



NORWEGIAN MINISTRY  
OF CULTURE AND CHURCH AFFAIRS



## IFLA/FAIFE SATELLITE MEETING 11-12 AUGUST 2005

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

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**ARRANGED BY:** IFLA/FAIFE, Norwegian National Steering Committee for the Beacon for Freedom of Expression (BFE) Project, Norwegian Library Association and the Norwegian Ministry of Culture and Church Affairs.

**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

## **EVENING AT THE NOBEL PEACE CENTRE**

(**Address:** Vestbanen, 0150 Oslo. Tram no 10 or 12 to ‘Aker Brygge’)

**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*

