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His Majesty
King Harald V of Norway

Royal Patron of WLIC 2005 Oslo



The Minister's Welcome

It is a great pleasure and honour for me to welcome all the participants of this year's IFLA Conference to Norway and Oslo. IFLA was established 78 years ago, and I am proud that the 71st conference of this vital organisation takes place in Oslo in 2005. The conference is an opportunity to emphasise the importance of the year 2005 to our nation's history. In 2005, we celebrate Norway's centenary as an independent nation. Libraries as cultural institutions play an important role in this celebration; both The National Library and The Oslo University Library, as well as the many smaller public libraries around the country, will have their natural place in this celebration.

As centres of knowledge and information, the libraries play a significant part in a nation's collective memory and represent an important basis for further development of our societies – and for democracy. Consequently, it is of great importance that they are efficient and accessible to all user-groups. One of IFLA's objectives is "to encourage, sponsor and promote research and development in all aspects of library activity", and the organisation connects "library people" from many countries, from all corners of the world – in particular through this yearly conference. It is for these reasons that the Ministry of Culture and Church Affairs has taken pride in co-sponsoring this event.

I am confident that Oslo and Norway will prove to be a good choice for the 2005-IFLA conference. Not only because this is a year of celebration, but also because of our country's literary traditions, our efficient and dynamic library institutions and the many new and exciting writers now being published.



I wish you all the best for a successful conference,
and hope you enjoy your stay!

Yours sincerely,

Valgerd Svarstad Haugland,
Minister of Culture and Church Affairs

Greetings from the Mayor of Oslo

On behalf of the City of Oslo it is a great pleasure and honor to welcome librarians from all over the world to the capital of Norway. Oslo is the oldest of the Scandinavian capitals, and its history goes back 1000 years ago, when the first settlements were built on the inlet of the Oslo fjord.

I hope the conference programme includes a city tour. We who live here, are proud of our city, and find pleasure in sharing its qualities with our visitors. The city is characterized by a mix of old and new architecture, parks, hills, museums, monuments, lakes, forests and the fjord. It is a vibrant city, excellent for shopping, cultural and sports activities. Oslo has a wide range of good restaurants and a lively nightlife.



Oslo, with around 525.000 inhabitants, welcomes you and wish you a happy stay and a successful conference.

Per Ditlev-Simonsen
Mayor of Oslo



A Centennial Welcome!

On behalf of the National Organising Committee, it is my privilege to extend an invitation to the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions, and to you all for the World Library and Information Congress and the 71st IFLA General Conference and Council.

Oslo is a city by the fjord, surrounded by forests and hills. It was originally settled at the turn of the 10th century, making Oslo the only Nordic capital with an urban settlement dating back to the Viking age. However, do not let the violent tales from that distant age flavour your expectations of Oslo. Rather you should think of their voyages of discovery, both in the West and the East. To Norwegians, travels have always been associated with discovery: Living in the narrow valleys and the deep fjords of our country, the story tells of the yearning girl or boy looking towards the mountains which bring the horizon up close: I wonder what there is to see beyond their crests?

Today, the tradition of discovery continues with one of the vessels being the libraries. Oslo has old traditions, but is part of a young and vigorous country. In the year of the conference, it will be 100 years since the peaceful dissolution of the Swedish-Norwegian Union. The conference will be able to take advantage of cultural events and other activities celebrating the centennial.



Welcome to Oslo in 2005,
to a compact conference in the heart of our capital.

Jon Bing,
President National Organising Committee

Theme

Libraries

– a voyage of discovery

Curiosity and imagination push the limits of your knowledge towards the unknown and the unexpected – Libraries help you get there!

National Programme

The National Organising Committee is planning a national programme during the conference in Oslo 14–18 August 2005. We want to present some of the history, culture and identity of Norway to our international colleagues in accordance with the conference theme: "A Voyage of Discovery".

People today have the same inclinations and fascination for the new and unknown as the Norwegian pioneers such as Fridtjof Nansen, Thor Heyerdahl, Henrik Ibsen, Sigrid Undset, Edvard Grieg and Edvard Munch had in their days.

So much has already been discovered and conquered in the twenty-first century. Yet there are still new challenges and discoveries waiting to be made – in space, in the depths of the ocean, and within the broad field of new technology.

Similarly, globalisation invites us on new voyages of discovery, within ourselves and in encounters with an exciting world of culture, knowledge, expressions, values and perceptions.

The National Organising Committee will present our national programme in the IFLA Express, no. 1 and 2 for 2005, and on the iflanet.

Norway's Centennial Anniversary 1905–2005

In 2005, 100 years will have passed since the union between Sweden and Norway was dissolved by peaceful means. It will be 100 years since Norway was recognized as an independent state with its own royal family and Foreign Service. The dissolution of the union laid the basis for allowing Norway to participate in the international community. This occasion will be marked in Norway, Sweden and abroad throughout 2005. The company Centennial Anniversary – Norway 2005 Ltd was given the task of arranging and presenting a programme by the Norwegian Parliament. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is responsible for the programme abroad.

What will take place?

The programme will show the development of modern Norway and its relations with the rest of the world. The programme will be thought provoking and encourage debate on the present and the future. It will be varied and progressive, and have a number of different partners and various events, ranging from innovative cultural experiences to debates and conferences on social development, business and politics.

The activities in 2005 will include:

- Exhibitions, book launches and publications.
- Performances: theatre, music, dance and cultural events.
- Summer festivals with international artists in Norway's principal cities.

For more information:
www.norge2005.no





IFLA – an Introduction

Founded in 1927, the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) and Institutions is an independent international non-governmental association that has formal associate relations with UNESCO. The aims of IFLA are to promote international understanding, cooperation, discussion, research and development in all fields of library activity and information science, and to provide a body through which librarianship can be represented in matters of international interest. IFLA has 1749 members, including 155 associations, 1118 institutions and 425 non-voting personal and student affiliates, representing 154 countries and all types of libraries.

The World Library and Information Congress is the continuation of the former IFLA General Conference and Council. For more information about IFLA: www.ifla.org

IFLA Divisions and Sections

I Division of General Research Libraries

National Libraries

University Libraries and other General Research Libraries

Library and Research Services for Parliaments

II Division of Special Libraries

Government Libraries

Social Science Libraries

Geography and Map Libraries

Science and Technology Libraries

Health and Biosciences Libraries

Art Libraries

Genealogy and Local History

III Division of Libraries Serving the General Public

Public Libraries

Libraries Serving Disadvantaged Persons

Libraries for Children and Young Adults

School Libraries and Resource Centres

Libraries for the Blind

Library Services to Multicultural Populations

Mobile Libraries

Metropolitan Libraries

IV Division of Bibliographic Control

Bibliography

Cataloguing

Classification and Indexing

Knowledge Management

V Division of Collections and Services

Acquisition and Collection Development

Document Delivery and Interlending

Serial Publications and other Continuing Resources

Newspapers





Government Information and Official Publications
Rare Books and Manuscripts
Reference Work

VI Division of Management and Technology

Preservation and Conservation
Library Buildings and Equipment
Information Technology
Statistics and Evaluation
Management and Marketing
Audiovisual and Multimedia
Management of Library Associations
Women's Issues

VII Division of Education and Research

Education and Training
Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning
Library Theory and Research
Library History
Library and Information Science Journals
Reading
Information Literacy

VIII Division of Regional Activities

Africa
Asia and Oceania
Latin America and the Caribbean

Core Activities

- Advancement of Librarianship, ALP
- Committee on Copyright and other Legal Matters, CLM
- Free Access to Information and Freedom of Expression, FAIFE
- IFLA-CDNL Alliance for Bibliographic Standards, ICABS
- IFLA Unimarc
- Preservation and Conservation, PAC





IFLA and Norway

At the closing of the IFLA conference in Jerusalem in 2000, the Governing Board announced that Oslo, Norway would be the venue for the conference in 2005. The decision was made on the basis of an application from the Norwegian Library Association (NLA). Norway has hosted the conference twice in the past – in 1947 and 1975. IFLA has also had two Norwegian presidents for two periods: William Munthe (1947–1953) and Else Granheim (1979–1985). Norway has been active in IFLA since it was founded in 1927.

It has been an important goal for NLA to contribute to putting libraries on the general agenda, and this is especially true in 2005. The peaceful dissolution of the union between Norway and Sweden took place in 1905. Norway's centennial anniversary in 2005 will be celebrated with a variety of cultural programme and other events, and the WLIC conference will be a part of these celebrations. When WLIC takes place in Oslo in August 2005, the participants at the conference will have the opportunity to take part in several events related to the anniversary.

With this conference, the NLA (founded 1913) wishes to focus on the role of the library in modern society, and show the importance of libraries in a society which is based on education and the distribution of knowledge. NLA wishes to contribute to a vitalisation of the library, and increase the role of libraries as a democratic force in society.

NLA wanted the entire Norwegian library community to participate in preparing and organising the conference. Libraries, institutions and organisations that were members of IFLA, were invited to establish an association, which would lay the basic foundations of the National Organising Committee (NOC).

In the spring of 2001, the "IFLA 2005 Oslo" association was founded, and the president (Jon Bing) and the members of the committee were elected. The association established its own secretariat and appointed a general secretary in the autumn of 2002. The conference in 2005 is being organised by two cooperating parties: IFLA and NOC. Congrex Holland has been hired to act as the professional conference organiser, to handle the registrations and the on site management of the event.

The Norwegian National Organising Committee is responsible for the entire framework of the event, and has established several subordinate committees in different fields. IFLA 2005 Oslo is supported financially by the Norwegian Ministry of Culture and Religious Affairs, and the Ministry of Education and Research. The main national sponsor is Biblioteksentralen AL. In addition, IFLA 2005 Oslo receives support from several other sources. IFLA 2005 Oslo cooperates with library organisations and institutions from all parts of Norway.



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Conference Schedule

Sunday 14 August

08.30–10.30	Council I
10.45–12.45	Opening Lunch
13.45–15.45	Sessions
16.00–18.00	Exhibit Party In combination with Opening Party on-site

Thursday 18 August

	Library visits
08.30–10.30	Sessions
10.45–12.45	Sessions Lunch
13.45–15.45	Closing
16.00–18.00	Council II GB reception for host

Monday 15 August

	Exhibition
08.30–10.30	Sessions
10.45–12.45	Sessions Lunch
13.45–15.45	Sessions
16.00–18.00	Sessions Opening of the National Library

Business meetings for the Governing Board, Coordinating Boards and Standing Committees are held on 12, 13, 19 and 20 August according to normal practice.

Tuesday 16 August

	Exhibition Posters
08.30–10.30	Sessions
10.45–12.45	Sessions Lunch
13.45–15.45	Sessions
16.00–18.00	Sessions Cultural Evening

Wednesday 17 August

	Exhibition Library visits Posters
08.30–10.30	Sessions
10.45–12.45	Sessions Lunch
13.45–15.45	Sessions
16.00–18.00	Sessions Embassy/Consulate Receptions/Mayor's Reception



Satellite Meetings

Training & Continuing Education for Science & Technology Librarians – a compact, intensive 2-day session promoting trends and content areas for science and technology libraries

Date: 10–11 August 2005

Place: Norway, Trondheim, Norwegian

University of Science and Technology

Sponsor: Science and Technology Section

More info: IFLA Express 1, 2005

Management, Marketing, Evaluation and Promotion of Library Services, based on statistics, analyses and evaluation in your own library

Date: August 2005

Place: Norway, Bergen

Sponsors: Management & Marketing, Public Libraries and Library Theory and Research Sections

More info: IFLA Express 1, 2005

The Impact and Outcomes of Library Services: performance measurement for a changing information environment

Date: 20–23 August 2005

Place: UK, University of Durham, Collingwood College

Sponsor: Statistics and Evaluation Section

More info: IFLA Express 1, 2005

The 21st Annual Preconference of Library and Research Services for Parliaments, hosted by the Norwegian Parliament (Stortinget)

The event will include a visit to the Norwegian Parliamentary Library and a Research Meeting *Value Added Services and Products for Legislative Processes*

Date: August 2005

Place: Norway, Oslo, Stortinget

Sponsor: Library and Research Services for Parliament Sections

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Documenting Censored Books and Newspapers through all ages for the Bibliographic Database "Beacon for Freedom of Expression".

A seminar on methodology based on case studies

Date: 11 or 12 August 2005

Place: Norway, Oslo

Sponsor: FAIFE Core Activity

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Accessible Libraries

Date: 10–12 August 2005

Place: Sweden, Göteborg

Sponsors: Libraries Serving Disadvantages Persons and Libraries for the Blind Sections.

More info: www.bibl.vgregion.se

How Government Libraries and Information Services Support the Strategies of their Home Organisation in Practice

Date: 10–12 August 2005s

Place: Sweden, Stockholm

Sponsor: Government Libraries Section

More info: IFLA Express 1, 2005

The Decade of Literacy – Roles for Stakeholders

Date: 11–12 August 2005

Place: Norway, Oslo, Oslo University College

Sponsors: School Libraries and Resource Centres and Reading Sections

More Info: IFLA Express 1, 2005

Public Libraries from Public Education to what? – Designing the new strategies for Public Paradises to Adults, Children and Young

Date: 10–11 August 2005

Place: Norway, Stavanger

Sponsors: Libraries for Children and Young Adults and Public Libraries Sections

More info: www.rogaland.fylkesbibl.no/ifla

Responsible Stewardship of Cultural Property

Date: 11–12 August 2005

Place: Denmark, Copenhagen, The Royal Library

Sponsor: Rare Books and Manuscripts Section

More info: IFLA Express 1, 2005

Virtual vs. Physical Libraries – Who is Responsible for the Virtual Library?

with a possibility of library tours on 10 and 13 August

Date: 11–12 August 2005

Place: Finland, Järvenpää, Järvenpää Hall

Sponsors: Library Buildings and Equipment and Reference Work Sections

More info: IFLA Express 1, 2005

Nordic Mobile Meet and Conference to Further the Knowledge and Development of Mobile Library Services

Date: 12–14 August 2005

Place: Norway, Oslo

Sponsor: Mobile Libraries Section

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Organisations in Change: Effects on Art Libraries

Date: 12 August 2005

Place: Norway, Oslo, Oslo University Library

Sponsor: Art Libraries Section

More info:

www.arlisenorden.org/norge/arrangement/ifla

Arctic Circle Conservation Colloquium: Preservation Storage Solution for all Library Materials

Date: 11–12 August 2005

Place: Norway, Mo i Rana, National Library

Sponsors: Newspapers and Preservation and Conservations Sections

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The Multilingual Library. Staff Competence for Success

Date: 10–12 August 2005

Place: Sweden, Stockholm, Kulturhuset

Sponsor: Library Services to Multicultural Population Sections

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Biblioteca Universalis – How to Organise Chaos? FRBR, a New Effort to Organise Content, and Some Practical Applications.

With a possibility of library tours on 10 and 13 August

Date: 11–12 August 2005

Place: Finland, Järvenpää, Järvenpää Hall

Sponsor: Bibliographic Section

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CPD and Preparing for the New Roles of Librarians: A Voyage of Discovery

Date: 11 – 13 August 2005

Place: Norway, Oslo, National University College

Sponsors: Continuing Professional Development & Workplace Learning Section

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Conference Information

Time and Place

The World Library and Information Congress 2005, 71st IFLA General Conference and Council will take place in Oslo, Norway from 14–18 August, 2005. The conference takes place in the compact centre of Oslo, with the majority of the hotels, meeting and exhibition facilities within walking distance of tourist attractions and restaurants. This makes Oslo a practical and easy venue for the conference.

WLIC 2005 Website

For updated information on the conference please visit the WLIC 2005 website at www.ifla.org

Conference Venue

The World Library and Information Congress 2005 will be held at the Oslo Spektrum and in the conference hotel, Hotel Radisson Plaza in Oslo, Norway. Both venues are connected and are located in the heart of Oslo.

Simultaneous Interpretation

Simultaneous interpretation services will be available in five languages: English, French, German, Russian and Spanish. This service will be available for the opening and closing sessions and other selected sessions. Please look for the SI mark in the Final Programme.

IFLA Express 2005

IFLA Express is a daily newsletter in English, which will be published during the conference by the National Organising Committee in collaboration with the IFLA Secretariat to give delegates information of general interest, and information from IFLA Secretariat, Divisions and Sections, and from the National Organizers. In addition two pre-congress issues of IFLA Express will appear in January and May/June 2005 with the latest news on the congress.

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Sponsoring

More information on national sponsor opportunities can be obtained from IFLA 2005 Oslo and international sponsor opportunities can be obtained from the Conference Secretariat, Congrex Holland bv.



WLIC 2005 Exhibition

An international library trade exhibition will be held at the Spektrum in conjunction with the conference. For further information and to reserve exhibition space contact:

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Opening Ceremony

The official opening ceremony of IFLA 2005 will take place in the grand auditorium of the Oslo Spektrum in the afternoon, 14 August. There will be a programme of prominent speakers, and celebrated artists who will show us the lead in our voyage of discovery.

Grand Opening of the National Library of Norway

The National Library of Norway invites IFLA delegates to the grand opening of the National Library on 15 August.

The main library building dates back to 1913, and will be totally renovated in order to enhance the access and services for the users of the National Library. Together with our modern division in Rana, the National Library is well prepared to secure the national preservation of our cultural heritage and to meet the challenges of digital technologies and the Internet.

The opening ceremony will feature top class artists from the performing arts, and reflect the slogan for the congress; "A Voyage of Discovery".

Welcome!



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Cultural Evening

We are proud to welcome you to an enchanted night out on Tuesday 16 August, at the Norwegian Folk Museum, the very core of our history. Reminding us that when navigating to discovery, it is advisable to know from where one sets out. Our "walk-along-party" will be held between 50 traditional buildings, mostly dating from the 17th and 18th centuries. While walking the reconstructed village streets you will be able to enjoy food and refreshments served by hosts wearing traditional costumes. Groups of traditional dancers and musicians will entertain you along the paths of the museum, and as dusk arrives in the outdoors amphitheatre, we will enjoy a contemporary stage-event that will make sure we look ahead when finding our way home.

Our buses will take you to the museum at the Bygdøy peninsula, a 15-minute trip from the centre of Oslo. For accompanying persons we suggest an earlier arrival, by boat from the city hall pier, and recommend a visit to one or more of the excellent museums in the vicinity.

The Mayor's Reception

On behalf of the City of Oslo it is a great pleasure to invite the delegates on the 71st WLIC-conference to a reception hosted by the Mayor of Oslo. The reception will take place on Wednesday 17 August. Details of the programme will be introduced in IFLA Express 1, 2005.



Library Tours

Comprehensive General Libraries

The National Library of Norway

www.nb.no

Date: Wednesday 17 August, Thursday 18 August, 09.00–14.00

Transportation: Public

The National Library is the country's primary institution for collection, storage and provision of access to Norwegian media. It is the nation's major source of information about Norway, Norwegians and Norwegian affairs. The library is situated in Oslo City centre and owns several special collections such as manuscripts, sound recordings, newspapers, Norwegian-American material and collections relating to the authors Henrik Ibsen and Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson. A major renovation of the old building from 1913 will be completed in summer 2005.

Public Libraries

Asker Public Library

www.aker.folkebibl.no

and

Bærum Public Library / Bærum Public Library, Sandvika Branch

www.barum.folkebibl.no

Date: Wednesday 17 August, Thursday 18 August, 09.00–14.00

Transportation: Bus

Asker Public Library is located in the municipality of Asker, approximately 25 km southwest of Oslo. Asker has 53,000 inhabitants. Asker library ranks among the best-visited libraries in Norway. New library premises will open in October 2004 in Asker Cultural Centre. The library is well known for its exhibitions and events.

Bærum Public Library is located in Bekkestua. The building is designed by the famous Norwegian architect T. Willoch and was opened to the public in 1982. The library holds special collections such as music and local history, and has a multicultural section. Co-operation with schools through the school library section.

Bærum Public Library, Sandvika branch is situated in the local administration centre of the municipality of Bærum. The library offers a special service to local politicians and municipal employees.

Oslo Public Library

www.deichman.no

Date: Wednesday 17 August, Thursday 18 August, 09.00–12.00

Transportation: Walking

An Old Building Filled With Modern Thoughts

Oslo Public Library is situated in the city center within walking distance of the Conference Centre. The main library is an old building in neoclassical style, full of charm and atmosphere. The second floor features a "ship" filled with computers, designed for working in groups in a modern way, integrating the use of different media and new technology in the Learning Management System. The main library houses the main circulation and reference department as well as the music and children's and youth departments. Collections include media in all formats and in 50 languages.



Additional specialised departments offer library services to the multicultural populations in Norway as well as support for school libraries. A mini-seminar (30–60 minutes) is being planned in connection with the visit. Details will be published in IFLA Express, no. 1, 2005.

Oslo Public Library, Grünerløkka branch

www.deichman.no

Date: Wednesday 17 August, 09.00–12.00

Transportation: Public or walking

Grünerløkka Branch Library is located in the urban community of Grünerløkka, close to the city centre. Built in 1914, the library represents an important cornerstone in this vibrant and multicultural area. It houses a wide range of activities. "Serieteket" is aspiring to be a resource centre for cartoons and animation for libraries, schools and cartoonists in Norway.

Ski Public Library

www.ski.no

and

Oslo Public Library, Holmlia branch

www.deichman.no

Date: Thursday 18 August, 09.00–14.00

Transportation: Bus

The library moved into a new shopping centre in October 2003. Ski Historical Archive is situated in the public library. The archive collection contains records concerning the history of Ski municipality and a collection of old photographs from the area.

Oslo Public Library, Holmlia branch is a multicultural library in a suburb south in Oslo. Holmlia branch's speciality is ARI – Anti Racist Information. In 2002, the library was awarded the coveted prize "Library of the Year 2002". ARI is a collection of various media in different languages with anti-racist content, and includes literature, videos, audio books as well as cartoons. Although intended for children and youth, the collection is also utilized by adults.

Fredrikstad Public Library

www.fredrikstad.kommune.no/biblioteket

and

Østfold County Library

www.of.fylkesbibl.no

Date: Thursday 18 August, All day

Transportation: Bus

Fredrikstad is a town of 70,000 citizens and is idyllically placed at the mouth of the river Glomma, 100 kilometres south of Oslo. The library building and the park surroundings are declared protected by reason of its considerable architectural and cultural-historical value. The building, built in neorenaissance style in 1922–26, has been the public library of Fredrikstad since 1926. The building was completely restored in 1999 and is today a library of modern designed, which has kept its original dignity.

Østfold County Library is located near Fredrikstad Public Library. It's main task is to support and develop the libraries in the county within all fields of librarianship, ranging from new user demands in the electronic society to the traditional focus on literature and fostering high skills of reading. Østfold County Library is heavily involved in a large project which involves all the libraries from all the 18 municipalities in the county of Østfold. The project is called "The Østfold library" and is a true "library without walls", focusing on better library services for the Community. The project work has resulted in a joint delivery service for all the libraries, offering a collection of one million books easily available to the patrons.



Tønsberg and Nøtterøy Public Library

www.tonsberg.folkebibl.no

Date: Wednesday 17 August, Thursday 18 August, All day

Transportation: Bus

Tønsberg and Nøtterøy Public Library is located in Tønsberg, the oldest town in Norway, 1133 years old. The town is located 100 kilometres south of Oslo. Tønsberg and Nøtterøy Library was founded in 1909. It is a mutual library for the 55,000 inhabitants of Tønsberg and Nøtterøy municipalities. In 1992 the library moved to a modern building "Under the trees of knowledge" designed by the architects Lunde & Løvseth, built on the site of St Olav's Monastery. The monastery ruins and the remains of two Viking ship graves provide an exiting contrast to the modern technology and the special architecture of the building. Library innovation, especially in the fields of automation, virtual services and self-service systems are the main aims. Welcome to an exciting mixture of information, recreation and inspiration.

Ullensaker Public Library

www.ullensaker.kommune.no/bibliotek

and

Ask Public Library

www.gjerdrum.kommune.no/eway

Date: Wednesday 17 August, All day

Transportation: Bus

Ask and Ullensaker are rural libraries about 35 kilometers north of Oslo. Both libraries are located in new buildings. They are integrated with local cultural centres and participate actively in their local communities.

Ullensaker is a medium-sized library, which serves 25,000 inhabitants. The library cooperates closely with the primary schools and offers training in reading and writing for children. It also arranges local art exhibitions.

Ask is a small public library, which serves 5,000 inhabitants. The library moved into a new building in 2002. Ask was one of the first libraries in Norway which was able to integrate a local archive and a small local museum into its collections.

Academic and Research Libraries

Akershus University College Library

www.hia.no

Date: Thursday 18 August, 09.00–12.00

Transportation: Bus

Akershus University College offers studies in vocational and technical teacher education, ICT, nutrition, executive housekeeping, nursing, midwifery, social education and product design. Among our more than 3,000 students there are a majority of mature and part-time students. Akershus University College moved to Kjeller Campus outside Oslo in August 2003. The library is a learning resource centre situated in a modern architectural environment. The library holds about 70,000 books and 400 periodicals.



The Fridtjof Nansen Institute, The Library

www.fni.no

Date: Thursday 18 August, 09.00–12.00

Transportation: Bus

Polhøgda was the home of Fridtjof Nansen from 1901 until he died in May 1930. The mansion itself is a historical monument, but not a museum. The Fridtjof Nansen Institute (FNI) specializes in research on political solutions to national and international problems in environmental and resource management. The institute is engaged in academic studies, contract research, investigations and evaluations. The main discipline is political science, but FNI researchers also hold degrees in law, economics and history, and have special language and regional competence on Russia and China. FNI is a private foundation, established in 1958 to conduct research within the interest areas of Fridtjof Nansen and to maintain the property of Polhøgda, Nansen's home. FNI cooperates with many research institutions and individual researchers both in Norway and abroad. The library is planning a mini-seminar (30–60 minutes) on FNI research and Fridtjof Nansen in connection with the visit. Details will be published in IFLA Express, no.1, 2005.

The Norwegian Institute for Children's Books

www.barnebokinstituttet.no

Date: Wednesday 17 August, 09.00–12.00

Transportation: Public

The Norwegian Institute for Children's Books (NBI) is Norway's information and documentation centre on literature for children and young people. The NBI's library is the Norwegian specialist library for children's literature and keeps a collection of all Norwegian and translated titles for children and young people published in Norway. There is also a collection of Norwegian and international specialist works on children's literature, illustration, children and reading, children and media, etc. From June 2005 the NBI will be situated in the same premises as the National Library of Norway at Drammensveien 42, Oslo. The library is planning a mini-seminar (30–60 minutes) on selected topics in connection with the visit. Details will be published in IFLA Express, no.1, 2005.

Norwegian Nobel Institute. The Library

www.nobel.no

Date: Wednesday 17 August, Thursday 18 August, 09.00–12.00

Transportation: Walking or public

Located in the centre of Oslo in a building from 1867, across the street from the Palace Park, most recently renovated in the 1990s. The Library was officially opened to the public in 1905, has a collection of more than 190,000 volumes (books and journals), and covers political history from the last 200 years, international law, peace and conflict studies, and international economics. Special collection on the Nobel prize and the laureates, and international peacekeeping, microfilm collection of international relations and peace documentation. Depository library for international organisations, including the United Nations, OSCE, ILO, and the Council of Europe. The library is planning a mini-seminar (30–60 minutes) on selected topics in connection with the visit. Details will be published in IFLA Express, no.1, 2005.

Norwegian School of Management, Library/Learning Resource Center

www.bi.no/library

Date: Thursday 18 August, 09.00–14.00

Transportation: Public

Located presently outside Oslo, NMS will relocate in August 2005 to a new tailor made campus inside Oslo. The new campus at Nydalen will be centrally located in an emerging and pulsating business area in Oslo. The library/LRC location will be on the top of the building. The library/



LRC will be an important part of the learning environment. The new library/LRC will serve 8,000–10,000 students and about 600 employees. The library/LRC contains collections in social sciences with economics, business management and marketing as major subjects. It has extensive cooperation programs and networks with other libraries and information sources.

[The Norwegian University of Sport and Physical Education, Library](#)

www.nih.no/bibliotek

Date: Wednesday 17 August, 09.00–14.00

Transportation: Public

The Norwegian University of Sport and Physical Education, NUSPE, was established in 1969. The University currently has 900 students and 200 employees. The University is situated in a rural setting on the outskirts of the city about 15 minutes by underground train from Oslo City Centre. Our collections cover the following subject areas in addition to sports and physical education; sociology, research methods, psychology, sports medicine, anatomy, physiology, administration and management. We also have an extensive collection containing jubilee books of Norwegian national and local sports federation and in addition, a large historical collection of books on sport and physical education. The library is planning a mini-seminar (30–60 minutes) with briefings on selected topics (doping & ethics, sports organisation, sports and identity in Norway) in connection with the visit. Details to be published in IFLA Express, no.1, 2005.

[Oslo University College. Learning Centre](#)

www.hio.no/content/view/full/2082

Date: Wednesday 17 August, Thursday 18 August, 09.00–12.00

Transportation: Public or walking

Most of the college's activities take place in the premises located in the old Frydenlund Brewery at Bislet. With seven faculties, approximately 10,000 students and a staff of 1,000, Oslo University College (OUC) is Norway's largest state university college. OUC provides professional higher education with programmes leading to bachelor and master degrees in all main areas of society: education, economics, media, arts and culture, engineering, journalism, library and information science, health and social services. A mini-seminar (30–60 minutes) is being planned with briefings on selected topics in connection with the visit. Details to be published in IFLA Express, no.1, 2005.

[University of Oslo. Library of Arts and Social Sciences](#)

www.ub.uio.no/uhs

Date: Wednesday 17 August, Thursday 18 August, 09.00–12.00

Transportation: Public

The University of Oslo is Norway's largest and oldest institution of higher education. It was founded in 1811 when Norway was still under Danish rule. Today the University of Oslo has approx. 30,000 students and 4,600 employees. The University of Oslo Library, Library of Arts and Social Sciences is located in Georg Sverdrups House centrally in the Blindern campus. The library was established in 1999 and is a study library with humanistic and social sciences. The Library has an area of 24,000 sqm with approx. 2 million volumes on 6 floors. The book collection covers the humanities, education, social science and theology. The Library had over 700,000 visitors in 2003. There are 500 desks for members of the public and 90 computers connected to the network. The Library has a staff of just over 100. The following units belong to the Library: the Sophus Bugge Student Learning Centre, the Ethnographic Museum Library, the Faculty of Theology Library, the Library of the University Museum of National Antiquities.



University of Oslo. Faculty of Law Library

www.ub.uio.no/ujur

Date: Thursday 18 August, 09.00–12.00

Transportation: Walking

The Faculty of Law Library is situated in one of the three old university buildings at the University square in the centre of Oslo (http://www.uio.no/english/about_uio/buildings.html). The architect is Christian Heinrich Grosch (1801–1865). The library is located in the Domus Bibliotheca from 1852, originally designed for the University Library. The Main Library is on the ground floor, and mainly serves 4,000 students, but also the professional legal community and to is open to the general public.

University of Oslo. Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Science Library. The Informatics Library

www.ub.uio.no/umn/inf/eng

Date: Wednesday 17 August, 09.00–12.00

Transportation: Public

The Informatics Library is a part of The Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences Library. The collections consists of literature in informatics; computing and related subjects. The library has a permanent exhibition of old computers and calculators. It mainly serves students and patrons at The Department of Informatics, but is open for the general public.

Specialised Libraries

The Norwegian Library of Talking Books and Braille

www.nlb.no

Date: Thursday 18 August, 09.00–12.00

Transportation: Public

The Norwegian Library of Talking Books and Braille is a state controlled institution and comes under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Cultural Affairs. The institution offers library services to the blind, visually impaired and others with reading problems. NLB provides services to the whole country. The library produces talking books (DAISY), Braille books and electronic books. NLB provide a special service to college and university students. All visually impaired student can by right have their study literature produced as talking, braille or electronic books.

Norwegian Broadcasting Company, The Library

www.nrk.no

Date: Wednesday 17 August, 09.00–12.00

Transportation: Public

Norwegian Broadcasting Company (NRK) is the main television and radio station in Norway and is financed by the state. The library will be fresh, new and modern in 2005. The most important services are programme research, digital services and teaching the users how and where to find the right information. The exhibitions are set up according to the most important national and international events. The NRK Library has connections and cooperates closely with the other media corporations in Norway and abroad as well as with libraries.


The Directorate for Cultural Heritage, The Library

www.riksantikvaren.no/riksantikvaren/biblioteket/

Date: Thursday 18 August, 09.00–12.00

Transportation: Walking

The library is located in a building from 1900. The library is a special library for cultural heritage, primarily serving the institution's own staff, but it also serves the professional cultural heritage



management all over the country, a research institution (NIKU), and a private voluntary organisation. The collections concentrate on architecture (especially churches, listed buildings, and traditional architecture), art history, archaeology, conservation/restoration of buildings and paintings/sculpture, and other topics related to cultural heritage, as industrial archaeology, cultural landscapes etc.

Governmental and Law Libraries

Norwegian Patent Office

www.patentstyret.no

Date: Thursday 18 August, 09.00–12.00

Transportation: Public

The Norwegian Patent Office (NPO) is a government authority organised under the Ministry of Trade and industry. The main function of the NPO is to process applications for patent protection and for trademark and design registration. We provide our customers with information on technological developments within a specific technical field, we give prior assessments of ideas for patenting, trademarks and designs, and we monitor certain activities and companies involved in particular fields. Our customers include Norwegian and foreign companies, research institutions, inventors and innovators. The library has a special collection on patents on paper, microfiches and CD-ROMs. It also has a collection of books and journals on intellectual property.

Medical Libraries

The Norwegian Institute of Public Health, the Library

www.fhu.no

Date: Wednesday 17 August, 09.00–12.00

Transportation: Public

The Institute is to be found on 7 locations, whereby Lindern is the main site. The main goal of the institute is to improve the public health by focusing on health promotion and preventive aspects. It is a national centre for expert knowledge on epidemiology, infectious disease control, environmental medicine, forensic toxicology and research on drug abuse. The library has a staff of 5 with a variety of international backgrounds. The library cooperates actively with 5 other medical libraries connected with the university hospitals in the Oslo area, in a consortium with the main emphasis on electronic journals

Ullevaal University Hospital Health Information Centre, the Library

www.usmedbib.uio.no/usls/

Date: Thursday 18 August, 09.00–12.00

Transportation: Public

The Library is originally a Patients' Library, but from 2000 it was integrated in the new Health Information Centre which was build in the new Patient Hotel. The centre offers services to all patients, their families and to the public, concerning health information. The main function of the centre is to provide and facilitate courses in how to cope and live with chronic diseases and other types of patient education.

University of Oslo Library. Library of Medicine and Health Sciences

www.ub.uio.no/umh/

Date: Wednesday 17 August, Thursday 18 August, 09.00–12.00

Transportation: Public

The library is the Norwegian International Medlars Centre, with the biggest medical collections in



Norway. It is part of the University of Oslo Library, and situated at the Rikshospitalet University Hospital at Gaustad. It serves students and staff at the University of Oslo and Rikshospitalet and is open to the public. The library is in the process of going e-only, and has a portal for e-journals. The Rikshospitalet University Hospital opened in 2000 and is highly praised internationally for its architecture and art.

Art Library

[The Munch Museum. The Library](#)

www.museumsnett.no/munchmuseet/

Date: Wednesday 17 August, Thursday 18 August, 09.00–12.00

Transportation: Public

The Munch Museum is a 'one man' museum presenting the works of Edvard Munch in all their aspects. The institution is situated 10 minutes from the centre of Oslo. The Library at the Munch Museum is a specialised research library. Covering Norwegian and European history of art ca 1850–1945. The holdings of the library/archive are as follow: general art literature to support the studies of Edvard Munch, books and articles written about the artist, exhibition catalogues from Munch's debut till today, Munch's own book collection, Munch's correspondence, his diaries and notes, Newspaper-clippings from his debut till his death, and finally, documentary photographs and Munch's own photographs.

School Libraries

[Løkeberg School](#)

www.loekebergskole.no

Date: Wednesday 17 August, 09.00–12.00

Transportation: Public

The school is a primary school with 540 pupils between the ages of 6–13. It was built in 1998. Løkeberg School is one of the few schools in Norway selected by the Norwegian Department for Education to be a demonstration school for pedagogical reasons. The library is very actively used by the pupils and the staff, and one of its main goals is to take part in the reading progress of the youngest pupils.

[Stovner School](#)

www.stovner.gs.oslo.no

Date: Thursday 18 August, 09.00–12.00

Transportation: Public

The library is part of Stovner Primary School with 540 children. Approx. 50% of the children are of foreign origin and their primary language is not Norwegian. The library is a learning centre.

[Vahl School](#)

www.vahl.gs.oslo.no

Date: Wednesday 17 August, Thursday 18 August, 09.00–12.00

Transportation: Walking

Vahl Primary School is located in the eastern part of the city centre. Currently there are 258 pupils in the school and 95% of the pupils are ethnic minority children. Most of the immigrants come from Asia and northern Africa. The library is planning a mini-seminar (30–60 minutes) on selected topics in connection with the visits on both days. Details will be published in IFLA Express, no. 1, 2005.



Information Centre

Statistics Norway, Library and Information Centre

www.ssb.no/biblioteket

Date: Thursday 18 August, 09.00–12.00

Transportation: Walking

Statistics Norway is situated in Oslo city centre. The book collection counts approx. 150,000 volumes of economic, demographic and social studies and statistics from most countries of the world and international organisations. The Library and Information Centre is both an internal library providing literature and access to other information resources to researchers in Statistics Norway and a public library with lending services. However, the most important task is our information service: helping the public to find statistics, either on the Internet or in our collection of statistics.

Archives

The Labour Movement Archives and Library

www.arbark.no

Date: Wednesday 17 August, Thursday 18 August, 09.00–12.00

Transportation: Walking

The Library is situated next to the Conference venue. Besides its archives and photo collections, it has a spectacular banner collection which is integrated in a picture database of photographs, posters and banners. The library holds some 95,000 titles, including many on the history of the Norwegian and international labour movement. The library also has literature on the life of workers and working conditions, women's history, environment policy and ecology, labour legislation, as well as economics and current political debate.

The Oslo City Archives

www.byarkivet.oslo.kommune.no

Date: Wednesday 17 August, Thursday 18 August, 09.00–12.00

Transportation: Walking

The Oslo City Archives are situated in the city centre. The Oslo City Archives have a dual role as the adviser to the city's administration on recordkeeping and the custodian of records held in trust for the public. The institution holds and preserves historically and judicially important records for the city of Oslo. It has just started collecting private archives and has a project on multicultural archives. The collection consists of 14 kilometres of records, drawings, photograph's (500,000) and films.

Verdens Gang AS, VG Fakta

www.vg.no

Date: Wednesday 17 August, 09.00–12.00

Transportation: Walking

VG Fakta is the library/information centre of Verdens Gang, Norway's largest daily newspaper. VG Fakta mainly serves the editorial department of the newspaper, but to a certain extent also its readers. It has two main tasks: 1. Researching for its reporters 2. Daily updating of its digital newspaper archive. Newspaper production is a day-to-day business. That is where this library services differ from most other libraries. The deadline rules its life.



Other Institutions or Organisations

ABM-utvikling Norwegian Archive, Library and Museum Authority

www.abm-utvikling.no

Date: Thursday 18 August, 09.00–12.00

Transportation: Walking

The Norwegian Archive, Library and Museum Authority, was established on 1st January 2003 following the merger of the Norwegian Directorate for Public Libraries, the Norwegian Museum Authority, and the National Office for Research Documentation, Academic and Special Libraries. The Norwegian Archive, Library and Museum Authority is a strategic body, and promotes partnerships and collaboration between the three sectors, in addition to addressing sector specific challenges.

The Library House

www.bibsent.no

Date: Thursday 18 August, 09.00–12.00

Transportation: Public

The Library House is the largest store in Norway for libraries and consists of the following firms: Biblioteksentralen AL sells books and other media-products, bibliographic data and other services, automation products etc. to public libraries. Bibliotekenes IT-senter provides IT-solutions for schools, public- and specialised libraries. BS Eurobib provides furniture, advice on interior design and solutions and library accessories to libraries, schools and information centres. Edda Interbok AS and Oslo læremiddelsenter sells and offers professional advice on textbooks for both primary and secondary school. The Norwegian Library Association and Foreningen IFLA 2005 also have their offices in the building. In addition there is considerable activity in Biblioteksentralen's customer library and conference rooms.



Sightseeing Tours

Half day tours

Oslo walking city tour

Date: 15, 17, 18, 19 and 20 August

Time: morning

Duration: 3 hours

Price: Euro 20

During this walking tour you will pass by and have outside stops by the Royal Palace, the University, the Parliament, Aker Brygge Pier and Akershus Fortress. You will have an inside visit at Oslo City Hall and the National Gallery.

Munch Museum and National Gallery

Date: 15, 19 and 20 August

Time: morning

Duration: 3 hours

Price: Euro 35

You will visit the National Gallery and see the national art gallery of Norway. After this visit you will go to the Munch Museum where you will see the collection and exhibitions of the art of the famous painter, Edvard Munch.

Oslo cultural city tour

Date: 16, 19 and 20 August

Time: morning

Duration: 3 hours

Price: Euro 37

The Oslo cultural city tour is a guided tour by coach. You will see the major sights of Oslo, including a photo stop with panorama view from Holmenkollen Skijump area, Vigelandspark – Sculpturepark of Gustav Vigeland and Norwegian Folkmuseum where you get a taste of Norwegian traditional culture and history

Oslo City tour Norwegian Navigators

Date: 18, 19 and 20 August

Time: morning

Duration: 3 hours

Price: Euro 40

During this tour you will visit Bygdoy peninsula and have guided visit to Viking Ship Museum, Kontiki Museum and Fram Museum. The theme of this tour is Norwegian seamanship through the centuries, from the first transatlantic explorers, Norwegian Vikings, to the saga of Norwegian polar exploration and to modern adventurer Thor Heyerdahl and his papyrus ships.



[Fjord sightseeing](#)

Date: 17, 19 and 20 August

Time: morning

Duration: 2 hours

Price: Euro 45

This is a classic Oslo fjord sightseeing tour, where you will see Oslo from the seaside.

Full day tours

[Boat trip at Oslofjord and visit to Akershus Fortress](#)

Date: 17 and 19 August

Duration: 6 hours

Price: Euro 62,50

The tour starts with a 2-hour boat trip. This is the regular Oslo fjord sightseeing, where you will see Oslo from the seaside. After the boat trip you will have a walking tour with the guide. The guide will show you the Aker Brygge Pier, a popular area for shopping and dining. Here you will have some time on your own for shopping or lunch. After lunchtime you will walk to Akershus Fortress with your guide to Akershus Castle and the Resistance Museum. Please note that lunch is not included.

[Hadeland Glasswork](#)

Date: 16, 19 and 20 August

Duration: 6 hours

Price: Euro 80

You will travel along the Tyrifjord, to Jevnaker, transfer time 1,5 hours. Then you will visit the Glasswork to see the production including exhibitions and shopping facilities. A 2-course lunch will be served at Hadeland Glasswork. On the return back to Oslo a short visit to the Sisterchurches at Hadeland is organised. The two medieval churches are placed next to each other and placed beautifully in the landscape.

[Lillehammer](#)

Date: 19 and 20 August

Duration: 9 hours

Price: Euro 125

You will travel along the largest lake of Norway, Mjosa. Passing Hamar to Lillehammer. Transfer time approximately 2,5 hours. Lillehammer is a small town, which hosted the Winter Olympic Games in 1994. You will visit Maihaugen, Open-air Museum and the Olympic Museum. Lunch is included. You will have some time in Lillehammer town before return to Oslo.



Pre-Conference Tour

Pretour Norway in a nutshell

Date: 11 – 13 August 2005

Price: Euro 500 (per person, double occupancy)

Single supplement: Euro 65

Day 1

The tour departs in Bergen, Norway. You will meet the tour leader in the hotel. In the evening dinner and overnight in Rainbow Rosenkranz hotel or similar.

Day 2

Breakfast at hotel. After breakfast a 3 hours city tour has been organised in Bergen. Rest of the day is to own disposal. The tourleader can give suggestions of nice sights to visit on your own this afternoon.

Day 3

After breakfast you will depart Bergen for Voss by train. In Voss you will go by coach to Gudvangen, where you will continue the journey by boat at Aurlandsfjord and Naeroeyfjord. Around lunch you will arrive in Flaam. In Flaam you will have some free time to join lunch under your own arrangements.

In the afternoon you will leave with the Flaamrailway, a masterpiece of engineering, from the narrow Flaamvalley to the Hardangermountain plateau. After arrival in Myrdal you will leave by train to Oslo. Around 23.00 hours you will arrive in Oslo. Transfer to your hotel is under own arrangement.

Post-Conference Tour

Norway in a Nutshell with Stavanger

Date: 20 – 22 August 2005

Price: Euro 600 (per person, double occupancy)

Single supplement: Euro 65

Day 1

On this day you will travel from Oslo to Myrdal and from Myrdal to Flaam by train. The Flaam railway is a masterpiece of engineering. Then you will leave by boat from Aurlandsfjord and Naeroeyfjord to Gudvangen. In Gudvangen you will go by train again via Voss to Bergen. This will be a tour through the beautiful nature of Norway.

Day 2

The tourleader gives you suggestions of sights to visit in Bergen. You can stroll through the city to your own disposal. In the afternoon there will be a guided city tour of Bergen by coach. After this tour you will depart with expressboat Flagggruten to Stavanger.

Day 3

After breakfast a guided city tour of Stavanger is organised. After this tour you will depart by train from Stavanger to Oslo.

Please note that lunches and dinner are at your own disposal.

In case you would like to book another pre- or post-conference tour we kindly ask you to contact the conference Secretariat by sending an e-mail to wlic2005reg@congrex.nl. We will then send you more information.



Cancellations and refunds

Notification of cancellation of your reservation for tours must be submitted before 1 July 2005 in writing to the Conference Secretariat, Congrex Holland. After 1 July no refund can be made if you cancel your reservation. A minimum of 20 persons is required for all social tours other than pre-conference tours. The organisers reserve the right to cancel these tours when the minimum of 20 persons has not been reached. Full refunds will then be made to the participants after the Conference.

Social and Cultural Activities

Opening Ceremony

Date: Sunday, 14 August 2005 – morning

Location: The Oslo Spektrum

Opening Exhibition and Opening Party

Date: Sunday, 14 August 2005 – afternoon

Location: The Oslo Spektrum

Grand Opening of the National Library of Norway

Date: Monday, 15 August 2005

Location: National Library of Norway

Cultural Evening

Date: Tuesday, 16 August 2005

Location: Norwegian Folk Museum

Mayor's Reception:

Date: Wednesday, 17 August 2005

Location: to be announced



Oslo – The City

The Viking Capital

Oslo – the Viking Capital – is situated in the heart of Scandinavia, surrounded by magnificent scenery from fjords to forested hills. As early as the turn of the 10th century, a settlement could be found at the end of the Oslo fjord. This makes Oslo one of the oldest cities in Scandinavia, and the only Scandinavian capital with an urban settlement dating back to the Viking ages.

The Friendly Capital

Oslo will surprise the first-time visitor by its wide range of restaurants, bistros, coffee shops and bars complemented by live music and entertainment. Most are located within walking distance of each other, the major hotels and the conference site. Discover the variety between the main street Karl Johan, which starts just at the congress site, and the colourful Grønland, a few steps away across the river.

The Gourmet Capital

A total of six Oslo restaurants are entitled to advertise their prestigious Michelin Guide rating. If you are looking for a gourmet meal, choose from Bagatelle with two *, Le Canard, Stattholdergaarden, Annen Etage, Oro or Feinschmecker with one*. Norway's chefs are among the best in the world, and Oslo's restaurants boast several of them.

In general, you can choose from good, old-fashioned rustic food, delicious dishes of fish, game, moose and reindeer or stimulating culinary dishes from every corner of the world. The produce come from Nature's own pantry – fresh and clean wildlife areas. These restaurants serve excellent, savoury dishes in every price category!

There are actually many good alternatives for tighter budgets as well. The many exotic restaurants that have appeared in recent years are fine options in this regard.

The Cultural Capital

Culture flourish in Oslo, offering something for all interested in architecture, design, classical music, rock, jazz, dance, sports or literature. There are numerous museums – take the short ferry ride to Bygdøy and see the vessels of the polar expedition, or walk up the hill to the collection of the painter Munch. Libraries will be topical at the time of the conference: Both the national library and the municipal library (called Deichman after its founder) are building new facilities.



General Information

Banks

Currency exchange banks are located at major international airports and rail and shipping terminals, usually outside customs areas in the arrival hall. All Norwegian banks and major post offices exchange foreign currency.

Climate

Temperature in Oslo in August is usually in the region of 18 C°.

Credit cards

Major credit cards, including American Express, Diners Club, Visa and MasterCard, are honoured throughout Norway at hotels, stores and restaurants. Taxis in Norway accept all major credit cards.

Currency

The unit of currency is the Norwegian krone, which is abbreviated NOK. NOK 1 = 100 øre.
Euro 100 = NOK 844
Euro 1 = NOK 8,40 (July 2004)

Electricity

The electric current in Norway is 220 volts. Wall sockets are the round two-pin European type.

Insurance and liability

It is highly recommended that all participants carry an adequate travel and health insurance, as the organisers of WLIC 2005 cannot accept any liability for accidents, illnesses or injuries that may occur at or during the congress.

Language

Norwegian is the official language of Norway, but a majority of Norwegians speak English very well.

Passports and visa

A valid passport is required for entry into Norway. A visa is required for citizens of a number of countries. Please check with the Norwegian Embassy or Norwegian Consulate for requirements.

Public Transportation

The public transportation system in Oslo is well organised. Trafikanten at Jernbanetorget (Oslo Central Station) gives information about public transportation in and around Oslo.

Shopping

You will find everything in Oslo. Shopping malls, department stores, small boutiques, charming antique shops, handicraft etc. Generally open from Monday to Friday from 10.00–17.00 hours and Saturday to 15.00 hours. Late evening shopping is on Thursday until 19.00 hours. Major shopping centres have opening hours during Monday to Friday from 10.00–20.00 hours and Saturday from 10.00–18.00 hours.

The Oslo Pass

The Oslo Pass can be purchased for one or more days and provides you with free transportation on local trains and all the public transportation in the Oslo Metropolitan area as well as free or reduced prices to different attractions in Oslo.

Travel information

The international airport in Oslo, Oslo Airport Gardermoen, is located approximately 50 km north of the city. Airport Express trains run every 10 minutes to Oslo Central Station (NOK 150). SAS Express bus departs every 20 minutes to Radisson SAS Skandinavia Hotel. Airport taxis have a fixed price of NOK 475 to central Oslo (lower than normal fare). Further information: www.oslotaxi.no

Oslo Airport Sandefjord, Torp is located 110 km southwest of Oslo. The low fare airline Ryanair has made this airport a new gateway to Oslo. The Torp Express bus service corresponds with Ryanair's flights. See www.trafikanten.no. For taxi transfer, visit www.oslotaxi.no.

General Hotel Information

Reservations can be made for the major hotels. On the hotel booking form you are requested to indicate the hotel of your first, second and third choice. The Conference Secretariat reserves the right to book another hotel for you, should the desired accommodation be fully booked.

Room Reservations

Your reservation will be handled as soon as the hotel booking form together with the deposit is received by the Conference Secretariat. Participants are advised to reserve hotel rooms well in advance, as rooms cannot be guaranteed after 1 May 2005. All reservations will be handled on a first come, first served basis, after 1 May 2005, upon availability.

Room Rates

All rates quoted on the hotel reservation form are per room per night, including breakfast and city tax and in Norwegian Kroner. Deposits will have to be paid in Euro. The deposit will be deducted from your final hotel bill. Please note that the exchange rate used will be set approximately two weeks before arrival to Oslo. The deposit as calculated on the registration form will have to be paid to the congress secretariat directly. Congrex Holland will make the hotel reservation only after receipt of the deposit. Extension of payment until after the congress is not possible.

Changes and cancellations for reservations

Changes and cancellations of reservations should be made directly to Congrex Holland in writing only. If notification of cancellation is received in writing by the Conference Secretariat before 1 May, 2005 we will charge your credit card for Euro 50 administration fee. If you have to cancel after the deadline the maximum of one night stay plus 10% of the total reservation costs will be charged. In the case where the hotel is able to re-sell the room only the 10% of the total reservation costs will be charged. Please do not contact the hotel directly as all reservations are handled by the Conference Secretariat.

Confirmation

Within six weeks after receipt of your hotel reservation form and hotel deposit, you will receive a confirmation of your hotel reservation including name, address of your hotel and costs per night. If you have not received any confirmation six weeks after payment of your hotel deposit, please contact Congrex Holland.

Hotel Categories and Prices

For the location of hotels please refer to the Map of Oslo.

Hotel	Single In NOK	Double In NOK	Deposit EURO
Clarion Royal Christiania (superior rooms)	1,595.00	1,795.00	235.00
Clarion Royal Christiania (standard rooms)	1,395.00	1,595.00	235.00
Clarion Hotel Christiania (moderate rooms)	1,095.00	Not applicable	235.00
Radisson SAS Plaza Hotel	1,495.00	1,695.00	235.00
Comfort Hotel Borsparken (single rooms)	700.00	Not applicable	235.00
Comfort Hotel Borsparken (double rooms)	700.00	900.00	235.00
Anker Hotel (single rooms)	850.00	Not applicable	235.00
Anker Hotel (double rooms)	1,100.00	1,100.00	235.00
Comfort Hotel Gabelshus (single rooms)	860.00	Not applicable	235.00
Golden Tulip Rainbow Hotel Stefan	1,190.00	1,490.00	235.00
Rainbow Slottsparken Appartement (twins)	1,255.00	1,345.00	235.00
Tulip Inn Rainbow Hotel Astoria (single rooms)	555.00	Not applicable	150.00
Tulip Inn Rainbow Hotel Astoria (double rooms)	Not applicable	695.00	180.00



Tulip Inn Rainbow Hotel Cecil (single rooms)	995.00	Not applicable	235.00
Tulip Inn Rainbow Hotel Europa	1,255.00	1,345.00	235.00
Tulip Inn Rainbow Hotel Munch (single rooms)	805.00	Not applicable	235.00
Tulip Inn Rainbow Hotel Munch (double rooms)	940.00	1,030.00	235.00
Tulip Inn Rainbow Hotel Norrona (single rooms)	900.00	Not applicable	235.00
Tulip Inn Rainbow Hotel Norrona (double rooms)	1,110.00	1,110.00	235.00
Tulip Inn Rainbow Hotel Spectrum (single rooms)	950.00	Not applicable	235.00
Tulip Inn Rainbow Hotel Spectrum (double rooms)	1,200.00	1,200.00	235.00
Tulip Inn Rainbow Hotel Terminus (single rooms)	920.00	Not applicable	235.00
Tulip Inn Rainbow Hotel Terminus (double rooms)	1,055.00	1,145.00	235.00
Oslo Vandrerhjem Haraldsheim Youth Hostel (twins)	540.00	540.00	150.00

Payment of the fees

Payment can only be made in Euro and should be made in advance by:

1. American Express Card, VISA Card, Mastercard, Diners Club holders may use their credit cards for charging all the costs. The cardholder's name, card number, expiry date of the card and signature should be filled in on the registration form. Regretfully other credit cards cannot be accepted.

2. Banker's cheque forwarded together with the registration form to Congrex Holland. The Banker's cheque should be purchased at your bank and made out in Euro to WLIC 2005. Please include your name, registration fee/hotel deposit with your banker's cheque. It is regretted that personal or company checks cannot be accepted.

3. Bank transfer in Euro to, ABN/AMRO Bank, Vijzelstraat 68&78, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, account number 42.85.81.854, Iban NL87ABNA0428581854, BIC ABNANL2A, mentioning WLIC 2005 (swiftnumber, ABA number, IBAN number). Please include your name, registration fee/hotel deposit with your bank transfer. All bank fees should be included.

Congrex Holland, the conference secretariat, will not be responsible for identifying funds transferred directly into the account when the name of the participant is not mentioned. Neither will bank charges of bank fees associated with the transfer be accepted.

IFLA 2005 - Oslo - Travel Grant

The National Organising Committee of IFLA 2005 Oslo is pleased to announce the availability of a Travel Grant to support a number of delegates from developing countries to attend the World Library and Information Congress, 71st IFLA General Conference and Council: Oslo, Norway, 14–18 August 2005.

Applications, including professional curriculum vitae and information on present occupation should be submitted as soon as possible and should be received by the IFLA 2005 Oslo Secretariat not later than 1 February, 2005.

The grants are made available from NORAD (Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation) and the Norwegian Library Association.

Criteria for allocation of the Norad Travel Grant

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- General quality of application.
- Professional background and experience: level of education, positions held and professional experience in general. Type of library experience is also considered in order to get balance between all sectors of library and information work.
- Committed letter of application and a well-presented CV.

Priority will be given to younger professionals with a minimum of 5 years of experience in the field of librarianship, women and members of national professional associations.

Application forms can be requested from the IFLA 2005 Oslo Secretariat. You will also find them at the IFLA web site.

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Registration and Hotel Reservation

You can register for the Congress and make a hotel reservation by filling out the enclosed registration/accommodation form. This form is for registering one participant only and his or her accompanying person(s). For your convenience, please register via the WLIC 2005 website: www.ifla.org

How to become a delegate

Registrations and hotel reservations can be done:

Via the WLIC 2005 website: www.ifla.org

By sending the form by fax or mail to CONGREX HOLLAND BV

Registration fees

	Euro
01 Full delegate IFLA Member, before 1 May 2005	350.00
02 Full delegate IFLA Member, after 1 May 2005	425.00
03 Full delegate IFLA Member, on site	475.00
04 Full delegate Non member, before 1 May 2005	425.00
05 Full delegate Non member, after 1 May 2005	500.00
06 Full delegate Non member, on site	550.00
07 Accompanying person, before 1 May 2005	250.00
08 Accompanying person, after 1 May 2005	250.00
09 Accompanying person, on site	300.00
Student, before 1 May 2005	200.00
Student, after 1 May 2005	200.00
Student, on site	200.00



All IFLA members, regardless of category, will be entitled to register at the member rates published. If you are not an IFLA Personal or Institutional Member, but are a member of your national library association in Membership of IFLA, please contact your national association or IFLA Headquarters for the correct membership number. This number should be entered on the registration form.

If your registration form and payment are received after 1 May, 2005, automatically the late fee will be charged.

The registration fee covers

For delegates

Name badge • Admission to all sessions • Admission to the exhibition • Opening and Closing Sessions • All receptions • Professional visits to Libraries

Accompanying persons

Name badge • Admission to Exhibition • One Sightseeing Tour • Opening Session • All receptions • Professional visits to Libraries

Confirmation

Congrex Holland BV will send out confirmation of your registration within six weeks after receipt of your payment. If you have not received a confirmation letter six weeks after receipt of your payment, please contact Congrex Holland BV. A final confirmation will be sent to you four weeks prior to the conference. This final confirmation letter must be presented upon arrival at the pre-registration desk (the 'PAID' desk) if the account has been settled, or at the unsettled account-desk (the 'NON-PAID' desk) if a balance is still due.

Alterations

Alterations to your registration will not be accepted over the telephone. Please fax, post or e-mail any amendments to the Conference Secretariat, registrationwlic2005@congrex.nl.

Registration deadline

After 1 August, 2005, pre-registration will close and all new registrations can only be done at the New Registration desk at the Spectrum during the congress.

Cancellations and Refunds

Notification of cancellation and refund requests must be submitted before 1 June, 2005 in writing to the Congress Secretariat, Congrex Holland BV. The fee for cancellations received before 1 June, 2005 is Euro 50. For cancellations after 1 June, 2005 no refunds will be given.



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6. SAS Radisson Plaza
2. Hotel Royal Christiania
22. Oslo Kongressenter

Other Venues

31. The Norwegian Folk Museum
32. City Hall

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