On turning six, during World War II, Albie Sachs received a card from his father expressing the wish that he would grow up to be a soldier in the fight for liberation.

His career in human rights activism started at the age of seventeen, when as a second year law student at the University of Cape Town, he took part in the Defiance of Unjust Laws Campaign. Three years later he attended the Congress of the People at Kliptown where the Freedom Charter was adopted. He started practice as an advocate at the Cape Bar aged 21. The bulk of his work involved defending people charged under racist statutes and repressive security laws. Many faced the death sentence. He himself was raided by the security police, subjected to banning orders restricting his movement and eventually placed in solitary confinement without trial for two prolonged spells of detention.

In 1966 he went into exile. After spending eleven years studying and teaching law in England he worked for a further eleven years in Mozambique as law professor and legal researcher. In 1988 he was blown up by a bomb placed in his car in Maputo by South African security agents, losing an arm and the sight of an eye.

During the 1980s working closely with Oliver Tambo, leader of the ANC in exile, he helped draft the organisation’s Code of Conduct, as well as its statutes. After recovering from the bomb he devoted himself full-time to preparations for a new democratic Constitution for South Africa. In 1990 he returned home and as a member of the Constitutional Committee and the National Executive of the ANC took an active part in the negotiations which led to South Africa becoming a constitutional democracy. After the first democratic election in 1994 he was appointed by President Nelson Mandela to serve on the newly established Constitutional Court.

In addition to his work on the Court, he has travelled to many countries sharing South African experience in healing divided societies. He has also been engaged in the sphere of art and architecture, and played an active role in the development of the Constitutional Court building and its art collection on the site of the Old Fort Prison in Johannesburg.

Albie Sachs is the author of eight books. The Jail Diary of Albie Sachs was dramatised for the Royal Shakespeare Company and broadcast on television and radio by the BBC.
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WLIC/IFLA 2007: Bring children’s books to Durban!

We would like the IFLA congress 2007 in Durban to be the launch pad for this project. Hence we make this appeal to all delegates, exhibitors and speakers to bring with them one or more children’s book(s) which we will receive during the congress and then distribute to relevant libraries with the help of committed South African colleagues.

CRITERIA:
1. Books should be suitable for children up to the age of 14, and of high standard. In particular there is a demand for high quality picture books.
2. They should be written in English or any of the other 11 official South African languages.
3. They must be published in 2005 or later.
4. Books must be brought to the International Convention Centre (ICC) in person and NOT shipped for collection or posted.

PLEASE LEAVE YOUR BOOK DONATIONS AT THE BAG COLLECTIONS/MESSAGE CENTRE COUNTER.
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READINGS BY SOUTH AFRICAN WRITERS

The Library and Information Association of South (LIASA), The Publishers’ Association of South Africa (PASA) and the National Library of South Africa, presents

A SERIES OF READINGS BY SOUTH AFRICAN WRITERS

The readings will take place in the Exhibition area of the Congress at the times stipulated.

Monday 20 August 2007

12h00
Kobus Moolman was born in 1964. A collection of his radio plays, sponsored by the British Council, was published by Botsotso Publishers early in 2007, while a new collection of poetry, Separating the Seas, was also published by the University of KwaZulu-Natal Press this year.

12h30
Elana Bregin has won various awards for her writing. Her young adult books such as The Red-haired Khumalo and The Boy From The Other Side are frequently chosen as prescribed readers.

13h00
Prabashini Moodley was born in Pietermaritzburg in 1965. Her first novel, The Heart Knows No Colour, was published by Kwela Books in 2003. Her second novel, A Scent so Sweet, was published by Kwela in 2006.

Tuesday 21 August 2007

12h00
Gcina Mhlophe is one of South Africa’s foremost storytellers, with a number of published children’s books. She is also a playwright, poet and short story writer. She was born in 1959 in Hammarsdale, South Africa.

12h30
Rose Mokhosi is a founder-member of a local poetry circle based at the BAT Centre called Young Basadzi Projects. Their first poetry collection Basadzi Voices was published by UKZN Press in 2006.

13h00
Sally-Ann Murray is an Associate Professor of English at UKZN. Her debut collection Shifting (1992) won the Sanlam and Arthur Nortje/Vita Awards. Her second collection, Open Season, was recently published by UKZN Press.

Wednesday 22 August 2007

12h00
Jabulani Mngadi is a novelist who writes in isiZulu.

12h30
Mphutlane Wa Bofelo is a writer, activist, life-skills facilitator and performance poet who has been published in several journals, websites and anthologies and has performed at various events. He also published the booklet, ‘The Journey Within’ with Yaseen Islamic Publishers.

13h00
Musa E. Zulu was born in 1971. His biographical book, The Language of Me, was published by UKZN Press in 2004.

13h30
Peter Strauss is a South African poet with several books to his credit. Sherin Ahmed has had her first novel, The Good Luck House, published recently. Gertrud Strauss has published many books, including, Chapters of Childhood and The Blood Spot and Other Stories.
How do I make the most of my first WORLD LIBRARY AND INFORMATION CONGRESS?

IFLA will hold a meeting to welcome Newcomers to the World Library and Information Congress – the ‘Introduction to IFLA for Newcomers’. The session will feature a variety of contributions from IFLA Officers and a visual presentation. Simultaneous Interpretation in all IFLA Working Languages (English, French, German, Russian, Spanish and Chinese) will be provided and there will be ample opportunity for questions and answers. While the session is designated for first-time attendees and new IFLA Members, every participant who is curious to learn more about the organisation of IFLA’s international network of Information Professionals is welcome to participate in it.

The session will be held on Sunday 19 August, 13.45-15.45. The session will take place in room Hall 1AB in the Durban ICC.

Come by to pick up your Newcomers-package and the special First Timer badge!

Tips for Newcomers
- Be sure to have your business cards ready, if you have them, it’s an easy way to exchange address details.
- It’s a good idea to sit down in a quiet place as soon as you have the programme with a highlighter pen and mark all those sessions, workshops and visits which particularly interest you. Once you’ve decided on your preferred sessions write them in the small ‘Pocket Programme’ provided in your Conference Bag.
- Many receptions this year will serve sufficient snacks and hors d’oeuvres, so you may not have to plan to have a meal afterwards.

Interpretation at the IFLA World Library and Information Congress

Once again it will be possible for participants to speak freely in one of the IFLA Working languages (English, French, German, Russian, Spanish and Chinese) and be confident that their audience will understand them – at least during the major business meetings such as Council and the Opening and Closing sessions, Plenary sessions, newcomers sessions, etc, and also at many section and other presentations, which are marked in the Programme with the magic “SI”. This is due to the presence of a team of over 20 volunteer interpreters, mostly employed themselves in the information world, who will be doing their bit to improve professional understanding. They look forward to helping you all – so remember to pick up your headsets when you join the sessions, even if the papers are to be given in a language you understand – interesting contributions can come from any member of the audience.
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Tips for a comfortable conference experience

TRANSPORT

Special arrangements have been put in place for delegates to assist travel between their hotels, the conference centre and functions.

Shuttle – Springbok Atlas

The shuttle service timetable has been given to you on registration but to clarify, these buses run every 15 minutes, to the ICC from 07H00 to 09H00 in the morning, returning in the evening to the hotels between 17H00 to 19H00.

On the evening of the Beach Party (Monday) the buses leave the ICC and take delegates straight to the venue from 18H00 to 19H00. The buses will then shuttle you home from the event to your hotel between 20H30 to 22H30. The same arrangement has been made for the Cultural Gala, (Wednesday evening) the buses leave the ICC taking you to the City Hall again between 18H00 and 19H00. They then leave the event as from 21H00 and return you to your hotel.

Any conference delegate can use this service even if they are not staying at the conference hotels, they must however make their way to any of these hotels. Please ensure you have your delegate badge so that you gain free access to the service.

Delegates traveling by car to the conference are encouraged to leave their cars at the ICC and avail yourselves of this service; the shuttle buses will drop you off again at the ICC, after the event. However if you do wish to take your own transport to the Beach Party there is limited parking at the back of the Protea Edward in Boscombe Place and on the Marine Parade near the venue. Also at the City Hall it is recommended to use either the Albany Parking Garage (R10.00 for the evening) or the Royal Hotel Parkade.

Other recommended modes of transport to the conference are the People Mover Service provided by the Metro, (R4.00 per trip). A route map has been included in your conference bag.

Alternatively if you wish to use a taxi we advise that you only use blue accredited metered taxis.

Grantees who have had their bookings made by SBEEZ are reminded to use the transport included in their package.

Total number of grants for the 2007 conference?
Help us determine it!

So far we are aware of a number of grants that have been given for this conference, but we are sure there are a few more here and there that we are not aware of and we wish to recognise all of them.

So if you know of any institution or body that has set up a grant for attendance at the 2007 conference, please hand in the details at the IFLA Secretariat in room 21ABC for the attendance of IFLA Express.

Pick up your voting documents!

All voting delegates are asked to collect their necessary voting papers at the IFLA Voting Office located in the Secretariat offices in Room 21ABC at the Durban ICC.

Voting papers will be distributed only to those delegates who are in possession of the IFLA Voting Card 2007, duly signed by the appropriate authority.

Membership offer

Join IFLA this week! Receive free Membership Benefits for the rest of the year.

If you sign up with IFLA during the conference, your membership will be good until the end of 2008. That means that you get the benefits for the remainder of 2007 for FREE!

Benefits include amongst other things:

- Subscription to IFLA Journal
- Free copy of the IFLA Directory
- Registration in professional Sections
- Discount on IFLA/Saur Publication Series
- Payment of fees must be made in full during the conference. We accept payment in all forms and currencies. Ask IFLA Staff for more details, exhibition Booth 105 or at the IFLA secretariat, room 21ABC in the Durban ICC.

Get involved – be an IFLA Member!

The IFLA Voting Card was sent to all members whose membership fees for 2007 have been paid.

The Voting Office will be open in the Secretariat every day.

Please collect your voting papers as early as possible. Please do not leave it until the last minute!

Voting takes place at the Council Meeting on Thursday, 23th August 2007, in the Durban ICC, Hall 1AB, from 15.00-18.00.

All Association Members of IFLA are asked to make sure they bring their voting papers and especially the Quorum Card to the Council Meeting!
How to make a session successful

Note for Chairs of Sessions
To ensure that the meeting is successful, session Chairs should:
• Briefly introduce the topic and each speaker, stating the language to be used
• Make sure the speaker uses the microphone, especially if there is simultaneous translation
• Make sure that there is time for questions and discussion, either after each speaker, or at the end of the session
• Ask speakers from the floor to identify themselves and to speak into the microphone
• Make absolutely sure that the session does not run over time, since this will affect any meeting times to follow. The chair of the following meeting has full authority to interrupt a meeting if it overruns.

Notes for Speakers
• Speakers should speak slowly and clearly and keep continuously in mind that for a large percentage of their audience, the language of the presentation is a foreign one.
• Speakers should pay due attention to requests from the interpreters (e.g., to speak more slowly, to speak into the microphone, etc.).
• Whenever possible, speakers should not read their papers, but introduce it, highlight the most important points and in this way encourage the audience to discuss the content of the paper. It is much easier to hold the attention of an audience when speaking from notes.

Do you have interesting news about the IFLA Congress to share with the other delegates?
Please submit your copy to the IFLA Secretariat (room 21ABC) or to the IFLA Express room (room 21G) no later than 14.00 everyday until Wednesday.
All copy for IFLA Express is subject to approval by IFLA.
IFLA Express does not publish announcements of events that are not included in the official Congress programme; such information should be posted on the general Message Board located in the registration area.

Come to Québec next year! Get your information now!
During the Exhibition, all delegates are invited to visit the IFLA Booth (105) where you can find all the information you need about attending the IFLA World Library and Information Congress Québec in 2008!
Representatives of the Québec National Committee will be present to give you information about the city of Québec and the Conference.
Come and pick up your copy of the Final Announcement for the IFLA World Library and Information Congress 2008!

Conference Papers
Papers received by the deadline of 10 August are all available from the Paper Printing Centre.
All papers and translations received before this deadline are also available from IFLANET www.ifla.org.
Papers not received by the deadline of 10 August will not be processed until after the conference. Speakers/Officers with late arriving papers are requested to leave a copy with Sophie Felföldi, IFLA HQ Secretariat (room 21ABC at the Durban ICC). After the conference they will be processed and made available from IFLA Headquarters in The Hague. They will also be available from www.ifla.org.

CD-ROM
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 web-site. 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.

Conference of Directors of National Libraries
The CDNL meeting is being held in Hall 5 at the ICC on Wednesday 22 August. CDNL will have an office in the IFLA conference centre on Tuesday, 21 August, from 11am-12noon in Room 12cd. CDNL delegates can meet the secretary and register for the meeting if they have not already done so.

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