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Did you know?

- Keynote speaker Francis Sejerstedt’s speech ‘Freedom of information in a modern society’ is available on http://ifla.org/IV/ifla71/papers/185-Sejersted.pdf

- Munch Museum and Stenersen museum is FREE for the WLIC Delegates, by showing your badge.

- The cheaper eating places are located on the side of Spektrum, and that the reasonable priced grocery store chains are called Rema, Rimi and Kiwi.

Welcome to receptions today!

From 19-21 hours there will be receptions for the delegates:
- The Mayors reception in the Town Hall
- University of Oslo Reception at the University Library
- IFLA 2005 Oslo reception at the Oslo Public Library

All delegates have got a ticket for the receptions. It is necessary for the delegates to change this ticket into an invitation at the Information desk, so that the hosts know how many will attend the different receptions.

Weather forecast
Oslo Wednesday
20°C

The Opening of the National Library

Norwegian Press about the Opening of the National Library:

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From beautiful grannies to white rabbits
The Poster Sessions

Poster sessions take place at the exhibition area in Oslo Spektrum, Wednesday August 17, from 09.00 – 17.00. You get the opportunity to speak with the presenters between 12.00 and 14.00. A jury of two members of the professional committee will review the posters and together decide on who the winner of the 2005 best poster session award will be. The winner will be announced during the closing session on Thursday August 18.

The Beautiful Granny project
Grandmothers living in Seoul are volunteering as storytellers at libraries, kindergartens, schools, etc. The objective has been to develop opportunities for the old and the young to get together through fairytales, picture books and stories, and the project has been very successful. The project is planned and coordinated by the Seoul Society for Children’s Library and Literature, and supported by the 2004 Grant for Woman from Seoul City.

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Aboriginal Libraries, an Argentine model
Around half a million indigenous individuals, belonging to 12 different ethnic groups, currently inhabit Argentina. They face social and economical problems as well as cultural discrimination. Aimed at providing them with information and education tools, a model library was designed in 2002 and implemented in 7 indigenous locations in Argentina. Results include endangered languages recovery, creation of oral collections and support to bilingual and intercultural education. The project is initiated at The National University, Córdoba in Argentina.

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The Norwegian Library of Talking books and Braille
NLB is a special library for visually impaired and other print disabled persons in Norway. It is financed by the government and the services are free of charge for the users. NLB has a national responsibility regarding accessible library and information services, and is a resource center for other libraries, user organizations etc. in Norway.

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Judith Krug of the American Library Association’s Office of Intellectual Freedom talked about the effects of the PATRIOT Act on US libraries and the lessons other countries can learn from the way ALA responds to the challenges posed to the rights of library users.

The Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001 (‘USA PATRIOT Act’) became law on October 26, 2001. The legislation originated with Attorney General John Ashcroft, who asked Congress for additional powers that he claimed were needed to fight terrorism in the wake of the events of September 11, 2001. Few amendments were made to Ashcroft’s initial proposal to Congress, and the bill became law without any hearings or mark-up by a Congressional committee.

The PATRIOT Act broadly expands law enforcement’s surveillance and investigative powers. In particular, the law raises complicated questions with respect to what constitutes a business record and the law’s broad definition of computer trespassers. The law also creates a new relationship between domestic criminal investigations related to foreign intelligence.

ALA is constantly analyzing the act, monitoring how it is implemented, and what its impact is on libraries and library users. ALA also provides materials to offer guidance and suggestions on how libraries should respond if law enforcement ‘knocks at the door.’ Find out more at: http://www.ala.org/FAIFE - Free Access to Information and Freedom of Expression

The IFLA Committee FAIFE is an initiative to defend and promote the basic human rights defined in Article 19 of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

FAIFE furthers free access to information and freedom of expression in all aspects, directly or indirectly, related to libraries and librarianship. FAIFE monitors the state of intellectual freedom within the library community worldwide, supports IFLA policy development and co-operation with other international human rights organizations, and responds to violations of free access to information and freedom of expression. This commitment has been affirmed in a Statement on Libraries and Intellectual Freedom approved by the Executive Board on 25 March 1999. Read the statement here: http://www.ifla.org/faife/policy/iflastat/iflastat.htm

“Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers”.


• Intellectual freedom is the right of every individual to both hold and express opinions and to seek and receive information.
• Intellectual freedom is the basis of democracy.
• Intellectual freedom is the core of the library concept.

IFLA’s Russian CD

CIS Caucus was held for delegates representing Russia and other CIS countries. During this meeting there was presented a CD ROM with Russian translations of some of IFLA 2005 reports and guidelines. It was published by the Russian State Library with the aim of involving Russian speaking professionals in IFLA activities. A new design of bulletin “News of the Russian IFLA Committee”, created with UNESCO support, has been presented to participants (for more information: office-bae@rsl.ru).
A guide for the new Francophone participants

The Rassemblement des Francophones de l’IFLA (RDF) just published a guide for the new Francophone participants: Comprendre l’IFLA.

The guide enables to:
• Understand the institutional mechanisms of IFLA;
• Know the membership information;
• Familiarize with the technical and professional authorities.

The guide has been distributed at the Francophone Caucus and at the meeting for the new Francophone participants and the IFLA French committee grantees.

Copies of the guide will be available for the delegations of the Francophone Africa countries. Please, contact Danielle Bouhajeb (danielle.bouhajeb@francophonie.org).

(Author : Amadou Diop, Coordinator of the project MMSI, Institut Panafricain pour le Développement)

SIRSI-Dynix New Sponsor for IFLA International Marketing Award

IFLA Marketing Award is the project of the IFLA Section on Management and Marketing Section. The objectives are to reward the best library marketing project, encourage marketing in libraries, and give libraries opportunity to share marketing experiences. Altogether 28 countries have participated in the three past years.

The goal of the award is to offer opportunity for libraries of any type, all over the world, to share marketing strategies which successfully meet customer wants and needs. Applications will be available after Sept. 1 at www.iflo.org/vii/s34 and are due November 30th 2005.

For more information contact Christie Koontz, ckoontz@admin.fsu.edu

Linn Ullmann:

Nightspot Wednesday
Plenary session, Thursday 12.45-13.45

Linn Ullmann (born 1966) is a respected Norwegian author and journalist. She is a graduate of New York University, where she studied English literature and began work on her Ph.D. Going back to Norway she quickly became one of the most prominent journalists and a literary critic. Ullmann has travelled a lot and among others she has made reports on Bosnia and Serbia.

Her first and critically acclaimed novel ‘Before You Sleep’ was published in 1998. Her second novel, ‘Stella Descending’ (2001) received glowing reviews. Her third novel ‘Grace’ was published in 2002 and won the prominent literary award “The reader’s prize” in Norway and was named one of the ten best novels of that year by the prestigious newspaper ‘Weekendavisen’ in Denmark.

New Professionals social evening at Stratos.

New Professionals’ Discussion Group invites you to an informal reception at Stratos Wednesday 17 August 19.30.
Free beverages and tapas.
Welcome!
Norwegian Press about the Opening of the National Library:

**Aftenposten: More money to libraries**

Aftenposten points out in an editorial comment that the opening of the National Library happens at the same time as a big international library conference in Oslo. “This gives us a good possibility to remind everybody of the great importance of libraries, not only on an international and national level, but also for the different local communities”. Aftenposten editor warns against cut in library funding. The paper points out that Norway uses less money on libraries than the other Nordic countries, and that this should be changed.

In a report from the opening, Aftenposten quotes Valgerd Svarstad Haugland, the Minister for Church and Culture Affairs: “When I became Minister, I was invited to visit the National Library. It became an expensive visit. But it would have been even more expensive if we did not renovate the library”.

**The memory of the nation**

Vårt Land points out that the National Library used to be a library for the scientists. But now it will be a library also for the public. This is not the least because of the digital resources – 200 terabytes with papers, films and radio recordings.

Vårt Lands can also report that Drammen library is arranging a flea market to sell out 20,000 books. Drammen library is being relocated and merges with Buskerud University College library next year.

**New library opened in Tromsø**

Nationen tells about the opening of the new public library in Tromsø. When King Harald opened the National Library, Queen Sonja opened what she called “one of the most beautiful libraries in Norway” – 10,000 square meters library and town hall. “I am so impressed by the town of Tromsø,” she said, “when others close their library; you lift it up and place it at the heart of the city”. From the library you can walk directly over to the new cinema. Tromsø has 62,558 inhabitants.

**Not as beautiful as the Black Diamond**

The new building gets a three on a dice, by VG. The paper compares the library with the National Library in Copenhagen – The Black Diamond. But the paper points out that the new annexe is beautiful and hides the ugly back wall of the National Library. The annexe houses the Library for talking books and Braille, and the Norwegian authority for Archives, Library and Museum.

**Critical of the divided library**

The left wing paper Klassekampen has an interview with Professor Vigdis Ystad, who is the leader of a scientific project for publishing all the texts from the Norwegian author Henrik Ibsen. Vigdis Ystad criticises the division of the National Library in one part in Oslo and one part up in Mo i Rana. “I do not know of any country which has built their National Library this way”, Vigdis Ystad says.

**Hush, the King is coming..**

Shut up, it is supposed to be silent in the library, the actor Anne Marie Jacobsen – dressed in her ugly librarian glasses tells the King to shut up. This is the headline in Dagbladet. A young man has just stumbled down the stairs. That is how it goes when you don’t inform yourselves. And the King? Except from the official opening speech, he did not dare to say a word.
What are your choices from the programme for today?

Jennifer Johansson
Library student at The College of St Catherine, St Paul, Minnesota, The United States:
In the morning I will attend a library visit to Vahl School. That is because I am interested in working with children. Later I will go to the session Public Libraries – the library as a hotspot. I am in the beginning of my education and a lot of things seem interesting at this point. So today I want to take a look at public libraries.

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Bernadetta Rohingah
Director of Legal Depository at Indonesia National Library:
First I will be present at Division of Bibliographic Control’s session because in my work I make selections to my collection. Afterwards I will go to the session Bibliography. This is because I work with the Indonesian National Bibliography.

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Head of Acquisition Department, Åbo Akademi University:
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The Eurasian Congress Knowledge society: partnership of culture, science and education for innovative development under the aegis of UNESCO, will be held in Moscow 6-8 December 2005 (in the premises of Russian Academy for Public Service under the President of the Russian Federation).

Working languages are English and Russian. Simultaneous translation will be provided. Detailed information about the Congress, call for participation, registration rules, hotel booking is mounted on http://www.eilc2005.c-bit.ru/eng.htm
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Please contact Susan Schaepman at IFLA HQ on susan.schaepman@ifla.org or voucher@ifla.org

She will then send you all the information you need to purchase your first supply of vouchers.

Do you not need your CD-ROM?

Then help another delegate!

All delegates have received in their conference bag a CD-ROM with all papers received until 15 July.

This is a copy of the information that is available on the IFLA website. We therefore ask those delegates from countries with quick and easy access to the internet to drop off their copy of the CD at the IFLA Secretariat. Delegates from countries with limited access to the Internet can then come and pick up an extra copy of the CD-ROM to distribute to colleagues in their region to spread wider access to the papers and knowledge from this conference.

Motions for Council II

Delegates are reminded that the deadline for submitting motions and resolutions to the Secretary General is Wednesday, 17 August, 12.00.
(IFLA Secretariat, room 301, Radisson Plaza)

Exhibition closes today!

Take your last chance to visit the exhibition. It closes today at 15.00!

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The main source of IFLA information!

Visit www.ifla.org to find all the information about IFLA. Amongst other things you can find information about membership, publications, policy documents, Section information, conference papers and much more.
Remember to return Evaluation Forms

All delegates got an evaluation form in their bags as they registered at the conference. The National Organizing Committee would like to remind everybody to fill out the form and deliver it at the Information Desk!
The Romance of Libraries

Last year in Buenos Aires Madeleine Lefebvre appealed to all delegates to send in their tales of loves that started amidst the towering stacks of books in libraries.

The book collecting those true accounts of emotional attachments formed in and with libraries and the library field will be available in December 2005. While most accounts are about romances that developed in a library setting, some are about romances with libraries themselves. Loosely arranged by context, the stories – happy, sad or bittersweet – share an over-arching theme of the transformative and emotive power in our lives. Lefebvre’s underlying message is that the physical library can play a role in our affections that the virtual library never can.


Does your library have a disaster plan?

Due to several disasters in recent years, Marie-Thérèse Varlamoff, Director of the IFLA Preservation and Conservation Core Activity, wants to stress the importance of a disaster plan.

“In order to limit the damage of a disaster, all national libraries should be prepared for a disaster, and work out a disaster plan. With a disaster plan it is easier to react and limit the damage”, she says.

IFLA is part of the Blue Shield, ICBS, which is a parallel to Red Cross on Cultural heritage. Blue Shield gathers archives, museums and libraries and has also got national branch offices in several countries.

IFLA has organized workshops on disaster planning in the Caribbean, where hurricanes are frequent. IFLA PAC is planning to publish a basic manual in the 1st quarter of 2006 in 3 different languages, English, French and Spanish.

New Professional Committee elected!

Last Sunday, 14 August, the newly elected Standing Committee members elected the new Coordinating Boards. From those Coordinating Boards a representative for the Professional Committee is chosen and together these representatives formulate the Professional Committee 2005-2007.

A Chair for the Professional Committee was also elected, this time from the outgoing members of the 2003-2005 term.

The full Professional Committee 2005-2007 is:

Chair:
Jacinta Were, Kenya

Division I
Donna Schreeder, USA

Division II
Nancy Bolt, USA

Division III
Torny Kjekstad, Norway

Division IV
Barbara Tillett, USA

Division V
Edward Swanson, USA

Division VI
Nancy Gwinn, USA

Division VII
Alistair Black, UK

Division VIII
Maria Isabel Franca, Brazil
Internet café relocates!

After the closing of the exhibition the internet café will relocate to the registration area in the Spektrum.

German journal Special Issue about Northern Europe

On the occasion of the 71st IFLA conference here in Oslo, the German Association for Information Science and Information Practice, have published a special issue of their journal entitled ‘Northern Europe’.

Northern Europe is defined as the Nordic countries - Denmark, Faroe Islands, Iceland, Finland, Norway and Sweden - and the Baltic countries - Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. The journal is in German and contains articles about a wide range of information themes from the countries mentioned.

The editor of this issue, Dr. Wolfgang Ratzek, is present at the conference. He has brought with him examples of the journal, which can be obtained for free at the stand of the Norwegian Authority for Archives, Libraries and Museums (ABM-utvikling).

The symbol of WLIC 2005

The symbol of the WLIC 2005 is a stem of a Viking ship, just like the stem of the Oseberg ship which was found in 1904 in Vestfold (County south of Oslo), in a large burial mound.

The Oseberg ship was built around 800 AC. The ship is of the “kary” type with riveted planks in oak. Length 21,5 m, width 5,0 m, 15 pairs of oars, 0,65 m from water to rail, joint in the keel, mast ca 9 m, sail approx. 6 x 12 m, mast base 1,75 m long, weight ca 11 tons.

The mound was excavated in 1904, revealing a well preserved ship and tremendously rich grave goods. Remains of a woman of high rank were found in the burial chamber in the middle of the ship. Her identity is uncertain, but she was probably a leading member of the Ynglinge clan who were in control of Vestfold and Agder in the 9th century. She may have been Queen Asa, mentioned in the Ynglinge-saga by Snorre Sturlason.

The Oseberg ship is exhibited in the Viking ship museum in Bygdøy, Oslo.

Meeting User Needs in Public Libraries - Are you?

How can you ensure that you are meeting the library and information needs of the users and potential users of the library service in your community?

By instinct? Through years of experience?
These methods can help, but objective data and structured information and feedback from the stakeholders of your library can assist you in a more constructive way.
The Public Libraries Section of IFLA has put together a resource list of best practices from libraries all around the world on IFLANET to assist you meet the needs of your users better.

The resource list covers:
• Friends and user groups;
• Focus groups involving staff and members of the public;
• Statistical analysis and surveys;
• Suggestions and comments schemes.

The list can be found at: www.ifla.org/VII/s8/proj/Meeting_User_Needs-Checklist.pdf
Meet IFLA’s Professional Groups!

IFLA’s Exhibition Booth (207) is staffed by the IFLA HQ Staff and the organisers of the 2006 and 2007 World Library and Information Congress. During the conference week, IFLA’s officers will also be available at the booth to answer questions about their activities and to display results of some of their projects. To meet the officers and to get first-hand information, the schedule for the booth on Wednesday 17 August is:

10.00-11.00
Art Libraries
Genealogy & Local History
Agriculture DG

11.00-12.00
Information Literacy
Continuing Professional Development

12.00-13.00
Education & Training
Library Theory & Research
e-Learning DG

13.00-14.00
Document Delivery & Resource Sharing
Reference & Information Services

14.00-15.00
Reading
Library & Information Science Journals

15.00-16.00
Exhibition Closes

Biblioteksentralen and Medialab Solutions reach agreement for AquaBrowser Library®

Biblioteksentralen, main national sponsor of IFLA 2005 Oslo, and Medialab Solutions bv have come to an agreement to distribute AquaBrowser Library® search solution to libraries across Norway. AquaBrowser Library is a revolutionary OPAC that enhances the patron’s experience with an intuitive user-friendly interface that provides the user with suggestions during their search. AquaBrowser Library is compatible with any Norwegian library system, making it quick and easy to connect. As of today, AquaBrowser Library is available in full implementations of Norwegian, Swedish and Danish languages, as well as any other European language.

Biblioteksentralen is a knowledge-based non-profit organization and primary supplier of library products and services to the library and information centers of Norway.

Medialab Solutions, the recognized Dutch-market leader in OPAC search solutions for libraries was founded in 1990 in the Netherlands and operates from its headquarters in Amsterdam. The company focuses all its efforts in creating innovative search solutions for libraries and companies.

AquaBrowser Library has recently exploded on to the American library market, distributed by Medialab’s strategic partner, The Library Corporation – TLC and is now searching in over 30 US libraries in a matter of months.

Both Biblioteksentralen and Medialab Solutions are looking forward to a rewarding future relationship.

You can see a live demo of AquaBrowser Library at The Library Corporation / AquaBrowser Library exhibition booths #107 & 108 daily at the World Library and Information Congress. Norwegian libraries are welcome to contact Biblioteksentralen to get more information about what the AquaBrowser Library can do for them. You will find us at booth nr. 401. Contact person: Kjartan Vevle.
Minister of International Development, Hilde F. Johnson was born in 1963 in Arusha, Tanzania. She holds a graduate degree in anthropology from the University of Oslo. She speaks fluent Swahili, is a very high profiled minister abroad and the president of Uganda calls her “my sister”.

She has been responsible for restructuring the Norwegian development aid, which has risen from 1.4 billion USD in 1997 to 2.4 billion USD in 2005,

Ms. Johnson is Co-chair of the Global Coalition for Africa. She has been a key facilitator in the Sudan peace negotiations, and has chaired the Sudan Committee of the IGAD Partners Forum.

She represents the Christian Democratic Party, which is currently part of a coalition government together with the Conservative Party and the Liberal Party. Before taking up her Cabinet post in 1997, Johnson was a member of the Norwegian parliament for five years, during which she sat on the Enlarged Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs. Ms. Johnson has also served on advisory groups in the World Bank, and is the founder of the Utstein Group, a consultation group of six like minded donor countries. In 2003, she was awarded the “Commitment to Development Award” by the Center for Global Development and Foreign Policy in Washington, D.C.

Minister Johnsen will give a speech on the topic: Culture, knowledge and power.

In French at IFLA

A CD-ROM regrouping the original French articles and translated articles of WLIC 1997 to 2004 has been edited in partnership by the IFLA French Committee (CFI) and the Agence intergouvernementale de la francophonie (AIF), with the approval of IFLA. This CD-ROM enables a simple navigation and a multicriteria research in approximately 500 articles. It has been created in the double aim of allowing access to Francophone professionals to IFLA articles on a portable support and valorizing the work of Francophone redactors and translators who often work as volunteers. The CD-ROM could be sent for free to any libraries, documentation centers, associations or institutions. During WLIC 2005, you could obtain your copy at the ENSSIB booth (115).

(Submitted by Danielle Bouhajeb, Agence intergouvernementale de la francophonie-AIF)

The Public Library Service:

IFLA/UNESCO Guidelines for Development – translated into 18 Indian languages

“The Public Library Service”, IFLA Saur Publications 97, is now being translated into 18 Indian languages. The first instalment of translations is complete and published in 7 of the 18 different languages.

The work of the translations was coordinated by Dr. C. R. Karisiddappa (Karnatak University, Dharwad, India) former president of the Indian Library Association. This is indeed another unique step in the dissemination of the ideals and objectives of the Public Library Service.

More information on how to order copies of this publication can be found on IFLANET (www.ifla.org) after the conference.
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