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1. IFLA NEWS

HEADQUARTERS

Call for Nominations for President President-elect and Members of the Governing Board of IFLA

To: Voting Members of IFLA
Personal Affiliates of IFLA

As you know, the Council of IFLA at its meeting on 13th August 2000 approved the new Statutes of the Federation.

The new Statutes provide for a Governing Board, which will replace the existing Executive Board and Professional Board with effect from August 2001. The last meetings of the existing Executive and Professional Boards will take place during the IFLA General Conference to be held in Boston, USA from the 17th to the 25th August 2001. The first meeting of the new Governing Board will take place on Saturday 25th August in Boston.

I am, therefore, writing to you to invite nominations for these important positions, which will help determine the direction of IFLA for the next few years.

The Governing Board, in accordance with the new Statutes, will consist of:

- The President
- The President-elect

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- Ten members elected by the membership at large
- Nine members of the Professional Committee, consisting of a chair elected by the Committee itself and one officer, preferably the chair, from each of the eight Divisions of the Federation.

The position of President is open to any candidate, including those who have served as President under the previous Statutes in force from 1993. Each candidate needs ten valid nominations. This will be the only time this post is elected in this way. The person elected will serve as President 2001-2003 only, to be succeeded by the President-elect 2001-2003, who will serve as President 2003-2005.

The position of President-elect is open to anyone, including all the present Executive Board members, except the current President. Each candidate needs ten valid nominations. The successful candidate will serve for two years as President-elect (2001-2003), followed by two years as President (2003-2005) only.

In accordance with the transitional arrangements agreed by Council in August, three of the present Executive Board members will automatically serve for the term 2001-2003 in the new Governing Board. They were elected for four years under the old Statutes and their current term will have two more years to run. They are: Claudia Lux, Jerónimo Martínez and Ingrid Parent.

This leaves seven places on the Governing Board open for election on this occasion. These places are open to anyone. Each candidate needs five valid nominations. Three of the current Executive Board members are eligible to run for election to these places, because they would have been eligible for election for a further two year term on the old Executive Board. They are Nancy John, Derek Law and Kay Raseroka. One current Executive Board member, Børge Sørensen, is not eligible for election to one of these places, because he will have completed two terms on the old Executive Board.

The successful candidates for these places on the Governing Board will serve for two years (2001-2003). Those elected for the first time will then

be eligible for election for a final, second term of two years (2003-2005).

As a qualified Voting Member of IFLA, or a Personal Affiliate, you are entitled to submit nominations for the vacancies described in this letter.

Nominations should be made on the enclosed form, which may be photocopied. Nominees need not be formal representatives of IFLA Members or Personal Affiliates of IFLA. But their nominators must be the designated representatives of National Association Members or International Association Members or Institutional Members of IFLA. Personal Affiliates of IFLA may also nominate, but they are not entitled to vote in the subsequent elections.

Nominations must be received at IFLA HQ by the close of business on Monday 5th February 2001.

Please note the following points:

There is no restriction on the number of candidates you may nominate for these positions.

"Valid nominations" means nominations signed by an authorized representative of Voting Members of IFLA (or by Personal Affiliates of IFLA) who have paid their membership fees for 2000 in full and who are not in arrears.

Candidates should have a working knowledge of at least one of the working languages of IFLA (English, French, German, Russian and Spanish). Since the business meetings of IFLA tend to be conducted in English, reasonable fluency of this language is highly desirable.

Candidates should have reasonable expectation of attending meetings of the Governing Board without cost to the Federation. The Governing Board is expected to meet on two occasions each year; during the General Conference of IFLA, and approximately six months later, probably at IFLA HQ in The Hague. Forthcoming conferences will be held in Boston (August 2001), Glasgow (August 2002) and Berlin (August 2003).

You should ensure that your nominee is willing to stand. We shall seek formal confirmation from each candidate, together with a statement, once we have received sufficient nominations for that candidate.

Nominations will be accepted only from qualified Voting Members and qualified Personal Affiliates. "Qualified" means those Voting Members and Personal Affiliates who have paid their Membership Fees in full for 2000 and who are not in arrears.

In accordance with the new Statutes, the elections will be conducted by postal ballot. Only qualified Voting Members will be entitled to vote.

It is expected that the ballot will take place during March and April 2001, with eight weeks between the dispatch of ballot papers and the closing date for their return.

The results will be announced on IFLANET in May 2001.

These elections are extremely important for the future development of IFLA. Please take steps to consider whether you wish to nominate candidates for these positions on the new Governing Board.

(Ross Shimmon, Secretary General)
(Reference 1, October 24, 2000)

Serving on IFLA's Governing Board

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

The Governing Board will consist of:

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

tee

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

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

- Greater coordination of the professional and managerial concerns of the Federation, by bringing together those responsible for these two areas in one board
- Greater participation in the direction of the Federation by people living in different parts of the world, by creating more elected places, reducing the length of terms of office and reducing the number of meetings.

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

The President-elect serves as President-elect for two years, followed by two-years as President. The term of office is not renewable. It is expected

that the period as President-elect will be used to prepare for the role of President. There may be occasions when the President-elect will substitute for the President if, for example, the President is unable to fulfil an important engagement or chair a meeting. But there are no other formal responsibilities of the President-elect. The President-elect is, however, a full member of both the Governing Board and the Executive Committee.

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

The Governing Board is expected to meet on two occasions each year. It will meet during the annual general conference (probably more than once during that time) and again about six months later, probably at IFLA HQ in The Hague. Business is conducted in between meetings, usually by e-mail.

If IFLA is to achieve its aim of becoming a truly representative global organization, representing the interests of library and information services, and their users, worldwide, it needs energetic, committed and capable people from a great variety of environments to serve on its Governing Board.

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

practice of the profession. (Ross Shimmon, Secretary General) (Reference 1, October 24, 2000)

Serving on IFLA Standing Committees

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

It can also be great fun!

We have drawn up these notes to provide guidance to Association and Institutional Members considering nominating candidates for election to Standing Committees. They should also help those thinking of accepting nomination.

Responsibilities:

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

They contribute to the work of the Committee by:

- Having a working knowledge in at least one of the IFLA languages (English, French, German, Russian, and Spanish). Most of the business of the Standing Committees tends to be conducted in English, so knowledge of English is particularly useful.
- Having a reasonable expectation of attending meetings of the Standing Committee without cost to the Federation. IFLA simply does not have the resources to fund the expenses involved in serving on the committees. The principal meetings are held immediately prior to, and during, the annual general conferences of IFLA. Forthcoming conferences will be held at Boston (2001), Glasgow (2002), Berlin (2003) and Bue-

nos Aires (2004). All of them will take place in August. In between these meetings, business is usually conducted by e-mail and post or fax. Some Sections hold mid-year meetings by agreement of the Committee concerned.

- Contributing actively to ideas for projects and conference programme meetings.
- Joining in the work of the Section, for example, by undertaking projects, organizing workshops, preparing translations, etc.
- Sticking to deadlines for reporting financial and other information.
- Responding to requests from IFLA HQ for advice, representation at meetings, etc.
- Assisting in the production of a newsletter, promotional leaflet, and generally disseminating information about Section activities.
- Helping with the translation of newsletters, conference papers, promotional leaflets and other documents where appropriate.
- Encouraging participation in the Section by people in different parts of the world, by identifying potential new candidates and corresponding members.
- Assisting in the allocation of "portfolios" to individuals serving on the committee (for example, editing the newsletter, acting as information coordinator, Section membership recruitment, organizing translations, preparing workshops, etc.).

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

Corresponding Members:

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

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

Some Standing Committees have established "Observers", "Honorary Advisers" and "Special Advisers". They are listed in IFLA Directory, but they have no official status and have no voting rights. (Ross Shimmon, Secretary General) (Reference 1, October 20, 2000)

From IFLA Express # 9

IFLA/OCLC fellowships 2001 awarded

During the IFLA Conference in Bangkok (1999) the launch of the IFLA/OCLC Early Career Development Fellowship was announced. In the past year 45 complete applications had been received, the majority of which had a very high quality. During the General Conference in Jerusalem we could announce the first Class of Four Fellows. The recipients of the first IFLA/OCLC Early Career Development Fellows, to be invited to come to OCLC at Dublin, Ohio in the Spring of 2001, are: Tuba Akbayturk, Senior Systems librarian at the Koç University Library in Istanbul, Turkey; Rashidah Bolhassan, coordinator of the State Library Project a digital library in Sarawak, Malaysia; Smita Chandra, a librarian at the Indian Institute of Geomagnetism in Mumbai, India; Ayegbeni Igonor, Information Services librarian at the University of Fort Hare in Alice, South Africa.

The Call for Applications for next year's IFLA/OCLC Fellowships is open:

<<http://www.oclc.org/institute/ifla/index.htm>>

IFLA Honors Birgitta Bergdahl

During the closing session Christine Deschamps presented a scroll to Birgitta Bergdahl in grateful appreciation of her pragmatic, dedicated, effective and efficient service as Founding Director of the Advancement of Librarianship Core Programme of IFLA.

In her absence, Birgitta Sandell, Acting Director of ALP, accepted the scroll.

New Statutes

Following the overwhelming vote (Council I achieved the highest attendance in living memory) in favor of the new Statutes in the postal ballot, the proposed new Statutes received the necessary approval by Council, with no votes recorded against. They will, therefore, come in force, once they have received formal approval by the Dutch authorities. This means that calls for nominations for the new Governing Board, including the posts of President and President-elect, will be issued later in the year. Elections by postal ballot will be held for the first time in IFLA's history early next year. The new Governing Board will take over from the existing Executive and Professional Boards at the Boston conference. Those interested in nominating for, or standing for, vacancies on the Board should begin thinking about the possibilities now. A letter will be sent to all current voting Members of IFLA within the next few weeks setting out the position in these transitional elections.

Differentiated fees

Proposals to introduce differentiated fees for Institutional Members were approved by Council. This means that fees for Institutional Members in the least developed countries (as defined by the United Nations) will be reduced substantially. In turn, the fees for Institutional Members in some of the most industrialized countries will increase slightly, but the vast majority of Institutional Members will see no change. Fees for Association Members in the same least developed countries will also be reduced.

Standing Committees

The proposal to simplify the process for electing to the Standing Committees of IFLA sections was also approved by Council. From now on, only one nominator (instead of two) is required for each candidate for a place on the Standing Committee of a Section. In accordance with normal practice, a call for nominations to Section Standing Committees will be sent out to all voting Members towards the end of the year.

Newsletter of the Year

The Chair of the Professional Board, Ralph Manning, announced that the winner of the first annual award for the Best IFLA Section Newsletter was the Newsletter of the Section of Libraries for the Blind. Runners up were the newsletters of the Section for Reading and the Section on Library and Research Services for Parliaments, whereas honorary mention was made of two newsletters appearing for the first time: the ones from the Section on Education and Training ("SET Bulletin") and the Section for Audiovisual and Multimedia.

Core Activities

The proposals contained in the report of the review of IFLA's Core Activities were all approved by the Executive Board, following agreement by the Conference of Directors of National Libraries (CDNL). This will enable IFLA to appeal to a broader range of contributing organizations. By doing so, it is hoped to provide a more secure financial basis for these activities. A more transparent and accountable management system will also be introduced.

Division on Regional Activities (Division 8)

The report of the Advisory Group set up by the Executive Board to analyze the issues surrounding the withdrawal of the earlier proposal to abolish Division 8 was presented to Council by its chair, Marjorie Bloss. Two open hearings on the report were held and Ms Bloss presented a summary to the final Council meeting at the end of the conference. The proposals, together with the results of the open hearings, will be debated

at a meeting due to take place in Uppsala in October. It is hoped to be able to present final proposals to Council in August 2001.

Member Discounts on Conference Fees

Starting with next year's conference at Boston, IFLA Members will be entitled to a discount of USD 50 on the registration fee. Members of Associations belonging to IFLA, staff of Institutional Members and Personal Affiliates are all eligible for the discount. (Reference 1)

Guust van Wesemael Literacy Prize

Call for Applications

IFLA HQ announced the call for applications for the Guust Van Wesemael Literacy Prize - 2001-

The Prize was established by the IFLA Executive Board in November 1991, to commemorate the late Guust van Wesemael, who was Coordinator of IFLA's Professional Activities from 1979 to 1990 and Deputy Secretary General of IFLA from 1979 to 1991, and his contribution to IFLA's efforts to promote literacy in the developing countries. In 1996 the Prize was re-established under revised conditions.

Objective

The objective of the Prize is to recognize 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 it may also be used for other activities such as literacy promotion, training, and 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.

Applications

The applications must be accompanied by:

- the reasons for application;

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

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

Reporting

Within six months after receipt of the Prize, the winner must submit to IFLA HQ an interim report of the use made of the funds, and the second installment 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 2001

For more information and to request the application form, please contact:

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REGIONAL OFFICE

Mobile Library Project

The IFLA ROAO's Mobile Library for Sustainable Development Project has now reached an important stage when the Japan Foundation Asia Center approved a financial support under its grant program for the period October 1, 2000 - March 31, 2001. This grant was given to support the organization of a one week workshop scheduled for 18-24 February 2001.

The workshop "Mobile Library Services in Indochina" will consist of a three day study visits in Laos P.D.R. and Thailand, a one day seminar in

Bangkok, and a final day (also in Bangkok) of group discussion to plan for the future. Participants will be high-ranking library administrators and representatives from organizations supporting mobile library activities in Indochina. (Pensri Guaysuwan)

RSCAO

MID-YEAR MEETING

RSCAO Mid-year Meeting 2001, Pinang, Malaysia
7-10 March 2001

OPEN SESSION

At the IFLA Conference in Boston, USA, August 2001.

Theme: Bridging the Digital Divide: Meeting the Challenges of the Knowledge Age

Call for papers

The Regional Section for Asia and Oceania calls for papers on the above topic to be presented at the 67th IFLA General Conference, Boston USA, August 2001.

The paper should have a regional or international focus. It could analyze themes such as equity of access to digital information; ownership and management of digital information; successful intraregional or international digital projects and partnerships; the role of digital information in preserving heritage; the role of libraries in any or all of these aspects.

Deadline for submission of abstracts: 31 December 2000

Deadline for full paper: 15 February 2000

The best paper submitted will be selected to be presented in the Regional Division's Open Forum, which has the same topic. Sponsorship to attend the Boston Conference may be available for this selected candidate.

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WORKSHOP

At the IFLA Conference in Boston, USA
Thursday 23 August 2001, 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

SMALL IS BEAUTIFUL: CREATIVE STRATEGIES FOR LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT

Librarians from developed and developing countries are invited to present papers for the above-mentioned workshop. The Workshop will focus on creative strategies to gain support from external sources for library services. This will include support from the community, the private sector, foundations, government and non-government agencies, and international organizations.

The objectives of the workshop are

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

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

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RSCAO Forum

Global Knowledge II. Kuala Lumpur March 2000.

(A Report by Russell Bowden, Continue from last issue)

New concepts.

What do these quotations tell us? Three things:

- information [or knowledge] is now understood to be not only at the core of successful national development but also provides its primary element;
- that the ICT revolution has, in an amazingly short space of time, pervaded the globe (where was Internet only five years ago?);
- that in three years (since the first GK Conference in Toronto in 1997) a monument has grown to become a most effective world-wide force.

The Global Knowledge Conference II in Kuala Lumpur [7-10 March] re-inforced these points and made some significant additional ones.

- From the world's population of 6 billion people, 4.8 billion are in the developing world and 3 billion live on under \$US 2 per day.

- The poor are "...not looking for financial hand-outs. What they want is opportunity, what they want is knowledge, they want a chance for themselves..." From a World Bank study 'Voices of the Poor'. [5]

- So instead, as in the past, development being seen as aid projects of various types, the President of the World Bank made clear in his GK II Opening, "The answer is not just trying to find a bit more money to send to developed countries or for developing country entrepreneurs and savers to invest in their countries. The answer clearly is not just money. The answer clearly is knowledge, partnership, and opportunity brought about by this new revolution." [6]

- The 'revolution' being ICT (Information Communication Technology).

The GK II Conference's objectives were about enabling the poorest of the world to escape from poverty via sustainable development projects using knowledge made accessible via ICTs and particularly the Internet. The Conference considered these aims from three viewpoints : ac-

cess, empowerment and governance. From these future plans and work emerged on the last day. (to be continued)

2. IN THE REGION

LAO P.D.R.

The Mobile Library in Laos

Laos has realized the importance of literacy and has initiated the "National Reading Promotion" project for many years. The National Reading Promotion Project is a joint project of the Ministry of Culture and the Ministry of Education of Lao P.D.R. aiming to encourage reading and literacy in Laos. Mobile libraries are undertaken to enhance this project.

There are four types of mobile library services. They are mini-bus library service, portable library, Vientiane Caravan, and book delivery services to children in the rural area. All mobile library collections are printed materials only.

The mini-bus library service was started in 1994. The mini-bus carries bookshelves containing about 1,500 volumes to provide reading service to school children in Vientiane municipality. Students can read or borrow books to take home and return them the next mobile library visit. Reading promotion activities such as story-telling, songs and games are also done by a mobile library staff of each trip.

The portable library as it is called "Too Noi" in Laos is a small case of books for children prepared by the library staff. The small cases of books will be given to the villages that are ready to provide service and take care of books and services by themselves. It is usually given to the village or school that has a reading place and volunteer to manage the services.

Vientiane Caravan is a kind of mobile library service that can travel around the country. The Vientiane Caravan carries many books and a variety of activities such as story-telling,

puppet showing, drama, song and games, etc.

Book delivery service is another kind of mobile library for giving service to the remote rural area that does not have good roads and transportation. Books may be delivered in boxes or shoulder bags to the village on foot or bicycle.

In addition to the mobile library services, reading rooms for book lovers are set up and workshop training for volunteers are undertaken to enhance reading habit of people.

The organizations that are active in providing mobile library services in Laos are the National Library of Laos, the Shanti Volunteer Association (S.V.A.) and the Association for Sending Picture Books to Laos Children of Japan (A.S.P.B.). The budget for mobile library services is about U.S.\$ 2000 annually. Japanese community has made a great contribution to this project. (Surithong Srisa-ard)

MALAYSIA

3rd Digital Library Conference

The 3rd Digital Library Conference was successfully held on the 2-4 October 2000 at Pustaka Negeri Sarawak, Kuching. The conference - themed "Positioning the Fountain of Knowledge" was jointly organised by the Sarawak State Government, the Sarawak State Library, Library Association of Malaysia (PPM), and the National Library of Malaysia, in collaboration with the Centre for Academic Information Services, University Malaysia Sarawak. The Chief Minister of Sarawak, Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud gracefully officiated the conference and hosted the state dinner for all delegates.

The conference is held every 3 years and it was the first time Sarawak was given the honor to host the event. The conference has attracted a number of 220 participants from all over Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei comprising of

librarians and knowledge professionals. There were 18 papers presented from local and overseas speakers and among the topics covered were National Digital Library Initiative (Sistem Perdana), competencies for knowledge professionals, developing course modules for e-learning, out-reach digital information services and preservation of digital resources.

The objectives of the conference are :

- To plan for the acculturation of digital library towards K-economy and K-community.
- To share experiences and expertise in developing local/national digital contents.
- To discuss standards on multimedia products and services.
- To develop a knowledge centre for excellence in the digital era.
- To develop competencies among librarians and knowledge professionals for k-economy and k-community.

Malaysia is active in promoting the knowledge economy (k-economy) and k-community. This is in line with the building up of knowledgeable workers to prepare Malaysia towards becoming a developed country in 2020.

Hence, with the objectives above and with this in mind, the papers presented during the conference were carefully selected, shared and discussed. It was noted that participants' response were very encouraging and positive with full attendance for the papers and new insights being shared in the question and answer sessions.

In addition to the conference, a Library Technology Expo had been held at the gallery of Pustaka Negeri Sarawak. There were 12 exhibitors showcasing the latest technology in their related field. They are namely SAINS, Gale Group, Access Dunia Sdn. Bhd., The Library Corporation, EBSCO Services, 3M, Sirim Berhad, MCB Up Limited, Bell and Howell Information and Learning, ISI Thomson Scientific, Epixtech Inc. and Paradigm Systems Sdn. Bhd. (Hayati Haji Sabil)

NEW CALEDONIA

Pacific Arts Festival and Pacific Literature Programme

Pacific literature was presented at the 2000 Pacific Arts Festival from October 23 to November 3. The aims were as follow :

1. To make known written and oral Pacific literature.
2. To constitute a forum for writers, story tellers, publishers, translators, librarians, book sellers and associations.
3. To encourage creativity and writers meeting each other and the public.
4. To share experiences and promote children's literature.

Following these orientations, different activities were planned : a bookstall, public readings, launching of a web site, an itinerant exhibition on Pacific writers, and a creative writing workshop. The three main events were:

1. The literature day - Saturday, October 28
2. The workshop on publishing and distribution - Tuesday, October 31
3. The workshop on children's literature - Wednesday, November 1

On those days, as well as all through the Festival, the emphasis was on meeting and exchanging. The meetings were not only for writers and professionals, but also for the public, and were centred at the book hut (Festival village, Anse Vata).

(Extracted from Mark Perkins, Reference 2, Mon, 2 Oct 2000)

PAKISTAN

Five Day Advance Training Course for Librarians

An advance training course in library automation was held in the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Karachi from 4th –

8th July 2000. Prof. Malahat Kaleem Sherwani was the Director and Mr. Anwer Shoaib Khan, an Assistant Professor of the Department worked as coordinator. The course was attended by twenty-six librarians from the various private and public sector institutions.

The course was designed to make librarians aware of the changes in their professional field and to train them in the art and craft of managing new techniques of gathering, storage, retrieval and dissemination of information. Emphasis was placed on revolutions brought about by the advances in computer and communication technologies. The course was divided into two components. Theoretical part comprised of twelve (12) lectures delivered by faculty members and experts from other universities and institutions, i.e. Library of Congress field office, Islamabad; Information manager, USIRC, Karachi; Librarian, Mehran University of Engineering and Technology, Hyderabad. Topics like knowledge and information, virtual library, online cataloguing, management of new formats of electronic information, online subscription of periodicals were included.

Second, and the major part of the course was the practical training of library automation which included the use of LAMP (Library Administration and Management Programme developed by Pakistan Library Association) Offline/online information securing and retrieval, use of other electronic equipment i.e. media projector, scanner, overhead/slide projector etc. 18 hrs. training was provided in the computer lab of the Department.

The course was inaugurated by Justice Haziq-ul-Khairi, Provincial Ombudsman Sindh, on 4th July 2000. A panel discussion on "Information and the Learning Society" was held as a part of the inaugural function. Three highly skilled and experienced persons i.e. Prof. Zakaria Sajid, educator; Prof. Dr. Pirzada Qasim, scientist; Mrs. Zubaida Mustafa, journalist, expressed their views about the information needs of the developing society and the new role of librarians as an information manager.

Concluding ceremony was held in the evening of 8th July 2000. Mr. Ahmad Ali Khan, prominent scholar and a former chief editor of the largest English newspaper of Pakistan, Dawn, was the chief guest. Speaking on the occasion, he appreciated the efforts of the Department in providing the training in latest technology at the right time. He distributed certificates among the participants.

On the whole the training was a success because of the hard-work and joint efforts of all the teaching and non-teaching staff of the Department.

Further programme: A two-month training course in use of computer in libraries has been planned. The programme is expected to be held in November-December 2000.

(Malahat Kaleem Sherwani)

SIBERIA

Electronic Document Delivery: we are ready to provide and eager to cooperate to get electronic copies of scientific literature for our readers

Since middle 80-s the State Public Library of Scientific and Technical Literature with the Siberian Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences in Novosibirsk used bibliographic data bases - Current Content, Science Citation Index and many other universal, subject and problem-oriented data bases. And our readers quite definitely realized that the number of necessary information sources is not limited to resources owned by the country, let alone a regional library.

In the 90-x our library (as well as all in the country) experienced hard times: radical economic changes in the country and lack of money to subscribe to journals. It made the situation for obtaining information much worse.

The way out appeared in the mid of 90-s, when Internet came to Russian libraries and made it possible to use the general technology of file transmission for delivery of electronic copies.

Our library began to master this technology in 1996. Our first partner and provider was Institute of Scientific Information on Social Sciences in Moscow (www.inion.ru). At present our library operates as a provider and intermediary of electronic copies of "old" traditional information sources. Thus, we have two technological lines of electronic document delivery (EDD):

- 1) for providing electronic copies of information sources present in the fund of the library. The users of this service are mainly regional scientific and university libraries;
- 2) for providing electronic copies of information sources absent in our library. The users of this service are the readers of the library and providers and our partners - large central libraries in Moscow and St. Petersburg.

This technology allows the realization of the idea of resource sharing on the regional and national level. But still we feel the necessity to widen our contacts with our foreign colleagues, as still there is the gap in some information sources, which are necessary for our readers. And, certainly we are ready to provide copies for all libraries interested. Our large fund of more than 13 million items and electronic catalog (www.spsl.nsc.ru) make a firm base for mutually beneficial cooperation.

Contacts are welcomed by e-mail
lisa@spsl.nsc.ru.

Moreover, to make EDD inter-library contact more stable the leading Russian libraries and information institutes have just formed and registered the Electronic Document and Information Supply Association. Its office is in the Library for Natural Science of the Russian Academy of Science, in Moscow. It is available by tel. 7+(095)222-8425, fax 7+(095)202-5505, http://www.rsl.ru/courier/eng/e_EDISA.htm and email: edisa@edd.ru. Cooperation within the Association is to virtually unit resources of all participants make them accessible to any user in the country and abroad. (Olga Lavrik)

SRI LANKA

Workshop Resolutions

NETWORKING FOR EFFECTIVE LIBRARIES
AND INFORMATION SERVICES [NET ELIS
]
17 to 23 October 1999. Colombo. Sri Lanka

Preamble

These Resolutions are directed to all organisations [e.g.. international and regional agencies, national governments, local authorities, parent-organisations, professional bodies and companies in the private sector] with responsibilities for libraries and information services and that have interests in creating an effective Information Society.

1. Librarians and information professionals and their services are already helping to build the Information Society within the countries of South Asia. Continuous development of these skilled resources in librarians and their library services will further benefit national development.
2. The Government must recognise the role of librarians and information professionals in building an information society for the development of the nation.
3. The most cost-effective investment the government can make to develop the Information Society is through the fullest involvement of librarians and information professionals and the modernisation of their services in order to become effective change agents in the information society.
4. Librarianship should emphasise the following areas:
 - leadership in information literacy;
 - provision of IT facilities to the community, e.g. mobile outreach services;
 - provision of community information services, e.g. to medium & small industries;
 - information at the doorstep;
 - income generation programmes & activities.

Networks

1. The information society is built on a foundation of collaboration and communication enabled by human and electronic networks.
2. The establishment of specialised and multi-type library networks in the countries of South Asia at state, national and regional levels is essential and should be supported by

- governments, national and international agencies.
3. Library and information networks should become the backbone of a learning society.
4. Organisations have a responsibility to ensure that library and information networks are as comprehensively available as other public utilities and provided at reasonable cost.
5. Librarians must develop strong and sustainable working relationships with other specialists to develop collaboration for promoting and modernising library services in their countries.

Policy & planning & management

1. Each country in South Asia should develop its own national policy for libraries and information services with due emphasis on the networking of libraries.
2. A national centre should be identified or established in each country to monitor and co-ordinate the development of library networking in the country and in the region which should be nurtured and supported by IFLA.
3. International and local professional associations should promote the development of professional library communities through networking - such as the creation and local moderation of electronic discussion lists.
4. All types of library services in South Asia, especially public and school libraries, need to be enhanced and modernised to keep pace with the development, and to meet the challenges, of the Information Society.
5. IFLA's Regional Standing Committee for Asia & Oceania [RSCAO], or any other body, should convene meetings of interested parties to consider the creation of a regional consortium as an interested community emerges. This should act as a catalyst to develop leadership champions for:
 - creating a culture of sharing;
 - developing policies and guidelines;
 - encouraging collaboration with industry;
 - developing regional consortia for licensing and procurement.

Technology

1. International standards should be adopted by libraries to facilitate the exchange of information within the country and globally and to encourage the development of inter-operable systems.

2. In the modernisation of libraries international bibliographic standards, in particular MARC, AACR2, specialised thesauri and national authority databases should be adopted.
3. Libraries can effectively function as centres to provide for public access to electronic information and therefore should be given priority in getting Internet and other communication facilities.

Funding & marketing

1. IFLA's Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania [RSCAO] should create a database of funding sources.
2. The RSCAO should encourage more workshops with all potential partners on project planning, fund-raising and marketing, value added services, writing successful project proposals.
3. Librarians and information professionals must build up databases of commercial value.
4. Librarians and information professionals must market their services to the private sector for sponsorship and support.
5. Librarians and information professionals must form lobby groups to foster support from all sections of society.

Human resources development

1. Organisations operating libraries and information services must be encouraged to develop education and training to enable librarians to undertake their professional development continuously throughout their careers, e.g. in information management, library networking, library standards, content creation, effective communication, information entrepreneurship, etc.
2. Library associations, academic institutions and other organisations should develop Continuing Professional Development [CPD] programmes to allow librarians to enhance skills and develop core professional competencies for the management of electronic resources, e.g. leadership in information infrastructure-building, data management, electronic library management, needs assessment, etc.
3. Library authorities in each country should create a suitable environment and provide incentives to motivate library professionals to take up continuing professional education in

order to become effective change agents in the information society.

4. The appropriate authorities must recognise that the teaching of librarianship and information science [LIS] requires the provision of IT workshops equipped with up-to-date hardware and software and Internet connectivity.
5. Recognising the increasingly interdisciplinary nature of LIS studies, LIS Departments should work with other disciplines to ensure that the curriculum is broadly based.
6. LIS Departments and national library associations should work towards the establishment of systems of professional accreditation supported, where relevant, by an international professional organisation.
7. Curricula of LIS departments should be revised to integrate IT applications and library networking as significant components.

Immediate actions

1. Delegates from each country to approach appropriate bodies to implement the above resolutions.
2. Proceedings and reports to be posted on IFLANET.
3. Create an e-mail list for delegates.

The above **Resolutions** were **Agreed** and **Adopted** by consensus on 21 October '99 by more than seventy Workshop participants from Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Australia, Canada, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, United Kingdom and United States [including Representatives of IFLA and its Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania and its Advancement of Librarianship and Universal Data Transfer Core Programmes] under the Chairmanship of Professor Russell Bowden. (Russell Bowden)

VIETNAM

Mobile Floating Libraries in the Mekong Delta Area of Vietnam

Locating in the south – west of the country, the Mekong(Song Cuu Long) delta is the largest delta in Vietnam which includes 12 provinces with its 11 ethnic people living together. Over 10 years ago, there were hardly any roads here for its complicated and mass system of canals. Up to now, the main transport means are still boats. With 40 to 50% of its people live along the rivers and canals. The social and geographical conditions make it difficult to organize the cultural activities in the villages and cannot meet the needs of its people (in which 80% are farmers).

The idea of the “Floating library system” in order to serve effectively its spirit life of these people has formed and been carried out since 1990s. From the first “boat library” of Phung Hiep district (Can Tho province) which carried tons of books floating to all parts of this area, up to now, almost all provinces have followed the model of “mobile floating library”. With the average capacity of 25 to 36 tons, “floating library” gradually became the cultural house with many other kinds of cooperated activities besides reading such as information, exhibitions, cinema, amateur music... all of which are suitable to the habits for culture and art of it’s people. The book stocks on these boats are supplied regularly with more than 1000 volume of books, tens of newspapers and magazines to serve many readers every day. Some places are open at nighttime, attracted over 100 readers every night.

The spirit of “book seek for its readers” suggested by Ministry of Culture and Information has sprouted out widely and the social role of the library in the community’s life has been improved in accordance with the concepts: “Books for All; All for Books”. (Pham The Kang)

3. CONFERENCES SEMINARS WORKSHOPS

REPORTS FROM THE CONFERENCES

65th IFLA Council and General Conference, Bangkok, Thailand, 18-28 August 1999

Contribution from a DANIDA Grantee 1999

THE CONFERENCE

The 65th IFLA Council and General Conference, was attended by more than two thousand consisting of 1,980 delegates, 53 one-day delegates, and 204 accompanying persons, from 117 countries from the African, Eastern and Western European, Australian, American, Asian, and Pacific Regions. Delegates from the USA (310), Thailand (305), China (162), the Russian Federation (112), France (102), the United Kingdom (91), Denmark (60), Sweden (58), Australia (57), and Malaysia (56) were the top ten ranked number of delegates attending the conference. In terms of continents, the European delegates were the largest contingency, while China and Malaysia were the first and second Asian countries with the largest number of delegates. Unfortunately, only 12 participants registered under the Indonesian delegation, 8 from the National Library, Jakarta, 2 from the Parliament Library, Jakarta, 2 from the British Council, Jakarta, and 1 from SEAMEO BIOTROP, Bogor, Indonesia. I may proud to say that I was the only participant from Indonesia that won the DANIDA grant to attend this conference. The economic crisis suffered by most countries in Southeast Asia, particularly Indonesia, was probably the reason why only a few delegates attended that important event.

With the financial contribution of OCLC, participants who had made hotel reservations at the official hotels had been provided shuttle bus services between their hotels to BITEC and BITEC to their hotels.

As a delegate and also a DANIDA grantee, the Organizing Committee had recommended the Conference Programme as follows:

Sunday, 22 Aug. 1999

09.00 - 10.20 IFLA Orientation
16.30 - Opening of the Exhibition
Monday, 23 Aug. 1999
12.00 - 12.50 Guest Lecture I
16.00 - 18.00 IFLA Opening Plenary
19.30 - 23.30 Gala Reception - Dinner
Tuesday, 24 Aug. 1999
11.30 - 12.25 Guest Lecture II
18.00 - 21.00 Library Reception at the High School Library
Wednesday, 25 Aug. 1999
09.00 - 10.20 Asia and Oceania Section
11.30 - 12.25 Guest Lecture III
12.00 - 16.00 Library Visit: IFLA School Library Tour, "Nawamintrachinuthit Trimudomsuksanomkiao School"
19.00 - 22.00 International Reception for DANIDA Grant Recipients at the Grand Ballroom of the King Park Ave. Hotel
Thursday, 26 Aug. 1999
09.00 - 17.00 One day workshop
Friday, 27 Aug. 1999
08.00 - 11.00 Visit Vimanmek Museum
12.30 - 14.25 Guest Lecture IV
15.00 - 18.00 Council II and closing ceremony

THE OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE

Compared to other international conferences, the IFLA International Conference is unique. Instead of officiating the Opening Ceremony in the beginning of the event, IFLA usually holds its opening ceremony halfway through the conference. It was done so because the IFLA conference is not only a conference, but is really an occasion on which several events are happening at more or less the same time. Moreover, as IFLA is a worldwide organization, the members of the committees concerned with managing IFLA have to meet at conference time. The business meeting started on Friday and continued on to Saturday. At the IFLA '99 Bangkok, some of the business meeting was continued until Sunday and was followed by some Discussion Group sessions, in the afternoon on the same day as the opening ceremony of the exhibition.

The IFLA'99 was highly honored and privileged by the presence of H.R.H.Princess Maha Chakri

Sirindorn who kindly accepted the invitation to officiate the Open Session and to deliver the keynote speech.

COMMENTS

1. The 65th IFLA Council and General Conference on "Libraries as Gateways to an Enlightened World" offered an even bigger range of presentations, delivered by knowledgeable and interesting speakers from around the region and the world. Particularly the attendance of Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindorn, who opened the event and also attended sessions as an honorary guest, showing that the Thai royal family has interest in the development of libraries. Moreover, the guest speakers, His Excellency Mr. Anand Panyarachun, Chairman of Saha-Union Public Co., Ltd., Former Prime Minister of Thailand, and Mr. Abhisit Vejjajiva, Democrat MP and Prime Minister's Office Minister, must make the Thai librarians proud that their government is really taking care of them.

2. In terms of the speakers invited to the meeting, they were really top level, ranging from the senior levels of the Library profession, in both the private and governmental institutions, and the Library Association presidents and academia.

3. The exhibition had offered delegates the opportunity to view the latest software and hardware technologies that are currently available. From the exhibition also, the delegates were given opportunities to buy new publications from some reputable publishers, locally and internationally, shown how to select adjustable (wooden and steel) book shelves and so on. The exhibition also gave opportunity for delegates who were looking for answers, to the application of information technologies for librarian jobs, a chance to find those answers.

4. Apart from the professional benefits gained from the Conference, contact with other Thai librarians provided an insight into their social activities, culture, and their philosophical outlook. Specifically, as a member of the

Indonesian Librarian Association, we learned how our neighbor country with a smaller number of people showed her capability to organize such a huge event professionally.

5. The school library visits organized by the Organizing Committee gave opportunities for some delegates to view the attention the Thai government pays to the development of their youth. The two school libraries selected to be visited were really advanced in their library development. Moreover, it seems that the students are well cared, they are given opportunity to develop their talents, through sports, handicrafts, art and culture. For those who were willing to stay enrolled longer at the schools, the schools also offer other activities such as learning to operate and program computers, home education, etc. The longer they stay at school with the supervision of their superior, reduces the amount of child abuse.

6. The 2-day satellite meeting "Marketing Your Library", 19-20 August 1999, which had been organized by the IFLA Section on Management and Marketing, was really useful. The meeting was held at the Department of Library and Information Science, Faculty of the Humanities, Srinakharinwirot University. It was attended by 15 participants representing Asia, America, and Europe.

7. Through that meeting, the participants learned how to promote the available resources in their respective libraries. In addition, the participants were also invited to share their experiences in planning and selling the information available in their respective libraries. Methods in promoting libraries, such as establishing "Open House", exhibitions and networking, were really important subjects for the participants. Moreover, the strategies, tactics, and practices for activity programs were really very appropriate for our setting. Finally, through the satellite meeting, the author also learned how to promote public consciousness in science and technology.

8. The RSCAO/RTMLA Workshop on "Common Problems, Different Solutions: Managing Library Associations in Developing Countries" held on Thursday, 26 August 1999

was really useful. Instead of learning how to solve problems in promoting the library profession, the brainstorming session at the end of the workshop gave the participants opportunities to share what they learned and how to develop the library association to be a recognized professional association. In addition to that, through the Workshop, the participants were reminded to go back to the basics of sticking to the principles and organization of the Library Association.

9. The author is very proud to be the only Indonesian who was selected to be awarded the DANIDA Grant. As a DANIDA grantee, I was privileged to attend special events, such as the reception at the School Library, the International Reception, a special tour to the Vimanmek Mansion, and even a well planned outing at the end of the Conference.

10. The author would very much appreciate the opportunity to visit Thailand again to enable him to learn about the library and information system development in more detail.

11. As BIOTROP has been selected as a Center for Environmental Studies under the Asian Development Bank (ADB) Project, and the Library of BIOTROP was selected as a model of Library Development, the author is confident that the information he gained from the visit will be passed on to his colleagues at the universities and other libraries as well.

12. Since July 1997, most countries in Southeast Asia have been experiencing monetary and economic crisis, and Indonesia is the country mostly affected by the crisis. Thailand, our neighbor country, may pride itself as it is the only country in Southeast Asia which has not experienced domination by other countries. During the visit, the author noted signs of economic recovery in Thailand and the economic situation has returned to normal again with many shopping centers, and malls becoming alive again. A lot of people from the conference went out shopping, eating, and for other social activities.

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UPCOMING IFLA CONFERENCES

67th IFLA Council and General Conference

Boston, U.S.A., August 16th - 25th 2001

Libraries and Librarians: Making a Difference in the Knowledge Age

Subthemes

- Advancing the Leadership Role of the Librarian in the Information Age
- Delivering Lifelong Learning Across Space and Time

- Managing Information and Technology in the Knowledge Age
- Developing Information Policies for the Knowledge Age
- Forging Collaborative Partnerships
- Making a Difference --to Government and Industry in Economic Development; to Society in Social and Cultural Development; to Researchers and Scientists Exploring the Frontiers of Knowledge; to Children and Young Adults in Learning Opportunities in the Quality of Life; and to the Public.

General information

Please note that the registration form and all other printed matter will be made available in English and Spanish. A French version of the registration form can be found on the website: <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla67/>. (Reference 1, October 18, 2000)

Call for Poster Sessions

**IFLA 67th General Conference
Boston, USA
16-25 August 2001**

An alternative approach for the presentation of projects/new work will be available for conference participants. An area on the conference premises has been designated for the presentation of information regarding projects or activities of interest to librarians. Presentations may include posters, leaflets (etc.) in several of the IFLA working languages (English, French, Spanish, German and Russian), if possible. Further advice on poster sessions may be obtained from IFLA Headquarters. The Professional Board of IFLA will review all submissions.

Colleagues interested in presenting a poster session are encouraged to request an application form from IFLA Headquarters:

Mr. Sjoerd Koopman
Secretary of the Professional Board
IFLA HQ, P.O. Box 95312
2509 CH The Hague

Netherlands
Fax No. +31-70-3834827
E-mail: ifla@ifla.org

Time Schedule:

1 March 2001 Deadline for receipt at IFLA Headquarters of the application form and a detailed description of the poster session.

15 April 2001 IFLA Headquarters will inform applicants of the final decision of the Professional Board.

(Josche Neven, Reference 2, Wed, 8 Nov 2000)

Call for Papers

IFLA Section on Education and Training

The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) will be meeting in Boston, USA, 16-25 August 2001. As part of the conference, the Section on Education and Training is planning an Open Forum entitled:

"Parameters of Knowledge Management within Library/Information Science Education"

A workshop will also be held at Simmons College on the topic:

"Extending the Reach of Library/Information Science Education"

If you are interested in presenting a paper on these topics, please send your proposal (title and brief synopsis with your name, affiliation and address) by **December 31** to:

For Open Forum:

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A decision on speakers will be made by **January 31, 2001**.

On notification of acceptance, participants will be asked to send the completed paper in English or one of the four other recognized languages of IFLA--English, French, German, Russian or Spanish--to either of the two organizers listed above no later than **March 1**. This will allow time for translation and publication in the Conference Proceedings. (Reference 1, October 17, 2000)

IFLA Section of School Libraries and Resource Centers

**67th Council and General Conference:
International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions IFLA Boston 19 - 25 August 2001**

We invite you to submit a proposal for a paper at the Open Session of the Section of School Libraries and Resource Centers to be held during the IFLA Conference in Boston. Proposed papers should cover the theme:

School libraries: making a difference in learning.

School librarians have always known that an accessible, welcoming library, well-resourced and professionally staffed, improves the lives of children and young people. Increasingly there is evidence that learning and achievement is better when libraries and librarians are integrated into the learning and teaching process. This Open Session of the Section will consist of

presentations that consider the ways in which libraries, books and information make a difference. Proposals for contributions are sought now.

An abstract should accompany the proposal, of at least one page.

The deadline is 30 December 2000. The result of the selection process will be announced by the end of January 2001.

Papers should not exceed 10 pages, including references. In order to be included in the conference papers, a camera ready copy will be due by 11 May 2001. Presenters will be allowed 20 minutes for the delivery of their paper.

Please note that all fees, including registration to the conference, travel, accommodation etc., are the responsibility of the authors of the accepted papers.

Glenys Willars, Chair of the Section of School Libraries and Resource Centres.

INTENT TO SUBMIT A PAPER: print or type the following information.

Name:
Address:
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Title:

Note: include an abstract of one page.

Language in which the paper will be presented:

Equipment required for presentation.

Send your proposal to.

Glenys Willars Chair IFLA Section of School Libraries and Resource Centres.

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(Reference 1, October 19, 2000)

Division VIII Open Forum

At the IFLA Council and General Conference in Boston, USA, August 2001, the Division of Regional Activities plan a session for speakers from developing countries to discuss "Bridging the Digital Divide: Meeting the Challenges of the Knowledge Age". Papers are invited from speakers who are residents of developing countries. The paper should have a regional or international focus. It could analyze themes such as equity of access to digital information; ownership and management of digital information; successful intraregional or international digital projects and partnerships; the role of digital information in preserving heritage; the role of libraries in any or all of these aspects.

Sponsorship to attend the conference and present the papers on the above topic is available on a competitive basis. Please contact your regional section's officers for paper submission details:

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GRANTS

DANIDA Travel Grant - 2001

IFLA ALP is pleased to announce the availability of the Danida Travel Grant, to support a number of delegates from developing countries to attend the 67th IFLA Council and General Conference, to be held in Boston, Massachusetts, 16-25 August 2001.

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

In appointing the grants, the Grants Committee will look for a balance between all sectors of library & information work.

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 1st February, 2001.

Criteria for allocation of the Danida Travel Grant

- Candidates are from developing countries (according to Worldbank standards).
- Priority to younger professionals.
- Priority to applicants who are not regular IFLA conference attendees.
- Wide geographic distribution.
- General quality of application.
- Professional background and experience: level of education, positions held and professional experience in general. Type of library experience is also considered in order to get balance between all sectors of library and information work.
- Committed letter of application and well presented CV.

Application forms can be requested from the ALP office or you can print them below.

APPLICATION FORM FOR DANIDA TRAVEL GRANT FOR THE IFLA 2001 CONFERENCE IN BOSTON, 16-25 AUGUST, 2001

The Danida Travel Grant will support the participation of a number of delegates from developing countries. The grant will cover the registration fee, travel (from the nearest international airport), accommodation and a per diem allowance.

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

Please return the completed application form before February 1, 2001 to:

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c/o Uppsala University Library

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Telefax (country - area - local):
Full private address:
Nationality:
Passport number:
Visa for USA required: Yes / No
Knowledge of languages (written and spoken):
Level and length of library and information science education:
Motivation of the application; how will professional colleagues in your country benefit from your participation in the IFLA conference:
Earlier IFLA conferences I have attended:
Date:
Signature of applicant:
Curriculum Vitae (maximum one page; please use a typewriter or print):
(essential items: education, working experience, publications)
(Reference 1, October 17, 2000)

IFLA 2001 Fellowship

For Scholarships to Attend the IFLA 2001 Conference in Boston, Massachusetts, USA August 16-25, 2001

The IFLA 2001 National Organizing Committee (NOC) will be providing grants to support the participation of a number of delegates from developing countries. The grants from the NOC will cover travel, accommodation, a per diem food allowance, and conference registration fees. Priority will be given to young professionals with a minimum of 5 years experience in the field of libraries who do not usually attend IFLA

Conferences.

Online application: The application below must be filled out before March 1, 2001.

If you do not wish to fill out the online application below, please send a printed application form to:

IFLA 2001 Fellowship Program

50 E. Huron Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611
USA

Fax: +312-280-3256

Questions regarding the application process can be sent by email to intl@ala.org or phone to 1-312-280-3201.

IFLA 2001 Fellowship Program Online Application

Date of Application:

(day/month/year, example: 7/24/1971)

Last (Family) Name:

First Name:

Date of Birth:

(day/month/year, example: 7/24/1971)

Sex:

City of Birth:

Country of Birth:

Nationality:

Passport Number:

Visa for US Required?

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Home Address:

Home City:

State/Province:

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Home Country:

Home Phone:

Home Fax:

Languages Skills:

Length and Level of Library and Information Science Education:

Have You Attended IFLA Before?

If yes, when:

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(Reference 1, *October 18, 2000*)

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- a proposed budget, including financial sources from elsewhere
- a curriculum vitae

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E-mail: ifla@ifla.org (Reference 1, Septem-

ber 25, 2000)

Satellite Meetings

The following Satellite Meetings of the 67th IFLA General Conference in Boston (August 2001) have been approved by the Professional Board:

Québec City, Québec, Canada, 14-16 August 2001.

"Education and research for marketing and quality management in libraries"

IFLA Sections on Management and Marketing and on Education and Training, in collaboration with the School of library and information science of the Université de Montréal.

(Venue and dates in August 2001 to be announced)

"How library consortia internationally can make a difference for libraries"

IFLA Divisions on National Libraries (I) and Management and Technology (VI), in collaboration with NELINET (New England Library Network), the International Coalition of Library Consortia (ICOLC) and the Library Consortium Management; an International Journal (MCB Press).

Dublin, Ohio, 14-16 August 2001

Joint Pre-conference of IFLA Sections Classification and Indexing and Information Technology, in collaboration with OCLC.

Buffalo, New York, 14-16 August 2001

"Technology, Globalization, and Multicultural Services"

IFLA Sections Library Services to Multicultural Populations and Information Technology.

Washington, D.C., dates in August 2001 to be announced

IFLA Section Libraries for the Blind in collaboration with the Library of Congress, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

Boston, Massachusetts, 16-17 August

2001

"How do I find a picture of ...?: the Changing Nature of Image Research"

IFLA Section Art Libraries in collaboration with ARLIS/New England

(Reference 1, September 25, 2000)

The 68th IFLA Council and General Conference Glasgow, Scotland 18-24 August 2002

"Libraries for Life: Democracy, Diversity, Delivery"

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(Sjoerd Koopman)

The 69th IFLA Council and General Conference Berlin, Germany, 1-9 August 2003 "Access Point Library Media - Information - Culture"

Themes

Transforming media management

1.1 Knowledge of media in all dimensions

1.2 New culture of digital media: the result of the change and ever-changing results

1.3 Developing, training, expanding media competencies

1.4 Media migration and conservation

1.5 Knowledge Management

Strengthening information content

2.1 Building strategic alliances with various user communities

2.2 Serving special information needs

2.3 Information world for future generations

2.4 Free access to information at point of use

2.5 Licensing issues and other legal aspects

2.6 New structures for libraries in global information provision

Guaranteeing human culture and values

3.1 Expanding libraries as cultural institutions

3.2 Networking "Cultural partnerships"

3.3 Social responsibilities of libraries in bridging cultural gaps

3.4 Library buildings as community culture centres

3.5 The role of libraries in changing cultural environments

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(Reference 1, October 24, 2000)

2004: 70th IFLA Council and General Conference

Buenos Aires, Argentina

2005: 71st IFLA Council and General Conference

Oslo, Norway

2006: 72nd IFLA Council and General Conference

Seoul, Korea.

OTHER EVENTS

INE Seminars

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URL: <http://www.iliac.ru>
(Reference 2, Sun, 27 Aug 2000)

The 7th International Conference of European University Systems

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(Reference 2, Wed, 19 Jul 2000)

10th Pacific Science Inter- Congress

Integration of Natural and Social Sciences in the
New Pacific Millennium.
Topic Session 11: Oceanic Librarianship
June 1-6, 2001, Tumon, Guam.

Organizer: Pacific Science Association and the
University of Guam
Participants: librarians and other professionals

working in Oceania (including Australia and New Zealand) and Asia/Pacific Rim countries.

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(Reference 2, Thu, 3 Aug 2000)

4. ALP NEWS

NEW ALP DIRECTOR APPOINTED

Birgitta Sandell has been appointed Director of the IFLA Advancement of Librarianship Programme (ALP).

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

On learning of her appointment, the new Director said: "I am delighted to have the opportunity to continue the work Birgitta Bergdahl started, and to work with IFLA in these changing times. ALP remains important because of continuing scarce resources in developing countries."

Acting as a catalyst within IFLA for its work in the developing world is a key task for ALP, she said. (Reference 2, Mon, 23 Oct 2000)

ATTACHMENT AND SCHOLARSHIP

IFLA ALP has continued its effort to further the development of the library profession, library institutions, and library and information services in the less developed countries. Annual financial supports has been secured and given to many professionals in Asia and Oceania every year. Two kinds of professional development grants are still available this year:

1. Training Attachment

The 4-week Training Attachments are designed

to afford an opportunity to middle level library and information workers from less developed countries who are below 40 years of age. They gain experience and hands-on exposure in professionally more advanced environments. The areas identified for such training are library management, information technology, preservation, rural librarianship, and literacy work.

2. Scholarship

IFLA ALP Scholarship Programme has gone through a few steps of development from its early stage of providing scholarships to support librarians in Asia and Oceania to attend the three month course at the Asian Institute Technology in Thailand or at the Insdoc in India. This year the support will be for middle level librarians to attend the Information Technology courses for up to eight weeks. Candidates should not be over 45 years old.

Application

For application forms and guidelines, please contact:

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The closing date for applications is January 31, 2001. (Pensri Guaysuwan)

Report from Participant

A Report of Studying in the Hong Kong Polytechnic University Library Tongji University Library

By Liu Ping

(continue from last issue)

2. My impressions of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University Library

2.1. Library staff are highly qualified and responsible.

There are different levels for the library staff. The section head arranges duties for every staff person. The staff members are self-disciplines, conscientious and work very hard. The section heads do not need to manage personnel but concentrate their efforts on their professional work and research on new items..

2.2. High level of modernization.

2.2.1. The library uses INNOPAC on all professional work.

2.2.2. The resource of the bibliographical data is from BIBLIOFILE and OCLC CJK.

2.2.3. There are 10 to 20 computers on every floor for users to retrieve information. Every staff professional worker has a computer and there are about 220 computers in their library.

2.2.4. There are several self-help photocopy/duplicating machines on every floor for users.

2.2.5. The bindery is equipped with modern machines. Every book with paper-soft covers are processed with hardback covers. All books, serials and CD-ROMs have magnetic-bars attached to them.

2.3. Serving the patrons fully and in every aspects

2.3.1. Every patron can recommend new books or serials to the Acquisitions Section through the computer network or by submitting the forms. After the books have been catalogued, the library will tell them the call numbers for the books they have recommended. Then the patrons can borrow or read the books immediately.

2.3.2. Anyone can submit a reservation request on-line on the OPAC or at the Circulation Counter for a book that is already on loan. They will be notified by mail or via electronic means when the book is available. The due date for the book borrowed is stamped at the back of the

book. A recall notification will be sent to them when the book is due to be returned. Books loaned can be renewed once on-line on the OPAC or at the Circulation Counter provided no one is requesting the same book and there are no outstanding fines.

2.3.3. Academic staff, research assistants and higher degree students may request an interlibrary loan up to 150 times per year, free of charge. The Audio-Visual Materials Section serves readers freely, too.

2.3.4. The library is open long hours. The Circulation Section and the Audio-Visual Materials Section are open at night. The opening hours are extended during the final examination period. The entire library is open to everyone carrying their University ID card or library ticket and they can take their bags into the library.

2.3.5. For convenience, the library is equipped with 24-hour book drop, and express book drop, research carrels, study room for the visually impaired users.

2.4. Special attention is given to increasing the professional level of the library staff
All professional librarians take turns serving at the information desk. When the library introduces a new software or a new database, the Information Services Section gives lessons to all librarians to show them how to use the software, how to retrieve books, data, etc. All librarians are assigned to take turns serving at the information desk .

2.5. Usage of the library

If a book is recommended for the reserve book section by the teaching staff, the library usually buys two copies of the book. All books and all serials are open to all readers. The books or serials which are not used will be removed from the library. For undergraduate students, items in the reserve books collection are available for 4-hour loans only. However, reserve books can be borrowed for overnight reading during the last 4 hours before the library closes, but must be returned on the next working day, one hour after

the library opens. This increases the turnover of the reserve books. Every summer vacation, the reserve books are put into circulation according to the recommendation of the teaching staff.

3 Some Ideas for Building Modernized Libraries in Colleges and Universities

3.1 To strengthen management of the library in colleges and universities, and to raise the general quality of the library staff. Book funds and salaries of the library staff of Pao Yue-Kong Library are appropriated by the university. The Hong Kong Polytechnic University makes an appropriation for book funds and library staff salaries. The library management is modernized. The directors of the library can know what and how every section is doing by use of computers. Many of their university or college libraries inland serve users traditionally. Most of the directors of the library put their efforts into gaining money to change their library's environment and raise their library staff bonuses. They cannot concentrate their efforts on library management. This makes the service to the users unsatisfactory.

If we want to strengthen management of the library, first of all, the directors of the library must change their ideas. They must change their view that every library should be large and include all kinds of books. They must consider opening their libraries to society, not only to be used for their college or university. They must attach great importance on usage of the books, not only reserving books, especially individual books. In Pa Yue-Kong Library, you can obtain the library card if you present your valid certification to the library staff and pay the fees. There are reserve books in Pao Yue-Kong Library and they have a special loan quota and short loan period. This speeds up the circulation and raises the utilization ratio of those books. All books are available to all users. If they find some books which are not used, they put them away, because they think only the library of the country or the city must keep all books but they do not need to. These are all good examples for us to follow. The library services are filled by the library staff. The library's service is realized by the library staff. The managers must make efforts to change the

library staff's ideas. They must consider the view, "All for the readers, the readers are first". The staff must make an effort to increase their quality and give readers a quiet, graceful and academic environment. Today our acquisition, cataloguing, circulation, and electronic information service all connect with computers and network technology. So our library staff needs to renew their thinking. Not only must they know how to operate the computer and network system, they need to understand the information in English, increase their ability to analyze and solve the problems, making use of modern technology to be better organized, manage and use the information, to serve everyone satisfactorily.

3.2 Selecting the hardware and software
Because of the good financial condition, most of the college or university libraries in Hong Kong are equipped with advanced hardware, INNOPAC and other kinds of software and are computer modernized in their management. This is favorable for sharing information on their databases. Some of their college or university libraries inland cannot plan well in selection of hardware and software and invest blindly. They do not have organized professionals to purchase hardware and software, after they have purchased hardware and software, they do not have professionals to develop the software and create their own bibliographical databases. Then, several years later, the hardware and the software cannot suit the development of the librarianship. A lot of money is wasted, so when we buy hardware and software, we should consider future needs, reliability, safety of the hardware and software first, in addition to the price. A library automatic management system, should suit the daily routine of the library work and have functions for retrieving information, statistics and offer management options. The system should support professional library standards either internal or external. (e.g. USMARC and CNMARC). It should connect with campus networks and support several kinds of retrieval services including, cataloguing, checking their own circulation records, and on-line services (on-line reservations, renewals, interlibrary loans, cataloguing, etc.). The system should be equipped to

facilitate communications, integrating the library with its branches professionally and through services. The software used internally should have the ability to process information in Chinese. Meanwhile we should consider if the dealer can provide maintenance of the hardware and software in a satisfactory amount of time and supply the service of updating the software. In selection of the hardware and software, the Education Ministry or the Library Professional Committee should consider factors involved for the libraries and then offer advice or instruction to the system coordinator, besides considering other factors mentioned above.

3.3 Creating and maintaining the database

The basis for building our modernized library in colleges and universities is to create and maintain the database. It should be considered by the university or college leaders to allocate funds for building a bibliographical database for the library's needs. When there is not enough data in the database, the advanced hardware and software are only ornaments. No matter which software is selected, it should be determined if the parameters and the fields used in the software fit the data needs of the library. Some parameters and fields are flexible, and they should be discussed and determined by the Computer Section and the Acquisitions, Bibliographic, and Circulation Sections together. If the parameters and fields are not suitable, it will effect the retrieval and statistical functions of the system. It is necessary for the Education Ministry or the Library Professional Committee to coordinate together and investigate several database programs before making a decision. Then libraries creating bibliographical databases can utilize the standard bibliographic data existing in various networks. This will use manpower and material resources frugally and also will ensure that the bibliographical data is accurate and maintains a high standard. For the complete accuracy of the database, we should create the authority files with the subjects, names and titles, and maintain the database regularly. We should build special subject database and offer the materials in our databases on the networks.

ALP SUPPORTED PROJECT

A REPORT OF IFLA ALP PROJECT NO. 229:

UNION CATALOGUE OF MONGOLIAN ANCIENT MATERIALS OF CHINA

The Union Catalogue of Mongolian Ancient Materials of China is a scientific research project of Social Science Programs of Inner Mongolian Autonomous Region and Social Science Foundation of China which began in 1994. It was registered as a project of IFLA ALP in 1997. The scientific research achievements will be : 1. Compiling and publishing "A CATALOGUE OF ANCIENT MONGOLIAN BOOKS AND DOCUMENTS OF CHINA" in three volumes, and "CATALOGUE OF GANJUUR AND TANJUUR" in two volumes. 2. Developing a data base of "A CATALOGUE OF ANCIENT MONGOLIAN BOOKS AND DOCUMENTS OF CHINA" was the goal. After the six years of hard work and joint efforts, they have finished the editing and publishing of the Book, which consists of three volumes.

This project is sponsored by several institutes, Sorting and Research Office for Minority Ancient Books of China, Sorting and Research Office for Ancient Books of Inner Mongolia, National Library of China, Library of Inner Mongolia University, Library of Inner Mongolian Autonomous Region, Library of Social Sciences Academy of Inner Mongolia, Library of Normal University of Inner Mongolia, Library of Minority Normal College of inner Mongolia, China Nationalities Library and Library of Nationalities University of China. The editorial board consists of Mongolian librarians who came from the eight libraries mentioned above.

The Union Catalogue of Ancient Mongolian Books and Documents of China is a big reference book of scientific research, rare materials of practical value. This catalogue registered a total of 13,100 ancient books and documents, which were printed or composed before May 1947 in Inner Mongolia and before October 1949 in China. The Mongolian antique books have a long history, of-

fer wide course materials, with substantial content on various subjects and are beautifully hand-written with excellent bindings. There are a lot of rare treasures in these volumes which consist of 66 titles of Uigurjin Mongolian literature, 18 titles of inscriptions on ancient bronze and stone tablets, 11 titles of books, 37 titles of grotto stone inscriptions which were formed between the thirteenth to seventeenth centuries, 110 titles of Pagspa Mongolian literature of imperial edicts, signs used as tokens of authority, inscriptions of stone tablets and torn pages of books in Yuan Dynasty. There are Ming Dynasty handwriting copies of Dictionaries of Translations for Chinese Minority Tatar Words. A Text book for Uigur Language and pieces of Golden Word Ganjuur, etc. From the Qing Dynasty, 108 volumes of woodcut print of Vermilion Word GANJUUR, 225 volumes of woodcut print of Vermilion Word TANJUUR. Handwriting copies of "The Real History of Qing Dynasty". Handwritten copies of a translation of the Chinese novel, "Journey to the West" in Todo Mongolian letters. Injanashi's personal handwriting of, "Stories of the Cuckoo", etc. The catalogue consists of the main part, indexes and the appendix. The main part is made up of four sections; the books and scriptures, the archives and materials, the inscriptions of bronze or stone tablets and periodicals including 10,301 entries, 2,223 entries, 532 entries and 54 entries respectively. The main part has the classified layout, the titles of the same kinds of books are arranged in order of Mongolian Letters, but some documents are arranged by their content or dates, such as the Buddhist biographies, historical novels, almanacs, inscriptions of bls. The classical Mongolian letters are used in the description words and the titles of the literature, names of the authors or publishers have been quoted in words of explanation are also written in their original lettering. Each entry has a general order number, first title, second title, coordinating title, explanations for the title, author, edition, publisher information, physical description, binding form, explanation and code names of the different storing libraries. It's indexes consist of Mongolian Title Index, Latin Transcription Title Index and Chinese Translation Title Index. The Appendix is A Concise Catalogue of New

Editions of the Mongolian Antique Books (1949-1998) including 370 titles of Mongolian antique books and folklore. The Union Catalogue has about 4,000,000 words and consist of three volumes. It was published by The Beijing Library Publishing House.

The Catalogue is complete including, standard description, scientific classification for easy searching. First the editors made investigations into the 180 related libraries, institutions and 80 private or personal libraries of China, and collected 152,000 original entries and systematically searched overall aspects of storing Mongolian literature in China. Secondly, according to the International Standard Book Description (ISBD) and Chinese Standard Book Description (GB 3792), drew up editing essentials for compiling of A CATALOGUE OF ANCIENT MONGOLIAN BOOKS AND DOCUMENTS OF CHINA. They had to determine, descriptive remarks, descriptive principles and methods, and make objective, standard descriptions for the Mongolian literature. They did textual researches for former times, related information to the author and the edition and recorded prefaces and postscripts for some books. And also reflected the aspects of Mongolia literature cataloging and requirements in the cataloging of the Catalogue. For instance, there are 13 kinds of written languages, and an additional 8 types in the edition description of the hand-copied books. A very good integration between the principle of standard description and Mongolian antique books. Thirdly, according to the classification system, order marks and classifying rules of THE CHINESE LIBRARY CLASSIFICATION, they laid down the Guiding Classification of the catalogue to become scientific and practical. Fourthly, the three different indexes of the Mongolian Title Index, the Latin Title Index, the Chinese Translation Index, offered different ways of searching to the users, and improved its practical usage and scope.

CATALOGUE OF GANJUUR AND TANJUUR would be completed in a few months, and be published by the end of this year.

At present, we are investigating the possibility of

developing the database. But the main problem is lack of a computer OS platform, which can support the ISO Mongolian standard code. Only when this problem is solved, will it be possible to develop the database of Mongolian Ancient Books and provide it for national and international users.

(Sun Beixin, June, 2000)

5. MISCELLANEOUS

DOLLY GRAY AWARD

New Children's Literature Award Announced

The Council for Exceptional Children's Division on Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (MRDD) announced the first biennial Dolly Gray Children's Literature Award at their conference in Baltimore, October 14, 2000. This award recognized high quality fictional children's books with positive portrayals of individuals with mental retardation and developmental disabilities.

The awards were presented to Laurie Lears and Karen Ritz for their picture storybook, "Ian's Walk", and Janet Tashjian for her chapter book, "Tru Confessions".

The Dolly Gray Award is the first of its kind that specifically highlights children's books that include characters with mental retardation or developmental disabilities. This long-overdue form of recognition was developed in response to a growing body of literature in this area, and to assist in dispelling many common and harmful myths portrayed in the media regarding individuals with mental retardation or developmental disabilities. The Division on Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities has teamed up with Special Needs Project, a worldwide leader in the distribution of books related to disability to create this award.

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INTERNATIONAL NETWORK

Searches for New Member

**Accepting the challenges of the future:
learning together, implementing successfully.**

Innovative solutions developed by practitioners for practitioners - that is the overall objective of the International Network of Public Libraries which was created in 1996 at the initiative of the Bertelsmann Foundation in Gütersloh (Germany).

The Network currently consists of 18 library practitioners from 11 countries (Australia, Denmark, Germany, Finland, France, Great Britain, Canada, New Zealand, Netherlands, Sweden, USA). It pools international know-how, supports the development of successful management concepts and promotes their practical implementation. Two of the principles of success of the Network are "seeing beyond the end of one's nose" and the fast and intensive exchange of experience.

For the fourth project phase (January 2001 to July 2002) we are now looking for five practitioners with outstanding experience and success in innovative library work to add to our Network.

The members of the Network jointly prepare research reports on priority issues working either together in small groups of authors or individually. In the process they consider international experience in the field and analyze particularly successful case studies. In the subsequent discussion within the Network the reports are examined for their model character and their transferability. The objective is to develop future-oriented concepts that can, as a matter of principle, be applied in all the countries of the Network.

The Bertelsmann Foundation provides financial

and organizational support for the Network and offers a budget for the research and publication of the reports. Besides this, expenses for travelling and accommodation for the biannual Network conferences will be covered by the Bertelsmann Foundation.

The following four subjects can be selected from in the fourth project phase:

Staff and organization

- * What innovative strategies exist in the field of staff recruitment?
- * Which occupational groups should be represented in the future public library?
- * How should management and teamwork be organized?
- * What effect do service requirements have on library staff?
- * What could an ideal training program for library staff look like?

Learning from others

- * What can public libraries learn from other institutions in the profit or non-profit sector?
- * Which part do public libraries play in the information market?
- * What results from the competition of public libraries with other libraries or service providers in the information business?

Services

- * How can the existing offerings of public libraries be expanded by personalized services?
- * What could up-to-date library youth services and offerings look like?

New technologies

- * How can a public library effectively plan and integrate physical and virtual offerings?
- * Which kind of Internet offerings and services should be developed for which target groups?
- * Which part will software agents and artificial intelligence (i. e. avatars) play in the future public library?

Are you interested in one of the above mentioned topics, and which aspect in particular? Do you have practical experience in one of these fields? Or would you perhaps like to suggest another

current topic?

For further information about the International Network of Public Libraries and the Bertelsmann Foundation please visit our homepage <http://www.stiftung.bertelsmann.de>

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(Reference 2, Wed, 4 Oct 2000)

LIASA

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

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

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

The Carnegie Corporation feels strongly that LIASA, as the national representative body of librarians and information workers in South Africa, has the potential to become a leading force in the transformation and development of

South Africa in this post-apartheid era. The grant will enable LIASA to conduct an extensive recruitment drive, to support continuing education programmes and capacity-building among librarians and information workers, to lobby government and politicians to support the development of library services and to promote the image of the librarianship profession.

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

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(Ellen Tise, Reference 2, Fri, 21 Jul 2000)

FAIFE-L

FAIFE-L - mailing list on intellectual freedom

A new discussion list devoted to libraries, librarianship and intellectual freedom

FAIFE-L is an electronic forum intended to foster communications among IFLA members and others concerned with the issues related to the work of FAIFE (Free Access to Information and Freedom of expression). The aim is to facilitate the exchange of information and opinions.

The FAIFE-L mailing list is an international Internet mailing list that focuses on libraries, librarianship and intellectual freedom issues, including FAIFE services and activities. The goals of the FAIFE-L mailing list are:

- to raise the general awareness of the correlation between libraries, democracy and intellectual freedom,
- to facilitate sharing of information on matters of interest related to libraries, librarianship and intellectual freedom,

- to stimulate debate on these complex issues,
- to create a forum for both library professionals and others engaged in intellectual freedom and
- to distribute information from the FAIFE initiative itself.

The list is open to all interested individuals, institutions and organizations worldwide. Both IFLA members and others who are interested in FAIFE activities are encouraged to participate.

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It is an international forum for library staff interested in the provision of services to multicultural or linguistically diverse populations. Areas of interest include, but are not limited to:

* the use of technology to facilitate the provision

of multicultural library services;
* multilingual Internet technology and web site design;
* the provision of library services to communities across a Diaspora;
* the effects of globalization on multicultural library services, and the possibilities and opportunities for capitalizing on these changes; and
* the opportunities for, both formal and informal, international cooperation in the provision of multicultural library services.

To subscribe to mclforum go to
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The forum will be supplemented by a web site that is currently under construction, the MCL-net (multicultural libraries network) web site at
<http://www.openroad.vic.gov.au/libraries/>

Feel free to explore and test the site as we develop it. The editors would appreciate feedback that would allow us to improve the site and develop it as an international resource. Please send comments and requests for information to andrewc@vicnet.net.au or to the mclforum. andrewc@vicnet.net.au

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An enhanced search engine is now available on the National Library of Canada's Web site. Improvements have been made to better serve site users. The NLC Site Search can be accessed at:
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A Reader in Preservation and Conservation

A Reader in Preservation and Conservation was issued just before the Jerusalem Conference. The Reader was compiled and edited by Ralph W. Manning and Virginie Kremp under the auspices of the IFLA Section on Preservation and Conservation and issued in the series, IFLA Publications as No. 91. The contributions in this volume are from more than 20 countries and give a broad overview of preservation and conservation activities. Topics covered are the preservation of digitized collections; preservation of electronic information; national preservation programmes; a survey of endangered audio carriers; preserving audio and video recordings; the rationale of permanent paper; a paper-maker's view of the standards for permanent paper; permanent paper and the brittle

book problem in Hungary; oral history in Thailand; safeguarding the oral heritage in Australia; field preservation of traditional manuscripts in Thailand, Laos and Myanmar; collection care in Southeast Asia; macro and microenvironments in the British Library; anti-disaster measures and the preservation environment in library stacks; traditional and modern preservation techniques of rare materials in China; digitization and the preservation of globes; photographic archives in Lisbon; political, economic and technical considerations for binding workshops; and the role of IFLA and ICA in the International Committee for the Blue Shield. The publication is available from: K. G. Saur Verlag, Postfach 701620, D-81316 Munich, Germany (fax: +(49-89) 76902150) for DEM 98.00 (IFLA Members DEM 73.50). ISBN 3-598-21817-6

World Directory of Map Collections

The 4th edition of the World Directory of Map Collections, compiled and edited by Olivier Loiseaux on behalf of the Section of Geography and Map Libraries was launched at this Conference. It has been issued in the series, IFLA Publications as No. 92/93. The fourth edition lists 714 collections from 121 countries. Generally collections with fewer than 1000 maps were excluded unless they were in a national library or national archive or represented the only map collection for a country. The entries are arranged alphabetically by the English name of countries, followed by the English form of the city name. When there was more than one collection in a city, the entries are arranged alphabetically by the institution name. Data is presented by institution name and address, including fax and e-mail addresses where given; person in charge of the collection; history of the establishment of the map collection; number and categories of staff employed; the area occupied by the map collection; size of the collections; nature of the collection, e.g., subject specialization, chronological coverage; special collections; bibliographic control; reference services; lending services; copying services; storage equipment; conservation; and publications. This 550+ page volume is available from:

K. G. Saur Verlag, Postfach 701620, D-81316,
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