



Asia and Oceania

SECTION NEWSLETTER

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Hello Asia and Oceania!

Dear Colleagues of IFLA in Asia and Oceania,

I send my best wishes to all of you and thank you for your support of International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) in the region and internationally. It is an honour for me to write for this newsletter and to talk about IFLA and some aspects of 'Libraries on the Agenda', my presidential theme for year 2008.

'Libraries on the Agenda' is more than just a new slogan. It is a compilation of activities and what many of you are doing day after day. 'Libraries on the Agenda' means to stress repeatedly the importance of libraries. For example:

- **Libraries are excellent centres of information literacy**
- **Libraries are the key to the infrastructure of knowledge in a country**
- **Libraries stimulate development in different fields, not only in culture and education**
- **Libraries can support national activities such as on health care and agriculture**
- **Libraries have most relevance in community and national planning in any country**

During a brainstorming meeting at the IFLA Congress 2007 in Durban, we discussed how 'Libraries on the Agenda' differ from country to country, from library to library, and from culture to culture. Nevertheless, in IFLA and Institutions IFLA, it is all about sharing. Share your successes – small or big – with us. Share your differing views on libraries. Our potentials lie in the interaction between us, the exchange of ideas, and sharing of a common ground in the development of libraries. Your views can be helpful even if you are far away in a small town as they might lead to better

development of rural libraries in your neighbouring countries.

Put your stories in our success database at <http://fmp-web.unil.ch/IFLA/> and send us your feedback for libraries and their services directly to me at lux@zlb.de, with the subject reference 'Libraries on the Agenda' and we will put it up on IFLANET.

Who is IFLA? We all represent IFLA. We stand up for libraries and their values, regardless of the size or location of our libraries.

IFLA guidelines are useful tools for all libraries. Your active participation in and support of IFLA sections and core programmes are the keys to successful results. There are different groups working on new guidelines and the results will be discussed at meetings at IFLA congresses and through IFLANET. Lets share your ideas with us.

People who are not elected to IFLA Standing Committees of our 45 Sections can take part as guests, take on some work and projects and support the development of our profession. You may wish to find out at <http://www.ifla.org/act-serv.htm>.

The second Presidential Meeting will be held in Berlin on 21 – 22 February 2008. If you have the chance to come, it would be a wonderful opportunity for me to meet with you. Details can be found at <http://www.ifla.org/III/PresidentsProgram.htm#President>.

I hope to see you soon in Berlin or during one of my visits to Asia and Oceania in 2008.

Professor (Dr.) Claudia Lux
President of IFLA



From Regional Standing Committee for IFLA Asia and Oceania (RSCAO) Chair

Just after another excellent IFLA conference in Durban, I am happy to report a short account of our activities. Since it was an election year, there were several incomings, retirements and farewells in Durban. Of particular significance was the retirement of Prof. Gary Gorman as the Chair after an invaluable contribution of eight years to the Section. Gary's contribution is extremely important to the Section; especially as most of the incoming members are new to IFLA with little or no experience. The Section invited him to remain as a Corresponding Member to which he very kindly agreed. Some of our active members also retired and we welcome several new members from Bangladesh, Malaysia, Lebanon, Korea, China, Hong Kong, New Zealand, and Kazakstan.

Thanks to our Regional Manager and her hard-working team, the Section's Newsletter received the 'best newsletter' award. I trust that all of you will support her by sending her information on news and events in your countries.

At the moment we are actively planning for our mid-conference meeting in New Delhi at the Indira Gandhi Open University in February 2008. If you are planning to attend as a member of RSCAO, please let us know as soon as possible. We also received an invitation from Dr. Fariborz Khosravi (RSCAO Member) to host the 2009 mid-conference meeting in Iran at the National Library.

Most of the current ALP funded projects have progressed well and two new projects were commenced in 2007 in Cambodia and in Lao. As always, we are very grateful to Ms Birgitta Sandell and Ms Gunila Natvig for their hard work and also to Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) for providing necessary funds. I believe that you will spread the news about the scholarships, training attachments and project proposals among your colleagues and encourage them to submit applications before the closing date.

Thanks to the hard work done by previous Chairs and other members, the Section is in excellent shape. I am sure the Section will be able to work towards the goals set in the 'Strategic Plan' as a 'team' even though most of our members are new to IFLA. Of course, we still have previous Chairs and Secretaries and other experienced members in the Committee to give us necessary guidance.

I hope to see a great number of committee members in New Delhi at the mid-conference meeting and trust that all of you will actively participate in the Sections' activities. I like to request you to actively persuade libraries and library associations in your countries to become members.



Premila Gamage
RSCAO Chair

From Regional Manager's Desk

Dear colleagues and friends,
Happy New Year and best wishes for 2008!
In this issue, we are honoured to have Prof Claudia Lux, President of IFLA, and Ms Premila Gamage, Chairman of IFLA Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania (RSCAO), to bring you their New Year messages. We look forward to their leadership and direction.

At the World Library and Information Congress (WLIC), IFLA Conference in Durban, South Africa in August 2007, we witnessed IFLA's achievement of the receipt of a US\$ 1 million grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's Global Libraries initiative which will support IFLA's work.

We also wish to congratulate the Australian Library and Information Association and the City of Brisbane for having been selected to host the WLIC, IFLA Conference in 2010!

At the same time, we are glad that three additional Language Centres for Arabic, French and Russian have been set up in Egypt, Dakar and Moscow to better serve IFLA members.

We wish to welcome to all the newly elected RSCAO members, advisors and secretary on board. It was great to meet you in Durban and we look forward to working closely with all of you.

During the WLIC, IFLA Conference in Durban, the Regional Office participated in the poster sessions working in partnership with Ms Birgitta Sandell, Programme Director of IFLA ALP. In this issue, I have included the flyer, which we produced - "What IFLA ALP can do for you" and "The Experience with Action for Development through Libraries Programme (ALP) Core Activities" for your reading.

Furthermore, we are pleased to announce that the Issue 19:1, June 2007 of our IFLA Asia and Oceania Section

Newsletter had won the "Newsletter of the Year Award" at the WLIC, IFLA Conference, Durban 2007. Our heartfelt thanks to our IFLA members and friends for supporting us and contributing news and articles of your organisations and countries. We wish to thank our dedicated advisors and Editorial and Production Committee for their efforts too.

This issue also sees our very first advertisement. The revenue from these advertisements will be used to subsidise IFLA RSCAO members for the RSCAO Section meetings.

In the past two years as the Regional Office, we have received an increase of 40 new members for this Region. As at end December 2007, our membership stands at 57 members countries and 309 members. We hope to work together with the RSCAO members to grow our membership further.

Last but not least, on behalf of the Regional Office's team of Ms Ngian Lek Choh, Janice Ow, Ambika Raghavan, Joyce Wee, Belinda Chan, Veronica Chee and Angelina Phoon, we would like to express our special thanks to Prof Claudia Lux, President of IFLA, Dr Peter Lor, Secretary General of IFLA, Mr Sjoerd Koopman, Co-ordinator of IFLA Professional Activities, Ms Birgitta Sandell, Programme Director of IFLA ALP, Prof Gary Gorman, ex-Chairman of RSCAO, Ms Premila Gamage, Chairman of RSCAO, all the IFLA headquarters staff and members of RSCAO for all your encouragement and friendship.

IFLA Regional Office for Asia and Ocean will continue to support IFLA. Happy reading!



Tan Keat Fong
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IFLA Regional Office
for Asia and Oceania

IFLA Receives \$1M Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Grant to Support Work for Libraries

Source: <http://www.ifla.org/v/press/GatesFoundationGrant2007.htm>

World Library and Information Congress in Durban, South Africa - The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) today announced the receipt of a USD \$1 million grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's Global Libraries initiative. The funding will support IFLA's work to strengthen awareness of the important role libraries play in developing the information society.

Libraries enable people to take part in the information society, to develop their knowledge and their opportunities. Many libraries provide free access to online information found on computers connected to the Internet, which allows people to improve their economic and social well-being.

The annual Access to Learning Award honors innovation in providing free access to online information in public libraries or related institutions.

As IFLA demonstrated during its active participation in the World Summit of the Information Society, libraries are key elements of the provision of free access to information and support for freedom of expression. Current IFLA president Alex Byrne and incoming president Claudia Lux expressed their gratitude for the foundation's support which will assist IFLA to continue to promote these priorities and will strengthen the longstanding co-operation between IFLA and the foundation has now moved to a new level in which the organisations will further promote the development of libraries in the world.

"We are pleased to support IFLA's work to promote libraries as important centers for learning and information. Our partnership with IFLA will help more public libraries provide free public access to computers and the Internet, which can provide people with opportunities to enhance their education, find jobs, build businesses, and exchange ideas with people around the world," said Martha Choe, director of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's Global Libraries initiative.

Each year at IFLA's annual meeting of active librarians, the World Library and Information Congress, the foundation presents its annual Access to Learning

Award. The award honors innovation in providing free access to online information in public libraries or related institutions.

About the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Guided by the belief that every life has equal value, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation works to help all people lead healthy, productive lives. In developing countries, it focuses on improving people's health and giving them the chance to lift themselves out of hunger and extreme poverty. In the United States, it seeks to ensure that all people - especially those with the fewest resources - have access to the opportunities they need to succeed in school and life. Based in Seattle, the foundation is led by CEO Patty Stonesifer and co-chair William H. Gates Sr., under the direction of Bill and Melinda Gates and Warren Buffett.



Claudia Lux, Martha Choe, Ellen Tise and Alex Byrne

About IFLA

IFLA is the global voice of the library and information profession. Established in 1927, IFLA currently has some 1,600 members in 150 countries. Together, IFLA's association and institutional members represent over 500,000 librarians and library workers serving almost two billion registered library users worldwide. IFLA is an accredited non-governmental organisation enjoying consultative status to the United Nations.

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For more on IFLA, see: <http://www.ifla.org>

Call for Papers

“Libraries without borders: Navigating towards global understanding”

10 – 14 August 2008, Québec, Canada

Division for Regional Activities (Div. VIII) Open Session



The Division for Regional Activities (Division VIII) of IFLA is comprised of Regional Sections covering developing countries in three major regions of the world, the African continent, Asia and Oceania, and Latin America and the Caribbean. Division VIII is organising an open session at the IFLA Conference in Québec, Canada and issues this call for papers on the

topic, “Indigenous Knowledge: language, culture and information technology”.

Papers may focus on, but are not limited to:

Best practices on indigenous knowledge
Programmes in indigenous languages
Case studies

Please send your abstract by 10 January 2008 to:

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Please note that the expenses of attending the Québec conference will be the responsibility of the author(s)/ presenter(s) of accepted papers.

World Library and Information Congress:

76th IFLA General Conference and Council August 2010, Brisbane, Australia

Source: <http://www/alia.org.au/media.room/2007.08.24.html>

World’s librarians to gather in Brisbane

The Australian Library and Information Association and the city of Brisbane have been selected to host the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) World Library and Information Congress in 2010.

Speaking today from this year’s Congress in Durban, South Africa, President of the Australian Library and Information Association, Roxanne Missingham, said the Association is proud to have been chosen against strong international competition to host the Congress which attracts several thousand delegates each year.

“This is the premier global library and information conference,” Ms Missingham said.

“IFLA has led the world in advocating free access to information as a fundamental human right. It advances its work through bringing together libraries from around the world and setting the highest standards for professional education and practice.”

“Libraries throughout the world are at the heart of the communities they serve. In Australia more than half the population are registered borrowers in our public library network and almost a million use university libraries.”

“Australian libraries are world leaders in the provision of quality library services and in education for the profession. We are strong supporters of the international networks that enable a coordinated global approach to the free flow of information essential to a healthy democracy.

“Always, this conference is about building the communication between libraries and library professionals in different countries, for the benefit of all. We will be proud to be part of continuing the tradition in Australia in 2010.”

World Book Capital

Call for Nominations 2010

Source: <http://www.ifla.org/III/announce/call-WorldBookCapital-en.htm>

World's librarians to gather in Brisbane

The Selection Committee for the World Book Capital is calling for nominations for the World Book Capital 2010. The complete applications, duly substantiated, including a cover or support letter from the mayor of the candidate-city and drafted in one of UNESCO's official languages (French, English, Spanish, Russian, Arabic or Chinese), should reach UNESCO no later than Monday 31 March 2008. No application received after this date will be taken into consideration.

The candidate programmes shall be aimed at promoting books and fostering reading during the period between one World Book and Copyright Day and the next (23 April).

To involve all regions of the world in turn, the Selection Committee will avoid the consecutive nomination of cities from the same region. Since the 2009 title was awarded to a city of the Arab States' region (Beirut), no candidature from this region will be taken into consideration for the 2010 nomination.

According to its own criteria based on operational needs, UNESCO distinguishes five regions: Africa, Arab States, Asia and the Pacific, Europe and North America, and Latin America and the Caribbean.

The applicants' programme proposals will be examined in the light of the following five criteria:

1. the submission of an activity programme specifically conceived for the World Book Capital City programme and implemented during the city's term as Capital City.
2. the degree of municipal, regional, national and international involvement and the impact of the programmes.
3. the quantity and quality of one-time or ongoing activities organised by the applicant city in collaboration with national and international professional organisations representing writers, publishers, booksellers and librarians and in full respect of the various players in the book supply chain.
4. the quantity and quality of any other noteworthy projects promoting and fostering books and reading.
5. the conformity with the principles of freedom of expression, freedom to publish and to distribute information, as stated in the UNESCO Constitution as well as by Articles 19 and 27 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and by the Agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials (Florence Agreement).

By presenting its application each candidate city commits itself, in case of nomination, to:

1. Associate UNESCO, as well as the three professional associations represented in the Selection Committee, in its communication and information campaign, at all levels;
2. Provide UNESCO, which will share it with all members of the Selection Committee, with a final report on the activities implemented during the nomination year. Besides, the City authorities will facilitate possible evaluation audits implemented on UNESCO's demand.

The Selection Committee – operating under the auspices of UNESCO – is made up of one representative of the International Publishers Association (IPA), one representative of the International Booksellers' Federation (IBF), one representative of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) and one UNESCO representative, under the chairmanship of the President of IPA. The Committee's task is to choose a World Book Capital each year, in accordance with 31 C/Resolution 29, adopted by the UNESCO General Conference on 2 November 2001.

The first World Book Capital chosen prior to the adoption of 31 C/Resolution 29 was Madrid, in 2001. Subsequent World Book Capital Cities have been Alexandria (2002), New Delhi (2003), and Antwerp (2004). Montreal was the World Book Capital City in 2005, succeeded by Turin (2006), Bogotá (2007), Amsterdam (2008) and Beirut (2009).

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IFLA's New Language Centres

Sources: <http://www.ifla.org/V/press/Arabic-SLII-established07.htm>

<http://www.ifla.org/V/press/French-LC-established07.htm>

<http://www.ifla.org/V/press/Russian-LC-established07.htm>

IFLA Centre for Arabic Speaking Libraries and Information Institutions Established

The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) and the Bibliotheca Alexandrina (BA) of Alexandria, Egypt, signed a cooperation agreement by which the BA has the status of IFLA Centre for Arabic Speaking Libraries and Information Centre. It can now be seen as a permanent representative of IFLA/HQ for the Arabic speaking professional community, as well as the other way around: it is hoped that IFLA/HQ will get better access to Arabic speaking library and information professionals.

The IFLA Centre has as its duties to promote IFLA, support IFLA's Africa Section IFLA's Asia and Oceania Section and liaise with IFLA/HQ.

IFLA French Language Centre Established in the University Library, Dakar, Senegal

In May 2007 the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) and the Bibliothèque Centrale Université Cheikh Anta Diop in Dakar, Senegal, signed a cooperation agreement by which BCUCAD received a status of IFLA French Language Centre for Africa. It can now be seen as a permanent representative of IFLA/HQ for the French speaking African community in Africa, as well as the other way around: it is hoped that IFLA/HQ will get better access to French speaking library and information professionals in that continent.

The IFLA French Language Centre has as its duties to promote IFLA, support IFLA's Africa Section and liaise with IFLA/HQ.

IFLA Russian Language Centre Established in the Russian State Library, Moscow

In May 2007 the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) and the Russian State Library (RSL) in Moscow signed a cooperation agreement by which RSL received a status of IFLA Russian Language Centre. It can now be seen as a

permanent representative of IFLA/HQ for the Russian speaking community, as well as the other way around: it is hoped that IFLA/HQ will get better access to Russian speaking library and information professionals.

The IFLA Russian Language Centre has as its duties to promote IFLA, support IFLA's Asia and Oceania Section as well as other relevant IFLA professional bodies and liaise with IFLA/HQ.

Among the priorities of the Centre are:

1. Active **membership recruitment**.
This will be conducted with the help of national or other association members and/or national libraries. Institutions and associations (including specialist and state associations) within the Russian language community should be actively encouraged to join IFLA - parties will agree on target numbers for the years covered by this agreement.
2. (Co-) **organising regional IFLA events**.
These will be co-organised with IFLA/HQ, and/or with IFLA professional units (Sections and Core Activities). This activity includes seeking sources for funding of IFLA projects.
3. Seek **involvement in local or regional professional events** to gain support within the Russian language community, trying to get IFLA "branding" of local or regional events.
4. Contribute to **more effective communication** within the Russian language community and with the IFLA bodies involved. These activities include the publication of newsletters, translations of key IFLA documents and publications and the production of a Russian translation of IFLA Express during IFLA's annual conferences.
5. **Representing IFLA** in the Russian language community, in a pursuit to make IFLA more visible in that community, promoting IFLA goals, principles and core values.
6. **Translation** of key IFLA documents, guidelines, press-releases, papers prepared for the Council Meetings etc.



Hong Kong Library Association

By Michael Robinson
President
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The Hong Kong Library Association (HKLA) was founded in 1958 to support and promote libraries and the practice of librarianship in Hong Kong, and to offer professional development, networking, and community service opportunities to its members. It consists of over 550 members drawn from the academic, public, special and school libraries of Hong Kong and Macau, and has the following objectives:

1. To encourage the development of policies promoting the provision of information and library services in Hong Kong, including the provision of guidelines and standards for such services.
2. To provide for librarianship and information work a focal point as well as a network of formal and informal communication within Hong Kong and with China and other countries.
3. To unite and promote the interests of all persons engaged in library and information work in Hong Kong, and to ensure the effective representation of the interests of members.
4. To encourage professional education and training for librarianship and information work in Hong Kong.

The Association is active in organising seminars and other events for library and information professionals, and also regularly conducts tours of libraries in the Hong Kong SAR. In addition, study tours to libraries in the region (such as in mainland China, Taiwan and Korea) are organised each year.

A substantial proportion of the Association's members are students, undertaking various programmes in librarianship offered by tertiary institutions in Hong Kong and overseas. The

Association has a close relationship with the providers of these programmes, and supports student professional development both through



The HKLA Library Education and Careers Forum, 2007



HKLA Delegation to Joint Conference with the Library Societies of Guangdong and Fujian Provinces, 2007

its regular activities and in the awarding of a number of annual scholarships and bursaries on behalf of donors. In particular, the HKLA hosts an "Education and Careers Forum" each year to provide prospective students with information on the variety of programmes and career options available within Hong Kong. However, as a relatively small professional association, the HKLA does not act as an accrediting body for these programmes.

The HKLA is also active in building strong relationships with other library professional associations in mainland China and in the region generally. In 2007, a conference was co-hosted with the library societies of Guangdong and Fujian provinces, and further enhanced a long-standing relationship with the Guangdong Library Society in particular.

The HKLA publishes a newsletter of events and issues of interest to members every quarterly and it is available electronically at the HKLA website at <http://www.hkla.org>. In addition, the association maintains the "Hong Kong Libraries Gateway", a free Web-based directory of over 900 libraries in Hong Kong as well as a listing of employment opportunities.

In recognition of the 50th anniversary of the Hong Kong Library Association, an international conference will be held in October/November 2008. Entitled "Looking Back, Moving Forward: Asian Libraries in the World of Information", the conference will focus on a number of contemporary themes in Asian libraries and librarianship, and hopes to attract speakers and participants from across the region.

The Indian Association of Special Libraries and Information Centres (IASLIC)

By Prof S. B. Ghosh

President

The Indian Association of Special Libraries and Information Centres



Prof S. B. Ghosh

After the independence of the country, the Government of India gave a major boost to develop organised research in science & technology, and social sciences which led to the establishment and development of a number of specialised research institutions in the country, thereby creating a number of special libraries, documentation and information centers at national and institutional level, to cater to the needs of specialised group of users. A need was felt to have a special libraries association in the country on the line of Special Libraries Association (SLA) of United States of America (USA) and The Association for Information Management (ASLIB) of United Kingdom (UK). Thus, the Indian Association of Special Libraries and Information Centres (IASLIC) was born on September 3, 1955 at Calcutta with the defined objectives “to encourage and promote systematic acquisition, organisation and dissemination of knowledge; to coordinate the activities of and foster mutual co-operation and assistance among special libraries, scientific institutions, learned societies, academic bodies, commercial and industrial research establishments; to act as a center of research in special librarianship and forum for librarians in the country”.

Since its inception, IASLIC received patronage of eminent scientists of the country who occupied the position of the President of the Association all through. The Association celebrated its Golden Jubilee year of establishment in 2005. It has been performing its functions through different divisions, such as Education, Library Services, Co-operation and Co-ordination and Documentary Reproduction, Publication & Publicity, and Translation Divisions. IASLIC functions are looked after by a body of elected council member which comprises of a President, six Vice Presidents, a General Secretary, two Joint Secretaries, two Assistant Secretaries, a Treasurer, a Librarian and 25 Council Members.

During 1960's, IASLIC has made a major shift in its functioning by establishing Special Interest Groups to address the requirements of different Categories of Library and Information Science (LIS) professionals in the country. Some of the Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are Education, Application of Computers, Social Science and Humanities Information, Bibliometrics and Informetrics, Industrial Information.

In the educational activities, the association, since its inception, has laid special emphasis on the continuing professional education and training programmes by organising courses on different areas of interest at the prevalent changing situation with the support of national and international agencies. In 2007, in collaboration with The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. (Unesco) and National Social Sciences Documentation Centre, two workshops on Information Literacy

and Access to Social Science Information in Digital Era respectively have been organised.

Organisation of regular Study Circle Meetings at different places in the country provides a unique opportunity to the LIS professionals to discuss their academic problems. So far, it has around 285 meetings in its credit. The other part of the continuing professional developments programme is through organisation of seminars and conferences in alternate years, hosted at the various institutions in the country. Till 2007, it has organised 23 seminars and 26 conferences on different topics of interests. During Golden Jubilee year, the Association organised an International Conference on Knowledge Management in Mumbai. This year's Conference in New Delhi (2007) will focus on Digital Media and Library and Information Services. One of the important activities of the Association is providing consultancy services including undertaking projects on different areas such as library automation.

For dissemination of information, in addition to its quarterly journal 'IASLIC Bulletin' and bimonthly 'IASLIC News letter', the association has well-established publications programmes. All the papers and proceedings are published as special publications. Apart from these, a variety of publications are published. Some of the publications are Directory of Special Libraries and Information Centres in India, Fundamentals of Documentation, PRECIS, and Subject Indexing Systems etc.

The birthday of S.R. Ranganathan, the Father of Library Science in India is observed as Librarians' Day. In each year, the day is celebrated by organising lectures, seminars, panel discussions etc. During 2006, a panel discussion on 'Public Library and Information Services' was organised. IASLIC also organises two annual lectures- IASLIC Annual Special Lecture and Ranganathan Memorial Lecture. So far, 19 and 14 such lectures respectively have been organised.

IASLIC recognises the contribution of eminent LIS professionals in the country by awarding two annual Awards—S.M.Ganguly Best Librarian of the Year Award and Best Article in the Bulletin Award.

The Association maintains a close coordination with the other library associations in the country both at state and national level to address common issues of LIS professionals in the country.

The IASLIC, the most vibrant and active national organisation in India has made a significant contribution in the development of librarianship in the country. It is interesting to note that its glorious activities are being made possible through voluntary work of a band of dedicated professionals who aspire to take LIS profession in this country to a new height in the coming years.



Conference in Mumbai

Welcome! New Members of Asia and Oceania Region

From 16 June 2007 to 17 November 2007

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General Sciences Library of Ho Chi Minh City	Ho Chi Minh / Vietnam



Want to keep up to date with international developments?

Join the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions!

IFLA (The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions) is the leading international body representing the interests of library and information services and their users. It is the global voice of the library and information profession.

IFLA membership provides information specialists around the world with a forum for exchanging ideas and promoting international cooperation, research and development in all fields of library activity and information service. Through IFLA, libraries, information centres and information professionals worldwide can formulate their goals, exert their influence as a group, protect their interests, and find solutions to global issues.

Membership benefits include:

- a subscription to the IFLA Journal
- a copy of the IFLA Directory
- free registration in one or more of IFLA's 45 professional sections
- voting rights (associations and institutions only)
- discounts on the purchase of publications, including the IFLA/Saur Publication Series
- member discount on registration fees for the annual IFLA World Library and Information Congress. IFLA's professional activities cover a broad range of topics. Detailed information can be found at: <http://www.ifla.org/act-serv.htm>

IFLA also operates a number of discussion lists. The IFLA-L at <http://www.ifla.org/II/iflalist.htm#IFLA-L> is a forum for the submission of items of general

interest to the international library community.

Get Involved
BE AN IFLA MEMBER. JOIN IFLA TODAY!

Membership forms for all categories can be found on IFLANET:
www.ifla.org

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IFLA Newsletter of the Year Award 2007

By Joyce Wee

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Our IFLA Asia and Oceania Section Newsletter, Issue 19:1, June 2007 has won the IFLA “Newsletter of the Year Award 2007”. The award was presented to Ms Tan Keat Fong, Regional Manager, IFLA Regional Office for Asia and Oceania and Editor of the IFLA Asia and Oceania Section Newsletter by Ms Jacinta Were, Chair of the IFLA Professional Committee at the World Library and Information Congress, IFLA Conference, Durban, 2007 closing ceremony.



The Editorial and Production Committee: Angelina Phoon, Janice Ow, Tan Keat Fong, Ambika Raghavan, Ngian Lek Choh, Joyce Wee, Veronica Chee, Rajendra Munoo, Belinda Chan



Tan Keat Fong receiving the IFLA Newsletter of the Year Award from Jacinta Were, Chair of the Professional Committee during the WLIC, IFLA Conference in Durban, August 2007

We are honoured to receive the award. To all at IFLA HQ, IFLA members and supporters, many thanks for your contributions, enthusiastic support and encouragement from day one! We would like to acknowledge our advisors, Prof Gary Gorman, Chairman, RSCAO (2005-2007), Mr Sjoerd Koopman, Coordinator of Professional Activities, IFLA HQ and Ms Ngian Lek Choh, Deputy Chief Executive, National Library Board, Singapore for their guidance and strong support throughout which had made possible our progress.

Poster Sessions at IFLA WLIC, Durban 2007

By Janice Ow

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The two-day IFLA Poster Sessions cum Presentation during the World Library and Information Congress (WLIC): 73rd IFLA General Conference and Council was held at the IFLA Corner, International Convention Centre (ICC) Durban on 22 and 23 August 2007.

The Regional Office prepared a poster and 500 flyers titled “The Experience with Action for Development through Libraries Programme (ALP) Core Activities” for the two-day IFLA Poster Sessions. The poster featured testimonies and



Aree Chuenwatta, Dr Maria, Tay Ai Cheng and Tan Keat Fong

experiences from ALP award recipients for the scholarships, training attachments and projects.

Ms Birgitta Sandell, Programme Director was impressed with the



Tan Keat Fong and Gunilla Nativig



Janice Ow and Birgitta Sandell

poster which included SIDA and Uppsala University as this gave the ALP main sponsors due recognition. The poster and remaining flyers were presented to Ms Sandell to bring back to Sweden to show the sponsors.

RSCAO Activities in Durban, South Africa

By M Al. Mamun

Secretary, Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania

Two standing committee meetings were held in the World Library and Information Congress: 73rd IFLA General Conference Programme, in Durban, South Africa. First Meeting was held on Sunday 19 August and the Second one on Friday 24 August 2007.

Chair and Regional Manager presented the administrative and meeting budget, and information report. Birgitta Sandell, Actions for Development through Libraries Programme (ALP) Programme Director also presented a verbal report on Asia Oceania Section's project status, financial situation of ALP, and other grants information for the section.

In both the meetings the Chair and the Members of RSCAO discussed the section theme "From Me to You to Us: How Libraries in Asia and Oceania Contribute to Global Understanding" and the Section's roles and responsibilities for the 74th WLIC (World Library and Information Congress) to be held in Quebec, Canada, in August 2008. It was also discussed in the meeting that the Regional Office will organise a poster session, focusing the section activities for the next WLIC 2008, Quebec, Canada.

The Section Programme was conducted on Wednesday, 22 August 2007 and the theme was "Information providers coping with disaster in Asia and Oceania". More than 50 participants attended this open session. The keynote address presented by Prof. Graham Matthews. The following papers and a DVD screening were also presented in the open session:

- Keynote Address: Disaster management in the cultural heritage sector: a perspective of international activity from the United Kingdom: lessons and messages—Prof. Graham Matthews (Loughborough University, Loughborough, UK)
- Writing a new chapter - globalization: creating libraries across the globe - a case study in Sri Lanka—Nevanka Goonewardena and Melissa Aho (Metropolitan State University, St Paul, Minnesota, USA)
- Cooperative Disaster Salvage and Recovery in Aotearoa New Zealand: a case study of vacuum freeze-drying services—Pamela Najar-Simpson (National Library of New Zealand, Wellington, New Zealand)
- Academic Institutions and Libraries of Pakistani administered Kashmir: a pre and post earthquake analysis—Maqsood Ahmad Shaheen (US Embassy, Islamabad, Pakistan)
- An analysis of the data archiving practices of selected scientific agencies in the Philippines—Carina C. Samaniego (Manila Observatory, Diliman Quezon City, Philippines)

- Rising from the Rubble (DVD screening)—Sri Lanka Library Association

The Chair and the Secretary attended a training session and orientation programme for section officers and professional committee members on Monday, 20 August 2007. The Chair also attended two Coordinating Board meetings held on 17 and 24 August 2007. Several RSCAO members attended the Hearing Session of IFLA's Professional structure on Sunday, 19 August 2007.

The Division of Regional Activities and ALP Open Session was conducted on Thursday, 23 August 2007 and the theme was "Libraries at the forefront of grassroots development". Representing the region, the following two papers were presented at the session:

- The Role of ALP in Facilitating Grassroots Development in Division VIII Countries—Birgitta Sandell (IFLA/ALP, Uppsala, Sweden) and Gary Gorman (Victoria University of Wellington, Wellington, New Zealand)
 - Educating Information Literacy Educators in Asia-Oceania—Daniel G. Dorner (Victoria University of Wellington, Wellington, New Zealand)
- A poster titled "Experience with Actions for



Premila Gamage, RSCAO Chair and M. Al Mamun, RSCAO Secretary presenting information papers at the IFLA RSCAO Meeting

Development through Libraries Programme (ALP) Core Activities" was presented by the Regional Office. It covered the mission and strategies of ALP, including experiences from award recipients for scholarship, training attachments and projects. A brochure was also distributed with statements of ALP recipients about their experiences on how they have benefited from the ALP sponsorship, training attachment and projects.

The social event was held on Tuesday, 21 August 2007 at the Sage Restaurant, the Westville Hotel. About 45 guests attended the event. The event was sponsored by Emerald, which has expressed interest to continue sponsorship in the future.

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Quilting an IFLA Tapestry of Asia and Oceania Region

by IFLA Regional Office for Asia and Oceania

As you know, quilts are made from sewing different fabrics together to make design. And patterns for sewing the pieces of fabric together are handed down through the times.

The riot of patterns and colours makes the quilt beautiful, while meticulous stitching holds the quilt together strongly.

Similarly, IFLA Asia and Oceania region is made up of 57 countries, each making their contribution to the library community through the years.

The vibrancy of the members makes the organisation remarkable, while the bond and understanding between the members are essential for the strength of the organisation.

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Institution

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Institutions

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257. Congressional Library Bureau

258. Far East University

259. National Library of the Philippines

260. Rizal Library, Ateneo de Manila University

261. University of Santo Tomas Library

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285. Thailand knowledge Park

286. Sukhothai Tham mathirat Open University, office of Doc and Information

287. Thammasat University Libraries

288. National Institute of Development Administration Library and Information Center

289. National Science & Technology Development Agency

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295. Library and Archives, Bank of Thailand

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303. Public Libraries Section - Dubai Municipality

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307. Institute of Social Science Information, Vietnamese Academy of Social Sciences

308. National Library of Vietnam

309. General Science library of Ho Chi Minh City

WHAT IFLA ALP CAN DO FOR YOU

IFLA “Action for Development through Libraries Programme” (ALP) hopes to further the library profession, library institutions and library and information services in the developing countries of Africa, Asia and Oceania and Latin America and the Caribbean.

Scholarships

Middle level professionals and technical specialists (computing staff) working in libraries/information centres in Asia and Oceania may apply. The candidates must be less than 46 years old. They must have an undergraduate degree and basic IT skills. The scholarship will enable the recipient to gain experience and hands-on exposure in a professionally advanced environment at a recognised institution in Asia and Oceania. The scholarship period will not exceed six weeks.

Training Attachments

The four-week Training Attachments are designed to afford an opportunity for middle-level library and information workers (below forty years of age) from developing countries who wish to gain experience and hands-on exposure from more advanced environments.

Projects

Project applications can be made to the IFLA ALP Programme for support to librarians, library associations, library schools or others who want to develop co-operation, knowledge and services within IFLA ALP’s special programme areas:

- Continuing education and training;
- Development of library associations;
- Libraries as promoters of information literacy and lifelong learning, and combating functional illiteracy;
- The use of ICT and creation of local electronic resources;
- Increase of publishing activities and the dissemination of information to the communities, with special attention to marginalised groups.

Find out more about the IFLA ALP Programme at <http://www.ifla.org/VI/1/alp.htm> or contact the IFLA Office in your region:

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If you have benefited from the IFLA ALP Programme and would like to share your story in the IFLA Asia and Oceania Section Newsletter, please send your experience of about 200 words to: Ms Tan Keat Fong, Regional Manager, IFLA Regional Office for Asia and Oceania, Fax: +65-6332 3616 or Email: keatfong@nlb.gov.sg. Kindly also include your name, occupation, address, contact number, email, ALP award and year received, country of training and institution of training.



The Experience with Action for Development Through Libraries Programme (ALP) Core Activities



Gary E Gorman
IFLA RSCAO Chairman
New Zealand

The Regional Section for Asia & Oceania is proud of its achievements in conjunction with ALP. We are grateful for the strong support from our ALP colleagues, Birgitta Sandell and Gunilla Natvig, and also deeply appreciative of the funding provided by SIDA.



Roshini Geeta Deo
Training Attachment Award
Recipient 2005, Fiji

I saw, experienced and learnt many ideas, some of which we could implement at the University of the South Pacific Library in the future. Coming from a small island nation, it was a big exposure for me: meeting people, visiting different types of libraries in Canberra which included a public library and school library.



Lourdes T. David
Project Award Recipient 2005
Philippines

When the project started neither the teacher nor librarian in the project group understood what information literacy is. By the end of the project however, they were able to develop a teacher's guide and a student's guide on IL skills development that could be used as a resource guide for the English language subjects.



Enkhtungalag Dorjantsan
Scholarship Grant Recipient 2005
Mongolia

As a result of my participation in this IFLA ALP program, now I use the key words for effective Internet searching and more often search and download the necessary reference materials from the Internet in my daily routine works and teach the same to my junior colleagues at the National Library of Mongolia.



Doris Samanez
Project Award Recipient 2005
Peru

Reading service in a public food market: the books are taken from the public library in an art in order to lend them to salesmen in each market store once a week. This project of ALP won the third place in the IFLA International Marketing Award.



Peter J Lor
Secretary General IFLA
Netherlands

IFLA is proud of the impact of ALP on librarianship in the developing world. ALP is a wonderful example of partnership in international librarianship. The ALP Office in Uppsala, itself made possible by the partnership between IFLA, the Uppsala University Library and other Nordic library associations and institutions, is at the centre of an international network of partnerships including major donors such as Sida (the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency), IFLA regional sections, and individuals and organisations in recipient countries. The latter play a key role in initiating, managing and supporting projects. ALP projects are not top-down handouts, but the result of true South-South, South-North and North-South professional collaboration.



Tutik Sriyati
Training Attachment Award
Recipient 2005, Indonesia

I learnt new skills while working with DPI&F-InfoResearch such as library services, information management, interlibrary loan/document delivery, purchasing and resource management, information technology, including how to develop digital file, how to make web page, e-training, etc. Everything that I learnt from the training gave me a new perspective of a modern agricultural library services.



Mohammed Abu Khaled Chowdhury
Scholarship Grant Recipient 2005
Bangladesh

The training gave me the opportunity to know about Information Literacy, its importance and implementation in library. Now information literacy programme is running in my library. We have learnt webpage development, presentation skills, EndNote Software, etc which was very helpful in my day-to-day professional works as well as my own higher study.



Premila Gamage
Scholarship Grant Recipient 2004
Sri Lanka

I gathered a wide range of knowledge on Information Literacy and Web designing. On my return I immediately applied the knowledge that I gained to my working environment. I redesigned the Library Intranet in a completely different manner and introduced an online tutorial on Information Literacy.



Birgitta Sandell
Programme Director
IFLA ALP

Thanks to the support from Sida, Nordic institutions and associations and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Finland, IFLA ALP has been able to support 181 projects since its beginning in 1991. 78 people have received in-service training, 49 have received scholarships in ICT and Information Literacy and 196 people have been awarded travel grants.

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Action for Development Through Libraries Programme (ALP) Strategic Plan 2008-2009

Source: <http://www.ifla.org/VI/1/annual/spalp09.htm>

Mission

Libraries constitute the basis to give all citizens free access to information. Thereby everyone is given the opportunity to participate in the democratic processes of the society and improve their lives. By furthering library and information services in Africa, Asia and Oceania, and Latin America and the Caribbean, ALP aims at supporting main human development issues: literacy, lifelong learning, bridging the digital divide and sustainable development.

ALP is mission oriented and not subject oriented like other core programmes. Therefore, co-operation with relevant IFLA professional bodies as well as with regional and international organisations is essential to carry out the programme.

ALP achieves its mission through a carefully planned programme of different activities in close co-operation between the International Focal Point of ALP and IFLA's Regional Offices, IFLA's Regional Division and its three sections, and other partners. This co-operation includes fundraising, scholarships and attachment programmes, conferences, seminars and workshops, publications and databases.

IFLA pursues its priorities within the framework of the three pillars: Society, Profession and Members. ALP covers all the three pillars in its activities.

Goals

1. To provide opportunities for education and development of LIS staff

(Pillars: Profession, Members, Society)

(Professional priorities : (h) Developing library professionals)

Actions

- 1.1 Support an international workshop on information literacy in Bangladesh , in cooperation with IFLA's RSC for Asia & Oceania
- 1.2 Provide funding for in-service training for librarians in Asia and Oceania , in cooperation with IFLA's RSC for Asia & Oceania
- 1.3 Provide funding for a workshop on information literacy in Indonesia , in cooperation with IFLA's RSC for Asia & Oceania
- 1.4 Support a workshop to review curriculum in library schools in French-speaking Africa to accommodate developments in Information and Communication

Technologies, in cooperation with IFLA's RSC for Africa

- 1.5 Support a workshop to review curriculum in library schools in French-speaking Africa to accommodate developments in Information and Communication Technologies, in cooperation with IFLA's RSC for Africa

2. To facilitate the establishment of new library associations and the implementation of IFLA Guidelines on the management of library associations

(Pillars: Profession, Members)

(Professional priorities: (h) Developing library professionals ; (j) Supporting the infrastructure of library associations)

Actions

- 2.1 Support two seminars on management of library associations, in cooperation with IFLA's RSC for Asia & Oceania and Management of Library Associations Section (MLAS).
- 2.2 Support a seminar on management of library associations, in cooperation with IFLA's RSC for Latin America and the Caribbean and MLAS.

3. To promote the function of libraries: information literacy and lifelong learning, and to combat functional illiteracy

(Pillars: Society)

(Professional priorities: (c) Promoting literacy, reading and lifelong learning)

Actions

- 3.1 Support a training programme for Para-professionals to promote reading, in cooperation with IFLA's RSC for Africa
- 3.2 Support an In-service training for public librarians in Latin America, in cooperation with IFLA's RSC for Latin America and the Caribbean
- 3.3 Support a workshop on information literacy, in cooperation with IFLA's RSC for Africa
- 3.4 Support a training programme in library skills and methods for teachers in the Northern and Southern part of the West Bank and Gaza , in cooperation with IFLA's RSC for Asia & Oceania
- 3.5 Support a seminar on IFLA/Unesco Manifestos on Public and School Libraries, and Internet in Latin America, with IFLA's RSC for Latin America and the Caribbean

4. To promote the use of ICT and the creation of local electronic resources

(Pillars: Profession)

(Professional priorities: (d) Providing unrestricted access to information; (g) Preserving our intellectual heritage; (h) Developing library professionals; (k) Representing libraries in the technological marketplace)

Actions

- 4.1 Award librarians scholarships to attend training programmes in information literacy in Asia and Oceania, in cooperation with IFLA's RSC for Asia & Oceania
- 4.2 Support a workshop on the strategic, methodological and practical issues for Digital Library development in the Arab States, in cooperation with IFLA's RSC for Asia & Oceania

5. To increase publishing activities and the dissemination of information to the communities, with special attention to marginalized groups

(Pillars: Profession, Society, Members)

(Professional priorities: (a) Supporting the role of libraries in society; (b) Defending the principle of freedom of information; (c) Promoting literacy and reading; (d) Providing unrestricted access to information; (g) Preserving our intellectual heritage)

Actions

- 5.1 Provide funding for a workshop on disaster planning/sustainable libraries, in cooperation with IFLA's PAC Core Activities
- 5.2 Publish reports in the ALP Project report series

How I Benefited from an IFLA ALP Grant

By Carina C. Samaniego
 Librarian
 Manila Observatory
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I am honoured to be given the opportunity to participate in the World Library and Information Congress (WLIC) 73rd IFLA General Conference & Council held in Durban, South Africa last August 19-23, 2007. It was indeed a very enriching experience for me.

It came as a surprise to me, even though I had wished for an opportunity like that to come by. It was more than what I could ask for and I was overwhelmed. Early this year, I was also chosen to be a speaker in an international conference on archiving. However, due to financial constraints, I was not able to go. I welcomed the opportunity given to me by IFLA and ALP with so much anticipation and anxiety at the same time. It was my first time out of the country. Of course I had fears that something might happen to me, there might not be any other Filipinos attending the conference, or my presentation might not turn out to be interesting. At the conference, I learned from my colleagues that I was the only participant from the Philippines. I felt like a child and with awe and anticipation, I arrived at the International Convention Centre.

It was difficult to choose which sessions to attend, as they were all equally interesting. Thankfully, some of the participants I met recommended some of the sessions that might be useful to me. I could not decide whether I should attend those sessions, which concern my current work or those, which I would like to refresh myself on. I made it a point to attend sessions on different topics so as to ensure that each opportunity would be as enjoyable as possible. Listening to the presentations made me realise how dynamic and important our profession is. There were endless topics to discuss on and library programmes to create and explore. I am thankful that I met fellow participants who helped and accompanied me during my stay. I find the

coincidence amusing, as the first few people I met there were all from Sweden. They were glad to hear that I got my funding from Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) and Uppsala.

Through them I met other participants with whom I was able to engage good conversations, despite some language differences. Meeting other participants from different parts of the world was indeed an enriching learning experience. When I got home, I was so thrilled to share with my colleagues the new developments I have learned from the congress. I wish I could retell all the presentations that I attended. Despite the challenges and constraints, libraries are moving forward to continuously serve their purpose. Libraries and librarians need not prove their importance in this world. This experience has taught me how important it is for us, librarians and information professionals, to always seek and improve in this field that we are called to practice.

I will be forever grateful to IFLA-ALP for this humbling experience. If given the chance, I would be willing to take part in future endeavours of ALP and I wish that this programme will continue to support individuals and benefit libraries all over the world.



Carina Samaniego with Maria Eugenia Blanco-Vergara, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency

Poster Presentation from Malaysia: 2nd Runner-up at the World Library and Information Congress in Durban

By Rashidah Begum bt. Fazal Mohamed
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A poster presentation on “Every Baby a Book” programme by Shukriah Binti Hj. Yon, Director, Penang Public Library Corporation (PPLC), Y. Bhg. Datin Seri Zainab bin Abdul Kadir, PPLC Board Member and Chairman, Children’s Library Committee, and Rashidah Begum binti Fazal Mohamed, was judged 2nd runner-up in the poster presentations competition in Durban. There were 80 poster presentations on display during the conference. The programme was launched nationwide on 27 July 2007 by the Minister of Women, Family and Community Development, Malaysia.

This programme is jointly organised by PPLC and Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development, Malaysia. The Library is also working with government hospitals/clinics and related governmental organisations such as the Malaysia National Population and Family Development Board, and non-governmental organisations, such as private hospitals and the World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action (WABA), in carrying out the programme.

The objective of this programme is to get parental/caregiver involvement in introducing the world of learning to the child at an early stage and to increase the membership and usage of the library. An eco-friendly, hand-made, attractive, non-toxic, strong and sturdy, washable cloth book is the basic resource for this programme.

The contents of the book that is produced by PPLC were selected and designed by the staff of the Library itself and are



Zainab Abdul Kader, Chairman of the Children’s Library Committee of the Penang Public Library Corporation, and Rashidah Begum

suitable and interesting to babies and children. The contents include colourful and culturally meaningful images and concepts such as the alphabet, numbers, colours, shapes, self, images from nature such as local flowers and trees, local fruits, fishes endemic to this country, animals, and of course the ubiquitous computer.

The book has a Parents Guide incorporated in it as “talking points”. These “talking points” provide information related to the images as well as suggestions for activities that will make the interaction between the parents/caregivers and the child a fun and enjoyable experience every time the book is used.

PPLC staff have been conducting regular briefings and workshops on “Every Baby a Book” for the parents/caregivers at selected places since early 2007.

More details about this programme can be obtained from:
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Action “One Country – One Book”

By Tendik G. Yermekpayeva
 Head of the World Literature Sector
 National Academic Library of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Why did we not realise the project as Chicagoan here in Kazakhstan?” - thought the specialists of the National Academic Library of the Republic of Kazakhstan (Astana city) after getting acquainted with the project “One Book, One Chicago”. It is interesting, cognitive, and necessary today when our country goes fast to information progress, involves in international economical, political, scientific and cultural ties. Requirements for competence level of graduates from schools and higher educational institutions, young managers and state employees has rise.

At the same time, this action had to become a barrier on the way of decrease of society interest for reading in general and native literature particularly, both the classics and modern literature and poetry, barrier for spreading interest in “commercial reading” based on the topics of violence and cruelty, social apathy, loneliness.



Abai books

the Library Association of the Republic of Kazakhstan. The Action’s aim is the development of promoting reading, support of literacy and reading culture, preservation of



Abai portrait

The Action “One Country - One Book” was held by the Ministry of Culture and Information of the Republic of Kazakhstan on the initiative of the National Academic Library of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Library Association of the Republic of Kazakhstan. The Action’s aim is the development of promoting reading, support of literacy and reading culture, preservation of spiritual heritage, solicitous attitude to the native language, moral and patriotic upbringing of the youth.

At the end of March 2007, the National Academic Library of the Republic of Kazakhstan declared commencement of the Action calling upon Kazakhstan people to choose a book for reading. Works reflecting

human and national ideas of humanism, historical-cultural traditions, historical roots and contemporary development of the country, stimulating discussions, were considered for participation in the Action.

A solemn announcement of the book took place on 6 July, 2007 at Astana Day of Birth, at the VII International Poetry Festival “Day of Abai” with participation of famous Kazakhstan and Russian poets and writers. It was deeply symbolic that the



Readers conference at the Taraz State University (Taraz City)

Action book, “Book of Words” by Abai, was declared at the VII International Poetry Festival devoted to Abai.

Abai (1845-1904) is a great Kazakh poet, philosopher, composer and founder of Kazakh written literature. His role was emphasised once more in spiritual formation of our society.

Despite the fact that many years have passed, several generations have changed since Abai times, “Book of Words” is actual today as never before, it is our reference point in life. This book includes different topics – Kazakhstan history, love for fatherland, culture, people’s psychology, philosophy of life, ethics of mutual relations among people.

The Action “One Country - One Book” took place on September 24 - 30, 2007 all over the country. It included exhibitions, films, special lessons at schools and universities, meetings with well-known public and cultural workers of the country, reciting of Abai “Book of Words”, competition and quizzes, readers conferences, and other activities. All these activities were devoted to the “Book of Words” by Abai.

The Action “One Country – One Book” united thousands of Kazakhstan people in their desire to read Abai, understand wisdom of his “Book of Words”, know more about ideas of philosopher, thinker and scientist. Collective reading and discussions made people think about their life and world we live in.

Sharing Across Borders

By Gladys Ng

Executive, Corporate Communications Division
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National Library Board, Singapore, the co-organiser of the 10th IFLA Interlending and Document Supply (ILDS) International Conference, was honoured and delighted to play host together with IFLA. The event was opened by Dr N Varaprasad, Chief Executive of National Library Board (NLB), who welcomed guests and speakers at the 'Welcome Reception & Networking Session' held on 28 October 2007 at The Pod. Dr Varaprasad, in his welcome speech, highlighted the theme of the conference of "Resource Sharing for the Future, Building Blocks for Success" and emphasised the urgent need to promote information sharing among libraries. He also outlined the challenges faced by many libraries when building up their collections and meeting the need to provide fast and convenient access to information for their users, especially in today's competitive environment.



Opening Address by Kim Baker, Chairman of IFLA DDRS Standing Committee

The 3-day Conference was met by an overwhelming response from over 200 international delegates from countries such as South Africa, China, Australia, the United Kingdom, Switzerland and the United States.

Kim Baker, Chairman of IFLA Document Delivery and Resource Sharing (DDRS) Standing Committee, kicked off the Conference by delivering her opening address. She hoped that all delegates would enjoy the presentations from expert speakers who focused on the four pillars: Resource Sharing; Tools and Building Blocks for Success; Rights and Distribution, and Future Directions. The distinguished speakers shared their wealth of experience, perspectives and information in the global field of

resource sharing, thus fulfilling one of the main aims and core values of IFLA. It is hoped that this Conference also served as a wonderful platform for promoting IFLA and its membership privileges through the networking opportunities at the event.

Of Mindsets, Digitisation and Delivery

The rapidly emerging trend of researching via the Internet has challenged the efficacy of libraries in promoting, extending and improving resource sharing and document delivery to meet the needs of library users at the national and international levels. Furthermore, Internet-based organisations such as Google are scouring many major libraries in the world for content while the Internet Archive has created partnerships to scan out-of-copyright items (before 1923 in the United States).

Ms Ngian Lek Choh, Director of National Library, Singapore, who was also one of the keynote speakers, highlighted that, "Traditionally, a library sources, buys and organises useful materials, and disseminates information about these to users. Today, the role of the library as an agent to connect users to information and people resources, is as valid as ever and remains an important role for information users."

In light of the current development, libraries around the world are taking pro-active steps to regularly examine the delivery of information to users and promoting and implementing the use of technology in streamlining international resource sharing and delivery, so as to better meet the needs of end-users.



Delegates at the 10th ILDS Conference held at the National Library Building, Singapore.

Lee Kong Chian Research Fellowship Series: Research Fellows 2007

By Dr Narinder Kaur
Assistant Director, Publishing and Research Services
National Library Board Singapore

The Lee Kong Chian Research Fellowship welcomes two new Research Fellows, Mr Prasani Weerawardane and Ms Daw Win. Mr Prasani was awarded his Fellowship by Ms Ngian Lek Choh, Director of the National Library on 13 July 2007. Ms Daw Win received her Fellowship from Mr Beh Chew Leng, Senior Director, Library and Professional Services, National Library Board on 17 August 2007.

Mr Prasani Weerawardane has a Bachelor of Arts (Archaeology) from the Institute of Archaeology, University of College London and a Certificate in English Language teaching from the University of Cambridge. Mr Prasani's research is on "Exploration of trade and cultural linkages between India and Southeast Asia in the centuries 1-7 AD, with an emphasis on the influence of Buddhist centres in India in the propagation of Buddhism in Southeast Asia".



Prasani Weerawardane receiving his Fellowship from Ngian Lek Choh, Director, National Library, Singapore

Chinese community in Yangon and their links with Penang and Singapore in the 20th century".

The National Library, Singapore welcomes talented scholars and researchers to use our resources and services, and to collaborate with us on joint research projects to create new knowledge. The Lee Kong Chian Research Fellowship is open to both local and foreign applicants, who should preferably have an established record of achievement in their chosen field of research and the potential to excel further.



Daw Win receiving her Fellowship from Beh Chew Leng, Senior Director, Library and Professional Services, National Library Board, Singapore

Ms Daw Win has a Bachelor of Arts (English) from Yangon University, a Diploma in Japanese from the Yangon Institute of Foreign Language and a Master of Arts (History) from Wuhan University, People's Republic of China. Ms Daw's research is on "Leading personalities of the overseas

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American Library Association 2008 Midwinter Meeting

Organiser American Library Association (ALA)
 Date 11-16 January 2008
 Venue Philadelphia, PA
 Contact customerservice@ala.org
 Link <http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/midwinter/2008/home.htm>

The 105 Annual Conference of the Ontario Library Association: Super Conference 2008

Organiser Ontario Library Association
 Date 30 January -February 2
 Venue Metro, Toronto Convention Centre, Canada
 Contact Ontario Library Association
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SLA (Special Libraries Association) 2008 Leadership Summit

Organiser Special Libraries Association
 Date 23-26 January 2008
 Venue Louisville, KY USA
 Contact Special Libraries Association
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JANUARY

VALA2008: Libraries Changing Spaces, Virtual Places

Organiser Victorian Association for Library Automation Inc.
 Date 5-7 February
 Venue Melbourne, Australia
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Libraries from Human Rights Perspective: International Conference

Organiser Ramallah Center for Human Rights Studies (RCHRS) and IFLA
 Date 31 March-2 April
 Venue Ramallah, Palestine
 Contact dweikat@rchrs.org
 Link <http://www.rchrs.ps/aboutC.html>

MARCH

IFLA International Newspaper Conference 2008

Organiser National Library Board Singapore
 Date 1-3 April
 Venue Singapore
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 Link http://blogs.nlb.gov.sg/newspaper_conf08/

UK Serials Group 2008 Annual Conference

Organiser UK Serials Group
 Date 7-9 April
 Venue Riverina International Convention Centre, Torquay, UK
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 Link http://www.uksg.org/events/about_torquay

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Organiser KCL Digital Consultancy Services (KDCS)
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 Link http://www.alpsp.org/ngen_public/article.asp?id=244&did=47&aid=1385&st=&oaid=-1

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Organiser Special Libraries Association (Arabian Gulf Chapter) and Qatar University
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 Contact http://www.qu.edu.qa/html/SLA_08_index.php

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