénin, Porto Novo, Bénin.

Standing Committee I – Africa Section

- Wednesday 25 august 2004

Mobile Libraries

The Caterpillar Project – delivering books to rural areas in Africa

June Baatjes? Western Cape Education Department, Cape Town, South Africa.

Reference Work

ICT skills for information professionals in developing countries: perspectives from a study of the information environment in Nigeria.

Chris Watts, School of Business Information, Liverpool John Moores University, Liverpool, UK.

Libraries for the Blind with Libraries Serving Disadvantaged Persons

- Thursday 26 august 2004

Overview of the current situation, the South African and South American perspectives.

Johan Roos, South African Library for the Blind, South Africa.

Education and Training

Opportunities and challenges of regional cooperation in library education in the developing world.

Isaac M.N. Kigongo-Bukenya, East African School of Library and Information Science, Kampala, Uganda.

Women’s Issues

Libraries as a source of relevant information to suport and enhance economic developement for women

Agnes Adjabeng, Environmental Protection Agency, Ghana.

Women’s information needs for economic development – libraries, information and resource centers as a tool for women and economic development in Nigeria.

Olufunmilola Olorunda, Adetoun Oyelude, Roselyn Subair and Bolajoko Adwumi, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria.

Social Sciences Libraries with Division VIII. Regional Activities

Part I and II

Changing roles of NGOs in the creation, validaTion and dissemination of information in developing countries.

- Friday 27 august 2004

Reading

Aled : l'Association pour la Lecture, l'Education et le Développement au Mali.
Malado Fofana , Aled, Mali

Africa Section

Theme of the Open Session :
"Libraries and Literacy : information, reading, oral tradition".

Promotion of literacy and reading through libraries : the role of reading.
Gwynneth Evans, IFLA Reading Section, Canada.

Reaching out to the less advantaged, Reading tents in Kenya.
Margaret Makenzi, Egerton University, Nakuru, Kenya.

Fiction as a tool to fight HIV/AIDS.
Margaret Naffour-Awuah, Botswana National Library, Gaborone, Botswana.

The library as a tool for development : the case of Zimbabwe.
Patricia Mamvoto and Mukundi Mutasa, SARDC, Harare, Zimbabwe.

- Saturday 28 august 2004

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Standing Committee II. Africa Section

For more information about the general programme of the 70th IFLA General Conference and Council visit IFLA website at www.ifla.org on contact IFLA Headquarters at ifla@ifla.org

◆ FUTURE IFLA CONFERENCES

* World Library and Information Congress :
71st IFLA General Conference and Council
Oslo, Norway, August 14-18, 2005
<http://ifla.org/IV/ifla71/index.htm>
Theme :
Libraries – A Voyage of Discovery
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72nd IFLA General Conference and Council
Seoul, Republic of Korea, August 2006
<http://ifla.org/IV/ifla72/index.htm>
Theme :
Libraries : Dynamic Engines for the Knowledge and Information Society

ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ SOUTH AFRICA

APPOINTEMENT OF NATIONAL LIBRARIAN

The Board of the National Library takes pleasure in announcing that John Kgwale Tsebe has been appointed as the National Librarian with effect from 1 March 2004. He has been the University Librarian of the University of the North for the past 19 years. Mr Tsebe holds a Master's degree in Library Science from Syracuse University as well as a Master's degree in Public Administration from Harvard University, both in the United States. After completing his respective studies in the US he did practical work in various libraries in the United States and also visited libraries in Mexico, the Netherlands and Britain.

Mr Tsebe was a member of the Board of the State Library (1998-2000). At the University of the North, he has served among others on the Senate and the University's Board Transformation Committee, and was extensively involved in different aspects of the University's strategic planning process.

He also plays a major role in the South African library and information services sector and was a founder member of LIASA, chairing a number of LIASA committees. He was immediate past chair of the Standing Conference of African National and University Libraries – East, Central and Southern Africa (SCANUL-ECS), and also chaired a Forum of University Librarians of South Africa (FULSA). He currently serves on the Boards of the South

African Library and Information Trust and SABINET.

Mr Tsebe has had some articles published and made presentations at national and international conferences /seminars / workshops in Kenya, Ghana, Namibia, Zimbabwe, and South Africa.

◆ BLUE SHIELD

SECOND PROTOCOL OF THE HAGUE CONVENTION ON THE PROTECTION OF CULTURAL PROPERTY COME INTO FORCE

The International Committee of the Blue Shield (ICBS) welcomes the entry into force, on 9 March 2004, of the 1999 Second Protocol to the "1954 Hague Convention on the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict". With the accession of Costa Rica, the 20th state to have acceded on 9 December 2003, the necessary number of states for its coming into force has now been achieved.

The Second Protocol greatly strengthens and clarifies cultural protection. It introduces new measures, including the designation of a new category of cultural property under Enhanced Protection. It also establishes an Intergovernmental Committee responsible mainly for supervising the implementation of the Convention and the Second Protocol, and an International Fund for the Protection of Cultural Heritage.

The Second Protocol completes the Hague Convention. It is not retrospective, and it does not bind those states that have not adopted it by ratification or accession. Costa Rica joins 19 States which have already ratified or acceded to the Second Protocol : Argentina, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Cyprus, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Honduras, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Lithuania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Qatar, Serbia and Montenegro, and Spain.

For more information on the 1954 Hague Convention and 1999 Second Protocol:
<http://portal.unesco.org/culture/>

JOINT IFLA/IPA STATEMENT
(adopted, 20 June 2004)

◆ INTERNATIONAL PRESERVATION WORKSHOP

27 September – 15th October 2004 National Library of France (Paris)

Organisation : Preservation Department (BNF), Direction for International Relations (BNF) in cooperation with IFLA-PAC, National Archives of France.

The workshop is aimed at library and archives professionals in charge of preservation in foreign countries. Its purpose is to provide technical and methodological knowledge in the field of collections preservation. Practical and theoretical courses will allow trainees to focus, among other topics, on: major principles on preservation and conservation, causes of mechanical, biological and chemical deteriorations of collections ; means of actions; transfer on a different carrier (microfilm, digitisation) ; disaster management...

Courses will take place from 27th September to 15th October. An optional week is proposed from 18th until 22nd October for trainees to study one carrier in particular : photographs, audiovisual documents, manuscripts or archives.

Training will be provided in French but partial teaching in English has been planned.

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◆ BIBLIOPHILIA AFRICANA CONFERENCE

From Papyrus to Print-out : the Book in Africa Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

11th Bibliophilia Africana Conference, Centre of the Book, Cape Town

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PUBLICATIONS

Knowledge Management. Libraries and Librarians taking up the Challenge

This is a compilation of 17 papers given at various recent IFLA and some other conferences. A special Knowledge Management Discussion Group existed during these years and held meetings during the annual IFLA conferences. Apart from a "Prelude" article, a reprint of the classic "*Blow Up the Corporate Library*" from the 1990s, the papers are grouped into 3 sections: Political and ethical implications, Issues and instruments and Case studies.

Knowledge Management. Libraries and Librarians Taking Up the Challenge
Edited by: Hans-Christoph Hobohm
München: Saur, 2004, 220 p.
(IFLA Publications; 108)
ISBN 3-598-21838-0
Price: EUR 74 / IFLA Members EUR 55
Order: K.G. Saur Verlag

Newspapers in International Librarianship

This is a compilation of 35 papers given during the IFLA conferences during the 1990s. This is the period that the IFLA Round Table on Newspapers has been active in promoting awareness of newspaper collections in libraries, providing access to these collections and preserving them. An index of newspapers was added to facilitate access to the rich data in this book.

Edited by: Hartmut Walravens and Edmund King
München: Saur, 2003, 260 p.

(IFLA Publications; 107)
ISBN 3-598-21837-0
Price: EUR 78 / IFLA Members EUR 58
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Women's issues at Ifla : Equality, Gender and Information on Agenda

This is a compilation of approximately 30 papers given during the IFLA conferences during the 1990s. The articles have in common that they focus on the position of women in (international) librarianship and in the federation that IFLA is, since the first meeting of the Women's Interests Group in Stockholm, Sweden in 1990. Many of the authors have published extensively on the theme and are now authorities on international librarianship.

Edited by: Leena Siitonen. München: Saur, 2003, 256 p.
(IFLA Publications; 106)
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Price: EUR 78 / IFLA Members EUR 58
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