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Social Science Libraries Section Elections

Dear Members,

*I hope all is well with you and you are enjoying the seasons, wherever you are. On behalf of the whole committee I'd like to **welcome new members** to the Standing Committee:*

Elizabeth Cooper, Anthropology Librarian, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, USA

Ralf Depping, Head of Lending, University and City Library of Cologne, Germany

P.R. Goswami, Director, National Social Science Documentation Centre, Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi, India

Stanislav Kalkus, Assistant Professor, Institute of Information Studies and Librarianship, Charles University, Czech Republic

Muttayya M. Koganuramath, University Librarian, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India

I look forward to meeting you in Durban and your advice and active participation in the section in the years to come.

In preparation for the conference in Durban, the standing committee must choose a slate of candidates to serve as Chair and Secretary. These are two-year posts. The current officers are all eligible to run for a second term. If you are interested in nominating yourself or a colleague for this post, please contact me by 15 July 2007.

[Please see the full details on the election process and obligations, further in this Newsletter issue.]

As the current Chair, I would be glad to serve a second two-year term as Chair. Of course, I only serve at the committee's pleasure and will happily allow another colleague the opportunity to serve the committee.

We hope to arrange a social evening during the conference to see a bit of the city and provide time to relax and learn more about each other.

Best regards,

Steve Witt

Chairperson, Social Science Libraries Standing Committee (June 2007)

NOTE: All members are listed with affiliation and contact information on the final pages of this newsletter. The Social Science Libraries Standing Committee has 11 members, and two Corresponding Members.

NOTICE: (See Draft Agenda for Durban in this Newsletter.)

The Social Science Libraries Standing Committee Meetings 2007 in Durban, South Africa will meet:

18 August, Saturday

SC-I: 14.30-17.20

24 August, Friday

SC-II: 08.30-10.50

NOTE: Social Science Libraries Standing Committee Members are obliged to attend these two meetings in Durban.

Other meetings in Durban:

Friday, 17 August
Governing Board & Professional
Committee & Coordinating Board (note: CB
on Friday afternoon, NOT Saturday)

Sunday, August 19
Conference Begins

Friday, August 24
Division Coordinating Committees

Saturday, August 25
Governing Board



Social Science Libraries Section Focus on Evidence Based Practice at the.....

**World Library and Information
Congress:
73rd IFLA
General
Conference
and Council,
Durban, South
Africa, 19-23 August 2007**



"Libraries for the future: Progress, Development and Partnerships"

**Thursday, 23 August 2007
Session #154 SI
10.45-12.45**

*Evidence based practice in social
science libraries: using research and
empirical data to improve service*

- [Culture, Capability and Character in Applying Evidence to Service Enhancement and Development: an Exploration](#)
ERIC DAVIES (LISU,
Loughborough University,
Loughborough, England)
- [Grass Roots Peer Training: an Evidence-Based Experience](#)
PAULINE MANAKA and CAROL

ANN HUGHES (University of
California, Irvine, USA)

- [Difusión de la información en el campo de la conservación del patrimonio cultural: la adopción del acceso abierto en ICOMOS](#)
IMMA SUBIRATS COLL (FAO of
the UN, Rome, Italy) and JOSÉ
GARCÍA VICENTE (ICOMOS
Documentation Centre, Paris,
France)
- Action research application in Evidence
Based Practice for Libraries
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Córdoba, Argentina)
- [Library and Information Services to Social Science Researchers: a case study from India](#)
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Evidence Based Practice in Social Science Librarianship

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Libraries that support the social sciences work closely with scholars, students, policy makers, and civil society in what forms a vast and often times cloudy mass of disciplines and increasingly interdisciplines. These include economics to sociology to area studies to education to geography to communications. The research methodologies with which social science librarians work and can potentially draw upon are similarly vast, including case studies, ethnography, action research, evaluation studies, textual analysis, historiography, survey research, measurement, and testing. Social science librarians are thus well placed to inform the development of evidence based information practice or librarianship (EBL) through their knowledge of social science methodologies and their practical employment in fields such as communications, development studies, education and social work.

In order to better understand the potential role of social science methodologies and librarians within the emerging area of EBL, the IFLA Social Science Libraries Section (SSLS) is researching both the extent of evidence-based practice's use within social science libraries and the ways in which qualitative social science methodologies such as action research and case studies may be employed in the spirit of evidence based practice. Through this two-year project, the SSLS will publish a volume that will contain (1) a literature review on evidence-based librarianship as it is defined and practiced within social science libraries; (2) results of a survey of social science librarians within academic and special libraries on the extent of usage of evidence-based practice and methodologies employed; and (3) a series of case studies that demonstrate best-practices.

Central to the IFLA Section's study of evidence based practice is the definition of evidence based practice and the stature of evidence based methodologies within the social sciences.

As Booth notes, evidence based practice "advocates the collection, interpretation, and integration of valid, important and applicable evidence ... derived from rigorously conducted research" to inform decision making (2003, 4). In the sense of informed decision making, evidence based practice maps well with qualitative methodologies such as case studies and action research. For example, action research, aims to address social issues and solve practical problems within organizations (Schwandt, 1997). The utility of qualitative methods in EBL is noted by Koufagiannakis and Crumley, who encourage librarians to conduct "different types of research, including interviews, questionnaires, focus groups, and case studies (2002). This clearly provides social science librarians with an opportunity to adopt the expertise available from the literature and discipline they work with to inform EBL as it continues to develop.

EBL's genesis within the health sciences and historically scientific bias, however, creates potential problems for its adoption by social science librarians. Just as action research is often criticized as not being as rigorous as some other more

scientific approaches to social research, evidence based practice and other scientifically based research models are criticized from within the qualitative community for their over-reliance on evidence that is based upon quasi-scientific approaches to social phenomena that afford the results a legitimacy and authority by virtue of their methodological associations with the biomedical sciences.

EBL's scientific roots and the sometimes negative view of qualitative approaches in the EBL literature has the potential to taint the widespread adoption of EBL among librarians, whose academic backgrounds lie largely within the humanities and social sciences, two fields that don't necessarily conform to positivistic approaches to inquiry. The IFLA Social Science Libraries Section's research aims to both bridge this potential gap by investigating ways in which social science methodologies can inform evidence based inquiry within libraries. To initiate this process, the Social Science Libraries Section is sponsoring a program at the August 2007 World Library and Information Congress: 73rd IFLA General Conference and Council in Durban, South Africa. This program will serve as a starting point for a two-year dialogue and inquiry within the social science libraries community on the use of EBL and potential for qualitative and mix-methods approaches to inquiry into the impact and improvement of library services and resources.

To coincide with the August 2007 program in Durban, a survey will be distributed to social science librarians on their views of EBL, use of EBL in research and program development, and choice of methodologies in general research and professional inquiry. In 2008, the IFLA Social Sciences Libraries section will report the results and analysis of this survey and host a second program that focuses on the use of EBL within social science libraries at the 2008 World Library and Information Congress: 74th IFLA General Conference and Council to be held in Quebec, Canada.

These programs and survey results will serve as the basis for a monograph that highlights EBL within the social sciences.

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NOTE: If you are interested in joining this project, please contact Steve Witt at switt@uiuc.edu. Chair, Social Science Libraries Standing Committee.

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IFLA Durban Cultural Events Changed

IFLA has been deliberating the issue of too many special events attached to the annual congress and the costs (time and money) linked to such events. Therefore it will be suggested that future congresses reduce to two special events only. In light of the above, particularly because of the cost factor, the organisers for WLIC 2007 took a decision to reduce from four to three special events for the 2007 congress. To achieve this, the Cultural Evening and the Gala Dinner have been combined into one event, now known as the CULTURAL GALA. Because both events were listed on the registration form, your indication to attend the Gala Dinner on Wednesday 22 August will be used instead as an indication to now attend the Cultural Gala on that evening. If you wish to change your indication, kindly inform the organizers. There is no additional fee payable to attend the above functions, but you have to book for the events on your registration form.

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IFLA Invitation to Special Hearing

To the members of all IFLA Section's Standing Committees; To the Boards, Committees and Boards of IFLA's Core Activities

It is my pleasure to invite you on behalf of IFLA's Professional Committee to attend the hearing session on:

Sunday 19 August, 11.45-13.30

Best wishes, and see you in Durban,

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NOTE: The discussion paper follows:

GB 07 - 028RRR

IFLA Professional Structure Review Committee Report and Recommendations April 25, 2007

1. Background

At its meeting in December 2006, the Professional Committee (PC) decided to form a new committee, the IFLA Professional Structure Review Committee, comprising certain members of the current Professional Committee and the four most recent past PC chairs, to "make recommendations to the Professional Committee on the professional structure of the Federation. The Committee's work will be informed by the report of a committee of past Professional Committee chairs appointed by the Governing Board in 2006, comments by current members of the Professional Committee, and comments made at and following the public hearing convened in Seoul on the professional structure of the Federation."

The Professional Structure Review Committee began work on this charge at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., February 19-20, 2007, with all members present. Members include: Nancy Bolt, Gwynneth Evans, Nancy Gwinn, Torny Kjekstad, Ia McIlwaine, Sissel Nilsen, Donna Scheeder, Winston Tabb (Chair), and Jacinta Were. (Ralph Manning, an original member of the committee, had to withdraw for personal reasons. Sjoerd Koopman, IFLA's Professional Coordinator and ex-officio member of the committee was unable to attend.)

The Professional Committee and Governing Board met in The Hague on April 24, 2007, and offered a number of comments, which were included in the document.

2. Framework

Believing that it is critical to be clear about why the re-examination of IFLA's professional structure is necessary, the Committee began its work by asking two questions: "What kind of professional organization do we want IFLA to be, and what objectives are we trying to achieve through the restructuring?"

Building on a set of attributes for governance that were included in the Review of the implementation of the 2001 Statutes (GB-05-123RR) presented to the Governing Board at its March 2006 meeting, the group agreed that the following attributes were critical for IFLA:

Attributes

Alignment with IFLA's aims, core values,
professional priorities, and strategic plan
Capacity to renew and grow

Inclusiveness

Continuity

Clarity

Transparency/Accountability

Dedicated members

Responsiveness to its members

Staff responsiveness to officers and members

The Committee then developed the following set of objectives that would guide the restructuring effort and move IFLA toward becoming the kind of organization envisioned above:

Objectives

Achieve strategic plan and professional priorities

Minimize bureaucracy

Facilitate robust, growing IFLA

Support programme diversity

Facilitate regional interests - including both geography and language

Improve communication

Balance growth and continuity

Enhance the ability of IFLA to show the relevance of libraries in the modern world

Enlarge the pool of leaders and participants

Ensure financial viability for IFLA

3. Conclusions

Having reached consensus on these overarching issues, the Committee turned to specific recommendations with regard to three structural elements in IFLA – Divisions, Sections, and Discussion Groups/Special Interest Groups - and the more general issue of the role of these groups' officers in the overall governance of the Federation.

4. Divisions**4.A. Role**

Divisions cluster Sections and Special Interest Groups according to broad categories of interest to facilitate the professional programme of IFLA. They are primarily administrative structures focusing on such issues as finances, information sharing, and Congress planning.

4.B. Value

Divisions improve communications vertically and horizontally within IFLA, minimize bureaucracy, provide opportunities for leadership, and reduce duplication.

4.C. Recommendations

4.C.1. While Divisions can and do add value, the present arrangement of Divisions is overly complicated, administratively burdensome, is no longer logically structured, and does not meet the

need for clarity and collaboration in the organization. Therefore, the Committee recommends that IFLA establish four Divisions, with each Section, Special Interest Group, and Core Activity assigned to one Division, as follows:

a. Library Types

b. Library Materials, Functions and Services

c. Support for the Profession

d. Regions

4.C.1.a. Library Types

Agricultural Libraries SIG

National Libraries

Academic and Research Libraries

Quality Issues in Libraries SIG

Library and Research Services for Parliaments

Government Libraries

Public Libraries

Metropolitan Libraries

Libraries for the Blind

Law Libraries

Art Libraries

Genealogy and Local History

Libraries for Children and Young Adults

School Libraries and Resource Centers

Health and BioSciences Libraries

Science and Technology Libraries

Social Science Libraries

4.C.1.b. Library Materials, Functions, and Services

Reference and Information Service

Information Literacy

Acquisition and Collection Development

Document Delivery and Resource Sharing

Government Information and Official

Publications

Preservation and Conservation

Information Technology

Geography and Map Libraries

Library Services to Multicultural Populations

Libraries Serving Disadvantaged Persons

Reading

Bibliography

Classification and Indexing

Cataloguing

Rare Books and Manuscripts

Audio Visual and Multimedia

Newspapers

Serials and Other Continuing Resources

Knowledge Management

Libraries for Children and Young Adults

PAC Advisory Board Chair

UNIMARC Committee Chair

ICABS Advisory Board Chair

4.C.1.c. Support of the Profession

Management of Library Associations

New Professionals SIG
Women, Information and Libraries SIG
 Management and Marketing
 Education and Training
e-Learning SIG
LIS Education in Developing Countries SIG
 Continuing Professional Development and
 Workplace Learning
 Library Buildings and Equipment
 Statistics and Evaluation
 Library Theory and Research
Library History SIG
FAIFE Committee Chair
CLM Committee Chair
4.C.1.d. Region
 Africa
 Asian and Oceania
 Latin American and the Caribbean
Access to Information Network – Africa (ATINA)
SIG
ALP Advisory Board Chair

4.C.2. Each Division will have a Chair, elected from the out-going officers of the Sections in the Division and limited to one two-year term. Thus the Division Chair will not serve concurrently as a Section Chair. This will allow the Division Chair to focus on assisting the Division and serving on the PC/GB without Section officer responsibilities. The Division Chair can then visit more Section meetings and programmes and can develop effective meetings and communication with the Sections during the year.

4.D.3. The Division Chair will be elected by postal ballot, which will be sent to section officers of each Division as part of the normal election process. Outgoing Division Chairs will seek nominations for Division Chair from outgoing section officers.

4.D.4. The Division Chairs will serve on the Professional Committee.

4.D.5. In place of a Coordinating Board, at each Congress, each Division Chair will convene a Leadership Forum comprising the Chair and Secretary of each of its Sections, the convener of its Special Interest Groups, along with the Chair of the Advisory Board of any Core Activities assigned to the Division. At the Leadership Forum, participants will discuss issues, inform Division Chairs of views, make suggestions for future conferences, and, bring up matters of concern. The Forum will become a major vehicle for communication of Division members.

4.D.6. The Professional Committee for 2007-2009 will be asked to organize the process for

the first election under the new structure, which will take effect following the Quebec Congress.

5. Sections

5.A. Role

Sections address areas of continuing interest to substantial numbers of IFLA members.

5.B. Value

Strong Sections make a strong IFLA. Sections contribute to both the Professional and Membership Pillars of the association. They contribute substantive content at the Congress; produce publications, standards and guidelines; and engage in other worthwhile projects that benefit IFLA members and the profession. Strong, growing Sections bring in more members and participation in IFLA. Sections allow library and information professionals to find opportunities for learning, growth, collaboration and sharing on specific areas of continuing interest on a global basis. Therefore, the Committee concludes that IFLA should, in general, focus on strengthening the existing Sections.

5.C. Recommendations

5.C.1. *All Sections will be required to have a minimum of 50 members AND 10 members of the Standing Committee.* The maximum number of Standing Committee members will remain 20, with the understanding that the Chair of the Professional Committee will continue to have authority to authorize as many as 22 members (RoP 12.16). Requiring a minimum of 50 members provides economic viability for IFLA, provides a critical pool from which standing committee members may be nominated, and encourages regional and language diversity. Requiring 10 members of standing committees is necessary to accomplish the Section's work, helps grow new leaders and train new officers, and creates greater potential for diversity.

5.C.2. Sections that do not meet these requirements by June 1, 2007 (the end of the current cycle for election of Standing Committee Members) will have two years (i.e., by 2009) in which to achieve the required number.

5.C.3. At the conclusion of the 2009 elections, the PC will work with any Section that does not have 50 members and 10 members of the Standing Committee to do one of the following:

- a. disband the Section;
- b. become a Special Interest Group (See VI below) under another Section; or
- c. merge with another Section.

5.C.4. Any Section that would like either to become a SIG or merge with another Section before 2009 will be strongly encouraged to

consult with the PC about the process for doing so.

5.C.5. No new Sections will be created before 2009 at the earliest.

5.C.6. Newly created Sections will be given six years (three election cycles) to build up the required membership. To move from a SIG to a Section, SIGs must submit a petition with the names of 25 institutions or associations that are members or agree to become paying members of IFLA and the new Section, a plan for recruiting new members, and a strategic plan.

To assist Sections in finding new members, the IFLA staff, under the guidance of the Professional Committee, will complete a membership recruitment manual that offers suggestions for what Sections can do. This manual will be completed by June 1, 2007, and be the subject of a training session for Section officers in Durban.

5.C.7. The Professional Committee will work with the Division chairs of specific Sections to move toward certain mergers between now and August 2007.

6. Special Interest Groups (SIG)

6.A. Role

Special Interest Groups address emerging issues or trends or issues of continuing interest to a relatively small number of IFLA members.

6.B. Value

Special Interest Groups bring together IFLA members with common and continuing interests that they wish to discuss/explore, but which are not included in the Mission, Goals and Strategic Plan of an existing Section. Interests may cut across the concerns of multiple Sections, identify and follow an emerging issue or trend, be very specialized or narrow and be relevant to a small number of members.

6.C. Recommendations

6.C.1. There will be only one grouping, and it shall be called Special Interest Group instead of Discussion Group.

6.C.2. Each SIG must be attached to a Section.

6.C.3. Leadership of the SIG may come from an interested person or from the Section leadership. However, the SIG leader must be a member of an institution or association that is a member of the sponsoring Section or must be a Personal Member of that Section.

6.C.4. To form a SIG, a convener must submit a petition to the Professional Committee signed by 25 persons who intend to participate in the SIG, requesting either

a. a meeting at the next World Congress to invite people to see if there is sufficient interest, or

b. the immediate establishment of a SIG under a Section that has agreed to accept it.

If the Professional Committee approves the request, the PC will arrange for the meeting and, if the SIG has not found a Section sponsor, find a sponsor.

6.C.5. SIGs may exist as either a virtual group or as a group that meets at the annual World Congress.

6.C.6. The sponsoring Section will review the SIG every four years at the World Congress to decide whether to affirm or disband the SIG at that time and will report this action to the PC at the close of that World Congress. There will be no required ending period for a SIG and no expectation that it will automatically become a Section.

6.C.7. Administrative funds for a SIG must come from the Section's budget; however, a SIG is eligible to apply for special project funds if the Section approves the request.

6.C.8. The convener of the SIG will be a member of the sponsoring Section's Standing Committee either through the normal nomination process or as an ex-officio member.

6.C.9. The term of office of the SIG convener is two years after the start-up meeting, renewable once by appointment of the sponsoring Section's Standing Committee.

6.C.10. The work of the SIG must be included in the Section's strategic plan.

6.C.11. IFLA will schedule a two-hour meeting for SIGs that wish to meet at the World Congress. However, if the SIG wishes to hold a formal programme, that request must be submitted by the Section as the Section's programme for the Congress, as a special request from the Section for additional programme hours, or as a satellite meeting.

7. Professional Committee-Recommendations

7.A.1. There will be a Professional Committee comprising the Chair (elected from the out-going members), the chairs of the four Divisions, IFLA's President-Elect, and the chairs of FAIFE and CLM Committees (non-voting).

7.A.2. The Chair of the Professional Committee will be elected by postal ballot sent to Section officers as part of the normal election process. The outgoing Chair of the Professional Committee will seek nominations from the outgoing Division Chairs to serve as the new Professional Committee Chair for the ensuing two-year term.

7.A.3. The PC chair, in consultation with the other PC members, may co-opt an additional

member of the PC for specified purposes and limited times.

7.A.4. At the beginning of each Congress, the PC Chair will convene a meeting of the PC with all Section Officers, SIG conveners and Chairs of the Core Activities advisory boards to discuss issues relating to the Congress and IFLA programmatic and administrative activities.

8.B. Governing Board - Recommendations

8.A.1. The Chair of the Professional Committee and the Chairs of the four Divisions will be members of the Governing Board.

8.A.2 The Chair of the Management of Library Associations Section will be a permanent, ex-officio member of the Governing Board.

9. Process and Timeline

The Committee asked Winston Tabb, Nancy Gwinn and Nancy Bolt to draft a report that was submitted to the entire PC for consideration at its April 2007 meeting. The PC approved the recommendations at this meeting and successfully sought support from the Governing Board (GB) that same month. The committee recommended that this report with its recommendations be forwarded electronically to the Sections and Chairs of the Advisory Boards of the Core Activities for review in early summer. The Review Committee will conduct a hearing early in the World Congress at Durban, and submit its final recommendations to the **existing** PC and GB for approval *at a special session* in Durban. Once final approvals are made, the Committee, working with IFLA HQ and the GB, will finalize changes needed in the Statutes and Rules of Procedure, so that IFLA HQ can send a postal ballot to Council for approval, enabling IFLA fully to implement the new structure during the 2008-09 nomination and election cycle.

2007 Schedule

April 1 Distribution of draft to the PC
 April 24 PC discussion and approval
 April 25 GB Discussion and approval
 June 15 Distribution of proposal to Sections and core activities
 August 19, 11:45-13:30 Hearing at Durban World Congress
 August ____ Special PC/GB session to act on proposal
 <date> Postal ballot to Council

Revised by Nancy Gwinn and Sjoerd Koopman
 15 June 2007



Notices of Interest:

Global-e

We are pleased to announce Global-e, a new electronic journal that focuses on research, methodologies, and teaching global studies. The journal is available at www.global-ejournal.org

Published quarterly, Global-e provides a forum for commentary on global events, processes, and issues. Each edition features brief essays by leading scholars and practitioners, offering provocative reflections on a range of topics with the aim of stimulating discussion among the global studies community. As each new edition is posted on the web, email announcements will be delivered to individual subscribers and to list serves associated with professional and scholarly organizations interested in global studies. We aim to both encourage circulation of commentary essays and stimulate discussion among readers. Accordingly, each essay will be open to reader response and deliberation.

Although available to Internet users around the world, Global-e will focus initially on building relations among global studies programs. Commentaries will focus on public issues, theoretical debates, methodological challenges, and curricular concerns. The Global-e editorial staff will solicit essays of approximately 800 words, which is the standard length for opinion pieces in most newspapers, magazines, and journals. Our aim is to provoke discussion and to provide commentators with an opportunity to circulate their ideas in a new format.

The journal is managed by a collaboration of global studies programs at the Universities of Illinois, North Carolina, Wisconsin-Madison and Milwaukee. We look forward to your active participation in Global-e.

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Free book on searching the Internet for development information
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The small, 86-page book has been written to help make it easier for people to find information about International Development on the Internet. It is written by staff of the IDS Information Department and covers over 30 themes such as Migration, Livelihoods, HIV and AIDS, Governance, Education, etc. Our editorial staff have produced a list of websites on each topic that they feel are good places to start searching for information and the book also includes advice on how to improve and evaluate search results.

We have allocated a large quantity of these books to go to development organizations in low and middle income countries. If you would like to request a copy, please email agoodplacetostart@ids.ac.uk with your name, job title and address and we will gladly send you one. Stocks are limited however, so if you would like a copy, please email us by the end of March.

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The American Library Association met in Washington, DC, June 2007 and presented a program on:

The Internationalization of Library Education

ALA IRC (International Relations Committee)

Representatives of three European countries presented current and future trends in library education, focusing on advances called for by the Bologna Process. They addressed issues of importance to ALA members, such as the

training of new generations of library professionals.

Participants gave a brief overview of developments in their countries and the development of a joint European curriculum that will enable professional mobility among the countries of an increasingly unified Europe.

Speakers: Tajana Aparac-Jelusic, Head, Dept. of Inf. Services, University J. J. Strossmayer, Osijek, Croatia; Aira Lepik, Head, Grad. School of Social Sci., Tallin University, Estonia; Ursula Gregory, President, KIBA, Conf. of German Univ. in Information and Library Sci., Germany. (Note: Ragnar Audunson, Chairman, EUCLID, The European Org. for Ed. Research in Library and Inf. Sci., Norway, scheduled but unable to attend.)

The following "Press Release, ADBS, L'Association des professionnels de l'information et de la documentation (France), 20 June 2007" further connects this important program and should be of interest to professionals in Social Science Libraries, as well as others.

Twelve European Information associations reinforce their cooperation to enhance professional competencies

A meeting to study the enhancement of the competencies of European information professionals was convened in Paris, the 15 June 2007, by the ADBS. In attendance of the meeting were representatives of professional associations from twelve countries: Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom.

The morning session allowed to take stock of the development of Euro **certification**, the European device of certification of competencies in conformity with the international standard ISO 17024. Associations in seven countries are already involved in the award of **European certificates of qualification level in information services**, applying the rules established by the CERTIDoc Consortium.

Joint communication activities have been planned to come into operation within the next few months, with a view to broaden the audience of the Euro certification and to heighten the awareness of some prospective partners.

The afternoon session was dedicated to the follow-up of the **Euro guide LIS**. The 2nd edition, issued in 2004, is now available in eleven languages and had a real success in all Europe and even outside. Hundreds and hundreds of printed copies were bought; thousands of users downloaded it when visiting

from the web site where it is freely available. Several among the participants outlined the diversity of the uses made of this tool. In some countries it was the basis for redesigning the LIS curricula in universities and professional schools, in full accordance with the provisions for the Higher Education Area required by the Bologna process.

In view of the elaboration of a 3rd edition to be issued in 2009 the decision was made to set up a "Consortium Euro guide." In each country (or linguistic area), a national association will be a member of the Consortium and will serve, when the need arises, as a switching point for other associations or organizations in the country using the *Euro guide*. A wiki will be set up to further the collaborative work of the various associations.

The information profession has now at its disposal the *Euro guide* and the Euro certification which are, at the European level, two major tools for analysing and fostering the competencies of the professionals. The European meeting of 15 June 2007 has shown the relevance of the "project approach" for a work jointly done by various associations at the European level. It brought to light the driving role of the ADBS, which for fifteen years had invested in the conception, maintenance and promotion of these tools for a collective management of professional competencies.

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Access to Learning Award

Friends,

Please share this information about the **Access to Learning Award** with libraries or organizations outside the United States that provide free Internet access to the public through innovative means. Funded through the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the award recipient(s) receive international recognition and are honored at the annual IFLA World Library and Information Congress. The Award recipient receives \$1 million USD. The application deadline for the 2008 ATLA is 31 December 2007.

Loriene Roy
ALA President

Note: The attachment file was quite large. You'll find the full text of the brochures by clicking on the URL, below.

Dear Loriene

The 2008 brochures (in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish) <http://www.gatesfoundation.org/GlobalDevelopment/GlobalLibraries/AccessLearningAward/RelatedInfo/ATLABrochure.htm> and application form (in English only) <http://www.gatesfoundation.org/GlobalDevelopment/GlobalLibraries/AccessLearningAward/RelatedInfo/ATLAApplicationForm.htm> are now available.

We are in the process of sending printed and email copies of the brochure to everyone in our own network. We shall also post to relevant list serves known to us. We should like to use your knowledge and experience to add to the spread of the dissemination.

For your reference, I have attached a copy of the ATLA brochure in English and the application form. We will shortly be sending out a few copies of the brochure to you and will also be making about 2,000 copies available for distribution during IFLA.

Carol Priestley, Director

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Fondation Carnot Digital Catalogue

The French book publisher *Les Presses Universitaires des Rennes* and the *Fondation Carnot* have been publishing a collection consecrated to modern and contemporary history since 1999. We have just completed a digital catalogue presenting all of the books published thus far with their tables of contents. We have also translated the catalogue into English in order to create more international exposure for the collection. We are searching to reach French-History Scholars.

We would like to ask for your assistance in distributing this catalogue (at least an e-link) to the members of IFLA's social sciences section. We would equally like, in the future, to ask you to distribute information concerning the release of our new publications (no more than 4 per year).

We invite you to visit us at www.carnot.org and at www.pur-editions.fr to learn more about our organization, its activities and publications.

For La Fondation Carnot
Emmanuel Parent, Project Coordinator

GB 07 – 040RRR 2 May 2007
IFLA Election Process and Timetable: SC
Members, and Officers, Co-ordinating
Boards, Professional Committee

Phase I: Call for Nominations Autumn 2006

1. In October 2006 IFLA/HQ distributed the Calls for Nomination for Standing Committee (SC) members of all Sections for the period 2007-2011. These Calls were sent to all members of all 45 sections. The deadline for submission was 7 February 2007. Results of Standing Committee nominations were processed by IFLA/HQ during February and March 2007.

2. For the majority of the committees, all those legally nominated were automatically elected, because the number of nominees was lower than or equalled the number of vacancies.

3. IFLA/HQ provided the chairs of SCs whose numbers did not exceed twenty with lists of all SC members thus elected for 2007-2011. Together with the members 2005-2009, they form the electorate for Officers (Chairs and Secretaries) 2007-2009.

4. The PC Chair ratified the nominations in those Sections in which one or two extra members ere nominated, as permitted by the RoP 12.16. The Section Chairs were notified of this decision through the list of SC members.

5. In a limited number of cases the larger number of nominations than vacancies made further elections necessary. Postal ballots were distributed to the Section members. The deadline for return is May 15, 2007.

6. The results will be communicated to the Chairs of the SC's involved. In the Sections concerned the electorate for Officers 2007-2009 will be the same as described under 3.

7. In summary: candidates eligible to stand as Officers 2007-2009 must be members of that Standing Committee, i.e. fully elected committee members for either the period 2005-2009 or 2007-2011.

Phase II: Election of Officers: Preparation and Process

8. It is the responsibility of the outgoing officers, normally the Chair, to organize the election.

9. The Chair (or Secretary) should, in June 2007, circulate committee members and ask for nominations. At the same time s/he should indicate whether the current office holders wish to stand for a second term, **provided they are eligible** (i.e. have been properly re-elected to the committee or have 2 further years to serve, and have only held the office in question for 2 years).

10. Nominations should be circulated to all voting members in July 2007. This is to enable the people concerned to clarify with their employer conditions for attendance at and funding for the next 2 IFLA conferences. This is particularly important given that Durban (2007), Quebec City (2008) and Milan (2009) will involve both considerable cost and absence from the workplace for many people.

Phase III - Durban

11. During the first SC meeting at Durban, 18 August 2007, each committee should elect a Chair and a Secretary from its membership. By preference, one of them also fulfils the role of Treasurer.

12. All officers are elected for a 2 year period. A person may only be re-elected to the same office once, serving in that office for a total of 4 years.

13. It should be noted that the Chairs and Secretaries of committees will form the new Division Co-ordinating Board. During the Durban conference, all Co-ordinating Boards likewise will elect a Chair and a Secretary from their number.

14. The time frame for all these elections is short and it is therefore imperative that nominations are sought in good time and circulated to the electorate. It is the responsibility of the outgoing Chair, if necessary checking with IFLA/HQ, to ensure that all candidates nominated to hold office are eligible to do so.

15. The Chairs (or in exceptional cases the Secretaries) of the new Co-ordinating Boards will (together with the President-Elect, two members of the Governing Board, elected from their number and the PC Chair, elected from the outgoing Professional Committee members) form the new Professional Committee (PC).

The Commitments of the Professional Committee

16. The Professional Committee has several commitments:

a. Its members form part of the Governing Board (GB) and members are expected to attend three GB meetings which take place on **the day after the SC II meetings at the end of the conference**, in December and April in The Hague;

b. The PC meets in committee twice a year outside the conference, in December and April in The Hague (timed to coincide with GB meetings), and normally once at the beginning of the conference;

c. These commitments mean that members must be prepared to spend approximately two weeks a year at meetings, in addition to extra time at the end of the conference. The time and expenses of this work are not funded by IFLA, so both funding and absence need to be clarified with employers.

17. Those who have been nominated should understand what they are committing to, in terms of time and cost, before expressing willingness to stand for election. It would be helpful if they could also indicate to the Chair of the relevant CB their willingness or otherwise to stand as Chair of that Board. All members should realise what is involved and if they wish to stand, should arrange to remain in Durban for one extra day [Saturday 25 August 2007].

18. The outgoing Chair and Secretary of the CB should arrange an orderly transfer of business to the new officers. The outgoing officers do not have to attend the last CB on the last Friday of the conference.

Durban Conference Timetable

19. During the Durban conference, the time table will be as follows:

a. Saturday 18 August 2007 – Standing Committees elect office holders

b. Sunday 19 August 2007, 16:00-16:30 hrs. – New CBs meet to elect Chair and Secretary; usually the Chair will represent the Division as PC member.

c. Outgoing PC members take the new members immediately to a brief meeting (16:30-17:00 hrs.) to elect the new Chair of the PC (from outgoing PC members).

d. Monday 20 August 2007 – 13:45-15:45 and 16:00-18:00: two (equal) information and training sessions for all Officers.

e. Friday, 24 August – New officers chair the Section and Division CB meetings

f. Saturday 25 August 2007 – New PC joins the elected GB members for the first meeting of the new GB. **Sjoerd Koopman; Revised by Gwynneth Evans; IFLA/HQ, 25 April 2007**

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Navigating towards global
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10-14 August 2008, Québec, Canada

400th Anniversary of the Founding of Québec City

Québec City is hard at work preparing to celebrate its 400th anniversary. It will be a time to commemorate past achievements, as well as an opportunity to better understand the present, and to look to the future. For more information: <http://www.quebec400.qc.ca>

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Universities often drive technological expertise, and Québec City is no exception. The Québec area boasts 170 research centres, 127 of which are directly or indirectly associated with Université Laval, the oldest French-speaking university in North America. Laval University is also recognized for its international profile and every year it welcomes thousands of students from other countries. Other academic institutions in the city include the Institut national de la recherche scientifique and three of its component organizations (INRS-Water, INRS-Georesources and INRS-Culture and Society) and the École nationale d'administration publique, which is the Université du Québec's school of public administration with warmth and an endearing sense of *joie de vivre*.

The Conference Venue

The Québec City Convention Centre is a state-of-the-art facility located in the heart of Québec City just outside the walls of historic Old Québec. Underground walkways connect it to a complex that includes two major hotels, indoor parking, and a shopping centre.

Convention-goers will love being within easy walking distance of the countless things that make Québec City such a delight — its stores, boutiques, restaurants, museums, nightclubs, and tourist attractions. Also not to be missed are the immense Battlefields Park and Old Québec — wonderful places to explore in any season!

The Convention Centre includes an Exhibit Hall, a Convention Hall, a multipurpose room, and 36 meeting rooms, offering a total public area that can accommodate up to 10,000 participants at a time.

Information on the 74th IFLA General Conference and Council is available on this IFLANET Web Site:

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Social Science Libraries Section Satellite Conference 2008, Quebec City, Canada

Disappearing disciplinary borders in the social science library – global studies or sea change?

A growing number of institutions and scholars are venturing into the arena of global studies and globalization studies. Situated in economics, political science, policy studies, and other discrete fields of the social sciences, global studies encompass both the perception and reality of our interconnected and interdisciplinary societies. The multi-disciplinary and interdisciplinary nature of studies and resources in this area spans the entire spectrum of IFLA interests such as agricultural libraries, information literacy programs, digital libraries, government libraries, information technology, and professional development, and covers all of the world's geographic regions.

Further, given the changes within the social sciences as they have traditionally been defined, how can librarians continue to provide services and resources to scholars who are working on necessarily interdisciplinary research

questions within the constraints of organizational structures (Universities, Libraries, Associations, Journals) that don't support or even acknowledge this work?

The focus of the conference will be on the development of resources that will support the librarian's work in interdisciplinary and multi-disciplinary fields, exploration of virtual spaces for collaboration of those interested in these fields, and strategies for promoting the work of these librarians in the larger environment.

The proposed Schedule for Satellite Meeting is arrival and pre-conference gathering, 5:00 pm; 6 August 2008 followed by two full days with keynote speakers and contributed papers, 7-8 August 2008. Possible tracks include Emerging interdisciplinarity, Educating global students, Datasets for all, and Social Networks, including Google, I-Labs, Digital differences.

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August 2009, Milan, Italy



<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Milan>

DRAFT AGENDA DURBAN SATURDAY 18 AUGUST 2007 SC I Social Science Libraries 14.30-17.20

1. **Welcome**
 - a) **New Members**
 - b) Apologies
 - c) Adoption of Agenda
2. **Review and Approval of Minutes of the Standing Committee Meetings in Seoul, 2006** (meetings of 9 and 25 August 2006)
 - Matters arising from these minutes
3. **Election of Committee Officers**
4. Notice of the Professional Committee Hearing: **Sunday 19 August**, 11.45-13.30.
5. Financial Report
6. Communications
 - a) Newsletter (on the IFLA website)
 - b) List Serve
 - c) Leaflet (on the IFLA website)
 - d) Use of online forums/teleconferencing to facilitate Section Committee communication and discussion during the year – Review and Discussion
7. Activities in Durban
8. Activities for Montreal
9. Pre-Conference Planning and Status
10. Strategic Plan Review 2006-2007
 - a) Goal I-A – Seoul, Korea
 - b) Goal I-B – “NGOs...” IFLA Buenos Aires Program published
 - c) Goal I-C – Durban, South Africa Programs
 - d) Goal I-D – Satellite Conference, West or South Africa, August 2007
 - e) Goal I-E – Section Brochure Update and Translate
 - f) Goal I-F – 1,2,3,4 Section Communications
 - g) Goal II – A-C Expand Committee Membership
 - h) Goal III – A-B Diversity Among Committee Membership
 - i) Goal IV – A-B Expand Section Membership
10. Division Project: Evidence Based Librarianship

FRIDAY 24 AUGUST 2007 SC II Social Science Libraries 08.30-10.50

1. Report from Professional Committee Hearing
2. Reports on Conference Sessions in Durban.
3. Section Projects
 - a) Evidence Based Librarianship
4. Strategic Planning Update 2008-2009
 - a) President's Program
 - b) President-Elect's Program
 - c) Other IFLA Issues for Consideration
5. Future Conferences
 - a) Activities for Montreal 2008
 - b) Activities for Milan 2009
6. Other Business
7. Close of Meeting

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