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## **KAY RASEROKA**

### **IFLA PRESIDENT ELECT**

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On 8 June 2001, Ross Shimmon, IFLA Secretary General published this announcement:

Kay Raseroka, Director of Library Services at the University of Botswana, has been voted President-elect by IFLA members.

She will begin her two-year term as President-elect during the IFLA conference in Boston this August.

She will succeed Christine Deschamps as President in August 2003 for a two-year term.

This is the first time an IFLA President has been elected by postal ballot, under the new Statutes adopted by Council in Jerusalem last year.

On hearing the news, Kay said: "I am honoured and deeply appreciative of the confidence that my colleagues in IFLA have shown in me. Above all I believe the IFLA Membership has demonstrated its belief in the global nature of our profession by electing a candidate from Africa. I pledge to give of my best in all of my responsibilities".

626 valid ballot papers were received, a return rate of 48.68%. 1447 votes were cast, representing 57.44% of the possible total.

The full results were:

President-elect

Kay Raseroka (Botswana) - 672 elected

Nancy John (USA) 484 not elected

Borge Sorensen (Denmark) - 258 not elected

Three members of staff of the Royal Library of the Netherlands, P.J. Moree, J.J. M. Bos and G.M. Van Trier, acted as scrutineers.

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On behalf Africa Section, Mrs Jacinta Were, Secretary of the Section said : "the successful election of Kay Raseroka is great news to the Africa Section. We are more than happy at the news. It is indeed a great honour to the Africa Region and a promising commitment to the concept of global information village".

"We, in the Africa Section, would like to take this opportunity to thank the IFLA community for having confidence in the region. We have confidence in Kay and we are sure she will give constructive contribution to the profession internationally".

Jacinta Were  
Secretary - Africa Section

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## **OBITUARY**

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On 21 march 2001, in Stockholm, Mrs Birgitta Bergdahl, IFLA Core Programme Director of Advancement of Librarianship (ALP) passed away.

Her constant availability, her openmindedness, her broad professional experience, combined with high moral and human qualities, enabled her to work on the forefront of the IFLA for the promotion and development of libraries in developpement in third world countries.

The IFLA Africa Section, the Regional office and all the African professionals who felt this cruel and unexpected loss, present to his afflicted family and all professionals of Swenden, their most sincere condolences.

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## **TRIBUTE TO BIRGITTA BERGDAHL**

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Initiated by IFLA's Professional Board at the request of Third World librarians, the ALP Programme - Advancement of Librarianship - became operational because of the will and particularly the faith of one person : Birgitta Bergdahl.

Indeed, Birgitta fought hard to concretise the idea of IFLA's core programme whose sole purpose was to build the expertise and capacities of Third World librarians.

As a result, at the very outset, she brought together the office bearers of the three sections (Africa, Asia-Oceania, Latin America and the Carribbean) to defend the programme and explain its spirit. She thus convened IFLA's Division for Regional Activities in Uppsala, Sweden, for a meeting with professional associations, journalists and funding agencies of Nordic Countries.

During that 3-day meeting, the Third World, which had come to present its development projects did not get the impression of having convinced its partners. But Birgitta, with her tenacity and her strong belief, was not only convincing but succeeded in winning over cooperation agencies of Nordic Countries to our cause.

Thus, for 2 decades, till her death, she constantly encouraged, assisted and supported library development projects which we ourselves wanted to establish.

Birgitta, with her generosity, accompanied us in our enthusiasms, hesitations, failures but also in our successes.

Her great openmindedness enabled her to adapt herself to our cultural differences. She was comfortable with the colleagues of Latin Ameica wich whom she spoke Spanish, with Thais of Bangkok, with Zulus of Southern Africa and Wolofs of Senegal where she appreciated French language writers.

With the financial support of the ALP Programme which placed its trust in Third World professionals, Division 8 is one of the rare Divisions of IFLA to have achieved more than

80 % of the projects of these different medium term programmes. This information was made public during the last IFLA Congress in Jerusalem in August 2000.

Is'nt this the best tribute we can pay to Birgitta Bergdahl ?

Yes, you may rest in peace Birgitta, because you have not only fulfilled your mission, but

you have succeeded beyond the ALP Programme's objectives.

By trusting them and by supporting Third World professionals in expressing their views through their projects, designed and implemented by themselves, you have made them earn self-respect and respect from others.

Yes, Birgitta, rest in peace.

With all the gratitude of libraries of Asia, Latin America and Africa.

Antoinette Fall Correa -  
Librarian - Senegal

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## **PRESIDENT ADDRESS**

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Christine Deschamps, whose first term of four years as President of IFLA comes to an end during the IFLA Conference in Boston in August, has been returned unopposed for a second and final term of two years. She will, therefore serve as President of IFLA until August 2003. By the deadline of 5<sup>th</sup> February 2001, Christine had received 96 nominations from many parts of the world. No one else received the necessary minimum of 10 nominations.

Christine will be last IFLA President to serve under the provisions of the old Statutes. In future, members will elect a President-elect, who will serve for two years in that capacity, followed by two years as President for a single term.

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At the beginning of this year Mrs Deschamps has sent this message to all IFLA members :

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Dear Colleagues,

Here we are at the start of the third Millennium. To enter this new era, we needed an IFLA with appropriate structures.

### **A renewed ILA**

We have finally achieved this, with the approval of the new Statutes. From now on,

IFLA will have better integration of its professional activities with its decision making. The new Governing Board will bring together the activities of the old Professional and Executive Boards. In this way we will ensure that the activities undertaken meet the wishes of the Sections, and will be directed toward clearly-defined goals which closely correspond to their programme of activities.

We want the Sections to feel better represented in decision making at the highest level of IFLA, and we are demonstrating this through our discussions on the reorganisation of Division 8. These discussions are continuing, and reflect the extent of our concern to listen to the stated views by our members.

### **An IFLA with core activities also in the process of reorganisation**

A study has been undertaken in conjunction with the Conference of Directors of National Libraries, since the Core Programmes were supported, financially or in kind, by National Libraries. We are working closely with the host institutions, and hope this year to arrive at a new definition of our core activities, including the most recently created such as the work on legal matters or on freedom of expression and access to information.

### **An IFLA that is more accessible for the less privileged countries**

Coming into effect this year, the very significant reduction (- 60%) in the dues of the member associations and institutions in developing countries is intended to show how concerned we are to integrate them into IFLA, to give them the means to participate, particularly by postal voting in elections, and to give them a voice. We hope in this way to stop the haemorrhage in certain parts of the world where IFLA would soon no longer have a presence if things were allowed to go on as they were. This huge financial effort, made possible only by outstanding solidarity on the part of the more privileged countries, should clearly demonstrate the commitment of IFLA in this respect.

## **An IFLA present through its Conferences**

After the Jerusalem Conference, judged by all to have been a great success despite the political situation which was occasionally difficult or too intrusive, we are preparing for a Conference in Boston, USA, which should attract this year a very high number of participants. This magnificent city, with its cultural and academic setting (MIT, Harvard) and its superb Conference Centre, should provide us with an exceptional Conference in 2001. We are also working on the planning of Conferences in future years, and Glasgow, just as Berlin (to cite only the next two), provide all the conditions necessary for high quality conferences.

## **An IFLA with new leaders**

You must already have received the nomination forms for the elections to the new governing bodies of IFLA. You will later receive other forms for postal voting. I urge you to take careful note of the deadlines, so as not to miss them. For the first time, you are being offered the opportunity of voting by post: this allows those who do not have the financial resources to attend the annual Conference to express their views other than by proxy. It is thus extremely important to take full advantage of this method of voting. I have no doubt that you will do so, and that the list of candidates elected will reflect the wishes of the IFLA membership as a whole.

I would like to conclude with the customary reference to IFLA Headquarters. I am sorry to have to inform you that Carol Henry is seriously ill, and will be absent for at least 3 or 4 months. We send her our best wishes for a full recovery. Ross Shimmon has been doing an excellent job, which is reflected in the renewal of the Statutes and in the day-to-day work of Headquarters. We are glad to have appointed Ross, who really is an exemplary Secretary General.

Ross Shimmon, Kelly Moore (who has replaced Charlotta Brynger), Josche Neven, Sjoerd Koopman, Sophie Felföldi, Karin Passchier, Dini Verschoor, Jos de Block and I

send you our good wishes for an excellent New Year made successful and prosperous by our work within IFLA.

With my best wishes.

Your President  
Christine Deschamps

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## **IFLA NEW GOVERNING BOARD**

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Derek Law tops the poll for the Governing Board

In the elections for the new Governing Board, the following candidates were successful: Derek Law (UK), Sissel Nilsen (Norway), Alex Byrne (Australia), Ana Maria Zimmerman (Argentina), Jianzhong Wu (China), Sally McCallum (USA) and Ellen Tise (South Africa).

They will serve a two-year term on the Governing Board, beginning at the end of the Boston conference in August. This was also the first time that members of IFLA's primary board were elected by postal ballot under the new Statutes.

Derek Law has served for four years as IFLA's Treasurer. Alex Byrne has served for four years as Chair of the IFLA Freedom of Access to Information and Freedom of Expression (FAIFE) Committee. Both Sally McCallum and Sissel Nilsen have previously served as chairs of the Profession Board. Alex Byrne, Ellen Tise, Jianzhong Wu and Ana Maria Zimmerman will be serving on IFLA's primary board for the first time.

626 valid ballot papers were received, a return rate of 48.68%. 1447 votes were cast, representing 57.44% of the possible total.

The full results were:

Derek Law (United Kingdom)  
1037 elected

Sissel Nilsen (Norway)  
880 elected  
Alex Byrne (Australia)  
875 elected  
Ana Maria P. Zimmerman (Argentina)  
839 elected  
Jianzhong Wu (China)  
829 elected  
Sally McCallum (USA)  
701 elected  
Ellen Tise (South Africa)  
675 elected  
Ekaterina Genieva (Russian Federation)  
671 not elected  
Gary Strong (USA)  
535 not elected  
Françoise Lemelle (France)  
523 not elected  
Moon-Hyu Choi (Korea)  
377 not elected

Three members of staff of the Royal Library of the Netherlands, P.J. Moree, J.J. M. Bos and G.M. van Trier, acted as scrutineers.

Ross Shimmon  
Secretary General

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## **FAIFE**

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IFLA is delighted to announce that it has appointed Susanne Seidelin to be the new Directeur of its Freedom of Access to Information and Freedom of Expression office (FAIFE).

Susanne Seidelin is currently Chief Consultant at the Danish National Library for the Blind and a member of the Board of the DAISY consortium of libraries and organizations for the blind and visually impaired.

Ms Seidelin succeeds the founding Director, Jan Ristarp, who recently retired. The FAIFE office is located in The Royal School of Library and Information Science, Copenhagen, Denmark.

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## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ALP PROGRAMME**

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### **Background**

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.

Within the special ALP areas, the Medium-Term Programme (MTP) goals are to assist in continuing education and training; to support the development of library associations; to promote the establishment and development of library and information services to the general public, including the promotion of literacy; and to promote the introduction of new technology into library service.

The scope of ALP is wide. Cooperation with relevant IFLA professional bodies and with regional and international organisations is therefore essential for the implementation of the programme.

ALP achieves its goals through a carefully planned programme of different activities in close cooperation with IFLA's Regional Offices, IFLA's Regional Division and its three sections, and other partners. This cooperation includes activities such as fund-raising, scholarships and attachment programmes, conferences, seminars and workshops, pilot projects, publications and databases.

## **Staff and Fiances**

IFLA, Uppsala University and 24 Nordic library associations and institutions fund the International Focal Point (IFP) for ALP at Uppsala University Library. Danida pays for one half-time position and for translations and publications. Sida funds are also used for the secretariat. To this should be added contributions in kind from Uppsala University Library.

Birgitta Bergdahl, Core Programme Director was granted an early retirement as from August and Birgitta Sandell was appointed new Director of the Programme. Gunilla Natvig, Administrative Officer, worked at 5% throughout the year. Peter Borg was working as Administrative Assistant at 40% from February to June. In december Karim Lindblom took up the same duty.

## **Professional Activities**

The sponsors in 2000 were Sida, Danida, Finida, the Finnish Library Association, Norad and two Swedish library associations. In addition, those responsible fo projects in the regions contributed with their own resources and raised considerable funds from external sources.

## **ALP Meetings and Seminars**

There was money left from the Danida contribution towards JICPA (Joint IFLA/ICA Committee on Preservation in Arica) For the period 1997-1999, which made a fifth meeting of the JICPA Committee possible. This meeting look place in Rabat, Morocco January31 - February 2.

*Regional workshop on the evaluation for the provision of school libraries in the SCECSAL Region (p.138).* The workshop was organised by Enoch Chipunza, Zimbabwe Library Association and took place in Harare, Zimbabwe in November.

*Networking for library development in the Arab states (p.248).* The seminar was held from 2-4 March in Beirut, Lebanon.

*Workshop to design a para-professional programme for distance education in the Caribbean region (p.335).* The workshop took place in Puerto Rico, March 13-15.

Tools for the professional development of library workers in the information age (p.342). This workshop took place in Vina del Mar, Chile, 17-21 July.

*Latin American meeting on the attention to indigenous communities through library services (p.343) 15-17 November in Mexico.*

*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, 12-17 October to discuss the future of Division 8, to evaluate the ALP projects and plan the activities for the coming two years. Ross Shimmon, Secretary General of IFLA participated on day during the discussions about Division 8. The evaluation of the projects was presented at a meeting with ALP Nordic Support Group. Sida funded the meeting.

## **IFLA's General Conference in Jerusalem**

### *Danida Travel Grants*

In 1998 Danida allocated a yearly sum of DKKK 900 000, for the setting up a Conference Travel grant to enable librarians from developing countries to attend the IFLA General Conferences. To start with, the grant runs for a three-year period and the IFLA Jerusalem Conference 2000 was the second conference to which the grant could be applied. The sponsorship covered registration, travel, accommodation and a daily allowance. 25 people from the regions were supported to attend the conference.

## **IFLA Regional Standing Committee Meetings**

The annual meeting of the Regional Standing Committees in their own regions are most import for the development of ALP.

Birgitta Sandell participated in the meeting of the Section for Asia and Oceania in

Beirut, Lebanon and in the Africa Section meeting in Rabat, Morocco. Gunilla Natvig participated in the Latin American and the Caribbean Section meeting in Puerto Rico.

*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 2000 were : Getwa Smumye, Ethiopia, Viscount Buer, Ghana, Hauwa K. Ismaila, Nigeria and Walter Omona, Uganda. Host institutions were East African Community Secretariat, Tanzania and University of Nairobi Library. Kenya.

### **Other ongoing projects**

In cooperation with the IFLA Africa Regional Section and IFLA's Regional Office for Africa, ALP participated at the Zimbabwe International Book Fair, in Harare, 4-7 August. Stan Made, Chair of the IFLA Regional Standing Committee for Africa, was responsible for the stand and the exhibition. The stand was paid for by money from Sida.

*Establishment of a centre collectiong and distributiong school material in the Ivory Coast (P.128).* The objective of this three-year project is to develop young people's reading skills, to make books accessible through reading centres and try to make the use of libraries indispensables in the educational system. The target group is chool children and teachers. The project is partly funded by Sida.

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## **CALL FOR PROJECT PROPOSALS**

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Project applications can be made to the ALP Programme for support to librarians, library associations, library schools or others who want to develop co-operation, knowledge and services within the special programme areas of ALP.

### **Project areas**

The four special programme areas of ALP are :

- Continuing education and training ;
- Development of library associations ;
- Promotion of library and information services to the public, including the promotion of literacy ;
- Introduction of new technology into library services.

### **Criteria**

The following criteria are relevant :

- The project should be of relevance to several countries in the sub-region or region ;
- Or, if it is national, it should lend itself to development as a model or pilot project, able to be repeated in other countries ;
- It should have the support of relevant authorities/organizations, and a letter from the institution responsible for the project should be attached to the application ;
- It should fit into the current Medium Term Programme of ALP ;
- Project cannot be supported if their main aim is to provide buildings or equipment ;
- The cost must not exceed 15, 000 USD ;
- No cost must concern industrialized countries ;
- Participants at seminars /workshops should undertake to report on them and share the experience and information gained with as wide a circle of colleagues as possible.

### **Annual procedure and time schedule for project handling**

January 31 Deadline for Project Applications to reach the Regional Manager.

February Proposals are sent to the Regional Advisory Committee to be appraised.

April Applicants are informed.

IFLA's Professional Coordinator is then informed about the results, and fund raising is started for the approved projects. When (if) funds can be raised a contract will be signed.

The application should be sent to IFLA's office in your region.

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## JICPA CONSTITUTION

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### Name and Status

The Joint IFLA/ICA Committee on Preservation in Africa, Hereinafter referred to by the acronym "JICPA" is an international professional and non-governmental body. It is non-political.

### General Objectives

The general objectives of JICPA are to promote preservation of, and access to library and archival materials as detailed below :

- a) Mobilize professionals in libraries, archives, and related organizations to undertake awareness raising activities at institutional, national and international levels. The Committee must spearhead awareness raising campaigns on the importance of preserving documentary heritage, regardless of carrier and format providing access to this heritage, and publicizing preservation programmes.

- b) Support education and training programmes ; and promote formal and informal training of everyday care of publications and archival materials in all institutions.
- c) Stimulate the establishment of coordinated policies and guidelines, together with legal framework, through existing government structures.
- d) Identify documentary heritage of importance which may require immediate intervention to preserve them in their original form or in a different format.
- e) Play a leading role in the development of disaster plans in all major libraries, archival institutions, or museums; and promote the aims and objectives of the Blue Shield in Africa.
- f) Cooperate with museum personnel and other related organizations concerned with preservation of the documentary heritage.

### The Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of JICPA is the top policy making body for JICPA. It will plan and facilitate implementation of JICPA's programmes and activities as detailed in the above objectives. Its composition must be well balanced so as to serve the various geographical and linguistic regions of Africa, as well as the interests of its parent bodies, i.e. IFLA and ICA.

Members of the Executive Committee shall be as follows :

- a) Four persons to represent each of the four branches of ICA. Persons are nominated in their personal capacity.
- b) Two representatives designated by IFLA Africa Section in their personal capacity.
- c) Representative of ICA.
- d) Director, IFLA/PAC, Paris
- e) Director, IFLA/ALP



Since JICPA is a joint Committee of IFLA and ICA, these bodies will, after consultation with other necessary organizations and persons, propose names of persons to hold the posts of :

- Chair
- Secretary

The Chair shall hold for a maximum of two terms, each of them two years.

The Secretary shall hold office for a term, which may be renewable. Each term shall be two years. However, his/her terms of service may be terminated without notice by IFLA/ICA in the event of misconduct; or by giving a three months notice in case of poor performance of duty. The Secretary shall also give three months notice before resigning.

### **Executive Committee Meetings**

The Executive Committee shall meet once every year to develop programmes and activities for implementation by JICPA itself, or in collaboration with other organizations(s). The agenda for the meeting shall be drawn in advance by the Secretary, and circulated to members. Members of the Committee who had been asked to perform certain tasks will also be expected to provide reports in advance.

It shall be the responsibility of the person hosting a meeting of the Executive Committee, in liaison with the Secretary and other relevant members, to make the necessary arrangements for the meeting.

The cost of organizing the yearly Executive Committee Meeting will be met by IFLA/ICA. The host institution will also be expected to meet some of the costs for holding such meetings.

### **Secretariat**

A Secretariat shall be maintained to coordinate JICPA programmes and activities. Funding for the Secretariat shall be provided by IFLA/ICA, or any other identified organization.

The Secretary of JICPA must submit to the Executive Committee the budgetary requirements for the Secretariat for approval. He/she must also give a financial statement on how the funds placed at his/her disposal have been utilized.

### **Fund Raising**

IFLA and ICA will be responsible for looking for funds to finance programmes and activities implemented by JICPA.

### **Dissolution**

IFLA and ICA may make a decision to dissolve JICPA. Such decision must be confirmed by the General Assemblies of IFLA and ICA.

### **Implementation of the Constitution**

In implementing the provisions of this Constitution, the Executive Committee of JICPA is empowered to draw up or to amend rules of procedures, which remain in force until amended or repealed by the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee has power to adjudicate by a simple majority vote on any issue, which may arise in respect of the interpretation and implementation of this Constitution. In case of a tie vote, the chair will have double vote.

jicpa website address : <http://epa-prema.net/jicpa/>

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## **IFLA PROFESSIONAL PRIORITIES**

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IFLA's Professional Board has adopted in December 2000 a list of Professional Priorities. These priorities will form the basis and the starting point for all professional

activities that the Federation and all its units will undertake over the next few years.

The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) is a worldwide, independent, non-governmental organization. The purposes of the Federation as stated in its Statutes are "to promote high standards of delivery of library and information services ; to encourage widespread understanding of the value and importance of high quality library and information services in the private, public and voluntary sectors ; and to represent the interests of its Members throughout the world." The Professional Priorities outlined in this document will provide guidance in the development of IFLA's professional activities. These priorities are to be incorporated into the professional programmes throughout IFLA's organizational structure, recognizing especially that the needs, concerns and views of every region of the world are to be taken into account, particularly those in the developing world. Regional concerns, communication and information exchange among IFLA's members, and the use of electronic technology to facilitate the implementation of its priorities underpin all of these professional priorities.

- Supporting the Role of Libraries in Society
- Defending the Principle of Freedom of Information
- Promoting Literacy, Reading , and Lifelong Learning
- Providing Unrestricted Access to Information
- Balancing the Intellectual Property Rights of Authors with the Needs of users
- Promoting Resource Sharing
- Preserving Our Intellectual Heritage
- Developing Library Professionals
- Promoting Standards, Guidelines, and Best Practices
- Supporting the Infrastructure of Library Associations

- Representing Libraries in the Technological Marketplace

The text of IFLA's Professional Priorities will be made available in English, French, German, Russian and Spanish on IFLANET at [www.ifla.org](http://www.ifla.org)

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## **NEW CATEGORY OF MEMBERSHIP**

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The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) is pleased to introduce a new special category of membership for students.

This new category provides the opportunity for students who are interested in issues facing the international library and information community to receive the latest information and to support the activities and objectives of the Federation.

The Student Affiliate benefits include :

A subscription to the IFLA Journal  
Free registration in one of IFLA's 35 professional Sections  
A discount on the purchase of publications  
Standard member discount on registration fees for the Annual General Conference.

The annual membership fee is only NLG 110 (50 Euros) per year.

The offer is open to students in full - or part-time education. Proof of registration must be provided with application. This may be in the form of a photocopy of an institution student card or an International Student Identity (ISIC) Card. Students may belong to this category for a maximum of two years; after this period they can transfer to Personal Affiliate membership.

Kay Raseraoka, Chair of IFLA's Membership Development Committee commented: "I am thrilled that we are now able to offer students

the opportunity to join IFLA. They can become involved in the international library and information community at the beginning of their professional lives. Student participation will also provide IFLA with stability and continuity by having members involved at all stages of their careers."

The IFLA Student Affiliate offer is being run on a four-year trial basis, to determine the level of interest in student involvement in the Federation.

For further information, and application details, please contact the Membership Manager at [membership@ifla.org](mailto:membership@ifla.org)

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## **AFRICAN/ARAB CONFERENCE ON PUBLIC AND SCHOOL LIBRARIANSHIP**

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Organised jointly by IFLA, UNESCO and the Rabat School of Information Science.

19 - 21 September 2001  
Ecole des Sciences de l'Information  
Rabat, Morocco

This conference is aimed at librarians and government representatives engaged with public and school libraries at a managerial and decision-making level, as well as educationalists from African and Arab countries. The conference will be open to participants from elsewhere.

Working languages will be English and French, with simultaneous interpretation. The fee for registration is US\$100 per person, which includes all conference documentation,

refreshments, lunches and conference dinner.

The main topics of the conference will be the latest developments in public and school libraries. Key elements are the promotion of various IFLA/UNESCO publications for those sectors: the Public and School Library Manifestos, the new Public Library Guidelines and the (draft) School Library Guidelines.

The situation worldwide will be discussed with special reference to the situation in African and Arab countries. Speakers will therefore be drawn from local and regional librarians and educationalists as well as those involved in the work of the IFLA Sections.

The event is made possible thanks to generous support from UNESCO, the US National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) and the IFLA Programme for the Advancement of Librarianship (ALP). The Ecole des Sciences de l'Information in Rabat contributes its resources.

### **Programme**

The preliminary programme includes:

- Presentation of relevant IFLA and UNESCO programmes.
- Presentation and discussion manifestos and guidelines.
- African public and school libraries: case studies, experience and best practice
- Government policies.
- Projects IFLA Sections of Public and School Libraries.
- Lifelong learning.
- Bridging the digital divide.
- Planning for the future.
- Social and cultural programme

## Programme Committee

Sjoerd Koopman, IFLA Coordinator of Professional Activities, Chair

Birgitta Sandell, Director IFLA/ALP Programme

Jacinta Were, IFLA Africa Section

Glenys Willars, IFLA Section of School Libraries and Resource Centres

Philip Gill, IFLA Section of Public Libraries

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### SCECSAL 15TH

### STANDING CONFERENCE 2002

The Library and Information Association of South Africa (LIASA) is hosting the next biennial Standing Conference of Eastern, Central and Southern African Librarians (SCECSAL) in Johannesburg from 15-20 April 2002..

Ellen Tise, President of LIASA, extends a warm welcome to library and information professionals in Africa and outside the continent to attend this important event.

Pre-SCECSAL Conference activities will take place on 15 and 16 April 2002.

SCECSAL CONFERENCE THEME : From Africa to the world - The globalisation of indigenous knowledge systems.

#### Sub-Themes

- Defining indigenous knowledge
- Global challenges, local solutions: lessons from practical experiences
- Management of indigenous knowledge: collection, organisation, preservation, dissemination
- Indigenous knowledge and emerging challenges for information professionals
- Globalisation and localisation: strategies for sustainable development
- Local information, global access: the role of the Internet in the spread of indigenous information and knowledge
- Indigenous knowledge and information technology
- Research of indigenous knowledge systems
- Indigenous knowledge and intellectual property
- Indigenous knowledge as a product in the corporate environment
- Protection of multi-cultural, multi-lingual communities and the threat of monoculturalism

For more information about SCECSAL Conference : registration and accommodation please contact :

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## Continuing professional education for the "information society"

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- CPE for information management skills and techniques
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- Assessment of learning and evaluation of teaching
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The Conference will take place in the new Faculty of Management building of the Robert Gordon University, Scotland's premier vocational university.

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It will contain details of the programme, abstracts of papers, and links to other important information, all updated regularly.

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