

□ *Keynote Speaker and Plenary Speakers at IFLA 2003*



Klaus Gerhard Saur

Klaus Gerhard Saur, well known President and Managing Director of K.G. Saur Publishing will be the keynote speaker at the 69th IFLA General Conference and Council in Berlin. His keynote address will be on Monday, 4 August during the Opening session.

His many different positions in the publishing and library world include among others more than 20 years first as Member, then as Chairman of the Board of the Deutsche Bibliothek. Since 1992 he has been a Member of the Board of the International Youth Library Munich, since 1995 he is the Chairman of the Historical Committee of the German Book Trade Publishing Association, since 1994 he is Board Member of the Goethe Institute and since 2001 Vice President of the Goethe Institute.

Among the many honours that he has received during the last 20 years, is the title of Honorary Doctor of the Phillips-University in Marburg, the Simmons University in Boston, the University of Ishewsk in Russia, and the University of Pisa. In addition, he is an Honorary Professor of the Humboldt-University Berlin, a Visiting Honorary Professor of the University of Glasgow, an Honorary Senator of the Ludwig-Maximilians-University, Munich and

an Honorary Senator of the University of Leipzig. He was awarded the Order of Merit of the Saxony State, the Order of Merit of the Bavarian State and the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany.



Rainer Kuhlen

Rainer Kuhlen will lead off the plenary sessions on Sunday, 3 August at 12.45-13.45 hrs with a presentation on "Change of Paradigm in Knowledge Management – Framework for the Collaborative Knowledge Production".

Since more than 20 years, Rainer Kuhlen is Professor for Information Science at the University of Konstanz. In 1985 he received an honorary professorship funded by the Volkswagen-Stiftung, in 1993/94 an honorary professorship for Interdisciplinary Studies at the TH Darmstadt and in 2000/01 a guest professorship at Humboldt University Berlin – Institute for Library Science. He has published widely in the fields of information retrieval, computational linguistics, information science theory, text condensation, hypertext, information/electronic markets, information ethics, electronic communication forums, virtual dictionaries and collaborative knowledge management.

He is co-editor of the following journals: Journal of Information Science, Nachrichten für Dokumentation, Information Processing & Management, and Library Management. In addition, he is chief editor of the book series "Schriften zur Informationswissenschaft" (currently more than 30 vols.).

Among the many positions that he holds, he is Chairperson of the Board of the Hochschulverband Informationswissenschaft (German Society of Information Science – HI), Member of the German UNESCO Commission, Chairperson of the German UNESCO Committee for Communications, German UNESCO Chair in Communications (ORBICOM), and Director of NETHICS e.V. (Information Ethics in the Net).



Adama Samassékou

On Monday, 4 August at 12.45 hrs, Adama Samassékou who is Secretary General of the Preparation Committee for the World Summit on the Information Society, will talk about: "The World Summit - a First Step Towards a Society of Commonly Shared Expertise and Knowledge". Having been Minister of Education of Mali for seven years (1993-2000) and former spokesperson for the Government of Mali

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(1997-2000), Mr Samassékou is currently president, with ministerial rank, of the African Academy of Languages.

After obtaining a Master of Arts in philology and linguistics from Lomonosov State University in Moscow, Mr Samassékou continued his studies in Paris. After obtaining a DEA postgraduate diploma in African linguistics from the Sorbonne and a DESS specialist postgraduate diploma in organizational science from the Université de Paris-IX (Dauphine), he was subsequently head of the Linguistic Department of the Institute of Social Sciences of Mali, then director of the National Library of Mali and adviser to the Minister of Culture.

Playing an active role in community life, Mr Samassékou was the founding president, for Mali and Africa as a whole, of the Peoples' Movement for Human Rights Education. In the political sphere, he was the founding chairman of ADEMA-France.



Jeanette Hofmann

Jeanette Hofmann will follow on Tuesday, 5 August at 12.45-13.45 hrs with a presentation on "Democracy and Globalisation". Jeanette Hofmann holds a doctorate in Political Science from the Free University Berlin. She heads the Research unit Internet Governance at the Social Science Research Centre Berlin (WZB) and Nexus, but has also been with the Free University Berlin and Technical University Berlin. She has been one of the leading scholars in Germany studying the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) since its inception, exploring its structure, decision-making procedures and

policies. In the year 2000 election she was one of two European member-nominated candidates for the ICANN board.

Jeanette Hofmann has recently completed a research project for the German State Minister at the Federal Chancellery for Media and Cultural Affairs on consensus building on the Internet. The institutional structure of ICANN and the At Large election in 2000 served as a case study. She is currently evaluating options to reform the Domain Name System for the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research. Jeanette Hofmann pioneered social scientific Internet research in Germany as a founding member of the multidisciplinary research group Kulturraum Internet at the WZB. Here, she investigated decision-making and standard setting procedures of the Internet Engineering Task Force in the mid-1990s.

The infrastructure and regulation of the Internet form the focus of her work today. Due to its cross-national architecture is the Internet a clear example of the question about the future of the political right of self-determination of man in a transnational world.



Klaus Ring

Klaus Ring will round off the plenary sessions on Wednesday, 6 August at 12.45 hrs with a lecture entitled: "Are Internet and Print Products Interchangeable Reading Media?" The paper will deal with the cultural historical aspects of the development of media. However, it will also discuss the results of modern brain research and cognitive psychology that have brought about important insights into the topic of early learning as well as in language and reading competencies.

Klaus Ring lives in Frankfurt/Main. He has studied microbiology and biochemistry at various universities. After promotion and habilitation and various stays abroad, he became professor for microbiological chemistry. Between 1986 and 1994 he was the president of the Johann Wolfgang Goethe University in Frankfurt/Main, and from 1988 to 1994 he was vice-president of the Rectors' Conference. From 1991 to 1994 he was a member of the Executive Board of the "Confederation of European Rectors' Conferences" at the European Union in Brussels. Since 1994 he has been Executive Director of the Foundation Reading (Stiftung Lesen).

Some Highlights

of the Preliminary Conference Programme

For the full conference programme, latest programme updates, a list of speakers as well as the conference papers, please visit www.ifla.org and log onto the IFLA 2003 icon. Whilst this preliminary programme gives a general indication, IFLA reserves the right to make changes to this preliminary programme at any time. IFLA cannot be held responsible for any consequences of such changes. For more information about the programme, contact also IFLA Headquarters ifla@ifla.org.

(programme extract as of 19 April 2003)

SI = Simultaneous Interpretation (English, French, German, Russian and Spanish) Off-Site = not in the ICC Berlin (International Congress Centre)

□ Some Highlights for all

■ SATURDAY, 2 AUGUST

18.00-19.00

Caucus Meetings – meetings of delegates in various country groups. Everybody is welcome to attend!

■ SUNDAY, 3 AUGUST

10.45-12.45

Newcomers Session – (SI)

12.45-13.45

Plenary Session – (SI)

Rainer Kuhlen: "Change of Paradigm in Knowledge Management – Framework for the Collaborative Knowledge Production"

Chair: Jianzhong Wu, China

14.00-15.00

UNESCO Open Forum – (SI)

Abdelaziz Abid (UNESCO, Paris, France): "The World Summit on the Information Society"

16.45-18.15

Council I – (SI)

17.00-19.00

Opening of the Exhibition with Drinks and Snacks

■ MONDAY, 4 AUGUST

12.45-13.45

Plenary Session – (SI)

Adama Samassékou: "The World Summit - a First Step Towards a Society of Commonly Shared Expertise and Knowledge"

Chair: Kay Raseroka, Botswana

16.00-18.00

Opening Session – (SI)

Keynote Speaker: Klaus G. Saur, K.G. Saur Publishing

Moderator: Ranga Yogeshwar, German TV Moderator, scientific journalist (and grandson of the Indian philosopher and librarian Ranganathan).

18.15-23.00

Welcome Party at the Palais am Funkturm with Drinks, Food and Music

■ TUESDAY, 5 AUGUST

10.45-12.45

Free Access to Information and Freedom of Expression (FAIFE) – (SI)

Access Point Library: the Information Society in the Aftermath of 11 September

12.00-14.00

Poster Sessions

12.45-13.45

Plenary Session – (SI)

Jeanette Hofmann: "Globalisation and Democracy"

Chair: Mary Jackson, USA

13.45-15.45

Copyright and Other Legal Matters (CLM) – (SI)

Digital Rights Management and Technical Protection Measures: Implications for Copyright, Exceptions and Limitations

■ WEDNESDAY, 6 AUGUST

10.45-12.45

Reading – (SI)

The Impact of the Internet on Reading and Libraries

12.00-14.00

Poster Sessions

12.45-13.45

Plenary Session – (SI)

Klaus Ring: "Are Internet and Print Products Interchangeable Reading Media?"

Chair: Rashidah Begum, Malaysia

13.45-15.45

Copyright and Other Legal Matters (CLM)

Update Session

13.45-17.45

Free Access to Information and Freedom of Expression (FAIFE) & Libraries for Children and Young Adults – Workshop

Children's Libraries Ensuring Access to Information and Creating a Culture of Understanding in a World of Violence and Conflicts

■ THURSDAY, 7 AUGUST

08.30-17.30

Library Theory and Research & Free Access to Information and Freedom of Expression (FAIFE) – Off-site

The Librarian: the Key to Open and Closed Collections. Issues on Ethics of Librarianship

19.30-22.30

Cultural Evening at the State Library Berlin with Drinks, Food, Live Music and Performance

■ FRIDAY, 8 AUGUST

To be announced

Storytelling Morning with Fairytales by the Grimm Brothers

14.15-15.55

Closing Session – (SI)

Moderator of the Closing Session: Klaus-Dieter Lehmann, President Prussian Cultural Heritage Foundation

16.00-18.00

Council II – (SI)

■ SATURDAY, 9 AUGUST

09.00-12.00/13.00

Half-day excursions

09.00-20.00

Full-day excursions



□ Specials for Special Libraries

■ SUNDAY, 3 AUGUST

08.30-10.30

Law Libraries - Discussion Group

Legal Aspects and New Structures of Global Information Provision

■ MONDAY, 4 AUGUST

08.30-10.30

Geography and Map Libraries

Digitising and Presenting Historical Maps

13.45-15.45

Art Libraries

The Evolution of the Art Library: From Early Collecting to Virtual Services

■ TUESDAY, 5 AUGUST

08.30-18.00

Art Libraries - Kunstgewerbemuseum - Staatliche Museen zu Berlin

Art Trade and the Art Library

13.45-15.45

Health and Biosciences Libraries & Science and Technology Libraries -

Bioinformatics: an Evolution of Two Decades

■ WEDNESDAY, 6 AUGUST

08.30-10.30

Government Libraries – (SI)

Changing Governments, Changing Libraries

16.00-18.00

Social Science Libraries – (SI)

Building Strategic Alliances With Our Special User Groups: How Social and Political Scientists Cope With the New Information Paradigm

■ THURSDAY, 7 AUGUST

08.30-17.30

Government Libraries – Off-site

German Government Libraries since Unification (1990) - Experiences and Perspectives

08.30-12.30 or 13.30-17.30

Social Science Libraries – Off-site

User Studies - Are We Meeting the Users' Needs?

Discussion With Scientists From the Social Science Research Centre Berlin

□ Specials for General Research Libraries

■ SUNDAY, 3 AUGUST

08.30-18.00

Library and Research Services for Parliaments – Research Day

■ MONDAY, 4 AUGUST

10.45-12.45

Library and Research Services for Parliaments – (SI)

The Challenge of Change: the Experience of Three German Speaking Parliamentary Libraries

■ TUESDAY, 5 AUGUST

08.30-18.00

Library and Research Services for Parliaments – Off-site

Study Day at the Bundestag of Germany

16.00-18.00

National Libraries & Statistics and Evaluation

Benchmarking and Performance Measurements: Developing Quality Services at National Libraries

■ WEDNESDAY, 6 AUGUST

13.45-15.45

University Libraries and other General Research Libraries & Information Literacy – (SI)

The International Information Literacy Certificate: Challenges for the Profession

■ THURSDAY, 7 AUGUST

08.30-17.30

Library and Research Services for Parliaments – Off-site

Management Workshop

08.30-12.30

University Libraries and other General Research Libraries with Information Technology – Off-site

The Scholar's Portal: an International Perspective

13.30-17.30

National Libraries

National Libraries as Access Points: Virtual Libraries for Virtual Users

□ Specials for Public Libraries

■ MONDAY, 4 AUGUST

08.30-10.30

Public Libraries

Innovation in Public Libraries

■ TUESDAY, 5 AUGUST

08.00-09.30

Gates Foundation Learning Award 2003 Announcement – Berlin State Library, Potsdamer Strasse

16.00-18.00

Libraries Serving the General Public – (SI)

Libraries as Vital Partners in the Social and Cultural Fabric of Modern Society

■ THURSDAY, 7 AUGUST

08.30-17.30

Public Libraries

Inspiring Lifelong Learning in Public Libraries

□ Registration for Workshops

Most off-site workshops require pre-registration. Please see the programme on IFLANET for contact details for those off-site workshops that you would like to attend. On-site workshops are open to all delegates on a 'first-come, first served' basis without pre-registration.

■ International Trade Exhibition

In connection with the IFLA 2003 Berlin conference, an International trade exhibition will be arranged at the International Congress Centre Berlin. The National Organising Committee is pleased to report that, as we go to press, no less than **130 exhibitors** will take part in IFLA 2003 – with yet more enquiries coming for the area remaining. The exhibition will be held from 3-6 August 2003 and runs at the same location as the conference. With exhibitors from Europe, Asia, Australia and North America this will be a truly International event. Within the exhibition areas there will be also two Internet Cafés with a total of 40 workstations, the Message Centres, the Paper Printing Centre and Snack Bars. The exhibition opening hours are:

Sunday, 3 August 17:00 - 19:00 hrs
Monday, 4 August 09:00 - 18:00 hrs
Tuesday, 5 August 09:00 - 18:00 hrs
Wednesday, 6 August 09:00 - 18:00 hrs

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□ Guidelines for Audiovisual and Multimedia Materials in Libraries



During the world congress in Berlin, the Audiovisual and Multimedia Section offers a workshop to present and discuss the draft "Guidelines for Audio-visual and Multimedia Materials in Libraries" on Thursday morning, 7 August, 8.30-12.00 hrs. The full text is available on IFLANET: <http://www.ifla.org/VII/s35/pubs/avmgl03.htm>. The Section invites all interested colleagues to send comments to the chair Bruce Royan bruce.royan@concurrentcomputing.co.uk and/or to the secretary Monika Cremer cremer@mail.sub.uni-goettingen.de. The Section will be pleased to see many of you at the workshop in Berlin!



□ Tips for Newcomers

As soon as you have the conference programme use a highlighter pen to mark all those sessions, workshops and visits which particularly interest you. Then write them in the small "Pocket Programme" sponsored by Swets Blackwell provided in your conference bag.

You will be able to identify other Newcomers by their special badges. Try to meet up with them, and share the experience of your first IFLA conference. For answers to the most frequently asked questions about IFLA conferences, please visit the conference website at www.ifla.org

□ How to Make the Most of Your First IFLA Conference

IFLA will hold a meeting to welcome Newcomers to the IFLA conference – the "**Newcomers Session**" on Sunday, 3 August, from 10.45-12.45 hrs. The session will feature a variety of contributions from IFLA Officers and a visual presentation. Simultaneous Interpretation in all IFLA working languages (English, French, German, Russian and Spanish) will be provided and there will be ample opportunity for questions and answers. While the session is designated for first-time participants and new IFLA Members, every participant who is curious to learn more about the organisation of IFLA's International network of Information Professionals is welcome to participate in it. Be sure to come by to pick up your Newcomers package and the special First Timer badge!

A Newcomers' **Welcome Reception** will follow this session. Generously sponsored by The British Council, Newcomers will enjoy coffee and pancakes ("Berliner") in informal settings.

□ Storytelling Morning With Grimm's Fairytales

On Friday morning, 8 August, a professional storyteller will present several of the famous fairytales by the Grimm Brothers in English. This will be accompanied by a small exhibition in the ICC of the Grimm Brothers' study library, which is located in the Humboldt university library.





□ **Berlin Orientation Tour**

Berlin has always been a special city - remarkable for its high ambitions

and vivacious character.

The aim of this orientation tour is to show visitors those sights of Berlin with a close connection to its history of change, touching upon the Emperor Wilhelm Memorial Church, Kurfürstendamm, Potsdamer Platz, Brandenburg Gate, the Museum Island, Checkpoint Charlie, the New Synagogue, and the "Scheunenviertel" to mention but a few. Further details are available at www.ifla.org.

This three-hours bus tour offered on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9.00 - 12.00 hrs is included in the conference fee for all participants and accompanying persons. Please choose a particular day on the registration form.



□ **Invitation to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Access to Learning Award for 2003**

All IFLA delegates are invited to the official presentation of the Access to Learning Award for 2003 on Tuesday morning, 5 August, 8.00 hrs at the Berlin State Library, Potsdamer Strasse. The International award from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, which is managed by the Council on Library and Information Resources, is given annually to a library or library agency outside the US that has been innovative in providing free public access to information. The 1 million US Dollar grant is to help the recipient develop new initiatives. Previous award recipients include the Helsinki city library in Finland, Argentina's Biblioteca de Congreso and Guatemala's Probugua. The ceremony starts at 08.00 hrs and breakfast will be served. For further questions please contact abishop@clir.org.

□ **Berlin by Night**



On Tuesday, 5 August, a 4-hours bus tour (incl. transfer back from the TV tower to the ICC) is on the programme. Start is at 18.00 hrs at the ICC, and end is at 22.00 hrs again at the ICC at a price of Euro 40 per person (incl. one glass of German sparkling wine).



This city tour follows the same route as the Berlin Orientation Tour (please see above), but will end at the TV tower of Berlin to watch the colours of the city changing when the sun sets, while enjoying a glass of German sparkling wine (Sekt).



□ 12. Bewag City-Night at the Kurfürstendamm

Get fit again after the conference with a 10 km Run/Walk, a 5 km Fun-Run/Walk, 10 km Inline-Skating or Wheelchair Race! On Saturday evening, 9 August (not on 2 August as announced in IFLA Express 1), the running course leads you along Tauentzienstraße (next to Emperor Wilhelm Memorial Church), via the Kurfürstendamm to Lehninger Platz and back again accompanied by music and show. Organizer: SCC-Sport Club Charlottenburg Run-

ning Events GmbH. More information and online registration are available at: <http://www.berlin-marathon.com/events/citynight>. English registration forms at: <http://www.berlin-marathon.com/formulare/2003citynacht.e.pdf> For further information about this event please contact the SCC-Sport Club Charlottenburg Running Events GmbH, E-mail: info@berlin-marathon.com



□ Jewish Berlin

An important symbol of the Jewish culture in Berlin is the New Synagogue. Built in 1857 in Moorish-Byzantine style, the building was bombed to the ground in the last days of World War II. Reconstruction work was carried out in the 80's. Today, the golden dome can be admired from afar and once again enriches the "Scheunenviertel", the centre of the Jewish community in Berlin. Further insights into Jewish culture in Berlin may be gained from a visit of the Jewish Museum designed by the American architect Daniel Libeskind and housed in one of the most spectacular buildings erected in Berlin since World War II. The visit of Jewish Berlin will end with a walk through the Holocaust Monument, which, at the moment, is still under construction.

This 3,5 hrs tour is offered on Friday, 8 August, starting at 09.00 hrs at the ICC and ending at 12.30 hrs at the ICC. The price per person is Euro 29.

■ Evening Events

■ Sunday, 3 August

Exhibition Opening Party to be held in all exhibition areas with drinks and snacks from 17.00 to 19.00 hrs.

■ Monday, 4 August

Opening party at the nearby "Palais am Funkturm" (five minute walk from ICC), immediately following the opening ceremony, and sponsored by Springer Publishing. Participants will be led to the venue by the marching band "Tätärä". Starting at 18.15 hrs, participants will first be offered drinks in the "Ehrenhalle" and could then, if weather permits, walk through the "Palais" into the spacious "Summer Garden". A buffet dinner will be served in the "Palais", and guests will be able to stay until 23.00 hrs. A central dance floor is available for participants and a DJ will play pop dance music.

■ Tuesday, 5 August

Evening free for company receptions.

■ Wednesday, 6 August

Evening free for Embassy receptions or receptions in cultural institutions.

■ Thursday, 7 August

Cultural evening at the State Library Berlin – Prussian Cultural Heritage. Doors are open from 19.30 hrs, and drinks and "brezeln" will be served on arrival in the entrance area. Opening of the buffet dinner is planned for 20.15 hrs, the "Wedding Skiffle Orchestra" will be playing in the cafeteria, a Samba group will perform in the main entrance hall, and a performance by a deaf pantomime group will be presented also in the entrance hall. Guests will be able to stay until 22.30 hrs.



□ *Libraries in Germany - in a Nutshell*

There are approximately 10,200 public libraries and 4,000 academic libraries in Germany. They are financed and maintained by the municipalities and the Federal Länder, as well as some by church and private institutions and foundations. Decentralisation is having a marked effect on the libraries system - unlike in many other countries, there is no libraries law in Germany, and certainly no central steering by a state or private institution. This situation has arisen for historical reasons, as the responsibility for cultural matters, academic life and art, as well as for education, is mainly the prerogative of the Länder. The municipalities also share this cultural sovereignty; their voluntary tasks include activities such as maintaining theatres, museums and libraries.



Halberstadt, city library

Libraries in Germany look back on a history that goes back centuries, beginning with the first monastery libraries in the 6th century AD. Then came the cathedral and town hall libraries, the libraries of the nobility and university libraries, reading rooms and people's libraries, and finally the local and university lending libraries as we know them today, usually open to all.

Libraries may be described according to their function. The tasks of a national library are fulfilled by the Deutsche Bibliothek (German Library) (Frankfurt/Main and Leipzig) and the Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin – Preußischer Kulturbesitz (State Library of Berlin – Prussian Cultural Heritage) in Berlin and the Bayerische Staatsbibliothek (Bavarian State Library) in Munich; there are also three central specialist libraries. The main purpose of academic university libraries, regional State and Land libraries is to provide a service for research and teaching, and they serve university staff and students. City and local authority libraries of various sizes provide general information in the municipalities, thereby making an important contribution to fulfilling the basic right of every citizen, "to inform himself without hindrance from

generally accessible sources". In addition, State library offices and church technical offices promote, advise and support the work of public libraries locally in the Länder.

The libraries are facing up to the challenge of providing information, media and services for the modern age, and it is a long time since only books and journals were available. Now there are also games, CD-ROMs, films, DVDs and audio books, and whatever else anyone with an interest in the media wants. The ability to read and to engage in lifelong learning, competence in using the media, and methodical skills to engage in research and critically recognise important information are elementary cultural techniques urgently required by everyone to be able to cope with school and training, working life and the everyday world.



Landau, city library



*Bernburg, city library
(children's library)*



Westerstede, city library



*Reutlingen,
ekz foiling machine*



Munich, Historicum of the university library



Dortmund, city and regional library



Stuttgart, city library (music library)



Bad Hersfeld, city library

Things that used to take weeks can now be done in a flash, thanks to electronics: through German interlibrary loans and various document supply services, one can order in paper form or electronically nearly any publication one wants that is not available in one's local library. A network of six regional association central offices coordinates interlibrary loans, collects and stores all media-related data on stock held in the academic libraries, making it available on the Internet in the form of a "virtual library catalogue".

The Bundesvereinigung Deutscher Bibliotheksverbände e.V. - BDB (Federal Association of German Library Associations), based in Berlin, is the joint, cross-sectoral umbrella association representing the interests of the library-related associations

and institutions. Its members include: the Deutscher Bibliotheksverband e.V. - DBV (German Library Association), the Berufsverband Information Bibliothek e.V. - BIB (Vocational Association for Information for Libraries), the Verein Deutscher Bibliothekare e.V. - VDB (Association of German Librarians), ekz.bibliotheksservice GmbH, Goethe Institute Inter Nationes and the Bertelsmann Foundation.

The main specialist conferences are the German Libraries Conference, organised annually by the Verein Deutscher Bibliothekare and the Berufsverband Information Bibliothek, and the German Library Congress, organised every three years by the BDB.

Important subjects occupying the libraries are the development of new services, such as online research for small and medium-sized enterprises or standards and structuring systems for electronic publications, as well as the software and hardware solutions required for processing, providing and archiving multimedia publications.

Jürgen Seefeldt

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STATISTICS:

Approximately 11,350 libraries were included in the German statistics on libraries in 2001. Of these, approximately 5,400, including 150 mobile libraries and 70 music libraries, are financed by the municipalities and rural districts, 3,800 by the Catholic Church and 980 by the Evangelical Church, including 350 hospital libraries for patients. The Federal Länder maintain 40 regional Land and State libraries, 80 university libraries (with 670 faculty libraries), approximately 175 libraries at Universities of Applied Sciences and 900 specialist academic libraries.

The Federation also maintains approximately 50 parliamentary, court and civil service department libraries as well as the library with the largest stock, the Deutsche Bibliothek. In addition, there are approximately 4,000 school and teachers' libraries in ordinary schools.

The figures do not include approximately 1,800 other privately and publicly financed specialist libraries, so that it may be assumed that the total number of libraries is approximately 18,000.



□ IFLA Voting Office

Voting delegates can obtain the necessary voting papers at the IFLA Voting Office located in the IFLA Secretariat office in the ICC. Please note that the voting office will not be in the registration area this year. Voting papers will be distributed only to those delegates who are in possession of the IFLA Voting Card 2003, duly signed by the appropriate authority. The IFLA Voting Card has been mailed to all members, which duly paid their membership fees for 2003. Late payment may be accepted during the conference at the Voting Office, in which case the Voting Cards may be collected at the same time.

The Voting Office will be open on
 Friday, 1 August from 14.00-18.00
 Saturday, 2 August from 09.00-18.00
 Sunday, 3 August from 09.00-16.30

Please collect your voting papers as early as possible.

□ Visa and Letter of Invitation

EU nationals do not require a visa to enter Germany. In general, all other foreign nationals require a visa for their stay in Germany. However, for citizens of some countries, a list of which can be consulted via the home page of the Foreign Office: <http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de>, a visa is not required for visits of up to three months' duration.

If a visa is required to enter Germany, your application should be submitted sufficiently in advance of your departure to Germany. If you tick the appropriate box on the registration form, the German Organising Committee will send an official letter of invitation to facilitate your visa application. The letter of invitation is not a commitment on the part of the conference organisers to provide any financial support.

■ Sponsors and Supporters

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► Arriving at One of Berlin's Three Airports

Berlin is served by some 54 national and international airlines flying into its three airports: Berlin-Tegel (TXL), Berlin-Tempelhof (THF), and Berlin-Schönefeld (SXF). Berlin-Tegel is located in the North of Berlin, about 8 km from the city centre of Berlin-West and connected by a network of expressways and 2 public bus lines. The bus lines X9 and 109 leave every ten minutes and reach the city West (Kurfürstendamm, Zoo Station, Budapester Strasse) in approx. 30 minutes. A taxi into the city West cost about Euro 20 (25 minutes driving time – it takes longer during rush hour).

Berlin-Tempelhof is situated just south of the two city centres, only 10-20 minutes away by underground (line 6) as the station is next to the terminal.

Berlin-Schönefeld is located in the South-East of Berlin, about 25 km from the city centre of Berlin-West and 18 km from Berlin-Mitte. It is connected by city train (S 9) with both city centres, stations are called Alexanderplatz and Zoologischer Garten. Bus line 171 connects the airport with the Underground line 7 (station Rudow). A taxi into the city centre cost about 40 Euro (40 minutes driving time).

Volunteers will be at the Berlin-Tegel airport and the Berlin-Tempelhof airport to assist you upon your arrival in Berlin. A Welcome Desk will be installed at Berlin-Tegel at Position 0 (between the main hall and position 1) and at Berlin-Tempelhof in the exit area for giving you further information on how to reach the hotels or the ICC Berlin by public transportation. On arrival day, the confirmation of the registration will serve as a ticket.

► Arriving by Train

Berlin is part of the Intercity-Network and can be reached from all directions by using the fast Intercity Express (ICE), Intercity (IC), Euro City (EC) and InterRegio trains. The nearest station to the conference hotels and the ICC is called Berlin-Zoologischer Garten (Zoo Station). General information concerning schedules, prices and seat-reservations can be obtained at Deutsche Bahn AG (DB), Phone: +49 180 5996633 or via the web address www.bahn.de. The two main stations, Zoo station and Ostbahnhof, are very well connected with the public transport system (BVG).

► How to Get to the International Conference Centre (ICC):

The ICC Berlin can easily be reached by bus, S-Bahn and U-Bahn.

Bus lines: 104, 149, 204, 219

S-Bahn: S 3, S3, S4, S 7, S 9, station Westkreuz

S4, S 41, S 42, S 47 station Messe Nord/ICC (Witzleben)

U-Bahn: U2, station Kaiserdamm

If you plan to drive to the ICC Berlin, please follow the sign "Congress Centrum". The ICC Berlin car park has 650 parking places, with another 5000 places nearby. Parking fees can be paid with notes or coins. At the Neue Kantstrasse and the Hammarskjöldplatz (next to the ICC Berlin) parking space is free of charge.

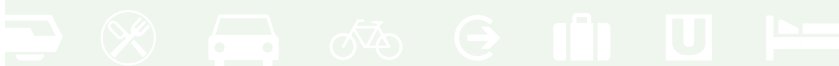
□ More than 200 Grants for Berlin

The Federal Association of German Library Associations (BDB) will support through its Exchange Office for Librarians "Bibliothek & Information International" (BII) 25 participants from developing countries with a full grant. A panel that reviewed the 633 applications received has chosen the recipients. In addition, "Bibliothek & Information International" is covering the registration fees for further 40 participants from mainly Eastern and Central European countries.

The Goethe Institute Inter Nationes is paying the registration fees for 150 participants from many different countries, and will also award additional travel grants for some of these delegates. In addition, the Goethe Institute will organize around the time of the conference (including conference participation) at least four study tours with participants from the southern part of Africa, from North Africa and the Middle East, from USA, and from China and Mongolia. Furthermore, the Goethe Institute will award a travel grant for a group of librarians from Israel. A self-funded study tour by a group of librarians from Singapore after the conference is co-organized by the Goethe Institute.

The Robert Bosch Foundation is offering several grants to delegates from Eastern and Central Europe who present their scientific projects in the poster session. The Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (German Research Foundation) is offering grants to several participants from Central and Eastern European countries.

In addition, the Fellows of the Americas Programme funded by IFLA 2001 awards 15 grants, and IFLA HQ and the French IFLA Committee manage several additional grants.





▶ Travelling During the Conference in Berlin

A ticket, which is valid in and around Berlin during the length of the conference, is already included in the registration fee. Your name badge will include a small logo of the BVG, the Berlin public transport company, and serve as a ticket for all buses, underground and city trains.

▶ Registration Information

It is advisable to register early for the IFLA 2003 Conference also in view of the hotel situation in Berlin. Registrations after 15 July can only be made on-site.

▶ Opening Hours of the Registration Desk

The registration desk is located in the entrance foyer of the ICC Berlin. Registration for the IFLA 2003 conference will start on Friday, 1 August at 13.00 hrs to 18.00 hrs and throughout the whole conference each day from 8.00 hrs to 18.00 hrs.

▶ Banking Service

The official currency in Germany is the Euro. It is recommended that foreign currencies be converted into Euros at German chartered banks, which are usually open from Monday to Friday from 9.00 to 18.00 hrs. Most post offices, train stations and airports offer exchange service. ATMs (cash point machines), which accept EC cards, and all major credit cards can be found all over the city, as well as in the entrance lobby of ICC Berlin.

▶ Credit Cards

Unlike some shops, most hotels and restaurants in Berlin accept major credit cards. It is recommended to have also some cash, an EC card or traveller cheques with you.

▶ Electricity

The standard electric current in Germany is 230 Volts, 50 Hz AC. German outlets accept only round-prong plugs. Appliances designated to operate on 110/120 Volts need a transformer and a plug adapter. Most hotels provide 110 Volt outlets for electrical razors. Certain hotels have connection facilities for laptops.

▶ Weather

During the month of August, the climate in Berlin is usually warm and sunny with daytime temperatures rising to 20-25 ° C (71-79 ° F) with occasionally hot or rainy days.

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