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UPCOMING CONFERENCES

PUBLICATIONS

The new Statutes, approved by Council in August 2000, provide for a new Governing Board, which will replace the existing Executive and Professional Boards with effect from August 2001. The last meetings of the existing Executive and

Professional Boards will take place during the IFLA General Conference to be held in Boston, USA from the 17th to the 25th August 2001. The first meeting of the new Governing Board will take place on Saturday 25th August in Boston.

The Governing Board will consist of :

- The President
- The President-elect
- Ten members elected by the membership at large
- Nine members of the Professional Committee

The President and President-elect and the elected members of the Board will now be elected by postal ballot. So voting members of IFLA throughout the world will be able to take part in these elections, whether or not they can attend an IFLA General Conference.

The objectives behind the decision to establish a new Governing Board include :

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IFLA'S GOVERNING BOARD

- Greater coordination of the professional and managerial concerns of the Federation, by bringing together those responsible for these two areas in one board.

- Greater participation in the direction of the Federation by people living in different parts of the world, by creating more elected places, reducing the length of terms of office and reducing the number of meetings.

The President, during the non-renewable two-year term of office, acts as the chief representative of the Federation and provides it with leadership. The President works closely with the Secretary General to ensure that the policies determined by the Governing Board and the Council are implemented and promoted. The post involves a significant amount of travelling, making keynote speeches and generally acting as an Ambassador for IFLA and the library and information profession. A modest budget is available from central funds to facilitate some of this travel. The President presides over Council meetings, which are held at the annual General Conference, and gives a keynote speech during the opening session of the conference. The President chairs the meetings of the Governing Board. The President also chairs the Executive Committee of the Governing Board. The committee has executive responsibility, delegated by the Governing Board to oversee the direction of the Federation between meetings of the Governing Board with the policies established by the Board.

The President-elect serves as President-elect for two years, followed by two-years as President. The term of office is not renewable. It is expected that the period as President-elect will be used to prepare for the role of President. There may be occasions when the President-elect will substitute

for the President if, for example, the President is unable to fulfil an important engagement or chair a meeting. But there are no other formal responsibilities of the President-elect. The President-elect is, however, a full member of both the Governing Board and the Executive Committee.

The Governing Board is responsible for the managerial and professional direction of the Federation, within the guidelines approved by Council. One of its members is appointed as Treasurer of IFLA. Other members are given specific responsibilities, for example to chair sub-committees such as the Conference Planning Committee, the Membership Development Committee and the Publications Committee. Other responsibilities include liaison with publishers and with the IFLA FAIFE office and the IFLA Copyright and other Legal Matters Committee. The Governing Board approves the annual budget and the annual accounts. Members of the Governing Board are sometimes asked to represent IFLA at key conferences or other meetings, to ensure that our voice is heard.

It can be hard work. But it is also rewarding. The opportunity to work with colleagues from different types of library and information environments and from different cultures is stimulating in itself. Members ensure that they enjoy themselves at the same time as striving to advance the cause of library and information service and improve the practice of the profession.

IFLA STANDING COMMITTEES

Serving on a Standing Committee is one of the best ways of contribution to the work of IFLA. Standing Committees are at the heart of the

Federation. They help develop policies, carry out surveys and other projects, prepare guidelines, and organize open sessions and workshops at the general conference. Serving on a Standing Committee provides opportunities for professional development, networking with colleagues from many different countries and helps to advance the profession.

Responsibilities :

Members of Standing Committees serve in a personal capacity. They do not themselves have to be Members of IFLA. But they have to be nominated by current Association or Institutional IFLA Members.

They contribute to the work of the Committee by :

- Having a working knowledge in at least one of the IFLA languages (English, French, German, Russian, and Spanish). Most of the business of the Standing Committees tends to be conducted in English, so knowledge of English is particularly useful.

- Having a reasonable expectation of attending meetings of the Standing Committee without cost to the Federation. IFLA simply does not have the resources to fund the expenses involved in serving on the committees. The principal meetings are held immediately prior to, and during, the annual general conferences of IFLA. Forthcoming conferences will be held at Boston (2001), Glasgow (2002), Berlin (2003) and Buenos Aires (2004). All of them will take place in August. In between these meetings, business is usually conducted by e-mail and post or fax. Some Sections hold mid-year meetings by agreement of the Committee concerned.

- Contributing actively to ideas for projects and conference programme meetings.

- Joining in the work of the Section, for example, by undertaking projects, organizing workshops, preparing translations, etc.

- Sticking to deadlines for reporting financial and other information.

- Responding to requests from IFLA HQ for advice, representation at meetings, etc.

- Assisting in the production of a newsletter, promotional leaflet, and generally disseminating information about Section activities.

- Helping with the translation of newsletters, conference papers, promotional leaflets and other documents where appropriate.

- Encouraging participation in the Section by people in different parts of the world, by identifying potential new candidates and corresponding members.

- Assisting in the allocation of “portfolios” to individuals serving on the committee (for example, editing the newsletter, acting as information coordinator, Section membership recruitment, organizing translations, preparing workshops, etc.).

Serving Standing Committee members are expected to help those newly elected to play a full part in the Standing Committee’s work by providing them with background information.

Corresponding Members :

Each Standing Committee may appoint up to five Corresponding Members. These places are intended for people who are normally unable to attend the general conference (and therefore the

meetings of the Standing Committee) for geographical or financial reasons. Their role is to represent regions, which might not otherwise be represented. They receive the Committee papers and are expected to maintain regular contact with the officers and other Committee members. They contribute their opinions and active support through involvement in projects, and preparation of translations, etc. Corresponding Members have no voting rights, but if they are able to attend a meeting of the Committee, they are entitled to speak.

Some Standing Committees have established “Observers”, “Honorary Advisers” and “Special Advisers”. They are listed in IFLA Directory, but they have no official status and have no voting rights.

MEETING OF THE REGIONAL DIVISION COORDINATING BOARD

The Regional Division Coordinating Board (RCB) met as a group at the ALP focal point, Uppsala University library, Sweden from 12 to 17 October 2000. Chairs, Secretaries and Regional Managers of the Sections of Africa, Latin America and Caribbean and Asia Oceania are members of RCB.

The aim of the RCB meeting was to discuss the Division 8 organisational structure and to meet the Secretary General of IFLA on this issue. At the end of their discussions the RCB members made a report with recommendations to IFLA Advisory Group on Division 8.

RCB members re-affirmed that the regional sections provide an appropriate forum for regional members to share experience and interests and be introduced to IFLA’s professional programme. The Regional Division further enfranchises regional

membership through representation on the Professional Committee.

RCB supported continuation of the ALP Core Activity in its present form and governance. Noted that ALP staff’s expert intermediary role between donor and recipient is valued by donors. Tangible evidence is increased support for developing country projects obtained from diverse sources. Much of ALP’s credibility stems from its direct and successful relationship with regional sections.

1. Regional Division priorities

- Library association development
- Human resources development
- Libraries and literacy
- Information technology in developing countries
- Services to indigenous communities
- Preservation of heritage
- Information for the community
- Free access to information
- Implementing standards and manifestos (in conjunction with HQ)

RCB members noted that these priorities are essentially identical to IFLA’s general professional priorities issued in September 2000.

2. Regional Structures

RCB recommended that Regional Offices be strengthened. This can be achieved by:

- closer relationship with HQ

- additional financial resources eg to employ permanent support staff to undertake specific additional tasks relating to current priorities

RCB recommended that additional meeting budget be provided to support expanded membership.

Africa and Latin America/Caribbean preferred to maintain existing structures with a strengthened Regional Office. Asia/Oceania saw most potential for development of a more effective regional structure to deal with its large geographic area.

Structural division along language lines for Africa and Latin America/Caribbean was discussed and rejected; nevertheless language remains a barrier to working effectively.

Africa Section decided to maintain one regional section, one regional office (strengthened) and to increase the number of SC members to 20 :

Sub-regional structures:

- * North Africa (two SC members)
- * West Africa (eight SC members)
- * Central Africa (three SC members)
- * East Africa (three SC members)
- * Southern Africa (four SC members)

3. Communication and integration

RCB recommended that communication between regional sections and other IFLA sections be improved by:

- Exchange of Regional Section newsletters eg forwarded to other Section officers ;
- Schedule Conference Regional SC meetings so as not to overlap with other SC meetings and allow reciprocating attendance ;

- Schedule Third World Caucus so as not to overlap with other caucuses ;

- Simultaneous interpretation to be made available for more Conference sessions.

RCB recommended that integration between regional sections and other IFLA sections be enabled by:

- Exchange of SC membership: regional SCs to nominate members to join other SCs of most interest; and *vice versa*, to accept other SC's members on to RSCs. These members having ex officio status.

- Establish Regional Division Special Interest Groups (within new IFLA structure) to accommodate particular objectives of the Division, eg 'IT in developing countries', 'Libraries and literacy in developing countries'. Any IFLA member may join.

4. Funding

RCB members agreed with ALP suggestion that *information* about funds for regional activities be centralised, rather than the funds themselves. This to include source of funds where applicable, eg donor information.

Noted that many of the changes recommended in this document do not need funding as such, but are program and priority adjustments. However clearer definition of IFLA's regional strategy at the higher level might assist in seeking large-scale funding of particular elements of the strategy, eg a programme of library association development workshops for a whole region.

RCB recommended that IFLA HQ seek major funding for regional-level projects which can be managed corporately and involve a wider section of membership

5. Membership development

Agreed that Regional Offices were a suitable permanent presence to recruit IFLA membership within the region.

RCB recommended that a membership recruitment strategy for the Regional Offices be developed by HQ. Implementation may be dependent on additional funding to ROs.

6. Roles, responsibilities and functions within Division 8

Regional Standing Committees

- Facilitate work of regional sections
- Provide advice, through Section officers, to Divisional Coordinating Board on Section activities and priorities
- Work with Regional Offices in carrying out IFLA activities in region
- Advise ALP Office on project selection and priorities
- Organise IFLA Conference programme
- Facilitate, encourage and initiate library projects in the region
- As individual SC members, represent and be a source of advice on a country or a region on the Standing Committee
- As individual SC members, represent the region within the wider IFLA community
- Represent and promote IFLA in home country and the region

- Communicate and liaise between all of the above and the local library community/IFLA membership

Regional Offices

- A permanent extension of IFLA/HQ in the region Work with RSC and RCB in carrying out IFLA activities in region.
- Work with RSC and RCB to support library associations in the region.
- Disseminate information about IFLA in the region.
- Provide logistical and administrative support to Regional Section (e.g. manage meeting budget).
- Communicate (e.g. newsletter, IFLANET, listservs).
- Seek sources for funding for projects
- Liaise with ALP, other Core Activities and other IFLA professional units.

Membership recruitment

Regional Coordinating Board

- Represent Regional Sections on Professional Committee and Governing Board
- Set general directions for the work of the Sections
- Advise ALP Core Activity and Nordic Support Group on policy and project priorities
- Liaise with other IFLA professional groups
- Organise Conference programme

AFRICA SECTION NEWS

JERUSALEM CONFERENCE. REPORT

During the IFLA General Conference and Council held in Jerusalem, Israël, in August 2000, The Africa Section met twice. Mr Alegbeleye, Chair of the Section, Mrs Kogoda-Batuwa, member and Mr Sene, Regional Office Manager, were the only members of the Standing Committee attending these meetings.

Several other african colleagues coming from various countries of Africa and other profesionnals from Europe and USA, were present as observers during these two meetings. These points of the agenda has been discussed.

1. The last SC meeting decisions : Medium-Term Programme ; Bart Nwafor Programme ; IFLA ALP african projects ; the bilingual journal ; etc.
2. Report on Division 8 (Division of Regional Activities) were given and extensive discussions held on this important issue. The concensus at the meeting was that Division 8 should be left intact although structural changes might take place within it. In particular efforts should be made to democratise the Africa Section so as to have greater grassroot participation.
3. Strategies for strengthening the IFLA Africa Section so as to have greater support from library associations were considered.
4. Regional Manager presented a report on the activities o the Regional Office in 2000.
5. The topics of African papers for the IFLA Conference in Boston were discussed. The following topic was agreed upon for Africa

Section open forum in Boston : “ Africa in the knowledge age : status and role of national information policy ”.

One speaker from Africa who wins the contest will receive funding for the Boston Conference.

6. Mrs Birgitta Sandell, from ALP Programme, presented a report on approved projects and planned activities in Africa.

During the Jerusalem Conference, Mr Alegbeleye and Mr Sene met the Secretary General of IFLA, Mr Ross Shimon and the Coordinator of Professionnal Activities, Mr Sjoerd Koopman both of them were informed about the situation of the Section.

The Chair and the Secretary of the Section met with their colleagues from Latin America and the Caribbean and Asia and Oceania on Division 8 issues. The following topic was agreed for the open forum of the Division during the Boston Conference. “ Bridging the digital divide : meeting the challenge of the knowledge age in developing countries ”.

The next meeting of the Standing Committee of IFLA Africa Section will be held in Cape Town, South Africa , in february 2001.

AFRICA SECTION PROJECTS 2000

List of approved projects by Africa Section and IFLA /ALP Programme

1. **Journal of Librarianship and Information Science in Africa/Revue de Bibliothéconomie et Sciences de l'information en Afrique.**

The Department of Library, Archival and Information Studies, University of Ibadan, Nigeria, is taking charge of the production of the journal.

The editorial Board met in Ibadan in July 1999. The first issue was scheduled in 2000.

2. Zimbabwe International Book Fair

ALP, Regional Standing Committee and Regional Office in Dakar, Senegal, had a stand at the Book Fair in Zimbabwe in 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2000.

3. ALP support to the Join IFLA/ICA Committee for Preservation in Africa (JICPA)

The first meetings of JICPA was held in Dakar in 1996 and 1997. The other meetings in Tunisia (1998), Togo (1999), Morocco (2000). Next meeting is scheduled in South Africa (2001).

Training of trainers workshops was held in Senegal in 1997, in South Africa and Tunisia in 1998.

Experts meeting on preservation was held in Kenya in 1998.

4. Bart Nwafor Staff Development Programme

Funded by NORAD and the Norwegian Library Association through the IFLA/ALP Programme, the Bart Nwafor Staff Development Programme was

initiated and agreed upon by IFLA Africa Section as a way of providing south-south assistance in the important area of staff development. Young professionals coming from 12 countries have already benefited from this programme between 1997 and 2000 to train in libraries within Africa.

5. Création d'un centre de collecte et de distribution d'ouvrages scolaires de Côte d'Ivoire/Establishment of a centre collecting and distributing school materials in Ivory Coast.

This project is runned since 2000 by the Association of libraries and documentation centres in Ivory Coast.

ALP is looking for funding for these projects :

6. Workshop on Information and Communication Technologies in Community Rural Secondary Schools in Africa.

7. Survey on preservation of microform collections in African libraries and archives

8. Regional workshop on the evaluation for the provision of school libraries in the SCECSAL Region

9. Establishment of African Names in Cataloguing Records

SOUTH AFRICA

LIASA

CARNEGIE CORPORATION OF NEW YORK AWARDS \$249,400 TO THE LIBRARY AND INFORMATION ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA (LIASA)

LIASA (<http://www.liasa.org.za>) is pleased to announce that it has been awarded \$249,000 from September 2000 for a three - year period to assist with the expansion of its activities and membership drive. As envisaged, this funding will support the appointment of an executive director and administrative staff, as well as the necessary office infrastructure.

The Carnegie Corporation has a strong interest in the development of library services worldwide, and was instrumental in the formation of libraries and a library association in South Africa from 1928 onwards. LIASA was formed in 1997 to

unite and represent all institutions and persons engaged in library and information services in South Africa.

The Carnegie Corporation feels strongly that LIASA, as the national representative body of librarians and information workers in South Africa, has the potential to become a leading force in the transformation and development of South Africa in this post-apartheid era. The grant will enable LIASA to conduct an extensive recruitment drive, to support continuing education programmes and capacity-building among librarians and information workers, to lobby government and politicians to support the development of library services and to promote the image of the librarianship profession.

Ellen Tise, President of LIASA, said : "We are extremely grateful to the Carnegie Corporation for their renewed support of library services in South Africa and will do our best to achieve LIASA's goals and objectives. "

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Appointment

Ms Gwenda Thomas has been appointed Executive Director of LIASA for a term of three years with effect from 1 January 2001 to 31 December 2003.

Gwenda has 19 year's experience of working with various customer groups in special and university libraries. She has been actively involved

in library associations in South Africa, as well as in the interim structures prior to the establishment of LIASA.

In her acceptance letter, Gwenda said : " I look forward to working as the Executive Director of LIASA with the Representative Council, Executive Council, Executive Committee and the library and information services community of South Africa. "

SENEGAL

ASBAD

The Senegalese National Library Association (ASBAD : Association Sénégalaise des Bibliothécaires, Archivistes et Documentalistes) has been "regaining his breath".

Since January, 29th, 2000, the Association has retired for seven months (from January to July) to ponder deeply over profitable and innovative issues related to the professional context of information and documentation in Sénégal.

The critical survey lasted to the General Assembly of July, 22th, 2000, at the Chamber of Commerce of Dakar, which proceeded to the election of a new bureau and the updating of the texts ruling the Association.

Objectives and activities

The new approaches and views that are vital to ASBAD and which the Association refers to as challenges are :

1 - improving the conditions of running the Association by providing all its members with an

adequate place of exchange, in order to give a better acquaintance of the contribution of the I-D (Information and Documentation)

profession to the economic, social, cultural, scientific and technical development ;

2 - reinforcing the capacities of all ASBAD members and the national information services through training, exchanges of experiences and with support and advices ;

3 - caring for national issues that concern I-D professionals, by managing appropriately administrative information for a better credibility of administrative

information services and the development of democracy ;

4 - facilitating the insertion of the I-D graduates in the employment environment ;

5 - participating to the worldwide research in information and documentation, in order to develop new trends of thought in information science ;

6 - developing the african I-D context, the senegalese one in particular, marked by technological backwardness, its oral character, linguistic pluralism, through exchange and the development of our scientific and cultural contents by organizing regular conferences.

Organisation

The bureau which is the leading staff of ASBAD is reinforced by three technical commissions :

Information, Communication and Marketing Commission.

Training, Study and Research Commission

Finance Commission

They are respectively managed by a President and a Secretary and are responsible for two years, and through sub-commissions, to carry on the strategic issues that will make ASBAD an essential tool for the development of the profession, a strong institution carrying progress, and an active partner in the new Information Society.

With the Bureau, the head of these commissions form the Management Committee of ASBAD whose members are composed of :

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The Association is working on a short, medium and long term program and is searching contact with I-D Associations in the South as well

as in the North to face the huge challenges it is concerned with..

ALP NEWS

NEW ALP DIRECTOR APPOINTED

Mrs Birgitta Sandell has been appointed Director of the IFLA Advancement of Librarianship Programme (ALP). Mrs Sandell was Programme Officer since 1998.

The appointment, announced jointly by the University Library Uppsala, Sweden and IFLA, takes effect immediately until 31st December 2003, with the possibility of renewal.

Congratulations to Mrs Sandell.

DANIDA Travel Grant Report Year 2000

In October 1998, the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Danida, allocated a generous grant. 900 000 DKK per year, for the purpose of setting up a Conference Travel Fund to be used by librarians from developing countries, to attend the IFLA General Conferences. The grant runs for a three-year period and the IFLA Bangkok Conference 1999 was the first conference to which the Danida Travel Grant (DTG) was applied and the IFLA Jerusalem Conference 2000 would be the second. As in the previous year the sponsorship covered registration, travel from the nearest international airport to Jerusalem, accommodation and a daily allowance. The grantee was responsible for the costs of personal arrangements, for health and travel insurance, and for expenses en route. The ALP

secretariat in Uppsala, Sweden had the administrative responsibility.

At the end of October the grant was announced through IFLA's listserv and other lists in the regions. Calls for applications were also made in the IFLA Regional Newsletters, IFLA Journal and on the IFLA web site.

The deadline for applications was 1 February 2000. As the Committee is operating in close cooperation with IFLA's Regional Offices and the Standing Committees of the Regional Sections, valid applications were sent to the appropriate IFLA Regional Offices (Bangkok, Dakar, Sao Paolo).

Only candidates mastering one or more of IFLA's working languages were considered. The candidates should not have received earlier Danida or similar support for attending the IFLA conferences of 1997 (Copenhagen) and/or 1998 (Amsterdam). Applicants who might have other possibilities of support for participating were not considered. The committee also looked for a balance between sectors of library & information work and a geographical balance. Anticipated ripple effects were also considered.

263 valid applications were received by the deadline. Of these applications, 27 candidates were selected for support :eleven from African, nine from Asia and Oceania and seven from Latin American and the Caribbean. The selected candidates coming from Africa were :

1. Serena, Batlang Comma Botswana
University of Botwana
2. Tesfaye Shikuru, Bizuwork Ethiopia
National Archives and Libraries of Ethiopia

3. Kwafoa, Paulina Nana Yaa Ghana
University of Cape Coast
4. Ruheni, Daniel Kenya
Daysiar University
5. Anne, Abderahmane Mali
Faculté de Médecine
6. Akinlola, Adebola Nigeria
Law Library Ministry of Justice Ibadan
7. Rudatedbwa, Telesphore Rwanda
Université nationale du Rwanda
8. Diouf, Souleymane Sénégal
Université Cheikh Anta Diop
9. Sewdan, Nisha South Africa
Durban Metropolitan Libraries
10. Chelimu, Gertrude Zambia
Copperbelt University
11. Mapasure, Sabelo Zimbabwe
Southern African Research Centre

Nine of the Danida grantees were selected and invited to attend the satellite workshop in Haifa. "**Marketing and Communication for Libraries**", in addition to the general conference. Two persons were also selected to attend the Preservation of Newspaper's Symposium in Paris.

Events like this are of great importance as they give young professionals the opportunity to take part in international librarianship. During the conference and after, many acknowledgements and expressions of gratitude were received. For many grantees it was the first time they were outside their country and they were very keen to learn and make new contacts. Many of the grantees said that they had made new friends that had become friends for life. In a report a grantee tells us about a meeting she had organized for librarians in her institutional

network, to talk about her experience as being a Danida grantee and sharing information from Jerusalem. She says : “ The experience is definitely a way to enhance our professional lives and ways of cooperation ”. It was a worthwhile venture for the grantees.

DANIDA 2001

The DANIDA Travel Grant for 67th General Conference, Boston, August 2001, has been announced in october 2000 through IFLA Listserv, IFLANET and Regional Office. The deadline for the applications is 1 february 2001.

The DANIDA Travel Grant will cover the registration fee, travel (from the nearest international airport), accomodation and a per diem allowance for a number of delegates from developing countries.

Applicants should have a minimum of five years of professional experience. Priority will be given to younger professionals and applicants who are not regular IFLA conferences attendees. In awarding grants, the Grants Committee will look for a balance between all sectors of library and information work as well as for a wide geographic distribution.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUUST VAN WESEMAEL LITERACY PRIZE

Background

The Prize was established by the IFLA Executive Board in November 1991, to commemorate the late Guust van Wesemael, who was

Coordinator of IFLA’s Professional Activities from 1979 to 1990 and Deputy Secretary General of IFLA from 1979 to 1991, and his contribution to IFLA’s efforts to promote literacy in the developing countries. In 1996 the Prize was re-established under revised conditions.

Objective

The objective of the Prize is to recognise an achievement in the field of literacy promotion in a developing country. The Prize should preferably be used for follow-up activities such as purchasing targeted collections of appropriate books, but may also be used for other activities such as literacy promotion, training, policy development. The Prize is issued biennially.

Eligibility

The focus of the Prize is public library or school library work. Both individuals and library institutions are eligible to apply.

Financial Aspects

The Prize will be awarded every two years, starting in April 1997. Each time a grant of NLG 6000 will be awarded. The Prize will be paid out in 2 instalments : two thirds immediately and one third on submission of a report on how the Prize has been used (see “ reporting ”).

Management

The Prize is administered by IFLA Headquarters which will review the applications with the jury. The Coordinator of Professional Activities is IFLA’s liaison person with the winner

for the management of the project. He also receives and evaluates reports and informs the Professional Board.

Selection

The selection is made by a Jury of 3 library professionals ;

- a member of the Executive Board of IFLA ;
- a member of the Professional Board of IFLA, specifically the Chair of the IFLA Division of Libraries Serving the General Public ;
- the Chair or Secretary of one of the following Sections :Public Libraries, School Libraries, or Reading.

The Jury is advised by the Coordinator of Professional Activities ex-officio.

Applications

The applications must be accompanied by :

- the reasons for application ;
- a detailed description of the completed project or activity (including a short description of the library, or of the organisation and its activities) ;
- an explanation of how the Prize money would be used ;
- and a realistic budget.

Candidates are also advised to attach a letter of support from their library association.

Reporting

Within six months after receipt of the Prize,

the winner must submit to IFLA HQ an interim report of the use made of the funds, and the second instalment will be paid out. When the project period is finished a final report and a financial statement should be submitted.

(The report should be in a form suitable for publication in IFLA Journal).

Deadline for application : 1 March of every odd year (E.G. 2001, 2003, 2005, etc.)

IFLA SECTION ASIA & OCEANIA.

WORKSHOP IN BOSTON.

“ Small is beautiful : creative strategies for library development ”

Librarians from developed and developing countries are invited to present papers for the abovementioned workshop. The Workshop will be held on Thursday 23 August 2001 and will focus on creative strategies to gain support from external sources for library services. This will include support from the community, the private sector, foundations, government and non-government agencies, and international organisations.

The Objectives of the workshop are :

1. To share experiences in gaining support from various sectors for library development.
2. To identify successful strategies for gaining support for the development of library services or projects.
3. To bring together librarians and representatives from funding agencies.
4. To learn the skills and techniques of writing effective project proposals.

Abstracts of proposed should be sent to the undermentioned address before 15 February 2001. Authors of selected papers will be informed before 20 March 2001. Full text of selected papers should be submitted before 15 May 2001.

Simultaneous interpretation during the workshop will be requested from Conference Organisers.

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UNESCO Library Portal

UNESCO is pleased to announce the launch of its library portal

(http://www.unesco.org/webworld/portal_bib)

which is intended to facilitate access to information related to library resources available on the World Wide Web as well as to issues affecting librarianship. The site, still in an early developmental stage, is being developed as an interactive point for browsing and searching a range of categories including websites of national libraries, government information services, library associations and on-line resources, with special emphasis placed on activities in UNESCO's fields of

competence namely education, science, culture, communication and information.

Special sections will regularly feature news and articles of interest to librarians and highlight the activities of a selected library and/or collection.

All libraries and librarians are invited to participate by providing information on activities, useful links, news and content that they wish to share with others and generally make more widely available

UPCOMING IFLA CONFERENCES

67th IFLA Council and General Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, USA, 2001

68th IFLA Council and General Conference, Glasgow, Scotland, UK, 2002

69th IFLA Council and General Conference, Berlin, Germany, 2003

BOSTON 2001

Invitation

The United States National Organizing Committee and the United States library community take great pleasure in inviting you to the 67th IFLA Council and General Conference, which will take place in historic Boston, Massachusetts, from August 16-25, 2001.

Theme : Libraries and Librarians : Making a Difference in the knowledge age.

Sub themes :

- Advancing the leadership role of the librarian in the knowledge age ;

- Delivering lifelong learning across space and time ;
- Managing information and technology in the knowledge age ;
- Developing information policies for the knowledge age ;
- Forging collaborative partnerships ; and
- Making a difference :
 - To government and industry in economic development ;
 - to society in social and cultural development ;
 - to researches and scientists exploring the frontiers of knowledge ;
 - to children and young adults in learning opportunities ; and in the quality of life to the public.

For more information, visit the 67th IFLA Council and General Conference Web site at <http://www.ifla2001.org>

PUBLICATIONS

SCHOOL LIBRARY MANIFESTO

The IFLA/Unesco School Library Manifesto is now available from IFLA Headquarters and from Regional Office in English and French.

This important document was prepared by the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) and approved at the General Conference of UNESCO. This is why we refer to it as the IFLA/UNESCO School Library Manifesto.

The text is also available in various languages on the website IFLANET at <http://www.ifla.org/VII/S11/ssl.htm#3d>.

IFLA encourage all professionals to distribute this leaflet among appropriate members of their association ; additional copies maybe requested from IFLA Headquarters.

• WORLD DIRECTORY OF MAP COLLECTIONS

4^e Ed. comp.- ed. par Olivier Loiseaux.- KG. Saur Verlag, 2000.- 541 pages.- ISBN 3-598-21818-4 (IFLA Publications n° 92/93). DM. 148

This 4th edition has been published under the auspices of the IFLA Section of Geography and Map libraries. 714 collections from 121 pays has been compiled by Olivier Loiseaux. Entries are arranged alphabetically by countries, followed by city name, and institution.

• READER IN PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION

Ed. par R. Manning & V. Kremp.- K.G. Saur Verlag, 2000.- ISBN " 6598-21817-6.- (IFLA Publication n° 91).- DM 98.

Published under the auspices of the IFLA Section on Preservation and Conservation. This Reader gives informations on Preservation and Conservation issues from more than 20 countries.

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