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### **RESIGNATION OF IFLA SECRETARY GENERAL**

It is with great regret that IFLA announces that the Secretary General, Mr Ramachandran, has resigned for personal reasons effective 31 December 2004. IFLA is very grateful to him for his service to the Federation during his tenure of the post.

Drawing on his wide experience gained during a distinguished career in librarianship in Singapore and Southeast Asia, Mr Ramachandran brought new perspectives to IFLA which have enhanced the planning processes. IFLA wishes Mr Ramachandran well in his future endeavours and thanks him for his contributions to global librarianship.

Kay Raseroka  
IFLA President

### **NEW IFLA SECRETARY GENERAL**

IFLA is delighted to announce the appointment of its new Secretary General, Professor Peter Johan Lor, who will assume the position on 15 February 2005.

Professor Lor currently holds the post of Professor Extraordinary at the Department of Information Science, University of Pretoria, South Africa. Born in the Netherlands, Peter emigrated to South

Africa where he studied at the universities of Stellenbosch and Pretoria – later studying at Caen in France. Following appointments as University Librarian at the University of Bophuthatswana, Assistant Director of the State Library, Pretoria, and Professor in the University of South Africa's Department of Library and Information Science, Peter Lor was the Director of the State Library. He subsequently became the National Librarian and Chief Executive Officer of the National Library of South Africa, which was formed in November 1999 by the amalgamation of the State Library with the South African Library. In addition, he has served on the boards of directors of a number of non-profit foundations, including the boards of SABINET (the South African Bibliographic and Information Network), the Foundation for Library and Information Services Development (as its Executive Director), and the Book Development Foundation. He also serves on the Executive of the Pretoria Citizens' Advice Bureau.

Professor Lor has been a very active contributor to IFLA and currently chairs the Advisory Board of IFLA's Action for Development through Libraries Programme (ALP) and the interim standing committee of IFLA's Section of Library and Information Science Journals. He chaired the Conference of Directors of National Libraries from 1996 to 2000 and has served as a member of the International Advisory Committee of the Council on Library and Information Resources, Washington DC. From 1996 to 1998 he was vice-chairperson of the Standing Conference of African National and University Libraries in Eastern, Central and Southern Africa.

Peter Lor was actively involved in developing policy for library and information services for post-apartheid South Africa and played a leading role in the formation of the Library and Information Association of South Africa (LIASA), a new, inclusive organisation that replaced the former separate associations. He regards this as one of his biggest and most satisfying professional achievements.

Professor Lor brings this wealth of administrative, academic and association experience to the post of Secretary General. He believes passionately that good libraries are essential for the quality of life of individuals and communities. When accepting the appointment, Peter stated that he is "thrilled to serve IFLA as Secretary General because IFLA has a unique role to empower library and information professionals. Individually and through our organisations we enable participation by all in the knowledge society and we make an essential contribution to building an informed, tolerant, just and cooperative world community."

Welcoming the appointment, IFLA President Kay Raseroka said from Gaborone, Botswana that she is delighted that IFLA has secured a professional colleague of such high calibre to fill the important post of Secretary General:

"IFLA's participation in the World Summit on the Information Society has demonstrated the major contribution that libraries and information services make to society. Through its services to members and its strong professional programs, coupled with engagement in public policy arenas, IFLA works to create a more informed, just and safer world; to preserve heritage; to support education and research; and to promote democratic participation and tolerance. As Secretary General, Peter Lor will help us influence international agendas for the good of humanity."

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### **IFLA'S THREE PILLARS: SOCIETY, MEMBERS AND PROFESSION**

At its December meeting, the Governing Board decided to endorse a new model for IFLA's operations, the three pillars, which recognises that IFLA's core functions relate to the societal contexts in which libraries and information services operate, IFLA's membership and professional matters. These three pillars are supported by the infrastructure offered by IFLA HQ, IFLANET and the Federation's governance structures.

\* The Society Pillar focuses on the role and impact of libraries and information services in society and the contextual issues that condition and constrain the environment in which they operate across the world. Those issues are addressed currently through FAIFE, CLM, Blue Shield, and our advocacy in the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) and other arenas. Next year, of course, we will need to place particular emphasis on the World Summit on the Information Society in which IFLA has invested so much and to such good effect. We must capitalise on that investment and those results so that we take full advantage of the second phase leading up to the November 2005 summit meeting in Tunis and to the achieve the longer term goals.

\* The Profession Pillar focuses on the issues covered by the long established Core Activities - ALP, ICABS, PAC, UNIMARC - and the Sections and Divisions. They lie at the core of our professional practice and help libraries and information services to fulfil their purposes and to shape responses to the needs of clients in a rapidly changing global environment.

\* The Members Pillar is of course central to IFLA. It includes the services we offer

to members, management of their membership of IFLA, conferences and publications. We must work together to make IFLA more vibrant and attractive and beneficial for members throughout the world.

Of course, all three pillars and the underlying infrastructure are interdependent and not mutually exclusive. They offer a way of understanding and presenting IFLA olistically to the library and information sector and to governments and the wider ommunity. The pillars should also provide the framework for IFLA's management and their focus should be reflected in program based budgeting.

Working parties of the Governing Board are focussing on the Society Pillar, the improvement of IFLANET and the new approach to budget management with actions to be identified early in 2005. These priorities recognise the crucial significance of SIS, WIPO and other current advocacy initiatives, the vital importance of IFLANET s a medium for engagement and communication within the Federation and beyond and he need for more contemporary approaches to management and finances. The other illars and areas of activity will be tackled subsequently.

As announced, Mr Ramachandran has resigned from the position of Secretary General. Mr Sjoerd Koopman, the Coordinator of Professional Activities has been appointed acting Secretary General while a new Secretary General is being sought. Sjoerd will ontinue the process of change and support the reframing of IFLA's programs over the coming months. Any issues relating to IFLA activities should be referred to Mr Koopman at [ifla@ifla.org](mailto:ifla@ifla.org).

At this time, as the process of change in IFLA accelerates, it is important that we should all work to strengthen our Federation. We need to build the resources to undertake fully the priorities which IFLA members have signalled especially a strong advocacy program, flourishing professional activities, valued membership benefits and effective infrastructure. All members need

to join with IFLA staff and elected leaders to help secure the required financial strength which will allow us to achieve these goals. All need to promote IFLA and its priorities - and particularly, at this time, the World Summit on the Information Society.

And, finally, if we are to achieve these aims we need the best possible governance so we encourage the nomination of committed colleagues from around the world to the positions on Standing Committees, to the Governing Board and for President elect by the closing date of 2 February 2005. They should be nominated not as sectoral representatives or representatives of particular countries or regions but as strong candidates who represent the best of our profession, reflect its diversity and will be able to make significant contributions to its development through a strong and effective IFLA.

Kay Raseroka  
President

Alex Byrne  
President elect

### **TSUNAMI/SEAI SURGE**

Colleagues in tsunami affected Countries:

On behalf of the members of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions, please accept our heartfelt condolences and sympathy at this time of devastation, loss of life and utter destruction that you are experiencing as citizens of the countries affected by the tsunami/sea surge disaster.

As the Federation, we request our members to heed the urgent appeals for help and contribute in any way possible, through the national and/or international relief efforts that are being mobilized throughout the world. Library and information services specific needs for conservation, preservation and restoration will no doubt engage IFLA members urgently and for months to come as soon as information is received through various communication channels.

We urge, further, that members of the Federation, who have information on needs or have the means to help in kind and materially do so and share information through IFLA-L, to facilitate IFLA members' appreciation of assistance required and development of coordinated strategies for long term assistance.

IFLA will be reminding international organisations of the importance of rapidly re-establishing library services in order to build community confidence and provide the necessary information to assist reconstruction, health services and education. We encourage national library associations in major donor countries to urge aid organisations to support the early restoration of library services.

Kay Raseroka  
IFLA President

### **IFLA HONOURS AND AWARDS: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS 2005**

The IFLA Governing Board has introduced a new system of Honours to recognise individuals who have rendered distinguished service to IFLA or to international librarianship.

The call for nominations for these honours, together with the criteria for the various categories are available on IFLANET at:

<http://www.ifla.org/III/eb/Call-Honours-Awards.htm>

The closing date for the receipt of nominations for honours to be conferred at the World Library and Information Congress in Oslo in August 2005 is: Wednesday 9 February 2005. Late nominations will not be accepted.

Ramachandran Rasu  
Secretary General

### **NEW MEMBERS JOIN IFLA !**

IFLA welcomes the following new members, who joined IFLA during the congress in Buenos Aires.

## National Associations

- Association pour la Promotion des Sciences de l'Information Documentaire – Côte-d'Ivoire
- Association des Bibliothécaires, Documentalistes, Archivistes et Muséologues – Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Sierra Leone Association of Librarians – Sierra Leone

## Institution

Universidade Agostinho Neto – Angola

## WINNERS OF FREE REGISTRATIONS

At the closing session 3 winners of a free registration for the 2005 World Library and Information Congress in Oslo, Norway were announced.

The winners of the free registrations are :

Cladia G. Casarin, Argentina  
Maria Elena Santiago, Argentina  
Sarah KagodaBatuwa, Tanzania

## IFLA AFRICA SECTION

### IFLA AFRICA SECTION MEETINGS. BUENOS AIRES

### 1. Introduction

Two Africa Section meetings were held in Buenos Aires during the 70<sup>th</sup> IFLA General Conference and Council. The First one was an open meeting and was held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2004. The following Agenda items were discussed:

- Agenda 4 – Buenos Aires Programme
- Agenda 5 – Reports
- Agenda 6 – Update on Projects(completed, current, future)

The second meeting was a closed meeting and was held on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2004. The meeting discussed the following Agenda items:

- Agenda 3 – Minutes
- Agenda 7 – Financial Reports
- Agenda 8 – Strategic Plan

- Agenda 9 – Oslo Conference
- Agenda 10 – Other matters
- Agenda 11 – Next Meeting
- Agenda 12 – A. O. B.

### 2. Attendance

#### Present: Members

Jacinta Were (Chair) Sarah Kagoda-Batuwa (Secretary), Henri Sene (Regional Manager), Johann Maree, Maria Jose Maria Ramos, Bernard Dione, Helena R. Asamoah-Hassan, , Solomon Zewdie, Ellen Ndeshi Namhila, Hellen Tise, Birgitta Sandell (IFLA ALP),

#### Apologies

Charles Batambuze, Buhle Mbambo, Thomas Matthee, Chedza Molefe, Ramore.

Copies of the minutes are available at the Regional office ([hsene@ucad.sn](mailto:hsene@ucad.sn)) or at the Secretary office ([sarah@eachq.org](mailto:sarah@eachq.org))

### Next Annual General Meeting

The Chair reported that Dr. Shawky, of Alexandria Library, Egypt had agreed to host the next annual meeting in February 2005. The meeting should be held between 15-20<sup>th</sup> February 2005.

## STRATEGIC PLAN: 2005 - 2006

### Mission

To promote and support the advancement of library and information profession and Services in Africa in accordance with the objectives and priorities of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA).

The Africa Section will continue with the same focus as last year to ensure a better impact of the presidential theme and IFLA priorities. Hence the Section will focus on the following:

- Professional enhancement
- Information literacy
- Digital Divide
- Preservation and Conservation
- Intellectual Property Rights and Copyright Laws
- Education and Training

- Partnership
- Advocacy, e.g. WSIS and IFLA/UNESCO
- Internet Manifesto

The Section has identified 6 Goals to help in realizing the above stated mission.

### **GOAL-1**

To promote and support development of the profession in the region through strengthening Library Associations

Professional Activities:

Supporting and Developing the Infrastructure of Library Associations; Supporting the Role of Libraries in Society; Developing Library Professionals; Promoting Resources Sharing

### **Activities**

Organize a Regional Workshop on effective support for management of Library Associations.

Update the Directory of Library Associations in Africa.

Organize a regional Workshop on strengthening and networking of Library Associations in North.

Develop an awareness campaign strategy (e.g. Flier, etc.) to promote Advocacy and Partnerships through National Library Associations.

Assist the Regional office in distribution of fliers on IFLA and the Africa Section to create awareness and publicize the activities of the same.

### **GOAL-2**

To promote and support development programmes for information, reading and oral literacy in Africa

### **Professional Activities**

Promoting Literacy; Reading and Life Long Learning; supporting the role of libraries in society; Development of Library Professionals

Activities

Organize a Regional Workshop on strategies of creating partnerships for

promotion of literacy: Libraries, NGOs, ICTs, Telecentres.

SC members to work with National Libraries and Library Associations in their countries to create awareness on role of libraries in promoting literacy and life long.

Oslo Conference Programme: "Change in Information needs: Challenging Roles of Libraries and Information Centres in Africa"

### **GOAL-3**

To support efforts of closing the digital divide through promotion and support of ICT applications in libraries in Africa

Professional Priorities

Libraries in the Technological Market Place; supporting the role of libraries in society; Developing Library Professionals

### **Activities**

Compile, publish and distribute guidelines on preventive maintenance and trouble shooting of ICTs in Libraries in Africa.

Workshop on sustainability of electronic library services: Consortium building, Electronic Infrastructure Issues, Costing, effective management .

### **GOAL-4**

To promote competent education and training for self renewing library and information profession in Africa

Professional Priorities

Promotion of Libraries, Literacy and Life Long Learning; Promotion of Standards, guidelines and Best Practice; Supporting the role of libraries in society; Developing Library Professionals

### **Activities**

Organize a Regional Workshop to review curriculum in library schools in Africa to accommodate developments in Information and Communication Technology(ICT).

Compile (In collaboration with Makerere University Library School) a Directory of Library and Information Science Schools in Africa.

Work with National Library Associations and library schools to support and promote development of Training Programmes

including continuing education for professionals at the National Level. - SC members are requested to encourage their National Library Associations to organize workshops for library schools to sensitize them on support for and facilitation of continuing education e.g. sandwich courses

#### **GOAL-5**

To promote documentation and preservation of indigenous knowledge and to advocate for moral rights, intellectual property and copyright for indigenous knowledge

#### **Professional Priorities**

Preserving our intellectual property; Supporting the role of libraries in society; Providing unrestricted Access to Information; Defending the Principle of Freedom of Information; Balancing the Intellectual Property Rights of Authors with the needs of Users

#### **Activities**

Organize a regional workshop on: "Preserving our Pictorial Heritage: photographs in African Collections" Regional Workshop on IPR and Copyright Laws for indigenous information.

#### **GOAL-6**

To promote the IFLA/UNESCO Internet Manifesto and the Role of Libraries in the Information through WSIS process, regional and national conferences, workshops, etc.

#### **Professional Priorities**

Supporting the role of libraries in society; Promoting standards, Guidelines, and Best Practices; Representing Libraries in the Technological Marketplace

#### **Activities**

Organize a regional conference on WSIS in North Africa – Road to Tunis!!

Promote IFLA/Unesco Internet Manifesto. Develop an awareness campaign.

### **MANAGING DIGITAL LIBRARIES : IFLA-ALP workshop in Gaborone, Botswana**

Digital library development in Africa relies not only on a growing technical information infrastructure, but also on the skills development of information professionals. With this in mind, a workshop on Managing Digital Libraries was held from 3-27 February 2004 at the University of Botswana. An initiative of the IFLA Programme : Action for Development through Libraries, the workshop was conducted by the Digital Imaging South Africa (DISA) project <dis.nu.ac.z>.

Twenty candidates were selected to represent ten African countries, in a conscious effort to break with the tradition of participation by invitation, perceived to have been ineffectual in the past. Candidates were required to demonstrate their interest and their personal commitment by submitting a proposal outlining a digital library project for their own institution. Critical support for this project and by implication for the future role of the candidate, was sought from a superior officer in that institution. A further level of accountability was added by the requirement of regular progress reports from each delegate. As a result, a sense of urgency was instilled in the proceedings, with the expectation of applied knowledge gained on the workshop.

Welcomed by Kay Raseraoka, who herself has made history as the first African woman to be elected as President of IFLA (2003-2005), the participants were acknowledged as the best and the most visionary of Anglophone Africa's library and information professionals. The upbeat and celebratory tone was set when she urged that we never forget a great African past reflected in and transmitted through traditional and indigenous knowledge systems. Participants were inspired and struck. Somewhat in awe of their role in mediating local content by bringing this rich heritage to the global community.

Although the workshop comprised an intense week of presentations on theoretical issues and empirical exercises, the proceedings were punctuated by lively interactive sessions with open discussion around areas of concern. Issues arose around the need for transparent financial management and for reward systems linked to performance rather than expectation.

The presentations encompassed the management of both human resources and technological functions specific to the African region. Change management addressed important gender issues in the strong hierarchical structures of African society, and the challenge of developing a team-based culture, based on shared digital library skills. Practical exercises were aimed at building capacity in technical areas of expertise, ranging from digital conversion to the delivery of Web-based library services, to bridge the digital divide. Information management topics included an introduction to various metadata schemas, the use of XML and open sources software options, with a practical demonstration of Greenstone digital library software.

It was expected that the workshop evaluation would reflect a high interest in management skills and less interest in technical areas. The evaluation indicated however, that many delegates lacked previous management experience, and felt challenged in that area. Another interesting outcome was that concepts of mark-up and metadata proved most challenging, and the evidence would unequivocally support the organisation of further workshop specifically on information management. As the technical infrastructures steadily grows, African librarians and information professionals recognise the need to update their skills in core areas of their professional engagement in digital library development.

Dr Dale Peters  
Project Manager, DISA : Digital Imagination  
South Africa.

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## IFLA CONFERENCES

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**WORLD LIBRARY AND INFORMATION  
CONGRESS : 71<sup>ST</sup> IFLA GENERAL  
CONFERENCE AND COUNCIL OSLO,  
NORWAY, AUGUST 14-18, 2005**

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**Theme : LIBRARIES - A VOYAGE OF  
DISCOVERY**

**We hope to see you in Oslo next August!**

We are now preparing for the next World Library and Information Congress - IFLA's 71<sup>st</sup> General Conference and Council - in Oslo, Norway, August 14.-18. 2005.

Some of us have just been to a professionally interesting and socially pleasant IFLA Congress in Buenos Aires. We have learnt a lot and will use the experiences to arrange a wonderful congress in our country. We are longing to see many of you here next year.

The year 2005 is a special year for Norway, as we are celebrating that it is 100 years since the peaceful dissolution from the Swedish-Norwegian Union. The conference will take advantage of cultural events and other activities celebrating the centennial. King Harald V of Norway is the Royal Patron of WLIC 2005.

### **The City of Oslo**

Oslo, the capital of Norway, is situated by the fjord, surrounded by magnificent scenery of forests and hills. People settled here at the turn of the 10th century, something that makes the city one of the oldest in Scandinavia. Oslo is also a friendly capital offering the visitors both lots of cultural activities and a wide range of restaurants, coffee-shops and bars.

The congress takes place in the compact centre of Oslo, with the majority of the hotels, meeting and exhibition facilities within walking distance from most tourist attractions and restaurants. Even if Oslo is situated on the same latitude as Anchorage, Alaska, 60 degrees North, the climate during the summermonths is pleasant, and August is usually warm and sunny.

### **Social and cultural activities**

The opening ceremony next year will take place on the Sunday 14. August in the morning followed by the opening of the Exhibition and opening Party in the late afternoon the same day.

The traditional cultural evening will be arranged at the Norwegian Folk Museum. The "walk-along-party" will be held between 50 traditional buildings mostly dated from the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries. While walking the reconstructed village streets you can enjoy food and refreshments. One evening there are two parallel receptions: The Mayor of Oslo invites you to one in the magnificent Oslo Town Hall and the University of Oslo invites to another at the old University in the city centre. On the Monday evening the National Library will invite you to a grand opening of the totally renovated building dated from 1913.

In addition you will get several opportunities to see the tourist-attractions as many sightseeing tours in and around Oslo will be arranged.

### **Professional theme**

We are sure that the professional theme for the congress **LIBRARIES – A VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY** : will be illustrated in many various sessions throughout the conference programme. Curiosity and imagination push the limits of your knowledge towards the unknown and unexpected – libraries help you get there!

35 different libraries invite you to visit them – in the city as well as in the greater Oslo area.

In the final announcement and in IFLA Express no 1 (will be published early in 2005) you will also find information about

many satellite meetings that will be arranged both in Norway and in other Nordic countries in connection to the congress.

Information about poster sessions and call for papers is now to be found on IFLA-net.

### **General information**

We want to remind you to apply for visa early if that is required from your country. Please check with the Norwegian Embassy or at the Norwegian Consulate.

You also need a valid passport to enter Norway and an adequate health and travel insurance.

Congrex Holland BV has been appointed by IFLA to serve as the professional conference organiser from 2005 and onwards - for five years altogether.

You will find all general and practical information on registration, booking of hotel etc. in the Final Announcement. ( <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla71/index.htm> )

If you want the printed version of this, please send an e-mail to [wlic2005@congrex.nl](mailto:wlic2005@congrex.nl)

### **Travel grants**

The National Organising Committee of the WLIC 2005 is pleased to announce that there are travel grants available to support a number of delegates from developing countries to attend the congress. Applications, including a CV and information on present occupation should be submitted as soon as possible and not later than 1. February 2005 to IFLA 2005 Oslo, Malerhaugveien 20, NO- 0661 Oslo, Norway.

E-mail: [IFLA2005@norskbiotekforening.no](mailto:IFLA2005@norskbiotekforening.no)  
Application-forms can be requested from the secretariat and you will also find them at the IFLA web site.

The grants are made available from the NORAD (Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation ) and from the Norwegian Library Association.

Priority will be given to applicants that are not regular IFLA attendees, but all are free to apply. For the NORAD money, however,

candidates will be chosen among nationals of the NORAD cooperation countries: Tanzania, Mozambique, Uganda, Malawi, Angola, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Mali, Nigeria, South Africa, Bangladesh, Nepal, India, Indonesia, China, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, East Timor, Palestine, Guatemala and Nicaragua.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Oslo next August. You are heartily welcome!

Sissel Nilsen  
Oslo, Norway  
Member IFLA Governing Board

### **FUTURE CONFERENCES**

- World Library and Information Congress : 72<sup>nd</sup> IFLA General Conference and Council  
Seoul, Republic of Korea, 2006  
Theme : Libraries : Dynamic Engines for the Knowledge and Information Society.
- World Library and Information Congress: 73<sup>rd</sup> IFLA General Conference and Council  
Durban, South Africa, 2007
- World Library and Information Congress : 74<sup>th</sup> IFLA General Conference and Council  
Québec, Canada, 2008

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## **NEWS FROM PAC**

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### **IFLA CORE ACTIVITY FOR PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION (PAC)**

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### **IFLA SURVEY ON HOLDINGS OF AFRICAN NEWSPAPERS KEPT IN ARCHIVES AND LIBRARIES IN AFRICA.**

#### **General results**

The Survey has been going on from July 2003 to 31st January, 2004, and even right up to the end of February when the last replies arrived. 125 institutions in 50 countries were contacted of which 43 (that is 34.40%) in 28 countries did reply, that means 56%.

The results show up some confusion in the interpretation of the questions which led to 'no reply' of many questions. The same confusion is also to be found in the lists of titles joint to the query forms: many of these lists include periodical titles as well as actual newspaper titles (dailies and weeklies), and sometimes even non-African titles! However, on the whole the replies allow us to get an idea of the newspaper holdings in the different institutions. If lack of funding recur generally, rather precise information is also given about immediate needs of some libraries and archives. Several institutions have no microfilms and no digitised documents; reading equipment for microfilm and digitised items as well as access to Internet is not available.

Many African colleagues prefer digitised newspapers, especially because of bad

climatic conditions for storage. Nevertheless, the microfilm is still the best way of long-term preservation of the document

### **Following up of the Survey**

According to the letters sent together with the replies, it is obvious that the African colleagues expect the Newspapers Section and IFLA-PAC to take efficient action quickly as most of them have great difficulties in preserving, collecting and giving access to their newspaper holdings.

A second simplified but precise query form concerning two priority newspaper titles for each institution will soon be circulated in June 2004, firstly to the institutions which suffer from heavy immediate problems. The deadline will be September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004. The estimates of needs of reading and storage equipment must be calculated very precisely. A letter will be circulated with the query form.

At the same time, the lists of titles will be examined in order to search for titles which are already available on microfilm. If so, a positive duplicate of the film will be proposed. Replies to the second questionnaire will allow the Newspapers Section and IFLA-PAC to prepare a case for funding support from potential private and public sponsors.

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## **ALP NEWS**

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### **HARRY CAMPBELL IFLA CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE GRANT YEAR 2005**

IFLA ALP is pleased to announce the availability of the Harry Campbell Travel Grant, to support a delegate from a developing country which has not had IFLA Conference participants in the last few years, to attend the World Library and Information Congress: 71st IFLA General Conference and Council in Oslo, Norway, 14-18 August 2005.

The grant will cover the travel. The cost of registration fee, accommodation and meals will be met by the delegate.

Criteria for allocation:

\* Candidates must be a national of the listed countries; Belize, Bhutan, Cap Verde, Djibuti, Eritrea, Guyana, Liberia, Madagascar, São Tomé, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Tonga, Yemen, Dominica, St Lucia, Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Montserrat and St Kitts & Nevis.

\* General quality of application.

\* Professional background and experience: level of education, positions held and professional experience in general.

\* Committed letter of application and a well presented CV.

Priority will be given to younger professionals with a minimum of 5 years of experience in the field of libraries.

If your institution can afford to sponsor you on the basis of this cost-sharing package, please apply by filling in the form available at the ALP Focal Point.

Only those delegates who are able to contribute their part of the cost should apply.

Applications, including professional curriculum vitae and information on present occupation should be submitted as soon as possible and should be received by the ALP Focal Point not later than 1 March, 2005.

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## **GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

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### **IFLA/OCLC FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM 2005**

At a news conference during IFLA's World Library and Information Congress (WLIC) Conference, Jay Jordan, President and Chief Executive Officer of OCLC, announced the Class of 2005 for the IFLA/OCLC Early Career Development Fellowship program. They are:

\* Mr. Thomas Bello, Systems Librarian, University of Malawi Libraries, Zomba, Malawi

\* Ms. Xiaoqing Cai, Librarian, Sun Yat-sen University Library, Guangzhou, Guangdong, China

\* Mr. Edwar Delgado, Library Director, Albania School, Albania, Guajira, Colombia

\* Ms. Lela Nanuashvili, Lecturer, Department of Library Science, Tbilisi State University of Culture and Arts, Tbilisi, Georgia

\* Rev. Gillian Wilson, Librarian, United Theological College of the West Indies, Kingston, Jamaica, West Indies

The Program Guidelines and Application for the IFLA/OCLC Fellowship 2006 are now posted on the OCLC web site. The links to the files, available in pdf and Word formats, are accessible under the 2006 Application details at the following location:

<http://www.oclc.org/institute/resources/fellowships/ifla/default.htm>

#### **IFLA 3M INTERNATIONAL MARKETING AWARD 2004.**

The Management and Marketing Section of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) and 3M Library Systems join to announce the winners of the 3<sup>rd</sup> IFLA/3M International Marketing Award. First, second, and third prizes were presented at this conference.

#### **Who won this year ?**

First place was given to the school library of Australian Islamic College, located in Kewdale, WA., Australia for using library resources to promote reading and computer literacy to 300 refugee children from Afghanistan, Iraq and Somalia. The library's slogan is "I came, I saw, I read."

The first-place Winner received airfare, lodging, and registration for the 2004 World Library and Information Congress and a cash award of \$ 1.000 (U.S.) to further the marketing efforts of the library.

Second place went to the Krasheninnikov Regional Research Library, Kamchatka, Rusia, for developing and offering outreach programs and services to the elderly and disabled in this region of the country who

are psychologically and socially vulnerable. The library's campaign is called, "Remedy for the Soul". Third place went to the African Rice Center in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, for its project to offer current information to the agricultural researchers in the National Agricultural System (NARS) in West Africa.

#### **DR. SHAWKY SALEM CONFERENCE GRANT**

##### **Applications for 2005**

The Dr. Shawky Salem Conference Grant is an annual grant established by Dr. Shawky Salem and the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA). The aim of the grant is to enable one expert in library and information science who is a national of an Arab country, to attend the IFLA Conference.

The deadline for receiving applications is 1 February 2005.

For more information and for the Application Form please visit IFLANET at: <http://www.ifla.org/III/grants/grant04.htm>

#### **GUUST VAN WESEMAEL LITERACY PRIZE -**

##### **CALL FOR APPLICATIONS, 2005**

##### **Objectives**

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

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.

**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.

The Prize of EUR 2,725 will be paid out in 2 installments: two thirds immediately and one third on submission of a report on how the Prize has been used 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 2005**

For more information see [www.ifla.org/III/grants/grant02.htm](http://www.ifla.org/III/grants/grant02.htm) and to request the application form, please contact: IFLA Headquarters:  
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**TRAVEL GRANT TO SLA CONFERENCE IN TORONTO**

IFLA Colleagues:

The Museums, Arts and Humanities Division of the Special Libraries Association is offering a travel grant to attend the SLA annual conference in Toronto, Canada, June 5-9, 2005.

The grant is specifically for arts or humanities librarians from developing countries. Past

awardees have come from Nicaragua, the Philippines, and Trinidad and Tobago.

Application information and criteria are available on the SLA website:

<http://www.sla.org/division/dmah/Travel%20Grant.htm>

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### UNESCO-MICROSOFT AGREEMENT

Microsoft has joined the coalition of major private sector partners supporting UNESCO's global strategy to draw on information and communication technologies (ICT) to improve education, social and economic development worldwide. The agreement signed by UNESCO and Microsoft defines eight areas in which they will work together, exchanging experiences, know-how and developing projects:

- education and learning;
- community access and development;
- cultural and linguistic diversity and preservation;
- digital inclusion and capacity;
- exchange and promotion of best practice on the use of ICT for socio-economic development;
- fostering web-based communities of practice, including content development, knowledge-sharing, and empowerment through participation;
- facilitating exchange of information and software applications;
- sharing expertise and strategies.

Projects in these areas will draw on cooperation with a variety of partners from the private sector, government, and intergovernmental organizations, as well as civil society actors.

The agreement emphasizes the need to develop a teacher training syllabus on how to integrate ICT in the classroom. The intention is to provide guidance and global benchmarks to improve the quality of training for teachers on

the use of ICT. This will be a multi-stakeholder initiative with key foundation partners.

### **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE WORLD BOOK CAPITAL 2007**

The Selection Committee for the World Book Capital is calling for nominations for the World Book Capital 2007. The complete applications, duly substantiated and drafted in one of UNESCO's official languages (French, English, Spanish, Russian, Arabic or Chinese), should reach UNESCO no later than 20 March 2005. The applications must include a cover or support letter from the mayor of the candidate-city.

The candidate programmes shall be aimed at promoting books and fostering reading during the period between one World Book and Copyright Day and the next (23 April). The selection committee will examine the candidate programmes, making a special effort to involve all regions of the world in turn, in accordance with the following criteria:

1. Degree of the municipal, regional, national and international involvement and potential impact of the programmes.
2. Quantity and quality of specific or ongoing activities organized by the candidate-city in cooperation with the national and international professional organizations representing writers, publishers, booksellers and librarians and in full respect of the various stakeholders of the book supply chain.
3. Quantity and quality of any other noteworthy project promoting and fostering books and reading.
4. Conformity to the principles of freedom of expression, freedom to publish and to disseminate information, stated by the UNESCO Constitution as well as by Articles 19 and 27 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and by the Agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials (Florence Agreement).

The Selection Committee - operating under the auspices of UNESCO – is made up of one representative of the International Publishers Association (IPA), one representative of the International Booksellers' Federation (IBF), one representative of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) and one UNESCO representative, under the chairmanship of the President of IPA. The Committee's task is to choose a World Book

Capital each year, in accordance with 31 C/Resolution 29, adopted by the UNESCO General Conference on 2 November 2001 (attached). The first World Book Capital chosen prior to the adoption of 31 C/Resolution 29 was Madrid, in 2001. An agreement was concluded among the partners that the subsequent capitals would be Alexandria in 2002 and New Delhi in 2003.

The Selection Committee nominated the city of Antwerp World Book Capital City 2004. As for the World Book Capital City 2005 and 2006, the Selection Committee nominated the city of Montreal the city of Turin.

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### **CALL FOR PAPERS – 9<sup>th</sup> IFLA ILDS CONFERENCE**

The 9th IFLA Interlending and Document Supply International Conference will take place in Tallinn, Estonia from 20 to 23 September 2005 under the theme "Making Library Collections Accessible Locally and Worldwide". Tallinn is the capital of the Republic of Estonia. The old town of Tallinn is among the best preserved medieval European cities and is included in the UNESCO World Heritage List.

The conference venue will be the Conference Centre of the National Library of Estonia. Along with the conference programme the attendees will be able to visit Estonian libraries and enjoy a diverse social programme.

The Call for papers and the list of conference subthemes is now available at the conference website at <http://www.nlib.ee/ilds>. This website will also offer all new updates concerning the conference as well as background information on Tallinn and Estonia.

The Programme Committee invites papers from all those engaged in the field of interlending, document delivery or related activities. The list of subthemes is not exhaustive and papers on

other related topics will be considered. The deadline for the receipt of abstracts is 1 February 2005, full text papers must be submitted by 15 August 2005.

Abstracts should be submitted by email ([ilds@nlib.ee](mailto:ilds@nlib.ee)). Each abstract may contain 400-500 words and must indicate the proposed title of the paper, name of the author/presenter, position and institution of the author/presenter, email address, mailing address, telephone/fax numbers. Unfortunately the organisers cannot pay for the papers and speakers have to attend at their own expense.

Acceptance of abstracts will be notified by 15 March 2005.

Registration will open in January 2005, please check the website for the registration form.

Additional information: [ilds@nlib.ee](mailto:ilds@nlib.ee)

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## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### **ISBD-FRBR MAPPING NOW AVAILABLE ON IFLA WEB SITE**

The ISBD Review Group and the FRBR Review Group are pleased to announce publication of "Mapping ISBD Elements to FRBR Entity Attributes and Relationships" (July 28, 2004), available at:

<http://www.ifla.org/VII/s13/pubs/ISBD-FRBR-mappingFinal.pdf>

Please send any comments you may have regarding the "Mapping" to John Byrum, chair, ISBD Review Group, at: [jbyr@loc.gov](mailto:jbyr@loc.gov) and/or to Patrick Le Boeuf, chair FRBR Review Group at [patrick.le-boeuf@bnf.fr](mailto:patrick.le-boeuf@bnf.fr).

### **LIBRARIES AS PLACES: BUILDINGS FOR THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY**

This book contains the Proceedings of the 13th Seminar of IFLA's Library Buildings

and Equipment Section, which was this time co-organised with IFLA's Public Libraries Section. The event took place as one of the satellite meetings of the World Library and Information Congress 2003 in Berlin, and took place in Paris at the end of July 2003.

Seminars like this have been held every two years (The Hague 1997, Shanghai 1999, Boston 2001) to allow architects and librarians to share experiences in the field of library planning and the building process. The goals of this seminar were to explore the issues affecting the future development of library space, and to help prepare to envision innovative library spaces that are responsive to user needs and community interests.

This compilation of 12 papers given at the Paris seminar, includes a huge amount of information, with regard to the state of the art of library building. The book is illustrated with approx. 125 pictures.

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### **IFLA CATALOGUING PRINCIPLES**

This book contains the proceedings of the First IFLA Meeting of Experts on an International Cataloguing Code, which was held at Die Deutsche Bibliothek, the German National Library at Frankfurt/Main. 54 cataloguing experts, representing 32 European countries, met in July 2003, immediately prior to IFLA's General Conference in Berlin (August 2003).

**IFLA Cataloguing Principles: Steps towards an International Cataloguing Code. Report from the 1st Meeting of Experts on an International Cataloguing Code, Frankfurt**

2003. (IFLA Series on Bibliographic Control; vol. 26).

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### **GUIDELINES FOR AUDIOVISUAL AND MULTIMEDIA MATERIALS IN LIBRARIES AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS**

Guidelines for Audiovisual and Multimedia Materials in Libraries and other Institutions/Bruce Royan, Monika Cremer et al for the IFLA Audiovisual and Multimedia Section. The Hague, IFLA Headquarters, 2004.- 21 p. 30 cm.- ( IFLA Professional Reports : 80) ISBN 90-70916-956 ISSN 0168-1931

### **LIBRARIES IN THE INFORMATION SOCIETY**

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202. 172 pages. Hardbound

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### **MANAGING THE PRESERVATION OF PERIODICALS AND NEWSPAPERS**

Proceedings of the IFLA Symposium Bibliothèque nationale de France Paris, 21-24 august 2000

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### **MODELS OF COOPERATION IN U.S., LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN LIBRARIES**

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