IFLA/FAIFE SATCHELLITE MEETING 11-12 AUGUST 2005

DOCUMENTING CENSORSHIP – LIBRARIES LINKING PAST AND PRESENT, AND PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

2nd Update: August 5, 2005


VENUE: The Nobel Institute, Oslo Norway, Drammensveien 19, NO 0255 Oslo.

DATE: Thursday 11 August 12:00 – 17:30 followed by a reception at 19:30, and Friday 12 August 09:00 – 14:00

THURSDAY 11 AUGUST 2005

12:00 - 12:45: Opening session: Challenging censorship - cooperation projects
  • Welcome and introduction: Professor Paul Sturges; Loughborough University The UK and Chair of IFLA/FAIFE
  • Ms Vigdis Skarstein, National Librarian of Norway
  • Dir. Helge Sønneland, Norwegian Ministry of Culture and Church Affairs
  • Dr Ismail Serageldin, Director of Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Egypt

12:45 – 13:45: Session I: Debate ‘The right to offend’
  • Introduction: Ms Kay Raseroka, Director University of Botswana Library Services and President of IFLA
  • Mr Andrew Puddephatt, Visiting fellow Centre for the Studies of Human Rights, former Executive Director of Article 19 and Professor Paul Sturges, Loughborough University, The UK and Chair of IFLA/FAIFE. Motion for debate: “This house believes that freedom of expression necessarily includes the freedom to give offence”.

13:45 – 14:15: Coffee/sandwich break

14:15 – 16:00: Session II: Documenting censorship – three case stories
  • 14:15 – 14:30: Introduction: Ms Mette Newth, Chair of the BFE International Steering Committee
  • 14:30 – 15:00: South Africa
    Mr Archie Dick, University of Pretoria, South Africa
15:00 – 15:30: Russia
Ms Nadezhda Ryzhak, Head of Department, Department of Russian Literature Abroad, Moscow

15:30 – 16:00: Arab countries
Mr Kamel Labidi, journalist and IFEX researcher, Cairo

16:00 – 16:15: Break

16:15 – 17:30 Session III: Panel Discussion and debate
Moderator: Ms Barbara Jones, University Librarian, Wesleyan University, Olin Library, USA and member of the IFLA/FAIFE Committee

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19:30: Reception hosted by the Norwegian Ministry of Culture and Church Affairs.
Welcome by Ms Bente Erichsen, Director of the Nobel Peace Center, Ms Kay Raseroka, Director University of Botswana Library Services and President of IFLA, and the Norwegian Ministry of Culture and Church Affairs.
Refreshments.

FRIDAY 12 AUGUST 2005

09:00 – 11:15: Session IV: Visions for the future
Focussing on the future, the two speakers will present their views on society and freedom of access to information and freedom of expression and how cooperation between civil society institutions can help safeguard documentation of censorship. In relation to the World Summit on the Information Society, the roles and responsibilities of NGOs and institutions in society will be debated and ways in which they can cooperate be suggested.

09:00 – 09:15: Introduction: Professor Paul Sturges
09:15 – 10:15: Dr Ismael Serageldin, Director of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Egypt
10: 15 –11:15: Journalist Mr Arne Ruth of Sweden

11:15- 12:00: Coffee/sandwich break

12:00 – 12:15: Session V: Key issues - introduction to debate
Ms Mette Newth, Chair of the BFE International Steering Committee

12:15 – 13:30 Debate
Moderator: Bob McKee, member of the IFLA/FAIFE Committee and Advisory Board

13:30 – 14:00: Session VI: Conclusions and closing remarks
Professor Paul Sturges