Dear colleagues,

It is a privilege to greet you as chair of the section in this second year of the new century.

The section had great success at the Boston conference with several sessions. Together with the sections of Government Libraries and Management and Marketing, we organized an open session with the title "Knowledge Management for Not-For-Profit Organizations." This should be seen in connexion with the start-up of the Knowledge Management Discussion Group that held a very well attended session following the Open Session. Thanks to Myoung Wilson, Hans-Christoph Hobohm, Jean-Philippe Accart and all of the speakers for their efforts.

Jean Porter organized our workshop "New Technologies for the 21st Century: Impacts on Social Science Libraries" which, in spite of its being off-site (and not altogether easy to find!), was attended by a number of people. There were several very interesting presentations; I personally found the one on JSTOR quite illuminating. Thanks, Jean!

Mel Thatcher organized a session called "Genealogy and Local History Librarians Making a Difference to Society in Social and Cultural Development" for the Genealogy and Local History Discussion Group. In December 2001, the Professional Committee approved the transformation of this discussion group into a section in its own right. Our congratulations to Mel and the others who have been involved in the development of the discussion group.

For Glasgow, we have organized an Open Session with the title "Explore Yesterday & Discover Tomorrow." Thanks to suggestions by Agneta Olsson, Margaret Robb and Myoung Wilson we have a firm commitments from four speakers. The details may be found in the excerpts from the conference programme found later in this Newsletter, and I think we’ll have an interesting and varied session. We had some difficulties in finding the money to pay the one-day fee for one of the speakers. This is a problem I think must be addressed by IFLA. At the very least, anyone who comes only to speak at one session should not be required to register (and pay) for the day. The Knowledge Management Discussion Group will also have a session in Glasgow.

I have begun a recruitment drive on the basis of the IFLA Membership Directory. There are quite few institutional IFLA members who are not members of the Section of Social Science Libraries but could be
prime candidates to join since their names indicate that their interests are in our fields. The drive was primarily done by e-mail (about 500 institutions), but institutions without an e-mail address (about 50) were contacted by mail. Very few have responded directly to me but it will be interesting to see how many have joined when the next directory comes out.

To generate interest in the work of the Standing Committee, I shall invite 20 institutions that are already members of the section to take part in our committee meetings in Glasgow. I hope this will also be in preparation of some of them being elected to the Standing Committee in Berlin in 2003. These targeted institutions are all from Africa, Asia, South America and Eastern and Southern Europe, which supports our strategic plan to increase participation in our work by countries that have been underrepresented so far. For your information, the Section’s entire strategic plan can be found later in this issue of the Newsletter.

In this vein, I’d like to draw your attention to the still very inequitable nature of IFLA membership fees. I recently had occasion to go to Eritrea, which as you may know, is one of the poorest countries in the world. It is also one of the few United Nations member countries without a single IFLA member. I visited the President of the very new Eritrean Library Association, who asked me what benefits the association might have from an IFLA membership, when compared to the fee and the costs involved in attending the conferences. I have yet to find a satisfactory answer since the association membership fee would be the lowest on the IFLA scale but would still equal one-and-a-half times the monthly salary of an Eritrean librarian (of which there are but few). In comparison, a Danish association’s fee, while more expensive, only equals about one tenth of the monthly salary of a Danish librarian.

As you can see, we have many issues to address. I’ll be looking forward to seeing all of you who can come in Glasgow. Well met!

Jakob Andersen
May, 2002

Visitors Present: Jean-Philippe Accart, Dahrl Moore, David E. Renscher, Paul F. Smart, Mel Thatcher

Treasurer’s Report: Hans-Christoph Hobohm, Section V Secretary/Treasure, reported there is approximately $600.00 (US) in our account, but he is expecting some movement due to workshop expenses.

Nominations and Elections (2001-2003): The following officers were elected and will take over at the end of the 67th Council and General Conference: Jakob Andersen – Chair; Hans-Christoph Hobohm – Treasurer; Barbara Kemp – Secretary. Ms. Kemp will also continue as Information Coordinator and Newsletter Editor.

Activities in Boston: Myoung Wilson reviewed Section activities in Boston, noting that they were also published in the Newsletter and had been sent out on the Section listserv.

The Section’s discussion groups and their activities were reviewed. It was noted that we must request that the Genealogy and Local History Discussion Group activities not be scheduled at the same time as the Sections major meetings. Mel Thatcher, Convener of this discussion group summarized its plans for this
meeting. He noted there is a problem with a speaker who is coming in only to speak at the group’s meeting being asked to pay a registration fee. Dr. Hobohm suggested contacting the Coordinator of Professional Activities about this issue. Mr. Paul Smart, one of our visitors, announced that he has arranged visits to both the Massachusetts State Historical Library and the New England Historical and Genealogical Library. Mr. Thatcher then raised the issue of the discussion group moving to section status, perhaps even by next year’s conference in Glasgow. Dr. Hobohm suggested the topic be placed on the Coordinating Board’s Friday agenda.

Dr. Hobohm next discussed the Knowledge Management Discussion Group (formerly the Corporate and For-Profit Libraries Discussion Group). This revised group will be in effect for two years and will be convened by Dr. Michael Koenig and Jean-Philippe Accart. Dr. Hobohm also noted that there is some discussion of developing closer ties for this discussion group with FID (Fédération Internationale d’Information et Documentation).

Jean Porter reviewed plans for the Section workshop to be held in the Wong Auditorium at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). She noted that Catherine Friedman, Head of MIT’s Dewey Library (for the social sciences) has provided a great deal of assistance in making the local arrangements, including possibly paying for the auditorium rental. Ms. Porter also said that while there are no general tours of the Dewey Library, visitors are welcome to drop in and look around. Ms. Wilson said she will ask the Reference Section to announce the workshop at their meetings. Mr. Andersen stated that asking for pre-registration for off-site meetings with larger venues is not helpful, since those who do register often do not show up and those who would like to come but have not registered are discouraged from attending. It was suggested that we place an announcement in *IFLA Express* that pre-registration is not necessary for the workshop. Dr. Hobohm suggested that we could also arrange to travel together to the MIT campus and have lunch there, opening this activity to anyone interested in joining us. Ms. Porter will post a sign at the meeting point and Ms. Kemp will place announcements in *IFLA Express*.

Dr. Hobohm said that the Section hour to staff the IFLA booth will be from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 22 August. Ms. Wilson and Ms. Kemp volunteered to staff the booth. We will also place copies of the revised brochure, *INSPEL*, and the IFLA Survey of National Libraries of Education in the booth.

**Strategic Planning, 2001-2003**: Dr. Hobohm said that we need to develop a Mission Statement and Goals and Objectives for 2001-2003, as well as an action plan for 2001-2002. Two goals suggested are to increase Section membership and Standing Committee membership. It was noted that we can have up to 20 members on the Standing Committee. Ms. Wilson suggested that we make an effort to get representation from those areas of the world not currently on the Standing Committee, including Africa, Asia, Central and South America and southern Europe. She also suggested that planners think ahead to appoint representatives from future conference sites as an aid to local arrangement planning. Dr. Hobohm suggested trying again to involve personnel from major social science libraries in the world. Basically we need to look at a balance of disciplines and geography. A barrier to all involvement is often the issue of financing participation. Kari Gulbraar suggested looking at the possibility of library twinning programs to aid in this area.

Dr. Hobohm reminded the committee that we also must think about our mission. One suggestion is to promote social science librarianship, particularly in developing countries. He noted that this will mesh well with the fact that IFLA’s new President-Elect is from Africa. A working group composed of Ms. Wilson, Dr. Hobohm, Mr. Andersen and Ms. Kemp will meet to develop a draft of the required documents.

**Glasgow Conference, 2002**: Ms. Wilson said that while the general theme is “Explore Yesterday, Discover Tomorrow,” details are still somewhat amorphous. One suggestion is to involve someone from the Electronic Society for the Social Sciences at St. Andrew’s University. Agneta Olsson mentioned two projects at Göteborg University, one of which is putting East Indian documents on the World Wide Web. Dr. Hobohm said that the idea of the knowledge society might be connected with UNESCO’s working unit on technology. Mr. Thatcher mentioned that if we want to get greater participation from Asia, he has connections with many librarians in China. In response to a question, Ms. Wilson said it was too late to develop an official pre-conference, although Margaret Robb from Oxford University has indicated that she would be happy to host something at her institution. At the next Standing Committee meeting, we should decide if we plan to host a workshop in Glasgow.

**Berlin Conference, 2003**: Dr. Hobohm is on the National Organizing Committee for Professional Activities at this conference. He reviewed some information about the conference. The theme of the conference is Access-Point Library or Library as a Portal. The tentative focus for Section V will be political science and sociology. This will be a vibrant conference for the Section since there are many social science libraries in Berlin.
Other Business: Mr. Andersen reported on the IFLA Survey of National Libraries of Education Project. There is a new, clean, simple Web site available for easy reporting and updating.

Dr. Hobohm reported that he is working with UNESCO to research the information use of social scientists. He noted this might ultimately involve the Section.

Mr. Andersen said he has a colleague currently studying educational researchers' use of the Web.

67th IFLA Council and General Conference
Section V: Section of Social Science Libraries
Boston
24 August 2001

Minutes of the Standing Committee Meeting

Members Present: Jakob Andersen, Kari Gulbraar, Hans-Christoph Hobohm, Barbara Kemp, Agneta Olsson, Jean Porter, Myoung C. Wilson (Chair)

Members Absent: Yvonne Abitbol-Touboul, Mireille Fomenko, Vera Z. Grigorieva, Margaret Robb

Visitors Present: Jacqueline Dellaert, Dahrl Moore, Paul F. Smart, Mel Thatcher, Pham Bieh Thuy, Wayne Metcalfe

Discussion of the Section’s mission statement, strategic plan and action plans was added to the agenda. The Standing Committee approved the documents proposed by the working group.

Myoung Wilson thanked Jean Porter for organizing one of the most successful workshops held by the Section. While attendance tended to vary as new people arrived and some left, the head count was approximately 80 – 100. It was noted that planning time to meet and network informally as well as traveling together to the off-site location seemed to be effective in promoting attendance.

Mel Thatcher reported on the Genealogy and Local History Discussion Group activities. Approximately 40 people from nine countries attended the workshop. Feedback was very positive. Twenty people toured the local genealogical libraries, with best attendance being in the morning. Mr. Thatcher mentioned the possibility of hosting a meeting at the Mitchell Library at the University of Strathclyde during the next conference.

Hans-Christoph Hobohm reported on the start-up meeting of the Knowledge Management Discussion Group. More than 100 people attended, with 78 supporting signatures being obtained. With such support, the group will continue. Karen Muller from the American Library Association will act as convener.

Ms. Wilson reported on the Open Forum co-sponsored by the Section. She noted that Dr. Hobohm had been an effective moderator. Many people commented that they liked having the same theme running from the forum to the Discussion Group and on to one of the guest speakers. Having only a half-day forum also seemed to work well. It was agreed that Monday is the best day for these activities.

Dr. Hobohm said that both the Coordinating and Professional Board elections will be formally announced at the Council meeting. The new chair of the
Professional Board is John Meriton, Secretary of the Art Libraries Section. He also noted that the new Professional Board is heavily weighted to UK and US representation.

The working title of the Open Forum session will be “Explore Yesterday and Discover Tomorrow.” Ms. Wilson will check to be sure of any copyright implications. Previous suggestions for content/presentations were reviewed. Work will continue via e-mail, with a deadline of February or March. While each section is not required to sponsor a workshop, Mr. Andersen asked those present to send him any ideas a workshop presentation. Kari Gulbraar noted that many people seem to like the size and format of a workshop.

Mr. Thatcher thanked Dr. Hobohm and Ms. Wilson for all of their support and encouragement of the Genealogy and Local History Discussion Group and its move to section status as Genealogy and Local History Services.

Ms. Wilson asked Standing Committee members to take copies of the revised Section brochure home to help publicize the Section.

Mr. Andersen and Dr. Hobohm led those present in thanking Ms. Wilson for her hard work, dedication and leadership for the Section for the past two years.

SECTION V: SOCIAL SCIENCE LIBRARIES

MISSION

In order to sustain the knowledge base of the social sciences, the Section of Social Science Libraries provides an international platform for professional communication and exchange of ideas among librarians and other information professionals in the social sciences. The Section seeks to promote the concept of social science librarianship as an area of specialization by which knowledge and scholarship in the many social science disciplines are documented, organized, made accessible, disseminated and preserved for the current and future generations.

STRATEGIC PLAN

The Section’s strategic plan supports its mission with the following goals:

1. Provide a platform for professional exchange and communication for special libraries and information centres in the social sciences worldwide, in an interdisciplinary way and without regard to the media support of the information provided by each library for its users.

2. Foster international cooperation across disciplinary and national boundaries.

3. Offer professional development opportunities like conferences, workshops, and seminars for all people involved in social science information services.

4. Maintain library- and information-related professional standards and values worldwide.

5. Support of the IFLA core programmes, especially the work of the Committee on Access to Information and Freedom of Expression (FAIFE), as social science libraries often deal with socially or politically sensitive information.

6. Operate with other interest groups to lobby for professional requirements in the social science library and information environment, thus enhancing the quality of information work in the social sciences in general.

GOALS & ACTION PLANS, 2001 – 2003

GOAL 1: To facilitate the sharing of information and ideas among social science information professionals.

A. The Section will sponsor an open forum combining the fields of history and future studies at the 68th IFLA Conference to be held in Glasgow, Scotland in 2002.

B. The Section will sponsor an open forum relating to the field(s) of political science and/or sociology at the 69th IFLA General Council and Conference to be held in Berlin, Germany in 2003.

C. The Section will sponsor the Knowledge Management Discussion Group meetings at the Glasgow and Berlin Conferences.

D. The Section will explore the feasibility of developing and publishing position papers and articles that support and advocate on behalf of social science librarianship and its contributions to scholarship and society.
E. The Section will translate its brochure into at least two other official IFLA languages.

F. The Section will continue to carry out the following activities already being conducted:

1. Sponsorship of the Soelib listserv.
2. Publication of the Section Newsletter.
3. Exploration of potential cooperative activities with the other IFLA sections sharing common interests.

GOAL II: To accomplish the action plans set out in Goal I, the Standing Committee will be expanded to 20 active members.

A. Current Standing Committee members will actively work to identify individuals interested in the work of the Section, who are also able to attend the Standing Committee meetings at each IFLA conference during their proposed terms of appointment.

B. Once identified, the Standing Committee will assist these individuals in their being appointed.

C. Standing Committee members will identify a mentor for each new committee member appointed.

GOAL III: In order to reflect IFLA’s global mission more fully, the Standing Committee will seek greater geographic/cultural diversity among its new members.

A. In the action plans to accomplish Goal II, the Standing Committee will particularly recruit members from Latin America, Africa, Asia, and Southern and Eastern Europe.

B. Standing Committee members will attempt to identify sources for at least partial funding for one social science librarian or information professional from a developing country to attend both the Glasgow and Berlin Conferences.

GOAL IV: The Section will actively seek to expand its membership.

A. Standing Committee members will analyze IFLA and Section membership data and send invitations to join the Section to appropriate IFLA members who are not yet members of Section V.

B. Each Standing Committee member will identify at least one library that is not currently an IFLA or Section V Member. An invitation to join IFLA and Section V, along with information on each group, will be sent to the directors of these libraries.
13.00-14.20
Introduction to IFLA for Newcomers – SI
(Simultaneous Interpretation)

16.00-18.00
Council I - SI
Opening of the Exhibition

Evening:
Exhibition Opening Party: Follow the legendary Pipes of Scotland from the Ceremony in the new SECC “armadillo” 3,000 seat conference theatre to the Exhibition Hall - where we will welcome you to the first all-delegate social event of the conference with drinks and canapes.

Monday 19 August
09.30-11.10
Opening Session - SI
Keynote speaker: SEAMUS HEANEY

12.00-14.30
Social Science Libraries
Explore Yesterday and Discover Tomorrow

- The digitisation of the records of the Swedish East India Company
  HELENA HAVNER and MARGARETA BENNER (Göteborgs universitetsbibliothek, Göteborg, Sweden)

- Libraries, deliverers of lifelong learning - as strong as our weakest link
  BARBARA HULL (University of Teesside, Middlesborough, UK)

- The ELSSS project and how it serves the academic community
  MANFREDI LA MANNA (University of St Andrews, Fife, UK)

- Applications of Informetrics in Social Science Studies.
  IRENE WORMELL (Swedish School of Library and Information Science, Sweden)

15.00-16.00
Poetry Reading: SEAMOUS HEANEY

16.00-17.00
IFLA Anniversary Plenary Session I - SI

Evening: Opening Reception
Reception at the Glasgow Science Park by invitation of the Lord Provost of Glasgow, Alex Mosson. Spend the evening at the unique and exciting GBP 75 million Glasgow Science Centre - Scotland's flagship visitor attraction opened by Her Majesty the Queen in Summer 2001.

Situated on the banks of the River Clyde, opposite the Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre, you will enjoy, in this titanium clad complex, a wealth of dynamic interactive exhibits to intrigue and entertain. Adventurous delegates will be tempted to try the city’s new architectural icon - the Glasgow Tower - Scotland's highest structure and the only tower in the world to rotate 360 degrees from its base. Late night coaches, sponsored by OCLC, will bring you back to your hotel.

Tuesday 20 August
14.00-15.00
Plenary Session II - SI
GERARD LEMOS

Cultural Evening: Royal Concert Hall with the generous sponsorship of John Wiley & Sons publishers

Wednesday 21 August
13.30-16.00
Genealogy and Local History
Building on the Past, Investing in the Future

- Genealogy and Local History Services: Past, Present and Future
  PATRICK CADELL (Edinburg, UK)

- Serving Genealogy and Local History Researchers - experiences in the analogical past and a peek into the digital future
  MARGARETA BOVIN (SVAR, Ramsele, Sweden)

- Wales to the world, the world to Wales
  RHIDIAN GRIFFITHS (The National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth, UK)

- Genealogy and Local History Services at the National Library of Ireland
  BRENDAN O. DONOGHUE (National Library of Ireland, Dublin Ireland)

- Scottish Archive Network
  GEORGE MCKENZIE (Scottish Record Office, Edinburgh, UK)
A project for Chinese culture - the compilation of the 'General Catalogue of Chinese Genealogy'
GU YAN (Shanghai Library, Shanghai, China)

The Library of Congress-sponsored Collaborative Digital Reference Service (now named QuestionPoint)
DIANE KRESH (Library of Congress, Washington D.C., USA)

14.00-15.00

Plenary Session III - SI
KAY RASEROKA, President-elect of IFLA

15.30-17.30

Bridging the Digital Divide

Brainstorm session with KAY RASEROKA, President-elect of IFLA, about the theme she has chosen for her presidential period. (Seating is limited.)

Thursday 22 August

08.30-16.00

Off-site: Genealogy and Local History Study Tour

Genealogy and Local History Services in Scotland
(Mitchell Library; Registrar General's Office; Manuscript Division, National Library of Scotland)

09.30-16.00

Off-site: Library History Study Tour

09.00-16.00

Off-site: Reference Work Workshop

How to start a Virtual Reference Service in your Library.

- The big picture: trends driving change and how librarians are responding
  ANNE G. LIPOW (Library Solutions Institute and Press, Berkely, USA)

- 24x7 reference, a multi-typed library consortium in California
  SUSAN MCGLAMERY (Metropolitan Community Library System, University of California, Los Angeles, USA)

- OCLC's new chat and routing software
  CHIP NILGES (OCLC, Dublin, USA)

- Presentation of virtual reference service - experiences from Germany
  CHRISTINE GLÄSER (University of Oldenburg Library, Oldenburg, Germany)

Evening:

The library visits on Thursday are planned to conclude in Edinburgh mid-afternoon, Thursday, to give you time in this hugely enjoyable city which will be crowded with visitors to the world-famous International Festival. Delegates who attend workshops and library visits in Glasgow are invited to take public transport to travel to Edinburgh.

A multitude of heritage attractions will await you - like the Palace of Holyrood House, the Queen's official Scottish residence; the medieval rambling of the Old Town contrasting with Georgian New Town elegance; the bustling Princes Street shopping district; or Edinburgh's Millennium attraction - the unique Dynamic Earth Centre where you will journey back to the beginning of time.

The evening reception will be at the National Museums of Scotland in the centre of the city. View the Royal Museum - which houses over 40 galleries - from the dramatic main hall before stepping into the interlinked building opened in 1998 which brings to life the history of Scotland - its land, its people and its achievements.

Before your return to Glasgow - as an optional extra for 1,550 delegates only* - attend the magical Edinburgh Military Tattoo in its setting high up on the Esplanade of Edinburgh Castle. Sit back and enjoy the drama, excitement and spectacle of the visiting bands, highland dancing and the stirring massed pipes and drums as the sun sets. For more information visit: http://www.edintattoo.co.uk

Friday 23 August

08.00-10.00

SC II Genealogy and Local History

10.15-12.15

SC II Social Science Libraries

14.00-15.15

Closing Session - SI

15.30-16.30
Council II – SI

Saturday 24 August

All day

- Post Conference Tours
- Governing Board meeting

Language

Simultaneous Interpretation services will be available in five languages: English, French, German, Russian and Spanish. This service will be available for the opening and closing sessions and other selected sessions.

Weather and Clothing

August is the warmest month of the year in Glasgow and Scotland. The weather should be pleasant and warm but, as in all temperate climate countries, is not guaranteed! The average daily maximum temperature is 19 degrees centigrade; a typical day's weather is sunny, with the occasional light shower. Extremes of weather are rare in Glasgow and Scotland, especially during August. Pack some warmer clothes and rainwear. As is annually evident from the number of red and white people, the sun can be fairly strong on a hot day; suntan lotion can be purchased in a number of shops.

The Registration package gives you a 6 day pass for free unlimited travel by train, bus and underground in the Glasgow area.

Additionally, with the generous sponsorship of OCLC, an IFLA 2002 Welcome Desk will operate at Glasgow International on Friday 16 and Sunday 18 August - with regular coaches to all official IFLA 2002 accommodation hotels.

Some useful Edinburgh websites:

International Book Festival: http://www.edbookfest.co.uk
International Festival: http://www.eif.co.uk
Festival Fringe: http://www.edfringe.com
Tourist Board: http://www.edinburgh.org

Other IFLA dates and places to remember are:

1-8 August, 2003; Berlin, Germany
69th. IFLA

2004; Buenos Aires, Argentina
70th IFLA
Recent Publications of Interest


Submissions for <News & Announcements> can be sent to Barbara E. Kemp, Newsletter Editor. Section members are particularly encouraged to share information about their publications, upcoming conferences, etc. The Newsletter is published annually.

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If you want to contribute to the discussion or send information to the social science libraries community, please do so by sending your mail to: soc-lib@nic.surfnet.nl.

REMEMBER the IFLA Survey of National Libraries of Education at
http://www.dpb.dpu.dk/survey/

Join IFLA’s Section of Social Science Libraries

What are Social Science Libraries?


“Social Science Libraries are special libraries supporting research and practice in the broad domain of the Social Sciences. Thus the section includes for example big Business Libraries as well as small research institute libraries in the fields of linguistics or anthropology.

Following the extensional definition by H.P. Hogeweg-de Haart (FID, 1981), i.e. the UNESCO definition plus other disciplines the Social Sciences include the following disciplines:

... anthropology, communication science, criminology, demography, economics, education, environmental planning, futurology, geography, history, labour science, law, library and information science, linguistics, management science, philosophy, political science, public administration, psychology, social policy, sociology, statistics, science of religion, science of science ... “
How Do I Join?

You must be a member of IFLA to join a section. Go to the IFLANET web site (http://www.ifla.org) and click on “Membership” for complete information. The following information is taken from that page.

IFLA Membership comprises three categories of voting members: International and National Association Members and Institutional Members. Voting members have voting rights in all IFLA meetings and on all matters. Personal Affiliates are non-voting members.

**(Inter)National Association Membership** is open to associations of libraries and information centres, librarians and library schools, and to associations of bibliographical and research institutes that are primarily concerned with the implementation of the purposes of the Federation. Association Members must function within the framework of national, multinational or international library and information services. In countries where there is no library association, but where the library community is represented by a single body, this body will be admitted as a National Association Member.

All applications for International and National Association Members must be approved by IFLA's Executive Board, which will base its decision on a review of the Statutes and Rules of Procedure of the applying Association.

**Both International and National Association Members may register, free of charge for four Sections.** Participation in the activities of the appropriate Regional Section will automatically be included in the membership benefits.

International Association Members pay an annual fee of EUR 340. National Association Members in any one country together pay an annual fee which is nationally determined and based on the country's assessment to UNESCO, which in turn is calculated on the basis of the scale of assessment of the United Nation's organization. The minimum scale of assessment is 0.1% to UNESCO and equals EUR 340. The number of votes is closely related to the country's assessment. The UNESCO scale of assessment is available from IFLA Headquarters on request.

**Institutional Members** may include libraries and information centres, library schools, bibliographical and research institutions and other institutions and bodies that would like to contribute professionally to the activities of the Federation.

**Institutional Members are entitled to register free of charge for two Sections.** Registration for the appropriate Regional Section is included in the membership benefits and ensures the regular receipt of its Newsletter and additional communications, providing information on current projects, forthcoming meetings and new Section publications. Institutional Members have one vote.

Fees for **Institutional Membership** are divided into three categories, based on the country in which the Institution is situated. The categories are determined using the UNESCO Scale of Assessment and the United Nations list of Least Developed Countries.
Please see the Country List for the appropriate fee for your Institution at:

**Personal Affiliates** are individuals wishing to mark their interest in and support for the purposes and professional activities of IFLA.

**Personal Affiliates are entitled to register free of charge for one Section.** Registration for the appropriate Regional Section is included in the membership benefits and ensures the regular receipt of its Newsletter and additional communications, informing you on current projects, forthcoming meetings and new Section publications.

Personal Affiliates pay an annual fee of EUR 115 and have no voting rights.

**All membership forms are available on IFLANET at:**
http://www.ifla.org/III/members/index.htm#2