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1. IFLA NEWS

HEADQUARTERS

Christine Deschamps returned for the post of President

For the post of President 2001-2003, 96 nominations were received for Christine Deschamps, the serving President. No other candidate received the minimum number of ten nominations required under the Statutes. No ballot is required for this post. Ms. Christine Deschamps is, therefore, returned unopposed for the post of President. She will serve for a second term as President from August 2001 until August 2003. (Reference 1)

Election of Officers

Standing Committees: Election of Officers, 2001

This year, each Section Standing Committee needs to elect a chair and a secretary. Together, these two post-holders constitute the Executive Committee of the Section. The relevant Rules of Procedure are contained in the Appendix to this report.

On the last occasion when officers needed to be elected, there was some confusion about the election process. The following guidelines have been approved by a joint meeting of the Executive and Professional Boards of IFLA on

28 March 2001. They should be followed by all those concerned with the nomination and election of Section officers for the term 2001-2003.

Notes of Guidance

The current officers of each Section shall call for nominations for the posts of Chair and Secretary of the Section to serve for the period 2001-2003. This may be done in advance of the first meeting of the Section Standing Committee to be held in Boston, or it may be done at that meeting.

It should be made clear whether the existing officers are eligible for re-nomination. If they have served for only one term of two years, they may be nominated for one more term. It should also be made clear whether they are willing to serve for a second term, if nominated. The nomination and election of chair and secretary shall be placed high on the agenda of the first meeting of the Section standing committee to be held in August in Boston.

The nomination and election of the chair shall be placed on the agenda before the nomination of the secretary. Normally the post of treasurer shall be combined with that of either chair or secretary.

In the event that neither the elected chair nor the elected secretary is willing to act as treasurer, a separate treasurer may be elected. In such cases, the treasurer shall not be considered to be an 'officer of IFLA' for the purposes of representation.

Only currently serving members (that is those members serving for the 2001-2003 term) of the Section standing committee may make nominations for these posts. It is NOT permissible for any other group within or outside IFLA to intervene in these nominations and elections. Only currently serving members (that is those members serving for the 2001-2003 term) of the Section standing committee may be nominated for these posts.

If there is only one nominee for a post, that person shall be declared returned unopposed.

If there is more than one nominee for an office a

secret ballot will be held by an outgoing officer or outgoing member of the committee.

Only currently serving members of the standing committee concerned may vote in these elections (that is those members serving for the 2001-2003 term). The candidate with the highest number of votes shall be elected.

If two or more candidates obtain an equal number of votes, re-election between these candidates shall be held until one receives a higher number of votes. No more than two such re-elections shall take place. If no decision is reached after two re-elections, the chair of the Professional Board shall make a choice between the candidates concerned.

The Rules of Procedure stipulate that "a third or as near a third of the standing Committee as arithmetically possible shall constitute a quorum." This is interpreted as meaning: if the Standing Committee consists of 20 members, the quorum is 7,

19=6 , 18=6 , 17=6

16=5, 15=5, 14=5

13=4, 12=4, 11=4

10 and below =3

If a quorum is not present, a postal ballot will be held later by IFLA headquarters.

Ross Shimmon, Secretary General, April 2001
These Notes of Guidance were approved by a joint meeting of the IFLA Executive Board and the IFLA Professional Board at IFLA HQ on March 28th 2001.

(See "Extracts from the IFLA Rules of Procedure relating to election of Section officers" in Reference 1, April 10, 2001)

IFLA's Professional Priorities

The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) is a worldwide, independent, non-governmental organization. The purposes of the Federation as stated in its Statutes are "to promote high standards of delivery of library and information services; to encourage widespread understanding of the value and importance of high quality library and information services in the private, public and

voluntary sectors; and to represent the interests of its Members throughout the world." The Professional Priorities outlined in this document will provide guidance in the development of IFLA's professional activities. These priorities are to be incorporated into the professional programmes throughout IFLA's organizational structure, recognizing especially that the needs, concerns and views of every region of the world are to be taken into account, particularly those in the developing world. Regional concerns, communication and information exchange among IFLA's members, and the use of electronic technology to facilitate the implementation of its priorities underpin all of these professional priorities.

Supporting the Role of Libraries in Society

IFLA supports the establishment and maintenance of libraries by serving as an international advocate to ensure that the vital role of libraries in the digital age is well understood and acted upon. IFLA lobbies on behalf of libraries with government officials and community leaders, using all available avenues to secure appropriate funding and staffing of library services worldwide.

Defending the Principle of Freedom of Information

IFLA believes that all people have a fundamental right to create and acquire information and to express their views publicly. The right to know and the freedom to express are two aspects of the same principle.

Libraries play a key role in securing these rights, and IFLA supports this role by defending the ability of libraries to acquire, organize, preserve and make available the widest variety of materials, reflecting plurality and diversity in the society, and thus to protect and enhance democracy and a free debate; by defending the ability of libraries to ensure that selection and availability of material and services are governed by professional principles, not the political, moral or religious views of individuals or governments; and by defending the ability of libraries to make materials and services available to all users, with no discrimination due to race,

creed, gender, religion, age or any other subjective reason.

Promoting Literacy, Reading, and Lifelong Learning

IFLA's programmes promote literacy in many aspects, helping libraries worldwide to develop programmes that support increased literacy for all people, including basic literacy (the ability to use, understand and apply print, writing, speech and visual information in order to communicate and interact effectively), reading (the ability to decipher print and other forms of notation, to understand written language and its construction, and to comprehend the meaning of the written word), information literacy (the ability to formulate and analyze an information need; to identify and appraise sources; to locate, retrieve, organize and store information; to interpret, analyze, synthesize and evaluate that information critically; and to evaluate whether the information need has been satisfied) and lifelong learning (providing for the needs of all learners, whether formal or informal, helping to raise the aspirations and achievements of individuals of all ages and abilities).

Providing Unrestricted Access to Information

IFLA seeks to influence political and economic decisions that have an ethical impact on access to information so that all persons throughout the world have the same opportunity to participate in the information society without regard to physical, regional, social, or cultural barriers. Ongoing technological progress seems to widen the gap between the information rich and the information poor world-wide. IFLA supports programmes which provide support for information access in developing regions of the world.

Balancing the Intellectual Property Rights of Authors with the Needs of Users

IFLA assumes a dual responsibility, both to the producers of intellectual property and to libraries as representatives of information users, because safeguarding and providing access to products of the mind are fundamental to the growth of knowledge.

IFLA works to protect the rights of authors and the role of libraries by playing an active role with organizations such as WIPO and UNESCO in the drafting of appropriate treaties and legislative models which recognize the dichotomy between the rights of authors and the needs of users.

IFLA also works to assure that intellectual property rights support the universal availability of information by such activities as encouraging national legislation for legal deposit and assuring the right of libraries to make copies of published documents in a manner consistent with principles of fair use. Safeguarding these rights must involve both the owners of intellectual property and its users. It necessitates working in collaboration with authors, publishers and librarians.

Promoting Resource Sharing

IFLA serves as an international forum and advocate for sharing information in all its forms across national borders. It promotes the communication of bibliographic information which is the basis for all resource sharing, it works to develop cooperative principles for international lending, and it supports a voucher scheme to liberate lending reimbursements from national currencies. IFLA works to encourage the sharing of resources, by supporting traditional lending and document delivery, by promoting the communication and easy exchange of bibliographic information, and by encouraging the development of virtual libraries whose holdings will be accessible without regard to geography or national boundaries.

Preserving Our Intellectual Heritage

Although responsibility for the preservation and conservation of the intellectual heritage in their custody is ultimately the responsibility of individual libraries, IFLA works to promote the establishment of regional, national and international priorities and the application of the best scientific knowledge in the fulfillment of this responsibility. One of IFLA's primary activities is to ensure appropriate coordination at the international level through programmes such as

advocacy, training and the development and dissemination of standards and best practices. IFLA also participates in international activities related to disaster preparedness and recovery.

Developing Library Professionals

IFLA works to strengthen the abilities and knowledge of library and information science professionals and paraprofessionals throughout the world in order to improve service to the user. Programmes supported by IFLA encompass all educational processes, including library and information science curricula and continuing education activities such as lectures, seminars, workshops and in-service training.

Promoting Standards, Guidelines, and Best Practices

IFLA actively promotes standards, guidelines and best practices to provide guidance to libraries throughout the world in how to perform core functions well, and in many cases how to perform them in the same manner. The latter is particularly important in areas such as electronic communications where conformity with clear, established and widely accepted and understood standards is indispensable for the exchange of information in cost-effective ways.

Supporting the Infrastructure of Library Associations

IFLA supports the infrastructure of library associations, especially in countries and regions where these are poorly developed, because they provide the essential means for accomplishing IFLA's goals at the national level. Library associations provide many valuable services to librarians. They work to develop effective library programmes and services that meet the needs of library users and advance societal objectives and interests, ensuring public access to information, and preserving and protecting cultural resources.

Representing Libraries in the Technological Marketplace

IFLA serves as an international advocate for libraries and their users, seeking to influence the

development of technology in the world marketplace, especially technology that controls the flow and availability of information. IFLA represents both the sophisticated interests of high-tech libraries and the practical concerns of more traditional users. It negotiates on behalf of libraries (and for the benefit of library users) in discussions on international trade and telecommunications, and it also works to encourage the development of affordable technologies that will bring information to all the populations of the world.

Adopted by the Professional Board of IFLA,
December 2000
The Hague
Netherlands
(Reference 1, February 8, 2001)

IFLA Offers New Student Affiliate Membership

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

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

The Student Affiliate benefits include:

- a subscription to the IFLA Journal
- free registration in one of IFLA's 35 professional Sections
- a discount on the purchase of publications
- standard member discount on registration fees for the Annual General Conference

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

The offer is open to students in full- or part-time education. Proof of registration must be provided with application. This may be in the form of a photocopy of an institution student card or an International Student Identity (ISIC) Card. Students may belong to this category for a

maximum of two years; after this period they can transfer to Personal Affiliate membership.

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

For further information, and application details, please contact the Membership Manager at membership@ifla.org.

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REGIONAL OFFICE

Mobile Library Services in Indochina:

A Workshop 18-24 February 2001

Initiated by the IFLA Regional Office for Asia and Oceania (IFLA ROAO), the Project, "Mobile library Services for Sustainable Development" had been carried out since 1998 to study the possibility of using the mobile library concept in supporting sustainable development at the grassroots level. Support for this project came from the annual subvention provided by IFLA HQ and ALP. Later, a pre-proposal was submitted to the Japan Foundation Asia Center (JFAC) in an attempt to further the study to cover the Indochina region. With generous support from the Japan Foundation under the Small Grant Program (FY 1999), our team was able to visit Cambodia and Lao P.D.R. in March, and Vietnam later in May, to make preliminary contact and to study the possibility of the future plan. The revised proposal was then submitted to the JFAC in May 2000.

The Project had reached an important stage when the JFAC approved a financial support under the grant program for the period October 1, 2000 - March 31, 2001 to support the organization of a one week workshop "Mobile Library Services in Indochina". The workshop was carried out 18-24 February 2001 by the IFLA ROAO with the cooperation of the International Librarian and Information Specialist Group of the Thai Library Association (TLA ILIS), Mahasarakham

University Library, and the National Library of Laos. Additional financial support from IFLA was provided through its Section on Regional Activities: Asia and Oceania, for the expenses of IFLA's resource persons.

The program consisted of a three-day study visit in Laos P.D.R. and Thailand, a one day seminar in Bangkok, and a final day (also in Bangkok) of group discussions to plan for the future. Participants were high-ranking library administrators and representatives from organizations supporting mobile library activities in Indochina.

The group of 16 workshop participants, which included 7 delegates from Indochina countries, 4 members of the organizing Committee, one oversea resource person, two secretariat and two cameramen, set out from Bangkok by a sleeping night train. The destination was Lao P.D.R. where two mobile library activities were observed and assessed (Ban Maknaonalong and Ban Houaxieng). After an overnight stay in Vientiane, the group crossed the border back to Thailand and was joined by another group of 4 observers and one coordinator in Nongkhai. The trip back to Bangkok was by bus. The group stayed overnight at Mahasarakham after visiting the University Library's Mobile Services and the Sirindhorn Isan Information Center. The last day visit was for the Chalermrajkumari Public Library at Borabu District, Mahasarakham, and the National Library Branch at Nakhon Ratchasima (Chalerm-Prakiet Ro Kao). All libraries visited were observed and assessed by the participants and observers using the assessment forms provided.

The Seminar Program in Bangkok at the Prince Palace Hotel started early in the morning when Dr. Namtip Wipawin, the Project Director, as the MC invited Dr. Pensri Guaysuwan, Chair of the Organizing Committee, to present the report. Mr. Yoshio Takano, the Japan Foundation Representative, was then invited to deliver his address, followed by the address from the IFLA Representative, Khunying Maenmas Chavalit, who also opened the Seminar and presented her keynote speech. After a short break, Professor Thelma Tate of Rutgers University (U.S.A.), Chair of IFLA Roundtable of Mobile Libraries, introduced

IFLA and its mobile library work in a global perspective. The program continued after lunch by the presentation of "Experiences from some Neighbor Countries" by Mrs. Datin Paduka Shahaneem from the Selangor Public Library (Malaysia), and Mrs. Arunwan Pimpapatanayothin and Mr. Sopon Sud-iad from the BMA Public Library (Thailand). The late afternoon sessions featured the NGOs who are involved with mobile library and related work in the region. The speakers included Mrs. Chanthasone Inthavong from the Association for Sending Picture Books to Lao Children (Japan), Mrs. Sachiko Watanabe from the Ohanashi Caravan Center (Japan), and Ms. Sachiko Kamakura from the Shanti Volunteer Association (Cambodia). The evening session was a reception with buffet dinner and some light entertainment. Mr. Yutaka Homma, Director of the Japan Foundation Bangkok joined the party and presented his welcome address.

The last day of the workshop was for group discussions. Dr. Sujin Butdhisuwan as the MC invited Chair of the Organizing Committee to summarize the study visit and introduce the topics for group discussion. These topics were collected from "Participation Forms" filled out by the participants before they came to the workshop. The list of "Focus Group Discussion Topics/ Questions" prepared by Professor Thelma Tate, and "Some Draft Concepts on Strategic Planning for Mobile Library Services" by Khunying Maenmas Chavalit, were also distributed as guidelines for discussion. Participants were suggested to group themselves into five groups by country / language, and pick up a topic to discuss. The results were then reported to the Seminar by each group representative and further discussed by all participants. Then 3 projects (training, translation, and strategic planning) were picked up to be further discussed by the 3 groups in the afternoon sessions. After the reports from the three groups, the Chair then summarized the results of the workshop and re-affirmed the participants' commitments, she then declared the workshop sessions closed.

Participants and observers enjoyed the additional programs/papers brought in by fellow partici-

pants, resource persons, and observers. Two mobile library bus/van were brought to the hotel doorsteps for inspections. A few video presentations were shown during the breaks, so many additional papers and pamphlets were handed out, and there were also demonstrations of reading promotion/story telling technique .

This workshop had lent a very good chance for informal contacts. Many problems/projects were discussed outside the formal sessions. We heard of some old problems were solved and some new plans were made. In the final "Evaluation Form", most participants and observers expressed satisfaction of the workshop. At the conclusion, they agreed to bring back ideas to think further in order to develop future projects for their own countries and for the region. Many commitments were recorded and they will be followed up by the organizer as well as participants and parties concerned.

(Pensri Guaysuwan)

IFLA RSAO Newsletter Mailing List Update

Hope you enjoyed reading this Newsletter. We are pleased to inform you that the current issue of the IFLA RSAO Newsletter is now available on IFLANET (<http://www.ifla.org/vii/s26/pubs/>)

In order to serve our readers more effectively, we would like to find out whether our readers want to stay on the mailing list to receive the new issue by mail, or they would prefer to receive them by E-mail. This survey will help us find out whether the more than one thousand copies sent by air-mail (in June and December) are really useful. Readers are kindly requested to check (X) and fill in the appropriate lines:-

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Your kind cooperation is deeply appreciated.
(Pensri Guaysuwan)

RSCAO

Mid-year Meeting in Penang

This year's RSCAO meeting was hosted by the Universiti Sains Malaysia on the beautiful island of Penang. The RSCAO Secretary Rashidah Begum, Head of the USM Library, made all the arrangements for the meeting and we were made to feel welcome at every stage of our visit, with the very efficient support of several of her staff, especially Mr Muniandy and Mr Nasir.

RSCAO met for two full days on March 7-8 2001 in the meeting room of the Universiti Sains Malaysia Library. We were formally welcomed by the University's deputy vice-chancellor. RSCAO members and special advisors from Malaysia, Lebanon, China, Egypt, Iran, Sri Lanka, Australia and New Zealand were present, with Gunilla Natvig attending from the ALP Office in Sweden and the Regional Manager Pensri Guaysuwan from Thailand. A full list of those attending will be circulated with the minutes.

The issues discussed during the two days of the meeting were:

- **Reports from ALP Advisory Committee meeting at Uppsala, October 2000**
- **Report from Regional Manager**
- **Financial reports**
- **Report from Information Coordinator** (not present).

Statistics on use of the IFLA website were

circulated. It was noted that the Asia/Oceania section is up to date thanks to the efforts of our Information Coordinator Olga Fedotova. Members are asked to send Olga any interesting items for inclusion on our web page (including photographs). This will help to keep up traffic on our site.

- The regional structure issue

There was feedback on PB discussion of the Uppsala report which made recommendations from the three regional sections. Essentially PB has referred the matter back to the Chair of the Advisory Committee, Marjorie Bloss, for a final report in Boston. No decisions were reached by PB.

The issue should still be watched carefully, for even if there is no substantial change now, there may be in another three years time.

- Current and future projects

Members discussed and made helpful comments on projects. There was brainstorming on possible future projects.

- Report on the Jerusalem Conference

Amelia, Gary, Pensri and Gunilla reported.

- 67th IFLA Conference, Boston

Items discussed were Governing Board and Vice Presidential elections; content of RSCAO programme, including selection of papers (by a sub-committee); progress report on RSCAO Workshop; selection of Danida grantees (by a sub-committee).

- ALP

Members reviewed and made recommendations on four new project proposals. There was good discussion of the ALP scholarship and attachment programme and ways of improving it in future. A Training Sub-Committee was created to bring recommendations to the Boston meeting on what kind of training should be offered through this programme, and to whom. Members present agreed to provide information (to Gary Gorman please) on possible training centers in their countries which could be used to place scholarship and attachment trainees.

Finally, there was time for brief country reports from those present on recent developments in their countries.

**Seminar on the Digital Challenge in Libraries
Friday 9 March 2001**

In order to make the best use of our services, and to promote IFLA in Malaysia, Rashidah organized a half-day seminar given by RSCAO members on topics relating to the Digital Challenge in Libraries. 120 Malaysian librarians and colleagues attended the seminar. We were highly impressed by our Malaysian colleagues' interest in the topics presented. Some came from as far away as Kuala Lumpur and Sabah. The papers were professionally presented and interesting, with skilled use of Powerpoints, and the subsequent discussions would have continued longer but for the need to break for lunch.

- Social programme

We enjoyed a varied and interesting social programme, including dinner hosted by the USM Vice-Chancellor, an evening at the Penang Cultural Centre, and a most enjoyable dinner at the home of our host Rashidah. There was time for visits to libraries, including the USM Library, the Penang State Library and a fishing village library.

The members who met in Penang made a very good contribution to the planning of RSCAO's work for the year, and I feel confident that the committee will continue to actively work to benefit libraries and librarians in our region.

Finally, thank you very much to Puan Rashidah and her staff for their Malaysian hospitality and excellent preparations and support which made the whole programme run smoothly.

(Amelia McKenzie)

RSCAO Forum

**Global Knowledge II. Kuala Lumpur
March 2000.**

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

Personal observations

Firstly to notice the significance of these aims for traditional donor agencies and thus the marked shift in their interests [e.g. The President of the World Bank saying: "Let me say that the Global Knowledge Partnership for us is something that is central to our work. This is not a fringe activity or just another technological advance. We believe.. that knowledge and the digital revolution are really central to the considerations of development in the years to come." [7]]. Another instance from UNDP: "The world is in the midst of a pervasive globalization process. It affects all countries and all regions, all sectors of human activity and in particular, finance, investment, trade and production. Globalization is a reality which no country can escape and hence developing countries must confront the challenges and address them. Driven by new information and communications technologies and the gradual liberalization of markets and economic policies --which, in the first instance brought about the emergence of globalized financial markets in the 1980s--the process of globalization today is if anything accelerating and becoming more expensive." [8]

This view clearly supported by other organizations in the membership of the Global Knowledge Partnership [GKP] with the World Bank, such as UNDP, UNESCO, IDRC, CIDA, the British Council, Asian Development Bank and the Government of Malaysia. Secondly, the sheer scale of the 'movement' i.e., 1200 participants from 120 countries whose work in the Conference was excellently well managed and organized.

Thirdly, the dynamism and energies, enthusiasm and commitment on display. Fourthly, the impatience for progress with no time for meetings, minutes, etc; instead everything organized worldwide via the Internet; Fifthly, the excellence of the organization that in three years has erupted from almost nowhere. Sixthly, the strength of motivation and commitment to the ideals and objectives of their organization most of them socially, developmentally or politically oriented. Seventhly, that these represented the primary motives of the participants who had then brought information-creation, -handling and -generation

skills to their work because of their needs for them and who had achieved all this without the traditional paraphernalia that librarians and information scientists consider the core of their professional skills [e.g., cat.& class., bibliographical skills etc]. (to be continued)

FAIFE

IFLA Announces New Director for FAIFE

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

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

Ms Seidelin succeeds the founding Director, Jan Ristarp, who recently retired. It is hoped that Ms. Seidelin will take up the post early in the New Year.

(Extracted from: Reference 2, Sophie Felfoldi, 14 Dec 2000)

FAIFE New Address

Please be aware that the FAIFE office has moved to The Royal School of Library and Information Science, Copenhagen, Denmark.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Kobenhavns Kommunes Bibliotheker, Copenhagen, who have kindly hosted the FAIFE office since 1998.

The new address is:

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Freedom of Expression
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E-mail: faife@ifla.org
(Reference 2, Wed, 9 May 2001)

2. IN THE REGION

AUSTRALIA

Rivers of Knowledge

The 9th Special, Health and Law Libraries Conference will be held 26-29 August, 2001 at the Melbourne Exhibition & Convention Centre, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. Details of the Call for Papers are now available:
<http://www.alia.org.au/conferences/shllc/2001>

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CHINA

Request for book donations Dear Sir or Ma'am, My name is Elaine Jacques. I am writing on behalf of a dear friend of mine, Ted Kuo (who was my Chinese tutor while I was teaching English in Taiwan). He has requested help in building the first English library in Ping-tung City, Taiwan. He recently established an English Language Educational Unit there. Ted says: Education has always been the dream that I want to fulfill. I remembered the precious experiences that I studied in the U.S. and sweet memories of the past when I learned English and made friends with foreigners in Ping-tung church. Truly, the feelings of experiencing another culture, ways of lives, education and languages really broadened my views and mind, and made my life much more interesting. ... One of the reasons for founding the Unit is in order to help more people have the same chances and opportunities that I have had with western

culture. To help fulfill his dream to further English language education in Taiwan, he has requested help in getting books for his Unit's library. If you have (or know of any person, school, church, business, etc. who has) any books that are about to be disposed of/given away, please consider instead donating them to his new English school in Taiwan. He is happy to reimburse for the postage it will take to mail the books to his school. Please email Ted Kuo at: nini013@pchome.com.tw to make sure that the book(s) you are willing to send are ones that he will be able to use. The address for you to mail your book donations is: Attn: Ted Kuo#31, Kong-Yuan West Road 900 Ping-tung City, Taiwan R.O.C. Thank you in advance for any help you (or your friends, business associates, fellow church members, etc.) can give. Sincerely, Elaine Jacques emj@tom42.com or ejacqu@yahoo.com (Tue, 13 Mar 2001)

INDIA

4th International Conference of Asian Digital Libraries (ICADL2001)

December 10-12, 2001
Bangalore, India

Organized By University of Mysore, Mysore and Indian Institute of Information Technology, Bangalore

Contact: Shalini R. Urs, Chair, Programme Organizing Committee
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The ICADL 2001 program structure includes:

- * Tutorials
- * Invited talks
- * contributed papers
- * poster sessions
- * product presentations
- * Exhibits

The theme of the Conference is: Digital Libraries: Dynamic Landscapes for Knowledge Creation, Dissemination and Management.

Important Dates:

- * Last date for submission of full papers: July 15, 2001
- * Communication of acceptance of papers: September 15, 2001
- * Final camera ready copy submission: October 15, 2001

Registration fee rates:

USD 100, 175, and 250 for Tutorials Conference, and both Tutorial and Conference respectively. For Registrations Before September 30, 2001, a discount of USD 25 will be applied.

Additional Registrations from the same organization qualify for 10% discount.

Registration Fee Covers:

Inaugural Banquet Dinner, Conference kit, Conference volume, Luncheons and Tea

For more information: <http://www.icadl2001.org> (Shalini R. Urs, Thu, 26 Apr 2001)

INDONESIA

A Workshop on Preventive Preservation of Palmleaf and Paper Manuscript

15-21 March 2001 Organized by the National Library of Indonesia, in cooperation with the INTACH Indian Council of Conservation Institutes.

The workshop will be held at the National Library's Training Center facilities, Jl. Medan Merdeka Selatan 11, Jakarta Pusat 10110. All lectures and discussion will be presented in English. Workshop Fee The fee of six-day event is US\$ 75,- /per participant (This covers course materials, daily three meals and two snacks, certificate of attendance, training kits and hands-on practice. Not included is accommodation for non-residents of Jakarta.) The workshop will be available for a maximum of 30 participants, and all registration should reach the Secretariat not later than 1 March 2001. Places cannot be

guaranteed after that date. Registration Please send the application to: Mr. Joko Santoso Workshop Secretariat National Library of Indonesia Jl. Salemba Raya 28A, Jakarta 10430 Phone 62-21-3156149, Fax. 62-21-3101472(Extracted from Paul Permadi, Reference 2, Thu, 8 Feb 2001)

JAPAN

DC-2001 in Tokyo, October 2001

International Conference on Dublin Core and Metadata Applications 2001

<http://www.nii.ac.jp/dc2001/>

Date: 22 - 26 October 2001

Venue: National Institute of Informatics, Tokyo, Japan

Sponsors: National Institute of Informatics (NII, <http://www.nii.ac.jp/>),

Dublin Core Metadata Initiative (DCMI, <http://dublincore.org/>), Japan Science and Technology Corporation (JST,

<http://www.jst.go.jp/EN/>)

Principal missions:

-- to provide a forum to discuss further development of the Dublin Core and related metadata standards

-- to provide a forum to present and exchange new ideas about metadata and applications, not limited to Dublin Core, and

-- to provide tutorials on the creation, management, and use of metadata applications.

DC-2001 is the first event in the DC Workshop series to be hosted in Asia and is also the first event to include conference and tutorial tracks in addition to the workshop.

The Conference track of DC-2001 (Wednesday-Friday, 24-26 October)

The Workshop track (Monday-Wednesday, 22-24 October)

Deadlines

Paper Submission: 20 June 2001
Acceptance Notification: 31 July 2001
Camera-Ready Copy due: 7 September 2001

For more information;
<http://www.nii.ac.jp/dc2001/>
(Extracted from: Gauri Salokhe, Reference 2, Fri, 27 Apr 2001)

THAILAND

TLA-IR-ILIS

New E-mail Discussion Group

The Thai Library Association's International Relations Committee in collaboration with their International Librarians and Information Specialists Group, has set up a new E-mail discussion group, called TLA-IR-ILIS@yahoogroups.com". This is open to all members of Thai Library Association and the discussion should relate to professional activities and activities of the TLA. It is expected that this discussion list will serve as a means of communication of events and activities of TLA and post solutions to problems addressed by the members. This would also provide a better opportunity to communicating in English. (F.J.Devadason)

**3. CONFERENCES
SEMINARS WORKSHOPS**

**UPCOMING IFLA
CONFERENCES**

**The 67th IFLA Council and General
Conference**

Boston, U.S.A. August 16th - 25th 2001
**Theme: *Libraries and Librarians: Making a
Difference in the Knowledge Age***

IFLA 2001 in Boston is being organized jointly by the American Library Association, American Association of Law Libraries, Association

for Library and Information Science Education, Association of Research Libraries, the Medical Library Association, and the Special Libraries Association. If you are interested in attending or participating in IFLA 2001, please visit the IFLA 2001 website at <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla67/index.htm>. The site contains the latest information on the conference, including registration, hotel, and volunteer forms and a complete program of events and activities. For printed copies of the final announcement, or if you have other questions about IFLA 2001, please contact the ALA International Relations Office at intl@ala.org, or 800-545-2433, ext. 3201. IFLA Express 1, the first pre-conference issue of the IFLA Conference Newsletter, is now available from: <http://www.congrex.nl/ifla/flash> (Extracted from: Reference 1)

Some Pre-conference Programmes

**Subject Retrieval in a Networked
World, August 14-16**

Dublin, Ohio

What: An IFLA Meeting before Boston 2001
Where: Dublin, Ohio, USA - OCLC Campus
When: August 14 (14:00) - August 16 (13:00), 2001
Sponsors: IFLA Section on Classification and Indexing
IFLA Section on Information Technology in association with OCLC
Conference Website: <http://www.oclc.org/events/ifla/> (Sally H. McCallum, Reference 2, Tue, 27 Mar 2001)

**LAMA Institutes August 16 - 17
Boston, Mass.**

The Library Administration and Management Association (LAMA) is bringing two exciting institutes to the Boston area this August, just prior to the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) Council and General Conference.

AUGUST 16

LAMA will host the "Designing and Retrofitting Space for Technology" institute on August 16. The institute examines issues and principles of

space design for technology for both new and existing library space for all types of libraries. Presenter, Larry Woods, is Director of Information Technology and Health Sciences at the University of Iowa Libraries in Iowa City, Iowa.

For more information see URL:

<http://www.ala.org/lama/events/institutes/retrofit.html>

To register see URL:

<http://www.ala.org/lama/events/institutes/building/registerboston.html>

AUGUST 17

LAMA will host the "Managing Library Building Projects: From Identifying the Need to Post-occupancy Evaluation" institute on August 17.

The institute provides the tools needed to determine if a building project is needed and tips on its management, outline the alternatives available to meet the need, and list the action steps required to implement the selected alternative.

Case studies from recent library projects illustrate alternatives, the components of a library building program, and the steps in the design process.

Presenter, Bill Sannwald, is Assistant to the City Manager and Manager of Library Design and Development for the City of San Diego.

For more information see URL:

<http://www.ala.org/lama/events/institutes/building.html>

To register see URL:

<http://www.ala.org/lama/events/institutes/building/registerboston.html>

Please contact Julie Reese at 1-800-545-2433, ext. 5034; 1-312-280-5034; or jreese@ala.org for further information.

(Julie Reese, Reference 2, Mon, 9 Apr 2001)

Quebec Satellite Pre-conference August 14-16

Education and research for marketing and quality management in libraries

We have the pleasure to announce that the program of the IFLA satellite meeting to be held in Québec City August 14 -16 2001 is now

accessible on line at:

<http://www.fas.umontreal.ca/EBSI/ifla/>

The meeting is organized by the IFLA Section on Management and Marketing and by the Section on Education and training. The objectives of this colloquium are to:

- Bring together experts - researchers, educators and practitioners - in order to exchange information and ideas about marketing and quality management as they apply to the management of libraries and other information services
- Share international experiences
- Identify and discuss research strategies in these fields
- Promote the development of courses in marketing and quality management

Participants will come from more than 20 countries and the meeting will be held in English and in French, with simultaneous translation.

An interesting social and cultural program has also been planned.

The meeting is sponsored by the Canadian Social Science and Humanities Research Council, by IFLA, by Université de Montréal and by the Québec Ministry of International Relations. (Extracted from: Reference 1, Wed, 18 Apr 2001)

The 68th IFLA Council and General Conference

Glasgow, Scotland 18-24 August 2002

Theme: "*Libraries for Life: Democracy, Diversity, Delivery*"

Invitation

Dear colleagues,

The IFLA 2002 National Organizing Committee and The Library Association of Great Britain take great pleasure in inviting you to attend the 68th IFLA General Conference and Council to be held in Glasgow, Scotland from Sunday August 18 until Saturday August 24, 2002. We look forward to welcoming you there. It is particularly significant that this conference is returning to Scotland where IFLA was founded in 1927, and we hope you will join us for this special 75th anniversary.

Conference theme

The conference theme is Libraries for Life: Democracy, Diversity, Delivery. Libraries continue to be valued by people of all ages, races and walks of life throughout the world, but our societies are continually changing as a result of new developments. The conference seminars, lectures, workshops and discussion groups will invite you to examine how libraries can continue to provide a variety of services, adapting them to meet the changing needs of our societies and encouraging democratic access to knowledge in the future.

Registration and brochure publication

The print and web versions of the brochure will be launched at IFLA Boston, on Sunday 19th August 2001. All IFLA members will be sent a print copy.

Website: <http://www.ifla2002.org/>.

Conference Location

The Conference will take place in the Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre (SECC), considered one of Europe's finest conference venues. Situated on the banks of the River Clyde, it is close to Glasgow city centre (around 15 minutes walk) and just 8 miles from the city's international airport. A railway station and covered walkway connect the SECC with the public transport network of Glasgow, as do several nearby bus stops and taxi ranks (a taxi can also be ordered at any time of the day or night from the adjoining Moat House Hotel). (Extracted from Reference 1)

The 69th IFLA Council and General Conference

Berlin, Germany, 1-9 August 2003

Theme: "Access Point Library Media - Information - Culture"

German Federal President Johannes Rau Patron to IFLA 2003 Berlin

Germany's Federal President Johannes Rau has agreed to be Patron to the 69th General Conference of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), to

be held in 2003 in Berlin.

An important reason for Mr Rau was the promotion of reading, in which he has been engaged in many ways. The President has been connected to the book trade for a long time: from 1949 until 1967 he was active as a bookseller.

The conference, which will include a large exhibition, will be organized under the responsibility of the BDB on behalf of IFLA. The organizing secretariat is based at the Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin - Preussischer Kulturbesitz.

For more information contact:

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(Extracted from: Reference 1, 16 January, 2001)

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.

EVENTS AROUND THE WORLD

COLOMBIA

Comfenalco Library in Colombia organizes the First Latin-American and Caribbean Congress about Local Information Services.

Aware of the importance of the availability and the use of information generated by communities for the development of citizen participation projects as well as for securing the democratic

process, IFLA -ALP approved a proposal submitted by COMFENALCO Library in Colombia to organize a meeting about Community Information Services. The meeting will be held in Medellin, Colombia, September 18-21, 2001, under the theme "*The Creation of Local Community Information Centers in Public Libraries in Latin America and the Caribbean*".

The Ministry of Culture of Colombia and the Inter American School of Librarianship of the University of Antioquia will also grant its support to this project.

Directors of public libraries, coordinators of library networks, people in charge of the local community information services within government and private institutions as well as within social organizations who can credit experience in community participation projects and information systems, shall participate in this event.

Granting the coordination and organization of this First Conference to COMFENALCO obeys to the experience, recognition and acknowledgement that this library has had in the design and lending of local information services in Medellin.

National and International experts will participate in this event and they will develop these principal aspects:

- Identity process within a globalization context.
- Relations between reading and information.
- The right to information, citizen's participation, and public Information policies.
- Technological Systems for providing information to the local community

This event will permit participants to exchange their experiences and to conduct reflexive thinking in relation to them, as well as to promote this type of service in public libraries so as to benefit entire communities.

Adriana Maria Betancur, General Coordinator of this Conference emphasized that it has been fundamental for COMFENALCO Antioquia to

stimulate the creation and development of local information services within the country and in Latin America, and that this shall become a fundamental support in the process of strengthening cultural identities, and in this way citizen participation. can be motivated. (Gloria Maria Rodriguez, April 11, 2001)

GERMANY

ECDL 2001 15th European Conference on Research and Advanced Technology for Digital Libraries September 4-8 2001, Darmstadt, Germany <http://www.ecdl2001.org>

TUTORIALS : September 4

2001 CONFERENCE : September 5-7

2001 WORKSHOPS : September 8

2001 IMPORTANT DATES: April 1, 2001 :

Deadline for ALL the proposals May 21, 2001 :

Notification of acceptance June 20, 2001 :

Camera ready papers from the authors CALL

FOR CONTRIBUTIONS PAPERS Authors of

regular papers are invited to submit original

contributions, not exceeding 5000 words. The

authors must follow the instructions found

at <http://www.springer.de/comp/lncs/authors.html>

The ECDL 2001 home page

<http://www.ecdl2001.org> will contain further

details on electronic submissions. WORKSHOP

PROPOSALS We solicit proposals for workshops

related to the conference topics. The workshops

will be organized during September 8th

2001. PANEL PROPOSALS We solicit proposals

for panels sessions related to the conference

topics. We strongly encourage panels that have a

mixture of 2 academic and 2 practitioners/ users

(plus the chair). TUTORIAL PROPOSALS We

solicit proposals for tutorials related to the

conference topics. The tutorials will be organized

during September 4th 2001. Proposals should

identify the intended audience and provide a

scope of what will be

covered. DEMONSTRATIONS AND

POSTERS The conference organizers solicit

proposals for demonstrations of innovative

results, projects and products, and also for high

quality posters. A permanent space for those

purposes will be available during the conference.

The Demons- trations co-chairs can answer

technical or practical questions beforehand.

Sponsored by: Technische Universität Darmstadt, Die Deutsche Bibliothek, The European Research Consortium for Informatics and Mathematics (ERCIM), DELOS Network of Excellence, European Commission's Human Potential Programme, German National Research Center for Information Technology (GMD)(Extracted from: Gauri Salokhe, Reference 2, Tue, 6 Mar 2001)

LITHUANIA

"The Library is the Whole

World" International Scientific Conference to commemorate the 90th Anniversary of Prof. Levas Vladimirovas (1912-1999) Time: January 31 - February 1, 2002 Place: Theatre Hall of Vilnius University (Universiteto 3, Vilnius, Lithuania) Organizers: Vilnius University and Lithuanian Librarians' Association The main goal of the Conference is to commemorate the work of Prof. L. Vladimirovas and to testify its continuity in the context of modern communication and information science and practice.

Languages of the Conference: Lithuanian, English, Russian Participation fee * 80 Litas (20 \$) prior to December 1, 2001, afterwards * 120 Litas (30 \$). Registration for the Conference and additional information by post (Address: Audron Glosien, Faculty of Communication, Vilnius University. Universiteto 3, LT-2734 Vilnius, Lithuania), fax (+370 2) 366 104, telephone (+370 2) 366 110 or e-mail: audra.glosiene@kf.vu.lt. Online registration <http://www.kf.vu.lt/konferencija> (Extracted from: Sophie Felfoldi, Reference 2, Mon, 2 Apr 2001)

MOROCCO

African/Arab Conference on Public and School Librarianship

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

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

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

The conference will be open to participants from elsewhere.

Working languages will be English and French, with simultaneous interpretation.

The fee for registration is US\$100 per person, which includes all conference documentation, refreshments, lunches and conference dinner.

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

For more information contact:

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(Extracted from: Sjoerd Koopman, Reference 1, Thu, 10 May 2001)

UNITED STATES

North American Serials Interest Group

17th Annual Conference

June 20-23, 2002

CALL FOR PAPERS

(<http://www.nasig.org/public/NASIG2002.html>)

“TRANSFORMING SERIALS: THE REVOLUTION CONTINUES”

The 17th annual conference of the North American Serials Interest Group (NASIG) will be held at the College of William & Mary in

Williamsburg, Virginia, June 20-23, 2002.

The 2002 Program Planning Committee invites proposals for pre-conference, plenary, issue (concurrent) and workshop sessions that support this year's conference theme—"Transforming Serials: The Revolution Continues."

Proposals should be submitted (via email, if possible) no later than: AUGUST 1, 2001 to

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(Extracted from Reference 1)

2001 International Paper Contest on Digital Library or Information Science & Technology in

Developing CountriesThe American Society for Information Science & Technology (ASIST), International Information Issues Special Interest Group, is pleased to announce its second competition for papers to be submitted for the Annual Conference in Washington, DC, 3-8 November 2001. **The theme of the paper is: "Information in a Networked World: the Developing World Perspective."** The paper topic could be at the country or region- al level. Papers could present a leading edge, salient and/or current issue, problem, concern, policy, idea or practice of information science and technology in the developing world such as, but not limited to, the following: the digital divide, privacy and copyright issues, electronic theses and dissertations, globalization and cultural identity, indigenous peoples, knowledge management, development of electronic resources across networks, bringing access to information to distant and/or disadvantaged communities, or the language issue. **Information for authors** Only papers by a principal author who is a citizen of, and resides in a developing country are eligible. The papers should be original, unpublished, and in English. We encourage submissions from

librarians, information and network specialists, and educators involved in the creation, representation, maintenance, exchange, discovery, delivery, and use of digital information. **Deadline for submission of full papers** Authors are invited to submit manuscripts, not to exceed 6000 words, by July 31, 2001. Authors are encouraged to submit papers electronically. For more information or to submit manuscripts, please contact Nathalie Leroy by e-mail at the following address: leroy@un.org Sue O'Neill Johnson, Senior Information Projects Officer The World Bank, Information Solutions Group www.worldbank.org sjohnson3@worldbank.org 202-458-2833 (Extracted from: Reference 2, Mon, 5 Mar 2001)

4. ALP NEWS

IN MEMORY OF BIRGITTA BERGDAHL

My Memory of Birgitta Bergdahl

Birgitta Bergdahl was a good friend to all of the regional sections and enjoyed nothing better than the company of her colleagues from all countries of the regions. She had a deep knowledge of and love for indigenous cultures, and this earned her the lasting respect of colleagues in the region.

My memory of Birgitta is of someone who really wanted to make a difference, and who cared deeply about books and people. She had an unrivalled knowledge of places and people throughout the world, as well as of books, cultures and languages. She never stopped learning and inspiring others to learn, whether it was by providing children with books in their own minority language, or sharing her knowledge of work being done in faraway places by people equally inspired by her example.

I remember how proud she was of Swedish literature and history, and what a warm welcome she and her ALP colleagues gave to many of us who visited Uppsala and Stockholm. The strength of her attachment to her own culture was totally

in character with her interest in indigenous cultures, and it dignified her.
(Amelia McKenzie, Chair, IFLA RSCAO)

A Letter of Condolence

It is with much regret to receive sad news from Rashidah Begum about the great loss of Birgitta Bergdahl. Her devotion and enthusiasm for ALP activities will be remembered for a long time. Her understanding of library problems of developing countries and good will have very much been appreciated.

May her soul be blessed with eternal peace and happiness.
(Prof. Khunying Maenmas Chavalit, Member, IFLA RSCAO)

Birgitta Bergdahl

I watched at the beginning of the ALP programme and listened to Birgitta's reports with some concern [as a Member then of IFLA's Executive Board] to her activities and travels and what apparently appeared to be her endless rounds of meetings in Africa, Asia and Latin America and the Caribbean.

Where, I wondered, and when were any proposals for projects and actions going to be presented to us? I was wrong to be so worried. What Birgitta was carefully and diplomatically doing was laying the foundations for the ALP Programme that she managed so successfully for so many years until struck down by her appalling illness. Although slow [for some of us] to 'take off' and accelerate into action this ALP did. And what action! Easily assessed by examining the lists of projects that have so successfully been funded and completed.

All over the IFLA world ideas were formulated into proposals for actions; half-prepared 'good ideas' were developed into viable projects acceptable to funding agencies; compromises were negotiated and agreements struck between conflicting proposals and, more important than anything, Birgitta's personal and professional

credibility established with IFLA's relevant committee members and later Regional Office managers as well as developing countries' librarians world-wide. As the end of her active management of the ALP office began to near, I observed the wide respect with which she was held and the popularity that she enjoyed [not only because, as some might cynically observe, she had funds to disburse] but because of the knowledge of developing countries' LIS problems that she had gathered and the wisdom and judgments and advice that she could then provide. She will be sorely missed in IFLA not only as an advocate for Third World LIS problems and solutions and assistance but also as an able and effective ambassador for them in the wider world of international librarianship.
(Russell Bowden. [Professor] IFLA Honorary Fellow. Member RSCAO. May 2001)

Dr. Birgitta Bergdahl

It was in the early 1990's when librarians in developing countries became acquainted with Dr. Birgitta Bergdahl, a Swedish librarian, who went around meeting them and learned about their library and information service needs. Soon they learned she was instrumental in setting up IFLA's Core Programme for the Advancement of Librarianship in the third world.

During the past decade of overseeing ALP, it must have brought satisfaction to Dr. Bergdahl to see the myriad of tasks undertaken contributing to the progress of librarianship. Dr. Bergdahl will be remembered for her whole-hearted devotion to ALP and the way she adapted herself most naturally to difficult and disadvantaged situations. Recalling Dr. Bergdahl's visit to the Temple of Dawn, she was heard to remark that she felt so much at peace then. May it be so now.

(Maria LaoSunthara, Special Advisor, IFLA RSCAO)

A Tribute to Dr. Birgitta Bergdahl

Almost ten years ago, the Department of Non-Formal Education in the Royal Thai Government was honored by the visit of Dr. Birgitta Bergdahl, the founding Director of the Advancement of Librarianship Programme of IFLA.

Through the recommendation of Dr. Pensri Guaysuwan from the IFLA Regional Office, Dr. Bergdahl became interested in our attempt to expand and revitalize the nationwide network of public libraries. When she learned of the Chalermrajakumari Libraries Project which aimed to mobilize public support to establish multimedia libraries in rural areas in honor of Princess Mahachakri Siridhorn, she offered to provide technical assistance to train the first group of library personnel.

With the support from IFLA, a new vision of public libraries was formulated with more diversified services and greater community involvement. A series of manuals were developed and training of trainers were supported. Over the subsequent years, the assistance of IFLA benefited not only the librarians of the original Chalermrajakumari libraries, but also spread to other libraries across the nation.

Even after the conclusion of the technical assistance project, Dr. Bergdahl kept her interest in the Thai public libraries with regular inquiries of progress, supply of useful information, support for opportunity to share learning experiences with other developing countries and follow-up field visits.

It is with sadness that we learned of her passing away. She will always be remembered by the Thai librarians as a teacher and a friend who inspired us to look to the future and who provided the guiding torch for our journey. The vision and the commitment of Dr. Birgitta Bergdahl had indeed contributed to the transformation of the public libraries in Thailand.

(Kasama Varavan, Former Director-General, Department of Non-Formal Education)

Missing Dr. Birgitta Bergdahl

It was so sad to hear that Dr. Birgitta Bergdahl passed away. I got to know her when she came to visit the Department of Non-Formal Education, and later supported series of training programs which significantly contributed to the development of 6 volumes of manual for public librarians who work in the Chalermrajakumari Libraries. We were hoping that she would come to visit us again, but now she had gone forever. May her soul be blessed with eternal peace and happiness.

(Renoo Piasue, Former Chair, Public Library Group, Thai Library Association)

A paragraph for Birgitta Bergdahl

It is sad news. I was shocked when I learned from IFLA-L that you, Birgitta Bergdahl, are dead. It seemed unbelievable, impossible. I still remember you very clearly, a tall and elegant woman. Dr. Pensri Guaysuwan introduced us to each other. Once when you came to Thailand, my friend persuaded me to meet you. I appreciated your work very much, especially as it was for developing countries. I was very glad to receive your letter informing me that I got the grant for the Pre-IFLA Conference in Denmark in 1997. In my opinion you were a very active and important person of IFLA. You attended the IFLA Conference every year, I think. In 1997 I saw you in Denmark, in 1998 in the Netherlands. In 1999 I hoped to see you in Bangkok, Thailand but you didn't come. I thought that you must be very busy. I didn't see you in 2000 in Israel either. I wondered why and was very surprised. I asked Dr. Pensri where you were, when I heard from IFLA-L that Birgitta Sandell had replaced you in your position. She told me that you resigned because of your illness. On 5 April 2001, from IFLA-L again, I got the news that you passed away. I hope you are in heaven with happiness. All of us, librarians from various countries, will never forget you. You are in our hearts forever, Birgitta Bergdahl, an iron-hearted woman who sacrificed herself for librarianship.

(Poolsook Priwatworawute, Chair, Professional Program, Thai Library Association)

My Memory

When I learned that Dr. Bergdahl had passed away, I felt very sad. I had hoped to meet her again and return the hospitality she and the IFLA-ALP team extended to me during my study visit to the Uppsala University Library. Dr. Bergdahl took my well being as her personal concern. Her warmth and kindness will always remain in my memory.
(Supaporn Khaosome-ang, Pridi Banomyong Library, Thammasat University, THAILAND)

A Great Lady

When thinking of Dr. Bergdahl, the words 'dynamic', 'efficient' and 'sharp' came to mind. She was a great lady who made things happen. She also managed to look cool in Bangkok summer heat.
(Chooman Thirakit, Thammasat University Libraries, THAILAND)

Be Remembered Forever

We are terribly saddened to hear of Birgitta Bergdahl's death. Her close association with us is still vivid in our mind. And her great contribution to librarianship in this region will be remembered forever.
(Daruna Somboonkun, Coordinator, IFLA ALP; Somboon Singkamanan, Corresponding Member, Section of Libraries for Children and Young Adults)

Remembering Birgitta Bergdahl

For more than ten years, Birgitta Bergdahl and I worked in close cooperation with various library development programmes in the Asia-Pacific region. Traveling and organizing library activities with Birgitta were always fulfilling experiences for me. Birgitta was hard working, understanding, and most adaptable to local situations in all endeavors to advance the library profession in less developed regions. It was sad to learn of her illness, retirement from ALP, and her final departure. May her soul rest in peace forever.
(Pensri Guaysuwan, Regional Manager, IFLA

ROAO)

ATTACHMENT AND SCHOLARSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENT

April 13, 2001

Dear Sir/Madam

Subject: Successful Candidates

We are pleased to announce the names of the successful candidates for the 2001 attachments and scholarships as follows:

Scholarship:

Mr. Ohn Mar Oo (Myanmar)
Mrs. Shivanthi Chandrika Weerasinghe (Sri Lanka)

Training Attachment:

Ms. Swe Swe Myint (Myanmar)
Ms. Mary Ann M. Ingua (Philippines)
Md. Mozibur Rahman Sarker (Bangladesh)
Mr. Tong Qingsong (China)

Please confirm if you agree to accept the award. We will contact you individually regarding dates of the courses and attachments later.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Daruna Somboonkun
ALP Program Coordinator

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5. MISCELLANEOUS

IFLA GUIDELINES

Professional Education Guidelines

IFLA's Professional Board has approved the Guidelines for Professional Library/ Information Educational Programmes - 2000, prepared by the IFLA Section on Education and Training.

The new guidelines primarily cover the graduate and professional level. They address the following aspects:

- * Curriculum
- * Faculty and Staff
- * Students
- * Administration and Financial Support
- * Instructional Resources and Facilities

The guidelines are in effect a revision of the "Standards for Library Schools" published by IFLA in 1976 for the Section on Education and Training. This new version has been drafted by a working group of the Section whose members include: Evelyn Daniel, Susan Lazinger and Ole Harbo.

(Extracted from: Sophie Felfoldi, Reference 2, 14 Dec 2000)

(for the full guidelines see <http://www.ifla.org/VII/s23/bulletin/guidelines.htm>)

IFLA approves New Principles and Guidelines for International Lending and Document Delivery

The shared use of individual library collections is a necessary element of international cooperation by libraries. Just as no library can be self-sufficient in meeting all the information needs of its users, so no country can be self-sufficient. The supply of loans and copies between libraries in different countries is a valuable and necessary part of the process of Interlibrary Lending (ILL).

Recently IFLA's Professional Board approved a

completely new set of principles and guidelines for International Lending and Document Delivery. These were prepared in a close cooperation between the IFLA Office for International Lending and the IFLA Section on Document Delivery and Interlending.

The Principles and Guidelines for Procedure are reproduced as an attachment to this Press Release and can be found on IFLANET at < <http://www.ifla.org/VI/2/p3/illdd.htm>>.

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(Extracted from: Josche Neven, Reference 2, Tue, 24 Apr 2001)

UNESCO GUIDELINES

UNESCO and Partners to Prepare Guidelines for Digitization

Programmes UNESCO joins efforts with the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) and the International Council on Archives (ICA) to establish guidelines for digitization programmes for collections and holdings in the public domain, particularly those held by libraries and archives. The guidelines, that are expected to be published at the end of 2001, is intended to serve decision-makers as well as library and archives managers, mainly in developing countries, as a guide for planning digitization projects.

In keeping with its constitutional mandate, UNESCO strives to promote universal access to information and to ensure that as many people as possible benefit from the opportunities for sharing knowledge and promoting creativity that the new technologies provide. Libraries and archives as main depositories of information in the public domain are key stakeholders in this area.

In 1999, UNESCO launched a new initiative aimed at facilitating access to information in the public domain. Its ultimate goal is to strengthen the public domain of information. Main activities consist in creation of awareness and in providing of Guidelines. UNESCO also aims to link up, through virtual gateways, the various activities being developed at national and international levels, with a view to progressively build a virtual repository for information of a public nature relevant to UNESCO's fields of competence.

The Guidelines, which will include an analytical list of completed and on-going digitization projects of information in the public domain, will cover selection policy, conversion policy and techniques, metadata issues, legal aspects, quality control, budgeting, human resource planning, technical needs analysis, development and maintenance of interfaces (websites), preservation of digital contents and project management. Links: · International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) <http://www.ifla.org> · International Council on Archives (ICA) <http://www.ica.org>
Contact Axel Plath A.Plathe@unesco.org (Sophie Felfoldi, Reference 2, Fri, 2 Mar. 20)

UNESCO Library Portal

UNESCO is pleased to announce the launch of its library portal (http://www.unesco.org/webworld/portal_bib) which is intended to facilitate access to information related to library resources available on the World Wide Web as well as to issues affecting librarianship. The site, still in an early developmental stage, is being developed as an interactive point for browsing and searching a range of categories including websites of national libraries, government information services, library associations and on-line resources, with special emphasis placed on activities in UNESCO's fields of competence namely education, sciences, culture, communication and information. Special sections will regularly feature news and articles of interest to librarians and highlight the activities of a selected library and/or collection. All libraries and librarians are invited to participate by providing information on activities, useful links, news and content that

they wish to share with others and generally make more widely available. (Joie Springer, Reference 2, Thu, 11 Jan 2001)

NISO STANDARDS

NISO Publishes Environmental Conditions Standard

Bethesda, Md., USA – (April 9, 2001) NISO, the National Information Standards Organization, announced today the publication of a standard on Environmental Conditions for Exhibiting Library and Archival Materials (ANSI/NISO Z39.79-2001). This new NISO standard explains how to exhibit and display library and archival items - books, manuscripts, photos, and pamphlets - to minimize the wear and tear on the item.

This standard relates to individual bound volumes in various binding styles and composed of various materials, printed ephemera, flat paper, and vellum items (manuscripts, art on paper, etc.), and photographs. Specific parameters are recommended for exposure to light, relative humidity, temperature, gaseous and particulate contaminants, display techniques, and case and support material components. In addition, the standard lists materials generally recognized to be safe and not safe in the construction of exhibit cases, and physical supports or restraints for exhibiting library and archival materials.

The Environmental Conditions standard will be useful to librarians and archivists balancing the desire to display important documents and materials with the need to protect these documents and materials.

This standard, like all NISO standards, is available for downloading free from the NISO web site (<http://www.niso.org>). It is available in hardcopy for \$49 from NISO Press (Telephone: 301-362-6904). (Marilyn Geller, Reference 2, Wed, 11 Apr 2001)

Title Pages for Conference Publications

Bethesda, Md., USA – (April 9, 2001) NISO, the National Standards Information Organization, announced today the publication of a standard on Title Pages for Conference Publications (ANSI/NISO Z39.82-2001). This standard describes data elements that publishers, authors, and editors should use to create title pages or chief sources of information for conference publications in all subjects, languages, and formats and will be extremely helpful in assuring the communication of conference information to interested readers.

In addressing the need for this standard, the committee writes, "Because conference proceedings are important in research and scholarly communication, it is important to be able to locate the published proceedings of a particular conference. However, it is often difficult to retrieve these works because title pages . . . contain insufficient information to identify a particular conference, or the information is not clearly delineated in its layout."

This standard gives guidelines for structuring title page information for conference publications that facilitate the creation of bibliographic citations that help users readily access the publications. The standard provides for a uniform presentation of information on a title page, cover, title screen, title frame, or any other location serving as the chief source of information for preparation of the bibliographic description or citation for an item. The standard applies to all disciplines, to all conferences (e.g., meetings, symposia, institutes, colloquia, workshops), and to all formats (e.g., printed documents, videos, websites). The standard applies to published conference proceedings in various manifestations (e.g., papers, abstracts, summaries) and in all languages, subjects, and formats.

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Guidelines for Information About Preservation Products Published

Bethesda, Md., USA – (April 19, 2001) NISO, the National Information Standards Organization, announces the release of Guidelines for Information About Preservation Products (Z39.77-2001). This new standard identifies the information vendors should feature in catalogs and promotional literature describing products used to store, bind, or repair a variety of library holdings including books, pamphlets, sound recordings, videos, films, CDs, manuscripts, maps, and photographs. Librarians and archivists who use these products will benefit from these guidelines as they compare and evaluate products.

The purpose of this standard is to encourage and promote the use of consistent language and to help vendors provide accurate information about preservation products used for storage, binding, and repair of library materials. The impetus to create this standard came in response to concerns expressed by librarians and archivists of the need for a qualitative means of evaluating preservation products. To help the librarians and vendors use the standard, there is a glossary that defines technical terms and a set of references to related standards.

(Extracted from: Marilyn Geller, Reference 2, Thu, 19 Apr 2001)

WWW

Ask An Expert The IFLA Section on Document Delivery and Interlending would like to remind you that you can "Ask an Expert" your questions on document delivery and interlending. While the service is intended particularly for questions related to IFLA documents and services, questions related to international document delivery and interlending are also welcome. Check it out at <http://www.ifla.org/VII/s15/sidd.htm#8a>. Carol Smale Information Coordinator IFLA Section on Document Delivery and Interlending: carol.smale@nlc-bnc.ca

(Smale Carol, Reference 2, Wed, 28 Mar 2001)

NEDCC Digital Handbook www.nedcc.org

The Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC) announces the on-line availability of its latest publication Handbook for Digital Projects: A Management Tool for Preservation and Access. The new Web resource was funded by a Library Leadership Grant from The Institute for Museum and Library Services. NEDCC receives major funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The Handbook was published to meet the needs of libraries and museums, and other collections holding institutions for basic information about planning and managing digital projects. In an effort to make this timely information available at no cost to anyone at anytime, NEDCC has posted the text on its Web site at www.nedcc.org.

For ordering information, contact Juanita Singh at Juanita@nedcc.org or (978) 470-1010 or visit www.nedcc.org

(Extracted from: Jamie Doyle, Reference 2, Wed, 13 Dec 2000)

RAP Web site

New RAP Web Site Provides Information from Conservation, Preservation Centers

The Regional Alliance for Preservation (RAP) announces a new centralized source for information and education on collections conservation and preservation, now available on the Web. The start-up of the Web site is funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), a federal grant-making agency that fosters leadership and innovation by supporting museums and libraries. Museums, libraries, archives, and other repositories of cultural heritage are invited to visit the joint Web site, at www.rap-arcc.org, for comprehensive access to the publications and services of the nation's nonprofit regional conservation centers and preservation field services. The site is geared to support training of staff and to provide a ready reference for conservation and preservation professionals.

The Northeast Document Conservation Center spearheaded the site's development. Further information is available from the Web site itself, www.rap-arcc.org, or from Steve Dalton, Northeast Document Conservation Center, by email at dalton@nedcc.org.

(Extracted from: Jamie Doyle, Reference 2, Tue, 19 Dec 2000)

New Getty web site The J. Paul Getty Trust announced the redesigned Web site.

The new URLs related to Standards and Vocabularies are as follows:

Getty Standards Program main page:

<http://www.getty.edu/research/institute/standards.html>

Categories for the Description of Works of Art (CDWA):

<http://www.getty.edu/research/institute/standards/cdwa/>

Guide to the Description of Architectural Drawings (FDA Guide):

<http://www.getty.edu/research/institute/standards/fda/>

Introduction to Metadata:

<http://www.getty.edu/research/institute/standards/intrometadata/>

The URL for the Getty home page remains

<http://www.getty.edu/>.

(Extracted from: Reference 2, Tue 20 Feb 2001)

MEDLIB

IFLA cooperates with UNESCO on Virtual Library for the Mediterranean Region

IFLA has signed a contract with UNESCO as part of the MEDLIB Programme, which aims at the establishment of a Virtual Library for the Mediterranean Region.

IFLA will conduct a survey of catalogues of Mediterranean libraries in view of their availability on the Internet. This should pave the way for their accessibility through a harmonized gateway.

"We are looking forward to having the results of this important survey, as it will eventually enable a large group of our colleagues in the Mediterranean area - including of course an

important part of the professionals and end users in the Arab world - to benefit from electronic means of communications", commented Sjoerd Koopman, IFLA's Coordinator of Professional Activities.

The survey will be undertaken by the IFLA/UAP Office at Boston Spa (U.K.). The results are planned to become available in the course of May 2001.

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For more information about the survey, please contact:

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(Reference 1, 16 January, 2001)

6. NEW IFLA PUBLICATIONS

Guidelines for Authority Records and References - GARR

2nd ed., revised by the IFLA Working Group on GARE Revision Muenchen: K. G. Saur, 2001. UBCIM Publications-New Series vol.23 DM 68 ISBN 3-598-11504-0

During the IFLA Conference held in Copenhagen in 1997, the IFLA Section on Cataloguing stated its goal to "develop approaches, standards, rules, lists for information that provide access to bibliographic data in all languages and in all scripts." In its Action Plan for 1998-1999 the Section intended to finalize the review and publish a second edition of the Guidelines for Authority and Reference Entries.

The revision was undertaken within the Section on Cataloguing by the IFLA Working Group on GARE Revision, formed by eleven members from seven countries. The Working Group continued the analysis already initiated by Tom Delsey and Inger Cathrine Spangen and

completed the revision of the Guidelines in January 2001.

Since the 1984 edition of the Guidelines for Authority and Reference Entries (GARE) there have been many advances in the technological capabilities of libraries. The Working Group focussed then its action on both, the key recommendations for long term policy put forward in the programme for Universal Bibliographic Control at the Unesco Intergovernmental Conference in 1974, where national bibliographic agencies are confirmed in their responsibility "For establishing the authoritative form of name for its country's authors, both personal and corporate, and authoritative lists of its country's authors, personal and corporate.", and on the need of broadening the range of materials the Guidelines are directed to. This has been done incorporating in the new version recommendations and principles stated in the Mandatory Data Elements for Internationally Shared Resource Authority Records of the IFLA UBCIM Working Group on Minimal Level Authority Records and ISADN; and in the IFLA Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records.

The second edition of these Guidelines is therefore intended to provide the specifications for authority and reference entries for names and uniform titles to be shared in print, microprint, and machine-readable form. They have been updated to govern the display of authority information and references for all types of materials to be included in catalogues, including legal and religious works, musical compositions and performances, manifestations/works by individual and multiple authors known under one or more titles, as well as serial publications. (Marie-France Plassard, Reference 2, Tue, 3 Apr 2001)

UNIMARC Manual -Authorities Format

The IFLA UBCIM Programme and the Permanent UNIMARC Committee are pleased to announce the publication of the second revised and enlarged edition of the UNIMARC Manual-Authorities Format by K.G.Saur. This revision

reflects developments in telecommunications and information technology and incorporates the recommendations of the IFLA Working Group on the Minimal Level Authority Records. The revision was undertaken by the Permanent UNIMARC Committee of the IFLA UBCIM Programme which has responsibility for maintaining the UNIMARC formats. The 1991 version of the format and the Concise Web UNIMARC Authorities, now obsolete, have been deleted from the UBCIM Web page.

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