Social Science Libraries Section Leaders and Growth

The changes to the leadership of the Section this year include Steve Witt (USA) moving from Secretary/Information Coordinator to Chair; Jacques Hellemans (Belgium) assuming responsibilities of the Secretary and continuing the responsibilities of Treasurer. Additionally Wilda Newman, new to the Section, was appointed Information Coordinator and also assumed responsibility as Editor of the Newsletter. At last year’s conference in Oslo, Steve conducted the business and programs of the section and Jacques and Wilda represented the Social Science Libraries Section at the Division II: Special Libraries, end of conference meeting.

This year the Section has a total of 10 members on the Standing Committee. That is good news and offers the Section more ways to communicate and to improve the program offerings each year for the annual conference. We look forward to realizing further growth this coming year.

Currently, we have 90 members associated with the Section, representing the countries of Australia, Belgium, Botswana, Brazil, Canada, China, Cuba, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Korea, Malawi, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Saudi Arabia, Sweden, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United Kingdom, United States, and Vietnam. These 34 countries are included in the 155 countries that make up the 1700 membership of IFLA. Our Section can use this information to recruit additional members to the Section, and also to increase the number of Standing Committee members through the election process, by encouraging colleagues to become involved in IFLA and the Social Science Libraries. Let’s grow the Section and increase the diversity of our membership through the countries represented in Social Science Libraries.

(Note: Further in this issue Jacques Hellemans takes a closer graphical look at Social Science Libraries’ membership, based on 2005 statistics.)

Wilda Newman
Information Coordinator and Editor (2006)

NOTICE: (See Draft Agenda further in this Newsletter.)
The Social Science Libraries Standing Committee Meetings 2006 in Seoul will meet:
9 August Saturday
SCI: 11.30 – 14.20, and
25 August Friday
SCII: 1.00 - 13.50
World Library and Information Congress: 72nd IFLA General Conference and Council

"Libraries: Dynamic Engines for the Knowledge and Information Society"
20-24 August 2006

There are two major sessions for the Social Science Libraries Section, jointly with Government Libraries. The focus is partnership between government and libraries. The conference program Number precedes the program entry below:

MONDAY 21 AUGUST 2006
78 SI - Government Libraries with Social Science Libraries
Customer needs: the engines of change for government libraries and information centers

- Customer needs: The engines of change for Government Libraries and Information Centres
  REBECCA DAVIES (Information Management Division, Welsh Assembly Government, Wales, UK)
- Quality - an ongoing practice and reflection in an governmental library, 1996-2006
  PAULA OCHOA and LEONOR GASPAR PINTO (INCITE, the Portugese Association for Information Management, Lisbon, Portugal)
- Status of Power Sector Libraries of India (Government of India) and Users Information Needs
  SHANKAR SINGH (Power Finance Corporation Ltd, New Delhi, India)
- Japanese Government Libraries Network: serving the customers in the new era
  MIKA LAWLER (National Diet Library, Tokyo, Japan)

TUESDAY 22 AUGUST 2006
110 Social Science Libraries with Government Libraries
Partnership building with government and social science libraries

- El papel de las Bibliotecas en las políticas culturales de Cooperación al Desarrollo. Estudio y Evaluación del modelo de Gestión de la Biblioteca de la Agencia Española de Cooperación Internacional
  MARÍA ARACELI GARCÍA MARTÍN (Spanish Agency for International Cooperation, Madrid, Spain)
- ETD building the nutrition for researchers
  YU ZHENGLU and PAN YUNTAO (Information methods study center, Institute of science & technology information of China, Beijing, China)
- Governmental libraries development; an experience of strategic collaboration to that aim in the field of social sciences
  MARÍA ELENA DORTA-DUQUE (Higher Institute Of Foreign Relations of Cuba, Havana, Cuba)
- HuriSearch – a dynamic new search human rights engine built on global collaboration
  JUDITH DUECK (HURIDOCS (Human Rights Information and Documentation Systems), Winnipeg, Canada)

IFLA Social Science Libraries Section
http://www.ifla.org/VII/s5/ssl.htm
Forthcoming Social Science Libraries Section contribution to the IFLA Publications Series

In 2007, K.G. Saur Verlag will publish the edited volume, *Changing Roles of NGOs in the creation, validation and dissemination of information in the developing world*. Edited by Steve Witt, the Section’s current Chair, this volume is an outcome of the Social Science Libraries Sections’ Buenos Aires Program which featured four strong papers on the topic.

This edited volume, which will feature eight chapters, will present an overview of the challenges and opportunities that the changing roles of NGOs presents to the library community and society as a whole through essays and case studies from around the world that highlight best practices in collaboration and projects that support the missions of both libraries and NGOs in order to encourage further NGO and Library collaboration.

Non-governmental organizations have gone through an unprecedented period of rapid growth in the past decade. In 1993, the Yearbook of International Organizations listed 16,000 internationally recognized NGOs. By 2004 this number had increased to 63,000. With this increase comes an equally staggering growth in the activities, publications and intellectual output from NGOs. Additionally, the activities of both libraries and NGOs increasingly intersect as these organizations attempt to provide essential services that revolve around the creation, dissemination, and evaluation of new knowledge. This intersection creates challenges and opportunities as NGOs and libraries foster new collaborative relationships. These range from the traditional NGO support of libraries through training and funding to libraries and NGOs working together to create, collect, archive and disseminate new knowledge to support development initiatives.

Steve Witt
Chair
2006

Ninth World Criminal Justice Library Network (WCJLN) Conference

"Key Research and Practice Issues for Criminal Justice Information Professionals"

Hotel Maritime Plaza Montreal, Qc., Canada
5-7 June 2006

Forty-eight librarians and documentation specialists from 13 countries gathered at the Hotel Maritime Plaza in Montreal, Canada for the Ninth World Criminal Justice Library Network (WCJLN) Conference. The meeting, entitled “Key Research and Practice Issues for Criminal Justice Information Professionals,” was sponsored by the Canadian Police College; The International Center for Comparative Criminology (ICCC); Université de Montréal, School of Criminology; Université de Montréal, Faculty of Arts and Sciences; Université de Montréal, Vice-Rectorship of Research; Department of Justice, Canada; Sûreté du Québec; Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey; and Ryerson University. Special thanks are due to Mrs. Aniela Belina, Librarian of the ICCC for organizing the meeting.

Highlights of the Conference included presentations by Professor Jean-Paul Brodeur, Director of the ICCC; Mr. William Ballweber and Mr. Kreg Purcell of the U.S. National Criminal Justice Reference Service; Professor Benoit Dupont, Deputy Director of the ICCC; Professor Nadia Caidi, Faculty of Information Services, University of Toronto; Mr. Pierre Brassard, Police Research Center, Canada; Mrs. Janet Smith, Australian Institute of Criminology; Mrs. Phyl Barrus, Commission on Police Officer Standards & Training, California; Professor Bonnie Nelson, John Jay College of Criminal Justice; Mr. David G. Jones, Director (Ret.), Knowledge Management, Royal Canadian Mounted Police; Professors Ron Clarke, Rutgers University and Graeme Newman, University at Albany, SUNY; Mrs. Jennifer Power, Australian Federal Police; Heelena Nilsson, Swedish National Police Academy; and Mary Jane Brustman, University at Albany, SUNY and Ivanka Sket, Institute of Criminology, Faculty of Law, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia.
At the business meeting the Steering Committee announced that the next meeting, scheduled for 2008, will be held at the Swedish National Police Academy, Solna, Sweden. A full version of the Reporter’s notes and minutes is available on the WCJLN website at http://newark.rutgers.edu/~wcjlen/WCJ/.

The World Criminal Justice Library Network was formed at a meeting of librarians and criminal justice information specialists in April, 1991, at the Rutgers School of Criminal Justice, Newark, New Jersey, U.S.A. Those who attended the inaugural meeting at Rutgers were unanimous in their recognition of the increasing demands and pressure placed on criminal justice libraries because of the globalization of crime and responses to it, and because of an information explosion in these fields. It is clear that no library can hope to collect everything, or to serve the diverse and increasingly international needs of its clients. Furthermore, the duplication of efforts on the part of all libraries is not cost beneficial in an era of information explosion accompanied by ever scarce resources. The need to save resources through pooling of information and services is therefore a major reason for establishing WCJLN.

The Mission of the WCJLN is to:
1. To develop specific ways of sharing services and criminal justice information on a global scale and
2. To enhance communication among WCJLN members.

For more information about the WCJLN contact: Phyllis Schultze, Co-chair, WCJLN Steering Committee; Don M. Gottfredson Library of Criminal Justice; Center for Law and Justice; Rutgers University; 123 Washington St., Suite 350 Newark, N.J. U.S.A. 07102. pschultz@andromeda.rutgers.edu.

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Successful Move of SocSci List Serve

In early 2006 the SocSci List Serve was successfully moved in order to standardize it with other IFLA Section sites. The 170 subscribers were sent a test message before the former site was closed. This change simplifies the current operations of the list and brings the section in line with other operations of IFLA.

IFLA-SOC-LIB
Social Science Libraries Mailing List

The IFLA-SOC-LIB is intended to foster communication within the community of Library and Information services for the Social Sciences. The extension of the term Social Sciences is a rather broad one: ranging from economics to linguistics. The mailing list IFLA SOC-LIB is managed by the Section on Social Science Libraries of IFLA - one of the more than 40 working groups of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions. It is intended to be the forum for its worldwide membership but will be open to everyone interested in the library and information business in the Social Sciences. It distributes information about IFLA services and activities that are of special interest to section members. IFLA-SOC-LIB also offers a forum for the submission of items of general interest to the international social science library community.

Keep Up to Date

To post to the list simply address your message to:

Submissions: ifla-soc-lib@infoserv.inist.fr

To subscribe simply access this site:

Web interface: http://infoserv.inist.fr/wwsympa.fcgi/info/ifla-soc-lib

Administrator: Wilda Newman
Note: IFLA-SOC-LIB is a closed list (restricted to subscribers).
Excerpt from the Mayor’s Message:
“The theme for the Conference is "Libraries for the Future, Progress, Development and Partnerships". Libraries by allowing citizens easy access to knowledge and information, contribute to democracy in a very special way.

The South African Government recognizes the value of libraries and their role in providing easy access to information and has put aside a sum of R1 billion over three years to develop and upgrade public/community libraries.

“Hosting such a prestigious event is momentous not I am confident that Durban will prove to be a good choice for IFLA WLIC 2007. It is a vibrant city which you will all enjoy and thus on behalf of the citizens of Durban I welcome you and wish you an enjoyable stay and a successful conference."

The Ethekwini municipality mayor, councilor
Obed Mlaba - library and information association
of South Africa

Conference Program Planning Information – Durban 2007
The library and information sector needs to ensure that its service delivery is relevant to the real information needs of its clients.

There are different “worlds” that we service: e.g. educational (teaching & learning: primary, secondary and tertiary), research; business and economic intelligence; adult education and leisure; children; entertainment; creativity; political and development agendas; etc.

What difference does the LIS sector really make to these different worlds? Are the services to these different worlds watertight and isolated from one another or should there be more creative cross-fertilization of service delivery to the different worlds?
What relationship should there be between these different worlds? What creative and leadership role can IFLA play within the world community and what impact should the LIS sector play in this regard?

Exploring progress and new development models for libraries in developing countries in particular. Forming and building partnerships to aid development; increase standing of the profession; elicit funding; with each other and users/patrons.

SOUTH AFRICA AND DURBAN
South Africa - situated at the tip of the African continent is the place where people come together for Durban - Africa's leading conference destination – is a vibrant city where a blend of local cultures - African, Asian and European - is reflected in a mosaic of architectural styles, a melting pot of traditions and colourful cuisine. Its privileged location on the Eastern seaboard makes it South Africa’s only destination offering warm winters and tropical summers - 320 sunny days a year. It is an obvious choice for conference planners, tourists and sports enthusiasts, because this is the city that sizzles and where the sun never sets.

Conveniently situated and highly accessible, Durban is less than an hour's flying time from Johannesburg and once you arrive, everything you need is within easy reach. For more information, visit: http://durban.kzn.org.za/durban

Information regarding the 74th IFLA General Conference and Council will be available on the IFLANET Web Site.

IFLA Social Science Libraries Section http://www.ifla.org/VII/s5/sssl.htm
IFLA’S SOCIAL SCIENCE LIBRARIES SECTION MEMBERSHIP

Standing Committee member Jacques Hellemans’ review of IFLA’s Social Science Libraries Section Membership presents a graphic interpretation and further shows where the Section might want to focus additional time and energy on developing the membership of our group. He takes a look at the type of institutions within IFLA, the continents represented, and the percentages of membership in those breakdowns.

**Type of Institution**

There are two different groups of members in IFLA: Personal members and Institutional members. The Section has seven Personal Members and 75 Institutional Members.

**Type of Institutional Members**

Globally, we can say that there are five kinds of institutional members: Universities, Associations, Government, Museums and Providers. They are distributed as follows:

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<th>Type of Institution</th>
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<td>University</td>
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We can see from these results that the largest number of members in IFLA is from government institutions and universities. A not negligible part of the membership comes from associations and a minority comes from museums and providers.

**Geographical Distribution by Continent**

The IFLA presence is expanded all around the world with members from Africa, Asia, Central, North and South America, Caribbean, Europe and Oceania. However, IFLA has an enormous potential to exploit all around the Globe. The distribution of members across the continents is as follows:

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<td>Asia</td>
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<td>Central America &amp; Caribbean</td>
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<td>North America</td>
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<td>South America</td>
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<td>Europe</td>
<td>60%</td>
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<td>Oceania</td>
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Central America and Caribbean, as well as South America, have only one member among the group’s IFLA members.

America

Central America and Caribbean
Nicaragua 1 100%

North America
Canada 4 36%
Mexico 1 9%
United States 6 55%

South America
Brazil 1 100%
Only one country from Oceania is represented in Social Science Libraries as an IFLA member.

Oceania
Australia 2 100%

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Social Sciences Standing Committee: Draft Agenda

SATURDAY 19 AUGUST 2006, SC I: 11.30-14.20, Room 320
1. Approval of Minutes from Oslo, 2005
2. Volunteers for Social Sciences Section at the officer’s booth (Wednesday 23 August 2006 10.00 – 11.00)
3. Discussion of IFLA Strategic Plan draft
4. Discussion of the Special PC Session: All Standing Committee members are urged to attend on Sunday, August 20th from 12.45 – 1:45
5. Financial Report
6. Activities in Seoul
7. Activities for Durban and Quebec
8. Global Studies Discussion Group Sponsorship

SUNDAY 20 AUGUST 2006, SPECIAL PC SESSION: 12.45-13.45
By invitation only: open to all members of Standing Committees (Hearing session for Standing Committee members of all IFLA Sections to discuss the future of IFLA’s professional structure, as proposed by the Professional Committee)

FRIDAY 25 AUGUST 2006, SC II: 11.00-13.50, ROOM 302
1. Presentation of Judith Dueck on HURIDOCS (Human Rights Information and Documentation Systems)
2. Activities in Durban
3. Activities in Quebec
4. Use of online forums / teleconferencing to facilitate Section Committee communication and discussion during the year
5. Section Projects & Strategic Planning
6. Public Relations, discussion of Jacque Helleman’s research into the Social Science Committee Membership worldwide (See preceding article in this newsletter.)
7. Report from Special PC Session on the future of IFLA’s professional structure, as proposed by the Professional Committee)
8. Reports on Conference Sessions in Seoul
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