



Greetings from the Executive Team:

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to the first newsletter of our Section for 2002. Our Section is the largest in IFLA with over 510 members from throughout the world, and the membership of the Standing Committee reflects the diverse geographic backgrounds. Our challenge is to continue to grow our membership by making sure our programs are of interest and are highly relevant at a time of great professional change.

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At Boston, we conveyed our thanks and said farewell to a number of long-standing Section committee members including Kirsten Engelstad, our retiring Chair, who had served our membership so well.



Our Strategic Plan for the period 2002-2003 was drafted by the Executive Team, confirmed with members of the Standing Committee, and approved by the Professional Committee. The detail of the Strategic Plan is included in this Newsletter.

The business meetings of the Section will be held on Saturday 17 August 11.30 - 14.20 and Friday 23 August 10.15 – 12.15. These meetings are where your committee plans our activities at Berlin and beyond. You are welcome to attend these meetings as observers.

Strategic Plan, 2002-2003

Mission

To promote the development and good management of academic and research libraries in all countries, and to strengthen the integration of the library in the core institutional functions of learning, teaching, research and services.

Goals

1. Changing roles of librarians in academic and research libraries

To understand the professional, social and technological trends to which librarians in academic and research institutions can contribute in order to assume new roles as information providers, educators and knowledge managers, specially in training users to be information literate and lifelong learners

(Professional priorities: (a) Supporting the role of libraries in society; (c) Promoting literacy and reading; (d) Providing unrestricted access to information; (f) Promoting resource sharing; (h) Developing library professionals; (k) Representing libraries in the technological marketplace)

Actions

- 1.1 Developing international guidelines on information literacy programmes that identify appropriate levels and targets to be achieved across the curriculum, jointly with User Education Round Table, by way of a SC working group to liaise with interested parties and to report in Glasgow for further actions in Berlin
- 1.2 Studying the feasibility of creating, for the library and information sector, a suite of information literacy programs based on the model set up by the European Computer Driving Licence, by way of a SC working group to report in Glasgow and eventually to draft an IFLA project proposal to be presented to the Coordinating Board of Division I for adoption and financing for the period 2003-2005, jointly with User Education, Theory and Research, Management and Marketing, ...
- 1.3 Studying with staff in IFLA HQ and IFLANET the feasibility of starting up and maintaining in IFLANET a core collection of basic documents on information literacy (standards, position papers, seminal contributions, best practices, etc.) translated in as many IFLA languages as possible, as well as links to authoritative resources
- 1.4 Analysing best practices in academic institutions regarding the first-year experience of students and the role academic and research libraries can play together with other academic services in having a common policy in key skills provision, by convening an Open Session for Berlin together with Management and Marketing, User Education
- 1.5 Holding an Open Session in Glasgow on "Change and its Impact on Staff" jointly with Management and Marketing

2. Evaluation and quality assurance in academic and research libraries

To promote the development and dissemination of best practice in quality assurance and review of services provided by academic and research libraries as part of the institutional evaluation process

(Professional priorities: (a) Supporting the role of libraries in society; (c) Promoting literacy and reading; (i) Promoting standards, guidelines and best practice)

Actions

- 2.1 Convening a meeting of the Performance Measurement in Academic Libraries Discussion Group in Glasgow with a focus on the need for new ways of measuring and assessing the library's contribution and impact on learning and research outcomes

2.2 Identifying new approaches to measuring outcomes and finding evidence-based indicators of the impact of academic and research libraries in learning and research, by way of a workshop/open session in Berlin with an emphasis in outcomes and impact measures and evidence, jointly with Statistics, Management and Marketing, ...

2.3 Convening a meeting of the Performance Measurement in Academic Libraries Discussion Group in Berlin on current approaches to the assessment of outcomes of information literacy provision in evaluation and quality review programmes and manuals being applied in different countries

2.4 Convening a meeting of the Marketing of University Libraries to the Academic Community Discussion Group in Glasgow on ways of marketing information literacy programmes to academic authorities, faculty and students.

3. The Library's Role in Shaping the Future of Scholarly Communication and Publishing

To address opportunities, issues and challenges faced by academic and research libraries in the changing nature of scholarly communication and the problems in providing essential information to users all over the world, but specially for libraries in less developed countries

(Professional priorities: *(a) Supporting the role of libraries in society ; (d) Providing unrestricted access to information; (e) Balancing the intellectual property rights of authors with the needs of users; (k) Representing libraries in the technological marketplace)*

Actions

- 3.1 Exploring ways for academic and research libraries to lead and/or partner in providing alternative, less expensive publications by organizing a workshop in Glasgow, joint with Information Technology and Acquisitions and Collection Development, on "Shaping the future of scholarly communication and publishing: the librarian's role"
 - 3.2 Cooperating on an active and ongoing basis with academy, scientific organizations and other interested parties committed to finding and providing alternatives to the present situation, by having a SC working group to report in Glasgow on priorities, contacts and agenda for further action, by way of a presentation of SPARC achievements and current worldwide developments in connection with action 3.1 above
 - 3.3 Establishing a SC working group to liaise with the ARL Scholars Portal development project and to report in Glasgow on the concept and status of development of the project as well as scheduling a workshop for Berlin joint with Information Technology and the ARL leaders of the project for feedback on international issues and perspectives related to the Scholars Portal
4. Global Higher Education Developments and Trends, and their implications to academic and research libraries, specially in less developed countries

To understand and contribute to the debate on Higher Education issues at the beginning of the new millennium, focusing on the real situation and problems of the sector in less developed countries as well as on the ways academic and research libraries can contribute to democracy and welfare

(Professional priorities: *(a) Supporting the role of libraries in society; (b) Defending the principle of freedom of information; (d) Providing unrestricted access to information; (e) Balancing the intellectual property rights of authors with the needs of users; (f) Promoting resource sharing; (h) Developing library professionals)*

Actions

- 4.1 Preparing with FAIFE, Division VIII and other IFLA units a Joint Workshop for Glasgow on "The role of the University Library in promoting democracy and diversity".
- 4.2 Convening a SC working group to report in Glasgow (with recommendations for further actions in Berlin and beyond) on priorities and alternative routes for our SC to follow in relation to practical and effective ways of cooperation between institutions of developed and developing countries, specially in accessing scientific and technical literature, as the crisis of scholarly communication demands extreme solutions in developing countries.

Glasgow Program

Your Standing Committee has been busy preparing an interesting program for the Glasgow conference, based on our approved Strategic Plan. We hope to see many of you there, for what is shaping up to be an excellent program, in an exciting city. The following highlight the events being organised by our Section, and does not include the myriad of other events throughout the Conference. Please refer to the IFLA Conference site for complete program details at:

<http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla68/index.htm>

Thursday 15 August 2002, 14.00 – 17.00

“The Impact of Alternative Scholarly Publishing and the Budapest Open Archives Initiatives”

See the last page of the Newsletter for the formal announcement on a Pre-IFLA workshop on the enormous changes happening in Scholarly Communication, which is being conducted by our Section. The invited guest speaker is **Dr. Jean-Claude Guéron**, Professor of Comparative Literature at the Université de Montréal in Canada who will be joined by an expert panel comprising: **Dr. James Neal**, Columbia University Libraries, New York
Ms. Chris Bailey, Acting Dean of Library Services, Glasgow University
Rev. Fred Friend, Director of Scholarly Communication, University College, London

Sunday 18 August 2002, 08.30-10.20

Marketing Library Services to Academic communities Discussion Group

Sunday 18 August 2002, 11.30-13.20

Performance Measurement in Academic Libraries Discussion Group

Tuesday 20 August 2002, 8.30 – 11.00

In conjunction with the IFLA Section - Management and Marketing, we are holding an Open Session on ***“Change and Its Impact on Staff”***.

Change is endemic and is occurring at a rapid pace. It can involve cultural change and the blurring traditional professional boundaries. The Boss and the staff member – both have different views on how to deal with changing expectations. Want ideas of tools and tricks for managing change? These topics will be explored in the Open Session on “Change and Its Impact on Staff”. The speakers will be: **Marielle de Miribel**, Mediadix, France, **Tom Wilding and Sarah Jones** from the University of Texas at Arlington, United States and **Sue McKnight**, Deakin University, Australia.

The program is aimed at providing practical tips through case studies on ways of making change a positive opportunity, and not something to be dreaded. Tips and techniques will be from the perspective of managers, staff members and even library customers.

Thursday 22 August, 8.30 – 12.00

University Libraries and other General Research Libraries, in collaboration with FAIFE, Latin America and the Caribbean, Regional Office Brazil

“The role of the University Library in promoting Democracy and Diversity”

Speakers include:

Alex Byrne (University of Technology, Sydney, Australia)
Brian Lang (University of St. Andrews, St. Andrews, United Kingdom)
Jenny Raubenheimer (University of South Africa Library, Pretoria, South Africa)
Sueli do Amaral (Universidade de Brasilia, Brasil)
Adolfo Rodriguez (Universidad Autonoma de México, Mexico)

Editorial Note:

This is the first newsletter from the University and Other General Research Libraries Section that has been published for a number of years. This edition, in fact, is much later than originally intended (my apologies), but it should become easier to get it published from now on! The Section intends to publish two newsletters per year, one after the annual IFLA conference, and one before the forthcoming IFLA conference. This way, we hope to encourage members to attend, by highlighting what was and what is planned to be showcased at these great conferences.

To keep costs as low as possible, the newsletter will be emailed to members who have nominated an email address, with a paper version sent to those who have no email address. In addition, the newsletter will be published on IFLANET.

Contributions to the newsletter are invited from members. Forward these to Sue McKnight, Information Officer, IFLA Section on University and General Research Libraries, C/- Learning Services, Deakin University, Geelong, Australia 3217 or email: suemck@deakin.edu.au

Preliminary Announcement of Pre-Conference Workshop

International Federation of Library Association Pre-Conference Workshop, August 15, 2002

14.00 – 17.00

University of Strathclyde McCance Lecture Theatre

The Standing Committee on University and Research Libraries is pleased to present a pre-conference workshop on the Changing Nature of Scholarly Communication: New Roles for the Research Library. This is a half-day workshop that will be of interest to all university librarians as well as professors and publishers.

Program Convenors: Frances K. Groen,
Secretary, Standing Committee on University and General Research Libraries, IFLA

Dr. Joseph Hewitt
Dean of Library Services, University of North Carolina

Invited Guest Speaker: Dr. Jean-Claude Guédon

Jean-Claude Guédon holds his doctorate in the history of science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and is currently Professor of Comparative Literature at the Université de Montréal in Canada. Professor Guédon cut his teeth on the question of scholarly electronic publishing with Surfaces (founded in 1991), the first, extant, digitized scholarly journal in Canada, now a part of the University Presses of the Université de Montréal. This led him gradually to discover the realities of the political economy of scholarly publishing. Since 1993, he has increasingly involved himself with several organizations dealing with various aspects of electronic publishing, most notably the Networked Digital Library for Theses and Dissertations (NDLTD), the Canadian National Site License Project (CNSLP) and, most recently, the Budapest Open Archive Initiative (BOAI). He has lectured and published widely on the topic, most notably as Leiter Lecturer at the National Library of Medicine (USA) in 1998 and as plenary speaker to the 138th Membership Meeting of ARL in Toronto in May 2001. The latter talk was subsequently issued as an essay titled: "In Oldenburg's Long Shadow" which has stimulated some interesting debates. He is also involved with the Internet Society, having been three times co-chair of the program committee for the Inet conferences (1996, 1998 and 2000). In 2002, he was named "Fleck Fellow" at Banff Centre for the Arts

Dr. Guédon's presentation will be followed by comments from a panel:

Dr. James Neal, Columbia University Libraries, New York

Ms. Chris Bailey, Acting Dean of Library Services, Glasgow University

Rev. Fred Friend, Director of Scholarly Communication, University College, London

Each panellist will comment and there will be time for further discussion and questions from all participants.

The Workshop will be followed by a reception sponsored by SPARC-Europe.

Attendance is **FREE**, however an indication of your plan to participate in this workshop and reception would be appreciated. Please send to: groen@library.mcgill.ca or Frances Groen, Trenholme Director of Libraries McGill University, 3459 McTavish Street, Montreal, Quebec H3A 1Y1, Canada