



## **Education and Training Section**

### **2004 Annual Report**

by Terry L. Weech  
Chair

We have had a busy year in 2004 in the Education and Training Section. We have had two resignations from the Standing Committee and one new member added. Jitka Banzetova from the Czech Republic and Judith Elkin from the United Kingdom found it necessary to give up their positions on the Standing Committee. Jitka Banzetova was a new member to the committee elected in 2003. Judith Elkin was in her second term as a member of the Standing Committee and had served as Chair and Secretary, as well as on numerous subcommittees in SET over the years. We thank them both for their contributions to the Standing Committee and to the Section. Jitka Banzetova's position will be filled by Raslin Bin Abu Bakar, Director, Human Resource Development Division, the National Library of Malaysia. Mr. Raslin Bin Abu Bakar was the next runner up in the 2003 election who was available to accept the position. He will serve the remainder of Jitka Banzetova's 2003-2007 term. Elena Nikodinovska from Macedonia, who was the next runner up in the last Standing Committee election will serve the remainder of Judith Elkin's 2001-2005 term. For a listing of all members of the Standing Committee, see <http://www.ifla.org/VII/s23/scmem-set.htm>

The Education and Training Section's workshop program in Buenos Aires, under the capable leadership of Ismail Abdullah, Chair of the Program Planning Committee and Assumpcio Estivill and Niels Ole Pors assisting him as members of the Planning Committee, was a great success.. The theme of the workshop was "The Challenges of Library and Information Science Education in the Developing World" and the focus was on the opportunities and challenges of Regional and International Co-operation in Library Education in the Developing World. The workshop took place at the Universidad de Buenos Aires on Thursday, August 26, 2004 from 9:00 to 16:30.

The Section was represented in the Division VII program in Buenos Aires on August 23d by C.R. Karisiddappa, Niels Ole Pors, and Terry L. Weech. They presented a paper on

Literacy Concepts in the LIS Curriculum. The program was well attended by representatives from all the sections in the Division.

The E – learning discussion group, which is co-sponsored by Education and Training, met in Buenos Aires on Friday the 27 August and had a successful session. The session was attended by nearly 100 participants. Plans are to continue the discussion group for another year.

Susan Lazinger and Niels Ole Pors have done an excellent job as co-chairs of an Advisory Committee on the World Guide revision project. As I reported in January of 2004, we learned in October that Evelyn Daniel of North Carolina, USA, was resigning from the project to revise the 1995 edition of THE WORLD GUIDE TO LIBRARY, ARCHIVE AND INFORMATION SCIENCE EDUCATION. We are pleased to report that Judith Field (Wayne State University, USA), a former Standing Committee member, has agreed to take on the project. She met with us in Buenos Aires to discuss strategies and procedures and we hope to have an update at the IFLA sessions in Oslo, 2005.

I am most pleased to report that Russell Bowden and Ole Harbo completed the history of the Education and Training Section. "Development of the Profession: a History of the IFLA Section for Education & Training from 1974 to 2003" Russell and Ole began this project a number of years back and thanks to their dedication, we now have a completed history. You can see a copy of the history at: <http://leep.lis.uiuc.edu/seworkspace/weech/ifla/SEThist.pdf> We hope to have a copy of the revised version published in an international journal and also will make reprints available to Education and Training membership upon request.

In 2004 we revised the membership brochure in three languages, English, French and Spanish. Thanks to Assumpcio Estivill for a Spanish translation and to Mouna Bensilmane for a French translation. The brochures are now linked from the Section's web page on IFLANet at: <http://www.ifla.org/VII/s23/index.htm>

Anna Maria Tamarro received a 2004 IFLA research grant to investigate "The Quality Assessment of LIS Education." Anna Maria will report her results at IFLA 2005 in Oslo.

Thanks to Niels Ole Pors and his committee on the evaluation of the Section, Education and Training volunteered to participate in the test assessment process of the section. Eventually all sections will have to complete the evaluation. Each Division of IFLA was requested to have one section volunteer to participate in the process this year, and thus Education and Training volunteered.

IFLA Secretary General, Ramachandran Rasu, asked Education and Training Section to draft a curriculum plan for an intensive two week period of onsite study followed by distance learning activities for middle managers in libraries in the developing world. A committee was established consisting of Anna Maria Tamarro, C. Karisiddappa, and Niels Pors as Chair. Ann Ritchie from the section on Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning was invited to work with the SET committee to provide appropriate

input from her section. The report was sent to Ramachandran Rasu in October of 2004. Receipt was acknowledged with thanks.

The Education and Training Section is planning a joint program for the World Library and Information Congress/ 71<sup>st</sup> IFLA Conference. 14 – 18 August 2005 in Oslo with the Library Theory and Research Section. The program will discuss the Nordic tradition in teaching and research as well as papers on International Perspectives on Library and Information Science Research and Education. The Section will also participate in the Division VII (Education and Research) program in Oslo. Papers will be solicited on the topics of recruitment and careers in the library and information science profession, including recruitment to research careers and coping with employers' requirements and expectations for new graduates.

As always, many thanks to John Harvey, our dedicated editor of the SET (Section on Education and Training) *Bulletin*. His work, and the work of his staff, make these communications possible.

*Submitted by Terry L. Weech, Chair of IFLA Education and Training Section, January 10, 2005.*

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