

# CPE to PD & WP Learning

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The Journey and Beyond: Inaugural  
Elizabeth W. Stone Lecture

# UNESCO'S 2 basic concepts

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- Every individual must be in a position to learn throughout his life.
- The individual is the creator of his own cultural progress, self-learning.

# Stone's three assumptions

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- ❑ CPE of library, information, media personnel is one of the most important problems facing the profession today.
- ❑ There are serious gaps between available knowledge and the profession.
- ❑ CPE is a nationwide problem with national planning as a solution

# From the Martin conference:

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- Use a wide variety of learning methodologies for CPE sessions
- Use appropriate application of learning theory and adult learning principles
- Conduct research in the field of CPE

# Challenges

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- Defining CPE
- What, among choices of types and topics should be offered, who, how to motivate practitioners, which format?
- Meeting needs with introduction of new technologies
- Which technologies?
  - Internet products and services
  - Web page design
  - Knowledge management
  - Online searching
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  - Design and management of databases
  - Online searching
  - Records management

# Challenges, continued

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- Meeting service management changes
  - Reduced funding levels
  - Introduction of new technologies
- Anticipating and satisfying the expectations of users

# Internet for teaching. New?

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- Richard Smith's use of the Internet to teach the use of the Internet in 1992.

# Meeting service management changes

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- Reduced funding levels
  - Workshops that focus on public relations and marketing
- Introduction of new technologies
- Professionals who do NOT want to take senior management positions



# Anticipating/satisfying user expectations

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- Providing skills to educate not train users.
  - Focus on senior citizens in Internet use
  - Appropriate databases in library
- Information literacy
  - Librarians need instructional design skills
- Mastering updates in software
- Keeping librarians in the forefront of technology use.

# Who should offer CPE/CPD?

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- Practitioners
- Library and information science educators
- Vendors
- Consultants
- Someone 50 miles from home

# How to motivate

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- ❑ What professional and personal factors lead individuals to participate?
- ❑ Are these factors internal or external?
- ❑ How can these factors be helpful in recruiting and retaining participants?

Challenges: travel, time, cost; emotions of participants; instruction that ignores norms of behavior and communication; and feelings of embarrassment.

# When motivation = CEUs

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- The recurring debate about recognition systems
- Varlejs tells us that quality control remains with the provider.
- Credentialing and licensure (legal)

# Which venue, which format?

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- Face-to-face
- Online
- Combination of both

# CPDWL might consider

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- ❑ IFLA sessions address learning after formal education
- ❑ Taskforce to refine criteria for quality CPD
- ❑ Ability to offer a certificate within IFLA
- ❑ Choose one or two topics with international interest, choose a free or little cost course and offer it.

# Possibilities continued

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- Pilot the course
- If successful, create a CD to send when requested.
- CPDWL members as mentors.
- Continue to plan and offer longer workshops at *IFLA*.
- *Continue our satellite conference schedule.*

# What are you willing to do?

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- CPDWL needs members:
  - Take an active role in CPDWL.
    - Join the CPDWL list and learn from each other.
  - Join CPDWL as a personal member.
  - Get your institution to join.
  - Get your library association to join.



# What are you willing to do?

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- The world needs CPD. I will
  - Conduct a CPD event, AND REPORT to the newsletter.
  - Assist
    - the information officer.
    - newsletter editor.
    - marketing officer.
    - e-list moderator.

# I may also choose to

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- Add to the CPDWL database.
- Conduct research in CPDWL.
- Help create a CPD handbook for IFLA.
- Identify partners.
- Lead/facilitate learning.
- Assume a leadership role here and at home.

# Our legacy:

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What we do here will follow Betty Stone's lead. She has left us a legacy. CPDWL can continue and enhance this legacy. It's up to all of us!