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THE NEW PRESIDENT-ELECT

Alex Byrne, University Librarian, University of Technology, Sydney, Australia, has been voted President-elect by IFLA members. He will begin his two-year term as President-elect during the IFLA conference in Berlin this August. He will succeed Kay Raseroka as President in August 2005 for a two-year term. Alex is the current Chair of the IFLA Free Access to Information and Freedom of Expression (FAIFE) Committee.

On hearing the news, Alex said: "I am honoured and humbled to be elected President-elect of IFLA, the peak international organisation for my profession. I look forward to working closely with incoming President Kay Raseroka and then succeeding her to continue the process of making IFLA a truly global organisation which has the right to know at its heart. Through the combined efforts of our profession, IFLA can support our aspirations, and those of the wider communities we serve, to create a just information society for the benefit of all."

435 valid ballot papers were received, a return rate of 36%. 1137 votes were cast, representing 46% of the possible total. The full results were: President-elect: * Alex Byrne (Australia) 495 * Claudia Lux

(Germany) 384 not elected * inston Tabb (USA) 257 not elected.

Two members of staff of the Royal Library of the Netherlands, P.J. Moree and J.J.M.Bos, acted as scrutineers.

THE NEW MEMBERS OF GOVERNING BOARD

In the elections for the new IFLA Governing Board, the following candidates were successful: Ana Maria Zimmermann (Argentina) Claudia Lux (Germany), Sissel Nilsen (Norway), Jianzhong Wu (China), Ellen Tise (South Africa), Ingrid Parent (Canada), Shawky Salem (Egypt), Tiiu Valm (Estonia), Evgeniy Kuz'min (Russian Federation) and Vinyet Panyella (Spain).

They will serve a two-year term(2003-2005) on the Governing Board, beginning at the end of the Berlin conference in August. Shawky Salem, Tiiu Valm, Evgeniy Kuz'min and Vinyet Panyella will be serving on the Board for the first time.

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Two members of staff of the Royal Library of the Netherlands, P.J. Moree and J.J.M.Bos, acted as scrutineers.

ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE CORE PROGRAMMES

The annual reports of the IFLA Core Programmes have been published and are now available on IFLANET.

- CLM Annual Report .
<http://www.ifla.org/III/clm/copyr.htm>
- UAP Annual Report :
<http://www.ifla.org/VI/2uapreport79-2.htm>
- UBCIM Annual Report :
<http://www.ifla.org/VI/3ubcim.htm>
- FAIFE Annual Report
<http://ifla.org/VI/faifear2002.htm>

- ALP Annual Report
<http://www.ifla.org/VI/1/annual/ann02.htm>
- PAC Annual Report
<http://www.ifla.org/VI/4/annual/ann02.htm>

UNESCO AND THE IFLA INTERNET MANIFESTO

Mr Sjoerd Koopman, IFLA Coordinator of Professional Activities, attended the meetings of UNESCO's Intergovernmental Council of the Information For All Programme (IFAP) in Paris, 22-24 April 2003. During these meetings Mr Koopman was invited to introduce the Manifesto. On Wednesday 23 April 2003, the IFLA Internet Manifesto was discussed.

He explained that this forms the third of a series of three manifestos, and that the previous ones (on Public Libraries and School Libraries) had proved their usefulness in advising and influencing local, regional and national governmental bodies in matters of library development.

After that he underscored the importance of giving unhindered access to the Internet by libraries and information services, for the benefit of communities' and individuals' freedom, prosperity and development.

He pointed out that this Manifesto forms one of IFLA's many activities in the context of bridging the Digital Divide and that it is intended to have it followed up by guidelines for implementing the principles contained in it.

He testified that it was a great pleasure to learn that the Bureau of the IFAP Council had welcomed the spirit and objectives of our Manifesto and that it recommended endorsement. He said that IFLA was happy to offer" this declaration to UNESCO. As a kind of a "frivolity" he ended by stating that it was hoped that after this meeting we could speak of the IFLA UNESCO Internet Manifesto.

From the very beginning it was clear that the support was broad and massive.

Speakers representing the IFAP member states Benin, Canada, France, Germany, Irak, Japan, New Zealand, Nigeria, Philippines, Russian Federation and Tanzania, as well as observers (Belgium, Denmark, Israel) all stated that they were very much in agreement with the objectives of the Manifesto. IFLA was commended on this statement.

After long discussions based on good debate, the Intergovernmental Council for the Information for All Programme, adopted the following recommendations related to Item 8 "UNESCO/IFLA Internet Manifesto"

The Intergovernmental Council for the Information for All Programme,

1. Having examined document IFAP-2003/COUNCIL.II/5, particularly the "IFLA Internet Manifesto" contained in this document;

2. Welcomes the spirit and the objectives of the "IFLA Internet Manifesto";

3. Decides to endorse the "IFLA Internet Manifesto";

4. Requests the Director-General to disseminate the IFLA Manifesto to all UNESCO Member States;

5. Recommends that the Director General collaborate with IFLA in the preparation of IFLA-UNESCO Guidelines based on the IFLA Manifesto, and taking into account the discussions of the Intergovernmental Council for the Information for All Programme at its 2nd Session.

BLUE SHIELD STATEMENT

The International Committee of the Blue Shield has issued a statement urging the governments concerned to do all they can to avoid damaging and destroying cultural property in the event of war in Iraq. It also reminds them that international humanitarian law prohibits using cultural property for military purposes or to shield

military objectives. It presses governments which have not yet signed up to The Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict and its two Protocols to do so.

Ross Shimmon, IFLA Secretary General wrote to Prime Minister Tony Blair and Presidents George Bush and Saddam Hussein urging them to do everything they can to protect cultural property and, in the aftermath of a war, to take proper measures for restoration.

IFLA is a member of the Blue Shield, along with the International Council on Archives, the International Council of Museums and the International Council on Monuments and Sites.

Ross Shimmon is currently the President of the International Committee of the Blue Shield.

The full statement and the text of the letters are available at:

<http://www.ifla.org/VI/4/admin/statement-iraq.htm>

STATEMENT ON INDIGENOUS TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE

The IFLA Governing Board has approved a statement on Indigenous Traditional Knowledge. It calls for libraries to collect, preserve, and disseminate traditional indigenous knowledge resources. It urges governments to exempt media recording indigenous knowledge from taxes and encourages the proper protection and use of such knowledge through the recognition of the principles of intellectual property.

The statement is based on a resolution of the 15th Standing Conference for Eastern, Central and Southern African Library Associations (SCECSAL), 2002.

The full Statement is available on IFLANET at <http://www.ifla.org/III/eb/sitk03.html>

TRANSFER OF VOUCHER SCHEME TO IFLA HEADQUARTERS

With effect from 1 April 2003, the Voucher Scheme will move from its current home at the British Library to IFLA HQ in the Hague, Netherlands.

All contact details and payment and redemption instructions will change from this date. Please check IFLA's web site at <http://www.ifla.or/VI/2/uap.htm#1> for the latest information. Your new contact at IFLA HQ will be Susan Schaeapman, susan.schaepman@ifla.org

If you have recently sent a payment to the IFLA Voucher Scheme at Boston Spa, your order will be processed as usual. Please do not send new orders to Boston Spa, but consult the web site for IFLA HQ contact and payment details.

If you have recently sent vouchers to Boston Spa for redemption, please let us know at ifla@bl.uk. Your vouchers will be processed at Boston Spa, but your payment will be issued by IFLA HQ by bank transfer in Euros. Please do not send new redemptions to Boston Spa, but consult the web site for new instructions.

From 1 April 2003, the sale and redemption of IFLA vouchers from IFLA HQ will change from Dollar transactions to Euros. The value of existing vouchers will change from US\$4 to become URO8 and EUR4. All vouchers in circulation will remain valid and you should continue to use them in the usual way.

GUUST VAN WESEMAEL LITERACY PRIZE 2003

IFLA is pleased to announce that the Asociacion Civil Banco del Libro of Caracas, Venezuela, is the winner of the Guust van Wesemael Literacy Prize 2003.

The objective of this award of 3,000 Euros is to sponsor a public or school library in a developing country to perform activities in the field of literacy: collection development, promotion, training, policy development or otherwise.

The Jury of the Guust van Wesemael Literacy Prize 2003 consisted of Ellen Tise (Chair), Glenys Willars and John Day. They were unanimous in their choice of the proposal submitted by the Venezuelan colleagues.

This Prize was established in 1991 by IFLA's Executive Board to commemorate the late Guust van Wesemael, Coordinator of IFLA's Professional Activities from 1979 to 1990 and Deputy Secretary General of IFLA from 1979 to 1991. Funded by donations, the Guust van Wesemael Literacy Prize has been awarded biennially since 1997.

The Guust van Wesemael Literacy Prize 2003 will be handed to representatives of Banco del Libro during the World Library and Information Conference in Berlin (1-9 August 2003).

UN LITERACY DECADE

The United Nations has launched the Literacy Decade (2003-2012) with the theme « Literacy as Freedom ». Coordinated by UNESCO, the initiative seeks to give new impetus to efforts worldwide to reduce persistently high rates of illiteracy. One fifth of the world's adults – over 860 millions people – cannot read or write ; two thirds are women. Another 113 millions children – the majority of whom are girls – are not in school and missing out on gaining access to literacy through basic education.

The first two years of the Decade will focus on literacy and gender. Governments have

pledged to increase global literacy rates by 50 per cent by 2015.

For more information on the Decade, please visit :

<http://portal.unesco.org/education/ev>.

REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

BERLIN 2003

World Library and Information Congress:
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"Access Point Library: Media - Information - Culture" Berlin, Germany
Regional Section Program

This is the program for Berlin related to the 3 Regional Sections that was approved by the Governing Board.

Friday 01 August

14.30-18.00 CB I Regional Activities (Div VIII)

Saturday 02 August

18.00-19.00 Caucus: Africa, Asia & Oceania and Latin America & Caribbean Activities (Div VIII)

Sunday 03 August

08.30-10.30 SC I Africa/Asia and Oceania/Latin America and Caribbean

10.45-12.45 Newcomers Session

16.00-18.00 Council I

Monday 04 August

09.00 - 10.00 Meeting of Section Information Coordinators

13.45 -15.45 Africa Open Session

16.00 - 18.00 Opening Session

Tuesday 05 August

08.30 - 10.30 Management of Lib Associations and Div VIII Open Session

13.45 -15.45 IFLA HQ Meeting with National Association Members

Wednesday 06 August

16.00-18.00 Asia and Oceania Open Session

Thursday 07 August

13.30 -17.30 Africa, Asia & Oceania and Latin America & Caribbean Activities (Div VIII) Workshop

Friday 08 August

8.00-10.00 SC II Asia and Oceania / Africa

10.15 -12.15 SC II Latin America and the Caribbean

12.20 - 14.00 CB II

14.15 -15.30 Closing Session

15.30 - 17.30 Council II

Saturday 09 August

All day - Governing Board (New chair of CB DIV VIII to attend)

The conference programme is available at:
<http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla69/prog03.htm>

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY PROJECT

The IFLA Section of Science and Technology Libraries, would like to ask for help of the IFLA members in the 3 regions of Division 8.

The Section is working on a project to gather information regarding studies and reports about the needs of scientific and technological libraries in less-developed and developing countries. When the project is completed later this year, the information will be accessible on IFLANet, and from the Section of Science and Technologies Libraries home page at > <http://www.ifla.org/VII/s7/sstl.htm> .

If you know of any such publication or sources, please send the information you have to Linda Watkins at the Graduate School of Library and Information Sciences, Simmons College, in Boston.

Her email address is:

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For additional information about the project, contact Tovah Reis at Brown > University, Providence, RI. Email: Tovah_Reis@Brown.edu

AFRICA SECTION

NAIROBI MEETING

The IFLA Africa Section held its annual regional meeting at the University of Nairobi, Kenya on 22-24 January 2003.

Present : Jacinta Were (Chair), Ellen Tise (Secretary), Henri Sene (Regional Manager), Sarah Kagoda-Battuwa (member), Bumni Alegbeleye (member), Birgitta Sandell (ILFA/ALP), Sjoerd Koopman (IFLA HQ).

The following items of the agenda have been discussed :

- Approval of the minutes of the meeting held in Dakar and Glasgow
- Matters arising from the Glasgow minutes
- IFLA 2003 Elections
- Annual Report : Chair
- Financial Report : Secretary
- Regional Manager's Report
- Update on ALP supported projects
- Evaluation of Strategic Plan 2002 – 2003
- New project proposals
- IFLA 2003 Activities
- Report on Botswana Workshop
- Report from IFLA HQ
- Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held during the IFLA 2003 conference in Berlin. It was agreed that the next annual meeting will be held during the 2nd last week of February 2004 in Botswana or Arusha, Tanzania. Ellen Tise will liaise with Botswana colleagues.

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WORKSHOP ON PRESERVATION

Date : 17 October 2003 – 31 October 2003
venue : Cape Town, South Africa

Africa Section is happy to announce that the Workshop on Preservation of African Heritage which was postponed last year, 2002 is now back on track and will be taking place on the dates and venue as specified above.

The Workshop organised by IFLA Africa Section and ICA and sponsored by UNESCO will focus on the preservation of collections housed in libraries, archives and museums.

Topics will range from the deterioration of paper-based materials, preventive conservation, collections care with respect to climate, storage as well as basic repair techniques. The development of a preservation programme, conducting a survey to assess preservation priorities and needs, emergency planning and response will be addressed. Special emphasis will focus on preservation technologies including digitisation.

Presentations on UNESCO's Memory of the world, the slave trade project and the Blue Shield programme will be given.

The organising committee would like a wide representation from the continent. Unfortunately the available budget will restrict our goals. For this reason, the institutions of successful applicants are requested to bear the cost of an air-ticke to Cape Town, South Africa ; All other expenses will be paid for by the Workshop.

We invite applications from institutions all over Africa. All applications should reach Ellen Tise (e-mail) etise@uwc.ac.za

Applicants are requested to submit a current CV and job description.

BII GRANTEES IFLA 2003

25 librarians from developing countries have received the full grant to attend the World Library and Information Conference : IFLA 2003 in Berlin. These grants were given by the Union of German Library Associations through its Exchange Office for Librarians »Bibliothek & Information international(BII) ». Below are the 9 successful recipients from Africa :

Ms Ruth Bature (Nigeria)
Ms Yvonne Boois (Namibia)
Mr. Boubacar DIAW (Mali)
Mr. Benedict Albert Kandoya (Tanzania)
Mr. Nklo Theodore Kone (Côte-d'Ivoire)
Mr. Godfrey Luyimbazi (Uganda)
Mr. Yared Mammo (Ethopia)
Mr. Macberth Donald Ndlovu (Zimbabwe)
Mr. Ibrahim Ramjaun (Mauritius)

THE RWANDA BOOKMOBILE FOUNDATION

A foundation is being set up to provide and maintain a bookmobile for the African nation of Rwanda. At the present time there is not a single public library in the entire country, but that is about to change, as the first library is currently under construction in the capital city of Kigali. It is hoped that as soon as the doors open at the new Kigali Public Library, that the Bookmobile will be ready to start traveling to all of the accessible towns and villages in that impoverished country. Support is urgently needed to help get this program off the ground. The Rwanda Bookmobile Foundation is requesting help from concerned organizations and individuals that want to help make the the first Bookmobile in Rwanda a reality. Donations may be sent to: The Rwanda Bookmobile Foundation P.O. Box 1061 Okotoks

Alberta Canada T1S 1B1 Sincerely,
Michael Giberson, Founder The Rwanda Bookmobile Foundation If education is the road out of poverty, books are the wheels needed for the journey. -Richard Crabbe, Chair African Publishers Network 1997-2002.

ADAMA SAMASSEKOU

We are delighted to announce that Mr. Adama Samassékou, President of the Preparatory Committee of the forthcoming UN World Summit on the Information Society, has agreed to address the World Library and Information Congress ; IFLA 69th Conference in Berlin in August 2003.

Mr. Samassékou is former Minister of Education in the government of Mali and is President of the African Academy of Languages. As President of the Preparatory Committee of the World Summit (PrepCom) of the World Summit, he is responsible for the preparation of the draft declaration and draft action plan to be considered at the summit.

More information about Mr. Samassékou is available at :

http://www.itu.int/wsis/samassekou_bio.html

ALP NEWS

Annual Report

The mission of the Advancement of Librarianship Programme (ALP) is to further the library profession, library institutions and library and information services in the developing countries of Africa, Asia and Oceania, and Latin America and the Caribbean.

The goals are to support the development of library associations; to assist in human resources development; to promote libraries and functional literacy, reading and lifelong learning; to promote new technology and to support dissemination of information and publishing activities to the

community with special attention to indigenous communities.

ALP achieves its goals through a carefully planned programme of different activities in close co-operation between the International Focal Point of ALP and IFLA's Regional Offices, IFLA's Regional Division and its three sections, and other partners. This cooperation includes fundraising, scholarships and attachment programmes, conferences, seminars and workshops, pilot projects, publications and databases.

The sponsors in 2002 were Sida (Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency), The Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Finland (KYO), the Finnish Library Association and the Swedish Library Association. In addition, those responsible for projects in the regions contributed with their own resources and raised considerable funds from external sources.

Activities in Africa

Seminar on the WWW: design, implementation and management. Organised by Bunmi Alegbeleye, Department of Library, Archival and Information Studies, University of Ibadan, and took place in Ibadan, Nigeria 5-13 August 2002. The objectives of the workshop were to train professionals to create web sites in order to make an easy access to documents in libraries and to encourage interlibrary exchange. The 10 delegates came from Cameroon, Gambia, Ghana, Sierra Leone and Nigeria. Sida funded the workshop.

2002 Standing Conference of Eastern, Central and Southern African Library and Information Associations (SCECSAL) (p. 153). The conference was held in April, 2002 in South Africa. With money from The Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Finland (KYO) and Sida, ALP sponsored the attendance for eight delegates from Kenya, Zambia, Lesotho, Uganda, Swaziland and Malawi, and part of the publishing of the Conference proceedings "SCECSAL 2002: From Africa to the world - the globalisation of indigenous knowledge systems".

Meeting of ALP Advisory Committee. The ALP Advisory Committee consisting of the chairs and secretaries of the three regional sections and of IFLA's regional office managers met at Uppsala University Library, 10-15 October to evaluate the ALP projects and plan the activities for the coming two years. The evaluation of the projects was presented at a meeting with ALP Nordic Support Group where also Ross Shimmon, Secretary General of IFLA, participated. Sida funded the meeting.

travel grants

Danida had allocated approximately 100.000 EUR per year for a three-year period 1999-2001 to enable around 30 librarians from developing countries to attend the IFLA conferences. ALP was able to cover the costs for 21 candidates. With additional money from Sida and IFLA HQ, funding for the 30 travel grants was secured.

Speakers Grants

With money from Sida ALP supported three people who had been selected to present papers at the Conference in the Open Sessions of the Regional Sections. Batlang Comma Serema, Botswana presented a paper on "Community Information Structures in Botswana: A Challenge for Librarians".

The Bart Nwafor Staff Development Programme in Africa started in 1997 with funding from Norad. The Regional Office for Africa is responsible for the programme and ALP IFP holds and disburses the funds and gives a statement of accounts to Norad. Selected for 2002 were: Usman Ibrahim, Nigeria; Ms Edith Luitwama, Uganda; Kanyane Molemane, South Africa; Ms Anna Kessy, Tanzania.

Journal of librarianship and information science in Africa/Revue de bibliothéconomie et science de l'information en Afrique. The project was conceived to ensure better communication of information on Library and Information practices among librarians

and information workers in Africa. So far two issues have been published and the editorial committee is working on the 3rd. The aim is to increase subscriptions to cover the costs of the printing of the journal. The project is funded by Sida.

FUTURE CONFERENCES

- [World Library and Information Congress: 70th IFLA General Conference and Council](#)
Buenos Aires, Argentina, August 20-27, 2004.
« Libraries : Tools for Education and Development »
- [World Library and Information Congress: 71st IFLA General Conference and Council](#)
Oslo, Norway, August 14-18, 2005
- [World Library and Information Congress: 72nd IFLA General Conference and Council](#)
Seoul, Republic of Korea, 2006
- [World Library and Information Congress: 73rd IFLA General Conference and Council](#)
Durban, South Africa, 2007

PUBLICATIONS

Information and Communication Technologies in Rural Secondary Schools in Africa. Proceedings of the Workshop 29/11 -1/12 1999, Bronte Hotel, Harare, Zimbabwe organised by IFLA - ALP, RSCA and ROA in cooperation with Library and Information Services, Zimbabwe. Edited by Elisha R.T. Chiware. Uppsala, Uppsala University Library, 2002.

117p. ISBN 91-85092-61-4, ISSN 1023-8212
(IFLA/Advancement of Librarianship Programme Project Report No 20).

ISBD for continuing resources published on iflanet

The ISBD Review Group is pleased to announce that the SBD(CR): International Standard Bibliographic Description for Serials and Other Continuing Resources which was published in print in summer 2002 and is available from K. G. Saur (ISBN 3-598-11599-7) has now been made available in electronic format (PDF) on IFLANET. This document is accessible via a link available at: <http://www.ifla.org/VI/3/nd1/isbdlist.htm>. Comments on the contents of this ISBD are welcome and may be sent to: John D. Byrum, Jr. Chief, Regional & Cooperative Cataloging Library of Congress Washington, D. C. 20540-4380 USA
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