



RSAO NEWSLETTER

ISSN 0858-2815

IN THIS ISSUE

1. IFLA NEWS
FROM HEADQUARTERS
FROM REGIONAL OFFICE
FROM RSCAO
FROM PAC
2. HAPPENINGS IN THE REGION
INDIA
MALAYSIA
NEPAL
PAKISTAN
THAILAND
3. CONFERENCES/SEMINARS/
WORKSHOPS
REPORTS OF PAST CONFERENCES/...
FUTURE IFLA CONFERENCES
EVENTS AROUND THE WORLD
4. ALP NEWS
NAME CHANGED
IFLA TRAVEL GRANTS 2004
ANNOUNCEMENT
5. MISCELLANEOUS
@ YOUR LIBRARY
JOINT IFLA/IPA STATEMENT
WIPO
WSIS
WWW
6. PUBLICATIONS

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS
FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DES ASSOCIATIONS DE BIBLIOTHECAIRES ET DES BIBLIOTHEQUES
INTERNATIONALER VERBAND DER BIBLIOTHEKARISCHEN VEREINE UND INSTITUTIONEN
FEDERACIÓN INTERNACIONAL DE ASOCIACIONES DE BIBLIOTECARIOS Y BIBLIOTECAS
МЕЖДУНАРОДНАЯ ФЕДЕРАЦИЯ БИБЛИОТЕЧНЫХ АССОЦИАЦИЙ И УЧРЕЖДЕНИЙ

IFLA Headquarters
Visiting Address:
Prins Willem-Alexanderhof 5, 2595 BE The Hague, Netherlands
Postal Address:
P.O. Box 95312, 2509 CH The Hague, Netherlands
Tel. +(31)(70)3140884
Fax +(31)(70)3834827
E-mail: ifla@ifla.org
Web site: <http://www.ifla.org>

1. IFLA NEWS

FROM HEADQUARTERS

Guust van Wesemael Literacy Prize - Call for Applications, 2005

Objectives

The objective of the Prize is to recognise an achievement in the field of literacy promotion in a developing country. The Prize should preferably be used for follow-up activities such as purchasing targeted collections of appropriate books, but may also be used for other activities such as literacy promotion, training, policy development. The Prize is issued biennially. The focus of the Prize is public library or school library work. Both individuals and library institutions are eligible to apply.

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

Applications

The applications must be accompanied by:

- * the reasons for application;
- * a detailed description of the completed project or activity (including a short description of the library, or of the organisation and its activities);

- * an explanation of how the Prize money would be used;
- * and a realistic budget;

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

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

Reporting

Within six months after receipt of the Prize, the winner must submit to IFLA HQ an interim report of the use made of the funds, and the second instalment will be paid out. When the project period is finished a final report and a financial statement should be submitted. (The report should be in a form suitable for publication in IFLA Journal).

Deadline for application: 1 March 2005

For more information see
www.ifla.org/III/grants/grant02.htm
and to request the application form, contact:
IFLA Headquarters:
P.O. Box 95312
2509 CH The Hague, Netherlands
Phone: +31-70-3140884
Fax: +31-70-3834827
E-mail: ifla@ifla.org
(Sjoerd Koopman, Reference 2, Wed, 22 Sep 2004)

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

DEADLINE: 2 FEBRUARY 2005

Nominations are invited for the position of President-Elect and Members of the Governing Board of IFLA, which will determine the direction of IFLA for the next few years.

The Governing Board, in accordance with the Statutes, consists of:
The President
The President-elect

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

The position of President-elect is open to anyone, including all the present Governing Board members, except the current President and the current President-elect. Each candidate needs 10 (ten) valid nominations. The successful candidate will serve for two years as President-elect (2005-2007), followed by two years as President (2007-2009) only.

The ten elected places on the Governing Board are open to anyone, except the current President, who will complete her term of office in August 2005, and the President-elect who will begin his term of office as President in August 2005. Each candidate needs five valid nominations.

The successful candidates for these places on the Governing Board will serve for two years (2005-2007). Those elected for the first time will then be eligible for election for a final, second term of two years (2007-2009).

Qualified Voting Member of IFLA and Personal Affiliates are entitled to submit nominations for the vacancies.

Nominations should be made on the appropriate form on which the name, address, membership code and the authorised signatory of the qualified member is mentioned. This form has been sent to all voting members and Personal Affiliates. Nominees need not be formal representatives of IFLA Members or Personal Affiliates of IFLA. Their nominators, however, must be the designated representatives of National Association Members or International Association Members or Institutional Members of IFLA. Personal Affiliates of IFLA may also nominate candidates, but they are not entitled to vote in the subsequent elections.

Nominations must be received at IFLA HQ by the close of business on Wednesday, 2 February 2005.

Please note the following points:

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

"Valid nominations" means nominations signed by an authorised representative of Voting Members of IFLA (or by Personal Affiliates of IFLA) who have paid their membership fees for 2004 in full and who are not in arrears.

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

Candidates should have reasonable expectation of attending meetings of the Governing Board without cost to the Federation. The Governing Board is expected to meet on three occasions each year; during the General Conference of IFLA, and in the following December and March, at IFLA HQ in The Hague. Forthcoming conferences will be held in Oslo (2005), Seoul (2006) and Durban (2007).

You should ensure that your nominee is willing to stand. We shall seek formal confirmation from each candidate, together with a statement, once we have received sufficient nominations for that candidate. Nominations will be accepted only from qualified Voting Members and qualified Personal Affiliates. "Qualified" means those Voting Members and Personal Affiliates who have paid their Membership Fees in full for 2004 and who are not in arrears.

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

It is expected that the ballot will take place during March and April 2005, with eight weeks between the dispatch of ballot papers and the closing date for their return. The results will be announced on IFLANET in June 2005.

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

Ramachandran Rasu
Secretary General
(Reference 1, October 22, 2004)

Call for Nominations for Section Standing Committees

DEADLINE: 2 FEBRUARY 2005

Like most professional membership associations, IFLA is heavily dependent on the voluntary effort of dedicated people, who serve on committees and boards, developing policies, organising the professional content of our conferences and generally ensuring the continued success of the Federation. The next elections for Section Standing Committees of IFLA will take place early next year. Nominations are therefore invited for these important committees.

Qualified voting Members of IFLA are entitled to submit nominations for vacancies on the Standing Committees for which they are registered. (A "qualified member" means a member who has paid the appropriate membership fees in full for the year 2004 and who is not in arrears). IFLA Sections for which you are registered are mentioned on the appropriate nomination form that has been sent to all qualified members. If you need more copies of this form, please photocopy as necessary. Alternatively, check the online membership directory.

As known, a number of former Round Tables were transferred into Sections. The Executive Committees of the former Round Tables have acted as Interim Standing Committees. They can participate fully in this call for nominations.

Those currently serving on the Standing Committee of each Section are listed at:
<http://www.ifla.org/database/SCMembers-list.pdf>.

Please note that they are limited to a maximum period of service of 8 years (two four-year terms). Those who are completing their second term in 2005 are indicated. They are not eligible for nomination.

Nominations should be made on forms being sent by IFLA HQ. They should be returned to arrive at IFLA HQ by close of business on Wednesday 2nd February 2005. They should be signed by the authorised signatory of the IFLA Member concerned.

Please note the following points:

You may nominate only one candidate for the Standing Committee of each Section for which you are registered. Under the current Rules of Procedure adopted by the Governing Board in August 2001, candidates need to be nominated by only one voting Member. That Member may be either an Association Member or an Institutional Member.

Candidates should have a working knowledge of at least one of the languages of IFLA (English, French, German, Russian and Spanish).

Candidates should have reasonable expectation of attending meetings of the Standing Committee without cost to the Federation. The principal meetings of Standing Committees are held immediately prior to, and during, the general conferences of IFLA. Forthcoming conferences will be held in Oslo (August 2005), Seoul (August 2006), Durban (August 2007) and Québec City (2008).

You should obtain the consent of your nominee, using the Consent Form, which should be attached to the Nomination Form, together with confirmation that the nominee meets the language and attendance requirements, and a brief statement of the nominee's career and present position. No one may be a member of more than one Standing Committee, except that a person may be a member of the Standing Committee of a regional section in addition to one other Standing Committee.

Each Section may have up to 20 people serving on its Standing Committee. If the number of candidates for any Section exceeds the number of vacancies, a postal ballot will be held after the close of nominations.

Please take some time to persuade suitable candidates to accept nomination. The work is rewarding; it presents possibilities for sharing knowledge and expertise with like-minded professionals in different parts of the world - and it helps IFLA achieve worthwhile developments on behalf of our profession. It can be great fun, too!

Ramachandran Rasu
Secretary General
(Reference 1, October 22, 2004)

Serving on IFLA Standing Committees

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

It can also be great fun!

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

Responsibilities:

Members of Standing Committees serve in a personal capacity. They do not themselves have to be Members of IFLA, but they have to be nominated by current Association or Institutional Members of IFLA. No one can be a member of more than one Standing Committee, except that you can be a member of the Standing Committee on one of the three Regional sections in addition to one other Standing Committee.

They contribute to the work of the Committee by:

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

Forthcoming conferences will be held in Oslo (2005), Seoul (2006) and in Durban, South Africa (2007). All of them will take place in August. In between these meetings, business is usually conducted by email and post or fax. Some Sections hold mid-year meetings by agreement of the Committee concerned.

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

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

Corresponding Members:

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

geographical or financial reasons. Their role is to represent countries in geographical areas, which might not otherwise be represented, or to provide expertise in a specific subject field. Such member shall be appointed for an initial two-year term, renewable for one further term of two years on the decision of the chair. They receive the Committee papers and are expected to maintain regular contact with the officers and other Committee members. They contribute their opinions and active support through involvement in projects, and preparation of translations, etc. Corresponding Members have no voting rights, but if they are able to attend a meeting of the Committee, they are entitled to speak.

Some Standing Committees have established "Observers", "Honorary Advisers" and "Special Advisers". These are however not official positions. They are not listed in IFLA Directory, and they have no official status and have no voting rights.

Secretary General, IFLA
(Reference 1, September 29, 2004)

FROM REGIONAL OFFICE

<http://www.ifla.org/III/ro/index.htm>

Dear IFLA Members in the Region,

It is the election time now, you must have received by mail from IFLA HQ the "Call for Nominations" for different positions, (see details on p. 2-4). And in the same package, you should find the "Nomination Forms", please do make use of them.

I am writing this note to encourage you, as a member of IFLA belonging to Section 26 (Asia and Oceania), to nominate a suitable candidate to serve on the Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania (RSCAO). At present our Section has 13 members. They came from the 5 sub-regions as follows:

Central and East Asia: China (2);

Southeast Asia: Malaysia (1), Singapore (1), Thailand (1);

South Asia: India (2), Sri Lanka (1);

West Asia: Lebanon (1), Syria (1);

Oceania: Fiji (1), New Zealand (1);

plus an extra one who came from France.

We have 4 members who are finishing the 4-year

term in 2005. Since each section can have up to 20 members, our Section Standing Committee will have 11 seats available this election year.

As you know, the Regional Standing Committee runs the Regional Activities on behalf of IFLA members in the region. Our Asia and Oceania Section covers a very wide geographical area, we need more members to look after the more remote areas in the region. We also need nominations from those countries not yet represented on our Committee.

I would like to take this opportunity to appeal to readers of this Newsletter that the region needs your help. If you are an active and devoted professional, and you want to do extra work for the profession and the region, please consider getting yourself nominated. Please take a look at "Serving on IFLA Standing Committees" on p. 4-5 and find an IFLA member to nominate you.

Pensri Guaysuwan, Regional Manager,
IFLA Regional Office for Asia and Oceania

FROM RSCAO

Asia and Oceania Section

<http://www.ifla.org/VII/s26/sraao.htm>

Message from the Chair

Following a successful 2004 Conference in Buenos Aires, where your Committee was kept busy racing back and forth between venues to attend sessions and meetings, and eating copious quantities of Argentine beef, we have been busy floorwing up on recommendations from our Standing Committee meetings, which were well-attended despite being some distance from the home base of most members.

First, plans are now well under way for the mid-conference meeting to be held in February 2005 in Damascus, with RSCAO member Dr Hasna Askhita from Syria and Information Coordinator Hilda Nassar from Lebanon as key organisers. Alongside the RSCAO meeting there will be a mini-conference on digitisation, with several RSCAO members as speakers. This will be a session for librarians from the Arab States, including Palestine, and we are all looking

forward to further developing contacts with our colleagues on the western edge of the Asia-Oceania region.

Second, we are now planning our session for Oslo 2005, for which the theme is sustainability of digitisation initiatives. We are trying a slightly different tack this year, with several invited speakers plus an open call for papers. Already there have been offers of papers from Singapore, India, China. We would very much like to receive submissions from West Asia as well. If you know of anyone who might be an ideal presenter, please ask them to send an abstract to me urgently.

Third, the self-review of our Section is now well under way as well, with an initial draft prepared by our ardent secretary, Dr Aree Cheunwattana, and now with me for supplementation and amendment. This is due at IFLA HQ very shortly, and my rating of the figures and documentation shows that we are doing very well, due in no small part to past chairs, Amelia McKenzie and Rashidah Begum, whose contributions I warmly recognise.

Fourth, the new Strategic Plan for the Section has been drafted, with minimal changes, as we felt that it was somewhat pointless to change our objectives when we are just starting to make good progress on various fronts with information literacy - so this remains our focus for the next biennium. The new Plan will go up on our Web site when it is finished and approved by HQ.

Fifth, arising from various initiatives, including the ALP Advisory Committee deliberations (which includes all Division VIII Section chairs and regional managers), major changes are being debated about the future location and structure of regional offices - 'watch this space' as they say!

There is probably a sixth and seventh as well, but from this list you can see that we have been extremely active behind the scenes, and much good work is being done by your committee. Just a final reminder: elections are to be held in the new year, so if you are interested in representing your country on the RSCAO, make sure to nominate. Details are in IFLANET.

Professor Gary Gorman
Chair, RSCAO

FROM PAC

**IFLA Core Activity for
Preservation and Conservation
(PAC)**

<http://www.ifla.org/VI/4/pac.htm>

REGIONAL CENTRES

ASIA

National Diet Library
Acquisitions Department
10-1 Nagata-cho 1-chome
Chiyoda-ku
Tokyo 100-8924 - Japan
Tel: 81 3 3581 2331
Fax: 81 3 3592 0783
Director: Masaki Nasu
E-mail: pacasia@ndl.go.jp

National Library of China
33 Zhongguancun Nandajie
Beijing 100081 - China
Fax: (86) 10 6841 9271
Director: Chen Li
E-mail: interco@nlc.gov.cn

EASTERN EUROPE AND THE CIS

Library for Foreign Literature
Nikolo-Jamskaya Street 1
109 189 Moscow - Russia
Tel: (7) 095 915 3696
Fax: (7) 095 915 3637
Director: Natasha Goncharuk
E-mail: ngoncharuk@libfl.ru

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Biblioteca Nacional de Venezuela
Apartado Postal 6525
Carmelitas Caracas 1010
Venezuela
Tel: 58 212 505 90 51
Director: Orietta Palenzuela Ruiz
E-mail: dconsev@bnv.bib.ve

Fundação Biblioteca Nacional de Brasil
Av. Rio Branco 219/39
20040-0008 Rio de Janeiro
RJ - Brasil
Director: Celia Zaher

Tel. +55-21-22201976
Fax +55-21-25448596
E-mail: czaher@bn.br

Biblioteca Nacional de Chile
Av. Libertador Bernardo O'Higgins N°651
Santiago
Chile
Director: Ximena Cruzat
Tel. +56-2-3605239
Fax +56-2-6380461
E-mail: ximena.cruzat@bndechile.cl

**National Library and Information System
Authority (NALIS)**
PO Box 547
Port of Spain
Trinidad and Tobago
Director: Patricia Zephyrine
Tel. +868-6243075
Fax +868-6243120
E-mail: pzephyrine@nalis.gov.tt

OCEANIA AND SOUTH EAST ASIA

National Library of Australia
Preservation Services Branch
CANBERRA, ACT 2600, Australia
Tel. +61-2-62621662
Fax +61-2-62734535
Director: Mr. Colin Webb
E-mail: cwebb@nla.gov.au

UNITED STATES/CANADA

Library of Congress
101 Independence Avenue, S. E.
WASHINGTON, D.C., 20540-4500, USA
Tel. +1-202-7077423
Fax +1-202-7073434
<http://www.loc.gov/preserv/preserve.html>
<http://marvel.loc.gov/>

**WESTERN EUROPE, AFRICA AND THE
MIDDLE EAST**

Bibliothèque nationale de France
T3 N4
Quai François-Mauriac
75706 PARIS Cedex 13, France
Tel. +33-(0)1-53795970
Fax +33-(0)1-53795980
Director: Marie-Thérèse Varlamoff
E-mail: marie-therese.varlamoff@bnf.fr

Programme Officer: Corine Koch
E-mail: corine.koch@bnf.fr
Secretariat: Isabelle Fornoni
E-mail: isabelle.fornoni@bnf.fr

South Africa

Preservation Unit

UCT Libraries

University of Cape Town
Private bag
Rondebosch 7701
South Africa
Tel: +27 21 480 71 37
Fax: +27 21 480 71 67
Director: Johan Maree
E-mail: jmaree@hiddingh.uct.ac.za

Africa

Bibliothèque nationale du Bénin

BP 401
Porto Novo
Bénin
Tél/fax: +229 22 25 85
Director: Francis Marie-José Zogo
E-mail: derosfr@yahoo.fr

(Reference 1, November 9, 2004)

2. HAPPENINGS IN THE REGION

INDIA

A Different Library

Kerala's oldest library is manned by lepers, Alleppy (Kerala)

<http://www.webindia123.com/news/showdetails.asp?id=43686&cat=India>

Believe it or not! Lepers are manning an old library in Kerala's Alleppy District.

The library is said to house a huge stock of ancient books, records and a huge stock of 16th century palm leaf manuscripts situated in Alleppy district with a collection of some ancient books, records and palm leaf manuscripts dating back to the 16th century.

Run by the Leprosy Sanatorium, the library is presently home to about 400 lepers who have been tasked with the responsibility of looking after the rare books and manuscripts.

K.G. Narayan, a leprosy patient and caretaker of the library, said that though there are several old records and manuscripts, maintenance is a problem as there are very few educated patients left.

"Here we have many kinds of old records and manuscripts and the paintings inside are all drawn by the patients. We preserve it and take great care of the manuscripts. Most of the educated in-patients have already left the sanatorium, here there is no one to man this place now," he said.

There are nearly four million leprosy patients in the country, and they are amongst the high-risk communities in need of massive support. (Anjali Gulati)

INDEST-NCSI Workshop on Institutional Repositories: Workshop Report

A training workshop on Institutional Repositories was successfully conducted during 27-29 July 2004 at Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, India. Participants from twenty-one leading academic research institutions in India were imparted training in setting up institutional e-print archives using the E-Prints open source software. Participating institutions included Indian Institutes of Technology, Indian Institutes of Management and National Institutes of Technology. The workshop was organized and conducted by the National Centre for Science Information (NCSI), Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, in association with the Digital Library Research Group, Computer Science Department, Old Dominion University, USA. The workshop was sponsored by the INDEST Consortium, a programme of the Ministry of Human Resources Development (MHRD), Government of India.

The main objective of the workshop was to fulfill a recommendation of the INDEST consortium to the member institutions to set up OAI-compliant digital research archives of their research

publications, following the model already set up at Indian Institute of Science (<http://eprints.iisc.ernet.in/>), and to work towards establishment of a virtual research archive using the OAI inter-operability framework. It was strongly felt that this would facilitate improved visibility and impact of research output of these organizations and supplement the existing scholarly publishing system. This initiative is an extension of the INDEST consortium's initial goal of provision of shared access to licensed e-resources like bibliographic databases and e-journals (<http://paniit.iitd.ac.in/indest/>).

Workshop programme and content

The workshop was conducted in a training laboratory equipped with 20 workstations with Linux Red Hat 9.0 operating system. Each participant was provided with a CD-ROM prepared by NCSI especially for the workshop. The CD-ROM consisted of E-Prints (version 2.3.4) and other related software (Apache, MySQL, dependent Perl modules, etc.); presentations made in the workshop; sample documents to be used in lab sessions; and resources related to institutional repositories, metadata, and OAI. Participants used a shell scripts developed by NCSI for automating the process of installing E-Prints and other required software.

The workshop sessions covered the following topics:

- Institutional repository software – features and functionality
- Overview of EPrints software and EPrints-based archives
- EPrints software installation and test archive set up
- Document submission, moderation, search and browse
- Archive configuration and customization (home page, subjects, metadata)
- Automatic metadata extraction
- OAI in action – harvesting demonstration using local DSpace and EPrints archives and ARC service provider set up
- Repository policies, content enrichment and advocacy

Workshop Website

More details about the workshop including workshop programme, presentations, resources and other related content is available at the workshop website -

<http://www.ncsi.iisc.ernet.in/indest-ncsi-ir/>

Dr. T.B. Rajashekar
Associate Chairman
National Centre for Science Information (NCSI)
Indian Institute of Science
Bangalore 560 012 (India)
(Workshop Coordinator)
E-mail: raja@ncsi.iisc.ernet.in
(Anjali Gulati)

Digital Library for Medical College

The Health Minister, K.K. Ramachandran, has inaugurate the state-of-the-art digital library with high speed Internet connection at the Kozhikode Medical College library here on September 17. The Medical College Vice-Principal, K. Parvathi, said the digital library would cost Rs. 50 lakhs with facilities of high speed Internet connection and 16 computers.

The library is funded by the Association of Kerala Medical Graduates (AKMG), an organisation of alumni of the Medical College in the U.S. and Canada. Online medical journal subscriptions and CDs of medical textbooks will be provided. The new digital library is being set by C-DAC, Thiruvananthapuram. C-DAC will run the library for two years, after which the responsibility will be entrusted with the college. Though Internet facility is available in the library from 2001, there are only six computers set up with the assistance from the National Medical Library, New Delhi.

Once the library gets 16 computers as part of its digitalisation programme, the library is likely to extend its working hours from the present 12 hours to 16 hours or even round-the-clock. Proposals for additional staff required for this purpose has been sent to the Government. The students will be charged a nominal rate of Rs. 5 per hour. Smart cards will be issued to students at a charge which they can use for accessing the Internet.

For full news see
:http://www.hindu.com/2004/09/16/stories/20040
91607800300.htm
(Anjali Gulati)

MALAYSIA

Workshop on the Public Library Service

**IFLA/UNESCO Guidelines For Development
26-29 April 2004**

The Workshop was conducted by Penang Public Library Corporation with the cooperation of the Council of Directors of Public Libraries in Malaysia from 26 April 2004 - 29 April 2004 held in the auditorium of the Penang Public Library Corporation in Seberang Jaya , Penang

The workshop was officiated by Y.B. Datuk Teng Hock Nan, representing the Penang Chief Minister. Also present were Dr. Haji Wan Ali Wan Mamat, the Deputy Director of the National Library of Malaysia, Yg. Bhg. Datin Paduka Hajjah Shahaneem Hanoum Director of the Selangor Public Library and Mr. Ong Chai Lin Director of the Penang Public Library and Chairman of the Workshop.

There were 7 papers presented at the Workshop where Mr. John Lake, Secretary Public Library Section IFLA was the Chief Facilitator. Mr. John Lake presented a paper on "The Public Library Service IFLA/ UNESCO Guidelines for Development"

There was also a product exhibition and 10 vendors from the Electronic Journal Databases Publishers, Library Integrated Systems and Book Publishers took part.

Feedback from the participants about the Workshop was very encouraging. Out of the 47 participants who attended the Workshop, 39 participants gave excellent remarks for overall impression of the Workshop; 27 participants said that the quality of papers were excellent; 29 participants said that the quality of papers were excellent and 36 participants gave excellent remarks for the conference facilities.

The Workshop was successful in creating a deep understanding of the guidelines and the issues related to their implantation. Mr. John Lake expressed his feelings by singing this song to the tune of the chorus of the ABBA hit:

"Thank you for the music,
Thank you for this Workshop,
your conversations,
Thank you for your presentations,
who could live without it,
I ask in all honesty,
where would we be,
Without this Workshop ,
we'd all be at sea,
So I say thank you for this Workshop
for giving it to me"

Report prepared by Shukriah Yon and Rashidah Begum
(Rashidah Begum)

NEPAL

International Seminar on Multipurpose Community Telecentre: Networking and Future Aims

His Royal Highness Crown Prince Paras Bir Bikram Shah Dev inaugurated the two-day international seminar on "Multipurpose Community Telecentre: Networking and Future Aims" amidst a grand function held in Kathmandu, on 15 January 2004. His Royal Highness the Crown Prince was accompanied by Her Royal Highness the Crown Princess Himani Rajya Laxmi Devi Shah. The International Seminar was jointly organized by Nepal Library Association and Nepal National Library with support from Unesco, New Delhi.

More than hundred fifty policy planners, diplomats, academicians, high level government officials, representatives from ICT sectors, media, INGOs, NGOs, librarians and international participants were participated in the seminar.

The International Seminar was divided into seven sessions. Each session was chaired by the concerned policy planners, high level government

officers and experts. After the presentation of the paper, floor discussion was organized to accommodate the suggestions and comments from the participants.

Ms. Gail Short, Consultant, Multipurpose Community Telecentre, Asia Pacific Region, Australia present the paper on Revisiting MCT and its salient features. Ms. Royboon Rassameethes, Chief of the Telecenter Project, Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment, Thailand and Ms. Uttari Budiharjo, Ministry for National Research, Science and Technology, Indonesia present the paper on Experience of Telecentre Management from Asia and Pacific Region.

The survey report on Status of Community Libraries in Nepal was presented by Mr. Jujubhai Dangol, Ex-member Secretary of NLA and Dr. S. B. Thakur, Ex-President of NLA. Mr. Jiwan Prakash Sitaula, Under Secretary of High Level Commission for Information Technology on the paper entitled ICT Telecentre: Challenges and Realities in Nepal. GIS Application in MCT paper was presented by Mr. Nama Raj Budhathoki, Vice President of Association of Computer Engineers' Nepal.

There were 5 country papers from SAARC Region, which were presented by Md. Mosharaf Hossain, Bangladesh, Dr. Abhijit Lahiri, India, Mr. Murari Binod Pokhrel, Nepal, Mr. Khalid Mohamad, Pakistan, Ms. Sriyani Ileperuma, Sri Lanka.

A team of resources persons, delegates from SAARC countries and participants from Nepal prepared Key Issues and Recommendations based on the paper presentations and issues and concerns raised during the floor discussions by the participants.

Mr. Bhola Shrestha, the President of Nepal Library Association gave thanks to all the delegates, participants and observers. He specially thanks Dr. Susan Ornager for providing this opportunity to conduct in Nepal. (Bhola Shrestha)

PAKISTAN

Need Books for Public Library

The Honorable Sir,
The Honorable Publisher,
The Honorable Friends/Colleagues,

I am very pleased to inform you that Pakistan International Peace & Human Rights Organization is an independent, non-profit, non-political & non-governmental organization. We have been working in the fields of: Peace, Human Rights, Education, Health, Justice, Development, Environment, Advocacy, Conflict Prevention, Disaster Relief, and Gender, in the under developed country like Pakistan.

PIPHRO's commitment to improving the quality of education through community participation is the basis for the success of its development efforts and networking with its partners, including the government, NGOs, private institutions, and donors. It aims to develop human resources by training teachers and personnel of NGOs and CBOs working for non formal basic and primary education, as well as to empower poor rural and low-income urban communities to take ownership of their schools. It supports the educational effort and ensures its sustainability by providing training, learning, and advocacy material in the national language.

PIPHRO believe that community participation is essential to ensure that quality education is available to the majority of children.

PIPHRO has currently established 7 community-based schools for children of primary-school. In schools there are 13 female teachers, who teach 279 children, mostly girls. With the hard work of our President Fayaz Hussain Abro who is going to open a Public Library in our area. For that great work we are getting books from our donors around the world.

So, I personally request you that please send us the Books on Science & Technology, Geography, Literature, Art, Poetry, Fiction, Novels for our Library. For our school please send us the pencils, pens, shoulder bags, hand bags, geometry boxes reading and reference material for teachers, training manuals for trainers, resource packs, dictionaries, CD's and other related material. So that children as well as people from every walk of life come & get knowledge and become responsible citizen of the country. If you are not in position to support us, then kindly send us the

name of the other persons/Agencies who support us & become the part of this great work. So that we achieve the sustainability & keep on going with this great mission.

I will be very happy to get the positive response from your side. I do hope for your help to meet and make my dreams true. Take our hands to make this world like heaven.

EVEN A GOOD WORD IS CHARITY!

Thanks.

In Peace & Love!

Truly Yours.

GENERAL SECRETARY

RIAZ AHMED ABRO (M.S.I.T, B.A)

PAKISTAN INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATION.

P.O.NINDO SHAHER DISTRICT BADIN.SIND PAKISTAN

POSTAL CODE NO.72250

PHONE & FAX NO. 92-227-(720227)

E-MAIL. riazinfo@yahoo.com

WEB SITE: www.geocities.com/piphro

(Riaz Ahmed Abro)

THAILAND

UNESCO – IFAP Project

Eighteen information professionals and researchers met in Bangkok, Thailand, from 18 to 20 October 2004 to develop an instrument to assess the current information literacy situation in schools in seven Southeast Asian countries, namely, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, and Viet Nam. The gathering included participants from Hong Kong and Singapore. A questionnaire to be used for the assessment is currently being refined. Assessment in the countries will be carried out by a team to be led most probably by the respective workshop participants. Results of the assessment will be analysed and shared at a workshop in mid-2005 where further joint actions will be planned to promote information literacy education in the participating countries.

This workshop and assessment are undertaken within the framework of a project aiming at developing information literacy through school libraries in Southeast Asia. The project is funded from UNESCO's Information for All Programme

Special Funds.

(Lapapan Choovong)

3. CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS

REPORTS OF PAST CONFERENCES/SEMINARS/ WORKSHOPS

Empowering Library Associations

Workshop, 5 to 7 October 2004

Kathmandu, Nepal

INTERIM FINAL REPORT

This Workshop was financed by SIDA through IFLA's Action for Development through Libraries Programme (ALP) and held under the auspices of IFLA's Regional Standing Committee for Asia & Oceania (RSCAO) and organized by the Nepal Library Association and Tribhuvan University Library in the Hotel Himalaya in Kathmandu.

1. Objectives

- To strengthen the quality and management and the efficiency of services provided by library associations;
- To assist LAs to encourage the adoption of internationally recognized standards of service and provision for library and information services;
- To devise programmes and standards to improve the education and training of LA members at both basic and continuing professional development levels;
- To assist LAs to know how to protect users' rights of access to information and their free use of it;
- To learn how to undertake effective lobbying for resources for library services;
- To help towards the improvement of the image, reputation and status of the profession;
- To indicate how LAs should work to support IFLA's policies and programmes.

2. Documents

The seven Guidelines produced by the IFLA Section for the Management of Library Associations [www.ifla.org/VII/s40/slma.htm] were used as 'textbooks' each being presented by, and the discussion following led by, an Asian Resource Person as follows: 'Guidelines for Library Associations' Operations' Dr Susanne Ornager (Unesco); '... for Financial Management' Anton Nallathamby (Sri Lanka); '...for Policies Planning and Procedures' Madam Kalpana Dasgupta (India); '...for Organisational Structure' Kalpana Dasgupta (India); '...for Programmes and Services' Rashidah Begum (Malaysia); '...for Governing and Leading Library Associations' Suwakhon Siritongworawat (Thailand); '... Expanding Advocacy in the Community' Prof. Russell Bowden (Sri Lanka). These were preceded by 'Objectives of the Workshop – IFLA + ALP + RSCAO + SMLA' and concluded with 'Professionalism: the Profession and Library Associations' by Professor Russell Bowden (IFLA Honorary Fellow).

3. Participants

They attended from Bangladesh - Dr Abdusattar (President L. A), India - Dr Muttayya Koganuramath (Vice-President), Myanmar - U Tin Maung Lwin (Vice-President), Nepal - Bhola Shrestha (President), Pakistan - Muhammad Anwar Ejaz (Secretary), Sri Lanka - Upali Yapa (Immediate Past-President). Nepal LA participants were expected to number 10 to 15 but each day more than 25 registered not only traveling from within the Kathmandu Valley but from institutions further afield. Senior officers of the Nepal Library Association and senior staff of the University Library participated actively and gave huge support in the organization of the Workshop. Particularly welcome were young librarians, members of TULSSAA (Tribhuvan University Library Science Students Alumni Association) who contributed enthusiastically and positively to the proceedings.

4. Organisation

This could not be faulted. It was undertaken, to excellently-high standards, by the Officers and senior members of the Nepal Library Association under the Presidency of Bhola Shrestha with the active assistance of the senior staff of Tribhuvan

University Library led by its Chief Librarian Krishna Mani Bhandari. The staff of the Hotel Himalaya, where all overseas participants stayed, could not have been more helpful or supportive.

5. Programme

The Opening Ceremony, of lighting the traditional lamp, was followed by brief addresses - by the Chief Guest, Mr. Bimalendra Nidhi the Honourable Minister for Education and Sports; the Chairman of the Organising Committee, Mr. Kedar Bhakta Mathema a former Tribhuvan University Vice-Chancellor and Ambassador to Japan; these followed by the current University's Vice-Chancellor. The Welcome was extended by Krishna Mani Bhandary, Librarian Tribhuvan University; the Keynote Address by Professor Russell Bowden representing IFLA; followed by Dr Susanne Ornager, Unesco Adviser and with a Vote of Thanks from Bhola Shrestha winding up this Ceremony.

The Workshop then received multi-media presented and pre-circulated country state-of-the-art reports (prepared against an agreed template) as backgrounds to later deliberations. Thereafter each of the Guidelines was presented over the next three days. Each followed by discussions against Discussion Points that had been pre-prepared by each presenter. These in turn were followed by a report back Plenary at which the rapporteurs to each group, Juju B Dangol and Rudra Pal Dulal, highlighted the primary issues that had arisen. These were then later used to formulate the Workshop's Resolutions.

6. Primary Issues

From the two rapporteurs' reports (that included more than sixty three issues identified from the discussions of the nine papers) it is possible to identify many proposals that did not make it to Resolution status but which nevertheless should not be overlooked when participating individual library associations come to consider their own future actions. Examples are: "advocacy at different levels should be carried out for the due recognition of library professionalism": "marketing strategy is required to promote library services": "LA should focus on project-based support rather than grant in aid from government": "long term strategic plan should be developed and followed by LAs": "advocacy activities should be

taken as an integral part of the LAs”: “LAs should try to implement library standards to provide better professionalism”.

7. Resolutions

1. Guidelines for Library Associations Operations

*Advocacy, networking and extension activities should be conducted regularly to be able to improve the status of LAs in the Region.

2. Guidelines for Financial Management

*LAs should formulate short and long-term Strategic Plans to act as a driving force for change.

*IFLA should offer concessionary membership fees for the developing countries.

3. Guidelines for Policies, Planning and Procedures

*The Workshop recommends the need to set up a Federation of South Asian Library Associations in the SAARC Region.

4. Guidelines for Organisational Structure

* It is recommended that all LAs should have clearly set out and developed organizational structures that should be disseminated to Members.

5. Guidelines for Programmes and Services

*All library associations should formulate short and long term strategic plans for their programmes and services and these should be closely aligned to the Mission and Objectives of the Association. Priority should be given to programmes and services that have the biggest impact on librarians and libraries.

6. Guidelines for Governing and Leading Library Associations

*The Workshop recommends that the IFLA Section for the Management of LAs develops a model Code of Ethics for adoption and adaptation by all LAs. This model should also include guidance for implementation and operation of the Code.

7. Miscellaneous / General

*LAs should make use of the IFLA Guidelines for the Management of Library Associations for the improvement of their own organizational structures and the more efficient provision of effective services to Members.

*LAs should recognize and reward outstanding contributions made to the association and the LIS profession in general.

*The Workshop recognizes the need to develop model curricula for LIS departments / schools within the Region.

8. Regional Federation of South Asian Library Associations [REFSALA]

The suggestion made at one of the Plenaries that a final Resolution should address the need to create a librarians’ professional organization in the SAARC countries was greeted with great applause that made clear that Participants believed that creation of such a body will meet an already recognized and long-standing need in the Region. At a subsequent meeting with senior SAARC Secretariat staff in Kathmandu they also made it clear that given all the correct documentation and individual country support for the proposal no problems were envisaged.

9. Evaluations

Seventy forms were distributed and 50 were returned. The highest commendations were for the contents of the programme (38) and for the handouts that were distributed (38) followed by 36 commending the Resource Persons’ style and 32 for the programme’s design and schedules. However, having reported that, the greatest dissatisfaction (10) was expressed for the time allocated to group discussions and therefore the inability to adequately participate in group work and the plenary sessions (14). Specific suggestions included: “subjects selected excellent – covering all aspects”: “basic guidelines informative and most useful”: “contents of the seminar were very relevant to current situations and were timely addressed”.

10. Conclusions

Recovering from the initial disappointment, after learning that not one of the single authors of the original Guidelines would be available to participate, the Workshop’s organizers decision to select all Presenters from within Asia proved to be one of the Workshop’s successes. It resulted in a Workshop for Asia organized by Asians with total Asian participation: an unqualified success in South-South cooperation. It is recommended, therefore, that for future workshops in countries where librarianship and libraries are at a developing stage, the South-South approach should be used as local librarians appear to relate better to the experiences of colleagues from the region.

The organization by Nepalese colleagues was impeccable; the objectives appear to have been entirely relevant; the presentations by the Resource Persons of the Guidelines clear and timely; the Discussions on them wide-ranging and initiating high quality debates on significant issues; participation was almost 100% satisfactory; the welcome, friendliness and warmth of hospitality from our Nepalese colleagues could not have been surpassed; all the Resolutions, particularly regarding REFSALA, were highly relevant and timely. The progress on establishing REFSALA was remarkable - from a speedily-arranged meeting with senior SAARC Secretariat staff to, by the time of departures, an agreed Constitution, a Mission Statement and eleven Objectives. Now it is for each participant, on returning to his or her own library association to publicize the Workshop's outcomes and ensure that they are successfully implemented and for those in SAARC to work towards ensuring the establishment of what was, most obviously, a much-desired professional body within SAARC.

11. Personal Conclusions

As one of the original instigators for this Workshop, in August 2002 in the IFLA Conference in Glasgow, over the intervening period I (Russell Bowden) had developed very clear (but private) criteria for its success. My highest hopes have been far exceeded by this Workshop. This opinion, incidentally, is supported by all the overseas participants to whom I spoke and endorsed also by our Nepalese colleagues. Still writing personally, I would assess the success rate at 96% only failing to reach 100% because of too little time for discussions. This could only have been corrected had there had been more monies available to afford to expand the Workshop by another day to allow time for these.

Finally, one has to ask the question; how many IFLA APL-funded activities have concluded with a Resolution for a major development within a Region and where, even before the participants have departed, meetings have taken place with the Regional governmental senior staff and a Constitution for a new professional body drafted as well as a Mission Statement and a set of realizable Objectives? All-in-all a major IFLA success.

Russell Bowden. Honorary IFLA Fellow. RSCAO Consultant.
Bhola Shrestha. President Nepal Library Association.
Krishna Mani Bhandary. Librarian Tribhuvan University Central Library.
Rashidah Begum. RSCAO Past Chairperson.
Kalpana Dasgupta. RSCAO Member.
(20 October 2004)

70th IFLA General Conference and Council Buenos Aires, Argentina, August 22-27, 2004

<http://ifla.org/IV/ifla70/index.htm>

IFLA Express No. 8 - final news from Buenos Aires

Now available from IFLANET the final news from Buenos Aires.
Highlights and statistics and more!

(Josche Neven, Reference 2, Thu, 07 Oct 2004)

WLIC 2004 - IFLA Conference - Participation Report

By Iyad Dweikat - Palestine

Background

IFLA organized its 70th congress in Buenos Aires during the period 22 to 28 August 2004. The conference theme in 2004 was "Libraries: Tools for Education and Development". In order to encourage young professionals to participate in this important event, ALP managed a number of travel grants that make this participation possible. I have learnt about this grant from IFLA web site and made an online application, which was a successful one.

Details of Participation

Travel from and to Palestine is too difficult, as it has to go through a third country, i.e. Jordan with all travel restrictions imposed on Palestinians. Entering Jordan requires a kind of "visa" for Palestinians traveling from West Bank. Similarly, obtaining an entry visa for Argentina took a long time and much effort. My visa application took more than three months to process and started

with a 'reject'. The second trial ended up successfully after a heavy traffic email exchange with concerned parties. Visa is issued from the Embassy of Argentina in Israel and this also requires a lot of arrangement with courier companies who can't meet deadlines due to closures of Palestinian cities. Picking up the pre-paid tickets was not an easy task as well. The Air France agent is based in Jerusalem and the tickets were issued from the office there. A colleague picked up the tickets from Jerusalem and we agreed to meet him in Ramallah to receive the tickets there. That arrangement coincided with a curfew on my city namely Nablus and it was impossible for me to reach Ramallah to have the tickets on time. The only solution was to have the tickets in an ambulance and this happened only one day prior to my travel to Jordan. Travel between Palestine and Jordan is too difficult and hard especially in summer. The trip might take three days though it is a 3-hour drive.

In spite of all difficulties, I could make it and attend the conference after overcoming all obstacles and restrictions. Participation in the event compensated all difficulties before and after the conference. It is a unique experience in terms of type of event and details on activities. This is the first time ever I attended an activity with excess of 3,000 participants from around 170 world countries. The conference is a symbol of diversity in terms of experiences and participants. Organization itself is a lesson to learn in professional life and it has an impact on personal achievement of young participant. Level of organizations reflects the size and capabilities of IFLA.

I attended most sessions of relation to my experiences, work and interests. This included the Division VIII meeting, Government Libraries, Newcomers' Session, New Professionals' Discussion Group, Information Literacy, School Libraries and Resources Centers. I also attended the opening session, exhibition and cultural evenings.

I also arranged meetings with Division VIII members and Norwegian Library Association to discuss cooperation potential with Palestinian institutions. The meetings came out with action and follow up points that might lead to more cooperation in the future. The meetings with Dr. Gary Gorman from Division VIII resulted in

directing our organization (RCHRS) to apply for a project by end of December 2004. Dr. Gorman also encouraged me to attend the meetings and conference proposed in February to take place in Damascus. He put me in contact with Ms. Hilda Nassar in order to follow up my potential participation in that event. I have already made initial contact with Ms. Nassar and am awaiting reply for the visa issue to Syria.

As for the Norwegian Library Association, I met with Mr. Frode Bakken, Chairman, and we discussed aspects of cooperation between Norwegian and Palestinian Library Association. The Norwegian Library Association is willing to make connections and twinning with the Palestinian Association in order to activate the latter's role and participation in IFLA. This is pending a reply from the Palestinian Association. Mr. Bakken also agreed that RCHRS and Norwegian Library Association could make cooperation projects together in the future. RCHRS will put the Norwegian Association's name on relevant projects.

Throughout conference dates, I visited the exhibition and went through every single stand and had useful briefing from participating companies and bodies. This exposed me to new technologies and methodologies in information services.

Results

Following are major results of my participation in the conference:

1. Developing my knowledge about IFLA, its divisions and activities.
2. Meetings with many colleagues from different world countries and diverse types of organizations and institutions.
3. Meetings with relevant bodies like Division VIII and the Norwegian Library Association.
4. Obtaining important information about courses in information services and related subjects for future Ph.D studies.
5. Introducing my organization and its activities to as many participants as possible.

Follow up

1. Coordination between Palestinian and Norwegian Library Association for potential

cooperation.

2. Further communication with Norwegian Library Association for bi-lateral cooperation with RCHRS.

3. Follow up with Dr. Gary Gorman to discuss ideas for involving Palestinians in IFLA and other relevant activities.

4. Contact Hilda Nassar for potential participation in February meeting in Syria.

Acknowledgments

Special thanks go to Ms. Birgitta Sandell for all efforts in making my participation successful. Thanks to IFLA for the very useful grant scheme, which made participation possible. Thanks to all people involved in preparations and arrangements for this international cultural demonstration.

Last word:

In addition to its professional influence, IFLA conference is an important occasion for enhancing understanding between people and reflecting real diversity and knowledge of the other.
(Iyad Dweikat)

FUTURE IFLA CONFERENCES

**World Library and Information Congress:
71st IFLA General Conference and Council
Oslo, Norway, August 14-18, 2005**

<http://ifla.org/IV/ifla71/index.htm>

IFLA 2005 Oslo Secretariat
Ann Margret Hauknes, Secretary General
Norwegian Library Association
Malerhaugveien 20
N-0661 Oslo, NORWAY
Tel: +47 23243430
Fax: +47 22672368
E-mail: IFLA2005@norskbiotekforening.no

WLIC 2005: LIBRARIES - A VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY

We hope to see you in Oslo next August!

We are now preparing for the next World Library and Information Congress - IFLA's 71st General

Conference and Council – in Oslo, Norway,
August 14 –18, 2005.

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

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

THE CITY OF OSLO

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

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

SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

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

The traditional cultural evening will be arranged at the Norwegian Folk Museum. The “walk-along-party” will be held between 50 traditional buildings mostly dated from the 17th and 18th centuries. While walking the reconstructed village streets you can enjoy food and refreshments. One evening there are two parallel receptions: The Mayor of Oslo invites you to one in the magnificent Oslo Town Hall and the

University of Oslo invites to another at the old University in the city centre. On the Monday evening the National Library will invite you to a grand opening of the totally renovated building dated from 1913. In addition you will get several opportunities to see the tourist-attractions as many sightseeing tours in and around Oslo will be arranged.

PROFESSIONAL THEME

We are sure that the professional theme for the congress, "LIBRARIES – A VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY", will be illustrated in many various sessions throughout the conference programme. Curiosity and imagination push the limits of your knowledge towards the unknown and unexpected – libraries help you get there! 35 different libraries invite you to visit them – in the city as well as in the greater Oslo area.

In the final announcement and in IFLA Express no 1 (will be published early in 2005) you will also find information about many satellite meetings that will be arranged both in Norway and in other Nordic countries in connection to the congress.

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

GENERAL INFORMATION

We want to remind you to apply for visa early if that is required from your country. Please check with the Norwegian Embassy or at the Norwegian Consulate. You also need a valid passport to enter Norway and an adequate health and travel insurance.

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

You will find all general and practical information on registration, booking of hotel etc. in the Final Announcement.

(<http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla71/index.htm>)

If you want the printed version of this, please send an e-mail to wlic2005@congrex.nl

TRAVEL GRANTS

The National Organising Committee of the WLIC

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

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

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

Priority will be given to applicants that are not regular IFLA attendees, but all are free to apply. For the NORAD money, however, candidates will be chosen among nationals of the NORAD cooperation countries: Tanzania, Mozambique, Uganda, Malawi, Angola, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Mali, Nigeria, South Africa, Bangladesh, Nepal, India, Indonesia, China, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, East Timor, Palestine, Guatemala and Nicaragua.

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

Sissel Nilssen

Oslo, Norway

Member IFLA Governing Board

Call for Poster Presentations

An alternative approach for the presentation of projects/new work will be available for conference participants. An area on the conference premises has been designated for the presentation of information regarding projects or activities of interest to librarians.

Presentations may include posters, leaflets (etc.) in several of the IFLA working languages (English, French, Spanish, German and Russian), if possible. Further advice on poster sessions may be obtained from IFLA Headquarters. The Professional Committee of IFLA will review all submissions.

Colleagues interested in presenting a poster

session are invited to complete the form below and to send it with a brief description of not more than 200 words of the session (in English, French, Spanish, German or Russian).

TIME SCHEDULE:

16 February 2005 Deadline for receipt at IFLA Headquarters of the application form and a detailed description of the poster session. Early April 2004 IFLA Headquarters will inform applicants of the final decision of the Professional Committee.

INTENT TO SUBMIT A POSTER SESSION PROPOSAL

World Library and Information Congress:
71st IFLA General Conference and Council
August 14th - 18th 2005, Oslo, Norway

Please print or type the following information:

Name: M/F
Address:
Tel. (Home): Tel.
(Work):
Fax: E-mail:
Title of Poster
Session:
Language:

This form with a 200 word description of the poster session should be sent to:

Mr. Sjoerd Koopman, Secretary of the
Professional Committee
IFLA Headquarters
P.O. Box 95312
2509 CH The Hague, Netherlands
Fax No. +31-70-3834827
E-mail: ifla@ifla.org

Deadline for receipt of Description at IFLA HQ:
16 February 2005

Note: Authors of accepted poster session will receive an official invitation to the IFLA Conference. However, travel costs to Oslo and other costs (including registration fees, hotel, etc.) can not be paid by IFLA. They are the responsibility of any author of an accepted poster session. (Sjoerd Koopman, Reference 2, Mon, 27 Sep 2004)

For paper presentation, please contact the relevant Sections' Officers, details of names and addresses:
<http://www.ifla.org/contacts.htm>

Grants and Fellowships

NORAD TRAVEL GRANT - IFLA OSLO 2005

The Norwegian Library Association is pleased to announce the availability of the Norad Travel Grant, to support a number of delegates from developing countries to attend the World Library and Information Congress, 71st IFLA General Conference and Council: Oslo, Norway, 14 - 18 August 2005.

Applications, including professional curriculum vitae and information on present occupation should be submitted as soon as possible and should be received by the IFLA 2005 Oslo Secretariat not later than 1 February, 2005.

Criteria for allocation of the Norad Travel Grant
Candidates must be nationals of the Norad co-operation countries: Tanzania, Mozambique, Uganda, Zambia, Malawi, Bangladesh, Angola, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Mali, Nigeria, South Africa, Nepal, India, Indonesia, China, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, East Timor, Palestine, Guatemala and Nicaragua.

Priority to applicants who are not regular IFLA conference attendees.

Wide geographic distribution.

General quality of application.

Professional background and experience: level of education, positions held and professional experience in general. Type of library experience is also considered in order to get balance between all sectors of library and information work.

Committed letter of application and a well-presented CV.

Priority will be given to younger professionals with a minimum of 5 years of experience in the field of libraries and members of national professional associations.

Contact

Application forms can be requested from the IFLA 2005 Oslo Secretariat:

IFLA 2005 Oslo
Malerhaugveien 20
0661 OSLO, Norway
Fax: +47 22 67 23 68
E-mail: IFLA2005@norskbiotekforening.no
Web: <http://www.ifla2005oslo.no/>
(Reference 1, November 4, 2004)

Dr. Shawky Salem Conference Grant Applications for 2005

The Dr. Shawky Salem Conference Grant is an annual grant established by Dr. Shawky Salem and the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA).

The aim of the grant is to enable one expert in library and information science who is a national of an Arab country, to attend the IFLA Conference.

The deadline for receiving applications is 1 February 2005.

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

(Sjoerd Koopman, Reference 2, Wed, 22 Sep 2004)

Satellite Meetings

1. CPD and Preparing for the New Roles of Librarians: a voyage of discovery

Date: 10–13 August 2005
Place: Norway, Oslo, National University Collage
Sponsor: Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning Section
Contact: Anne-Drag.Tidemand-Fossum@jbi.hio.no

2. Management, Marketing, Evaluation and Promotion of Library Services Based on statistics, analyses and evaluation in your own library

Date: 9-11 August 2005
Place: Norway, Bergen
Sponsors: Management & Marketing, Public Libraries and Library Theory and Research Sections

Contact: Trine.Kolderup-Flaten@bergen.kommune.no

3. The Impact and Outcomes of Library Services

Performance measurement for a changing information environment

Date: 20–23 August 2005
Place: UK, University of Durham, Collingwood College
Sponsor: Statistics and Evaluation Section
More information: IFLA Express 1, 2005

4. The 21st Annual Preconference of Library and Research Services for Parliaments Hosted by the Norwegian Parliament (Stortinget)

The event will include a visit to the Norwegian Parliamentary Library and a Research Meeting Value Added Services and Products for Legislative Processes
Date: August 2005
Place: Norway, Oslo, Stortinget
Sponsor: Library and Research Services for Parliament Sections
Contact: gro.sandgrind@stortinget.no

5. Documenting Censored Books and Newspapers through all ages for the Bibliographic Database "Beacon for Freedom of Expression"

A seminar on methodology based on case studies
Date: 11 or 12 August 2005
Place: Norway, Oslo
Sponsor: FAIFE Core Activity
Contact: Frode.Bakken@hit.no

6. Accessible Libraries

Date: 10–12 August 2005
Place: Sweden, Göteborg
Sponsors: Libraries Serving Disadvantages Persons and Libraries for the Blind Sections.
More information: <http://www.bibl.vgregion.se/>

7. How Government Libraries and Information Services Support the Strategies of their Home Organisation in Practice

Date: 10–12 August 2005
Place: Government Offices, Stockholm, Sweden
Sponsor: Government Libraries Section
More information: Ms Inger Jepsson, Chief Librarian, Regeringskansliet, Office of Administrative Affairs, Stockholm, Sweden
Tel. +4684054710

E-Mail: inger.jepsson@adm.ministry.se or
Ms Maija Jussilainen, Knowledge Specialist,
Information Management Unit, Ministry of
Finance, Helsinki, Finland
Tel. +358916034935
E-Mail: maija.jussilainen@vm.fi

8. The Decade of Literacy – Roles for Stakeholders

Date: 11–12 August 2005
Place: Norway, Oslo, Oslo University College
Sponsors: School Libraries and Resource Centres
and Reading Sections
More information: IFLA Express 1, 2005

9. Public Libraries from Public Education to what?

Designing the new strategies for Public Paradises to Adults, Children and Young

Date: 10–11 August 2005
Place: Norway, Stavanger
Sponsors: Libraries for Children and Young
Adults and Public Libraries Sections
Contact: Leikny.Haga.Indergaard@abm-
utvikling.no
Programme information:
www.rogaland.fylkesbibl.no/ifla

10. Responsible Stewardship of Cultural Property

Date: 11–12 August 2005
Place: Denmark, Copenhagen, The Royal Library
Sponsor: Rare Books and Manuscripts Section
More information: IFLA Express 1, 2005

11. The Physical Library and Beyond - Library as Place and the Library in Cyberspace

Who is Responsible for the Virtual Library?

(With a possibility of library tours on 10 and 13 August)
Date: 11–12 August 2005
Place: Finland, Järvenpää, Järvenpää Hall
Sponsors: Library Buildings and Equipment and
Reference Work Sections
Contact: Tuula Haavisto, Secretary of the Finnish
organising committee: tuulah@kaapeli.fi
More information:
<http://www.fla.fi/PHYSICALvsVIRTUAL05/>

12. Nordic Mobile Meet and Conference to Further the Knowledge and Development of Mobile Library Services

Date: 12–14 August 2005
Place: Norway, Oslo

Sponsor: Mobile Libraries Section
Contact: ruth.ornholt@hordaland-f.kommune.no

13. Organisations in Change: Effects on Art Libraries

Date: 12 August 2005
Place: Norway, Oslo, Oslo University Library
Sponsor: Art Libraries Section
More information:
www.arlisonorden.org/norge/arrangement/ifla

14. Arctic Circle Conservation Colloquium: Preservation Storage Solution for all Library Materials

Date: 11–12 August 2005
Place: Norway, Mo i Rana, National Library
Sponsors: Newspapers and Preservation and
Conservations Sections
Contact: <mailto:unhild.Myrbakk@nb.no> or
ed.king@bl.uk

15. The Multicultural Library - Staff Competence for Success

Themes: Language Rights, Staff Competence and
Multilingual Catalogues
Date: 10–12 August 2005
Place: Sweden, Stockholm, Kulturhuset
Sponsor: Library Services to Multicultural
Population Sections
Contact: ww@biblioteksforeningen.org or
ann.katrin.ursberg@kommun.alvesta.se

16. Biblioteca Universalis – How to Organise Chaos? FRBR, a New Effort to Organise Content, and Some Practical Applications

With a possibility of library tours on 10 and 13 August
Date: 11–12 August 2005
Place: Finland, Järvenpää, Järvenpää Hall
Sponsor: Bibliographic Section
Contact: Gunilla.Jonsson@kb.se

**World Library and Information Congress:
72nd IFLA General Conference and Council
Seoul, Republic of Korea, August 2006**

<http://ifla.org/IV/ifla72/index.htm>

**Libraries: Dynamic Engines
for the Knowledge and
Information Society**

In recent years, society has been changing rapidly with the onset of a new digital era and rapid developments in information technology and digital communications. It is time for libraries to work together with library scholars and professionals in order to fulfill the role and functions of 21st century information centres to meet the challenges of this fast moving world. This theme has been chosen because we believe that libraries should act as a dynamic engine for the knowledge and information society. This is to be the mission of library scholars and professionals worldwide in the new era. (Reference 1, April 27, 2004)

**World Library and Information Congress:
73rd IFLA General Conference and Council
Durban, South Africa, 2007**

<http://ifla.org/IV/ifla73/index.htm>

**World Library and Information Congress:
74th IFLA General Conference and Council
Quebec, Canada, 2008**

<http://ifla.org/IV/ifla74/index.htm>

**Some idea for IFLA 2008: Library Services to
Older Adults**

Dear Colleagues!

I am currently the Chair of the American Library Association's Library Service to an Aging Population Committee.

One of our goals this year is to reach out internationally and make contact with:

- Librarians
- Libraries
- Government Agencies
- Library Associations
- Library School Faculty

around the world who are interested in these programs and services for this target population.

We hope to share with you what we are doing in the United States in this area of librarianship and hope that you will share with us what you are doing as well.

One of the ideas that we are already discussing is an International Symposium on Library Services to Older Adults, to be held prior to IFLA in Quebec in 2008. This has never been done before.

Our committee looks forward in hearing from you about some of the great ideas of how libraries around the world serve older adults.

Sincerely,

Allan M. Kleiman, Chair
American Library Association
RUSA/RSS Library Service to an Aging
Population Committee
c/o Westfield Memorial Library
550 East Broad Street
Westfield, NJ 07090
908-789-4090, x4122
908-789-0921 (fax)
kleiman@aol.com
(Allan M. Kleiman, Reference 2, Fri, 15 Oct 2004)

***EVENTS AROUND THE
WORLD***

January 27-29, Visakhapatnam, India

**23rd ANNUAL CONVENTION &
CONFERENCE OF SIS-2005 at Andhra
University, Visakhapatnam, India during 27-
29 Jan, 2005**

For details:
<http://sis-india.netfirms.com/sis2005.htm>

Contact:
Prof. R.S.R. Varalakshmi
Organizing Secretary-SIS-2005
Professor
Department of Library and Information Science,
Andhra University, VISAKHAPATNAM-530003.
E-mail: rsvn1234@hotmail.com
Phone: 0891 2844385-7(O); 0891 2535251(R)

February 1-3, 2005, Sydney, Australia

**Information Online 2005, the 12th Conference
and Exhibition**

More information:
<http://online.alia.org.au/>

February 2-4, 2005, Kochi, India

International CALIBER-2005

For more details:
<http://web.inflibnet.ac.in/caliber2005/inflibnet.jsp>

March 02-05, 2005, Tunis- Hammamet

15th Annual Congress of the Arab Federation of Libraries and Information (AFLI)

Libraries and documentary information services :
Contribution to the emergence of the "Knowledge Society"

General Secretary of AFLI
Khaled Habchi

March 16-18, 2005

"Censorship and Access to Information: History and the Present"

Conference website:
<http://www.nlr.ru/tus/160305/>
This FAQ site will also serve as a venue for pre-conference dialogue.

Contact:
National Library of Russia: Natalya G. Patrusheva, Librarian
Sadovaya, d. 18
St. Petersburg, 199069, RUSSIA

March 26-27, 2005, Taipei, Taiwan

The 1st International Conference on Information Management and Business (IMB 2005)

Contact: Dr. Maria Lee at
mis@mail.usc.edu.tw Sent to: sueh@caval.edu.au

April 13-16, 2005, Vancouver, BC, Canada

Museums and the Web 2005

More details:
<http://www.archimuse.com/mw2005/>

Contact:
David Bearman and Jennifer Trant
Co-Chairs: Museums and the Web 2005
158 Lee Avenue
Toronto, Ontario, Canada
phone +1 416 691 2516 / fax +1 416 352-6025
email: mw2005@archimuse.com

May 11-14, 2005, Cape Town, South Africa

**From Papyrus to Print-out: the Book in Africa Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow
8th Bibliophilia Africana Conference, Centre of the Book, Cape Town**

Contact:
bibliophilia@nlsa.ac.za
Post:
8th Bibliophiles Conference
National Library of South Africa
P O Box 496, Cape Town
South Africa 8000
website:
www.nlsa.ac.za/bibliophilia.html

May 18 - 20, 2005, Guelph, Ontario, Canada

WILU 2005
The 34th Annual Workshop on Instruction in Library Use
For more information send an email message to:
wilu@uoguelph.ca
or contact a member of the Steering Committee
(<http://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/wilu/contacts.html>).

Jocelyn Phillips
Publicity and Communications Chair
WILU 2005
University of Guelph
McLaughlin Library
Guelph, Ontario N1G 2W1
(519) 824-4120, ext. 52329

May 25-28, 2005, Beirut, Lebanon

CiDE.8: Multilingualism
8th International Conference on the Electronic Document

Location: French Cultural Center, Beirut -
LEBANON

CIDE Conferences History:
<http://infodoc.unicaen.fr/cide/>
More details: <http://www.certic.unicaen.fr/cide8>

May 30 – June 3, 2005, Dubrovnik and Mljet,
Croatia

LIBRARIES IN THE DIGITAL AGE (LIDA) 2005

Contact:
Inter-University Centre (<http://www.hr/iuc>)
Don Ivana Bulica 4, 20000 Dubrovnik, Croatia,
and
Hotel Odisej, island Mljet, Pomena, Croatia
(<http://www.hotelodisej.hr>)
Course web site: <http://www.pedos.hr/lida>
Course email: lida@pedos.hr

June 4-9, 2005, Glasgow, UK

Fifth International Conference on Conceptions of Library and Information Science <http://www.cis.strath.ac.uk/colis5/>

University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, UK

For more information:
<http://www.cis.strath.ac.uk/colis5/>

June 5-9, 2005, Toronto, Canada

Travel grant to SLA conference in Toronto

The Museums, Arts and Humanities Division of
the Special Libraries Association is offering a
travel grant to attend the SLA annual conference
in Toronto, Canada, June 5-9, 2005. The grant is
specifically for arts or humanities librarians from
developing countries.

Application information and criteria are available
on the SLA website:
<http://www.sla.org/division/dmah/Travel%20Grant.htm>

June 15-19, 2005, British Columbia, Canada

ACH/ALLC 2005 International Conference on Humanities

Computing and Digital Scholarship Joint Annual Conference of the ACH and the ALLC

<http://web.uvic.ca/hrd/achallc2005/>

Further information:
ACH: <http://www.ach.org/>
ALLC: <http://www.allc.org/>

The conference website:

<http://web.uvic.ca/hrd/achallc2005/>

June 16-19, 2005, Flagstaff, Arizona, USA

(Informing Science + IT Education) Joint Conference

The conference website:
<http://InSITE.NU> <<http://insite.nu/>>

NEW! Study Missions:
<http://2005.informingscience.org/studymission.htm>

June 27-30, 2005, Havana, Cuba

14th International Scientific Congress CNIC 2005

More information:
<http://www.loseventos.cu/seminarioicnic2005> and
<http://www.cnic.edu.cu/14%20Seminario/Bienvenida.htm>
Contact:
seminario@cnic.edu.cu
feria@cnic.edu.cu

July 6-8, 2005, Barcelona, Spain.

7th ISKO-Spain Conference

The human dimension of knowledge organisation

Web site: <http://bd.ub.es/isko2005/en/>

Additional contact information:

7th ISKO-Spain Conference
<http://bd.ub.es/isko2005/>
Technical Secretariat of the Conference
Departament de Biblioteconomia i Documentació

de la Universitat de
Barcelona Edifici UB-Sants
Melcior de Palau, 140
08014 Barcelona, SPAIN
Tel. (34) 93 403 57 67
Fax (34) 93 403 57 72
e-mail: isko2005@ub.edu

July 10-13, 2005, Orlando, Florida, USA

9th World Multi-Conference on Systemics, Cybernetics and Informatics

Conference web page:
<http://www.iiisci.org/sci2005> .

If by any reasons you are not able to access the page mentioned above, please, try the following pages: <http://www.iiis.org/sci2005>.

July 14-17, 2005, Orlando, Florida, USA

EISTA 2005

The 3rd International Conference on Education and Information Systems:
Technologies and Applications EISTA 2005

More information:
<http://www.confinf.org/eista05> .

September 18-23, 2005, Vienna, Austria

ECDL European Conference on Digital Libraries

More details:
<http://www.ecdl2005.org>.

September 20-23, 2005, Tallinn, Estonia

The 9th IFLA Interlending and Document Supply International Conference

More details:
<http://www.nlib.ee/ilds>

4. ALP NEWS

Action for Development Through Libraries Programme Core Activity (ALP)

Formerly: IFLA Core Activity for the
Advancement of Librarianship (ALP)
<http://ifla.org/VI/1/alp.htm>

NAME CHANGED

It has been decided by the Governing Board that the full name of ALP be changed to:
Action for development through Libraries Programme (ALP) which will better reflect what it aims to do.

An Advisory Board for the IFLA/ALP Core Activity has also been established.

Peter Lor, Professor, Department of Information Science, University of Pretoria has been appointed to chair the Advisory Board

The other members are:
Jacinta Were, Chair of Division 8 and member of the Governing Board
Winnie Vitzansky, Secretary General, Danish Library Association
Ulf Göranson, Chief Librarian, Uppsala University, the host institution
Gunnar Sahlin, National Librarian, the Royal Library of Sweden
Gary Gorman, Chair IFLA RSCAO, Professor of Library and Information Management, Victoria University of Wellington
Adolfo Rodríguez, Researcher, Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico, UNAM (Gunilla Natvig)

IFLA TRAVEL GRANTS 2004

After the funding for the Danida Travel Grant came to an end in 2002, ALP had only the Sida Speakers Grant and the Harry Campbell Conference Attendance grant in 2003. In October 2003 we got the wonderful news from IFLA Headquarters that the Executive Committee had decided to allocate EUR 30.000 to ALP to try to replace some of the Danida funding.

The IFLA Travel Grant was announced in the beginning of November and by the deadline, February 15, we had received 473 valid applications, for which only 15 grants were available for participants from the three regions of Africa, Asia and Oceania and Latin America. The five from Asia and Oceania were Suqing Liu, China, J.K. Vijayakumar, India, Iyad Dweikat, Palestine, Elvira Lapuz, Philippines and Shivanthi Weerasinghe from Sri Lanka. According to their reports the congress was a wonderful experience and an excellent opportunity for meeting and exchanging ideas with professionals from around the world and the exhibition was also appreciated. Mr Iyad Dweikat from the Ramallah Center for Human Right Studies has described his situation and experience of the congress in his report and we think it may be interesting for you to read.

With money from Sida, ALP could also support two speakers from Asia who had been selected to present papers at the conference. Zhang Hongxia from Hainan University Library talked about Information Literacy education in China and Dr Leena Shah, Govt. College, Mehidpur about Information Literacy mission in the digital environment and the prospects and plans for developing society in India.

We do believe that events like this are of great importance as they give young professionals the opportunity to take part in international librarianship. Many grantees have also become engaged in IFLA sections and presented papers after attending the conference. We do hope that we will receive more funds to be able to continue.

Birgitta Sandell
Core Programme Director

ANNOUNCEMENT

Call for Applications

IFLA ALP Projects,

see
<http://www.ifla.org/VI/1/admin/general.htm#3>
for more details, and
<http://www.ifla.org/VI/1/admin/alpform.pdf>
for online application form.

IFLA ALP Scholarships in Information Technology,

see
<http://www.ifla.org/VI/1/admin.scholarasia.htm>
for application forms.

IFLA ALP In-service Training, Attachments for Middle Staff in Asia and the Pacific,

See
<http://www.ifla.org/VI/1/admin.trasia.htm>
for application form.

Please note that December 31, 2004 is the deadline for project applications to reach the relevant Regional Managers:

AFRICA

Mr. Henri Sène, Regional Manager
IFLA Regional Office for Africa
Bibliothèque de l'Université
Cheikh Anta Diop de Dakar
B.P. 2006, DAKAR, Senegal
Tel: +(221)8246981
Fax: +(221)8242379
E-mail: hsene@ucad.sn

ASIA AND OCEANIA

Ms. Pensri Guaysuwan, Regional Manager
IFLA Regional Office for Asia and Oceania
118 Charansanitwong 63,
BANGKOK 10700, Thailand
Tel: +(66)(2)4242760
Fax: +(66)(2)8817033
E-mail: guay@asiaaccess.net.th

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARRIBEAN

Ms. Elizabet Ramos de Carvalho
Regional Manager, Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean
c/o Biblioteca Publica do Estado do Rio de Janeiro, Av. Presidente Vargas, 1261
20071-004 Centro, Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil
Tel: +(55)(21)3225330
Fax: +(55)(21)3225733,
E-mail: iflalac@mls.com.br

For further information about the Scholarships and Training Attachments, please contact:
Ms. Daruna Somboonkun, Program Coordinator
23/2 Wudthakard 39, Jomthong, Bangkok 10150, Thailand, Tel/fax: 66-24767736 (in case of difficulty fax:66-25245861 or 66-26286361).
Email: daruna_s@hotmail.com.

The deadline for all applications is December 31, 2004

5. MISCELLANEOUS

@ YOUR LIBRARY

The Campaign for the World's Libraries

@ your library

Co-sponsored by IFLA and ALA

FACT SHEET

Contacts:

ALA

Deborah Davis, Manager

Tel: +(1)(312)280-2148

E-mail: dedavis@ala.org

IFLA

Josche Neven, Coordinator

Tel: +(31)(70)3140884

E-mail: mailto:josche.neven@ifla.org

The Campaign for the World's Libraries is a public education campaign of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions, the American Library Association and libraries around the world to speak loudly and clearly about the value of libraries and librarians in the 21st century. It is designed to showcase the unique and vital roles played by public, school, academic and special libraries worldwide.

The Campaign for the World's Libraries was officially launched in August 2001 during the IFLA Council and General Conference in Boston, Massachusetts. It is based on The Campaign for America's Libraries, a multi-year public education campaign sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries across the U.S. The U.S. campaign, which officially launched to the public during National Library Week 2001, uses a trademarked brand -- @ your library -- to unify the communications activities of libraries across the country.

During the 2001 IFLA conference, 2001-2002 ALA President John W. Berry shared the campaign with IFLA members to coordinate the campaign outside the United States. As part of this gift, ALA created a special logo for IFLA using the @ your library artwork in IFLA's

official languages. The IFLA campaign also uses the slogan @ your library (and its official translations) to unify the communications activities of libraries around the world.

There are three core messages to The Campaign for the World's Libraries, modeled after the messages of the U.S. campaign. They are:

- Libraries are changing and dynamic places.
- Libraries are places of opportunity.
- Libraries bridge the world.

Through the consistent delivery of these key messages, the campaign aims:

- to raise awareness about the variety of programs and services offered;
- 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 intellectual freedom, equity of access and the "digital divide;"
- to encourage librarianship as a profession.

Through outreach efforts, the campaign targets:

- general public -- parents, children, students, senior citizens and business people;
- educators, school groups and administrators;
- government leaders, policymakers and opinion leaders;
- librarians and those who are considering the library profession;
- media;
- strategic partners, including funding agencies.

The U.S. Campaign, already well underway, provides a good model for other countries. All types of libraries throughout the U.S. are getting involved with The Campaign for America's

Libraries, highlighting their unique programs, services, and technologies and telling their own exciting stories. Examples include:

- What's up online @ your library (Tampa-Hillsborough County (Fla.) County Public Library System)
- Set your sites @ your library (Pace High School, Pace, Fla.)
- Discover the World @ your library (North Olympic Library System, Port Angeles, Wash.)
- Ask a librarian @ your library (Milner Library, Illinois State University, Normal, Ill.)
- The Internet, Only Better @ your library (Maryland Library Association/Maryland State Department of Edu.)

For more information about the U.S. campaign, including how to subscribe to a discussion list for the latest updates, visit the campaign Web site at www.ala.org/@yourlibrary. For ideas on how other countries are getting involved in the @ your library campaign, visit the Ontario (Canada) Library Association Web site at www.accessola.com/@yourlibrary and the Web site of the Mexican Association of Librarians at www.ambac.org.mx/entubiblioteca.

(Extracted from Reference 1, July 14, 2004)

JOINT IFLA/IPA STATEMENT

(adopted, 20 June 2004)

IFLA and IPA Deplore OFAC Regulations Limiting the Exchange of Information Materials

Librarians and publishers around the world deplore the regulations of the US government that seek to limit the ability of US persons to process and publish informational materials from selected countries. Such actions are contradictory to the recognition by democratic societies everywhere that the free flow of information and ideas is vital to citizens of all nations to educate themselves about the world by communicating with peoples

of other countries.

Regulations by the US Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC") in the implementation of trade embargoes against certain nations attempt to restrict the importation and exportation of information and informational materials in ways that are contrary to international norms of open scholarly, cultural and scientific exchange. Such exchanges are usually championed by the US government. As pointed out by our colleagues in the US, the national security of the US is not at issue in these matters because the regulations allow publications of manuscripts as received from nationals in embargoed countries, but does not allow "significant or artistic enhancement" of such materials by a US person without a license from the US government. Such enhancements promote free speech and free exchange of information.

We believe that these trade restrictions on information and informational materials violate important provisions of international law, including Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Article 19 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), and Article 13 of the American Convention on Human Rights.

We urge the US government and its agencies to remove this cloud of repressive regulation that is forcing US based publishers to confront government restraints on their ability to engage in the most basic aspects of publishing.

Further information from:

Alexis Krikorian
Secretary General
International Publishers Association (IPA)
Avenue de Miremont 3
CH-1206, Geneva, Switzerland
Tel: +41 22 3463018
Fax: +41 22 3475717
Email: krikorian@ipa-uie.org

Ramachandran Rasu
Secretary General
International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA)
P O Box 95312
2509 CH, THE HAGUE
Netherlands

Tel: +31 70 3140884
Fax: +31 70 3834827
Email: rama.rasu@ifla.org
(Sophie Felfoldi, Reference 2, Wed, 30 Jun 2004)

WIPO

Developing Countries' Proposal for Establishing a Development Agenda

A major development of potentially great significance took place at the General Assembly of the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO), held in Geneva on 27 September to 5 October 2004: the presentation of a proposal by several developing countries to establish a "Development Agenda" for WIPO.

The proposal (which has the document number WO/GA/31/11, dated August 27 2004) was originally submitted by Argentina and Brazil. It was co-sponsored by Bolivia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Iran, Kenya, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Tanzania and Venezuela. On 4 October, Egypt announced it was also joining as a co-sponsor.
(Mincio, Danielle, Reference 2, Tue, 5 Oct 2004)

IFLA Position on Geneva Declaration on the Future of WIPO

In recent weeks IFLA, through its Committee on Copyright and Other Legal Matters, IFLA has been actively engaged with a large number of organizations and individuals in preparing a Declaration on the Future of WIPO. This Declaration is being published today in Geneva timed to coincide with the opening of the WIPO General Assembly.

Our collective concern is that WIPO has thus far inadequately protected and promoted the balance between users and owners of information that is fundamental for fair and effective intellectual property regimes.

IFLA's position paper highlights adverse ways in which libraries and our users have been

particularly affected by the direction that WIPO and its member states have taken in the past 30 years. We urge you to familiarize yourself with this statement, and to use it to inform your own governments about changes we want them to help us make in the future directions of WIPO.

<http://www.ifla.org/III/clm/CLM-GenevaDeclaration2004.html>

The Declaration (in English, French and Spanish) and list of charter signatories can be found at

<http://www.futureofwipo.org>

(Winston Tabb, Reference 2, Wed, 29 Sep 2004)

WSIS

<http://www.ifla.org/III/wsis.html>

Promoting the Global Information Commons: IFLA response to the WSIS Declaration of Principles from the Library and Information Sector

A. Our Common Vision of the Information Society

IFLA and its members share a common vision of an inclusive Information Society in which everyone can create, access, use and share information and knowledge and which is based on the fundamental right of human beings to both access and express information without restriction.

Libraries and information services provide access to information, ideas and works of imagination in any medium and regardless of frontiers. They serve as gateways to knowledge, thought and culture, offering essential support for independent decision-making, cultural development, research and lifelong learning by both individuals and groups. They contribute to the development and maintenance of intellectual freedom and help to safeguard democratic values and universal civil rights. Consequently, they are committed to offering their clients access to relevant resources

and services without restriction. They assist people to develop lifelong literacy -the range of competencies necessary to engage fully with the Information Society.

International understanding and dialogue is supported through access to information and knowledge from other nations and cultures. IFLA and its members are committed to addressing the digital divide and the information inequality that results from it.

B. An information Society for all: key principles

1) The role of governments and all stakeholders in the promotion of ICTs for development

Libraries – and especially national, public, school and university libraries – express the aspirations of civil society, reflecting and responding to the interests and hopes of their communities.

2) Information and communication infrastructure: an essential foundation for an inclusive information society

Throughout the world, libraries and information services provide access points to the Internet for members of communities and also the support and skills development which are essential to effective use of the infrastructure and achievement of empowerment.

3) Access to information and knowledge

By enabling access to information in all formats across frontiers and through time libraries and information services create a global information commons which fosters understanding and communication, creating a globally inclusive information society in which all can express their dreams, ideas and opinions and take in those of others.

4) Capacity building

Libraries and information services provide secure, professionally supported, environments in which individuals' literacies and community capacities can be developed. IFLA, its member associations, libraries and individual information professionals have long promoted the Information Society and worked for its realisation with a special concern for the disadvantaged both across and within nations.

5) Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs

Trust and confidence between peoples and nations are maintained only in climate of understanding which is established through knowledge about others. The 'trust framework' and 'cyber-security' must therefore be firmly based on the principle of ensuring freedom of access to information and freedom of expression.

6) Enabling environment

IFLA advocates a global information commons through which all people will be enabled to seek and impart information. Its realisation requires, at a minimum, ubiquitous access to sufficient affordable bandwidth, up to date and affordable ICTs, unrestricted multilingual access to information and skills development programs to enable all to both access information and disseminate their own.

7) ICT applications: benefits in all aspects of life

Through their accessibility within communities, libraries and information services provide ideal arenas in which ICTs can be deployed and employed to benefit their communities.

8) Cultural diversity and identity, linguistic diversity and local content

Libraries and information services work in many ways and at many levels to exhibit and support cultural and linguistic identity and diversity. Demonstration of cultural diversity through library holdings and programs is particularly important to indigenous communities and in societies and nations with rich migrant traditions.

Preservation of cultural heritage is core business for societies' memory institutions: libraries, archives and museums, carrying knowledge and traditions across time and space. IFLA promotes high standards in preservation practice and engages with contemporary issues including the challenges posed by both preservation through digitisation and the preservation of digital objects.

9) Media

The presentation of a plurality of news, entertainment, scholarly and other media via libraries and information services supports the diversity of media and helps sustain an informed

and engaged audience.

10) Ethical dimensions of the Information Society

The fundamental principle of the public library, that it should be open to all, underpins the strong ethical stance of library and information professionals who embrace the fundamental values of the Information Society. As agents of tolerant and inclusive civil societies, libraries and information services, and their global representative IFLA, oppose exploitative, abusive and illegal use of ICTs but are concerned that any regulatory measures should not compromise the precious rights of freedom of information and freedom of expression.

11) International and regional cooperation

IFLA is the global voice of the library and information profession which promotes collaboration in the provision of library and information services worldwide. While not taking a position on specific funding mechanisms, IFLA is very conscious of the need to take urgent and decisive action to bridge the digital divide.

C. Towards an Information Society for all based on shared knowledge

IFLA and its members are focussed on developing an equitable and inclusive Information Society which will provide opportunities for all and will be firmly based on human rights and respect for cultural and linguistic diversity. A modest investment in the worldwide network of libraries and information services would build on the existing foundation to

- provide an extensive web of internet access points, each supported with advice and training
- offer relevant information in appropriate formats, languages and
- develop literacies and capacity
- support health and education
- promote economic development
- ensure the preservation and promotion of culture
- foster respect and understanding between peoples.

Alex Byrne
President-elect, IFLA
(Reference 1, June 6, 2004)

Papers of a WSIS Seminar

A seminar was held in Helsinki, Finland, on 13 September 2004, about WSIS and libraries. The title was Libraries for Active Citizenship - Global Perspectives. The speakers came from Namibia, Switzerland, France, the Netherlands, Azerbaijan and from Finland. Some titles:

- Information society in Africa?
- WSIS and Libraries
- Information cottage - reaching the grassroot
- etc.

The seminar papers are now available on the web:
<http://www.eduskunta.fi/kirjasto/Home/Uutta/wsis.htm>

(Extracted from Tuula Haavisto, Reference 2, Mon, 20 Sep 2004)

**WSIS Second Phase
16-18 November 2005 in Tunis hosted by the
government of Tunisia**

2004-2005 Timetable

- 24-26 June 2004
 - PrepCom-1, Hammamet (Tunisia)
- 20-21 September 2004
 - Consultations on the establishment of the Working Group on Internet Governance (WGIG), Geneva (Switzerland)
- 4 October 2004
 - First Meeting of the Task Force on Financial Mechanisms (TFFM), New York (USA)
- 22 October 2004
 - First Meeting of the Group of Friends of the Chair (GFC), Geneva (Switzerland)
- 15-16 (afternoon) November 2004
 - Second Meeting of the Group of Friends of the Chair (GFC), Geneva (Switzerland)
- 16 (morning) November 2004
 - Consultation on Financial Mechanisms, Geneva (Switzerland)
- 23-25 November 2004
 - First Meeting of the Working Group on Internet Governance (WGIG), Geneva (Switzerland)

29 November 2004

- Last Meeting of the Task Force on Financial Mechanisms (TFFM), New York (USA)

16-17 December 2004

- Third Meeting of the Group of Friends of the Chair (GFC), Geneva (Switzerland)

10-11 January 2005

- Fourth Meeting of the Group of Friends of the Chair (GFC), Geneva (Switzerland)

15-16 February (TBC) 2005

- Consultations on Internet Governance, Geneva (Switzerland)

17-18 February (TBC) 2005

- Second Meeting of the Working Group on Internet Governance (WGIG), Geneva (Switzerland)

17-25 February 2005

- PrepCom-2, Geneva (Switzerland)

April (TBC) 2005

- Third Meeting of the Working Group on Internet Governance (WGIG)

June (TBC) 2005

- Last Meeting of the Working Group on Internet Governance (WGIG)

August/September (TBC) 2005

- PrepCom-3

16-18 November 2005

- Second Phase of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), Tunis (Tunisia)

(More information: <http://www.itu.int/wsis/>)

WWW

ISBD-FRBR Mapping Now Available on IFLA Web site

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

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

Background

Among IFLA's most important achievements in the area of bibliographic control has been the articulation of widely implemented practices set out in the series of the International Standard Bibliographic Descriptions (ISBDs) and of the

respected model developed on the basis of the ISBDs, GARE, and GSARE in the Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records (FRBR). It is critically important to the credibility of IFLA's work in these areas that the ISBDs and FRBR are inter-related and mutually supportive in order to assure users of consistency between them. As a result, the ISBD Review Group has been assessing the feasibility of aligning the terminology used in the texts of the ISBDs with that used in FRBR. However, the group has encountered difficulties in trying to achieve that alignment, owing in large part to the fact that the terms used in FRBR were defined in the context of an entity-relationship model conceived at a higher level of abstraction than the specifications for the ISBDs. While the entities defined in the FRBR model are clearly related to the elements forming an ISBD description, they are not necessarily congruent in all respects and the relationships are too complex to be conveyed through a simple substitution of terminology.

Purpose and Scope

As a result, the IFLA's ISBD Review Group and its FRBR Review Group concluded that an alternative approach to clarifying the relationship between the ISBDs and the FRBR model should be pursued in the form of developing a table to detail the relationship of each of the elements specified in the ISBDs to its corresponding entity attribute or relationship as defined in the FRBR model. Such a table, it was felt, would satisfy the need to make clear that the ISBDs and FRBR themselves enjoy a harmonious relationship. In addition, it would serve to complement the mapping from FRBR to the ISBDs (and other standards) presented in Appendix A of the FRBR Final Report. The mapping would also allow both Review Groups to ensure that there is no element in the ISBDs that is not represented in FRBR and to consider initiation of changes needed to achieve greater consistency between them.

Project

Die Deutsche Bibliothek (DDB) and the British Library (BL) generously provided funding to support this initiative. They are partnering in this regard to support the strategic goals of the IFLA-CDNL Alliance for Bibliographic Standards (ICABS). DDB is responsible for ICABS activities in the area of ISBD maintenance and

development, while BL is assigned responsibility for FRBR and FRANAR maintenance and development. They contracted with Mr. Tom Delsey, formerly of the National Library of Canada, a principal author of FRBR, and contributor to many of the ISBDs, who performed the work needed for the project.

Comments

Please send any comments you may have regarding the "Mapping" to John Byrum, chair, ISBD Review Group, at: jbyr@loc.gov and/or to Patrick Le Boeuf, chair FRBR Review Group at patrick.le-boeuf@bnf.fr.
(John D Byrum, Reference 2, Thu, 12 Aug 2004)

Agriculture Gateway to India (AGI)

The Agricultural Gateway to India is a website designed to satisfy the information needs for agriculture in India. Our target users include scientists, researchers, extension personnel, students, farmers, policy-makers, media, consumer groups, and agribusiness professionals. This site is managed by Dr N. Sandhya Shenoy, Senior Scientist, National Academy of Agricultural Research Management (NAARM) in Hyderabad, India, in collaboration with The AIM Lab. Her three month visit to AIM Lab was funded by ICAR - The Indian Council of Agricultural Research. AIM Lab is in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES) at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Illinois, USA.

For further details see: URL
<http://web.aces.uiuc.edu/aim/diglib/india/>
(Anjali Gulati)

WEBLIS

UNESCO has released WEBLIS, a Web based Library Integrated System based on CDS/ISIS. It has been distributed as free-ware. The system has been developed by the Institute for Computer and Information Engineering (ICIE), Poland.

The current version of WEBLIS, available in

English, consists of the following modules:

1. Cataloguing system (books, papers from book, papers from journals, journals, miscellaneous - slides, photos, audio, video, etc)
2. OPAC -on-line public access catalogue- (basic and advanced search, history, saving queries function, and ISIS Query language facilities, thesaurus based search)
3. LOAN module (hold/reserve, loan/ renew, automatic claiming by e-mail or a traditional mail in word form, urgent task lists)
4. Statistical module (the main goal of the program is to generate statistical data aggregated from the CDS/ISIS databases).

The software and documentation can be downloaded at:

Software:

<http://www.unesco.org/isis/files/weblis.zip>

Documentation:

<http://www.unesco.org/isis/files/weblisdoc.zip>
(Anjali Gulati)

Gokhale Institute Library

has successfully developed the bibliographic database of its entire collection which may be accessed through the following site:

<http://www.gipe.ernet.in/library/librarycatalogue.html>

Gokhale Library is the first to put up bibliographic details of its entire collection on the Web under the INFLIBNET automation programme (1st Oct. 1999 to 30th Sept. 2004).

For more details contact: Prabhash Rath
prabhash@gipe.ernet.in
(Anjali Gulati)

Descriptive Cataloging of East Asian Material

Five chapters of the Descriptive cataloging of East Asian material: Chinese Japanese and Korean (CJK) examples of AACR2 and Library of Congress Rule Interpretations have been posted at this address on the home page of the Library of Congress' Cataloging Policy and Support Office (CPSO):

<http://lcweb.loc.gov/catdir/cpso/CJKIntro.html>

The CJK examples, a joint project of the Technical Processing Committee of the Council on East Asian Libraries (CEAL) and the Library of Congress, update and expand the 1983 publication AACR2 workbook for East Asian publications. These examples were compiled primarily to show non-LC catalogers of CJK material, many of whom are non-native speakers, how AACR2 (Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules, 2nd ed.) and the LCRIs (Library of Congress Rule Interpretations) applied to the material they cataloged by providing actual illustrations from CJK bibliographic records, in the same manner that AACR2 and the LCRIs provide examples in western languages. The compilation not only updates the workbook to reflect changes to AACR2 and the LCRIs, but also broadens the scope to include the rules that govern specific types of material.

Examples for individual chapters of AACR2 and related LCRIs were compiled by CEAL members between 1997 and 1999. Most of the roman, and all of the nonroman text of the compilations then had to be keyed in manually by LC staff. Because the project has taken so long to complete, many examples had to be updated to correspond to changes in the text of AACR2 and the LCRIs. Chinese, Korean and Japanese language catalogers at LC, as well as with experts in special formats, reviewed and edited the compilations, followed by another thorough review by CPSO specialists.

The examples are presented in a familiar format. They follow the text of AACR2 and the LCRIs themselves. Efforts were made to find examples of each and every rule, in each of the three CJK languages, so that a rough balance would occur within each chapter. All examples have been taken from Korean, Japanese, and Chinese language bibliographic records.

Some examples appear only in roman form, just as they do on bibliographic records.

CEAL members and LC staff agreed that a digital version of the examples should be posted on the Web to make them conveniently available to a wide audience.

This is a work in progress. LC staff will continue to review and edit the compilations of examples for the remaining chapters of AACR2 and then

post them on the CPSO home page, as soon as they are available.

Philip Melzer
Acting Assistant Chief, Regional & Cooperative
Cataloging Division, LC (pmel@loc.gov)
(John D Byrum, Reference 2, Fri, 28 May 2004)

Information Outlook® Now Available via ebrary

The SLA member magazine is now available online in a new and exciting format. By visiting www.sla.org/informationoutlook, you have direct access to the articles and columns you've come to experience in the print version - plus all the important advertising from our strategic partners in the information industry!

There's no need for continual scrolling through the pages to find what you need. Using technology from ebrary, you'll be able to search the text of Information Outlook®, block text for a search of the Web, highlight text so you can locate it easily after printing, and review the table of contents for quick and easy access. Soon, you'll be able to search the full range of issues of Information Outlook® dating back to its inception in 1997. (Reference 3)

National Open Access Agreement for Finland

Finland is the first country to make a nationwide commitment to Open Access, it was announced today. All universities, polytechnics and research institutes in Finland have become BioMed Central members. The membership agreement covers the cost of publication, in BioMed Centrals 100+ Open Access journals, for all 25000 publicly funded researchers and teachers in Finland.

BioMed Central agreed the membership with FinELib, the National Electronic Library of Finland. A consortium of universities, polytechnics, research institutes and regional libraries, FinELib is part of the National Librarys services for libraries. FinELib acquires Finnish and international resources to support teaching, learning and research. 86 institutions from the consortium will take part in the membership deal, adding 80 new institutions to

BioMed Centrals membership program.

Kristiina Hormia-Poutanen, Head, National Electronic Library Services, explained why the National Electronic Library took the decision. The aim of FinELib is to promote access to information. Open access is an important movement to improve access to information all over the world. Open access enables the most effective distribution of research results and can have significant impact to the Finnish innovation system.

FinELib is also interested in the developments in new business models which are evolving.

Finlands decision represents a landmark in the move towards Open Access for all biomedical research. BioMed Central, the largest Open Access publisher, has seen their membership program go from strength to strength. Over 300 institutions worldwide became members in 2003. These included the NHS in England and all UK universities, all institutions in Ohio, USA, 18 institutions in Australia, and the Max Planck Society. BioMed Central now has 500 member institutions in 39 countries.

Arne Jakobsson
University of Oslo Library
Library of Medicine and Health Sciences
Postboks 1113, Blindern
N-0317 Norway
Phone +47 23 07 44 34
Fax +47 23 07 44 30
E-mail: p.a.jakobsson@ub.uio.no

6. PUBLICATIONS

New IFLA Publication "IFLA Cataloguing Principles"

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

The goal for this meeting was to increase the

ability to share cataloguing information worldwide by promoting standards for the content of bibliographic records and authority records used in library catalogues.

Drafts of a Statement of Principles were discussed during this conference, and following by e-mail. The final text was approved by all participants in December 2003. It can be found at www.ddb.de/news/ifla_conf_papers.htm in many different languages.

This event was intended to be the first in a series of regional meetings worldwide to discuss a new statement of cataloguing principles with the rule makers around the world, the second will be held in Buenos Aires in August 2004.

IFLA Cataloguing Principles: Steps towards an International Cataloguing Code. Report from the 1st Meeting of Experts on an International Cataloguing Code, Frankfurt 2003. (IFLA Series on Bibliographic Control; vol. 26).

Edited by Barbara B. Tillett, Renate Gömpel and Susanne Oehlschläger.

München: Saur, 2004, IV, 286 p.

ISBN 3-598-24275-1

Price: EUR 78,00 (IFLA Members EUR 58,00)

Order:

K.G. Saur Verlag

P.O. Box 701620

81316 Munich, Germany

Tel: +49-89-76902-300

Fax: +49-89-76902-150/250)

info@saur.de

www.saur.de

"Directory of Libraries and Archives in the Pacific Islands" Project Completed

The publication and distribution of the Directory of Libraries and Archives in the Pacific Islands, 2nd edition is now complete. The project was funded by IFLA in 2003 with the support of the Regional Section for Asia and Oceania. The information for the publication was drawn from data in the LAP Libraries of Asia Pacific database, supported by the National Library of Australia (NAL). Indexing was done by Sandra Henderson of the National Library of Australia, and editing

was done by both Sandra and Arlene Cohen of the University of Guam, who also managed the grant. The LAP Libraries of Asia Pacific online version can be found at <<http://www.nla.gov.au/lap>> and the database was described in a previous IFLA RSAO Newsletter (vol. 15, December 2003, p. 33).

The grant provided for the indexing, and initial printing and distribution of 500 copies. The publication was first printed in January 2004 and distributed soon after printing. Over 450 complimentary copies were sent to libraries appearing in the publication. Complimentary copies were also sent to Asian and Southeast Asian national libraries belonging to the IFLA Regional Section for Asia and Oceania, as well as other libraries in developing countries who requested them.

The publication was also offered for sale at US \$ 15.00 and 42 copies were sold to date. A second printing was done in July 2004 and there are still a few copies left. To request a copy, as supplies last, please contact Arlene Cohen <acohen@uog9.uog.edu>. (Arlene Cohen)

IFLA Asia and Oceania Section's Officers 2003-2005

Gary E. Gorman
Chair / Treasurer of IFLA ASIA/OC Section
School of Information Management
Victoria University of Wellington
P.O. Box 600, WELLINGTON, New Zealand
Tel. +(64)(4) 463 5782
Fax +(64)(4) 463 5184
gary.gorman@vuw.ac.nz

Aree Cheunwattana
Secretary of IFLA ASIA/OC Section
Srinakharinwirot University, Faculty of
Humanities, Sukhumvit 23
BANGKOK 10110, Thailand
Tel. +(66)(2)2600122
Fax +(66)(2)2581428
areech@swu.ac.th

Your free
subscription to
IFLA RSAO Newsletter
is sponsored by
Action for Development through
Libraries Programme Core Activity
(ALP)

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2005

References:

1. Extracted from IFLANET
(<http://www.ifla.org>)
2. Extracted from IFLA-L@infoserv.inist.fr
3. Extracted from June 23, 2004 - SLA
Connections (E-mail note From: Special Libraries
Association <sla@sla.org>
To: iflaroao@tu.ac.th
Date: Wed, 23 Jun 2004)

This Newsletter is published twice a year in June and December. It is now available on IFLANET at: <http://www.ifla.org/vii/s26/pubs/>
Contact:
Pensri Guaysuwan, Regional Manager,
IFLA ROAO, 118 Charansanitwong 63
Bangkok 10700, Thailand.
Tel: (662) 4242760, Fax: (662) 8817033
E-mail: guay@asiaaccess.net.th

Printer:
Printing House of Thammasat University