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1. IFLA NEWS

FROM HEADQUARTERS

Transfer of IFLANET site

We are delighted to announce that the transfer of our web site IFLANET from our host since 1993, the National Library of Canada, in Ottawa, to our new host, l'Institut de l'Information Scientifique et Technique (INIST), in Vandoeuvre-les-Nancy in France, has been completed successfully.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank publicly all our colleagues in the National Library of Canada, who have developed and maintained IFLANET to the stage it has now reached; an essential and integral part of the professional activities, communications and management of the Federation. We would also like to thank them, together with our new colleagues in INIST, for their part in ensuring

that the transfer was so smooth that you probably did not notice the changeover. The domain name www.ifla.org remains the same.

Our Singapore Mirror Site, hosted by the National Library of Singapore now mirrors the main site based in France.

We shall now be working to establish very soon a mirror site in North America.

One consequence of the change is that, for nearly a year now, we have had a Web Site Manager here at IFLA HQ, Sophie Felfoldi. She has played a huge part in ensuring the smooth transfer. She will be glad to try to answer any enquiries you may have. You can contact her at sophie.felfoldi@ifla.org

Ross Shimmon
Secretary General
(IFLA HQ, Reference 2, 08 Mar 2002)

The IFLA Internet Manifesto

Unhindered access to information is essential to freedom, equality, global understanding and peace. Therefore, the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) asserts that:

* Intellectual freedom is the right of every individual both to hold and express opinions and to seek and receive information; it is the basis of democracy; and it is at the core of library service.

* Freedom of access to information, regardless of medium and frontiers, is a central responsibility of the library and information profession.

* The provision of unhindered access to the Internet by libraries and information services supports communities and individuals to attain freedom, prosperity and development.

* Barriers to the flow of information should be removed, especially those that promote inequality, poverty, and despair.

Freedom of Access to Information, the Internet and Libraries and Information Services

Libraries and information services are vibrant institutions that connect people with global

information resources and the ideas and creative works they seek. Libraries and information services make available the richness of human expression and cultural diversity in all media.

The global Internet enables individuals and communities throughout the world, whether in the smallest and most remote villages or the largest cities, to have equality of access to information for personal development, education, stimulation, cultural enrichment, economic activity and informed participation in democracy. All can present their interests, knowledge and culture for the world to visit.

Libraries and information services provide essential gateways to the Internet. For some they offer convenience, guidance, and assistance, while for others they are the only available access points. They provide a mechanism to overcome the barriers created by differences in resources, technology, and training.

Principles of Freedom of Access to Information via the Internet

Access to the Internet and all of its resources should be consistent with the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights and especially Article 19:

Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers.

The global interconnectedness of the Internet provides a medium through which this right may be enjoyed by all. Consequently, access should neither be subject to any form of ideological, political or religious

censorship, nor to economic barriers.

Libraries and information services also have a responsibility to serve all of the members of their communities, regardless of age, race, nationality, religion, culture, political affiliation, physical or other disabilities, gender or sexual orientation, or any other status.

Libraries and information services should support

the right of users to seek information of their choice.

Libraries and information services should respect the privacy of their users and recognize that the resources they use should remain confidential.

Libraries and information services have a responsibility to facilitate and promote public access to quality information and communication. Users should be assisted with the necessary skills and a suitable environment in which to use their chosen information sources and services freely and confidently.

In addition to the many valuable resources available on the Internet, some are incorrect, misleading and may be offensive. Librarians should provide the information and resources for library users to learn to use the Internet and electronic information efficiently and effectively. They should proactively promote and facilitate responsible access to quality networked information for all their users, including children and young people.

In common with other core services, access to the Internet in libraries and information services should be without charge.

Implementing the Manifesto

IFLA encourages the international community to support the development of Internet accessibility worldwide, and especially in developing countries, to thus obtain the global benefits of information for all offered by the Internet.

IFLA encourages national governments to develop a national information infrastructure which will deliver Internet access to all the nation's population.

IFLA encourages all governments to support the unhindered flow of Internet accessible information via libraries and information services and to oppose any attempts to censor or inhibit access.

IFLA urges the library community and decision makers at national and local levels to develop strategies, policies, and plans that implement the

principles expressed in this Manifesto.

This Manifesto was prepared by IFLA/FAIFE. Approved by the Governing Board of IFLA 27 March 2002, The Hague, Netherlands. Proclaimed by IFLA 1 May 2002. (Sophie Felfoldi, Reference 2, Wed, 1 May 2002)

About IFLA UDT

IFLA Universal Dataflow and Telecommunications Core Activity is closed. Enquiries should be sent directly to IFLA HQ ifla@ifla.org (Reference 1, February 27, 2002)

About Division VIII

Notes of a Meeting

**held on 4th December 2001 at 5.30 P.M.
Meeting room A, Koninklijke Bibliotheek**

Attending:
Rashidah Begum (Chair)
Claudia Lux
John Meriton
Wu Jianzhong

The purpose of the meeting was to propose a course of action that will lead to stronger integration and interaction between Division VIII and all the other Divisions I-VII of IFLA. The following were recommended:

- Beginning early 2002 every Standing Committee of Division I-VII (via the Chairs of the Divisions) would be asked to identify a member of each of its Standing Committee who would be the liaison to Division VIII. The liaison should attend at least one of the Regional Sections SC meeting on Sunday and report back to their Committees during SC II.
- These liaison officers will all be put on the mailing lists of the 3 Regional Section Newsletters and would present progress information reports at their SC I meetings.
- Every year Division VIII would identify 3 strategic areas of interest where it will

actively work with other Sections. For 2002, the areas will be development of library associations, information technology and continuing professional education and workplace training.

- Conference participants from the 3 regional sections who attend regional SC meetings will be asked to identify their areas of interest and will be put in touch with the relevant sections of Division I-VII during the Conference.
- Division VIII will also monitor the implementation of the 2002-2003 Strategic Plans of Division I-VII that relate to Division VIII to ensure that they are all carried out successfully.
- SC's of Division VIII would also be asked to discuss this matter at their next SC meeting scheduled for 2002.
(GB 02-009)

FROM RSCAO

Strategic Plan 2002/2003

Mission

To initiate, promote and facilitate the development of library and information services within the region

Goal 1

To provide opportunities for regionally-based education and training in library and information management skills, with emphasis on Information and Communication Technology (ICT) developments. This goal articulates with IFLA Professional Priorities (h) developing library professionals and (k) representing libraries in the technological marketplace

Actions

1.1 To select candidates and identify institutions for up to one month's in-service training in collaboration with the Advancement of

Librarianship Programme (ALP)

1.2 To select candidates and identify host institutions for information technology training in collaboration with ALP

1.3 To increase the number of recipients receiving in-service training by 25 per cent

1.4 To increase the number of recipients receiving IT training by 25 per cent

1.5 To organise a minimum of 2 workshops on digital libraries

Goal 2

To enable and encourage Regional Section members to take part in the work of IFLA, and to work together with other IFLA Sections and Core Activities to achieve RSCAO objectives. This goal articulates with IFLA Professional Priority (h) developing library professionals).

Actions

2.1 To identify relevant IFLA Sections for potential collaborative activities

2.2 To develop joint activities with a minimum of 2 Sections

2.3 To assign RSCAO members as liaison persons with relevant Sections

Goal 3

To assist in strengthening the effectiveness of library associations in the region. This goal articulates with IFLA Professional Priorities (h) developing library professionals and (j) supporting the infrastructure of library associations.

Actions

3.1 To facilitate 2 workshops on sharing experiences in library association development

3.2 To facilitate networking between 2 existing associations in the region with countries planning to develop associations

Goal 4

To promote high quality library and information management (LIM) standards and guidelines among countries in the region. This goal articulates with IFLA Professional Priorities (h) developing library professionals and (i) promoting standards, guidelines and best practice.

Actions

- 4.1 To encourage awareness of existing LIM standards
- 4.2 To facilitate the development of national level LIM standards and guidelines
- 4.3 To undertake or sponsor the translation of relevant LIM standards and guidelines for a minimum of 2 countries of the region
- 4.4 To facilitate a minimum of 1 workshop or seminar on public library guidelines

Goal 5

To disseminate and communicate information on library and information management relevant to the region. This goal articulates with IFLA Professional Priorities (h) developing library professionals and (i) promoting standards, guidelines and best practice.

Actions

- 5.1 To produce the RSAO Newsletter twice per year
- 5.2 To update the RSAO brochure
- 5.3 To develop and manage an Asia/Oceania listserv
- 5.4 To update the RSAO video
- 5.5 To improve the communication function of the RSAO web site

Invitation to Attend the Workshop

I am very pleased to inform you that the IFLA Regional Section on Asia Oceania will be organising a workshop during IFLA Glasgow 200 on a topic that is very relevant in this era of expanding digital information. .

I would like to invite all of you to attend this important workshop. The topic of the Workshop is:

The Application of Metadata in Library and Information Services

Date :Thursday 22 August 2002

Time 12.15 -15.15

Venue: The Conference Centre (check the program for the room number)

The workshop will be conducted by Dr. Dan Dorner, Senior Lecturer, School of Information Management, Victoria University of Wellington

and Mr. Steve Knight, Business Development Analyst, Digital Initiatives Unit, Electronic Services, National Library of New Zealand.

In this workshop, participants will examine why and how Metadata is used in libraries and information services. The workshop will focus on a range of Metadata standards (e.g. the Dublin Core, the Encoded Archival Description) and it will examine Metadata used for resource discovery, structural Metadata, and preservation Metadata. Using examples taken from sites in the Asia Oceania region. The participants will be able to examine the steps that need to be taken to ensure that appropriate Metadata standards are matched to different types of information resources and to different information management contexts. In particular, the workshop will be of interest to organisations that have a mandate to collect, preserve and make available digital material whether it be received via acquisitions, legal deposit, donation or as a product of the library's own digitization projects. I hope to see all of you there.

Rashidah Begum, Chair, IFLA/RSCAO.

IFLA RSCAO Open Session Glasgow

On 19 August 2002 the IFLA Asia and Oceania Section will be hosting an Open Session, 14.45-17.15, on the theme, Information Literacy: Building Skills for Lifelong Learning. This will consist of papers from Sri Lanka, China and Thailand. The Sri Lankan contributions are by Pradeepa Wijetunge (University of Colombo), 'Introducing Information Literacy and Skills to Undergraduates through Problem-based Learning: A Model for Sri Lanka', and Harrison Perera (British Council, Sri Lanka), 'Developing Services for the Young: Lessons from an Experimental Workshop on Young Learners'. From Wuhan University, Li Jingxia will speak on 'The Practice and Development of Community Libraries in China: A Case Study of Wuhan Area, China', and Professor Chutima Sacchanand of Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University in Thailand will present a paper on 'Librarians' Role in Teaching Information Literacy to Distance Students in Higher Education'.

If you are interested in how information literacy is being addressed in the Asian region, this is a session worth attending, as you will have a chance to hear of developments in three quite different countries. Are their approaches unique? Is there something that information professionals in other countries can learn from these approaches? What do others in the region see as the principal problems in providing appropriate information literacy training for individuals at various levels? Come and listen, discuss and network with colleagues from Asia and Oceania, and from other regions as well!

Questions about the Open Session may be addressed to the RSAO Chair, Ms Rashidah Begum (rashidahbegum@hotmail.com) or the Secretary, Professor G E Gorman (gormange@yahoo.co.nz).
(Gary Gorman)

FROM FAIFE

Terrorism, the Internet and Free Access to Information

The recent terrorist attacks on New York and Washington shocked and appalled librarians and information professionals around the world. The loss of life and destruction of facilities, including 80 libraries, horrify us. IFLA joins with our library colleagues and the people of the world in mourning the innocent victims and extend our deepest sympathy and support to the families and friends of victims, the survivors and others who have suffered. Calls to restrict the core human rights to freedom of expression and free access to information are reported in the wake of these tragic events. It has been suggested that some of the suspected hijackers may have communicated with each other by using Internet services at public libraries. Terrorists are alleged to have used the World Wide Web to help plan their outrages. Such implications are being used to

justify restrictions on free speech and freedom of information and increased surveillance.

But we have not heard the other side of the story. Use of Internet news sites doubled during the week after the attacks. Families and friends used e-mail to check on the safety of their loved ones - across city and across the world. Website operators responded to the thirst for news by bolstering their servers and increasing the frequency of updates. The result was that people throughout the world used websites and streaming audio and video feeds to get up to the minute information on the events and their aftermath.

This demonstrates the force of the ideal of free access to information and freedom of expression. It may be misused but it strengthens the peoples of the world. The campaign against terrorism is to be won. A vital strategy is to safeguard the best access to information. Barriers to the free flow of information should be removed, especially those that promote inequality, poverty and despair.

The Chair of the IFLA/FAIFE Committee Mr. Alex Byrne, said: "We should build respect and understanding between the diverse cultures of the

world. We should help construct communities where people of different backgrounds can live together as neighbors. Freedom is something for which we must fight, not by limiting it but by strengthening it."

The commitment to intellectual freedom is a core responsibility for the library and information profession worldwide. Libraries have a responsibility to guarantee and facilitate access to expressions of knowledge and intellectual activity. To this end, libraries provide access without fear or favour. That openness is a safeguard of our freedoms. It cannot be limited without endangering those freedoms.

IFLA proclaims that the libraries and information profession of the world will respond to these tragic events by redoubling our efforts to see free access to information and freedom of expression worldwide.

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(Reference 1, October 04, 2001)

FROM UAP

Update on IFLA's UAP Core Activity

Following discussions between the British Library and IFLA since the departure of the IFLA UAP Core Activity Director, the British Library has reaffirmed its commitment to supporting the activities of IFLA.

Discussions continue on how this support can best be achieved in the light of changes both in the British Library and in IFLA, but the UAP core activity and the Secretariat for the IFLA Copyright & other Legal Matters (CLM) Committee will continue to be hosted by the British Library for the foreseeable future.

Administrative responsibility for the IFLA Office for UAP within the British Library has moved to the BL Co-operation and Partnerships Department, under the management of Stella Pilling.

Sara Gould, UAP Programme Officer, will remain the first point of contact for all communication regarding the work of the UAP programme, the Office for International Lending, and the CLM Secretariat.

Full contact details for Sara and her colleagues Pauline Connolly and Katharine Rennie remain available at <http://www.ifla.org/VI/2/uap.htm#7>

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(Reference 1, February 20, 2002)

IFLA Voucher Scheme

The IFLA Voucher Scheme makes it easy for you to pay for your international interlibrary requests, by using a voucher instead of real money.

How does the Scheme work?

The Scheme is based on a reusable plastic voucher which represents a standard payment for one transaction.

Libraries purchase a supply of vouchers from the IFLA Office for UAP and International Lending for US\$8 each.

One voucher is attached to the request form each time the library requests an item from another country.

The supplying library accepts the voucher as payment for the transaction, and retains it to be reused for another transaction at a later date.

Libraries which supply more items than they request can redeem their excess vouchers with the Office for UAP and receive a refund of US\$8 per voucher.

Vouchers have unlimited validity and can be reused any number of times.

Supplying libraries are encouraged to accept a standard payment of one voucher for supplying one loan or a photocopy of up to 15 pages, but are still able to charge less or more than this if they wish to do so.

What are the benefits of the Scheme?

Apart from the initial purchase and final redemption of vouchers, the Scheme eliminates all financial elements when paying for international transactions.

Benefits include:

No bank charges for either requesting or supplying library.

No money lost in international exchange rates.

No need for invoices, therefore reduced administration costs.

Libraries can retain vouchers for reuse at a later date.

Libraries are encouraged to offer an effective ILL service in order to "earn" vouchers.

How do you take part?

The Scheme was launched in January 1995, and there are now a large number of participating libraries and institutions. A full list is available at <http://www.ifla.org/VI/2/p1/partcpnt.htm>

Please contact the Office for UAP to let us know you are interested. We can then give you all the information you need to purchase your first supply of vouchers, and an up to date list of all participants.

How do you purchase the vouchers?

Vouchers must be paid for by cheque in US Dollars, and prepayment is required.

Vouchers cost US\$8 each. A half-voucher is also available (at US\$4 each) to be used as a "top-up" for larger items.

There is no administration fee.

Minimum value of your order should be \$100.

How do you redeem the vouchers?

If you are a net-lending library, you will probably receive more vouchers than you can re-use. You can send in your excess vouchers for a refund equal to the total purchase price of the vouchers. Refunds are paid by cheque in US Dollars.

Further information

Further information, including leaflets in French, German, Italian, Spanish and Russian, are available from the IFLA Office for UAP and International Lending. If you have any questions or comments about the Scheme, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact us by any of the following means:

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Please note: The Voucher Scheme is promoted and organised entirely by the IFLA Office for UAP (Universal Availability of Publications), and has no links with the services of the British

Library Document Supply Centre.
(Reference1, December 07, 2001)

FROM UBCIM

Concise UNIMARC Authorities Format

The Permanent UNIMARC Committee and the IFLA UBCIM Programme are pleased to announce the posting on the IFLANET of a new Concise UNIMARC Authorities format at <http://www.ifla.org/VI/3/p2001/guideindex.htm> This is an abridged version of the UNIMARC Manual-Authorities Format, 2nd revised and enlarged edition and reflects the state of the format as at 25 January 2001. In response to requests we have added examples to the text while retaining the minimal description of fields, indicators and subfields.

The concise format is intended solely as an introduction. It is not a substitute for the full, printed, version. For details, see <http://www.ifla.org/VI/3/p1996-1/32601.htm> (Marie-France Plassard, Reference 1, Fri, 12 Apr 2002)

2. HAPPENINGS IN THE REGION

CAMBODIA

In Support of the National Library of Cambodia

The National Library of Cambodia was inaugurated in 1925. When Lon Nol's Khmer Republic collapsed in 1975, it was a prime target for destruction by the Khmer Rouge. However, the Library still holds a collection of palm leaf manuscripts as part of Cambodiana and a collection of about 20,000 volumes of French Colonial days.

The National Library is currently under the

Ministry of Culture and Fine Arts, and the assistance from overseas governments, organizations, individuals have been supporting it. The National Library of Cambodia Foundation (NALICAF) was created in 2000. It undertakes the following activities - seek private funding to support an electronic library system

- collect books from private parties to expand the Khmer and other collections of the NLC
- seek funding to improve the existing structure
- seek donations to support adequate staffing
- provide staff development support and capacity building. (Newsletter / National Library of Cambodia Foundation, No. 1, December 2001, p. 3.) :

On Friday April 5, 2002, a gala evening for fund-raising to publish an illustrated catalog, "Century of Books & Periodicals Project" was presented by the Ministry of Fine Arts and Culture in cooperation with the Rotary Club of Cambodia and the National Library of Cambodia Foundation at the garden of the National Library of Cambodia. Thousands of dollars were donated. When completed, the 1,000 page catalog will be available with a CD-ROM within a year. Not only will there be a summary of each book, there also will be a photo of its cover and its table of contents in French and in Khmer. (Cambodia Daily, April 1, 2002, p. 18.) (Yasuko Kitano)

CHINA

Wu Jianzhong, New Director of the Shanghai Library

Dr. Wu Jianzhong, member of the Governing Board of IFLA 2001-03, has been appointed Director of the Shanghai Library. He succeeds Prof. Ma Yuanliang and takes up his post in February 2002. Dr. Wu has been Deputy Director of the Library since 1985 and developed long experience in the library service. He is the founder and Secretary General of the Shanghai Information Resources Consortium, which consists of 30 research libraries of the city. Dr. Wu wants to, while informing international

colleagues of his new position, express the wish of the Shanghai Library to enhance its communication and if possible, cooperation with the world library community. The Library welcomes such practice in an attempt to upgrade its service, to broaden the staff's horizon, and also to benefit patrons in a global scale.

Dr. Wu also invites you to attend the First International Library Forum at Shanghai Library on 15-18 July 2002. For further information please contact:

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(Wu Jianzhong)

FIJI

Regional IT & Preservation Awareness Raising Workshop for Paraprofessionals in the USP Region

Suva, Fiji, USP, 28 October - 2 November 2001

A Regional IT & Preservation Workshop, funded by the IFLA Advancement of Librarianship Programme was hosted by the University of the South Pacific from 28 October - 1 November 2001.

The Workshop was designed to bring trained library personnel from the USP region together at the University of the South Pacific Library for a four day intense workshop on Information Technology with a one-day awareness raising programme on the preservation of library materials.

The Workshop was attended by 19 paraprofessional librarians from USP regional Pacific countries of Fiji, Kiribati, Samoa, Tuvalu, Tonga, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands & Niue.

The objectives of the Workshop were two-fold:

- (i) To train and enhance the skills of trained library/information personnel in the use of application of information technology including CD-ROM technology and the Internet necessary for the provision of effective and efficient information services.
- (ii) To create an awareness of the issues relating to preservation of library collections.

The topics covered in the Training Programme included: computer basics, buying a computer ; computer skills (Windows 98 and Word); The Internet, e-mail ; searching and accessing online databases; demonstration of automated integrated library systems (Athena and Bookmark); searching CD-ROM databases; library tours (special, academic and school) ICT's - videoconferencing and audioconferencing; preservation awareness.

All participants held paraprofessional library qualifications and/or had completed all the Library units in the USP Diploma in Library & Information Studies complemented by library experience.

The Workshop was taught by 4 professional librarians from the USP Library and divided into 4 days of IT hands-on/lecturers and 1 day of preservation awareness.

An evaluation of the Workshop indicated that the Workshop was a success and achieved the goals of the Workshop.
(Elizabeth C. Fong)

WIPO Fiji National Workshop on the Enforcement and Collective Management of Copyright & Neighbouring Rights

Forum Secretariat, Suva , Fiji, 26-28 February 2002.

The national Workshop was primarily for all stakeholders in intellectual property rights in Fiji and included representatives from various

government enforcement sections, namely the Director of Public Prosecution's Office, the Fiji Police Force, Customs & Inland Revenue and the Ministry for Women & Culture. Other important organisations represented included members of the Fiji Performing Rights Association and the University of the South Pacific.

The University as the largest publisher in the region and user of information with its 5700 ftes comprising approximately 10,000 students studying by distance education has been actively involved in various seminars and workshops relating to copyright developments and awareness in Fiji.

The Laucala Campus which is the Main Campus of the University of the South Pacific is subject to the Fiji Copyright Act of 2000. The University Library and the distance education unit, University Extension, of the University were tasked with representing the University making representation during the design of Draft Fiji Copyright Bill and was represented by Elizabeth C. Reade Fong, Deputy University Librarian (Customer Services) and RSCAO member and one person from the University Extension.

Many countries in the Pacific region are at various stages in the process of legislating for copyright and related issues in compliance with TRIPS and awareness amongst information providers on the effects of such legislation on our ability to meet the needs of information seekers is vital. National workshops are tools for enhancing awareness.
(Elizabeth C. Reade Fong)

Information Literacy: pathways for Fiji and the Pacific'

Fiji Library Association, 14th Biennial Convention, Naviti Resort, Coral Coast, Fiji 27-28 October, 2001

The Fiji Library Association hosted its 14th Biennial Convention on the theme of Information Literacy.

63 Librarians & Library Assistants from Fiji and

the Pacific attended the Conference. A number of Pacific paraprofessionals who were in Fiji to attend an IT Workshop at the University of the South Pacific the following Monday attended the Convention courtesy of the IFLA ALP.

The title of the Convention was "Information literacy: pathways for Fiji and the Pacific". Chief Guest was Ms. Margaret Appleton of the Central Queensland University's, Rockhampton Campus. Ms. Appleton presented the keynote address and conducted a Workshop on the Saturday afternoon. A panel discussion on the information literacy program currently offered in special, academic and public libraries was part of the morning's proceedings.

The second day of the Convention was devoted to library associations. A presentation was made on behalf of CONSAL (Congress of Southeast Asian Librarians) by Ms. Jayshree Mamtora of the USP Library.

Pacific Library Association representatives namely Ms. Jenny Binihi (Vanuatu Library Association), Ms. Carol Talbot (PNG Library Association), Ms. Silia Vaeau (Samoa Library Association), and Mr. Mohan Lal (Fiji Library Association), presented short reports on the activities of their respective associations. Ms. Elizabeth C. Fong, as RSCAO member then presented a session of the IFLA Guidelines for Library Associations prepared by the IFLA Round Table for the Management of Library Associations namely (i) Financial Management (ii) /Library Associations Operations and (iii) Establishment of Library Associations. Copies obtained at IFLA in Boston were distributed to all attendees.

The Convention confirmed that information literacy was a new issue for public, special and school libraries in particular and that there was a need for awareness raising and training of library personnel in the area.
(Elizabeth C. Reade Fong)

INDIA

The New CEO of ILISA

After having served Indian Library Association (ILA) as its President for many long years, Ms. Kalpana Dasgupta has assumed charge as the Chief Executive Officer of Indian Library & Information Science Association (ILISA). She may be contacted at :-
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Regional Engineering College, Silchar

Training Programme on Information Management

In order to create awareness towards library automation and information management, an AICTE-ISTE sponsored short term training programme on "Information Technology Applications in Library and Information Management/Services" was organized in REC, Silchar from 18th - 27th February 2002. About 40 participants from Maharashtra, Kamataka, Andra Pradesh, Panjab, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, and two participants from Bangladesh attended this training programme. During the ten days, the participants were given lectures and hands-on experience on different aspects of digital library, library automation, virtual library, Internet, barcode technology, web page design and development, TQM and HRD issues. Prof. H.R. Chopra, Dept. of LIS, Panjab University, Chandigarh; Dr. Mrs. Renu Arora from INSDOC, New Delhi; Shri Tasiruddin Ahemd from the National Informatic Centre; Guwahati and Narayan Panda from Hyderabad; Prof. P.K. Jayswal, Dr. M.K.Sinha, Dr. K Hemchandran and Sri Jayanta Bhattacharya from Assam University, Silchar; and Dr. F A Talukdar, Sri Arup Bhattacharya and Dr. Ratnajeet Bhattachrya, Sri Kishor Satpathy from REC, Silchar acted as the major resource persons in this programme.
(Kishor C Satpathy)

SATKAL

Satinder Kaur Ramdev Trust for Advancement of Librarianship (SATKAL) with its headquarters at the Panjab University, Chandigarh, has been

created by Mr. Jaginder Singh Ramdev, the first Deputy Librarian of the Panjab University in the name and sweet memory of his wife Mrs. Satinder Kaur. The objective of the Trust is to promote advancement of librarianship by giving scholarships, fellowships etc for higher studies and research; to institute awards i.e. *Punjab Librarian Award, Young Librarian Award and Women Librarian Award*; to organize library competition, quizzes, lectures, seminars, training programmes and workshops etc to provide financial assistance to needy retired librarians / their dependents and to act to sustain and develop librarianship. Three persons have been selected for SATKAL awards for the year 2001 in recognition of their contributions in the field of Librarianship: **Dr. P.S.G Kumar**, University Librarian, Nagpur University, Nagpur, India was awarded the **Punjab Librarian Award**; **Ms. A.K Anand**, Former University Librarian, Panjab University Library, Chandigarh, India was awarded the **Women Librarian Award**; and **Dr. Jagdish Arora**, Dy. Librarian, Indian Institute of Technology Library, New Delhi, India was awarded the **Young Librarian Award**. (Anjali Gulati)

INDONESIA

New Director General of the National Library of Indonesia.

Dady Perdana Rachmananta, born in Solo (Central Jawa) on 28 February 1949, graduated from the University of Indonesia's Library School in 1976. He took his postgraduate study at the Graduate School of Library Studies, University of Hawaii, and received his MLS degree in 1987. Before his installation as Director of the National Library on 23 July 2001, he was in charge of the Center for National Deposit Collection. He became the third director, succeeding Mr. Hernandono (the first was Ms. Mastini Hardjoprakoso).

Most of his career has been spent mostly for the National Library since its establishment in 1980, but prior to that he had undergone library jobs at a couple of institutions, had been doing photography assignment for two years at the

Jakarta municipal government, and teaching library courses in which he specialized in cataloging. He had written articles for library journals, local and foreign ones as well, and even up to now his name is still registered as a contributor to two foreign journals, i.e. Asian Libraries (Thailand), and LASIE (Australia). (Rashidah Begum)

LAO P.D.R.

Setting up of Laos Library Association

This year (2002) we have good news from the Ministry of Information and Culture - that the Laos Library Association has been approved through this Ministry. By the end of this year we will have a meeting to elect the President and other office bearers. It took 2 years of preparation by the National Library of Laos. During the 2 years we organised many meetings among librarians and library staff to discuss and to learn about the library associations. A librarian from the USA was invited to talk to Laos librarians about the American Library Association.

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NEPAL

Seminar on Information Literacy

Information literacy is quite a new term to Nepal perhaps in south Asia also. The librarian of Tribhuvan Central Library (TUCL) Kirtipur, Nepal was able to find some literature on the topics which develop more interest on the topics. Literature on the characteristics of a information literate person made him more confident about its

importance, and wanted to disseminate the concept to wider a audience in Nepal. He discussed the idea with Mr. Robert C. Kerr, Director, American Centre in Nepal.

Tribhuvan University Central Library Kirtipur with support from the American Center organized the country's first national seminar on information literacy on February 14, 2002. Participated in by renowned scholars, senior government officials, Tribhuvan University professors, journalists and information and documents officers, the seminar discussed major issues on :-

1. Nation wide awareness on information literacy
2. Introduction of Information literacy in Nepal.

Information is power. The democratic path that Nepal has embarked upon seeks to empower people with information, "Minister of State for Science and Technology Bhakta Bahadur Balayar said in his inaugural speech. "The Constitution of the Kingdom of Nepal promulgated in 1990 up holds the right of every citizen to be informed. In this regard, information literacy, by developing the ability to access, evaluate, organize and use information from a variety or sources, can make a valuable contribution in the empowerment of people," he added.

"In the forthcoming Tenth Plan, provisions are being made to establish 1,500 community-bases IT centers in the different parts of the country in order to provide villagers easy access to information on enhancing agricultural productivity and for improving overall quality of life."

As a large number of people do not have basic knowledge about new information opportunities, the technologies and mediums alone are not enough. "Frankly speaking, we are still information illiterate and this seminar will help me to seek some information to be literate on it," said Trailokya Nath Uprety former Vice-chancellor of Tribhuvan University. "This is an age of information, so access to information is one of the basic things of the times."

The information revolution has transformed the

global system. "Information has changed the global scenario everyone can have access to information provided the technologies and other facilities [are available]. said Robert C. Kerr, Director of the American Center at the inauguration function.

The explosion of information technologies has made it possible to share the information available in any part of the world. Scholars and students in Nepal are yet to tap its potential, while a large number of people are information illiterate.

"The term information literacy, some times referred to as information competency is generally defined as the ability to access, evaluate, organize and use information from a variety of sources." said Dr. Man Prasad Wagle.

Despite the importance of information in a rapidly changing society education institutions are yet to make preparations to meet the new challenge. "The universities and educational institutions in the country have to introduce new technologies to provide information." Said Professor Dr. Hom Nath Bhattarai, member secretary of the University Grants Commission, who chaired the inauguration session. Mr. K. M. Bhandary Chief Librarian, TUCL explained the information literacy standard and its importance. He called on the government to design policies and programmers to ensure that the state recognized the importance of information literacy. He expressed concern over the lack of electronic resources in the libraries which other wise would be of great help to those who frequently visit the library.

Mrs. Bina Vaidya, Deputy Librarian of the TU Central Library thanked the American Central Library and other participants for their support and encouragement in organizing the seminar.

At the seminar, chaired by Dr. Uprety, Dr. Wagle, Krishna Mani Bhandary, Keshab Poudel and Ram Krishna Timalsena presented four papers, the Role of Information Literacy in Education Development. Information Literacy. Media Literacy and Right to information, respectively.

Following the presentation of the papers, the participants were divided into four groups. Each group presented a number of recommendations on developing a plan to increase nation wide awareness on Information Literacy and Introduction of Information Literacy in Nepal. (Krishna Bhandary)

SINGAPORE

New Library Associations Publication

An excellent primer has just been prepared by InfoProducts, National Library Board (Singapore) on "Library Associations." The primer was written by Narayanan Rakunathan and provides an overview of the roles and functions of library associations, a brief history and development of them, and their future. Of particular use is the extensive bibliography with links to many full text articles. The primer is available at the Congress of Southeast Asian Librarians (CONSAL) Website, <<http://www.consal.org/resource/brief/>> (Arlene Cohen)

Journal of Information and Knowledge Management

"The Information and Knowledge Management Society (IKMS) 10, Anson Road #13-08 International Plaza, Singapore 079903, has published the inaugural issue of its international journal, Journal of Information and Knowledge Management. (ISSN 0291-6493)

This journal is a refereed bi-annual publication dedicated to the latest research and practical information in the field of information and knowledge management.

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SRI LANKA

Odd Jottings from Sri Lanka

The Sri Lanka Library Association has two committees undertaking some interesting work. The International Relations Committee [of which I am the Convener] is investigating a Resolution passed at the last AGM urging UNESCO to establish and encourage recognition for a Universal Library Day. Sri Lanka's National UNESCO Commission is soon to consider the SLLA's proposal and, if adopting it, will urge neighbouring countries' National Commissions to provide support to UNESCO. The SLLA will also be asking LA's in those countries to urge on their National Commissions such support. IFLA has considered the proposal and it will be further discussed in the Glasgow Conference during the meeting with National Association members. The SLLA is also examining the possibilities of establishing a SAARC Regional Library Association and letters of enquiry have gone to the LA's in the SAARC countries and to the National Libraries in Bhutan and the Maldives [where no LA's currently exist].

CONSAL, for the ASEAN countries, has a long history and some commendable achievements behind it. So the SLLA is also investigating from it the possibility of joining.

Finally this committee, somewhat belatedly, is examining the actions that still require implementation from the October 2000 IFLA ALP / SLLA 'Net-ELIS Workshop'. What have other countries, present in the Colombo 2000 Workshop, done to implement the excellent Resolutions that came from the Workshop's deliberations?

The Sri Lanka LA has a Board of Fellowship which is responsible for awarding the highest qualification that the profession possesses. In recent years the criteria used to consider applications have come under fire. They have been reworked and, subject to legal inspection and advice, will soon be advertised to the membership. This is timely work when the Institute of Management of the UK and Sri Lanka has received recently its Royal Charter from the

Queen of England and when the former Library Association and Institute of Information Scientists of the UK have merged to create the new Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals - CILIP.

Some thoughts occurred whilst drafting the above so I have jotted them down. Whilst IFLA, at the centre, and the Regional Sections and the RTMLA are committed to assisting the development of Library Associations and despite some very effective ones in the RSCAO's region there are gaps where none exist [Bhutan and Maldives come immediately to mind and probably the 'new' countries of the former Soviet Union] and where the RSCAO should concentrate some of its attentions. In others the L A s are weak, for instance in Cambodia where a number of monks [studying in Lanka] are very interested to rebuild libraries damaged during the Pol Pot period. Laos too would benefit. Also there exists one of the most successful regional library bodies outside Europe and North America in CONSAL. Formal links to work together with the RSCAO do not exist. Perhaps the RSCAO should work more closely with such a successful body to build strengths on its strength. Just some odd thoughts and jottings!
(Russell Bowden)

3. CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS

REPORT FROM THE CONFERENCES

Public and School Libraries Debated in Rabat, Morocco

Representatives from 23 African and Arab countries attended a conference in Rabat, Morocco, to promote the IFLA/UNESCO manifestos on Public Libraries and on School Libraries and the new IFLA/UNESCO Public Library Guidelines. Delegates were also consulted on the content of the School Library Guidelines, which are in draft. Kay Raseroka, elected to become IFLA's President 2003-2005,

gave the keynote address Seizing the moment: issues and opportunities towards the creation of an information society. Delegates from most of the countries represented in Rabat, presented country reports. They are remarkable accounts of the dedicated effort by many librarians in Africa to develop public and school library services in difficult and sometimes appalling situations. Lack of resources, profound social problems and, in some countries, continuing military conflict are some of the factors which African and Arab librarians are working to overcome to provide their communities with public and school libraries.

For ease of communication a part of the discussions were held in Anglophone and Francophone groups. A summary of these discussions and the resolutions and recommendations of each group have been reproduced here in English and French.

This meeting was held at the Ecole des Sciences de l'Information (ESI), Rabat, Morocco. It was the third in a series of conferences organised with the IFLA regional sections. Earlier "versions" were held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (1997) and in Salvador de Bahia, Brazil (1998).

This IFLA sponsored conference could be organised thanks to financial support of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the US National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS), The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency SIDA), The Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the Finnish Library Association.

Proceedings of the PanAfrican PanArab Conference on Public and School Libraries / Compiled and edited by IFLA Headquarters under the auspices of the IFLA Africa Section, the Public Libraries Section and the School Libraries and Resource Centres Section. The Hague, IFLA Headquarters, 2002. - 205p. 30 cm. - (IFLA Professional Reports : 71) ISBN 90-70916-85-1

This publication can be ordered from IFLA Headquarters.

(Reference 1, February 26, 2002)

The 7th Conference on Interlending & Document Supply

held in Ljubljana, 1-5 October 2001

The 7th International Conference on Interlending & Document Supply brought together participants from 16 countries to discuss new developments and common concerns surrounding the Conference's theme, "providing access through co-operation".

Co-operation is sometimes called partnership, strategic alliance, or simply sharing, but whatever we call it, it remains fundamental to interlibrary loan, document delivery and co-operative access to electronic resources. The Conference explored many of the varied strands of resource-sharing, from end-user access and consortial resource sharing, to the role of the ISO ILL Protocol standard and a description of some of the many document delivery projects currently underway. A session on monographs explored the challenges that e-books bring to the ILL department, and looked at Web-based alternatives to traditional book lending. Reports on national systems were offered from Russia, Portugal, Hungary and the host nation, Slovenia, while the results of the major Australian ILL Benchmarking Study were also presented for the first time to an international audience.

A major publisher offered a publisher's view of international document supply, and the importance of continued discussion with the publishing community on matters of shared concern was illustrated by a two-hour debate between speakers from both the library and the publishing world.

The published proceedings include a transcript of that excellent recorded debate which makes interesting and stimulating reading, together with 28 of the presented papers. Those librarians who participated in the Conference enjoyed a week of stimulating professional presentations and discussion, not to mention wonderful social events and beautiful October weather. Those who did not attend are invited to read the published proceedings, which underline the

diverse and dynamic nature of interlending and document supply activities worldwide. Everyone involved in ILL is also encouraged to watch for an announcement of the 8th Conference in the series which is already being planned for October 2003.

The proceedings, which include full abstracts, index and speakers' photos (edited by Pauline Connolly ISBN 0953856305), can be ordered from: IFLA Offices for UAP and International Lending c/o The British Library, Boston Spa, Wetherby West Yorkshire, UK.

UPCOMING IFLA CONFERENCE

IFLA 2002 GLASGOW

68th IFLA Council and General Conference
Libraries for Life: Democracy, Diversity, Delivery
August 18th - 24th 2002, Glasgow, Scotland

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Preliminary Programme (Excerpt)

Friday 16 August

14.00-18.00

CB I Regional Activities (Div VIII)

Registration opens (afternoon)

Saturday 17 August

08.30-11.20

11.30-14.20
14.30-17.20
(SC I & EC, 45 sessions in 3 periods)
17.30-18.30

Caucus
Officers Reception (Invitation only)

Sunday 18 August

08.30-11.20
74. SC I Africa
75. SC I Asia and Oceania
76. SC I Latin America and the Caribbean
16.00-18.00

86. Council I - SI
Opening of the Exhibition
Evening:
Exhibition Opening Party

Monday 19 August

09.30-11.10
87. Opening Session - SI
Keynote speaker: SEAMUS HEANEY
14.45-17.15

98. Asia and Oceania
Information Literacy: Building Skills for Lifelong Learning

Introducing information literacy and skills to undergraduates through problem-based learning: a model for Sri Lanka

PRADEEPA WIJETUNGE (University of Colombo, Colombo, Sri Lanka)

Librarians' role in teaching information literacy to

distance students in higher education

CHUTIMA SACHANAND (Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University, Thailand)

The Practice and Development of Community Libraries in China: A Case Study of Wuhan Area, China

LI JINGXIA (Wuhan Library, Wuhan, China)

Developing Services Developing Services for the Young: Lessons from an Experimental Workshop on Young Learners

HARRISON PERERA (The British Council, Colombo, Sri Lanka)

101. IFLA Anniversary Plenary Session I - SI
The Dutch Tea Party or IFLA in the Seventies

HERMAN LIEBAERS (Honorary President of IFLA, Brussels, Belgium)

Evening:
Reception at the Glasgow Science Centre by invitation of the Lord Provost of Glasgow, Alex

Mosson

Tuesday 20 August

12.00-14.00

114a. Poster Sessions

Cultural Evening:

Royal Concert Hall with the generous sponsorship of John Wiley & Sons publishers.

Wednesday 21 August

11.15-13.45

134. Regional Activities (Division VIII) - SI

Cultural Divide: Impact on Information Society

Democracia y literatura - Democracy and Literature

ADOLFO RODRIGUEZ GALLARDO

(Biblioteca Central Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Mexico, Mexico D.F, Mexico)

The information-starved - is there any hope of reaching the super information highway?

DENISE NICHOLSON (University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa)

Library's role in bridging the digital divide: the case of community libraries in Shanghai

JIANZHONG WU (Shanghai Library, Shanghai, China)

12.00-14.00

134a. Poster Sessions

Thursday 22 August

08.30-12.00

148. Management of Library Associations with Asia and Oceania Workshop

Current Issues and Activities of Library Associations in Developing Countries

The experience of practical activities of national and other professional library associations in Russia

VLADIMIR ZAITSEV (Russian Library Association, St Petersburg, Russian Federation)

Congress of Southeast Asian Librarians, CONSAL as a model for regional library

cooperation and development

R. RAMACHANDRAN (Congress of Southeast Asian Librarians, Singapore, Singapore)

Association 'Information Consortium of Kazakhstan Libraries' - a possibility of

consolidation of information resources within the country

KAMA URMURZINA (Information Consortium of Kazakhstan Libraries, Kazakstan)

Role and importance of national and state level associations in library development

C.R. KARISIDDAPPA (The Indian Library

Association, India)
12.15-15.45
159. Asia and Oceania
The Application of Metadata in Library and
Information Services
DAN DORNER (Victoria University of
Wellington, Wellington, New Zealand)
STEVE KNIGHT (National Library of New
Zealand, New Zealand)

Evening:
Edinburgh National Museums of Scotland
Reception
Military Tattoo performance

Friday 23 August

10.15-12.15
187. SC II Asia and Oceania
188. SC II Africa
194. SC II Latin America and the Caribbean
12.30-14.30
217. CB II Regional Activities (Div VIII)
14.00-15.15
219. Closing Session - SI
15.30-16.30
220. Council II - SI
(Reference 1, May 02, 2002)

SATELLITE MEETINGS

The following Satellite Meetings have been
approved by the Professional Committee:

Using Market Research to Improve Customer Satisfaction

IFLA Section on Management and Marketing
Glasgow, UK
Dates: 15 - 16 August 2002
For more information visit:
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18th Conference of Parliamentary Librarians

IFLA Section on Library and Research Services
for
Parliaments
House of Commons, London, UK

Dates: 14 - 15 August
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Gateways to the Changing Landscape of Art Information

IFLA Section on Art Libraries with the Art
Libraries
Society UK/Ireland (ARLIS UK/Ireland)
University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, UK
Dates: 15 - 18 August 2002
For more information visit: <http://arlis.org.uk>
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5th World Conference on Continuing Professional Education for the Library and Information Professions

Theme: Continuing Professional Education for
the
"Information Society"
Continuing Professional Education (RT)
Aberdeen, Scotland, UK
Dates: 14 - 16 August 2002
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Informing Government: Government Library and Information Services in the Information Age

IFLA Section on Government Libraries
London, UK
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Statistics in Practice – Measuring & Managing

IFLA Section on Statistics with LISU - Library
and
Information Science Unit

Burleigh Court, Loughborough, Leicestershire,
UK

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(Reference 1, April 15, 2002)

FUTURE IFLA CONFERENCES

The 69th IFLA Council and General Conference Berlin, Germany, 1-9 August 2003

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

Subthemes

- Transforming media management
- Knowledge of media in all dimensions
- New culture of digital media: the result of the change and ever-changing results
- Developing, training, expanding media competencies
- Media migration and conservation
- Knowledge Management
- Strengthening information content
- Building strategic alliances with various user communities
- Serving special information needs
- Information world for future generations
- Free access to information at point of use
- Licensing issues and other legal aspects
- New structures for libraries in global information provision
- Guaranteeing human culture and values
- Expanding libraries as cultural institutions
- Networking "Cultural partnerships"
- Social responsibilities of libraries in bridging cultural gaps
- Library buildings as community cultural centers
- The role of libraries in changing cultural environments

(Extracted from Reference 1, October 5, 2001)

Invitation

The German National Organising Committee and the German library community take great pleasure in inviting you to the 69th IFLA General Conference and Council which will take place in Berlin, the new capital of Germany, from 1-9 August 2003. The German National Organising Committee (NOC) and the German library community take great pleasure in inviting you to the 69th IFLA General Conference and Council which will take place in Berlin, the new capital of Germany, from 1-9 August 2003. We are very honoured that Germany's Federal President Johannes Rau has agreed to be Patron for the IFLA 2003 conference.

The 69th IFLA General Conference and Council will take place in Berlin which is a dynamic example of the process of merging different systems and societies. As capital of the now unified Germany and as a symbol of European integration, Berlin offers a unique opportunity to intensify contacts with colleagues from all over the world.

We sincerely believe that Berlin will offer you a stimulating and interesting scientific and social meeting.

Dr. Georg Ruppelt

President of IFLA 2003 National Organising Committee

(Reference 1, April 18, 2002)

2004: 70th IFLA Council and General Conference Buenos Aires, Argentina

2005: 71st IFLA Council and General Conference Oslo, Norway

During the 66th IFLA General Conference in Jerusalem, 13-18 August 2000, the IFLA Executive Board announced that the 71st IFLA General Conference and Council, in 2005, will be held in Oslo, Norway. The conference dates are: 14th of August until Friday 19th of August 2005

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(Reference 1, February 25, 2002)

**2006: 72nd IFLA Council and General Conference
Seoul, Korea.**

EVENTS AROUND THE WORLD

July 1-3, 2002, Penang, Malaysia

Asian Library Conference on Collection Development (ALCCD)

July 1 – 3, 2002

Shangri-La Rasa Sayang Resort
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July 8-12, 2002, Beijing, China

Digital Library -- IT opportunities and Challenges in the New Millennium

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July 15-18, 2002, Shanghai, China

The First International Library Forum

Shanghai Library, 15-18 July 2002.

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August 16-18, 2002, Turku, Finland

4th Nordic Mobile Library Festival

The 4th Nordic Mobile Library Festival will be held in Turku, Finland, 16-18 August 2002.

Check programme, registration form and general information on the web site:

<http://www.kaapeli.fi/~fla/nmlfenglish.htm>

The Finnish Library Association and the National Organizing Committee wish to welcome participants of the IFLA Conference (Glasgow, 18-24 August, 2002) to the Nordic Mobile Library Festival in Finland (16-18 August 2002).

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September 24-27, 2002, Brunei

Conference on New Information Technologies

Theme: Information resources integration: an agenda for change

24-27 September 2002

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Organised by Universiti Brunei Darussalam Library

A half-day post conference workshop on 'Effective Online Library Services' will be held on Friday 27 September 2002.

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September 30 - October 4, 2002, Port Elizabeth

Library and Information Association of South Africa (LIASA)

Fifth Annual Conference

30 September to 4 October 2002

Feather Market Centre, Port Elizabeth

Theme :

The revitalization of libraries for the 21st century

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October 14-18, 2002, Bukhara, Uzbekistan

Internet and Libraries - Information Resources in Science, Culture, Education, and Business

An international conference for Central Asia - 2002

October 14-18, 2002

Bukhara

Organizers: State Committee of Science and Technology of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Ministry of Cultural Affairs, Ministry of Higher and Secondary Specialized Education, Ministry of Public Education, Uzbekistan Library Association, Open Society Institute Assistance Foundation-Uzbekistan, Tashkent State Institute of Law, Khokimiyat (Municipality) Library Association of the Bukhara region.

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Languages of conference: Uzbek, English, and Russian

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October, 17-23, 2002, Amsterdam, Netherlands

SEPIA Workshop on Management of

Photographic Collections

The workshop will be held from 17-23 October at the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences in Amsterdam.

For more information see:
<http://www.knaw.nl/ecpa/sepia>

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November 6-9, 2002, Karlovy Vary, Czech Republic

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November 11-12, 2002, Chicago, IL., USA

The VRD 4th Annual Digital Reference Conference

Charting the Course of Reference: Toward a
Preferred Future

November 11-12, 2002
Chicago, IL

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November 17-20, 2002, Wellington, NZ

New Zealand Library Conference

The LIANZA Conference 2002
Winds of Change: Libraries in the 21st Century -
Ka purea e nga hau a Tawhirimatea

Wellington Conference Centre
111 Wakefield Street
Wellington
New Zealand
17 - 20 November 2002

Website: <http://www.confer.co.nz/lianza2002/>

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**November 18, 2002, Weno Island,
Chuuk**

PIALA 2002 in Chuuk

The Chuuk Association of Libraries and PIALA announced the 12th annual PIALA Conference to be held on Weno Island, Chuuk in the Federated States of Micronesia, during the week of November 18, 2002, with the theme "Libraries, Museums, and Archives : The Coconut Tree of Life."

Check the PIALA

Listserv and the PIALA WWW page

<<http://www.uog.edu/rfk/piala/piala.html>>

for further updates.

December 11-14, 2002, Singapore

**The 5th International Conference on
Asian Digital Libraries (ICADL'02)**

11-14 December 2002, Singapore

Theme: Digital Libraries: People, Knowledge
and Technology

human@digital-libraries.info

Web site:

<http://www.cais.ntu.edu.sg:8000/icadl2002/>

Held in conjunction with The 3rd International
Conference on Web Information Systems
Engineering (WISE 2002).

Venue: Grand Hyatt Singapore
(<http://singapore.hyatt.com/>).

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE
EDUCATION IN ASIA (LISEA)
POST ICADL WORKSHOP (14 December
2002, 2.00 to 5.30 P.M.)

Further details about the conference including
updates to the latest information are posted on the
conference web site. Other

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May 4-8, 2003, Brunei Darussalam

CONSAL XII - 2003

The Congress of Southeast Asian Librarians
(CONSAL) XII will be held on 4 - 8 May 2003.

Theme: Information Resources Empowerment:
Enhancing Knowledge Heritage

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4. ALP NEWS

2001 ANNUAL REPORT

By Gunilla Natvig, Administrative Officer

Background

The mission of the Advancement of
Librarianship Programme (ALP) is to further the
library profession, library institutions and library
and information services in the developing
countries of Africa, Asia and Oceania, and Latin
America and the Caribbean.

Within the special ALP areas, the Medium-Term
Programme (MTP) goals are to assist in
continuing education and training; to support the
development of library associations; to promote
the establishment and development of library and

information services to the general public, including the promotion of literacy; and to promote the introduction of new technology into library services. The scope of ALP is wide. Cooperation with relevant IFLA professional bodies and with regional and international organisations is therefore essential for the implementation of the programme.

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

Staff and Finance

IFLA, Uppsala University and 17 Nordic library associations and institutions fund the International Focal Point (IFP) for ALP at Uppsala University Library. Danida pays for one half-time position and for translations and publications. Sida funds are also used for the secretariat. To this should be added contributions in kind from Uppsala University Library.

The ALP IFP was staffed by: Birgitta Sandell, Director of the Programme, Gunilla Natvig, Administrative Officer (half-time), and Karin Lindblom, Administrative Assistant (40%).

Professional Activities

The sponsors in 2001 were Sida, Danida, Finnida, the Finnish Library Association, the Swedish Library Association and Norad. In addition, those responsible for projects in the regions contributed with their own resources and raised considerable funds from external sources.

ALP Meetings and Seminars

Training seminar on the conception of web-sites and searching on Internet (p. 143). The workshop was organised by Mamadou Ndoye, Director of Bibliothèque de l'Université Gaston Berger and took place in Dakar, Senegal, 9-14 July. The objectives of the workshop were to train professionals to create web sites in order to make an easy access to documents in libraries and to encourage interlibrary exchange. The 12

delegates came from Morocco, Algeria, Ivory Coast, Guinea, Mauritania, Cape Verde, Togo, Benin, Burkina Faso, Niger and Senegal. Sida funded the workshop. A final report from the workshop has been received.

African/Arab Conference on Public and School Librarianship (p.147). The conference took place in Rabat, Morocco, September 19-21. The objectives were to provide a plan of action for public library development for the future; to standardise and formulate guidelines and to strengthen cooperation and networking amongst public libraries in the region. There were 43 participants from 23 African countries. The meeting has been described in *IFLA Journal* 27(2001) 5/6 by Kay Raseroka. Part of the seminar was funded by Finnida and Sida. The proceedings of the seminar will be published by IFLA.

1st Latin American meeting on local information services as a tool for community participation (p.339) 18-21 September in Medellín, Colombia. More than 200 people from different countries in Latin America discussed library services related to local needs. There were exhibitions, presentations, round tables and working groups. The proceedings have been published on a CD-ROM. Sida contributed to the workshop.

Training workshop on information technology and preservation awareness raising (p.256). This workshop took place in Fiji, 29 October to 2 November. The workshop brought personnel from the Oceania region together at the University of the South Pacific Library for a four day intensive workshop on information technology and one-day awareness raising programme on the preservation of library materials. There were 19 participants from Fiji, Cook Islands, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu. Sida funded the workshop.

International conference for library and information science educators in the Asia Pacific region (p. 250). The conference was held on 11-12 June, in Petaling Jaya, Malaysia and it brought together 50 LIS educators from all over the Asia Pacific Region. 22 papers were presented from 12 countries: Malaysia, Singapore, New Zealand,

Australia, Taiwan, Pakistan, Iran, Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand, Kuwait, India and Nepal. A majority of the papers focused on the issues of competencies and core curriculum from a wide range of perspectives - competencies required in various types of information services today, IT-related competencies, and competencies for multi-disciplinary programmes integrating traditional library science with knowledge management, information management and information systems. A small number of papers looked at LIS specialisations, distance learning, Web-based instruction, and the grading of student assignments. Sida contributed to the workshop.

IFLA's General Conference in Boston Danida Travel Grants

In 1998 Danida allocated a yearly sum of DKK 900 000, for the setting up of a Conference Travel grant to enable librarians from developing countries to attend the IFLA General Conferences. To start with, the grant runs for a three-year period and the IFLA Boston Conference 2001 was the third conference to which the grant could be applied. The sponsorship covered registration, travel, accommodation and a daily allowance. 30 candidates were selected for support. Unfortunately, there were problems for many of the candidates to obtain visas and in the end five grantees had not been granted a visa.

In addition to the general conference, six of the Danida grantees were selected and invited to attend satellite conferences, five to the pre-conference in Quebec, Canada, August 14-16, "Education and research for marketing and quality management in libraries". One person was selected to attend the pre-conference in Chester, Vermont "Continuing professional education". Two grantees were denied a visa to Canada even though they had already received a visa to the USA. For one it was possible to change the date of the ticket but for the other one there were no seats left for a later arrival to Boston. Fortunately, the organisers accepted a late registration and he could attend the pre-conference "Future places: reinventing libraries in the digital age" at Boston Northeastern university, 15-17 August.

Speakers Grants

With money from Sida ALP supported two

people who had been selected to present papers at the Conference in the Open Sessions of the Regional Sections. Ramli Abdul Samad, University Sains Malaysia presented his paper "Integration of Central Asian libraries into the international library society". George Shibanda, Moi University Library, Kenya presented his paper "Skill and competencies for digital information management in Africa". Birgitta Sandell and Gunilla Natvig participated in the Boston Conference and took part in the Regional Standing Committee meetings.

IFLA Regional Standing Committee Meetings

The annual meeting of the Regional Standing Committees in their own regions are most important for the development of ALP. Birgitta Sandell participated in the Africa Section meeting in Cape Town, South Africa. Gunilla Natvig participated in the meeting of the Section for Asia and Oceania in Penang, Malaysia and in the Latin American and the Caribbean Section meeting in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Scholarships and Attachments

In Service Training, Attachments, for Middle or Senior Staff

Four persons were selected for attachments in 2001 at institutions in the region: Ms Swe Swe Myint, Myanmar; Ms Mary Ann Ingua, Philippines, MD Mozibur Rahman Sarker, Bangladesh and Tong Qingsong, China. Host institutions were: National Library of Malaysia, Hong Kong University Libraries and the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology Library. This project is funded by the Swedish and Finnish Library Associations. The candidates were selected by the Advisory and Appraisal Committee of the Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania.

The Bart Nwafor Staff Development Programme in Africa started in 1997 with funding from Norad. The Regional Office for Africa is responsible for the programme and ALP IFP holds and disburses the funds and gives a statement of accounts to Norad. Selected for 2001 were: Blessing Ngozi Okeagu, Nigeria, Assane Faye, Senegal, Paul Ssemwanga, Uganda, Ms Mary Mwelwa, Zambia, Hikwa Mkuleko, Zimbabwe, Duncan Mboma, Malawi.

Other Ongoing Projects

In cooperation with the IFLA Africa Regional Section and IFLA's Regional Office for Africa, ALP participated at the Zimbabwe International Book Fair, in Harare, 4-7 August. Ms Carole Rioga, University of Zimbabwe Library, was responsible for the stand and the exhibition. The stand was paid for by money from Sida. *Journal of librarianship and information science in Africa/Revue de bibliothéconomie et science de l'information en Afrique* (p. 24). The first issue of the journal was published in 2001, and the next two issues are planned for in 2002. The project is funded by Sida.

The development of self-training package for information retrieval using distance education approach (p. 246). The project has started this year and will be carried out in Thailand. It is funded by Sida.

Establishment of libraries in prisons and other correctional institutions (p 349). It is a large project that is also supported by the State of Rio de Janeiro government. With funds from Sida ALP is supporting two workshops and the preparation of a manual. The project will serve as a model for other countries.

New readers (p 341). This is a pilot project carried out in Rio de Janeiro. A tutor manual has been produced and in order to test the method two courses have been held. Participants were people over 18 years from the "favelas" with poor literacy skills. Sida supported part of the project.

Minor Field Studies (MFS)

Sida has a cooperation programme with Swedish universities, Minor Field Studies (MFS), and the ALP secretariat is administering this programme within the library field. The programme aims at giving Swedish students the opportunity to carry out a two months study in a developing country. In 2001 one student studied library activities in Mali. Two students carried out a study on "Reading promotion for the whole population in Penang, Malaysia?". Host institution was Penang Public Library Corporation. Another two students studied "Information about AIDS in Botswana". Two students were in Guatemala and carried out a study called "Collaboration between the Royal

Library/National Library of Sweden and the National Library and public libraries in Guatemala".

PUBLICATIONS

ALP Project Report Series (ISSN 1023-8212)
The following issues were published in 2001:
Reunión regional: Manifiesto de la UNESCO sobre las bibliotecas públicas. Memorias del seminario en Bahía, Brazil, 24-27 marzo 1998. Bahía, 2000. 248 pp. ISBN 85-85798-09-2
JICPA survey of preservation resources in Africa, 1999/Enquête du JICPA sur les ressources en préservation en Afrique, 1999.
Compiled by Peter Ralph Coates. Uppsala University Library, 2001. ISBN 91-85092-60-6 (Reference 1, April 23, 2002)

ATTACHMENT AND SCHOLARSHIP

Announcement of Successful Candidates

Attachments:

1. Mrs. Sabitri Baral, Nepal
2. Ms. Iris Marigolo P. Operario, Philippines
3. Ms. Pornpit Somrit, Thailand
4. Miss. Naw Della Po, Myanmar

Scholarships:

1. Ms. Jing'an Feng, China
2. Mrs. Pradnya Yogesh, India

The coordinator will contact the candidates individually about the place and time schedule.

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5. MISCELLANEOUS

UNESCO

Formal Relationship with IFLA

The Executive Board of UNESCO, at its meeting on 1st October 2001, decided to renew 'formal associate relations' status for IFLA for the period 2002-2007.

Formal associate relations is the highest level of relationship accorded to non-governmental organisations by UNESCO.

(Reference 1, November 19, 2001)

World Book and Copyright

Day 23 April 2002

Message by the Director-General
UNESCO

Books are a fundamental means of access to knowledge of values, wisdom, aesthetic sense and human imagination. As vectors of creation, information and education, they allow every culture to print their essential features and to see the identity of others. As a window on the diversity of cultures and a bridge between civilizations, beyond time and space, books are a source of dialogue, a means of exchange and a source of development.

For all of these reasons, UNESCO has celebrated World Book and Copyright Day since 1996, on the 23rd of April, with the participation of millions of people representing a hundred countries. Devoted to the promotion of reading and writing, in addition to copyright, which is closely associated, the occasion aims to bring out the various aspects of books, be they creative, industrial, standard-setting, political, national and international. The celebration of the United Nations' Year for Cultural Heritage in 2002 is a particularly appropriate event.

UNESCO has indicated two major themes to celebrate the year: "Heritage and Dialogue" and "Heritage and Development." Books and copyright exemplify these themes. As a protector of memory and a vector for creativity, a book is both a receptacle for words and a mechanism for the exchange of ideas, an incomparable instrument and a reproducible object, an echo-chamber of feeling and a source of revenue, an original work and a mirror of the social climate. Books represent a heritage that is specifically rooted in distinct cultural traditions and which is

continually evolving through interaction with other traditions, in relation to and in dialogue with the Other.

The celebration of World Book and Copyright Day in 2002 is an opportunity to consider the major contribution of books to the cultural heritage and thereby spark new initiatives from the fertile interaction between the pages - be it in printed or in electronic form - and the cultural wealth of humanity, both tangible and intangible.

By safeguarding and adding to the cultural heritage of humanity, we maintain a synergy whose finest support comes from books.

Koïchiro Matsuura, Director-General, UNESCO
(Sophie Felfoldi, Reference 2, Mon, 22 Apr 2002)

WWW

Subject Index to Literature on Electronic Sources of Information

http://library.usask.ca/~dworacze/SUBJIN_A.HTM

Introduction, which includes sample search and instructions how to use the Subject Index and the Bibliography, is located at:

http://library.usask.ca/~dworacze/SUB_INT.HTM

Library Link

For information about management seminars and training opportunities, and the lists of conferences, exhibitions and meetings

<http://www.emeraldinsight.com/lirarylink/news/event.htm>

CILIP

The Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals was formed in April 2002 following the unification of the Institute of Information Scientists and the Library Association.

Website: www.cilip.org.uk

Georg Morgenstierne

<http://www.angelfire.com/al4/tla>

The language and culture of South Asia
Database for pictures, moving images and audio
by the National Library of Norway

<http://www.nb.no/baser/morgenstjerne/english/index.html>

Librarians Against War

The emergency declaration written by Mark
Rosenzweig

<http://libr.org/peace/>

Dublin Core Metadata URL

The newly approved Dublin Core Metadata
Element Set (Z39.85-2001) can be found at:

<http://www.techstreet.com/cgi-bin/>

SCECSAL Web Site

is on the LIASA
homepage (www.liasa.org.za)

NISO unveils new web site

<http://www.niso.org>

Virtual Job Fair (VJF)

Available from April through September 2002.

www.collegecentral.com/uilisjobfair

CONSAL

The Congress of Southeast Asian Librarians
(CONSAL) web site

<http://www.consals.org/resource/brief/>

Thai Library Association Web Site

<http://tla.tiac.or.th/>

Tanzania Library Association Web Site

AWARD AND FELLOWSHIP

Exemplary Service Awards for Digital Reference

The Virtual Reference Desk (VRD) is pleased to announce that three digital reference services have been recognized for excellence in Internet-based information provision. The VRD Annual Exemplary Service Awards recognize outstanding digital reference and AskA services for their contributions to the field of online Q&A, and for the provision of high-quality information. The 2001 Virtual Reference Desk Exemplary Services are:

* QandAcafe, a service of the Golden Gateway Library Network (CA)

* Ask a Librarian, a service of the Houston (TX) Public Library

* InfoPoint Digital Reference Service, a service of the University of Minnesota Libraries - Twin Cities

Each service will receive a VRD Exemplary Service award at the Virtual Reference Desk's 2001 Annual Conference, "Setting Standards and Making It Real," on November 12, 2001 at the Rosen Plaza Hotel in Orlando, FL. In addition, a VRD Director's Award will be given to KnowItNow, a live reference service provided by the Cleveland Public Library and members of the CLEVNET consortium.

For more information on the "Setting Standards and Making It Real" conference, please see our conference pages at <http://www.vrd.org/conferences/VRD2001/> VRD is a project of the ERIC Clearinghouse on Information & Technology and the U.S. Department of Education. (VRD Conference, Reference 2, Fri, 19 Oct 2001)

Wedgeworth International Fellowship in Library Leadership

Thanks to a generous gift from Robert and Chung- Kyun Wedgeworth, the Mortenson Center for International Library Programs at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is pleased to announce a new, fellowship opportunity, the Wedgeworth International Fellowship in Library Leadership.

Fellowship Objectives

Aimed at current and future library managers outside the United States of America, the Fellowship's main goal is to develop leaders who are prepared to move their institutions forward in innovative ways that make information more accessible to users. The Fellowship consists of a six-week stay at the Mortenson Center and modest support to initiate a project at home that will make a significant difference in the Fellow's own library community. One library professional will be selected for this Fellowship.

The first Wedgeworth Fellow, for Summer 2002, will be selected from one of the following countries: Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, Swaziland, or Zimbabwe, with other parts of the world represented in future years. For more detail:

<http://www.library.uiuc.edu/mortenson> .

(Extracted from Sophie Felfoldi, Reference 2, Fri, 30 Nov 2001)

2002 International Paper Contest on International Digital Libraries and Information Science & Technology

The American Society for Information Science & Technology (ASIST), International Information Issues Special Interest Group, is pleased to announce its third competition for papers to be submitted for the 2002 Annual Meeting, November 18-21 2002, Philadelphia, PA.

The theme of the paper is: "Knowledge, Connections and Communities: the developing world perspective."

July 31, 2002 is the deadline for submission of full papers.

Contact Yunfei Du (ydu@lis.admin.unt.edu) for more information.

CAMPAIGN

Don't Tax Knowledge VAT on Books Campaign

Purchase price is a critical consideration for most people, particularly those people on lower incomes. Books, in this context, become a luxury. This is tragic, especially in a country like South Africa with a 60% illiteracy rate. The author and journalist Terry Bell, a former teacher, curriculum developer and editor, is acutely aware of the relationship between purchase price and literacy. This awareness gave rise to Bell's idea of spearheading a public petition in South Africa to remove VAT from books, in the interests of making books more affordable and so encouraging literacy. He has formed the Campaign Against Reader Exploitation (CARE)

and called the campaign "Don't Tax Knowledge".

World Book Day will be celebrated on 23 April 2002. The World Book Day Committee endorses this campaign and would like to encourage all stakeholders in the book chain, to assist in promoting this petition for public support.

An electronic copy of the VAT petition can be requested from: lianda.martin@nlsa.ac.za. A copy of the petition can also be faxed to you on request.

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(Hester van derWalt, Reference 2, Tue, 19 Mar 2002 and Wed, 20 Mar 2002)

Mexico, Japan Join Campaign for the World's Libraries

The Mexican Association of Librarians (AMBAC) and the Japan Library Association have signed on to The Campaign for the World's Libraries, a partnership between the American Library Association (ALA) and the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA).

As part of its involvement in the world campaign, The Mexican Association of Librarians has asked ALA to provide advocacy training in Spanish for its upcoming annual meeting, June 5-7 in Monterrey, Nuevo Leon. The theme of the conference is "Democratization of Information Access." The training will be coordinated by the ALA International Relations Committee and the ALA Public Awareness Committee.

Mexico and Japan join Turkey, Iceland and Italy as international partners, as well as several Canadian library associations including the Canadian Library Association, Library Association of Alberta, Ontario Library Association and Saskatchewan Library Association. All of these organizations have signed international trademark agreements to use the @ your library brand in their native countries. Australia,

Denmark, Israel and Korea have recently expressed interest in the campaign as well.

The Mexican Association of Librarians will use the translation that ALA developed with REFORMA (National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish-Speaking) - en tu biblioteca - to unify its communications efforts while Japan has developed its own translation.

All of the international versions of @ your library created to date can be found on the campaign Web site at www.ala.org/@yourlibrary under Download Logos. These include Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Icelandic, Italian, Japanese, Russian, Spanish, Turkish and Vietnamese.

The world campaign was unveiled last August

during the 67th IFLA General Council and Conference in Boston. It is based on ALA's @ your library initiative, a five-year public awareness effort about the value of libraries and librarians in the 21st century.

Like the U.S. program, the goals of the world campaign are to raise awareness about the variety of programs and services offered at libraries worldwide; to increase use of libraries at schools, at colleges and universities, in government, at work, and in daily community life; to increase funding for libraries; to involve librarians as stakeholders on public policy issues, such as closing the digital divide; and to encourage librarianship as a profession.

For more information on The Campaign for the World's Libraries, visit the IFLA Web site at www.ifla.org/@yourlibrary. For more information on the U.S. program, see www.ala.org/@yourlibrary.

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(Josche Neven, Reference 2, Thu, 07 Mar 2002)

SURVEY

Invitation to take part in a Survey about Promoting Reading

IFLA's Section on Reading is interested in finding out how public libraries promote reading as a leisure activity in their communities. The Section has put together a short survey, which has been mounted on the Web at <http://www.cie.uce.ac.uk/cirt/projects/readingsurvey.htm>

As a representative of the Section, I have been involved in the design of the survey. I encourage you all to go to the Website and do the survey. It's a mix of checking boxes and descriptive comments.

Please feel free to send this e-mail message to colleagues. The more input we get from around

the world, the more meaningful our results will be.

If you have any questions about the survey, feel free to contact me at either
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thomaqui@vpl.ca

Thanks for your input!

Thomas Quigley, Vancouver Public Library
(Thomas Quigley, Mon, 11 Mar 2002)

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**Division on Regional Activities
Asia and Oceania Section
Looking Forward
at the Beginning of the
21st Century
Message from the Chair**

In August 2001, the new Committee started its 2 year term. The Committee which has representatives from China, Fiji, India, Iran, Lebanon, Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore, Sri Lanka, and Thailand will work on an agenda to initiate, promote and facilitate the development of the library and information services and the library and information

profession within the Asia Oceania region .

Current trends where information is being recognised as a major driver in national development, make today an exciting and challenging time for all of us in the library and information profession . Information environments today go far beyond traditional library settings. Librarians who have been trained in the disciplines of creation, organisation, management, retrieval, access, evaluation and dissemination of information and knowledge are increasingly making users the heart of these activities. This predominant focus on users is one perspective that makes our profession distinct from others professions that claim a role in information systems. The infusion of information and communications technology in all areas of our work means we also have to keep ourselves on the forefront of these technologies as they become available.

The Committee started working on its plan of action during IFLA 2001 in Boston. The planning process continued during the Mid-Conference meeting which was held in China in early March 2002. The plan of action that has been developed by the Committee is based on the opportunities that these trends offer and will focus on human resource development, sharing of information, experiences and increased collaboration with other IFLA entities, strengthening the role of professional associations, and improving the communication process within the region.

The Committee at its March meeting also looked at applications for the Danida Grant to attend the IFLA Conference 2002 in Glasgow. The response from librarians was overwhelming as DANIDA received about 200 applications from 27 countries in Asia Oceania. We looked at applications from Bangladesh (7), China (14), F.S. of Micronesia (2), Fiji (2), India (40), Indonesia (8), Iran (6), Israel (1), Korea (1), Krgyz Republic (1), Lebanon (5), Malaysia (17), Mongolia (5), Nepal (11), New Caledonia (1), Pakistan (11), Papua New Guinea (4), Philippines (22), Samoa (1), Solomon Islands (1), Sri Lanka (24), Syria (1), Thailand (10), Turkey (1), Vietnam (3), United Arab Emirates (1), and Vanuatu(1). The Committee also selected

librarians to receive the Advancement of Librarianship(ALP) IT and attachment scholarships for the year 2002. I am very pleased that we have so many Librarians from the region eager to be part of the activities of IFLA and the Committee.

My Committee looks forward to your sustained interest and active involvement in our agenda for the years ahead. Let us continue to work to create a society that is able to use information effectively. Through this process we will be fulfilling a very important objective - enhancing the lives of the people who use our collections and services and in the process contributing to the prosperity of the nations in this part of the world.

(Rashidah Begum, Chair, IFLA RSCAO)

This Newsletter is published twice a year in June and December by the IFLA ROAO and the IFLA RSCAO. It is a major communication tool for IFLA members in the region.

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