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MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY GENERAL

Dear Colleagues

I have now been in my new job as Secretary General and it's high time that I share my first impressions with you.

Three things that have impressed me are:

- The wide range and international reach of IFLA's activities
- The dedication of so many colleagues who are prepared to serve the profession and society actively as members and officers of standing committees and other IFLA structures
- The professionalism of the IFLA staff at IFLA Headquarters, in regional offices and core activities

I have received many congratulatory cards, letters and messages, for which please accept my thanks. I have been encouraged not only by your good wishes, but also by the warm welcome I was accorded at IFLA Headquarters and by the Royal Library in The Hague. I feel greatly privileged to serve our members, our profession, and society at large as a member of the IFLA team.

I look forward to working with you in the coming years and hope to meet many of you at the 2005 World Library and Information Congress in August. Remember: registration for Oslo has opened, and it promises to be a great congress. In the mean time please make a note of my new e-mail address:

peter.lor@ifla.org. My previous e-mail addresses are being phased out.

Peter Johan Lor
Secretary General

IFLA ELECTIONS 2005

IFLA PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Claudia Lux, Director General, Zentral- und Landesbibliothek Berlin (ZLB), Germany, has been voted President-elect by IFLA members.

She will begin her two-year term as President-elect during the IFLA conference in Oslo this August. She will succeed Alex Byrne as President in August 2007 for a two-year term.

The full results were:

President-elect:

- * Claudia Lux (Germany) 1094 - elected
- * Cristobal Pasadas Ureña (Spain) 330 - not elected

IFLA GOVERNING BOARD ELECTION

In the elections for the new IFLA Governing Board, the following candidates were successful: Bob McKee (United Kingdom), Barbara J. Ford (United States), Shawky Salem (Egypt) (2nd term), Zhang Xiaolin (China), Gunnar Sahlin (Sweden), Réjean Savard (Canada), Sang-Wan Han (Korea, Rep. Of), Adolfo Rodríguez Gallardo (Mexico), Vinyet Panyella (Spain) (2nd term), Tiiu Valm (Estonia) (2nd term).

They will serve a two-year term on the Governing Board, beginning at the end of the Oslo conference in August. Bob McKee, Barbara Ford, Zhang Xiaolin, Gunnar Sahlin, Réjean Savard, Sang-Wan Han and Adolfo Rodríguez Gallardo will be serving on the board for the first time.

The full results were:

- * Bob McKee (United Kingdom)

- 960 elected
- * Barbara J. Ford (United States)
- 931 elected
- * Shawky Salem (Egypt) (2nd term)
- 858 elected
- * Zhang Xiaolin (China)
- 818 elected
- * Gunnar Sahlin (Sweden)
- 802 elected
- * Réjean Savard (Canada)
- 790 elected
- * Sang-Wan Han (Korea, Rep. Of)
- 708 elected
- * Adolfo Rodríguez Gallardo (Mexico)
- 684 elected
- * Vinyet Panyella (Spain) (2nd term)
- 682 elected
- * Tiiu Valm (Estonia) (2nd term)
- 676 elected
- * T.A.V. Murthy (India)
- 660 not elected
- * N. Varaprasad (Singapore)
- 575 not elected

The total number of valid ballot papers received for the vacancies on the Governing Board was 522, a return rate of 41.4%. This represents 1425 votes, 55.9% of the possible total.

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

Peter Johan Lor
Secretary General

IFLA GOVERNING BOARD: MARCH 2005 MEETING

At its March meeting, the Governing Board noted with sadness the terrible loss of life and devastation caused by the Indian Ocean Tsunami and approved the concept plan for an IFLA Relief and Development Partnership. The partnership will enable the global library and information community to assist those affected by this disaster to re-establish services and will also provide a mechanism to help strengthen services and to respond to future disasters. It involves the establishment by member associations of

national foundations and other mechanisms to gather money and coordinate resources with IFLA's specialist offices (especially ALP, the Preservation and Conservation Programme and the Regional Offices) providing advice and assistance to ensure that aid will be targeted appropriately.

In order to engage fully with the current phase of the World Summit on the Information Society, Ms Tuula Haavisto (former Secretary General of the Finnish Library Association) was appointed to coordinate IFLA's strategy. Activities will culminate in a pre Summit conference at the Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Alexandria, Egypt on 10-11 November, the week before the Summit meeting in Tunis, and will lay a foundation for future library development.

In regard to the core activities, Mr Gunnar Sahlin, National Librarian of Sweden, was appointed to chair the Advisory Board of the Advancement of Libraries Development Programme following Peter Lor's assumption of the position of Secretary General. The Board also adopted principles for the establishment of advisory boards for IFLA's core activities which will allow each to be tailored to the needs of the activity it guides. In addition, principles were identified for the location of core activities, essentially that they should be located where they will best serve IFLA and the global library and information community. Allocations for 2004 were approved and the Board was pleased to hear that both ALP and FAIFE will receive a major grant to support their projects – an announcement will be made soon. This highlights a major challenge for IFLA: as we extend our work through new initiatives and projects, we need to invest more in administrative support and infrastructure, especially IFLANET. As a consequence of our success, demands on IFLA are growing particularly in areas related to the society and professional pillars, placing greater emphasis on advocacy and requiring a redeployment of our resources. This is being recognised through the adoption of a program based

budget approach framed around IFLA's three pillars. It will be presented at WLIC 2005 in Oslo. While demands are growing, our income has been static so we are looking intensively at alternative sources of income but also need members to pay their dues promptly and to provide the strongest possible support for the initiatives which IFLA is expected to pursue.

The vitality of IFLA is well demonstrated through the World Library and Information Congress. WLIC 2005 promises to be a very interesting Congress with a varied programme. It is hoped that HM King Harald will attend the opening and a great social and cultural programme is being organised.

Commenting upon his first week of meetings of the Board and its committees, Secretary General Peter Lor commented that the experience had demonstrated both the breadth of the issues confronting IFLA and the commitment of members and staff and that he was excited to be part of the Federation's important work.

Kay Raseroka, IFLA President
Alex Byrne, IFLA President elect
Peter Lor, IFLA Secretary General

IFLA RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP

In common with people across the world, IFLA members were shocked and saddened by the terrible loss of life and the devastation caused by the Indian Ocean Tsunami of 26 December 2004. Many have expressed a wish to assist the rebuilding and strengthening of library and information services in the affected regions (see <http://www.ifla.org/V/press/tsunami04.htm> and related pages for the effects on libraries).

However, neither IFLA nor member associations have existing mechanisms to respond to this or other disasters, natural or resulting from conflict, except for the

limited resources available via the Blue Shield. Donors have been advised by their associations to direct their support to humanitarian agencies. This certainly provides valuable assistance to traumatised communities but does not ensure that library and information services will be assisted. Consequently, the Governing Board at its recent meeting approved the concept for an IFLA Relief and Development Partnership to provide a mechanism for professional responses to the Tsunami disaster and to be better positioned to prepare for and respond to future disasters.

The partnership It will enable the global library and information community to assist those affected by this disaster to re-establish services and will also provide a mechanism to help strengthen services and to respond to future disasters. It involves the establishment by member associations of national foundations and other mechanisms to gather money and coordinate resources with IFLA's specialist offices (especially ALP, PAC and the Regional Offices) providing advice and assistance to ensure that aid will be targeted appropriately. Thus the partnership builds on existing programs. It does not create an office nor an aid agency but it does provide a way in which funds can be collected at a national level (to take advantage of any available taxation benefits and to ensure accountability) and disbursed by the boards of national foundations to assist libraries and information services in need. IFLA's offices will assist by providing advice on bids and helping to link donors and requesters and, where relevant, by undertaking assessments of need, training programs, etc.

Although the funds collected by national foundations may be limited, they are none the less useful. For example, €3,000 would support the work of five professionals in Aceh for a year. Quite small amounts can assist with triage (eg to protect water damaged collections from mould or to make buildings secure),

assessment of damage and development of reconstruction plans which will provide leverage to secure substantial funds from aid organisations and governments to undertake full reconstruction.

The concept was developed by President elect Alex Byrne in consultation with a number of national associations and colleagues in affected regions. Approval by the Governing Board means that it can now be put into action but the primary opportunity lies with national associations or the 'umbrellas' of national associations which exist in a number of countries. I encourage you to take advantage of the model by establishing a national foundation and working with IFLA's offices to provide a way in which we will be able to respond to professional needs in future.

Peter Lor
Secretary General

**PROMOTING THE GLOBAL
INFORMATION COMMONS: A
STATEMENT BY IFLA. WSIS TUNIS
PREPCOM2**

Mme La Presidente, Delegates, I thank you for the opportunity to be heard on behalf of global civil society on the subject of financing. I speak on behalf of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) and its member associations and libraries throughout the world and also the Scientific Information Working Group and the Education Working Group.

We speak not just for libraries and information services but for the two and a half billion people who use them, the people of civil society. For their sake, we ask governments and the global community to find ways of resourcing the program of action with a sense of urgency and in partnership with all stakeholders. The people of the world need vigorous action now, not in a decade, because a child entering school today will likely have finished in a decade. In a world suffering from HIV/AIDS, conflict, natural calamities,

gender discrimination and other causes of marginalisation, we need urgent and concerted action if we are to promote a truly inclusive and mutually beneficial global information society.

Libraries, archives and information services provide access points to the Internet for members of communities and also the support and skills development which are essential to effective use. They not only maintain our cultural heritage but also the records which are essential to effective government and to continuing economic development. Through such means they build capacity in communities and nations and help to redress disadvantage.

IFLA advocates a global information commons through which all people will be enabled to seek and impart information. Its realisation requires, at a minimum, ubiquitous access to sufficient affordable bandwidth, up to date and affordable ICTs, unrestricted multilingual access to information and skills development programs to enable all to both access information and disseminate their own while respecting the fundamental right of human beings to both access and express information without restriction.

This requires investment by governments, international agencies and business entities through the harnessing of all available infrastructure and resources in partnership with civil society. A modest investment in the worldwide network of libraries and information services would build on the existing foundation to:

- * provide an extensive web of internet access points, each supported with advice and training
- * offer relevant information in appropriate formats, languages and
- * develop literacies and capacity
- * support health and education
- * advance the position of women
- * provide opportunity and choice for children and the benefits of lifelong learning

- * promote innovation and economic development
- * ensure the preservation and promotion of cultural heritage and diversity
- * foster respect and understanding between peoples.

We have three proposals for new wording. First, we propose a new paragraph on financing to appear after paragraph 24 of the operational part of the final document:

“Investment should be applied in partnership with all stakeholders including grassroots communities and civil society and should build on existing infrastructure to create sustainable mechanisms to enable major progress against the goals as quickly as possible.”

Second, in the section ‘Improvements and Innovations of Existing Financing Mechanisms’, the following paragraph should be added: “We recognise that innovative financial mechanisms that should contribute to bridging the digital divide may rely on lowering the costs of access to information and software resources and on making those resources freely available to all.

Such innovative efforts should include:

- a) supporting the implementation of open access initiatives to scientific, technological, cultural and educational information; and
- b) raising awareness about the existence and use of free software, open source software and low-cost proprietary software.”

We also have a specific recommendation for an additional clause in paragraph 6 on the achievement of targets and objectives. We suggest the addition of: “enhancing capacity and sustainable access to content by improving connectivity and otherwise investing in existing infrastructure including the global network of libraries, archives and information services”.

Finally, we invite you to our pre-Summit conference in the Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Alexandria, Egypt, on 10 and 11 November

2005 at which we will show how libraries and information services around the world are realising the global information society for all.

IFLA, the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions, thanks you Mme La Presidente and Delegates for the opportunity to be heard and reminds Delegates of the urgency of applying the financial and human resources of the world to achieving a truly inclusive global information society.

Alex Byrne
President-elect

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AFRICA SECTION NEWS

OBITUARY

Professor STAN MADE

Dear Colleagues

IFLA Africa Section is sorry to inform all colleagues that the former Chair of the Section (1997-2001), Professor Stan Made passed away on Friday May 6, 2005. He was involved in a car accident on his way from Bulawayo to Harare.

A number colleagues would remember that Prof. Stan was a long-time librarian of the University of Zimbabwe, having served in the same capacity at the University of Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland and the University of Malawi. At the time of his death, he was the Dean of the Faculty of Communication and Information Science at the National University of Science and

Technology. He was the inaugural Professor and Chair of the Department of Library and Information Science. Indeed he also became the inaugural Dean of the Faculty. At the moment the Faculty has three operational departments, namely Library and Information Science; Journalism and Media Studies; and, Records and Archives Management.

Prof. Made also served on several board of IFLA, particularly as Secretary (1993-1996), Chair of IFLA Africa Section (1997-2001) and Chair of Division VIII (Regional Activities). Professor Made was a serious advocate for information professions in Zimbabwe, Africa and the world.

His remains were laid to rest at his ancestral home in Dowa near Rusape on Sunday May 8, 2005.

May his soul rest in peace

ANNUAL MEETING

Minutes of the IFLA Africa Section Annual meeting held in Alexandria, Egypt 16-17 February 2005

Present:

Jacinta Were, Ellen Tise, Ellen Namhila, Buhle Mbambo, Thomas Matthee, Birgitta Sandell (IFLA ALP), Helena R. Asamoah-Hassan, Charles Batambuze, Zogo Francis, Henri Sene (Regional Manager), Sarah Kagoda-Batuwa

Observers

Dr Shawky Salem, Paul Manda, Sarah Durrant, Mohamed Khatib, Dr. Karim Al Ani

Agenda

The agenda was adopted with amendments

Report on Buenos Aires conference.

Minutes

Confirmation of Buenos Aires Minutes with correction. The minutes were adopted with a few editorial changes.

Open Forum: The Chair reported that the papers were very interesting and generally the open forum was very successful. The paper on the reading tent was published in the IFLA Journal

Poster session: Was not well presented as the previous one in 2003. The poster Session of LISA won the third place. Members were urged to prepare well in advance for Oslo poster session.

Chairperson's Report

The Chairperson presented her report and highlighted the salient features. She outlined the mission, objectives, priorities, membership, meeting/events and projects completed and those that are planned. The annual report runs from September to August each year. The Report was discussed and adopted. Members commended the chair for good work done

Regional Office (up-date)

The Regional Manager presented a report on the Regional Office and its activities.. The Office provides logistical support to the Africa section and publishes a newsletter. The chair reported that the General Secretary had written to the Governing Board about the need to revisit the structure and management of the Regional Offices. Members observed that since the formation of the Regional offices in the 1980, a lot of changes have occurred , for instance some countries in Former Soviet Union are grouped under developing countries, those in Latin America face language problems. Members debated extensively on the pros and cons of having more than one office on the continent. It was observed that funding received by the Regional offices were mainly for administrative expenditure and that no formal structural review of the offices have ever been carried out. Members were urged to be open minded while debating over the issue. Standing Committee Members also needed to evaluate themselves to see what contributions they could make towards strengthening the offices. Further members should develop strategies on how to

source for resources for their Library Associations.

Financial Report

The Secretary/Treasurer, presented the financial report for 2004-2005. During the Annual General meeting of the IFLA Africa Section held in Gabarone, Botswana 21-22 February 2004, the outgoing Secretary/Treasurer, Ellen Tise presented the financial report for 2001-2003 and handed over to the Secretary/Treasurer a balance of USD 735 and Rand 46.35 unspent money due to the institutional support she received to print the "Directory of National Library and Information Associations in Africa". Funding was not sent from IFLA Headquarters as the section had to resolve the issue of Treasurer. After the issue was resolved, Eur 245 (\$276) was sent to the Treasurer for administrative expenses. Funding is allocated basing on membership of the section.

ALP Projects (completed, current, future)

Birgitta Sandell reported that the ALP Steering Committee meeting did not take place last year as funding was received late from IFLA Headquarters. The meeting is scheduled to take place this year in Oslo. She presented the ALP Annual report to the meeting.

ALP is currently administrating only the Sida Speakers Grant and the Harry Campbell Conference Attendance Grant. She reported that money was available for three Speakers grantees and the criteria is as usual 'younger librarians who are not regular IFLA Conference attendees'.

Birgitta reported that ALP was planning to hold a workshop on "Logical Framework Approach (LFA) used for project assessment during the Africa Section's Annual meeting in 2006.

The meeting was further informed that SIDA welcomes proposals that are in line with HIV/AIDS, poverty reduction, ICT. Hence members were urged to request

their members to submit proposals in those areas.

The approved projects were to receive funds as follows:

YEAR 2005

N° 164 : Preserving our pictorial heritage : photographs in Africa collections

N° 165 : Regional workshop on IPR and Copyright Laws for indigenous Information.

N° 167 : Publication of SCECSAL Conference materials

N° 171 : Workshop to review curriculum in Library schools in Africa to accomodate developments in Information and Communication submitted by Prof. Mchombo

YEAR 2006

N° 163 : Making Library and Information associations functional : some practical experiences from Easter, Central and Southern African Countries.

N° 170 : Séminaire de formation en lobbying, relations publiques et fund raising

Strategic Plan

Review of the strategic Plan 2004-2005

The chair presented the review of the 2004-2005 strategic plan. An evaluation of all the actions planned has been made.

Strategic Plan 2006-2007

Goal 1: To promote and support development of the profession in the region through strengthening Library Associations

Action 1 A regional workshop is to be organized by the Tanzania library Association. The project was approved
Action 2 A regional workshop for North Africa – Alli Abderrazzarg did not attend

the Alexandria meeting, hence no information was received on the progress (Abderrazzarg)

Action 3 the incoming executive to follow up

Goal 2 To promote and support development programmes for information, reading and oral literacy in Africa

Helena was working on the activities of the goal

Goal 3: To support efforts of closing the digital divide through promotion and support of ICT applications in Libraries in Africa

Action 1 Jacinta and Chisenga to work on the activity in collaboration with INASP.

Action 2 Jacitanta and Buhle to work on the activity in collaboration with INASP

There is a need to explore new activities in the areas of Universal access, Telecentres

Goal - 4: To promote competent education and training for self renewing Library and Information profession in Africa
Action 1 on organizing a regional workshop to review curricular was discussed and approved (**prof. Mchombo**)

Action 2 on compiling a directory of library and Information science schools in Africa, Helena presented a proposal to IFLA PC and it was not approved. Jacinta promised to try again to defend the project, and hopefully it will be approved. (Jacinta, Helena, Makerere University school of Library and information science)

Goal 5: To promote documentation and preservation of indigenous knowledge and to advocate for moral rights, intellectual property and copyright for indigenous knowledge

Action 1 on organizing a regional conference on WISI in North Africa, was conducted

Action 2 on promotion of IFLA/Unesco Internet manifesto (Batambuze/Tise to handle)

Oslo Conference. Libraries “A Voyage for Discovery”

Theme for Africa section is: “Change in information needs: Challenging roles of Libraries and Information centers in Africa”

Open Forum

The section received a total of 17 abstracts.

- The following four papers were selected :
Building Family Literacy skills among parents and children in developing countries: a case study, by Elisam Magara , East African school of Librarian ship, Uganda
- De la fracture numerique en Afrique a' la fracture statistique by Ksibi Ahmed. Institut Superieur de Documentation de Tunis University of Manouba, Tunisie
- Community Services Librarians and use of information communication Technologies in the provision of Information on HIV/AIDS in Developing Countries, by Agnes Chiconzo, University of Zimbabwe
- Co-operation between the Libraries at Mzumbe University(Tanzania) and Ader University College (Norway): an overview for the present and future, by Else M. Bredland and Matilda S. Kuzilwa, Tanzania .

It was agreed that Helena will chair the open forum.

Poster session

Members brainstormed about the theme of the Poster session. “Reaching out to the Communities” was selected as the theme for Africa session Poster session. Sene will coordinate the session and will be assisted by Buhle.

IFLA elections

Nominations

The deadline for nominations for the President, Governing Board and Standing Committee members was 2nd February 2005. It was reported that for Africa section only 4 nominations were received leaving out 10 vacant positions. The chair pointed out that it was good to have all positions filled up because of the geography of the continent. Dick Kawooya, Uganda, Aletter Shatona, Namibia applied to become corresponding Members. Dr Shawky offered to serve as a corresponding member for North Africa. Re-nomination were received from Ellen Tise and Maria Jose. James Daniel- Nigeria and Noem were nominated. Johann Maree and Justin Chisenga did not seek re-nomination. It was observed from the results of the elections that some regions will not have representatives in the next Standing Committee of Africa Section. Members were urged to look for active members to be nominated and the in coming committee members be educated on the procedure of elections.

Election of Officers

The chair announced that the positions for Chair and Secretary will fall vacant in August 2005, and elections will take place in Oslo. Members were urged to think about filling the two positions and to attend the Oslo section meeting in-order to realize a quorum. She reminded members that among the guidelines for electing Officers for the two positions were:

- Active members and able to give direction to the section
- Knowledgeable on IFLA structure
- Able to fund oneself to attend meetings

IFLA 2007

Ellen Tise briefed members about the progress of the preparations for IFLA 2007. The National Advisory Committee was working on the activities of awareness to generate enthusiasm. The theme approved was approved by IFLA Governing Board in December 2004 and is now available on

the IFLANet. The sponsor of the conference is the Ministry of Art and Culture and a meeting was held with the Ministry Officials on the funding proposal. The proposal aims at sponsoring at least one participant per county in Africa. It is being proposed that the Southern African host statelite meetings. Formal invitations will be sent out for indication of a hosting interest. A pre-conference by Africa section is being proposed to focus on poverty or other presidential themes. She urged members to support the IFLA 2007 so that it leaves an impact on the continent. The President of LISA extended an invitation to all Africans to participate in the IFLA 2007 conference.

She further informed members that the Montererant Centre a project for Public Librarians was willing to host public librarians for an attachment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS PARTNERSHIPS PROVIDE EDUCATION RESOURCES IN CATALOGING

The Library of Congress has launched a Web-based learning center to promote core competency curriculum development for 21st century cataloging practitioners. The Cataloger's Learning Workshop (www.loc.gov/catworkshop/) is a cataloging and metadata training resource portal that features a discussion group, links to cataloging training providers and publishers, online training courses and suggested readings in bibliographic control. The Cataloger's Learning Workshop is hosted by the Cataloging Distribution Service (CDS) of the Library of Congress. "The Cataloger's Learning Workshop site provides one-stop access to a growing body of authoritative cataloging education resources," said Kathryn Mendenhall, chief of CDS. "Cataloging practitioners as well as training providers will benefit from the

easy access to information about these new courses."

The Cataloger's Learning Workshop grew out of an effort that began at the 2000 Library of Congress conference "Bibliographic Control for the New Millennium." Conferees produced an action plan with several ambitious goals, such as providing appropriate training and education to improve bibliographic control of Web resources.

A number of groups have been working with the Library of Congress to bring the Cataloger's Learning Workshop to reality, including the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS) - a division of the American Library Association (ALA) - and the Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC).

"Collaborating with the Library of Congress on this project enables ALCTS to better support the educational needs of its membership and the library community as a whole," said Charles Wilt, executive director of ALCTS. "These courses will provide up-to-date information to practicing professionals and others at both the local and regional level."

A number of workshops and curricula are being developed to address Web bibliographic control training and continuing education.

Training materials distribution is handled by CDS, while workshop organization and support logistics are managed through ALCTS and other organizations.

As a result of this cooperative effort, Library, PCC and ALCTS officials expect that there will be more library practitioners who are better prepared to provide access to Web and other new library materials. The customer and member focus of these organizations ensures that high quality training will be provided at reasonable cost.

The Cataloging Distribution Service of the Library of Congress has provided publications and services to the international cataloging community on a cost-recovery basis for more than 100 years.

The Association for Library Collections and Technical Services, a division of the American Library Association, is the national association for information providers who work in collections, preservation and technical services. ALCTS' interests include acquisition, cataloging, collection development and preservation of all library materials in all formats. Additional information about ALCTS' continuing education is available at www.ala.org/ala/alcts/ under "continuing education."

The Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC) is an international cooperative effort aimed at expanding access to library collections by providing useful, timely, and cost-effective cataloging that meets mutually accepted standards of libraries around the world. Additional information about PCC is available at www.loc.gov/catdir/pcc/.

FREDERICK THORPE AWARD

Three more winners of a Frederick Thorpe AWARD

Following the success of the inaugural Frederick Thorpe Awards in 2003 the Ulverscroft Foundation and the IFLA Libraries for the Blind Section agreed to offer a second series of individual awards in 2004. The Trustees of the Ulverscroft Foundation made £5,000 available to encourage the development of best practice in library services for the blind by assisting an individual to spend time in a similar organisation in another country.

The winners are:

- Wendy Patricia Ling of the South African Library for the Blind who will visit the National Library for the Blind, UK to study their fundraising activities in order to improve their work in South Africa

- Ademike Olorundore, Librarian at the Anglo-Nigerian Welfare Association for the Blind who wishes to study Braille production at the National Library for the

Blind, UK in order to modernise and make the procedures at ANWAB more efficient

- Sarah Home, Operations and Development Manager at the National Library for the Blind, UK who will visit the Canadian National Institute for the Blind to study their digital procedures and to exchange information on the development of DAISY [Digital Accessible Information SYstem] books.

The visits have to be undertaken between November 2004 and October 2005.

Allan Leach, Chair of the Ulverscroft Foundation and the judging panel said, "It was difficult last time and even more so this year as we received more excellent applications from across the world. I am pleased that my fellow trustees agreed to let us exceed our budget so that we could make three awards as they are all equally worthwhile."

The judging panel comprised Allan Leach, Chair of Ulverscroft Foundation; David Owen, Executive Director of Share The Vision and Trustee of Ulverscroft Foundation; Dick Tucker, of FORCE Foundation, Netherlands representing IFLA Libraries for the Blind Section.

Beatrice Christensen Skoeld

CHINESE WINNER OF GUUST VAN WESEMAEL LITERACY PRIZE 2005

IFLA is pleased to announce that the yunnan provincial library of kunming, china, is the winner of the guust van wesemael literacy prize 2005.

The objective of this award is to sponsor a public or school library in a developing country to perform activities in the field of literacy collection development, promotion, training, policy development or otherwise. The prize provides 3000 euros toward these activities.

The Yunnan Provincial Library has set out to establish a sustainable literacy

programme and service for the blind people in Yunnan, as a follow-up effort to the recently opened Reading Room for the Blind. This is the first service of its kind in that province and the first in the entire South-Western part of China.

The Jury of the Guust van Wesemael Literacy Prize 2005 consisted of Ms Ellen Tise, Member of IFLA's Executive Committee and Ms Torny Kjekstad, Chair of IFLA's Division of Libraries Serving the General Public; both are members of IFLA's Governing Board.

This year there were 10 applications for the Guust van Wesemael Prize. Their quality was high and the geographical spread was remarkable: they came from 9 different countries in Africa, Asia and South America.

The Jury members were unanimous in their choice of the proposal submitted by the Chinese colleagues for the following reasons:

1. The number of libraries in China that provide services to the blind and visually impaired is very limited. The initiative of the Yunnan Provincial Library is therefore extra remarkable.
2. The work done here will help to maintain and develop the literacy of people with no or a very low degree of vision, a large group of millions of people living at the lowest societal levels.
3. It was the most interesting of this year's applications, giving clear evidence of the work that has been done and how the prize money will contribute to furtherance of that work: purchasing Braille publications and talking books, as well as Braille software. On hearing the news of the prize, Rumei Guo of the Yunnan library was very gladly surprised and stated "It is really a great help and encouragement to us. This will really help us to help and serve more blind people in our Province". An article containing further detailed information will

be submitted for a future issue of IFLA Journal.

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

The Guust van Wesemael Literacy Prize 2005 will be handed to representatives of Yunnan Provincial Library during the World Library and Information Conference in Oslo (14-18 August 2005).

BOOK DONATIONS PROGRAMMES

I am writing to announce the appearance of Book Donations for Development, a publication that may interest the members of your Section. I shall be putting the following notice on the IFLA listserv very shortly, but also wanted to write personally to colleagues who may be able to announce this important work to those involved directly as donors and recipients in book donation projects. If I may be of help, please let me know. Gwynneth Evans, Chair, Reading Section

Book Donations for Development, written by Mauro Rosi of the Division of Arts and Cultural Enterprise of the Cultural Sector of UNESCO, has just been edited, designed and printed in Canada by CODE. It is available as a pdf. file at www.codecan.org

This handbook builds on the work of UNESCO, CODE and the International Book Bank which together sponsored an international symposium entitled, Donated Book Programs: A Dialogue of Partners, in Baltimore, USA, in 1992. The Center for the Book at the Library of Congress published the proceedings in 1993.

The present handbook provides both policy and practical information for donors and recipients of book donation projects. It is

intended as an educational and training tool. It sets book donations within the context of the book chain and the importance of supporting the book industry in every UN member state, with special attention to those in the Developing World.

Hardcopies of Book Donations for Development are available from CODE for distribution through non-governmental agencies and library associations/institutions involved in book donation projects. Copies will be brought to the IFLA meetings in Oslo, by Yvonne Appiah, Executive Director of CODE, and Gwynneth Evans.

La donation du livre pour le développement appeared in 2004 and has been distributed through Culture et développement in Grenoble, France

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It will not be possible for CODE to send individual copies to each requester. It would therefore be very helpful for those interested in hardcopies to identify an organization or association which could distribute the document within a region or country.

PUBLICATIONS

e-Learning for Management and Marketing in Libraries / e-Formation pour le marketing et le management des bibliothèques

Ed. by Daisy McAdam (IFLA Publications; nr 115). Munich: Saur, 2005.

München: Saur, 2005, 165 p.

(IFLA Publications; 115)

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Price: EUR 74 (IFLA Members EUR 55.50)

This publication reflects the content and richness of the IFLA satellite meeting held in Geneva, Switzerland, in 2003. It was devoted to e-learning for the marketing and management of libraries and was organized by the IFLA Management & Marketing Section, with the help of the University of Geneva, the

Ecole nationale supérieure des sciences de l'information des bibliothèques (ENSSIB, France) and the Agence Intergouvernementale de la Francophonie-INTIF.

Contributions from experts examine the fundamental e-learning issues raised in Africa, Europe, India and North America, as well as illustrating the power and diversity of this new teaching medium. In the final, informal discussions, chaired by Réjean Savard and Jean-Michel Salaün, we are given many tentative insights into what the future holds for both teachers and students alike.

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Preparing for the Worst, Planning for the Best: Protecting our Cultural Heritage from Disaster.

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Price: EUR 78 (IFLA Members EUR 58)

This book contains the Proceedings of a special IFLA conference held in Berlin in July 2003 which was devoted to the preparedness of library collections for situations of "man made" disasters (conflict, war) and/or natural disasters (earthquakes, floods, hurricanes). A panel of international experts discussed these issues and exchanged their views.

Papers concentrated on different aspects of the issues. One part focuses on national policy planning with contributions by speakers from countries that have established national planning efforts and strategies for handling disasters, specifically as they relate to cultural organizations, such as libraries, archives and museums.

Another part concentrates on the institutional level, with an emphasis on what has shown to work based on practical experiences in libraries and other sectors: human resource and response issues, training requirements,

pitfalls and success factors. In addition a worldwide scala of case studies is presented.

The book pays tribute to the efforts that have been made to protect or recover our cultural heritage from disaster, and provides valuable advise on planning for emergencies and on the preventive measures needed to safeguard collections.

World Guide to Library, Archive and Information Science Associations.

Second, completely revised and expanded Edition. Ed. by Marko Schweitzer (IFLA Publications; nr 112-114). Munich: Saur, 2005.

The second edition of this WORLD Guide lists international and national organisations in alphabetical order, from Albania to Zimbabwe.

It contains 633 comprehensive, updated entries from more than 130 countries. Over 170 new entries are documenting the latest trends and developments in the organisations of libraries, archives and information science.

The book is very clearly laid out, listing addresses, contact data including e-mail addresses and websites, officers, membership, goals and activities, publications and other organisational details

The Guide is made accessible by a variety of indexes, making it an indispensable tool for networking, as well as for quick and easy reference.

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