Scope Statement

The Section of Public Libraries provides an active informational forum for the development and promotion of public libraries that serve the whole community in the context of the information society and ensure free and equal access to information at the local level.

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Mid-Term Programme Goals: 1998-2001

1. To promote equal access for all to information at a local level and ensure public libraries are part of the national library network of their countries.

2. To promote and make recommendations on the role of the public library in supporting lifelong learning and computer literacy among public library users.

3. To promote the effective provision of information technology and multimedia in public libraries based on different levels of development.

4. To promote the development of public library standards, the use of quality management and performance measures in public libraries and encourage research into their funding, models and collection and dissemination of comparative public library statistics.

5. To support action to combat illiteracy through the use of public libraries in conjunction with other appropriate bodies within and without IFLA.

6. To update the brochure about the section of Public Libraries.

7. To arrange a seminar on public library services and policy, particularly in developing countries.

8. To secure sponsorship for section activity.


Standing Committee Meetings

1999  Bangkok, August 21 and August 27
2000  Paris, March 23 and 24
2000  Jerusalem, August 12 and 18
2001  Prague February 22-24 (upcoming)

Projects related to Mid-Term Programme

1. Development of Section website: <www.ifla.org/ Vll/ s8/ spl.htm>
   Project leader: Borge Sondergard, Denmark

2. Public Libraries: Guidelines for Development
   Project leader: Philip Gill, UK

3. Public Libraries and Life Long Learning research
   Project Leader: Britt Marie Häggström

4. Use of Information Technology in Public Libraries research
   Project Leader: Borge Sondergard

5. UNET-Unesco Model Public Library Project: Evaluation
   Project Leader: Kerstin Hassner
   Project Leader: Hellen Niegaard

7. IFLA Regional Conferences on Public Library Development
   Africa: Scheduled for 2001

8. Public Libraries and Telecentres
   Project Leader: Barbara Clubb

9. Public Library Legislation on the Section’s website
   Project Leader: Borge Sondergard

Publications
Newsletter
Issue no. 23 January 2001
Issue no. 22 March 2000
Issue no. 21 May 1999

Public Libraries Acts
   • Acts from various countries and regions available on the Section’s Website

IFLA/UNESCO Public Library Manifesto, 1994
   • Available in more than 20 languages on the Section’s Website

Section of Public Libraries-Information Brochure
   • Available from IFLA HQ

Conference Programme
1999 Bangkok

1. Public Library Section Open Forum:
   Speakers:
   Kulthorn Lerdsumriyakul, Public Libraries in Thailand
   Ilona Glashoff, The Division of Libraries Serving the General Public—a survey
   Rosemary Kavanagh, Highlights of the Work of the Section for the Blind
   Sue Lithgow, Library and Information Services to Disadvantaged Users: the way forward
   Philip Gill, Highlights of the Work of the Section of Public Libraries

2. Developing the Public Library
   Speakers:
   Robert Pestell and Abu Norma Seman, Public Library services to rural and remote communities:
   Malaysian and Australian models
   Christine Ku Scott-Smith, The Challenges of Providing Public Library Services in a Multicultural and Geographically Remote Area
   Philip Gill, Barbara Clubb, Kerstin Hassner, Robert Pestell, Developing Public Libraries: Revising the IFLA Guidelines for Public Libraries
2000 Jerusalem

1. Open Forum: Public Libraries Serving the General Public
   Theme: Public Library Guidelines for a New Century
   Speakers:
   Philip Gill, UK, Presentation of the New Public Library Services: Guidelines for Development

2. Public Libraries Section jointly with CLM (Copyright and Other Legal Matter)
   Theme: Public Lending Right in the 21st Century
   Speakers:
   Marianne Scott, National Librarian of Canada Emerita
   Miriam Ratsabi, Culture Directorate, Israel
   Paul Whitney, Burnaby Public Library, Canada
   Helge Sonneland, Royal Ministry of Cultural Affairs, Norway
   Kalju Tammaru, Estonian Deposit Library, Estonia
   Tuula Haavisto, CECUP/EBLIDA, Finland

3. Public Libraries Section Open Forum
   Theme: Public Libraries Facing the 21st Century
   Speakers:
   Britt Marie Häggström, Sweden, Public Libraries and Life Long Learning-a section project
   Tuula Haavisto, Licensing Update
   Frode Bakken, Norway, Copyright Update
   Ora Nebenzahl, Israel, Public Libraries in Israel
   Philip Gill, UK, Public Library Service Guidelines for Development Overview
   Margaret Kinnell Evans, UK, Quality Management and Self Assessment Tools for Public Libraries

4. Public Libraries Section Joint with Libraries For the Blind Section
   Theme: Building Smart Communities: Knowledge as the Key to Growth and Development
   Sub-theme: Telephone Access to Library Services
   Speakers:
   Uri Cohen, Israel
   Rosemary Griebel, Canada
   Francisco Martinez Calvo, Spain
   Sub-theme: Unique Opportunities to Provide Reference Service to Everyone
   Neal Kuniansky, USA
   Margaret Kinnell Evans, UK
   Sub-Theme: Smart Communities: What are they and How do they Benefit Everyone in the Community
   Stan Skrezelewski, Canada
   Elizabeth Tank, Denmark

Relationships with Other Bodies

- Working with Unesco in the promotion of the Public Library Manifesto and the development of the accompanying guidelines for development
- Working with Section for Regional Activity on a future conference on library development in Africa
- Working with IFLA’s CLM (Copyright and Other Legal Matters) to deal with copyright issues related to public libraries
- Working with IFLA’s Section on Services for the Blind to develop related workshops services within public libraries
• Working with the Swedish Council for Cultural Affairs and the Municipality of Ljusdal, Sweden plus participating countries to evaluate the UNET (Unesco Model Library Project)

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