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Social Science Libraries Section Program

Dear Colleagues,

As special and academic librarians are keenly aware, the social sciences as a body of knowledge reside at the center of an explosion of information that provides us with unique challenges and opportunities. The challenges reside in the blurring of disciplinary boundaries that brings together researchers and scholars from within the natural sciences, social sciences, and humanities to focus upon challenges that face us at the global level yet require synchronized local solutions. The proliferation of new communications tools is simultaneously providing opportunities for greater collaboration and the development of novel approaches to organizing and providing access to knowledge.

This summer, the Social Science Libraries Section will focus upon both of these challenges and opportunities through its Satellite Conference at the University of Toronto and conference program in Québec City at the IFLA World Library and Information Congress.

The satellite conference, which is described in greater detail within this newsletter (see pages 3-4), focuses on the effects of interdisciplinary and multi-disciplinary changes in the social sciences on libraries and library users. Conference tracks will focus on Social Networking systems developed by librarians, Data access and collections, and ways to respond to and support the increasingly interdisciplinary within the social sciences. Papers selected from the conference will be published in the IFLA Monographs series in 2009.

The section's main conference program, (see page 2) which was developed by Jacques Hellemans Université Libre de Bruxelles, focuses on the development of digital collections within the social sciences. The program features eight papers that focus upon facets of the program theme, *Borderless collections in the social sciences: platforms for digital access, disseminations and preservation.*

On behalf of the Social Science Section Standing Committee, I welcome your attendance at any of these programs. In addition, if you are at the conference in Québec City, you may wish to attend either of the Section's business meetings. The standing committee members are happy to receive ideas for programs, services, and activities to support social science librarians. In addition, we are always pleased to welcome prospective standing committee members.

Best regards,

Steve Witt, Chairperson, Social Science Libraries Standing Committee (June 2008)

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**NOTICE: (See Draft Meeting Agenda in this Newsletter, page 21.)
Social Science Libraries Standing Committee will Meet in Quebec City,
Canada:**

09 August, Saturday

SC-I: 11.30-14.20

15 August, Friday

SC-II: 11.00-13.50

**NOTE: Social Science Libraries Standing Committee Members are obliged to
attend these two meetings in Quebec City. Observers are welcome.**

Social Science Libraries Section Focus on Blurring of Disciplinary Boundaries at the ...

CONGRÈS MONDIAL DES BIBLIOTHÈQUES ET DE L'INFORMATION :
74^e CONGRÈS ET ASSEMBLÉE GÉNÉRALE DE L'IFLA • 10 - 15 AOÛT 2008



WORLD LIBRARY AND INFORMATION CONGRESS:
74th IFLA GENERAL CONFERENCE AND COUNCIL • 10 - 15 AUGUST 2008

**"Libraries without borders:
Navigating towards global
understanding"**

**10-14 August 2008,
Québec, Canada**

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Other meetings in Quebec City:

Friday, 08 August

Professional Committee 8.30-11.00
Governing Board 11.30-14.30
Division Coordinating Committees
15.00-18.00

Sunday, August 10

Conference Begins
Question and Answer Session on
Statutes Revision 12.35-13.45
Exhibition Opening 16.00-18.00

Thursday, August 14

Council Meeting 13.15-14.45
Closing Session 15.00-16.15

Saturday, August 16

Governing Board 8.30-17.00

Wednesday 13 August 2008

Session 148 # SI

13.45-18.00

Social Science Libraries with Division II – Special Libraries and Geography and Map Libraries

Borderless collections in the social sciences: platforms for digital access, disseminations and preservation

- [National Geographic Society: setting priorities in global digital outreach in a multimedia environment](#)
BARBARA FERRY (National Geographic Society, USA)
- [Joining the global research community: models for increasing visibility and access to international and national research information](#)
PETER BURNETT (INASP, UK)
- [Access to online resources in social sciences in Lithuania](#)
EMILIJA BANIONYTE (eIFL, Lithuania)
- [Vascoda.de and the system of the German virtual subject Libraries](#)
RALF DEPPING (University Köln, Germany)
- [Présentation de la bibliothèque numérique, Les Classiques des sciences sociales](#)
GILLES CARON AND JEAN-MARIE TREMBLAY (University Chicoutimi, Canada)
- Articles de fonds et articles récents: la mise en ligne des revues de sciences humaines et sociales engendre-t-elle un effet de « longue traîne » ? L'exemple du portail Cairn
MARC MINON (CAIRN, Belgium/France)
- Persee, un outil au service de la communication scientifique francophone
VALÉRIE NEOUZE (Ministry of Education, France)
- Infrastructures, publications et ressources numériques pour les sciences humaines et sociales: l'état des lieux au Canada et perspective réseau comme option stratégique
GUYLAINE BEAUDRY (University Montreal, Canada)

**Note: This Session will have
Simultaneous Interpretation (SI)**

**Disappearing Disciplinary
Borders in the Social
Science Library – Global
Studies or Sea Change?
Social Science Libraries Section
Satellite Conference
5 – 7 August Toronto, Canada
Preliminary Program**



Tuesday, August 5, 2008

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Informal Meet and Greet for Conference Attendees

Wednesday, August 6, 2008

8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. -- Registration

8:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

Coffee and pastries

8:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Introductions & Greetings, University of Toronto Libraries & Faculty of Information Science

Steve Witt, Carol Moore, Judith Dunn, and Victoria Owen

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Plenary Session

"Disciplinary Boundaries in an Interdisciplinary World"-Margaret Robb (University of Oxford)

10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Break

10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Track 1 - Interdisciplinarity in the Social Sciences - Where are we going?

"Being Undisciplined; or Traversing Disciplinary Configurations in Social Science and Humanities Databases: Conceptual Considerations for Interdisciplinarity and Multidisciplinarity"-Jean-Pierre Hérubel (Purdue University)

"Library Area Studies Organizations and Multi-Disciplinary Collecting and Research: The Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials (SALALM) Experience"-Mark Grover (Brigham Young Univ.)

"Walls Tumbling Down-Our Opportunity"-Jeffrey Knapp (Pennsylvania State Univ., Altoona College)

Track 2 - Dataservices - A future for the Social Sciences?

"Share and Share Alike? Data-Sharing Practices in Different Disciplinary Domains in the Social Sciences" - JoAnn Jacoby (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

"Realistically, Isn't Everything Social Science Data?" - Cindy Severt (Univ. of Wisconsin at Madison)

"Interdisciplinary Social Science Research and Socio-Economic Databases: Indian Scenario" - P.R. Goswami (National Social Science Documentation Centre, Indian Council of Social Science Research)

12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Lunch on your own

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Plenary Session

TBA

2:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Track 3 - Continuing Challenges

"Disappearing Disciplinary Borders in the Social Sciences - Data Acquisition - Access -- Management" - Jon Stiles (University of California, Berkeley) and Libbie Stephenson (UCLA)

"Congressional Documents: Opening Content for Multidisciplinary Studies" - Catherine Jervy (Lexis-Nexis), Marianne Ryan (Purdue University)

"Globaldisciplinarity in Academic Libraries" - Tasha Cooper (Syracuse University) and Urmila Sharma (Syracuse University)

Track 4 - Social Networks and Interdisciplinary Networking

"The Digital Difference of Online Social Networking in the Caribbean" - Fay Durrant (The University of the West Indies)

"The Academic Librarian & Techno-Communication: Facilitating Social Networking with Generation Y Students" - Anne Switzer (Oakland University)

"Community contributed content with Web 2.0 social bookmarking tools" - Michel Wesseling and Richard Lalleman (Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, Netherlands)

"The Interdisciplinary Communities of Practice of the Karst Information Portal" - Kay Townsend (University of South Florida, St. Petersburg) and E. Spencer Fleury (University of South Florida, Tampa)
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Conference Dinner

Keynote Speaker - David Moorman (Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada)

Thursday, August 7, 2008

8:15 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - Registration

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Coffee and pastries

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Plenary Session

TBA

10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Track 1 - Interdisciplinarity Continued

"Collection or Content? Developing a Social Science Proposition in the British Library" Jude England (The British Library)

"Trans-Atlantic Masters Program: Crossing Global and Disciplinary Boundaries" Angele Bardeen (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill) and Lisa Norbert (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill)

"Keeping Up with the Joneses: New Models to Support Developing Needs" Terry B. Hill (North Carolina Central University/UNC Chapel Hill)

Track 5 - Social Science Portals

"Promoting Interdisciplinary Resources: Teaching Scholars Portal Search" Jenny Mendelsohn (University of Toronto) and Patricia Bellamy (University of Toronto)

"Going Global: Facilitating Global Research and Education at GMU Libraries" LeRoy LaFleur (George Mason University), Melissa Johnson (George Mason University), and Beth Roszkowski (George Mason Univ.)

"No Passport Needed: Border Crossings in the Academic Library" Susan Alteri (Wayne State University) and Michael Sensiba (Wayne State University)

Noon - 1:30 p.m.

Wrap-up Luncheon and Presentations

Lynne Rudasill, Steve Witt

2:00 p.m. - **Tours and Social Events**

Pre-Conference Social: Tuesday, August 5 – 6:00 p.m.

If you are going to be in town on Tuesday night, we are planning a little get together at a local establishment. Food and drink at your own expense, but you will be able to meet other attendees, or catch up with old friends. If you are interested in attending, please e-mail Lynne Rudasill (rudasill@illinois.edu) by August 3. Once we have a final tally, we will let you know the venue of the event.

Tour of the University of Toronto Campus – Thursday, August 7 – 2:30 p.m.

Join colleagues for a walking tour of the University of Toronto campus. Please contact Lynne Rudasill at rudasill@illinois.edu if you are interested.

Special Tour of the Royal Ontario Museum – Thursday, August 7 – 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

A guided tour of the ROM is available to the first 15 people to sign up (contact Lynne Rudasill at rudasill@illinois.edu). The cost of the tour is \$20.00 which can be paid upon registration at the conference venue.

Post-Conference Night on the Town: Thursday, August 8 – 6:30 p.m.

If you have any energy left and aren't leaving Toronto until Friday, join colleagues for dinner and an evening out in Toronto.

Harbor Cruises – Please book on your own

Mariposa Cruises – One hour sightseeing tour of the harbourfront and island parklands. Afternoon schedule at 2:45 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. – cost \$20.00 + GST – for more information please go to <http://www.mariposacruises.com/cruises-harbour-tours.php>.

Jubilee Queen Cruise Lines – Thursday August 07, 2008 - Dinner Dance Cruise

Per Person - \$59.95 (+ Tax & Gratuities) Times: Boarding 6:30pm Departs 7:00pm Docks 10:30pm Debarks 11:00pm – for more information or to book cruise go to <http://www.jubileequeencruises.ca/Toronto-Dinner-Cruises.htm>.

Hippo Tours of Toronto – 90 minute guided tour of the city and harbour on an amphibious bus. 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. daily (in August you can check to see if there is a 5:00 p.m. tour as well) – Per Person - \$38.00 – for more information, including a video, go to <http://www.torontohippotours.com/html/home.html>.

For more things to do, check out the link to Local Information on the conference site, or in your official program.

IFLA General Assembly and Council Meeting Quebec City, AGENDA

1. Opening by the President, Claudia Lux
2. Appointment of Tellers
3. Establishment of a Quorum
4. Adoption of the Agenda
5. Minutes of the previous meeting, held in Durban, 23 August 2007
6. In memoriam of those members who have died during the past year
7. Presentation of the Report of the President
8. Presentation of the Report of the Secretary General
9. Presentation of the Annual Accounts by the Treasurer
10. Report by the Secretary General on the postal ballot on the proposed revision of the Statutes, and ratification of the proposed revision
11. Motions and Resolutions (see notes below)
 - o [Resolution to approve the holding of the next General Assembly in August 2009](#)
12. Address by the President
13. Closure of the Council meeting by the President



Dear IFLA Members

Following the hearings held in 2006 and 2007 on the future structure of IFLA's professional activities, a Working Party of the Governing Board has prepared a proposal for a thorough revision of IFLA's Statutes. In terms of IFLA's current Statutes, the proposal is being submitted to a postal ballot of IFLA members, with a deadline of 24 July 2008. The ballot papers and accompanying documentation are being posted today (26 March 2008). In the mean time, the proposed revised Statutes, together with an Introduction by IFLA President Prof Dr. Claudia Lux, and a document containing Explanatory Comments, has been posted at <http://www.ifla.org/III/statute-rev.htm>.

Kind regards,
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INTRODUCTION: IFLA STATUTES 2008 Revision

Purpose

This revision completes the review of the Statutes approved in Jerusalem in 2000. Its aims are: to implement the changes resulting from the consultation process conducted by the Professional Committee during 2006 and 2007; to incorporate other changes approved by the Governing Board and the Council; to clarify the revised IFLA Statutes endorsed by IFLA Council in 2000 by removing any inconsistencies or ambiguities; and to relocate matters of detail to the Rules of Procedure.

Process

The revision has benefited from the advice of the Committee established by the Governing Board in 2005 to comment on the Statutes. The Committee consisted of people knowledgeable about IFLA, the global library and information environment, the operation of associations, and the formulation of effective statutes: Kay Raseroka, Immediate Past President, IFLA (Botswana) – Chair; Rashidah Begum bt. Fazal Mohamed, former member of IFLA Governing Board (Malaysia); Don Butcher, Executive Director, Canadian Library Association (Canada); Bob McKee, Chief Executive Officer, CILIP and member Governing Board (UK) – Liaison with GB; Jan-Ewout van der Putten, CEO, FOBID (Netherlands), and President, EBLIDA. More recently, the revision has benefited from the advice of the Immediate Past President Alex Byrne, the Secretary-General Peter Lor, and Kelly Moore. It includes the results of discussions and decisions up to IFLA Council in Durban in 2007. At its December 2007 meeting in The Hague, the IFLA Governing Board considered in detail a draft of this revision which also reflected the changes made to the professional structure of IFLA following the consultation process conducted by IFLA's Professional Committee. The GB asked a new Statutes Group (consisting of Nancy Gwinn, Claudia Lux, Bob Mckee and Barbara Schleihagen) to prepare a final draft incorporating the comments of the GB. This Group met in Berlin on February 6, 2008, and developed a final draft of the revision. This draft was then

submitted to GB members for comment. It was also submitted to IFLA's attorneys, Pels Rijcken Drooglever Fortuijn, to ensure that it is in accordance with the law of the Netherlands. The attached revision proposal takes into account amendments proposed by GB members and by our attorneys.

Principles

In order to achieve its aims and to facilitate translation, the revision amends and clarifies the Statutes by:

1. including the changes proposed by the Governing Board;
2. using a model format obtained by the Secretary-General in order to reduce the likelihood of future legal difficulties;
3. rephrasing where necessary in plain English, adopting British English spelling and usage;
4. ensuring that terminology is consistent and providing definitions where required.
5. ensuring that each clause deals only with a single issue;
6. adopting general provisions in the Statutes, with specific details relocated to the Rules of Procedure;
7. simplifying the numbering of clauses where necessary to facilitate reference.

Incorporation of agreed changes

The revision incorporates changes agreed by the Governing Board and noted in the following papers:

- GB 07-056 Proposed amendments to Statutes and Rules of Procedure
- GB07-042R Indemnification of Governing Board members, members of committees, and trustees of Foundations
- GB 07-028RRRR Review of professional structures.

Model format

The revision has been reformulated to eliminate inconsistencies between the English version which is used as the authoritative version in practice and the Dutch version which is registered with Dutch authorities. In order to avoid possible legal problems or challenges, the statutes are presented in accordance with a model format provided on the website of Van Ee & de Jonge Notariaat,

<http://www.uwnotaris.nl/index.php?id=74> (accessed by PJJ 2007-11-08).

This helps to make the Statutes more consistent with the legal rules of the Netherlands.

Rules of Procedure

While the revision of the Statutes is being considered by the Governing Board and the membership, it will be necessary to identify any consequential changes to the Rules of Procedure. A first draft of the revised Rules of Procedure will be prepared. Work on the revised Rules of Procedure will be completed by the Governing Board after the outcomes of this revision of the Statutes are known and a decision has been taken by IFLA Council in Quebec City in August on adoption of these revised Statutes.

Process

This proposed revision is hereby submitted to the Members in a postal ballot in terms of Art. 30 of the existing Statutes. The deadline for submission of ballot papers is 24 July 2008. According to Art. 30.4 of the existing Statutes this proposal will be carried if it receives a simple majority of votes cast in the postal ballot. It then has to be considered for final approval by the Council meeting in Quebec City on 14 August 2008. Here a two-thirds majority of Members voting is required for final approval. If council gives its approval, the new statutes will be submitted to our attorneys for the registration of a Dutch translation in accordance with the law of the Netherlands. The new Statutes will come into force once this has been done.

Claudia Lux, IFLA President

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PERSÉE, Portal for academic journals in the Humanities and Social Sciences

March 18, 2008 <http://www.persee.fr>

PERSÉE is a French public-funded program for the digitization and online publishing of printed academic journals in the fields of Humanities and Social Sciences. It is also able to process digital documents. Launched by the French Ministry of Higher Education and Research, this program is run by Lumière University Lyon 2 and the Centre Informatique National de l'Enseignement Supérieur (CINES).

PERSÉE has been developed according to an open source model (JAVA, OAI-PMH) in compliance with the standards widely used by digital libraries across the world (METS, DC, MODS, MADS, TEI). It features an integrated production line designed to convert the corpus from print to digital documents. The entire process is automated: digitization of printed

documents, integration of digital data, image quality improvement, thorough optical character recognition (OCR), creation of tables of contents and metadata for each issue and article, long term preservation and online publication.

On-line since 2005, the PERSÉE portal provides free public access to the full text of entire collections, starting from the first issue published. PERSÉE corpus is constantly expanding thanks to the involvement of the main French-speaking academic publishers (non-profit or commercial organizations, scholarly societies). Currently, with more than 170 000 documents freely available, PERSÉE has become the largest website dedicated to French academic journals in the Humanities and Social Sciences.

A new version of PERSÉE was released in March 2008. With an overhauled look & feel and innovative features, this brand new portal improves searching, browsing, viewing and printing, and leverages the thorough description of our articles:

- access to the detailed article structure, list of illustrations, abstracts and keywords in different languages ;
- new search options with an even greater set of tools to find relevant content (fields, journals, date range, document types). Typical queries search the metadata and full text; the search terms are highlighted in the page ;
- search results can be sorted by relevance, journal title or article title;
- customizable page display;
- text-to-speech versions of articles.

Users can shape their experience on PERSÉE according to their needs and practice (RSS feeds, article tagging, article or citation saving, document creation, sharing and commenting).

Links between citations and articles within or outside PERSÉE are referenced. DOIs are assigned to each article and registered with CrossRef by PERSÉE or other portals. We expect to have all of our articles registered by the end of 2008.

This new portal will be presented during the IFLA WLIC 2008 in Quebec City. You will be most welcome to attend the communication by Ms Valérie Néouze, "Persee, un outil au service de la communication scientifique francophone" on Wednesday, August 13th, during the session n°148 (Social sciences with Division II). For further information, please contact us: Nathalie Fargier, nathalie.fargier@persee.fr (0033)(0)4 78 69 76 71



President's Letters Claudia Lux (Edited) (President of IFLA 2007-2009)

Let me start with some business news, on December 3 – 7, 2007, the IFLA Governing Board and committees met in The Hague. All members of the Governing Board <http://www.ifla.org/III/eb/govboard.htm> were present. It was a very busy and fruitful work together with the new board.

I took part in the search committee to interview the invited candidates for the Secretary General and we presented the result to the Governing Board for decision. Jennefer Nicholson will become IFLA Secretary General from September 2008, when Peter Lor will end his extended term and leave IFLA HQ. She will support his work from June 2008 onwards. She told me she has received hundreds of congratulation messages already, since the announcement was published on IFLANET. Thank you all for your active acknowledgement.

Again during the first days of 2008, I went back to The Hague for the search committee on the long wanted Advocacy Position. As you all have read on our IFLANET we filled the position with Stuart Hamilton, who is now very busy with all the tasks, writing reports and proposals and preparing activities and meeting partners.

At the Governing Board meeting we discussed thoroughly the first draft of the new Statutes by Alex Byrne and Peter Lor on the basis of discussions from the former GB and Durban Council decisions and taking into account the relevant laws of the Netherlands. In a long discussion the new GB gave excellent input and set up a working group to finish the draft of the Statutes. This group, with Nancy Gwinn, Bob McKee, Barbara Schleichagen and Claudia Lux met on February 6 in Berlin and finished the draft with assistance from Kelly Moore. As IFLA has changed a lot during the last years, the changes are quite substantial; the draft text will be discussed with our lawyers before we send it out to the members in March.

I have also been travelling quite a lot!

On December 10 I went to Antwerp in Belgium to give a keynote speech at the GL9, the Grey Literature conference. Grey Literature was my topic 12 Years ago, when I was director of the Berlin Senate Library. This was my 3rd GL conference. There is a very active Grey literature community and we had good talks with some high administrative people of Antwerp.

December 13: I followed a discussion in the German Bundestag, initiated by an Enquête-Commission on Culture. This was the result of a lot of work that a group of us from the German Library Association has put into lobbying for libraries during the last 3 years. Some good proposals and steps towards 'Libraries on the Agenda' are the results. (<http://www.bibliothekerverband.de/home.shtml>)

January 23: I gave a talk on an international meeting on libraries services for integration and cultural diversity in Copenhagen.

January 26 – 28: I went to Croatia to participate in BOBCATSSS (<http://bobcatsss2008.org/zadar2008blog/>), a conference organised by the students of library and information science in Europe. This time students from the Humboldt University in Berlin, and Students from Potsdam, Olegsch and Zadar took part in the Organising Committee. About 200 delegates followed a very lively and interesting program.

I visited the Public Library of Zadar and the director Ivan Pehar introduced to me all the activities of the library, which is very active and well connected to the people of Zadar. It gets a lot of support. I also visited the new Public Library of Sibenik, an architectural icon integrated in the old town wall with a beautiful new shape. This library employs an artist, who leads workshops for children and young adults. I had good talks with the representatives of the local library association and with Zdenka Sviben, the president of the Croatian Library Association. (Letter # 1, 2008)

In February, I stayed in Berlin most of the time; nevertheless there were quite a few IFLA activities.

On February 6, a small group of the IFLA GB met in the Central- and Regional Library of Berlin to work on the new IFLA Statutes. Nancy Gwinn, Bob McKee, Barbara Schleihagen and I sat together and worked on a new version of the statutes to present to our lawyers. Our aim was to have a clear distinction between the IFLA Statutes and the Rules of Procedure. In March, Peter and I were busy completing the statutes according to Dutch law before we could send the final version. I think the exercise worked out quite well and I hope you agree with the new statutes. <http://www.ifla.org/III/statute-rev.htm>

On February 21-22, the second presidential meeting took part in Berlin. The Presidential meeting is a conference sponsored by the Foreign Ministry of Germany during the years of my presidency. This meeting is held on the premises of the Federal Foreign Ministry – very close to one part of my library. This year the German Research Foundation, DFG, was a Co-Sponsor along with the German Library umbrella organisation BID – Bibliothek Information Deutschland and its committee Bibliothek - Information - International. Besides the main topic, Putting 'Libraries on the Agenda', the need to put the Digital Library on the Agenda was expressed by many speakers. Most of the papers are in English, even when the title is in German: http://www.ifla-deutschland.de/de/ifla_praesidentschaft/programm_2008.html

I attended the Medium-Term meeting and Seminar of the IFLA Library of the Blind Section "Taking advantage of co-operation Introducing DAISY and IFLA": <http://www.ifla.org/VII/s31/conf/DAISY2008.htm> held in Zagreb on February, 27-28. I was very impressed by the quality of the reports from the different East European Countries and the achievements made. Many of our blind colleagues took part in the meeting and gave speeches at this conference about the future developments through high technical standards for the blind. My talk was about 'Putting libraries for the blind and print disabled on the political agenda'. The visit to a very modern library for the blind in Zagreb was another highlight of the meeting -

<http://www.hkzasl.hr/>. You will find here a short report on the meeting at:
<http://www.daisy.org/news/newsletters/pla-net-2008-03.shtml#a3>
 (Letter # 2, 2008)

March started with a meeting of the IFLA Working Group on Guidelines of Digital Libraries at the Central and Regional Library of Berlin. This working group consists of representatives of different IFLA sections and regions. The two-day meeting, sponsored by the World Digital Library of the Library of Congress, Washington, was very productive. I hope that the group will be able to supply the first draft of the Guidelines to IFLA members at the World Library and Information Congress (WLIC) in Québec in August 2008.

On March 6th I took part in a meeting of critical friends at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMG) in Seattle. I met again with Martha Choe, who has changed position from the Foundation's Global Libraries to become Chief Administrative Officer of the Foundation, after the BMG Foundation had monitored their activities and reviewed their work and their strategy. BMG has become a very important and valued partner of IFLA. Among a number of topics, we discussed the impact of access to the Internet through libraries. IFLA needs to learn more about this impact. I would appreciate if you could give us your library success stories: how do users of your library services access the knowledge in the web, how does this help them in their personal, educational or professional life? Please send stories to us or put them directly into our success-database <http://www.ifla.org/success-stories/> which has been recently updated by Danielle Mincio, GB member from Switzerland.

From March, 12-15 2008 I participated in the seminar 'Libraries on the Agenda' organised by the 'Goethe Institute New Delhi' and co-sponsored by other cultural institutions. I was very impressed by the open discussion about the challenges Indian librarians face; their deep understanding of the need for advocacy and the development of a common plan; the success Indian professionals have had in consultation with the National Knowledge Commission and its president Sam Pitroda. Mr. Pitroda participated in the conference by

video through a lecture and discussion. In addition to the personal efforts of our colleagues, a focussed, unified effort by librarians will achieve the best results. I congratulate the Indian colleagues on their successful seminar and support them in pursuing these activities. I visited a Special Art Library, the Central Public Library in Old Delhi and a University Library in Agra. I saw the differences and challenges of their daily library work. What unites us all is our opportunity to enable people to access information and knowledge.

On 31st March I participated in the International Conference on Libraries from Human Rights Perspective in Ramallah, Palestine. This conference was the result of FAIFE activity in the region a year before, when Frode Bakken and Stuart Hamilton analysed the library situation there. Both Frode and Stuart and the current President of the Norwegian Library Association, Anne Husted, were part of the delegation. In Jerusalem, we learned about the impressive activities of the Van Leer Institute to save collections and visited the University Library, now the newly established National Library of Israel. I observed the progress made in their new legal framework and in digitisation of the wonderful collections they have. The meeting ended at a wonderful lunch with old and new Israeli IFLA friends.

In the Occupied Palestinian Territories, we travelled to Nablus and Ramallah. In Nablus we visited the construction site of the new part of the University Library and the well equipped Central University Library. We met with the current President of the Palestinian Library Association, Hani Jaber, who learned with appreciation and pleasure that the Norwegian Library Association will support their IFLA membership. This gesture was also wonderful news to me.

On Sunday we went to Ramallah, where the International Conference on Libraries from Human Rights Perspective took place the first day before they met in East Jerusalem. The conference was a real success! Thanks go to the organisers. See:

<http://rchrs.ps/test/aboutC.html> and
http://rchrs.ps/test/aboutc_a.html.

Both the Palestinian Cultural Minister and the Mayor of Ramallah gave speeches at the conference opening and the press coverage was excellent, with some Radio and TV-stations on site.

See <http://www.alquds.com/node/16807>.

For many local librarians, this was their first opportunity to give a paper at a library conference. We hope that they will be able to participate actively in one of the next IFLA conferences.

(Letter # 3, 2008)

April is the month of rain, snow and sun on the same day. At least in Germany, this month is unpredictable. However, your IFLA president was steady and predictable, as she made fewer journeys.

When I was still in Ramallah, Peter Lor went to a UNESCO meeting in Paris and managed to successfully put the IFLA Multicultural Library Manifesto

<http://www.ifla.org/VII/s32/index.htm>

into the next level of UNESCO'S acceptance process. The new Digital Library Manifesto was also presented and made known to the colleagues and decision groups at UNESCO.

On April 7th I went to The Hague to meet with SIDA representatives at IFLA Headquarters. SIDA is a great Sponsor for IFLA/ALP- Action for Development through Libraries Programme see:

<http://www.ifla.org/VI/1/alp.htm>. Together with Peter Lor, Stuart Hamilton, Birgitta Sandell from IFLA/ALP and Gunnar Sahlin, IFLA treasurer, I talked with SIDA about their future activities. We discussed the evaluation report and learned about the programme changes at SIDA. IFLA wants to continue to work with SIDA, but its changes of focus will affect the way in which we can fulfil our partnership. For this reason, we need more support for IFLA/ALP throughout the world.

From April 19 to 25, I was in The Hague again. The 'GB-week', as we call the week when the Governing Board and all its Committees meet, was a wonderful exchange of ideas and activities. In one week, different committees met to develop new decisions for the Governing Board. We discussed in length all aspects of IFLA's advocacy policy. It was a good meeting with a broad discussion on

advocacy, a key factor for library development and sustainability. New ideas to strengthen our World Library and Information Congress (WLIC) were developed by a sub-group and discussed with the GB. The Professional Committee came forward with its suggestions for the new rules of procedure. Everybody was happy to learn that the members supported the new statutes by sending in their approvals. On Monday, April 21 Ellen Tise, Jennefer Nicholson and I went to Amsterdam to meet with CLM colleagues. We had a very nice trip, not only because of the magnificent fields of tulips in a mosaic of bright colours we saw from the train, but also at the meeting.

I am not attaching photos, as I promised to make this newsletter easily accessible, but you will find many wonderful photos of tulip fields by using your search engine.

(Letter # 4, 2008)

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Notices of Interest:

**ILA Platinum Jubilee Year 2008
INDIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
(ILA) and SIR
DORABJI TATA MEMORIAL
LIBRARY
TATA INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL
SCIENCES
ILA-TISS International
Conference on
Knowledge for All: Role
of Libraries and
Information Centres
November 12-15, 2008,
Sir Dorabji**

For conference information, click here:

<http://ilaplatinumjubilee.googlepages.com/>

A Reference Renaissance: Current and Future Trends

August 4-5, 2008, Denver, CO

Conference website:

<http://www.bcr.org/referencerenaissance>

Sponsored by BCR (Bibliographical Center for Research) and RUSA (Reference and User Services Association), an ALA Division

Rumors of the "death of reference" have been greatly exaggerated! Reference and information services now encompass not just traditional forms such as in-person point-of-service, telephone, and e-mail, but also Instant Messaging, Text Messaging (SMS), blogs, wikis, library pages on MySpace and Facebook, and virtual reference desks in Second Life.

A Reference Renaissance: Current and Future Trends conference will explore all aspects of reference service in a broad range of contexts, including libraries and information centers, in academic, public, school, corporate, and other special library environments. This two-day conference will incorporate the multitude of established, emerging, and merging types of reference service including both traditional and virtual reference. It presents an opportunity for all reference practitioners and scholars to explore the rapid growth and changing nature of reference, as an escalating array of information technologies blend with traditional reference service to create vibrant hybrids.

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UNC at Chapel Hill/SILS /YouTube offer academic video content

Since its beginnings in 2005, YouTube has been known as a major source of online video entertainment, racking up billions of visits and hosting everything from music videos to strangely hypnotic clips of laughing babies. Until recently, however, academic content on

YouTube was mostly limited to in-depth how-tos or the occasional commencement speech.

YouTube's reputation as an entertainment-only venue began to change late in 2007 when several higher educational institutions began cooperating with the online video community to serve truly academic content like classroom lectures and hosted talks. The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill was among the first universities to work with YouTube to offer UNC-produced content via the site.

Gary Marchionini, Cary C. Boshamer Distinguished Professor at UNC's School of Information and Library Science (SILS), led the efforts to get video productions created at UNC at Chapel Hill on YouTube (see <http://www.youtube.com/uncchapelhill>).

The effort began when Marchionini proposed a video series titled Information in Life and, with support from YouTube, developed the series in 2007. The idea was to record lectures on key information topics presented by SILS faculty, guest speakers and students and to augment these lectures with interviews with faculty from SILS and the UNC campus.

SILS students Larry Taylor, Brenn Hill, Nicholas Johnson and Travis Roscher worked with Marchionini to record presentations and interviews and to design the site. Recorded presentations ranged from SILS professors giving intimate talks, to prominent speakers like Cory Doctorow presenting large lectures. Interviews consisted of a set of questions about the scholars' research and teaching and the roles that information plays in their work.

When recordings were complete, they were packaged with a short credit screen developed for the series that includes a fugue created by Taylor that morphs from piano to synthesizer. A simple metadata template is used to describe each video and the recordings are compressed for upload. The files and the corresponding metadata were then sent to YouTube and appeared on the UNC channel.

There are currently more than 100 videos approximately 75 hours of content in the Information in Life Series, with more than 60 lectures by SILS faculty, students and visitors

and two dozen interviews with UNC faculty in fields ranging from public health and pharmacy to folklore and popular culture.

Based on the work to develop the Information in Life series, the UNC YouTube channel was expanded to incorporate the entire campus community and include videos produced outside of SILS. There are currently more than 250 videos now available in different playlists on the UNC channel.

The UNC/YouTube relationship proved so successful that management of the channel is currently transitioning to the campus Department of University Relations. The Information in Life Series will continue to add lectures.

The videos are free and available for use in multiple ways, including classroom settings, home-schooling, research and more. SILS encourages use and reuse of the materials available and promotes frequent visits to the site to view the latest additions.

[About YouTube

YouTube is the leading online video community that allows people to discover, watch and share originally created videos. YouTube allows people to easily upload and share video clips on www.YouTube.com and across the Internet through Web sites, blogs and e-mail.]

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Radio Interview with Alex Byrne

University Librarian at the University of Technology in Sydney, Australia, and 2005-2007 President of IFLA, on the formulation of FAIFE and his book: *The Politics of Promoting Freedom of Information and Expression in International Librarianship*, published in October by Scarecrow.

The interview will be aired on Vassar's radio station, WVKR, throughout the Hudson Valley

in Upstate New York tomorrow (Tuesday, 8 April 2008) at noon EDT (16.00-17.00 GMT), accessible via live feed from our website at: <http://library-cafe.org>. The interview will also be accessible after air time via podcast from the same site tomorrow.

This should be an interesting interview for anyone interested in freedom of information and expression issues, internationalism, and the history of IFLA.

The Library Café is a weekly interview program with scholars, publishers, and librarians about books, scholarship and the formation and circulation of knowledge.

Since this is a weekly program I don't like to bombard the listserves with notices, so if you are interested in our programming please add us to your RSS feeds or bookmark us, and do spread the word, since we're wholly dependent on word-of-mouth and letter-of-blog for getting attention.

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Library associations worldwide have a crucial role in recruiting new members to IFLA. They have good information of and wide connections to all sectors and actors of the library and information field in their respective countries.

IFLA needs all support from the international library and information community in its dignified work for libraries and library professionals worldwide. The best way to show support is to join the IFLA membership. IFLA has now nearly 1550 members from 150 countries. There are still countries without any member in IFLA. There are still library associations and institutions that are not members in IFLA.

MLAS urges all library associations to join IFLA and to recruit new members in their countries among associations and institutions. IFLA needs us all! We all could think how we can benefit IFLA instead of thinking how IFLA can benefit us.

IFLA is working hard to advocate for libraries, to develop the professional work and to offer a framework for global networking for library and information professionals worldwide.

IFLA MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

<http://www.ifla.org/III/members/index.htm>

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT TOOLKIT

<http://www.ifla.org/III/officers/membership-toolkit.htm>

STARTER KIT:

1. Help is at hand. Refer to the following recruitment tips to get you started
2. We advise you to start looking OUTSIDE the current membership base.

Otherwise you are competing with other sections; a member cancelling one section registration to join another just creates administrative work.

3. Try targeting potential members in countries where there are only a few or no IFLA members.

4. Aim to attract different library and information services institutions and associations.

5. Pick your target. Institutions and associations are the categories with nomination and voting rights - they have the ability to determine the make-up of standing committees and they play an influential role in defining what's on the agenda as far as libraries and information services are concerned worldwide.

6. Why don't you add Membership development to your section's strategic plan? After all a large and diverse membership base on which to draw is vital to the success of your organisation.

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National and International Library Association Members of IFLA and MLAS!

The Council Meeting at the IFLA World Library and Information Congress is the highest decision making body of IFLA. To be able to make decisions the Council needs to reach quorum which is, according the IFLA Statutes, constituted by the simple majority of the National and International Library Association members.

Therefore it is crucial that all the National and International Library Associations take part physically or by proxy in the Council Meeting.

During the last years the Council has not reached quorum; neither has it been able to make decisions due to the absence of National and International Library Association members. This is harming the effective functioning of IFLA as a whole.

MLAS urges all National and International Library Associations to participate in the Council Meeting at the Quebec World Library and Information Congress in August 2008 and in the future congresses.

If the quorum is not reached in the two next congresses, the IFLA Statutes must be changed so that the National and International Library Association lose their key role in constituting the quorum which is thereafter to be formed in other ways.

At the Quebec 2008 WLIC the Council takes place before the Closing Session and from Milan 2009 WLIC on, on the Wednesday afternoons. This is decided in order to make it possible for all WLIC participants to take part in the Council. Up to Quebec the Council has been after the Closing Session which has been too late for many participants.

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Observe, Reflect, Act: *A Primer on Applied Qualitative Research for Librarians*, edited by Dr. Doug Cook and Dr. Lesley Farmer. Chicago: ACRL. Expected publication date: 2009

This book will be a primer for those librarians and library students who are interested in learning more about qualitative assessment.

We are in need of six (6) authors for several of the chapters that are planned, identified in green print below.

Book Outline

Part 1 - Introduction

- Chapter 1. Qualitative Inquiry and the Librarian (Lesley Farmer)
- Chapter 2. Processes of Qualitative Research (Doug Cook)
- Chapter 3. Getting Ready to Turn Your Everyday Work into Meaningful Inquiry: Reading the Existing Literature (Cordelia Zinskie, Judi Repman)

Part 2 - Examples of Qualitative Research

- Chapter 4. Narrative Inquiry: Analyzing Instructor-Librarian Collaboration (Roberta Tipton, Patricia Bender)
- **Chapter 5. Discourse Analysis:**
- **Chapter 6. Interviewing: Getting Past the Surface**
- Chapter 7. Observation: Classroom Interaction (Carolyn Cook, Karla Schmit)
- Chapter 8. Content Analysis: De-Constructing Intellectual Packages (Penny Beile)
- **Chapter 9. Visual Literacy as Part of Information Literacy**
- **Chapter 10. Focus Groups**

Part 3 - Issues guiding qualitative research

- Chapter 11. Management Decision Making (Sharon Gray Weiner)
- Chapter 12. Designing and Managing Projects: Usability Studies and the In-House Product Development Review (Jeris Cassel, Bill Walker, Robin Brown)
- **Chapter 13. The Reference Interview in Real Time and Virtual Time**
- **Chapter 14 - Collection Development**

Please email us if you are interested in writing one of these chapters, need more information, or if you have a question. The deadline for chapters is tentatively set for mid-2009.

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Colleagues,

You may be interested in the recently released staff discussion paper "*Blueprint for Success: The National Agricultural Library 2008-2012*" which discusses priorities and costs of revitalizing the National Agricultural Library. As noted in the paper:

"National Agricultural Library staff created this Staff Discussion Paper following three years of conversations, studies and analyses of the Library's programs, service, audiences and opportunities for growth. It summarizes staff findings in a way meant to stimulate discussion, evoke critical comment and spark debate about NAL's future. Its recommendations are preliminary and do not indicate concurrence by the Agricultural Research Service or the United States Department of Agriculture."

Many of you responded to the NAL customer information needs survey in 2006, which provided very useful data to guide the work which resulted in the discussion paper. Your comments and suggestions will be most welcome. Please send them to me at efrierson@nal.usda.gov (IFLA List Serve Email Eleanor G. Frierson Deputy Director National Agricultural Library 10301 Baltimore Avenue, Room 200 Beltsville, Maryland U.S.A. 20705-2351 www.nal.usda.gov

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Dear Colleagues,

This is a reminder to return your British Library issued IFLA vouchers. The Governing Board has approved that vouchers issued by the British Library (BL) will be phased out during 2008.

ONLY vouchers issued by the British Library will be affected. On the back of each voucher is an address. If the address says "IFLA Offices for UAP and International Lending, c/o The British Library" etc... then please return the

voucher(s) to IFLA HQ for redemption or exchange.

Institutions sending back the old BL vouchers will have two choices.

1. To have their BL vouchers replaced by new IFLA Vouchers. (No added costs) Please use the Voucher Exchange Form:

<http://www.ifla.org/VI/2/p1/exchange-form.pdf>

2. To receive a redemption payment (normal handling fee of 12 Euros per redemption) if you chose to redeem your BL vouchers please use the IFLA redemption form:

<http://www.ifla.org/VI/2/p1/redempt-form.pdf>

The deadline for redeeming/exchanging BL issued vouchers will be October 31st, 2008.

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IFLA Fund for Disaster Relief now open for China Donations

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

The earthquake with a force measuring 8 on the Richter scale caused major damage to the central infrastructure and many cities and villages in China and subsequently destroyed many library buildings. IFLA has been following the events in Sichuan Province with great concern and deplores the loss of life and property resulting from the terrible disaster that struck our Chinese colleagues.

On the IFLA-net, www.ifla.org/earthquake-china/ you'll find the open letter of the Chinese Library Society, that contains more details on this terrible disaster that struck our Chinese colleagues.

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

You can contribute to the IFLA Fund for disaster relief and thus helping the Chinese library community in a concrete way by remitting your financial donation to:

Stichting IFLA Foundation

P.O. Box 95312

2509 CH The Hague

Netherlands

Bank name: ABN AMRO Bank - Kneuterdijk

Bank address: P.O. Box 165 - 2501 AP The Hague, Netherlands

Account no: 57.79.91.825

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BIC: ABNANL2A

Stating: IFLA Fund for disaster relief China Sichuan

It is also possible to pay by cheque or credit card. In that case please use the form on the IFLA website: www.ifla.org/earthquake-china/earthquake-china-fund.pdf

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Dear Colleagues,

We are glad to inform you of the launch of the Goethe-Institut's trilingual portal about the Canadian libraries:

<http://www.goethe.de/can-lib> (in English),

<http://www.goethe.de/kan-bib> (in German)

and <http://www.goethe.de/bib-can> (in French).

On the occasion of the IFLA Conference in Quebec City in August 2008, we would like to offer you an overview of the library landscape in Canada. The articles we have chosen, which

for the most part come from North American library journals, describe various types of libraries and demonstrate innovative and successful work in Canadian libraries, such as multicultural services, Web 2.0 services and digitization projects.

We wish you an interesting discovery tour through the Canadian libraries!

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Please help rebuild the Yap State Public Library

After the damage caused by a Typhoon in 2004, the Yap State Public Library managed to rebuild and reconstruct its facilities. This has been made possible thanks to a generous gift of the National Library of Australia and IFLA. Today there is still a need for books, computers, shelving and equipment. Read here how you can help the Yap State Public Library at:

<http://www.ifla.org/III/announce/yap-state-public-library/index.htm>

Background Information:

On April 9, 2004, Typhoon Sudal hit Yap State, a tiny island in the Pacific Islands. The Yap State Public Library was devastated. What was once a vibrant, well-used public library serving a population of 8,000 people was reduced to a ruin.

Today, the Yap State Public Library has a beautiful rebuilt facility, but little additional funding exists to restore the collection of books, library materials, computers, shelving, equipment and furniture to serve the community of Yap.

Last year, the National Library of Australia and the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) generously provided \$20,000 to help purchase much-needed books, computers, equipment, shelving, furniture and a locally constructed Circulation Counter.

The Yap State Public Library still desperately needs more books, computers, shelving and equipment. Basic Reference books, as well as

children's books are seriously lacking. Due to the very high cost of shipping to Yap, locally built shelving and furniture is least expensive to purchase. For example, one bookshelf costs \$475. and at least 10 are still needed. Two filing cabinets are also needed and purchased locally will cost \$780. each.

If you are willing to help fund the Yap State Public Library rebuilding project, please contact Peter Lor, IFLA Secretary General at ifla@ifla.org or Arlene Cohen, retired Pacific Islands Librarian at arlenegcohen@gmail.com

Donations of books and library materials suitable for a small public library are welcome and may be sent directly to:

Yap State Public Library
c/o Isabel Rungrad, Yap State Public Librarian
PO Box 550
Colonia, Yap 96943
Federated States of Micronesia

You can also contribute financially. For this purpose address your gift to the IFLA Fund for disaster relief:

<http://www.ifla.org/III/announce/yap-state-public-library/yap-state-public-library-fund.pdf>

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See <http://www.ifla.org>
For more on IFLA

**Social Science Libraries Standing
Committee Minutes, Durban, 2007
SC-I 18 August 2007**

Present:

- Liz COOPER, Emory University, United States
- Ralf DEPPING, University and City library of Cologne, Germany
- Jacques HELLEMANS, Université libre de Bruxelles, Belgium
- Wilda NEWMAN, Knowledge Associates Resources, LLC, United States
- Lynne RUDASILL, University of Illinois Urbana Champaign, United States
- Steve WITT, University of Illinois Urbana Champaign, United States

Not Attending:

- Laurence FIOUX, Bibliotheque de Documentation Internationale Contemporaine, France
- P.R. GOSWAMI, Director, NASSDOC, ICSSR, India
- M. Mohamed Syhir JANJAR, Fondation du Roi Abdil-Aziz Al Saoud pour les Etudes Islamiques et les Sciences Humaines, Morocco
- Stanislav KALKUS, Charles University, Czech Republic
- Muttayya M. KOGANURAMATH, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India
- Tove Pemmer SAETRE, Bergen University College, Norway

Presentation of new members:

Chair, Steve Witt announced newly elected members of the Social Science Libraries Standing Committee Liz Cooper, Ralf Depping, P.R. Goswami, Stanislav Kalkus, and Muttayya M. Koganuramath. Cooper and Depping were present at the SCL.

The minutes of the Social Science Libraries Standing Committee meetings held in Seoul, South Korea were reviewed and approved. SC-I was held 19 August and SC-II was held 25 August, 2006.

Division discussion:

- An invitation was made to the IFLA Section's Standing Committees, the Boards, Committees and Boards of IFLA's Core Activities to attend a special Professional Committee Hearing Sunday, 19 August. The Standing Committee discussed the recommendations and reviewed the document and made plans to attend.
- Limitation of section always at the hedge (genealogy, local history) by type to disciplines

- Reduced number of sections and sessions based on membership and not by activity
- Three papers from each division can be put in the Journal
- GB and PC now accept observers

Financial Report:

The section received 300Euros for 2007 activities. The funds were used for the *Newsletter* and the translations of the papers.

Communications:

- The Section has increased the frequency of publication of the *Social Science Libraries Newsletter* and now publishes twice a year. There is a pre-conference issue and a post-conference issue. This enables the section members that may be unable to attend to be kept informed and communicate with other members more easily about the business of Social Science Libraries. This schedule also keeps standing committee members apprised of the functions of the committee and schedules.
- The **IFLA-Soc-Lib** List Serve continues to increase in members. This is a closed list for subscribers only, but no limitations are really imposed, as access is based on the requester's interest in the field of Social Science Librarianship.
- The Section Leaflet was briefly discussed at the SC-I and agreed that the text would be reviewed at SC-II.
- The Committee agreed to continue use of the iLabs tool for the satellite conference to be held in Toronto in 2008 and to continue review of this tool for further use. [Note: Inquiry Labs, v. 3 (iLabs) is a web-based application that has been developed at the Graduate School of Library and Information Science (GSLIS) at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, to facilitate collaboration within and between different communities.]
- In September a letter was sent to all attendees of the Social Science Libraries' programs held in Seoul, South Korea seeking their interest and nominations for the Standing Committee. In December this list was used again to send the minutes of the Standing Committee meetings held in Seoul.

New Projects:

In the coming months, the Social Science Section will distribute a survey instrument to social science libraries throughout the world to learn more about their use of evidence based practice, working definitions, and methodologies. In Quebec City, we

will report on these findings and hold a second session on Evidence Based practice. Papers from among those at these two conferences and solicited through a call for papers will then be compiled into a volume for the IFLA series of books. The Social Science Section is also offering a pre-conference to next year's conference titled: *Disappearing disciplinary borders in the social science library – global studies or sea change?* on August 6th and 7th at the University of Toronto in Canada. The focus of the conference will be on the exploration of resources that will support the librarian's work in the increasing interdisciplinary and multi-disciplinary fields that are emerging. We will explore virtual spaces for collaboration and strategies for promoting the work of these librarians in the larger environment.

Strategic plans:

- Review the French and Spanish section leaflet and prepare one in Italian.
- Increase the newsletter circulation.
- Expand and follow up on increasing the committee membership in numbers and geographically.

SC- II Durban, 24 August 2007

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Conference Review: Durban, 23 August 2007

More than 50 attendees were present at the Social Science Libraries Section program on Evidence Based Practice. The session is a part of a two year project to investigate the extent of the use of Evidence Based librarianship within Social Science libraries. In addition, we aim to learn more about how social science research practices, which range from qualitative data collection and analysis to quantitative use of case studies, ethnography, and action research aims to improve a service. Eric Davies synthesized the papers and lead discussions after the papers were presented. Listed below are the five papers of the session. These will comprise a special issue for the evidence based librarianship journal.

- ERIC DAVIES (LISU, Loughborough University, Loughborough, England) : Dr. J. Eric Davies. Formerly Director, and now Consulting Senior Researcher, Loughborough University, England. His experience of professional practice includes over 25 years in academic library management. *Culture, Capability and Character in Applying Evidence to Service Enhancement and Development: an Exploration*
- Pauline MANAKA and CAROL ANN HUGHES (University of California, Irvine, USA). Professor Manaka serves as Social Sciences Bibliographer at the Langson Library, University of California Irvine Libraries. In addition she has served as Reference Services Coordinator and Instructor. *Grass Roots Peer Training: an Evidence-Based Experience*
- Imma SUBIRATS (FAO of the UN, Rome, Italy) and JOSÉ GARCÍA VICENTE (ICOMOS Documentation Centre, Paris, France). Imma SUBIRATS is information management specialist at the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations. In 2003 she co-founded E-LIS, E-prints for Library and Information Science < <http://eprints.rclis.org/>>, of which she is the Coordinator. Her research interests include the librarians' role in the development of Open Access. José García VICENTE is manager of the UNESCO-ICOMOS Documentation Centre, in Paris. Among his interests: management of virtual heritage and the implementation and development of open access archives.

Difusión de la información en el campo de la conservación del patrimonio cultural: la adopción del acceso abierto en ICOMOS

- Edgardo Diego CIVALLERO (National University of Córdoba, Córdoba, Argentina) Professor of Library and Information Science, National University of Córdoba (Argentina) and professor of librarianship inside the university's programme for promoting reading and writing skills (PROPALE). His work has been primarily focused on oral tradition and collections, as well as on librarian services for indigenous and rural populations in Latin America.

Action-Research Application in Evidence-Based Practice for Libraries

- P.R. GOSWAMI (NASSDOC, ICSSR, India) Director, National Social Science Documentation Centre of the Indian Council of Social Science Research. *Library and Information Services to Social Science Researchers: a case study from India*

Officers Training:

Sections will now require a minimum of 40 members. Standing Committees will require a minimum of 10 members. Minimums are required in order to carry out effective work of a unit.

Session for Quebec City:

The focus of the session will be borderless collections in the social sciences.

Publications and Communications:

- The five papers of the session could be a special issue for the evidence based librarianship journal (Winnipeg Canadian journal and Australian association).
- Online communication will be promoted using iLabs for sharing ideas.
- Publish two issues of the Newsletter per year.
- Update website.
- Update the section leaflet folder and translate it and prepare one in Italian for Milano, Italy, 2009.
- Increase geographic diversity of committee membership.

Program Planning Discussion for Milano and a preconference in Bologna:

- (1) A virtual library
- (2) Information literacy in social sciences
- (3) Usage of statistics for customers
- (4) Usage and access of datasets

Submitted by: Jacques Hellemans,
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Standing Committee, July 2008



WORLD LIBRARY AND INFORMATION CONGRESS: 75TH IFLA GENERAL CONFERENCE AND COUNCIL

**"Libraries create futures:
building on cultural heritage"**
23-27 August 2009 Milan, Italy
Milan

Situated on the flat plains of the Po Valley, Milan is Italy's richest and second largest city and is best known for being the fashion capital of Italy. Embracing tradition, sophistication and ambition in equal measure, the present and the future are invented daily in Milan, Europe's creative capital. After being conquered three times in its history the city remained strong, regained itself and prospered. It's a city as strong as any other which successfully reinvented itself under French, Spanish and then Austrian rulers from 1499 until the reunification in 1861. The city offers treasures of historical and intellectual heritage from the past two millennia at every corner: Leonardo da Vinci's Last Supper is simply the best known of the numerous masterpieces and has been named a Unesco World Heritage site. Milan is the unique artistic and cultural heart of Italy and has been the ideal setting for international events for decades, attracting professionals, artists and intellectuals from all over the world.

The Conference Venue

Designed in 2002 by Pierluigi Nicolini, enlarged twice, today the Fiera Milano, is the largest and most equipped convention centre in Italy and one of the most important Trade Fair complexes in the world. The Convention Centre offers all world facilities: Italian design, an innovative management model designed to meet your needs with all-round services, flexible spaces and state-of-the-art

technology. Located in the heart of Milan - just a few minutes from the Fashion District and Leonardo's Last Supper - is surrounded, within a 1 km radius, by over 2,000 hotel rooms and efficiently served by public transportation.

What's Worth Seeing

Milan is one of the most fascinating cities in the world with many beautiful and historic churches and buildings of interest: Duomo Milan's Cathedral, the world's third largest church, is the most famous artistic and religious monument. Milan's most outstanding museum, Brera Gallery is recognised as one of the major art collections in the world. Significant museums (Leonardo da Vinci) are housed in the ancient mediaeval Castle (Castello Sforzesco), overlooking the town centre with its towers. The city is also one of the most important centres in the world for Opera lirica, with its famous Teatro alla Scala.

A Unique Shopping Experience

Milan is "Heaven on Earth" for shopping lovers. You can find the best of everything in this city, especially connected with fashion and design. All the best fashion designers have opened their show rooms together with their trendiest and most sophisticated boutiques in elegant old buildings in the main shopping streets.

A Place of Learning

Universities often drive technological expertise, and Milan is no exception as home to seven universities and other institutions of higher learning. Both humanities and technical education, in order to qualify engineers, architects and industrial designers, are part of the vast range of innovative courses, attracting students and scholars from several parts of the world. A rich library system including private and public libraries meets the needs of public reading all over the place. It is certainly worth mentioning the Biblioteca Ambrosiana, opened in 1609, famous for the drawings and notebooks by Leonardo da Vinci, together with its vast stocks of early-printed books, illuminated manuscripts and drawings, one of the main repositories of European culture. The city is also the home of the Brera Academy of Fine Arts together with the high school of musical learning (Conservatorio di musica Giuseppe Verdi).

Milan by Night

In Milan you will find a large selection of both local and international restaurants as well as lots of marvellous "trattoria" or "osterie" specialising in local dishes: don't miss out on the chance to try some typical Italian food – and taste its authentic flavours! When it comes to night life Milan has plenty to offer as Italy's clubbing capital. Most of the city's hot spots: clubs, pubs, cafes, bistros, live music bars and lots more besides, are situated around the Navigli and Brera districts.

Transport & Accommodation

Ideally situated at the very centre of Europe, Milan is one of its most accessible cities. Every day about a thousand direct flights link Milan with 200 destinations worldwide. Malpensa Airport is Southern Europe's most important intercontinental hub, linked to downtown Milan by a fast train service. The city is served by two other international airports: Linate, only 7 km from the centre, and Orio al Serio, used by all the low-cost European airlines. Once you're in Milan you'll soon discover and appreciate its compact size, with everything at hand and an efficient Metro network that gets you to any part of town for just 1 euro! With more than 21,000 rooms, Milan offers a wide range of accommodation: from spic-and-span youth hostels and cosy B&Bs, to five-star luxury hotels." **Contact Details**

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AGENDA QUEBEC CITY
Social Science Libraries Standing
Committee Meetings

SATURDAY 09 AUGUST 2008 SC-I
11.30 – 14.20

Draft Agenda:

1. Welcome
 - a. Apologies
 - b. Adoption of Agenda
2. Review and Approval of Minutes of the Standing Committee Meetings in Durban, 2007 (Meetings of 18 and 24 August 2007)
 - Matters arising from these minutes
3. Report from Division Meetings (S.Witt)
4. Financial Report (J Hellemans)
5. Proposal for a joint seminar in India with the National Social Science Documentation Centre (P R Goswami)
6. Communications Report
 - a. Newsletter(W Newman)
 - b. Listserve (W Newman)
 - c. Leaflet (L Cooper)
 - d. Review of IFLANET SOCSCI Website (W Newman)
 - e. Use of online forums/teleconferencing to facilitate Section Committee communication and discussion during the year – Review and Discussion (e.g., iLabs at <http://ilabs.inquiry.uiuc.edu/ilab/ssls/>)
7. Report from Toronto Satellite Meeting (L Rudasill)
8. Quebec City Program (J Hellemans)

FRIDAY 15 AUGUST 2008 SC-II

11.00 - 13.50

1. Report on progress of New IFLA Website (W Newman)
2. Reports on Conference Sessions
3. Report on IFLA Re-structuring
4. Discussion of Section Projects & Strategic Planning
5. Continue Planning of Milan 2009 activities
6. Consider Program Ideas for Brisbane 2010
7. Division Project: Edited Volume from Toronto Satellite meeting



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"Engaging, Embracing, Empowering"

August 2010, Brisbane, Australia

Brisbane, the capital city of Queensland, is midway up the east coast of Australia - 27.5°S, 153°E.

With the Gold Coast to the south and the Sunshine Coast to the north, domestic and international airports, Brisbane is an ideal headquarters for an Australian holiday. Brisbane, indeed all Queensland, operates on Eastern Standard Time which is 10 hours ahead of GMT all year round - Summertime or Daylight Saving is not practiced in Queensland.

Residents and visitors to Brisbane enjoy a wide range of landscapes and lifestyles. The inner-city, metropolitan Brisbane is surrounded by leafy, sometimes very hilly, suburbs. Further out in the suburbs, the traditional Australian house on a large block or even acreage dominates.

Moreton Bay and its islands provide water sports, sailing and sea-side suburbs. The Pacific Highway leads south to the [Gold Coast and its well-known surf beaches](#). North is the seaside town of [Redcliffe](#), the [rainforest](#) and [picturesque countryside](#) of [Pine Rivers](#), [Caboolture](#) and the Glasshouse Mountains. Bribie Island offers the first surf

beach to the north. The [Sunshine Coast towns and hinterland](#) are popular holiday spots. Travelling west of Brisbane, past [Ipswich](#), you soon climb the Great Dividing Range to [Toowoomba](#) and the rich plains of the [Darling Downs](#).

In Australia, we drive on the left side of the road. Although there are trains, buses and ferries in Brisbane, most families own at least one car. The local currency is Australian dollars and the smallest coin in use is the 5 cent coin. Brisbane and Queensland maintain Eastern Standard Time all year. Southern states use daylight saving (summertime) which means there is one hour's difference between Queensland and New South Wales during summer. This causes much debate every year in the south eastern corner of the state, and particularly on the Gold Coast which straddles the border. However, much of Queensland is in the tropics where residents have no desire to change their clocks in order to increase the amount of daylight and hot sunlight they live in.

<http://www.brisbanecitylife.com.au/bcl/about.htm>

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