



Asia and Oceania

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

I am writing this short review in the midst of planning our open session for Quebec. Since the Durban conference, we have been quite busy following up on recommendations from our Standing Committee (SC) meeting.

We had a very productive mid-term meeting in February at the Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi. Mid-term meetings are extremely important for the Section for several reasons. It allows members from all parts of the Asia Oceania region to meet uninterrupted over a period of days to plan strategies and programmes for the diverse region. It is an avenue for promoting IFLA in the host country. Further, it provides networking opportunities amongst the Committee and also with librarians from the host country. We met some of our members for the first time at the Delhi meeting. Every one of our members, including several new members actively participated in the meeting and made valuable contributions to our discussions. We noticed that there has been an increased awareness of the role and work of IFLA as well as the Regional Standing Committee Asia Oceania. In addition to our two-day meeting, SC members participated in two television programmes where we had an excellent opportunity to showcase IFLA and especially the Section throughout the Indian sub-continent. (A detailed account can be found on page 13). Again, we would like to record our sincere gratitude to our hosts, especially to Prof V. N. Rajasekharan Pillai, the Vice-Chancellor and Prof Uma Kanjilal and Prof Jaideep Sharma for their thoughtful gestures and warm concern.

The Actions for Development through Libraries Programme (ALP) Steering Committee consisting of the chairs and



secretaries of the three regional sections and IFLA's regional office managers met in October 2007, in the Uppsala University Library, Sweden. The members presented assessments of the projects carried out for the period 2005-2006 and a plan of activities for 2008-2009. The Committee discussed the ALP strategic plan for 2008-2009. At the same time, this meeting also provided an additional opportunity for Division VIII to discuss and plan its activities, in particular the activities for Quebec.

We are all well aware of ALP's enormous contribution to information development activities in all our three regions. Unfortunately, ALP will not be able to support us after 2009, with the phasing out of Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency funds at the end of 2009. This issue was constantly discussed at various meetings, and it was suggested that we should all try to approach other agencies for funding. I urge you to approach donor agencies and other bodies in your respective countries for assistance. On behalf of the

Section, I would like to record our sincere gratitude to Birgitta Sandell and Gunila Natvig for managing ALP and to SIDA for providing funds for all these years.

Plans are well underway for the open session for Quebec. Four speakers from China, India and Sri Lanka will speak on the theme 'From me, to you, to us: how libraries in the Asia and Oceania region contribute to global understanding'. Dr N Varaprasad, Chief Executive of the National Library Board Singapore will deliver the keynote address at the session. Further plans for the open session for Division VIII are also in progress with the support of our colleagues from Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean. Prof Loriene Roy, School of Information, University of Texas at Austin will be the keynote speaker for Division VIII.

At present we have a strong Committee with 22 members including members from countries not previously

represented. I hope to see a greater number of Committee members in Quebec than in New Delhi and would also like to remind you that you are expected to attend both Standing Committee meetings. I trust that all of you will actively participate in the Section's activities and attend both the Section's open session and the Division VIII open session. Thanks to the generous support of Emerald, there will also be a social event in Quebec and you will be receiving invitations shortly.

Finally, once again, I encourage 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,

It is time for another update of the activities that have taken place in our region in the last couple of months!

I would like to start by extending my heartiest congratulations, on behalf of the members of the Asia and Oceania region, to Ms Jennefer Nicholson on her appointment as IFLA's new Secretary-General from 6 September 2008. I would also like to very warmly welcome the 23 new members and five member countries - Belgium, Republic of Serbia, Belarus, Montenegro and Peru. As of June 2008, our membership stands at 57 member countries and 295 members.

The IFLA Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania (RSCAO) would like also to thank the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), New Delhi, India for hosting the Mid-Conference Meeting in February this year. Mr M Al Mamun, Secretary RSCAO has kindly contributed a write-up of the meeting proceedings in this issue.

Ms Birgitta Sandell, ALP Programme Director and I would like to express our gratitude to the institutions that hosted the IFLA ALP Training Attachment Programme

grant recipients for their four-week training. Dr Suresh Jange, India and Ms Heidi M Dizon, Philippines completed their training at the Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand in September 2007. Ms Sadia Paracha, Pakistan and Ms Tan Somaly, Cambodia and Mr Yadab Chandra Niraula, Nepal completed their training at the National Library Board Singapore in September 2007 and April 2008 respectively.

In April, the IFLA International Newspaper Conference 2008 was held in Singapore. A featured article entitled 'Printed Space and Cyberspace Preservation of Newspapers' can be found in the Around the Region section. Also in this issue, the Spotlight section features the Librarians Association of Malaysia and Association of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

The loss of lives and property caused by the recent earthquake disaster in Sichuan, China is extremely saddening for us all. Members can now contribute to the IFLA Fund Disaster Relief for China to assist the Chinese library community in these difficult times. At the same time, the Regional Office will be forthcoming in our efforts to help these affected libraries.

I would also like to thank Verlag Walter de Gruyter GmbH & Co. KG and

Emerald Group Publishing Limited for putting their advertisements in the newsletter.

Ms Janice Ow, my support staff for IFLA Regional Office for Asia and Oceania matters will be leaving us at the end of July 2008. She has been awarded a scholarship by the National Library Board Singapore to pursue a Master of Science in Information Studies at the Nanyang Technological University of Singapore. Janice developed a passion for librarianship following her interactions and work with IFLA colleagues. I would like to thank Janice for her contributions to IFLA, and wish her the greatest success in her future endeavors.

Finally, thank you all for continuing to share news and articles of your organisations and countries, and I look forward to meeting you next at the IFLA conference at Quebec in August! Remember to come by our poster sessions - where RSCAO will be putting up a poster entitled "IFLA activities in Asia and Oceania: the impact."



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Congratulations!

From all of us at Asia and Oceania Region

New Secretary-General of IFLA: Jennefer Nicholson

Source: <http://www.ifla.org/v/press/IFLAsg08.htm>



IFLA is pleased to announce the appointment of Jennefer Nicholson as its new Secretary-General, from September 2008. She will join IFLA's Headquarters in The Hague on 1 June 2008 as Secretary-General designate and work with the outgoing Secretary-General, Prof Peter Lor, until she takes over on 6 September 2008.

Jennefer Nicholson has graduate qualifications in library and information science and in public policy. She spent most of her working life in the information sector – in advertising, information brokerage, and the library and information services sector. She moved into association management in the early 1990s and was appointed Executive Director of the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) from 1999 to the end of 2005, following five years as the Deputy Executive Director. ALIA is the national professional body for the library and information sector, with 5,000 personal members and 1,000 institutional members. Jennefer was instrumental in the Association's renewal and restructure process, and in expanding ALIA's advocacy and participative role in the wider community.

For the past year, Jennefer has been working with the Australian Government on media and content policy, and a major national broadband strategy.

Jennefer has over ten years' involvement in IFLA. She completed her second term as a member of the IFLA

Management of Library Associations Section at WLIC Durban 2007, and has also served a term on the Education and Training Section. In addition, she has extensive experience as a director or member of a number of government and industry advisory bodies in the cultural, education and training, and association sectors.

Announcing the appointment, IFLA President Prof Claudia Lux said that the Governing Board is delighted to be able to appoint as IFLA's Chief Executive Officer professional colleague of Jennefer's stature. Given the dynamic environment in which IFLA operates and the Federation's ambitious plans, Jennefer's extensive skills and experience will be a great asset to IFLA in the coming years.

Jennefer commented: "My appointment as Secretary-General is a great honour for me, and an opportunity to give back to IFLA, having gained great professional and personal value as a member over the last ten years. I welcome the responsibility and in doing so acknowledge the contribution of all those members who have had the vision to lead IFLA to the position it now holds in the international arena. I have a strong commitment to the values and professional concerns shared locally and globally by those in the library sector, and extensive experience in the sector and association management. I look forward to working with the President, Claudia Lux, President-elect Ellen Tise, the Governing Board, members and staff to successfully articulate and achieve IFLA's strategic goals, and to strengthen the organisation. I also look forward to meeting those of you I do not know yet."

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation: Access to Learning Award (ATLA) 2009

We invite applications from libraries and organisations with a mandate to provide public access to information to apply for the Access to Learning Award (ATLA) 2009.

The award recognises excellence and innovation in public libraries and similar institutions in providing access to information through the use of computers and the Internet, at no cost to the user. The recipient will receive a prize of US\$1 million.

The 2009 brochures (in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish) are now available from

www.gatesfoundation.org/GlobalDevelopment/GlobalLibraries/AccessLearningAward/RelatedInfo/ATLABrochure.htm

Further information, e.g. resumes of past recipients and application forms, can be found from <http://www.gatesfoundation.org/GlobalDevelopment/GlobalLibraries/AccessLearningAward/> The closing date for the 2009 award is 31 October 2008.

If you have any questions, please contact ATLA at atla@gatesfoundation.org

IFLA Membership Information

Source: <http://www.ifla.org>



Why Join IFLA?

IFLA offers a professional home for library associations, libraries and information centres, and information professionals whatever their type of expertise. The Federation is dedicated to informing its members of current research and development in all the fields of library activity. By keeping members up to date on the latest trends in the field and future expectations, IFLA provides its membership with a basis for professional growth.

IFLA's professional network makes the Federation an international hub of expertise and experience. Participation in IFLA's global network provides members with the opportunity to directly contact colleagues and experts, exchange experiences and expand views. Improvement of LIS skills through workshops, seminars and poster sessions, participation in study and exchange programmes, and promotion of products and services are but a few of the benefits open to IFLA members.

The objectives and professional activities of IFLA aim at universal application and comprehensiveness. Various types of library and information service are covered by six Core Activities and a series of professional groups: eight Divisions divided into 45 Sections as well as Discussion Groups. The professional programme fosters the international outlook which is essential to the work of information professionals. The structure of IFLA's professional programme enables members to pursue their particular field of interest. Participation in the work of the Sections gives members and affiliates the benefit of sharing specialised expertise.

IFLA Membership gives you the opportunity to:

- link up to IFLA's worldwide network of library and information professionals
- participate in the activities of one or more IFLA professional groups specialising in various areas of library

activity and information service

- obtain a free subscription to the newsletter of the Sections for which you have registered
- share your views, concerns and expertise with other LIS professionals and organisations working in the field and, in turn, learn from their experiences
- enjoy substantial discounts on over 150 IFLA publications
- receive a member discount on the registration fee for the annual IFLA World Library and Information Congress

What benefits do you receive as an IFLA member?

Publications

When you join IFLA, you will be sent a number of publications free of charge. These include:

- **IFLA Directory** (biennial) which lists members of the Governing Board and its committees, officers representing IFLA's Core Activities, Divisions, and Sections, an overview of the IFLA Publications, and IFLA's Statutes and Rules of Procedure
- **IFLA Journal** (four issues per annum) which features articles from library and information science professionals of international standing, and IFLA News and Reports
- **IFLA Annual Report** which provides reports on resolutions, projects and meetings, and summaries about IFLA's conferences, finances, membership objectives and activities of its professional groups

IFLA members may subscribe to the IFLA/Saur Publication Series for a substantial discount. This series issues six titles each year, and subscribers pay less than 50% of the cost of buying the titles separately. Discounts for members are available on the IFLA Professional Reports Series and the IFLA Series on Bibliographic Control.

Voting Rights

Since IFLA is run by and for its membership, its structure is based on democratic principles. The highest forum within the

Federation is the General Council of Members, the supreme governing body consisting of delegates of members. IFLA Association members and Institutional members have voting rights in Council and by postal ballot. They are entitled to nominate and elect candidates for the post of IFLA President-Elect and for the Governing Board, as well as for members of the Section Standing Committees.

Section Registrations

All IFLA members and affiliates are entitled to participate in the programmes of the professional groups specialising in various areas of library activity and information service. Different free Section registration entitlements apply to the various membership categories. Members and affiliates will receive the newsletter of the Sections for which they are registered.

Conference Discount

All members and affiliates are entitled to a discount on the registration fees for the annual IFLA World Library and Information Congress. The reduction applies to both early and late registration fees. The amount of the reduction will vary from year to year, depending on the fees set for each year's conference. For Associations and Institutions, the discount applies to any of your members or employees who will be attending the conference.

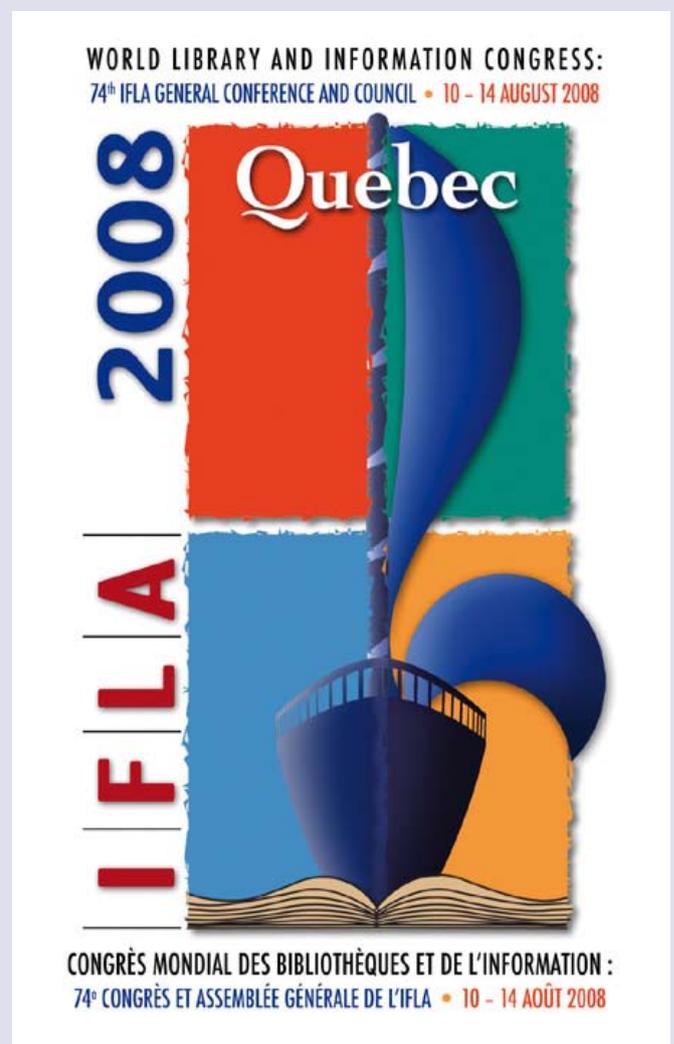
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THEME

*Libraries without borders:
Navigating towards global understanding*

Libraries play an extraordinary role in educating and empowering citizens. They help individuals and communities to become more knowledgeable, aware and imaginative. At the heart of the drive toward global sharing, libraries transcend economic and social disparities. They promote the values of democracy, equality and basic freedom and reject discrimination. Libraries are a passport for crossing all borders, the key to opening all gateways to knowledge. A true hub, libraries seamlessly incorporate information technology. Their heritage mission is to promote the value of their documentary resources, from textual to image, sounds and multimedia resources. In so doing, they touch on disciplines such as archives and museum studies. Libraries are the crossroads for intellectual and cultural diversity, the focus of exchange and dissemination. Libraries are also the best defenders of access to information. More than ever, access to knowledge determines the quality of political, economic and social governance. Workers, students, researchers, parents and teachers alike can, through libraries, grow and develop their own vision of a just society, express themselves, and act.



IFLA Fund Disaster Relief now open for China Donations

Source: <http://www.ifla.org/earthquake-china/>

It is with great sadness that IFLA has received the news of the tragic consequences of the severe earthquake that struck the Wenchuan County of southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 12 May 2008.

The earthquake with a force measuring eight on the Richter scale caused major damage to the central infrastructure and many cities and villages in China and subsequently destroyed many library buildings. IFLA has been following the events in Sichuan Province with great concern and deplores the loss of life and property resulting from the terrible disaster that struck our Chinese colleagues.

Below you will find the open letter of the Chinese Library Society that contains more details on this terrible disaster that struck our Chinese colleagues.

Contribution

For those of you who want to contribute to the rebuilding and recovering of the Chinese library community, the IFLA Fund is now open to deposit donations that will be used for the recuperation of the Chinese library community in due time. Your donations will be earmarked for the provision of assistance to the affected libraries and their staff.

- Contribute to the IFLA Fund payment form [See attached form]
- Open Letter of the Secretary General of the Chinese Library Society [<http://www.ifla.org/earthquake-china/open-letter-CLS.pdf>]
- Background information on the IFLA Fund [<http://www.ifla.org/earthquake-china/ifla-fund.htm>]

LIBRARY HI TECH NEWS

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Librarians Association of Malaysia: Annual General Meeting 2008

By Maimunah Kadir

Vice President II

Librarians Association of Malaysia

The Librarians Association of Malaysia held its Annual General Meeting 2008/2009 on 7 April 2008 at the Auditorium of the National Library of Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur.

Raslan Abu Bakar, Director-General of the National Library of Malaysia was elected President. The other office bearers elected were:

Vice-President I : Mohd Sharif Mohd Saad

Vice-President I : Maimunah Kadir

Treasurer : Chin Loy Jyoon

Council members: Assoc. Prof Dr Nor Edzan Che Nasir

Balqis Suja'

Habsah Abdul Rahman

Hasnita Ibrahim

Nafisah Ahmad

Rashidah Bolhassan

Dr Raslan Ahmad, Director, ICT Division, Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation Malaysia made a presentation on "Knowledge for All: Life-changing ICT innovations in Malaysia"

This was followed by the presentation of Gold Medal for Excellent Students from the three library schools, namely University Teknologi MARA, International Islamic University of Malaysia and University Malaya. Each one of them received a trophy certificate and cash of RM500.

Certificates and trophies were also presented to those who had received recognition at the international level. The first presentation was to Dato' Zawiyah Baba, former National Library Director-General, recipient of IFLA medal, the first for a Malaysian at WLIC: 73rd IFLA General Conference and Council held in Durban, South Africa from 19-24 August 2007. The presentation of the IFLA Medal was in recognition of Dato' Zawiyah Baba's distinguished service to the Malaysian and international library community, especially for her leadership in South East Asia. The other recognition was for Penang Public Library Board's IFLA Poster Session titled 'Every Baby A Book' as second runner-up in the IFLA Poster Session competition. They were represented by its Director, Shukriah Hj Yon, Dato' Zainab Abdul Kadir, Board Member, Penang Public Library and Rashidah Begum Fazal Mohamed.

Lastly, it was the announcement and presentation of the Excellence Library Awards. The winner of the large library category went to Pustaka Negeri Sarawak. They received



Putri Saniah, President of Librarians Association of Malaysia with Raslan Abu Bakar, Director-General of National Library and Dr Raslan Ahmad, Deputy Director, Ministry of Science and Innovation (MOSTI)

a trophy, certificate and RM5,000 (contribution of Access Dunia Sdn. Bhd.). There were also two special mention prizes awarded to Tun Abdul Razak Library, University Teknologi MARA (UiTM) and Tun Seri Lanang Library, University Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM). Tun Razak Library, UiTM received the special mention prize for successfully transforming a college library into a university library in regard to its physical infrastructure and services while Tun Seri Lanang Library, UKM for its success in setting up a special Archive Collection of UKM's publications as its institutional repository. Both libraries received certificates and RM1,000 each (contribution from Access Dunia Sdn. Bhd.)

The medium library category went to PETRONAS Petroleum Resource Centre which received a trophy and RM5,000 (contribution of Access Dunia Sdn Bhd.). A special mention prize went to Multimedia University (MMU) for its success in the optimisation of its limited resources creatively. MMU received a certificate and RM1,000 (contribution of Access Dunia Sdn Bhd.). There was no winner for the small library category. However, a special mention prize went to Jabatan Kerja Raya library for its effort in providing creative services with its limited resources. All presentations were done by the President of The Librarians Association of Malaysia, Putri Saniah Megat Abdul Rahman.

Library Association of the Republic of Kazakhstan

By Prof Berdigalieva Roza A.

President

Library Association of the Republic of Kazakhstan

The Library Association of the Republic of Kazakhstan (LARK) was founded in 1997. The Association's mission is to promote common library interests, organisation and development of perfect library service system in Kazakhstan and establish friendly relations among librarians and those who are involved in library services.

The Association unites 100 institutional members and 800 individual members, and it is a member of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA).

One of the main principles of LARK is to help the contemporary community accept libraries as important information centres because it is impossible to create a democratic and intellectually developed society without such centres.

The Association's activities include promoting the image of librarian as an occupation, introducing new information technologies, developing creative partnerships, as well as increasing and strengthening relations with the international library world. The Association pays great attention to the problems of alternative formation of library book collections, book exchange and protection of librarians' rights.

The Association constantly works on continuous education. This work is aimed not only at mastering library information services but also at obtaining knowledge from other fields: psychology, sociology, economics, and management, which can be applied to library practice. Members of the Association are committed to create and cultivate libraries as information, educational and cultural centres in the communities.

Each year, a special conference "Library Capital" is conducted under the aegis of LARK in oblast centres (oblast is a territorial-administrative unit in Kazakhstan). Altogether, there are seven conferences. Up to 400 librarians from all the regions of the country participate in each conference. At the conferences, innovations of profession are discussed, different opinions are exchanged, urgent problems are highlighted and plans are outlined. For instance, at the conference "Library Capital - Aktyubinsk", programmes such as "Modernization of Librarianship" and "Reading Kazakhstan" were presented. The Ministry of Culture and Information of the Republic of Kazakhstan has developed a significant project on the basis of these programmes and Kazakhstan libraries have started



LARK Members-Participants of the Republic Scientific-Practical Conference "Book As a Dominant of Knowledge Society"

work on it. In Petropavlovsk, there was presentation of the first electron library as well as meeting with the librarians from frontier areas under the name "Meeting on the Borders". All these conferences are directed at promoting the status of librarian in the community's opinion, particularly in the opinion of oblast leadership.

LARK pays special attention to the issues of legal regulations in librarianship. Members of the Association are enlisted to formulate legislative documents and standards, which enhance the legal base for librarianship.

LARK organises librarians' forums, seminars and trainings throughout the country constantly. It provides opportunities for librarians to share their experiences, promote the profession's image especially in young librarians' opinion. The Forum of Young Librarians of Kazakhstan will be conducted soon. It aims to stimulate creative search of young specialists and assist them to deliver at high proficiency level.

The Association supports activities involving promotion of books and reading. In 2007, LARK carried out the International Congress of Reading in Astana with participation from foreign guests. One of the key events of the Congress was a special FAIFE/IFLA session "Reading As A Dangerous Tool".

As a whole, activities of LARK aim at solving professional issues and searching new ways of developing of libraries and librarianship.

For more information on the Library Association of the Republic of Kazakhstan, please email bark@nabr.kz or log on to <http://www.bark.kz>

Welcome!

New IFLA Members who are registered under Section 26 and located in Non-Asia and Oceania Region

From 1 January 2008 to 15 June 2008

Membership Category/Name	City/Country
Institutions	
State Library of Western Australia	Perth/Australia
Luisterpuntbibliotheek (Flemish Library for Audiobooks and Braille)	Brussels/Belgium
Vancouver Island Regional Library	Nanaimo/Canada
Belgrade City Library	Berlgrade/Republic of Serbia
Walden University Library	Minneapolis/United States
Temple University Libraries	Philadelphia/United States
National Library of Belarus	Minsk/Belarus
Bibliothèque de l'Université de la Polynésie Française	French Polynesia
National Associations	
Associations of Montenegrin Librarians	Cetinje/Montenegro
Bibliotekarsko drusivo Srbije/Library Association of Serbia	Berlgrade/Republic of Serbia
One Person Library Centre	
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New IFLA Members in Asia and Oceania Region

Membership Category/Name	City/Country
Institutions	
National Assembly Research Service (NARS)	Seoul/Korea, Republic of
Interdisciplinary Center	Israel
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Mid-conference Meeting of IFLA Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania

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The IFLA Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania (RSCAO) had its Mid-conference Meeting from 12-13 February 2008 in New Delhi. The meeting was hosted by the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), New Delhi, India.



Members of the Asia Oceania Section Standing Committee at the Mid-conference Meeting

Premila Gamage, Chair and Tan Keat Fong, Regional Manager presented the administrative and meeting budget, and information report. Birgitta Sandell, Programme Director, Action for Development Through Libraries Programme (ALP) also presented a verbal report on Asia Oceania Section's project status, financial situation of ALP, and other grants information for the section. Sjoerd M. J. Koopman, Coordinator of Professional Activities, IFLA Headquarters, also presented a report about present IFLA activities and IFLA staff status.

The Mid-conference Meeting was very productive in terms of planning and selection of papers for the section programme in the World Library and Information Congress: 74th IFLA General Conference Programme, Québec, Canada 10-14 August 2008, and ALP scholarship and training attachment selections. On the 2nd day, the INGOU arranged an exclusive interview with Premila

Gamage and Sjoerd M. J. Koopman Premila Gamage talked about IFLA Asia Oceania section activities and Sjoerd M. J. Koopman about the IFLA activities and contribution to the library professionals globally.

Furthermore, IGNOU also arranged a Talk Show for RSCAO members, Roza Berdigaliev, Rashidah Begum bt. Fazal Mohamed and Shawky Salem.

During the two-day IFLA RSCAO Meeting, Prof V. N. Rajasekharan Pillai, Vice- Chancellor, hosted a dinner at the Guest House, in the IGNOU for the IFLA RSCAO Committee Members. On behalf of the Committee, the Chair thanked Prof V. N. Rajasekharan Pillai, Prof Uma Kanjilal, Director, School of Social Sciences, IGNOU and her team for organising the Mid-conference Meeting. She thanked and expressed appreciation to Dr Jaideep Sharma, Reader, and Prof S.B. Ghosh for the support given to all Asia Oceania Section members and for their hospitality during the meeting.



Premila Gamage, Chair (second from right), with other Members of the Asia Oceania Section Standing Committee, in a television talk show organised by IGNOU during the Mid-conference Meeting

Asia and Oceania: Section Strategic Plan 2008-2009

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Mission

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

Goals

1. To provide opportunities for regionally-based education and training through partnership in library and information management skills, with emphasis on information literacy and the Digital Environment

(Pillars: Profession, Members, Society)

(Professional priorities: (c) Promoting literacy and reading; (h) Developing library professionals; (k) Representing libraries in the technological market place)

Actions

- 1.1 To select up to four candidates annually and identify partnership institutions for up to one month's in-service training in collaboration with the Action for Development through Libraries Programme (ALP)
- 1.2 To select up to four candidates annually for information literacy training in New Zealand in collaboration with ALP
- 1.3 To support two to three projects which are aimed at developing information literacy activities and programmes including the use of ICT or distance education to facilitate or support them
- 1.4 To organise a minimum of two workshops/seminars to develop professional expertise in information literacy or digital initiatives for librarians.

2. To enable and encourage Asia and Oceania Section (AOS) members to take part in the work of IFLA, and work together with other IFLA Sections and Core Activities to achieve AOS objectives

(Pillars: Profession, Members)

(Professional priorities: (h) Developing library professionals)

Actions

- 2.1 To identify relevant IFLA Sections for potential collaborative activities and to develop joint activities with these sections
 - 2.2 To assign AOS members as liaison persons with relevant Sections
- ### 3. To assist in strengthening the effectiveness of library associations or other professional groupings that might contribute to stronger partnership among library associations

(Pillars: Profession, Members)

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

Actions

- 3.1 To facilitate two workshops initiated by library associations
- 3.2 To encourage and facilitate the establishment of library associations in the region

4. To promote high quality Library and Information Management (LIM) standards and guidelines among countries in the region

(Pillars: Profession)

(Professional priorities: (h) Developing library professionals; (i) Promoting standards, guidelines and best practice)

Actions

- 4.1 To heighten awareness of existing LIM standards and guidelines
- 4.2 To facilitate development of national level LIM standards and guidelines
- 4.3 To encourage or sponsor the translation of relevant LIM standards and guidelines for countries in the region
- 4.4 To facilitate a minimum of 1 workshop or seminar on LIM standards and guidelines for digital libraries.

5. To disseminate and communicate information on library and information management relevant to the region

(Pillars: Society, Members, Profession)

(Professional priorities: (a) Supporting the role of libraries in the society; (h) Developing library professionals; (i) Promoting standards, guidelines and best practice)

Actions

- 5.1 To produce the AOS Newsletter twice per year
- 5.2 To update the AOS brochure
- 5.3 To maintain and promote the use of existing AOS listserv
- 5.4 To update the AOS video
- 5.5 To work with IFLA in improving the communication function of the Section's webpage
- 5.6 To encourage library associations, library and information science schools, and libraries, with IFLA permission, to translate, abstract/extract, review, announce/publicise IFLA publications, news, articles, etc. in their library journals, newsletters or in local newspapers

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1. Luisterpuntbibliotheek (Flemish Library for Audiobooks and Braille)

Canada

Institutions

2. University of Winnipeg, (Library)
3. Vancouver Island Regional Library

Student Affiliate

4. Dominique GAZO

Egypt

Institution

5. League of Arab States, Department of Information & Library Center

France

National Associations

6. Association des Bibliothécaires Français
7. Bibliotheque de l'Universite de la Polynesie Francaise

Georgia

Institution

8. National Parliamentary Library of Georgia

Germany

Institution

9. Universitätsbibliothek Tübingen
- One Person Library Centre**
10. European Centre for Minority Issues
- Student Affiliate**
11. Fabienne KNEIFEL

Italy

National Association

12. Associazione Italiana Biblioteche

Personal Affiliate

13. Francesca GULTIERI

Montenegro

National Association

14. Associations of Montenegrin Librarians

Netherlands

Institutions

15. FORCE
16. Royal Tropical Institute (KIT), Information and Library Services

Personal Affiliate

17. Page BOKHAUZ

Peru

Student Affiliate

18. Carlos ACUNA RAMOS

Republic of Serbia

Institution

19. Belgrade City Library

National Association

20. Bibliotekarskodrusivo Srbije/Library Association of Serbia

Russian Federation

Institution

21. M.I. Rudomino All-Russia State Library for Foreign Literature

Sweden

National Association

22. Svensk Biblioteksforening/Swedish Library Association

Turkey

Institution

23. Milli Kütüphane Baskanligi (National Library)

United Kingdom

Institutions

24. Institute of Development Studies
25. International Network for the availability of Scientific Publications (INASP)
26. School of Oriental and African Studies, Library
27. The British Library

National Association

28. CILIP- The Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals

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35. Temple University Libraries
36. Walden University Library

National Association

37. American Library Association

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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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Afghanistan

Institutions

45. Afghan Parliament Library
46. Afghanistan National Assembly Library, Library of National Assembly

Australia

Institutions

47. Association of Parliamentary Libraries of Australasia
48. Australian National University, Library
49. Brisbane City Council, Library Services
50. CAVAL Collaborative Solutions
51. Curtin University of Technology, Library & Information Service
52. Deakin University Library
53. Gold Coast City Council Library Service
54. La Trobe University Library
55. Macquarie University Library
56. Monash University Library
57. National Library of Australia
58. Parliamentary Library, Department of Parliamentary Services
59. Queensland University of Technology, Library
60. State Library of South Australia
61. State Library of Queensland
62. State Library of New South Wales, Collection Services
63. State Library of Victoria
64. State Library of Western Australia
65. University of Melbourne, Information Division
66. University of New South Wales Library
67. University of Queensland Library
68. University of Technology, Sydney, Library
69. University of Western Sydney, Ward Library
70. Vision Australia Information and Library Service
71. Yarra Plenty Regional Library

School Library

72. Scotch College

International Association

73. International Association of School Librarianship (IASL)

National Association

74. Australian Library and Information Association

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Bangladesh

Institution

86. Bangladesh National Library

Belarus

Institution

87. National Library of Belarus

Bhutan

Institution

88. Royal Institute of Management, Semtokha

Cambodia

National Association

89. Association des Bibliothécaires et Documentalistes Cambodgiens

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90. Biblioteca Central de Macau/Central Library of Macau
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96. Hainan University Library
97. Hangzhou Library
98. Hong Kong Baptist University, Library
99. Hong Kong Public Libraries
100. Legislative Council Library
101. Library Association of the Republic of China (Taiwan)
102. Library of Chinese Academy of Sciences/Library of Academia Sinica
103. Library of the East China Normal University
104. Library, Renmin University of China
105. Macao Polytechnic Institute Library
106. Medical Library of the Chinese People's Liberation Army
107. Nanjing Library
108. National Library of China
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110. Nanjing University, Library
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112. National School of Administration PRC
113. National Taiwan Normal University Library
114. Pao-Yue-kong Library, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
115. Parliamentary Library, Legislative Yuan
116. Peking University Library

117. Shanghai Administrative Institute, Library
 118. Shanghai Library
 119. Sichuan Provincial Library
 120. Shanghai University, Library
 121. Suzhou Library
 122. Taipei Public Library
 123. The Capital Library of China
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195. Korean Braille Library

196. National Assembly Library

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199. Seoul National University Library

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226. Book Palace for Children

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National Association

228. Myanmar Library Association

Personal Affiliate

229. Cho AYE

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National Association

230. Nepal Library Association (NLA)

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Institution

231. Secretariat of the Pacific Community, Library

New Zealand

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232. National Library of New Zealand/Te Puna Maatauranga o Aotearoa

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234. Royal New Zealand Foundation of the Blind

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261. King Fahad National Library

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265. Nanyang Technological University

266. National Library Board

267. NUS Libraries, National University of Singapore

National Association

268. Library Association of Singapore

Solomon Islands

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269. Solomon Islands College of Higher Education (SCICHE), Library Division

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270. National Library & Documentation Services Board

National Association

271. Sri Lanka Library Association

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272. Assad National Library

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275. Center for Library Resources and Educational Media

276. Chiang Mai University Library

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278. Library and Archives, Bank of Thailand

279. Mahidol University, Library and Information Center

280. National Assembly Library

281. National Institute of Development Administration, Library and Information Center

282. National Library of Thailand

283. National Science & Technology Development Agency

284. Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University, Office of Doc and Information

285. Thailand Knowledge Park

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291. Public Libraries Section - Dubai Municipality

292. Zayed University Library

Vietnam

Institutions

293. Central Library for Science & Technology

294. General Science library of Ho Chi Minh City

295. National Library of Vietnam

Action for Development through Libraries Programme Core Activity (ALP) – Projects

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Background

The ALP Programme was launched in 1984 at the IFLA Conference I Nairobi, Kenya. It was further developed and defined during 1990 and 1991 as a special project and is fully operational ever since.

The name of the Programme was originally “Advancement of Librarianship Programme”, but was in 2004 changed to “Action for Development through Libraries Programme”, however, the acronym still remains as “ALP”.

The ALP International Focal point is located at Uppsala University Library in Sweden. Its activities are funded by Nordic Libraries and Library Associations. It is staffed by a full time Core Programme Director and a part time Administrative Officer. It supports the development of the programme, coordinates its activities, acts as a knowledge centre and engages in fundraising activities.

Representatives from IFLA's Division of Regional Activities, with its three Sections (for Africa, Asia and Oceania and Latin America and the Caribbean) form the Division's Coordinating Board, that now acts as an advisory body for the ALP Programme.

Scope Statement

The mission of ALP is to further the library profession, library institutions and library and information services in the developing countries of Africa, Asia and Oceania and Latin America and the Caribbean. The five special programme areas of ALP are:

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

ALP also has a function as catalyst within IFLA for the organization's activities in Africa, Asia and Oceania, Latin America and the Caribbean. The scope of ALP is wide. Therefore, cooperation with relevant IFLA professional bodies, as well as with regional and international organizations, is essential to carry out the programme. ALP achieves its mission through a carefully planned programme of different activities in close cooperation between the International Focal Point of ALP and IFLA's Regional Offices, IFLA's Regional Division and its three Sections, as well as with other partners. This cooperation includes actions such as fund-raising, scholarships and attachment programmes, conferences, seminars and workshops, pilot projects and publications.

More information on the list of ALP approved projects and planned activities and the list of completed ALP projects and activities of the Regional Sections can be found on <http://www.ifla.org/VI/1/alp.htm>

The ALP Programme has funding up to 2010. Projects to be carried out in 2009 need to be decided upon at the IFLA General Conference 2008 in Quebec.

Congratulations!

IFLA Asia and Oceania ALP Projects and Planned Activities for 2008 and 2009

2008

“Digital Libraries in the Arab countries” - Dr Fawz Abdallah, President of the Lebanese Library Association

“Workshop on Information Literacy” - Ms Hanna Latuputty, Asosiasi Pekerja Informasi Sekolah Indonesia/School Information Professional Association in Indonesia (APISI)

2009

“A workshop to train library association leaders and professionals in library advocacy and policy development” - Piyadasa Ranasinghe, President of Sri Lanka Library Association and Head of the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kelaniya.

“Bridging the gap: networking of LIS education in developing countries” -Dr Muttayya Koganuramath, Tata Institute of Social Sciences and Indian Association of Teachers in Library Information and Science (LIS).

ALP Scholarship and Training Attachments for Asia and Oceania

Source: <http://www.ifla.org>

Scholarships

Middle-level professionals and technical specialists (computing staff) working in libraries/information centres in Asia and Oceania may apply. The candidates must be below 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 recognized 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 to middle-level library and information workers from developing countries who wish to gain experience and hands-on exposure from more advanced environments. The candidates must be below 40 years old. The areas identified for such training are library management, information technology, preservation, rural librarianship and literacy work.

Financial Assistance

In addition to economy class return airfare, the recipient will be given a moderate per diem allowance to cover meals and accommodation.

Administrative Formalities

Administrative formalities such as arranging leave, visa, etc. will be the responsibility of the recipient.

Report

The recipient must submit a detailed report of approximately 2,000 words to the ALP and host institution.

Condition of Grants

Applicants can apply for one grant only from ALP yearly.

Checklist

To ensure that your application meets the necessary requirements, please follow the checklist below:

- Letter of endorsement from your employer allowing you to go on study leave is enclosed
- Office and postal addresses are written clearly with necessary details

Closing Date

Applications are to reach the Regional Manager by 31 December each year. Selected candidates will be informed within three months of the closing date.

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Congratulations!

IFLA Asia and Oceania ALP Scholarships and Training Attachment Grants 2008 Recipients

ALP Scholarship Grant 2008 Recipients

The Regional Office has received 21 applications for the ALP 2008 Scholarship Programme. A sub-committee was set up to select six candidates for the programme.

The six candidates selected:

- Nicholas C. Rubosa, Solomon Islands
- Kambampati Praveen Kumar, India
- Duong Khanh Linh, Vietnam
- S.A.D.H.N. Suraweera, Sri Lanka
- Fairunizan Akbar Malik, Malaysia
- Neela Tamang, Nepal

Training Attachments 2008 Recipients

From nine training attachment applicants, the sub-committee selected three individuals for ALP 2008 training attachment programme.

The three individuals selected:

- Chamari Yapa, Sri Lanka
- Shehbaz Husain Naqvi, New Delhi
- Guruge Roshan Eshantha Fernando, Sri Lanka

Announcement

IFLA ALP Short Course on Information Literacy and IT for Information Professionals in Asia and Oceania

Wellington, New Zealand

17 November - 12 December 2008

Source: <http://www.ifla.org/Vl/1/alp.htm#Announcement>

This four-week course organised on behalf of IFLA ALP is now in its 6th year in New Zealand. The overall theme is information literacy, with special reference to needs and developments of countries in Asia and Oceania. The course will cover the basics of information literacy and Information literacy training skills needed by information professionals in a variety of settings, as well as current and emerging IT applications in libraries. Classroom participation and hands-on practice will be interspersed with visits to leading libraries and information agencies in Wellington, the capital of New Zealand and home to a wide array of 'cutting-edge' information organisations.

The course will be based primarily at the Victoria University of Wellington Library and taught by leading educators in library and information management, as well as practitioners with considerable experience in the delivery of information literacy programmes. There are also visits

to major libraries and information services in the Greater Wellington region.

While the course is purposely small, to allow one-on-one training and closely monitored IT lab work, there are limited vacancies for fee-paying students. A fee of US\$2750 covers all tuition, course materials and accommodation in comfortable university housing. Airfares, visas and meals are an additional expense.

The final selection of applicants will be made no later than the beginning of August 2008. There is no application form, but potential participants should send an email message outlining (1) professional education, (2) professional work experience, (3) level of English ability, (4) reasons for wishing to attend the course, (5) self-assessed IT capabilities and (6) source of funding.

Please email this information as soon as possible to: Professor G. E. Gorman at Gary.Gorman@vuw.ac.nz

Of Inspiration and Motivation

Source: Discover NLB
National Library Board Singapore

From 1 to 28 April 2008, Tan Somaly from Cambodia and Yadab Chandra Niraula from Nepal visited the libraries of Singapore under the IFLA Actions for Development through Libraries Programme (ALP). Their attachment was made possible through funding by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA)—a government agency that aims to further the library profession, library institutions, and library and information services in developing countries—through their donation of USD 3.1 million to IFLA ALP from 2005 till 2009.

Why did the two library professionals choose Singapore for their training? Somaly explained, "I have heard that Singapore is very developed in the use of information systems in libraries and what I have seen so far greatly interests me."

Yadab added, "I am learning about the advantages and disadvantages of a centralised library logistic system, which is being used here, relative to geographical constraints, which is a very real factor to contend with in Nepal."

After their visit, the two trainees intended to go back to their respective country and share with their colleagues what



Tan Somaly (first from left) and Yadab Chandra Niraula (third from left) at Bishan Community Library (Young People Section) to find out more about the various library processes

they had learnt, so as to motivate and inspire their colleagues to do better as library and information professionals.

For Somaly and Yadab, their enthusiasm and eagerness in sharing what they have seen in Singapore to the benefit of more library professionals clearly shone through.

International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management

By Krishna Mani Bhandary
Chairman, ICIKM-2008

The International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (ICIKM) was jointly organised by the Tribhuvan University Central Library and HealthNet Nepal from 27-29 March 2008 at Kathmandu, Nepal.

The main theme of the Conference was "Information and Knowledge Management in a Connected World: A Challenge for the Developing Countries" including four sub-themes:

1. Digital Libraries and Library Automaton
2. Information and Knowledge Management
3. Innovation in Information and Communication Technology
4. Towards Virtual Libraries

Fifteen papers were presented under the 1st sub-theme and sixteen papers under the 2nd sub-theme. Similarly, seven papers were presented for the 3rd sub-theme and eight papers on the 4th sub-theme.

The keynote address was delivered on the 1st and 2nd day by Prof Ching-Chin Chen from the Graduate School of Library and Information Science, Simmons College, Boston, USA and Professor Ian H Witten from the Department of Computer Science, University of Waikato, New Zealand respectively.

At the same time, invited talks by the eminent authors present at the Conference were presented at the beginning of the two parallel sessions - Section 1A and Section 1B for both days.

This international conference was different from others organised in other countries. Three Pre-conference Workshops on Intergrated Library System (KOHA), Green Stone Digital Library (GSDL) and Open Journal Systems (OJS) were arranged for three days on each of the topics from 21-26 March 2008.

A total of 110 participants from Bangladesh, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, India, Iran, Japan, New Zealand,



A group picture with the Chief Guest, Krishna Bahadur Mahara, and Vice-Chancellor Prof Madhab Prasad Sharma, Chairman, Inauguration Programme

Pakistan, Sri Lanka, United States and Nepal participated in the Conference. A resolution on Education and Training, Infrastructure Development and Standards was passed on the occasion. The Conference programme was inaugurated by Krishna Bahadur Mahara, Information and Communication Minister of Nepal and the Chairperson was Prof Dr Madhab Prasad Sharma, Vice-Chancellor, Tribhuvan University. Krishna Mani Bhandary, Chairman, National Organising Committee welcomed the guests present during the Conference's inauguration programme and also read the message of best wishes for the Conference's success sent by Birgitta Sandell, Director, IFLA/Action for Development Through Libraries Programme (ALP).

During the closing session on the 3rd day, Bhandary from the Chair said, "The Conference provided a forum to discuss on the most needed topics. The resolutions are of immense value for the management of digital information. National and International organisations will provide their cooperation to implement the resolution." He thanked all those who contributed towards the Conference's success, particularly Birgitta Sandell, Director, IFLA/ALP and Martin Belcher, Head, ICT Training of International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications (INASP), United Kingdom for the financial support.

Connecting Indigenous Past and Present

Source: <http://www.gatesfoundation.org/GlobalDevelopment/GlobalLibraries/AccessLearningAward/2007Award/default.htm>

A unique database known as “Our Story” is attracting Indigenous Australians into remote Northern Territory community libraries to build digital archives of their culture.

Indigenous Australians, who comprise the world’s oldest surviving culture, have relied on oral tradition to define themselves and their place in the universe for more than 60,000 years.

Today, many Indigenous Australians live in isolated, extremely poor communities. Substandard housing, high unemployment, and low levels of literacy and school attendance severely undermine health, well-being, and cultural continuity. Not surprisingly in these conditions, the beliefs and traditions of Indigenous Australians—expressed in hundreds of languages and dialects—are now disappearing.

But the Northern Territory Library (NTL), which covers a network of 33 public libraries, is working hard to change that. Many of NTL’s most remote libraries are offering free training and access to computers and the Internet. These skills and tools are providing indigenous people with a new way to connect to the past—and to engage in the present.

For its work to improve the lives of Indigenous Australians, the foundation has awarded NTL with our 2007 Access to Learning Award (ATLA).

Linking Tradition and Technology

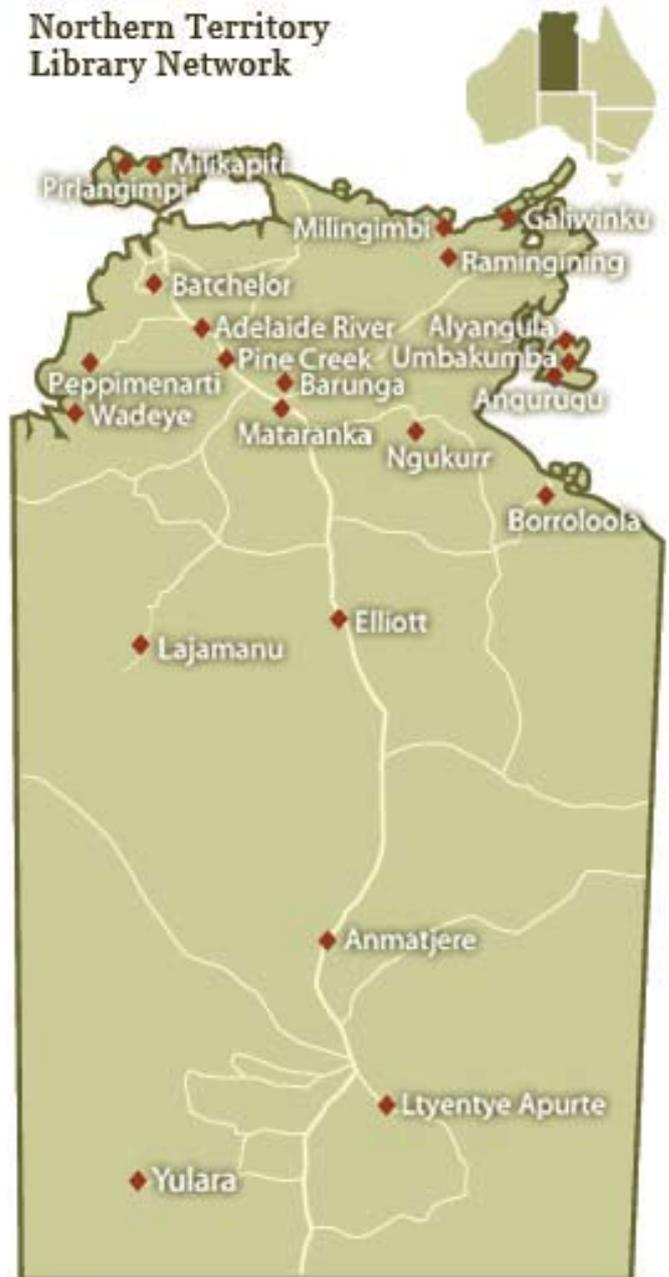
Australia’s Northern Territory is a hot, vast land. More than twice the size of Germany but with a total population of only 200,000, the Territory is home to some 60,000 indigenous people. Most of them live in small, remote communities, far from the main city of Darwin and reachable only by four-wheel drive or light aircraft.

On the mainland, these include communities such as Milingimbi, Anmatjere, and Ngukurr; indigenous people also inhabit the Tiwi Islands off the north coast and the island communities of Angurugu and Umbakumba in the Gulf of Carpentaria.

Infrastructure is limited: a store, a school, and a health clinic for the most fortunate. But 22 remote communities also have small, NTL-serviced public libraries.

In 2004, NTL launched a new program that has transformed 13 of these existing libraries into vibrant community centers for sharing knowledge. Through this model, known as the Libraries and Knowledge Centers program, NTL has trained and equipped local library staff to help indigenous people build digital archives of their culture.

Armed with cameras and computers, voice and video recorders, and scanners and printers, community members



Northern Territory Library Network

capture old and contemporary art, maps, songs, photos, and lessons in their local language. They film events and record interviews and traditional practices. Then they store the digital content with user-friendly software called “Our Story.”

Communities have embraced Our Story, collecting more than 40,000 items since 2004.

“Indigenous Territorians are very proud of their heritage and language, which are endangered in many places,” NTL Director Jo McGill said. “The Libraries and Knowledge Centers program allows each community to own the content in its unique database and ensure that culturally sensitive materials are viewed and managed respectfully.”



Library Staff in Angurugu Working on 'Our Story'

Connecting Past to Present

Meaningful uses for the digitised materials are discovered every day. The experience can be deeply personal.

McGill tells the story of a bereaved family from Wadeye, about 150 miles southwest of Darwin. The Nganbe family's clan totem is the yam flower, and age-old cultural practice called for them to return to their traditional homeland to collect the flower for a funeral. Without a car, that would mean a two-day walk that was neither practical nor possible. Instead, the Nganbes copied a digital image of the flower from their local Our Story database, screen-printed it onto t-shirts at the local art center, and wore the shirts at the funeral.

Others use Our Story to rediscover lost family history. Northern Territory Minister for Local Government Elliot McAdam, MLA, himself an Indigenous Australian, has few memories of his mother, who died when he was very young.

"He was very moved to find photos of his mother on one of the local Our Story databases, photos that he didn't know existed," McGill said.

She said Our Story is also strengthening bonds between young and old.

"Community elders recognize that young people are interested in working with computers and multimedia," she said. "So this becomes an effective way of undertaking important intergenerational work that helps to keep culture strong."

A Bridge to New Opportunities

For many Indigenous Australians, geography represents a barrier to knowledge and opportunity—but access to information technology can help them bridge the gap.

The Our Story database is just one aspect of NTL's multi-dimensional Libraries and Knowledge Centers

program. The personal local content in each community's database is attracting people like a magnet, according to McGill. Library visits—especially by men—have increased in all 13 small libraries.

As novice users become more comfortable with the Our Story technology, they are more likely to try out other library services. Now more people visit the libraries to read newspapers and magazines, attend children's story sessions, learn computer skills, and take care of important tasks, such as online banking, that formerly could be accomplished only in person in a distant town.

In these ways, a satisfying experience with Our Story is a natural step towards accessing a world of information on



Two Children Reading

the Internet, including health, employment, and education information that can help improve people's lives.

Expanding Horizons

Interest remains high among other community libraries not yet funded and trained to introduce Our Story.

NTL will use the \$1 million Access to Learning Award to take Our Story into more communities and to train more community library staff. It also will expand its early years literacy program for indigenous children, to better prepare them for success in school. Other plans include sharing appropriate cultural material from Our Story with a wider Australian audience.

Martha Choe, Director of the foundation's Global Libraries initiative, applauded NTL's innovation.

"The Northern Territory Library is showing the world that even people with very limited resources can effectively use and benefit from access to information through technology," Choe said. "Their program is helping in ways that will improve the lives of generations of people to come."

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Printed Space and Cyberspace Preservation of Newspapers

Source: Discover NLB
National Library Board Singapore

An up-to-date, daily capsule of information, pictures, graphics, facts and opinions: these are the hallmarks of a quality newspaper that captures the pulse of the times. And yet, most newspapers are tossed away without a second glance as they make way for newer editions that soon face a similar fate. As cultural snapshots of local and global scenes, libraries all over the world face the challenge of preserving both printed and online newspapers as resources of value.

The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) is the leading international body that represents the interests of library and information services and their users. The IFLA International Newspaper Conference 2008 is an annual conference organised by the IFLA Newspaper Section to enable the sharing and exchange of ideas and practices. This year's conference which ran from 1–3 April at the National Library Singapore, saw 140 delegates from more than 20 countries.



(From left to right) Ed King, Chairperson, IFLA Newspapers Standing Committee, Dr N Varaprasad, Chief Executive, NLB and Hartmut Walravens, Chairperson, IFLA Newspaper Section

Titled “Old Issues, New Issues: Impact of Digital Technology upon Contemporary and Historic Newspapers”, the conference programme explored key issues and challenges that

pertain to the acquisition, collection development, storage, preservation and access of newspapers.

Co-organised by the National Library Singapore, IFLA Newspapers Section, IFLA Preservation and Conservation Section and IFLA Core Activity on Preservation and Conservation (PAC), the conference was also a platform for libraries, librarians and industry players to network and explore suitable partnerships to help improve the provision of newspaper services at libraries.

Promoting Knowledge

In his opening address, Ed King, Chairperson, IFLA Newspapers Standing Committee, commented, “Technological developments are now made so quickly that



Delegates from around the world at the conference

it can be difficult to keep up with the flow of information, let alone figure out how to integrate improvements in computer software and hardware into library procedures and processes. One of the useful benefits of such a conference is the exchange of experience and ideas that flows from the presentation of papers, and the free flow of opinions and ideas between conference delegates.”

Dr N Varaprasad, Chief Executive, National Library Board (NLB), warmly welcomed all the delegates in his speech and also highlighted the context of changing technology on libraries. “A common goal for us is to share and learn from each other on how digital technology has and will influence the way libraries are managing the preservation and access of both historic and contemporary newspapers,” expressed Dr N Varaprasad.

He then shared that one of the many efforts by NLB in building up Singapore’s print and digital knowledge resources is the collaboration with Singapore Press Holdings Ltd, which publishes The Straits Times and other language newspapers, to digitise archived copies from as far back as 1845.

The keynote address was given by Hartmut Walravens, Chairperson, IFLA Newspaper Section, who provided an overview of the last 20 years of newspaper librarianship. He emphasised, “Newspapers will remain a world phenomenon for some time to come and libraries are confronted with the need to make them available in printed or online format.”

Indeed, consistent planning and innovation on the part of libraries are needed to improve newspaper resources. The IFLA International Newspaper Conference 2008 certainly provided an efficient, catalytic platform for the sharing of ideas, evaluation of new technologies and practices, relationship building and the formation of partnerships to the benefit of end-users.

The International Conference on the Digital Preservation Digital Preservation: Sustainable Programs and Best Practices

By Li Lin

Operational Office of National Science Library
Chinese Academy of Sciences

The 4th International Conference on Preservation of Digital Objects (iPRES2007) was held on 11 – 12 October 2007, at National Science Library, Chinese Academy of Science, Beijing, China.

The theme of iPRES2007 was Digital Preservation: Sustainable Programs and Best Practices. As part of a series of international conferences in the field of Digital Preservation, approximately 200 participants and presenters attended the conference from 69 institutes and 13 countries, including National Science and Technology Library (NSTL), National Science Library (NSL), Chinese Academy of Sciences China National Library, National Cultural Information Resources Management Center of China, Shanghai Library, British Library, Congress Library, Cornell University and Max Planck Society.

The plenary sessions kicked off with a keynote speech by Shi Changxu, Academician of Chinese Academy of Sciences. He demonstrated that long-term preservation of digital information is of critical importance to the sustainable development of science, education, culture and the society. He called for the foundation of the social insurance plan to coordinate efforts from professions, as a country, and by international communities, to secure necessary political commitment, sustainable public investment, organisational responsibilities, and trusted legal and financial management, for the preservation of our heritage. Seamus Ross, Director of Humanities Informatics and Digital Curation, Humanities Advanced Technology & Information Institute (HATTI), University of Glasgow, introduced the refocused digital preservation research landscape, such as conservation, management, risk,



Keynote Speech by Shi Changxu, in Opening session, Academician of Chinese Academy of Sciences

significant properties of digital objects, interoperability, automation, context, storage and experimentation.

Twelve co-sessions were held on five focuses. In the Digital Preservation Strategies and Infrastructure, the presenters explained the practice of their own institutes and put forward the collaborative digital preservation planning, which consists of foundation of the preservation network like Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program, Congress Library (NDIIPP), Nestor, Planets, building of responsibility system, and related policies. 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.

As a long-term complex and systematic program, useful and effective management is vital for digital preservation. In the Administration Session, some ideas were discussed in three levels: resource management, systematic management, and rights management. The programs and projects of e-Depot, Nestor, and Planets introduced their practice in the preservation administration.

Preservation technology is important in digital preservation field. Digital Repository Infrastructure Vision for European Research (DRIVER) and NSL introduced the practice in building institutional repositories. The two different archiving systems were demonstrated by CASE-Journal Archiving System, as part of NSTL digital preservation network, and Chronopolis project of San Diego Supercomputer Center (SDSC). German National Library of Science and Technology (GWLST), Germany and Digital Research Infrastructure for the Arts and Humanities (DRIAH) introduced the progress in preservation of non-traditional resources, like research data based on Digital Object Identifier (DOI).

In the Trusted Repository & Certification session, presenters paid more attentions to practice. The main discussions were construction of certification criteria and self-audit.

Presenters from Digital Curation Curriculum (DigCCurr), Digital Preservation Europe (DPE) and Nestor introduced their practice in education and training of preservation.

iPRES2007 was hosted by National Science and Technology Library, organised by National Science Library and Chinese Academy of Sciences. For more details and presentations of the conference, please visit the conference website: <http://ipres.las.ac.cn>.

Library Events in Asia and Oceania Region from September to December 2008

Collated by Ambika Raghavan, Senior Reference Librarian, Lee Kong Chian Reference Library, National Library Board Singapore

JAMS/JAIMS International Conference on Business & Information 2008: Increasing Global Relationships by IT and Business

Organiser JAMS (Japan Association for Management systems) and JAIMS (Japan-America Institute of Management Science)
 Date 2 September 2008
 Venue Honolulu, Hawaii
 Contact Organising Committee: ICBI2008@starfox.is.oit.ac.jp
 Link <http://www.soc.nii.ac.jp/jams2/icbi2008/>

Dreaming 08

Organiser Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA)
 Date 2-5 September 2008
 Venue Aarhus, Denmark
 Contact alia2008
 Link <http://www.alia2008.com/>

International Conference on New Media Technology

Organiser Austria's Competence Center for Knowledge Management, Graz University of Technology,
 Date 3-5 September 2008
 Venue Graz, Austria
 Contact Mag. Anita Wutte Know-Center, Graz University of Technology Inffeldgasse 21a, A-8010 Graz
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 Fax: +43 (0)316 873-9254
 Link http://triple-i.tugraz.at/i_media
 Joanneum Research

12th East-European Conference on Advances in Databases and Information Systems (ADBIS 2008)

Organiser Tampere University of Technology (Pori) and the Moscow ACM SIGMOD
 Date 5-9 September 2008
 Venue Pori, Finland
 Contact Hannu Jaakkola, Organizing General Chair, Tampere University of Technology (Pori), P.O. Box 300, FI-28101 PORI, Finland
 Tel. +358 2 627 2712;
 Fax. +358 2 630 0911
 Email: hannu.jaakkola@tut.fi
 Link <http://www.mii.lt/ADBIS2008/>

European Conference on Research and Advanced Technology for Digital Libraries: Towards the European Digital Library

Organiser State and University Library and Aarhus University
 Date 14-19 September 2008
 Venue Aarhus, Denmark
 Contact info@ecdl2008.org
 Link <http://www.ecdl2008.org/>

Information Seeking in Context (ISIC) 2008 Conference

Organiser Department of Information and Communication, Faculty of Communication, Vilnius University
 Date 17-20 September 2008
 Venue Vilnius, Lithuania
 Contact ISIC2008 Committee
 Department of Information and Communication Faculty of Communication
 Vilnius University Universiteto str.3, LT-01513, Vilnius, Lithuania
 Email: isic2008@kf.vu.lt
 Link <http://www.kf.vu.lt/isic2008/>

International Conference on Dublin Core and Metadata Applications

Organiser Competence Centre for Interoperable Metadata (KIM)
 Date 22-26 September 2008
 Venue Berlin, Germany
 Contact <http://dc2008.de/contact>
 Link <http://dc2008.de/>

KMWorld & Intranets 2008: Driving Enterprise Innovation & Achievement: User-Focused Tools & Practices

Organiser Information Today, Inc.
 Date 23-25 September 2008
 Venue San José McEnery Convention Center, San José, California
 Contact <https://secure.infotoday.com/kmspeakers/SpeakerSubmissions.asp>
 Link <http://www.kmworld.com/kmw08/>

1st World Summit on the Knowledge Society

Organiser Open Research Society
 Date 24-28 September 2008
 Venue Athens, Greece
 Contact lytras@ceid.upatras.gr
 Link <http://knowledge-summit.org/>

SEPTEMBER

5th International Conference on Intellectual Capital, Knowledge Management & Organisational Learning

Organiser Academic Conferences International
 Date 9-10 October 2008
 Venue New York, United States of America
 Contact info@academic-conferences.org
 Link <http://academic-conferences.org/icickm/icickm2008/icickm08-home.htm>

2nd International Conference on Metadata and Semantics Research (MTSR '07)

Organiser Open Research Society
 Date 11-12 October 2008
 Venue Corfu, Greece
 Contact Miguel-Angel Sicilia (msicilia@uah.es) or Nikolaos Korfiatis (nk.inf@cbs.dk).
 Link <http://www.mtsr.ionio.gr/>

International Conference on the Development of Subject Librarianship and Personal Librarianship

Organiser Library Society of China Academic Library Division, BALIS University Net Library of Beijing, Capital Normal University Library
 Date 14-16 October 2008
 Venue Beijing, China
 Contact <http://www.netlib.edu.cn/huiyi/english/index.html>
 Link <http://www.vala.org.au/conf2008.htm>

Bridging Worlds Conference 2008

Organiser National Library Board, Singapore
 Date 16-17 October 2008
 Venue Hotel Intercontinental Singapore
 Contact Mr Jason Koh
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 Cityneon Design Centre
 84 Genting Lane#05-01 Singapore
 349584
 Email: secretariat@cityneon.com.sg
 Link <http://www.bridgingworlds.sg/>

Internet Librarian International

Organiser Information Today, Inc.
 Date 16-17 October 2008
 Venue London, United Kingdom
 Contact Marydee Ojala, Editor, ONLINE Magazine, USA (marydee@xmission.com)
 Link <http://www.internet-librarian.com>

Netspeed 2008

Organiser Alberta Library
 Date 22-24 October 2008
 Venue Edmonton, Canada
 Contact The Alberta Library
 6-14, 7 Sir Winston Churchill Square
 Edmonton, Alberta T5J
 2V5 Canada
 Tel: (780) 414-0805
 Fax: (780) 414-0806
 Link <http://www.thealbertalibrary.ab.ca/viewChannel.asp?channelID=178>

OCTOBER

LIANZA 2008 Conference: Outside the Box

Organiser Library and Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa (LIANZA)
 Date 2-5 November 2008
 Venue Auckland, New Zealand
 Contact Convenor Beverly Fletcher
Beverly.fletcher@rodney.govt.nz
 Link <http://www.lianza.org.nz/events/conference2008/index.html>

3rd International Conference on Digital Information Management (ICDIM 2008)

Organiser IEEE
 Date 13-16 November 2008
 Venue London, United Kingdom
 Contact Ajith Abraham
 (abraham.ajith@gmail.com)
 Link <http://www.icdim.org/default.php>

Malaysia to Host 2008 World Congress of Muslim Librarians and Information Scientists (wCOMLIS), 25-27 November 2008

Organiser Islamic Science University of Malaysia, International Islamic University Malaysia, Librarians Association of Malaysia and the Islamic Library Group of Malaysia, and represents a revival of the earlier Congresses of Muslim Librarians and Information Scientists (COMLIS)
 Date 25-27 November 2008
 Venue Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
 Contact wCOMLIS 2008 Secretariat, Library of Islamic Science University of Malaysia, Bandar Baru Nilai, 71800 Nilai, Negeri Sembilan Darul Khusus, Malaysia.
 Fax +[6]06799 3508
 Email wcomlis@usim.edu.my

NOVEMBER

4th ALIA New Librarians Symposium (NLS4)

Organiser Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA)
 Date 5-6 December 1008
 Venue Melbourne, Australia
 Contact enquiry@alia.org.au.nospam
 Link <http://conferences.alia.org.au/newlibrarian2008/>

Initiative for the Evaluation of XML retrieval (INEX 2008)

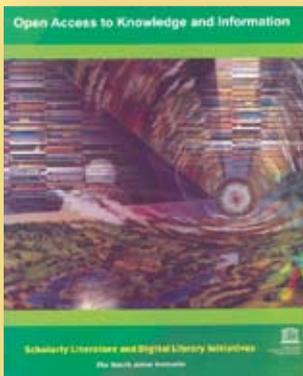
Organiser Initiative for the Evaluation of XML retrieval (INEX)
 Date 15-18 December 2008
 Venue Dagstuhl, Germany
 Contact andrew@cs.otago.ac.nz
 Link <http://www.inex.otago.ac.nz/>

29th Annual International Conference on Information Systems (ICIS 2008)

Organiser Association of Information Systems (AIS)
 Date 14-16 December 2008
 Venue Paris, France
 Contact teeni@post.tau.ac.il
 Link <http://www.icis2008.org/>

DECEMBER

Book Review



Open Access to Knowledge and Information: Scholarly Literature and Digital Library Initiatives – the South Asian Scenario

Author: Anup Kumar Das
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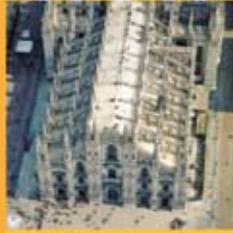
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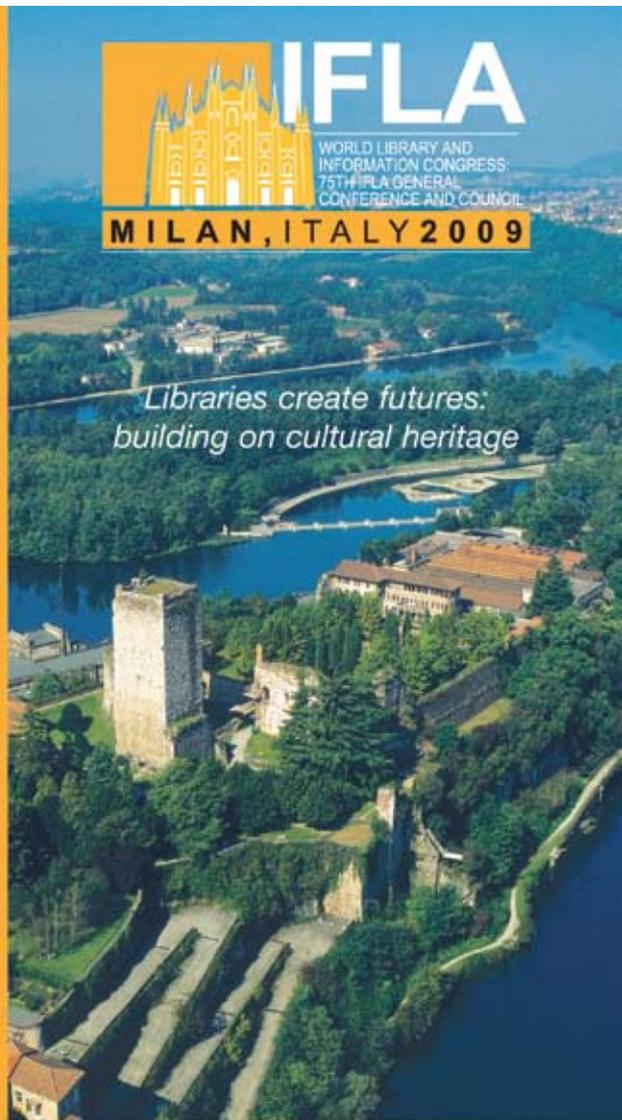
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