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Social Science Libraries**

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*Greetings from the Chair!*

It is my great pleasure to greet all of you in my first year as chair of our section. Since our Bangkok conference, where we were all enriched by Thai culture and stimulated by the many complex issues that face the global library community, we have been following up on some of the issues we discussed.

Immediately upon my return from Bangkok, I began to work with IFLA officers from the Management and Marketing Section (MMS) and the Information Technology Section (ITS) in order to cosponsor an open forum in Jerusalem. I worked closely with Tatiana Ershova from Moscow, secretary of MMS, and Christina Tovote from Sweden, secretary of the ITS, to organize an all day session for our Jerusalem conference. We had many virtual discussions via email; we will all together have ten very stimulating papers, five of them under the theme of "*Changing Patterns of Library Work for Today and Tomorrow.*" Two of the speakers, Kate Sharp of the United Kingdom and Ronald Jantz of the United States, were selected by our section. I hope many of you will attend the session that is scheduled for Tuesday, 15 August.

Jakob Anderson, Deputy Director of the National Library of Education, Denmark, and a member of our standing committee, has also followed up on his commitment to organize a workshop that will evaluate social science information gateways. Jakob has four very interesting evaluators who will each examine web sites other than their own. I hope you will inform your colleagues of this workshop that should be educational.

Jakob is also playing a major role, with Steve Hunt of the U.S. National Library of Education, in following up on our section's commitment to compile an International Directory of National Education Libraries. You will see his report on this project in this newsletter.

Mel Thatcher, convener of our Genealogy and Local History Discussion Group has also been active in organizing the Group's meeting and arranging library tours in Jerusalem.

I hope to see many of you in Jerusalem, now only two months away! Bring ideas for projects and programs that we can address collectively and globally.

My best wishes to each of you.

*Myoung C. Wilson*  
June, 2000



## Join Us in Jerusalem!

66<sup>th</sup> IFLA General Conference  
13 – 18 August, 2000

Theme: *“Information for Cooperation: Creating the Global Library of the Future”*

### Section V. Social Science Libraries

#### Open Session (Tuesday, 15 August, 2000)

Join us for an all day session co-sponsored with the Marketing and Management Section and the Information Technology Section. The theme is *Changing Patterns of Library Work for Today and Tomorrow*. Papers to be presented include *“Internet Librarianship: Traditional Roles in a New Environment,”* by Kate Sharp (Institute for Learning and Research Technology, University of Bristol, Bristol, UK) and *“Technological Discontinuities in the Library: Digital Projects that Illustrate New Opportunities for the Librarian and the Library,”* by Ronald C. Jantz (Alexander Library, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, USA)  
(NOTE: All of the papers for this program are listed at the end of the *Newsletter*)

#### Section Discussion Groups

- ❖ *Corporate and For-Profit Libraries*  
(Sunday, 13 August, 2000)
- ❖ *Genealogy and Local History*  
**See box to the right for information**

#### Standing Committee Meetings

(Visitors and observers are welcome!)

Saturday, 12 August, 2000  
11:30-14:20

Friday, 18 August, 2000  
10:30-12:15

### Genealogy and Local History Discussion Group Monday, 14 August, 8:30-10:20am

*Theme: “Providing Access to Genealogy and Local History Information and Sources through International Cooperation and the Global Sharing of Resources”*

- 1) Implications and impact of the WWW on reference services and patron usage of genealogy and local history collections.
- 2) Comparison and assessment of WWW resources for genealogy and local history.
- 3) Integrating the Internet and WWW into library operations (correspondence, reference, collection development, acquisitions, etc.)
- 4) Defining "local history" and the scope of local history acquisitions.
- 5) Collecting, preserving, and accessing genealogy and local history materials through cooperative projects inside and outside the local community.

#### Off-site visits, Thursday, 17, August

**AM:** Yad Vashem (The Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority)

**PM:** Central Archives for the History of the Jewish People Jewish National and University Library, Department of Manuscripts and Archives

These three leading research institutions have kindly agreed to host visits from our group and to introduce their genealogy and local history collections and holdings. We feel these off-site visits will prove to be most interesting and beneficial for librarians serving Jewish patrons; so we encourage the participation of you and your interested colleagues who are able to attend the Jerusalem conference. (For more information about these institutions, see Sallyann Sack and Israel Genealogical Society, *A Guide to Jewish Genealogical Research in Israel*, revised edition, [Teaneck, New Jersey: Avotayno, Inc., 1995], pp. 3-28.) If you would like to volunteer as a discussion leader in the group meeting, please choose a topic and contact Mel Thatcher at [<thatchermp@gensocietyofutah.com>](mailto:thatchermp@gensocietyofutah.com)

**THURSDAY, 17 August, 2000**

**Workshop**

***The Evaluation of Social Science Gateways  
to the WWW***

**Pre-registration is required.** Please contact Jakob Andersen at <jak@dpb.dlh.dk>  
(Bloomfield Library, Hebrew University)

Several social science subject gateways will be evaluated by gateway specialists not connected to the gateways being evaluated.

1. An evaluation of the social science parts of DutchESS by Kate Sharp (Institute for Learning and Research Technology, University of Bristol, Bristol, UK)
2. An evaluation of SOSIC/BIZED by TOINI ALHAINEN (Jyväskylä University Library, Jyväskylä, Finland)
3. An evaluation of GESIS by TRIX BAKKER (Koninklijke Bibliotheek, The Hague, Netherlands)
4. An evaluation of the social science parts of the Finnish Virtual Library by H. PETER OHLY (Informationszentrum Sozialwissenschaften, Bonn, Germany)

**BANGKOK WRAP-UP**

***65<sup>th</sup> IFLA General Conference and Council  
Section of Social Science Libraries  
Bangkok  
20 August and 27 August, 1999***

**Standing Committee Meetings  
Summary Notes**

**Members Present:**

Hans-Christoph Hobohm (Chair), Jean-Philippe Accart (Secretary; 20 August), Jakob Andersen, Agneta Olsson, Eva Thomsson-Roos (20 August), W. K. Bartenbach (20 August), Vera Grigorieva (27 August), Myoung C. Wilson, Jean Porter, Barbara Kemp (27 August),

**Observers Present:**

M. Welldouk (August 20), A. Leiring (August 20), C. Arnaud (August 20), Mel Thatcher, Danny Chin (27 August), Alla Aslitdinova (27 August), Juree Usuparat (27 August), Stan Kalkus (27 August)

The minutes of the Standing Committee meetings in Amsterdam were approved, and the 1998-1999 Annual Report of the Section was accepted. According to IFLA Headquarters, the Social Science Libraries Section has 85 current members.

**Elections and Appointments:** Ms. Myoung C. Wilson was elected Chair and Dr. Hans-Christoph Hobohm was elected Secretary and Treasurer. At the 27 August meeting, the following tasks were appointed:

**Information Coordinator** – Ms. Kemp  
**Membership Liaison** – Ms. Porter and Ms. Olsson  
**General Oversight of Projects** – Mr. Andersen  
**Liaison to Other Bodies** – Ms. Wilson

Approximately 50-60 people attended the Section's Open Session, with another 50-60 people at the workshop. Methods of raising attendance were discussed. The programs of both discussion groups were well attended. The Genealogy and Local History Discussion Group was attended by 39 people from 15 countries. The Corporate and For-Profit Libraries Discussion Group attracted 100-150 people. This group has reached the end of its two-year appointment, but Dr. Hobohm will explore the possibility of continuing it.

It was decided to pursue co-sponsorship of an Open Session for the Jerusalem Conference with the Management and Marketing Section since both sections had proposed similar topics. Mr. Andersen suggested a workshop on evaluation of social science gateways and agreed to organize the content.

**Project Reports:** Ms. Wilson suggested that UNESCO be approached about a long-term project to develop a multi-lingual thesaurus for the social sciences, possibly in cooperation with the Cataloguing Section. Mr. Andersen reported that to date only Denmark has responded to the Survey of National Libraries of Education. A template for the questionnaire will be mounted on the U.S. National Library of Education server. (*see* an update by Mr. Andersen in this [Newsletter](#)). Mr. Thatcher reported that the Genealogy and Local History Discussion Group is thinking of developing an international directory of genealogy and/or local history collections

### **Congratulations to Hans-Christoph Hobohm!**

Immediately following our Section's second Standing Committee meeting in Bangkok, Hans-Christoph Hobohm, our Section's Secretary/Treasurer, was elected as Chair of the Coordinating Board of the Special Libraries Division. As chair of the Division, Hans-Christoph will also serve as a member of the Professional Board. Our hearty congratulations to Hans-Christoph.

### **Action Plan 1999-2000**

- The Section will co-sponsor (with the Marketing and Management Section and the Information Technology Section) an all-day open forum at the Jerusalem Conference. The theme is *Building Change Management and Marketing Skills*.
- The Section will organize a workshop that will provide an opportunity for librarians to evaluate and compare selected social science information gateways during the Jerusalem Conference.
- The Section will continue to host the Soc-Sci listserv and the WWW site maintained by Dr. Hans-Christoph Hobohm.
- The Section will revise its information brochure and translate into different languages.
- The Section will continue compiling an international directory of education libraries.
- The Genealogy and Local History Discussion Group will explore the possibility of compiling an international directory of genealogy and/or local history collections.

### **IFLA Survey of National Libraries of Education**

<http://www.ed.gov/NLE/ifla.html>

by

*Jakob Andersen*

*National Library of Education  
Copenhagen, Denmark*

### **Introduction**

The IFLA Survey of National Libraries of Education is an initiative undertaken by the IFLA Section on Social Science Libraries. It was first discussed at the 64th IFLA General Conference in Amsterdam, 1998.

### **Background**

The idea of "a national library of education" has been addressed in four different ways around the world:

- \* one library has been named or defines itself as the national education library
- \* the function of a national library for education is part of larger, national library covering all or at least more subjects than education
- \* the function of a national education library has been delegated to a number of libraries that cooperate to cover all or part of the needs of the public
- \* a combination of the above models - more or less clearly thought out and regulated - is in force

### **Aims**

We want to create a list covering as many of the countries participating in IFLA as possible and present the facts of the national supply of educational literature (in the broadest sense) in as uniform a way as possible.

The usefulness of the survey for students, teachers (of all kinds), and other libraries all over the world has been foremost in our minds. That's why the contact information has been stressed.

### **Methods**

We have established a central web-page where the basic information or a link to the basic information on each country's NLE or NLE-system will be found.

Although a Web-based survey will slant the possibilities of using the survey heavily towards the rich countries, the dynamic nature of the net will make the survey easy to maintain. Providing accurate, current

information must be balanced against universal accessibility. Since the Web pages are structured thoughtfully, they will lend themselves to occasional or periodic print outs with a minimum of further editing.

We have developed a questionnaire possible to use for all the NLE-models mentioned above.

We will try to locate as many national libraries of education and national library systems of education as possible and ask them to fill out the questionnaire.

All information will be put on the server.

#### Contact information

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#### Tips for filling out the questionnaire

**For all types of libraries:** Fill out as many parts of the questionnaire as are relevant for your library, leaving blank any that are not. If there are fields that would require a great amount of work to complete, leave them blank. If you have additional information, please use the *Other activities and remarks* field as you see fit. Look at the completed questionnaires on the web page or contact Stephen Hunt for assistance in completing the questionnaire.

**For libraries covering more subjects than education and allied fields:** Try to confine your remarks to education and related fields relevant. This goes especially for the fields *Size of collections*, *Descriptions of special collections*, *Languages of the literature in the collections*,

and, of course, *Other collections in education in your country*.

**For libraries that are part of a national library system:** Describe your own library and please spread the word among the other libraries in the system. Leave blank the field *Other collections in education in your country*. Later we shall try to collect the common characteristics of systems of cooperating libraries in a file for each country using such systems, with links to descriptions of the individual libraries.

#### Bangkok Conference Papers Published

The following papers presented under our section's aegis in Bangkok have been published in **INSPEL 33,3 (1999)**:

*"Social Science Information & Documentation-Time for a State of the Art?"* by H.-C. HOBOHM, p. 123-30; *"Social Science Information-the Poor Relation"* by M. B. LINE, p. 131-6; *"Capitalizing on a Past Investment: Why We Need Bibliometric Studies of Social Science Literature Again"* by P. L. WARD, p. 137-42; *"Evolution of Social Science Information Sources in Asia: the South Korean Case"* by M. C. WILSON, p. 143-9; *"Toward the Twenty First Century: Research on the Development of Social Science Information Services of University Libraries in China"* by W. Ma and L. Wang, p. 150-8; *"Asia-Pacific POPIN-Knowledge Base Development, Dissemination and Networking for Reproductive Health and Population"* by J.-K. YOO, p. 159-65; *"The Library of the International Institute for Population Services (IIPS) in Mumbai, India: Its Status and Services"* by R. T. RANDERIA, p. 166-70; *"Utilization of Statistical Information: The Case of Population Statistics"* by M. K. SIDDIQUI, p. 171-82.

Three of these papers have also been published in the **IFLA Journal**, vol. 26, no.3 (May, 2000): *"Social Science Information-the Poor Relation"* by M. B. LINE, p. 177-9; *"Capitalizing on a Past Investment: Why We*

*Need Bibliometric Studies of Social Science Literature Again*” by P. L. WARD, p. 180-2;  
“*Evolution of Social Science Information Sources in Asia: the South Korean Case*” by M. C. WILSON, p. 183-6.



## More on the Jerusalem Conference

### Standing Committee of the Section of Social Science Libraries Agenda (Advance Copy)

At the 66<sup>th</sup> IFLA General Conference in Jerusalem  
On Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> August, 11:30-14:20  
and Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> August, 10:30-12:15,  
2000

1. Welcome Guests
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Approval of the Minutes of the SC I and SC II meetings held in Bangkok, 1999
4. Approval of :
  - Annual report by the Chair
  - Draft financial report
  - Report by the Secretary
5. Activities in Jerusalem
6. Co-sponsorship of the Open Forum Program in Jerusalem and other PR activities
7. Boston Conference Program
8. Proposals for Activities in Glasgow, 2002
9. Section's projects:
  - A. International Directory of National Education Libraries
    - IFLA Survey web site at the U.S. National Education Library
    - Membership constitution of the Project Team for the Survey

- B. Other proposals for Section projects
10. Reports from the SC members for project tasks from Bangkok SC II
11. Reports from the Discussion Group and the Section's workshop
12. Reports from the PB and CB meetings
13. Conference evaluation

**Note: Quorum is a third of SC members according to the IFLA Statutes and Rules of Procedure (8.3.1)**

## Conference Preview

The preliminary program for the Jerusalem Conference is available on the IFLA web site < <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla66/66cp.htm#5>> Following is a list of the papers scheduled for our Section's co-sponsored Open Forum. Those titles in *italics* are available electronically on the site.

### Part I (8:30 – 11:00)

***Theme: "Building Change Management and Marketing Skills for the Information Age"***

1. *Information Ecologies: Library's Changing Role in an Information Society*  
EDWARD J. VALAUSKAS (Chief Editor of the "First Monday", Journal on the Internet)
2. *Migrating from the Library of Today to the Library of Tomorrow: Re- or E-volution?*  
TATIANA ERSHOVA and YURI HOHLOV (Institute of the Information Society, Russia)
3. *The Management of Change in Electronic Libraries*  
JOHN AKEROYD (Learning and Information Services, South Bank University, London, UK)
4. *Knowledge Management in Libraries in the 21st Century*  
TANG SHANHONG (Chinese Defense Science and Technology Information Center Library, China)
5. *ICT and Marketing Challenges in Latin American Libraries*  
LOURDES FERIA (University of Colima, Library and IT Division, Mexico)

## Part II (12:30 – 15:00)

*Theme: "Changing Patterns of Library Work for Today and Tomorrow"*

1. *Library Management with New Technologies*  
VINOD CHACHRA (President of the VTLS)

2. *Internet Librarianship: Traditional Roles in a New Environment*  
KATE SHARP (Institute for Learning and Research Technology, University of Bristol, Bristol, UK)

3. *Technological Discontinuities in the Library: Digital Projects that Illustrate New Opportunities for the Librarian and the Library*  
RONALD C. JANTZ (Government & Social Sciences Data Librarian, Alexander Library, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, USA)

4. *Libraries and Librarians in India on the Threshold of the 3rd Millennium: Challenges and Risks*  
KALPANA DASGUPTA (Central Secretariat Library, President of the Indian Library Association ILA, New Delhi, India)

5. *Use of New Technologies For Better Library Management: GIS (geographic information system software) and PDAs (personal digital data collections)*  
CHRISTIE KOONTZ and DEAN JUE (Florida State University, USA)

### Plan Ahead

It is not too early to begin thinking about the IFLA 67<sup>th</sup> Council and General Conference! It will convene from 16-25 August, 2001 in Boston, Massachusetts, USA. The conference theme is "*Libraries and Librarians: Making a Difference in the Knowledge Age.*" Sub-themes are:

- Advancing the Leadership Role of the Librarian in the Information Age
- Delivering Lifelong Learning Across Space and Time
- Managing Information and Technology in the Information Age
- Developing Information Policies for the Knowledge Age
- Forging Collaborative Partnerships

Come to our Standing Committee meetings in Jerusalem and share your ideas for our Section's programs and activities in Boston and Glasgow!

Other IFLA dates and places to remember are:

**18-24 August, 2002; Glasgow, Scotland, UK**

**68<sup>th</sup> IFLA**

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

**Note:** IFLA will celebrate its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It was founded in Edinburgh, Scotland, 30 September, 1927.

**1-8 August, 2003; Berlin, Germany**  
**69<sup>th</sup> IFLA**

**2004; Buenos Aires, Argentina**  
**70<sup>th</sup> IFLA**

**2005; site not set**  
**71<sup>st</sup> IFLA**

**2006; Seoul, Korea**  
**72<sup>nd</sup> IFLA**

### A New Look for SOSIG

<http://www.sosig.ac.uk>

On Friday, 25 February, 2000, Jakob Andersen attended the launch of a re-designed SOSIG (Social Science Information Gateway) as a representative of our section. The event was held at the National Institute for Social Work in London, England.

The new interface includes a number of new Internet services for social scientists, notably a service called Grapevine, an Internet current awareness service and online professional community.

## News & Announcements

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Worldwide Conference on Special Librarianship

**GLOBAL 2000: The Information Age: Challenges & Opportunities: The Information Industry from a Global Perspective**

Brighton, UK

16-20 October 2000

<http://www.slaglobal2000.org>

Presentations will be made on such topics as intellectual property as human rights issues, international copyright, the global impact of news, and equity of access to information resources. Reservations must be made directly with the SLA European Bureau, Boulevard St. Michel 15 B-1040, Brussels, Belgium. Fax: +(32-2 7431550; E-mail: [sla@associationhq.com](mailto:sla@associationhq.com)

### LIBRARY RESEARCH SEMINAR II

***Partners and Connections: Research Applied to Practice***

University of Maryland, U.S.A.

2-3 November, 2001

<http://www.dpo.uab.edu/~folive/LRSII/index.htm>

The Library Research Seminar II Planning Committee invites researchers, practicing professionals, and students to attend and contribute to this international dialogue on Library and Information Studies research. Proposals for advisory clinics, juried papers, panel presentations, and round table discussions are due 1 February, 2001.

For more information, including submissions instructions, visit the Seminar's web site: or contact:

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