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1. IFLA NEWS

FROM HEADQUARTERS

Kay Raseroka Wins Presidential Election

Kay Raseroka, Director of Library Services at the University of Botswana, has been voted President-elect by IFLA members. She will begin her two-year term as President-elect during the IFLA conference in Boston this August. She will succeed Christine Deschamps as President in August 2003 for a two-year term. This is the first time an IFLA President has been elected by postal ballot, under the new Statutes adopted by Council in Jerusalem last year.

Derek Law Tops the Poll for the Governing Board

In the elections for the new Governing Board, the following candidates were successful:

Derek Law (UK)
Sissel Nilsen (Norway),
Alex Byrne (Australia)
Ana Maria Zimmerman (Argentina)
Jianzhong Wu (China)
Sally McCallum (USA)
Ellen Tise (South Africa)

They will serve a two-year term on the Governing Board, beginning at the end of the Boston conference in August. This was also the first time that members of IFLA's primary board were elected by postal ballot under the new Statutes.

Derek Law has served for four years as IFLA's Treasurer. Alex Byrne has served for four years as Chair of the IFLA Freedom of Access to Information and Freedom of Expression (FAIFE) Committee. Both Sally McCallum and Sissel Nilsen have previously served as chairs of the Profession Board. Alex Byrne, Ellen Tise, Jianzhong Wu and Ana Maria Zimmerman will be serving on IFLA's primary

board for the first time.

(Extracted from Reference 1, June 11, 2001)

New Professional Committee, 2001-2003.

During the conference the Coordinating Boards of the IFLA Divisions elected the members of the Professional Committee. The members of the Professional Committee have elected Winston Tabb, Library of Congress, U.S.A. as Chair of the Committee for the period 2001-2003.

Chair: Winston Tabb,
U.S.A. Division I: Christobal Pasadas Ureña,
Spain Division II: John Meriton,
U.K. Division III: John Day, U.S.A. Division IV: Ia McIlwaine, U.K. Division V: Mary E. Jackson, U.S.A. Division VI: Wanda Dole, U.S.A. Division VII: Marian Koren, Netherlands Division VIII: Rashidah Begum, Malaysia (Reference 3)

Our Thoughts are with You

The President and Governing Board of IFLA and the staff at IFLA HQ, wish to express our deepest sorrow to our members and friends in the United States for the lives lost in the terrible tragedies in New York, Pittsburgh and Washington. We have all been watching and reading about the events with horror and anxiety for your welfare. We are unable to find adequate words to express our sadness, but we wish you to be assured that our thoughts and deepest sympathies are with you all. That we were with you so recently, experiencing your wonderful hospitality, makes it all the more poignant.

Events such as this serve to test our resolve, as library and information professionals, to cling to our ideals of freedom of information and commitment to cultural diversity. May we find the strength to do so. (Ross Shimmon, Reference 2, Thu, 13 Sep 2001)

Winner of Guust van Wesemael Literacy Prize 2001

IFLA is pleased to announce that the Culture and Libraries Department of COMFENALCO at Medellin, Colombia, is the winner of the Guust van Wesemael Literacy Prize 2001. The objective of this award of 6,000 Dutch guilders is to sponsor a public or school library in a developing country to perform activities in the field of literacy: collection development, promotion, training, policy development or otherwise.

In Colombia there are currently more than 50 Family Compensation Bureaus: private social security entities that work in different fields to improve the quality of life of the people. These bureaus own 120 public libraries throughout the country. Although they belong to the private sector, these libraries serve the whole community and work hand in hand with the country's other public libraries, co-ordinated by the Ministry of Culture.

Comfenalco is one of these Family Compensation Bureaus; its Culture and Libraries Department was set up in 1979. Reading promotion is high on its list of objectives. The programmes in this field are in two main areas: teacher's training and increased access possibilities to books.

On hearing the news of the Prize, Gloria Rodriguez, Head of the Comfenalco Culture and Libraries Department, was very gladly surprised. She stated that the money will be used for writing and publishing two booklets. One would be directed to people in charge of children's collections, the other would be aimed at activities for adults responsible for book collections in factories and companies.

Newsletter of the Year

The award for Best Newsletter of the Year was presented to the Newsletter of the Section of

Libraries for the Blind. For the second year running, this publication was judged to be the best in a strong field of competitors. The Section produces their newsletter in print form, and in Braille, as well as making it available on the IFLA website. The presentation was made during the Closing Session of the conference. Ralph Manning, Chair of the Professional Board, made the presentation to Beatrice Christensen Sköld, Editor of the newsletter. The Section received a scroll for display, and a hand-bound collection of the year's winning issues. Honourable mention was given to the newsletters from the Section on Regional Activities for Latin America & the Caribbean, the Round Table on Continuing Professional Education, and the Section on Management & Marketing. Newsletters from all Sections and Round Tables are eligible for consideration. Criteria in the judging include availability in print and electronic formats, timeliness of information, and overall layout and presentation. Good luck to all in next years' competition. (Reference 3)

FROM THE REGIONAL OFFICE

IFLA RSAO Newsletter

Mailing List Updated

The survey forms posted (and inserted) in the last issue (June 2001) received much attention from our readers. During this first four months (June - September 2001), about 200 readers contacted us to confirm the newsletter membership. We have the mailing list revised, and the December issue (this issue) will be mailed to members on the revised list only.

As for electronic copy, we shall try to send the current issue to our members by E-mail when it is available. The back issue (beginning December 1999) are available on IFLANET (<http://www.ifla.org/vii/s26/pubs/>) (Pensri Guaysuwan)

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FROM FAIFE

IFLA/FAIFE Announcement

Free Access to Information on the Internet - PhD Appointment

IFLA/FAIFE and the Royal School of Library
and Information Science in
Copenhagen, Denmark are delighted to
announce the appointment of Mr. Stuart
Hamilton, of the United Kingdom to the co-
financed PhD scholarship in library and
information science 2001-2004.

Working from a global perspective, the PhD
project will examine the extent to which
libraries can provide free, unhampered and
equal access to Internet accessible information
resources.

Examples of issues to be researched are:
* National and international barriers to free and
equal access to information
* Censorship
* Net filters.

Mr Hamilton gained his first degree, in
Medieval Studies, from the University of
Manchester in 1996. After this he went to work
in UK public libraries, for Kent Arts and
Libraries for a year and then for four years with
Brighton and Hove Libraries where he became
heavily involved in IT development and
implementation. Mr Hamilton has recently
completed an MA in Library and Information
Science at University College London on the
topic of censorship.
(Susanne Seidelin, Director IFLA/FAIFE
Office)
(Extracted from Sophie Felfoldi, Reference 2,
Fri, 26 Oct 2001)

FROM UBCIM

Statement on UNIMARC

IFLA has supported the UNIMARC format,
through its Universal Bibliographic Control
and International MARC (UBCIM) Core
Activity, since 1987. Originally hosted by the
British Library, it was transferred to Die
Deutsche Bibliothek in 1990.

The coordination of the development and
maintenance of the UNIMARC format is

ensured by a group of experts who form the Permanent UNIMARC Committee (PUC). Without their support and that of their institutions, the programme could not have been sustained.

UBCIM is one of seven core activities within IFLA. In recent years, IFLA has experienced difficulties in raising sufficient funds and other resources needed to support the core activities. These difficulties appear to have given rise to rumours about the future of the UNIMARC format. We are therefore issuing this statement in order to set out the current position accurately.

Die Deutsche Bibliothek has informed us that it will no longer be in a position to support the UNIMARC part of the UBCIM Core Activity from 2003. IFLA wishes to record its gratitude to Die Deutsche Bibliothek for the generous support it has given to the UBCIM Core Activity over the years and for the indication that it wishes to support IFLA's work in other ways after 2003.

We are very grateful that the National Library of Portugal has offered to take over the hosting of the UNIMARC programme, with effect from 2003. This offer has been made subject to any changes of policy the government of Portugal may make. One great advantage of this arrangement will be that the National Library of Portugal and many other libraries in Portugal are UNIMARC users. At the Permanent UNIMARC Committee meeting held during the annual general conference of IFLA held in Boston, USA in August, it was agreed to set up a consortium of UNIMARC users to help ensure continuing support for the format.

Funding for all our core activities remains a problem, however. Between now and the time the National Library of Portugal takes over negotiations will take place on the amount of financial contributions will be needed annually by the new host library. In general, IFLA is currently able to contribute to each of the core activities about two-thirds the annual amount

provided until two years ago. This money forms only a small proportion of the total costs of each core activity. The rest is provided generously by the host institution mainly in the form of premises, infrastructure and some staffing. Contributions to the overall costs also come from sales of publications, and grants from external agencies for specific projects. In the case of UNIMARC, the work of the members of the PUC represents a substantial contribution to the programme. We have launched an appeal for contributions to the core activities fund, which has generated a modest response. We are especially grateful for a generous one-off donation from OCLC, earmarked for UNIMARC, which is being invested. It will be available to provide some support for UNIMARC from 2003 onwards.

IFLA is committed to continuing to support the development and maintenance of the UNIMARC format, which is used by libraries in many countries around the world.
(Ross Shimmon, Secretary General, IFLA September 2001)

2. HAPPENINGS IN THE REGION

INDIA

Report of the ICSSR Workshop on Access to Social Science information in the Networked Environment

A five day Workshop on "Access to Social Science Information in the Networked Environment" was held at INFLIPNET Centre in collaboration with the National Social Science Documentation Centre (NASSDOC), New Delhi (ICSSR) from 11-15 June 2001. This Workshop was sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi and the Netherlands Foundation for the Advancement of Tropical Research, The

Hague (WORTRO). This workshop was the second in its series, the previous one being on "Internet and Social Science Information" and held at INFLIBNET during 13-16 December 1999. This workshop was held under the series of workshops that are being planned by NASSDOC to be held in different parts of the country to create awareness about the usage of Social Science Information. The response to the workshop was overwhelming. Twenty six applications were registered with a final total of 24 participants from seven states, namely Gujarat, A. P. Kerala, Mahrastra, Orissa, Rajasthan U.P. and one from New Delhi. Participants in the workshop consisted of students, teachers and librarians who took an active part in both lectures and hands-on-use of the Internet. (T.S.Kumbar)

INDONESIA

News from the National Library of Indonesia

On the 11-13 June 2001, the National Library of Indonesia organized a Commemoration of the Centenary of BUNG KARN0 (1901-2001), the Founding Father / First President of the Republic of Indonesia.

Throughout the whole Indonesia, many activities were held to commemorate Bung Karno such as shows, exhibitions and seminars.
(Paul Permadi)

MALAYSIA

An Academic's Perspective of the ICLISE 2001 Conference

The International Conference for Library & Information Science Educators in the Asia Pacific Region was held on 11-12 June 2001, in Petaling Jaya, Malaysia -- jointly organised by the Department of Library and Information

Science, International Islamic University Malaysia, the Librarians Association of Malaysia (PPM) and IFLA.

The ICLISE 2001 conference filled a void in the LIS field in the Asia-Pacific region. Library educators have felt an urgent need for such a conference for many years. Networking and cooperation among LIS schools and educators within the region have been weak and sporadic, with little knowledge of LIS programmes even in neighbouring countries. There is a much greater awareness of developments in LIS education in Western countries than in the region. With the rapid development of the Asia-Pacific region and major economic, political and cultural changes taking place, there is an urgent need for LIS educators to share ideas and solutions to common problems, pool resources and expertise, and develop collaborative research and education projects.

ICLISE 2001 has played an important role in bringing together LIS educators from all over the Asia Pacific Region. Twenty-two papers were presented from 12 countries: Malaysia, Singapore, New Zealand, Australia, Taiwan R.O.C., Pakistan, Iran, Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand, Kuwait, India and Nepal. There were nearly 50 participants, many of whom met for the first time at the conference.

On the whole, the conference papers were of a high quality. A majority of the papers focused on the issues of competencies and core curriculum from a wide range of perspectives – competencies required in various types of information services today, IT-related competencies, and competencies for multi-disciplinary programmes integrating traditional library science with knowledge management, information management and information systems. Competencies were derived using a range of techniques ranging from questionnaire surveys to content analysis of newspaper advertisements. A small number of papers looked at LIS specialisations, distance learning, Web-based instruction, and the grading of student assignments.

There is a consensus on the need to revise and develop LIS curriculum to keep abreast of national and global developments, and to keep the programmes relevant in the knowledge economy. The conference papers paint a clear picture of major curriculum changes taking place across the region and innovative multidisciplinary programmes being developed. Several papers contain descriptions of LIS programme in the authors' institutions. The conference proceedings are therefore a useful resource, providing an overview of developments in LIS education in the region. It is hoped that the papers can be published in a more formal way and made accessible to other LIS communities.

The Department of Library and Information Science, International Islamic University Malaysia, should be congratulated for doing an excellent job and working tirelessly to ensure the success of the conference. The keynote speakers were inspirational, and one comes away from the conference with the certainty that information professionals will play an increasingly important role in the new millennium.

It is hoped that arising from the conference, other mechanisms can be developed for sharing, cooperation and collaboration among LIS educators, such as through a listserv, Web site/portal, staff and student exchanges, and exchange of ideas, education materials and publications. The issue of accreditation was raised at the conference. Perhaps a dialogue can be initiated among LIS educators to explore the possibility of mutually reviewing and accrediting each others' programmes. Conference participants also felt the need to hold LIS education conferences regularly in the region. For example, an LIS education conference or workshop can be held in conjunction with the next Congress of Southeast Asian Librarians (CONSAL XII), similar to the Workshop on Information Studies Education (WISE) held at CONSAL XI in Singapore.

(Dr Christopher Khoo, Associate Professor
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SIBERIA

In September 10-14, an all-Siberian conference "Scientific Libraries in a New Millennium: Problems of Cooperative Resources' Usage" was held in Irkutsk. 120 professionals from 21 cities assembled to discuss the main aspects of their common mission – the formation of an up-to-date information environment in the region. The content of the 30 papers presented concentrated on the prime triad: information resources – information technologies and– providing free access. It was stated that the difference in the structure of regional library and information resources had become more distinct due to discrimination between socio-economic potentials of territories. But the accessibility of information depends not only on the quantity and quality of technical equipment but also on the effectiveness of unified technological approaches. Therefore a great deal of attention was paid to working out a conceptual basis for the computerization of the regional program of libraries and the introduction of Z 39.50. protocol. The conference put forward a number of strategic aims, including the organization of a distributed system of information and reference services.

(Olga Fedotova)

SINGAPORE

A Note from CONSAL

Singapore is pleased to introduce to you the ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations -Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, Philippines, Indonesia, Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos) Librarians website at <http://www.consal.org.sg>

CONSAL stands for Congress of Southeast Asian Librarians and it represents the regional library associations and libraries in the

mentioned ten countries. CONSAL is a not-for-profit association.

The website is hosted in Singapore for the development of librarianship in the region and to bridge the digital divide. As it is a dedicated site "by librarians for librarians" you will have to register to make full utilisation of the functionalities. You can browse the site without registration too, but it will not allow you to post messages. If you do have some programmes or events that you would like ASEAN librarians to participate, you could post it at the event centre. Also if you would like to lead a discussion list on the site, please do inform us and we can facilitate that with administrator rights. Also a corporate registration is possible with a maximum of 4 accounts for each corporate institution. Corporate registration entitles one to a number of services in the marketplace component of the website e.g. posting of career opportunities, exchange of library materials, etc. There are new features that will be introduced in the near future.

Please do feel free to link the website to yours and encourage your users to access services at CONSAL WEB.

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3. CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS

REPORT FROM THE CONFERENCES

IFLA 2001 IN BOSTON

Evaluation of the Conference and Professional Programme

Ralph Manning, outgoing Chair of the Professional Board, presented an overview of the programme of the 67th IFLA General Conference

to the Final Council meeting. The text of his presentation will soon be published on IFLANET and in IFLA Journal. Here are some of the highlights.

'IFLA works very hard to encourage the participation of people from all over the world in its activities. Earlier this week we heard the report of the Advisory Group on Regional Activities which is recommending the continuation of the Division of Regional Activities to give the opportunity to our colleagues from IFLA's regions to continue to work together while also participating in the whole of IFLA's activities. I am very pleased that so many of our friends from the developing world have been able to share this IFLA conference through the generosity of a number of organizations.'

'Before the conference, eleven satellite meetings took place, the greatest number of simultaneous satellite meetings that has ever taken place in conjunction with an IFLA conference. The topics of these meetings covered a whole range of issues facing librarianship today, including Library Consortia and a session dealing with the challenges and opportunities for the delivery of multicultural services in libraries.'

'Over 160 papers were available and it is encouraging to note that over 150 translations were available including some translations into all of the IFLA languages. Ovid Technologies, a Gold Corporate Partner of IFLA has sponsored a CD-ROM which was included in the conference bag given to each delegate.' The full text will be available in IFLA Journal and on IFLANET soon.

A substantial number of standards, guidelines and best practices were discussed (or indeed approved) during this conference; a full list will appear in the full text of Ralph Manning's presentation.

This year three satellite meetings were held: Marketing and Communication for Libraries (Haifa), the 16th annual session for parliamentary libraries (Athens) and Preservation of Newspapers (Paris). (Reference 3)

UAP WORKSHOP IN NOUMEA

Workshop on Universal Availability of Publications in the Pacific Region

Introduction

A workshop on Universal Availability of Publications in the Pacific Region was held at the Secretariat for the Pacific Community in Noumea from 18 to 20 September 2001. The meeting was organized by the Secretariat for the Pacific Community and the IFLA Programme for the Universal Availability of Publications. The workshop was made possible by generous funding from the Government of France and the National Library of Australia with assistance from Emerald Press.

Aims and Objectives

Objective of the Workshop.

The main objective of the Workshop was to improve the understanding and importance Availability of Publications in the Pacific region and provide practical experience of the technology available to assist in achieving such improvements.

Aims of the Workshop

The aims of the workshop were broadly as follows:

- (1) Raise awareness of the importance of availability of publications for economic, social, educational, cultural and scientific reasons
- (2) Concentrate on the development of efficient document delivery and interlibrary loan mechanisms to help achieve wider availability in the region
- (3) Offer practical guidance on the development of appropriate models for interlibrary co-operation
- (4) Provide insight into world-wide developments in this area

- (5) Lay the foundations of wider co-operation both within the region and between the countries of the Pacific Region.
- (6) Find ways for librarians to play a more proactive role in social, economic and political developments in the region.

Participation

Some 36 people participated in the workshop, either actually or virtually. Countries and states represented were Australia, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, French Polynesia, Guam, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Northern Mariana Islands, Niue, Papua New Guinea and Samoa.

Programme

The programme for the UAP Workshop consisted of a mixture of presentations on the state of libraries and publishing in different countries, linked by specific presentations of aspects of Universal Availability of Publications. These included the philosophy behind UAP and its practical implementation; the development of automated systems and standards for communication and their role in improving access and availability for published documents; and the problems of payment for document supply and payments between libraries and countries. There was also discussion on the current problems facing publishers in the region. As with other UAP Workshops a Working Document was prepared by the IFLA UAP Office as a basis for discussion and future action..

Conclusions

Participants concluded that there was still a lot to be done to improve availability and access, both nationally and regionally. Although some countries represented have interlibrary loan systems they are under great pressure because of lack of resources and increasing emphasis on costs. Some participating countries do not have the infrastructure to allow an interlibrary loan network to function. Some libraries cannot afford to subscribe to western scientific

periodicals which form a significant element of document supply requests. The region does possess several major libraries which could form the focal point for such a system. There is relatively little demand across borders for publications that are primarily national in character or content. On the other hand, there is probably a reasonable level of demand for publications produced within the region which have a more than national application. Materials on agriculture and health are two obvious examples. A system which makes such documents more widely accessible in the region would go some way to achieve regional self-sufficiency difficult. However, participants recognized that they do have major resources of cultural and scientific importance which can be exploited and for which there is a real potential demand in other parts of the world. Many countries in the region have introduced new technology into libraries, but some still have a long way to go.

The importance of a voucher scheme to help ease currency transfer was also emphasized and the work being done by IFLA and UNESCO in this field is considered useful in a region which possesses so many different currencies, most of which cannot easily be exchanged.

Finally, participants felt that there was scope for further co-operative initiatives some of which should be achieved through existing organizations in the region.
(Graham Cornish)

UPCOMING IFLA CONFERENCES

IFLA 2002 GLASGOW

68th IFLA Council and General Conference

***Libraries for Life: Democracy,
Diversity, Delivery***

**August 18th - 24th 2002, Glasgow,
Scotland**

Theme

**Libraries for life: democracy, diversity,
delivery**

Free access to information and the products of the imagination has always been recognized as the foundation for an inclusive society, a society that is based on shared values and open to change. Librarians have always played a major role in collecting and transmitting new ideas and better knowledge. Fundamental changes in the way information is used are now making an impact on every aspect of economic, educational and social activity. In the knowledge economy that is emerging as a result of the rapid introduction of enhanced information and communications technologies, learning and a command of knowledge have become the key factors in individual, organizational and national success. Highly skilled people are needed to ensure that libraries can support effective learning and deliver efficient information services.

Sub-theme

Building on the past - investing in the future

Libraries have played a key role in preserving and making available the literary heritage and inspiration of nations. The professionalism of librarians has underpinned the international transmission of knowledge. Today, libraries and information services develop and provide increasingly sophisticated tools to help make information available globally. Information

literacy is central not only to learning, but also to decision-making, evidence-based practice, and innovation transfer. Librarians begin to develop these skills by helping young people to recognize when information is needed and to have the ability to find, evaluate, and use it effectively. Then they help to support them in these activities throughout their lives. For the individual, community, organization and policy-maker alike, the ability to handle complex information is a means of empowerment. **"Skills for the information age should in our view receive top priority"** (Scottish Executive, *Digital Scotland Task Force Report*, May 2000)

The sub-theme will provide a common thread throughout the open part of the IFLA 2002 programme, particularly the plenary sessions (opening ceremony, guest lectures, FAIFE lecture, CLM lecture, and closing ceremony) and, wherever possible, sessions organized by Sections, Round Tables and Satellite Meetings.

The Scottish Executive recognizes the importance of IFLA's contribution to the development of library and information services. On behalf of the Executive, I warmly welcome IFLA's return to Scotland, where it was founded, to celebrate its 75th anniversary. I hope to welcome you to Glasgow in 2002. (Henry McLeish, First Minister)

Registration

Fees (all prices in GBP)

Before 15 May 2002

IFLA Members	293.75
Non-Members	334.87
Accompanying Persons	164.50

After 15 May 2002

IFLA Members	346.62
Non-Members	387.75
Accompanying Persons	188.00

Registration close period: 1-16 August

On-site registration

IFLA Members	381.87
Non-Members	423.00
Accompanying Persons	205.62

Registration forms can be ordered from:
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The downloadable form will be available from <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla68/index.htm>. (Extracted from Reference 1, November 2, 2001)

PRE-CONFERENCE

"Statistics in Practice - Measuring &

Managing" Burleigh Court,

Loughborough, Leicestershire, UK13-15

August 2002 An official IFLA satellite

preconference sponsored by the IFLA Section

on Statistics. The Library & Information

Statistics Unit at Loughborough University is

pleased to announce a forthcoming conference on the use of statistics in library management.

The emphasis of papers will be on the practical applications of statistics to library management

in all sectors, and delegates may register poster presentations on this topic. If you would like to

register your interest, without obligation,

please send contact details to: LISU,

Loughborough University, Loughborough,

LE11 3TU, UKtel +44 (0) 1509 223071 fax +44

(0) 1509 223072 e-mail lisu@lboro.ac.uk

and you will be sent further details and a

registration form when these become

available. Conference attendees are encouraged

to attend the 2002 Glasgow IFLA Wanda

Dole Chair, IFLA Section on Statistics (Wanda

Dole, Reference 2, Thu, 4 Oct 2001)

CALL FOR PAPERS

The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) will be meeting in Glasgow, Scotland, August 18th - 24th, 2002. (Conference Web Site: <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla67/index.htm>)

As part of the conference, the various sections are responsible to plan their own sessions. A few announcements are extracted from IFLA-L as follows:

IFLA-Section on Education and Training

Title/theme: Think local, Act global: enhancing competencies for a diverse world.

The session will focus on diversity of Graduates, Clients, Learning styles, Ethnicity, and Delivery.

If you are interested in presenting a paper on this topic, please send your proposal (title and brief synopsis with your name, affiliation and address, preferred in a Word or Word Perfect e-mail attachment, but fax or mail copies will be accepted) by December 31 to:

Mr. Terry L. Weech
Graduate School of Library and Information Science
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NOTE: Mailed Copies should be postmarked by December 20, 2001

A decision on speakers will be made by January 31, 2002.

On notification of acceptance, participants will be asked to send the completed paper in

English or one of the four other recognized languages of IFLA--English, French, German, Russian or Spanish--to the person listed above no later than March 1. This will allow time for translation and publication in the Conference Proceedings. (Reference 2)

The Section on Reference Work

Title/theme: "Globalization of Reference Services" with the following possible subthemes:

- Cultural differences and reference work, e.g. origins and attitudes: training reference librarians for a pluralistic world/ sensitivity of reference librarians towards multicultural diversity
- Reaching out to multicultural populations in reference work
- New roles for reference librarians, e.g. comparison of different forms of reference work, reference work in different situations with different tools
- Cooperation/collaboration of reference work e.g. how are reference services to be defined in a world of networked knowledge? What would "cooperative reference" look like?

If you are interested in presenting a paper on these topics, please send your proposal (title and brief synopsis with your name, affiliation and address, preferred in a Word or Word Perfect e-mail attachment, but fax or mail copies will be accepted) by December 31 to:
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Note: Mailed Copies should be postmarked by December 10, 2001.

A decision on speakers will be made by January 31, 2001.

On notification of acceptance, participants will be asked to send the completed paper in English or one of the four other recognized languages of IFLA--English, French, German, Russian or Spanish--to the person listed above no later than March 1. This will allow time for translation and publication in the Conference Proceedings. (Reference 1, October 26, 2001)

IFLA Regional Section: Africa

Title/Theme: 'Delivering information to the community in the new millennium: A challenge for librarians in Africa'.

The Standing Committee of the Africa Section invites proposals for papers to be presented at the 2002 IFLA General Conference.

- Papers must be original and have not been published before.
- Papers should be 20 pages maximum, double space.
- Papers should be in English or French with an abstract of one page in the same language.
- 20 minutes will be allowed for presentations at the Conference.
- Papers may be submitted by e-mail, fax or post.
- A brief curriculum vitae (name, affiliation, address, etc.) must be provided.
- The deadline for the receipt of proposals is Monday, 19 November 2001.
- The deadline for the receipt of the completed paper is Monday, 21 January 2002.

If you are interested in presenting a paper, please send your proposal/abstract and paper to:

Mr Henri Sene
IFLA Regional Office
BP 2006 * Dakar (Senegal)
Fax: (221) 824 23 79
Tel: (221) 824 69 81
E-mail: hsene@ucad.sn

A decision on speakers will be made by the Standing Committee of the Africa Section at its annual general meeting on 4 February 2002.

The author of the best paper selected will be funded by IFLA ALP to present his/her paper at the Conference in Glasgow. All other speakers will be responsible for their own costs. (Reference 1, October 8, 2001)

IFLA Regional Section: Asia and Oceania

**Title/Theme: Information Literacy:
Building Skills for Lifelong Learning**

In the last decade, information literacy, as a principal concern of information professionals in all types of organizations and users, has become the norm. This is partly because of a confluence of factors, including the commodification of information; the increasing access to computer technology in homes, schools and the workplace; and the recognition that literacy is part of the social good to which librarians are committed. This IFLA session is intended to relate broadly to these developments as they affect librarians and the users of libraries.

In particular it welcomes expressions of interest for papers in the following areas:

1. The relationship between information literacy and Internet literacy/IT skills
2. The role of librarians in creating information literate users, and ways of doing this
3. The skills needed by information literate librarians
4. The strategic use of information literacy skills within organizations

Proposals for papers should be relevant to libraries in Asia and Oceania in particular, but

contributions are invited from the wider professional community. Titles, abstracts and affiliation of presenters should be submitted by January 15, 2002 to either

Rashidah Begum, RSCAO Chair
c/o Library Universiti Sains Malaysia, 11800
Penang, MALAYSIA
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or

Gary E. Gorman, RSCAO Secretary
c/o School of Information Management
Victoria University of Wellington
PO Box 600, Wellington 6005 New Zealand
E-mail: gary.gorman@vuw.ac.nz

Full papers are due by February 15, 2002.

Submitters of successful papers will be notified by March 15, 2002.

Funding to attend the conference and submit the paper is available from IFLA ALP for one paper presenter. Other speakers will be responsible for their own costs. We strongly recommend that all submitters do apply for either the grants provided by the IFLA 2002 Conference Organizer (see p. 16) or the Danida Travel Grant 2002 (see p. 20) as well.
(Rashidah Begum)

CALL FOR POSTER PRESENTATION

An alternative approach for the presentation of projects/new work will be available for conference participants. An area on the conference premises has been designated for the presentation of information regarding projects or activities of interest to librarians. Presentations may include posters, leaflets (etc.) in several of the IFLA working languages (English, French, Spanish, German and Russian), if possible. Further advice on poster sessions may be obtained from IFLA Headquarters. The Professional Committee of IFLA will review all submissions. Colleagues interested in presenting a poster session are invited to complete the form below and to send

it with a brief description of not more than 200 words of the session (in English, French, Spanish, German or Russian).

Time Schedule:

1 March 2002 Deadline for receipt at IFLA Headquarters of the application form and a detailed description of the poster session.
15 April 2002 IFLA Headquarters will inform applicants of the final decision of the Professional Committee. Description may be sent electronically to: ifla@ifla.org

**INTENT TO SUBMIT A POSTER SESSION
PROPOSAL**
68th IFLA General Conference and Council
Glasgow, Scotland, 18-24 August 2002

Please print or type the following information:

Name:

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Address:

Tel. (Home):

Tel. (Work):

Fax:

E-mail:

Title of Poster Session:

Language:

This form with a 200 word description of the poster session should be sent to:

Mr. Sjoerd Koopman,
Secretary of the Professional Committee
IFLA Headquarters
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Fax No. +31-70-3834827;
E-mail: ifla@ifla.org

Deadline for receipt of Description at IFLA
HQ: 1 March 2002

Note: Authors of accepted poster session will receive an official invitation to the IFLA Conference. However, travel costs to Glasgow and other costs (including registration fees, hotel, etc.) can not be paid by IFLA. They are the responsibility of any author of an accepted poster session. (Reference 1, September 10, 2001)

GRANTS AVAILABLE

Grants and Fellowships

A limited number of scholarships for international participants from less developed countries are available through The Library Association, to assist those wishing to attend IFLA 2002 but unable to find funding from other sources. Further details and a Scholarship Application Form will be available from this site

(<http://www.ifla.IV/ifla68/index.htm>) soon, or from the International Office, The Library Association. The deadline for receipt of applications is 15 February 2002 and successful applicants will be notified by 31 March 2002. We would welcome additional bursary grants. Sponsors to date include The Library Association; the National Library of Scotland; the National Library of Wales; the University of Strathclyde; the University of Edinburgh; the University of London, School of Oriental and African Studies; the Standing Conference of National and University Libraries; Department of Information Studies, University of Sheffield; and a number of individuals. (Reference 1, October 9, 2001)

FUTURE IFLA CONFERENCES

The 69th IFLA Council and General Conference

Berlin, Germany, 1-9 August 2003

Theme: "Access Point Library Media - Information - Culture"

Patron: German Federal President Johannes Rau

Subthemes

- Transforming media management
- Knowledge of media in all dimensions
- New culture of digital media: the result of the change and ever-changing results

- Developing, training, expanding media competencies
- Media migration and conservation
- Knowledge Management
 - Strengthening information content
 - Building strategic alliances with various user communities
- Serving special information needs
- Information world for future generations
- Free access to information at point of use
- Licensing issues and other legal aspects
- New structures for libraries in global information provision
 - Guaranteeing human culture and values
 - Expanding libraries as cultural institutions
- Networking "Cultural partnerships"
- Social responsibilities of libraries in bridging cultural gaps
- Library buildings as community cultural centers
- The role of libraries in changing cultural environments

(Extracted from Reference 1, October 5, 2001)

**2004: 70th IFLA Council and General Conference
Buenos Aires, Argentina**

**2005: 71st IFLA Council and General Conference
Oslo, Norway**

**2006: 72nd IFLA Council and General Conference
Seoul, Korea.**

EVENTS AROUND THE WORLD

MALAYSIA

Asian Library Conference on Collection Development (ALCCD)

July 1-3, 2002, Penang, Malaysia

Co-organized by: Asia Library News,
InfoMedia Asia Limited, Library Association
of Malaysia (PPM)
Supported by CONSAL

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CONSAL: www.consal.org.sg
(Jaffee Yee)

SPAIN

**The Second International
Workshop on New
Developments in Digital
Libraries**

April 2-3, 2002 in Ciudad Real, Spain.

Conference website: <http://www.iceis.org> or
<http://www.iceis.org/workshops/nddl/nddl-cfp.htm>

Contact:

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in Digital Libraries
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Web site: <http://www.iceis.org>
or
Pedro Isaias <pisaias@univ-ab.pt>.
(Extracted from Pedro Isaias, Reference 2, Sun,
21 Oct 2001)

**The Seventh International
ISKO Conference.**

Granada, Spain, 10-13 July, 2002.

"Challenges in Knowledge Representation and
Organization for the 21st Century: Integration
of Knowledge across Boundaries."

Contact:

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(Extracted from Clare Beghtol , Reference 2,
Wed, 13 Jun 2001)

UKRAINE

**Crimea 2002
Ninth International
Conference**

"Libraries and Associations in the Transient
World: New Technologies and New Forms of
Cooperation"
Sudak, Autonomous Republic of Crimea,
Ukraine, June 8-16, 2002

The Conference "Crimea 2002" will be held
under the aegis of IFLA
The year 2002 topic: Electronic Resources and
the Social Role of Libraries in the Future

Main venue: Sudak
Guest sessions: Alushta, Belogorsk, Feodosia,
Kerch, Koktebel, and Sary Krym

Main organizer of the Conference:
- Russian National Public Library for Science

and Technology, Moscow, Russia

Contact:

Russian National Public Library for Science and Technology for "CRIMEA 2002" Organizing Committee:
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The Conference Web-sites:

<http://www.iliac.org/crimea2002>
<http://www.gpntb.ru/win/inter-events/crimea2002>

UNITED STATES

Fourth International Conference on Conceptions of Library and Information Science Emerging Frameworks and Methods

University of Washington, Seattle, WA, USA
July 21-25, 2002

Conference Web Site:
<http://colis.ischool.washington.edu/>

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

Conference Chair: Raya Fidel, University of Washington, USA

Program Chair: Harry Bruce, University of Washington, USA

Regional Program Chairs:

Harry Bruce, University of Washington, USA

Peter Ingwersen, Royal School of Library and Information Science, Denmark

Pertti Vakkari, University of Tampere, Finland
(Extracted from Edie Rasmussen, Reference 2)

4. ALP NEWS

ATTACHMENT AND SCHOLARSHIP

ALP Scholarships and Attachments

The ALP announces availability of awards for information professionals to have an opportunity to broaden their professional perspective and enhance cross-cultural skills and insights in Asia and Oceania

Applications will be accepted from middle level library and information workers whose age is below 45 years. Applicants must be a citizen of a country in Asia and Oceania and have a full time library post at a library.

A few years continuous professional experience and a good command of English are also required.

Applications are due January 31, 2002.

The awards are of two kinds

Scholarships

The scholarship is for full time training at an institution in the region for a period of not exceeding six weeks. The training will focus on information technology, hence basic computer skills are requisite.

Training attachments

The four weeks training attachments will be at a technologically advanced library in the region. The training is entirely hands-on and likely to be in the area of library management, information technology, preservation, rural librarianship, and literacy work.

For application forms and guidelines, please contact:

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IFLA/ALP Scholarships and Attachments
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(Daruna Somboonkun)

ALP ACTION PLAN

IFLA Core Activity for the Advancement of Librarianship (ALP)

Action plan 2002-2003

Goal 1, to support the development of library associations

- Standing Conference of Eastern, Central and Southern African Library and Informations Associations (SCECSAL 2002)
- Seminar on management of library associations (In cooperation with IFLA's RSC for Latin America and the Caribbean)

Goal 2, to assist in continuing education and training

- Support to the bilingual Journal "African Librarianship and Information Science/ Bibliothéconomie et sciences de l'information en Afrique". (In cooperation with IFLA's RSC for Africa)
- Support to the attachment programme in Africa "Bart Nwafor Staff Development Programme", 2002. (In cooperation with IFLA's RSC for Africa)
- Attachments in Asia and Oceania. (In cooperation with IFLA's RSC for Asia & Oceania)

- Workshop on LIS Curriculum in the Arab countries. (Lebanon). (In cooperation with IFLA's RSC for Asia & Oceania)
- Mekong Regional Network for LIS Training (Thailand). (In cooperation with IFLA's RSC for Asia & Oceania)
- Participatory management of Chilean public libraries. Development of the experience of exchange between libraries of the Southern Cone (Chile). (In cooperation with IFLA's RSC for Latin America and the Caribbean)
- Attachments in Latin America and the Caribbean. (In cooperation with IFLA's RSC for Latin America and the Caribbean)
- Workshop on PAC in the Caribbean. (In cooperation with IFLA's RSC for Latin America and the Caribbean and the PAC Core Activity)

Goal 3, to promote libraries and literacy, functional literacy, reading and lifelong learning

Goal 4, to promote new technology

- Scholarships in information technology in Asia and Oceania, 2002-2003. (In cooperation with IFLA's RSC for Asia & Oceania)
- Managing digital and virtual libraries in Southern Africa: a training workshop for librarians (Zimbabwe). (In cooperation with IFLA's RSC for Africa)
- Seminar on the World Wide Web: design, implementation and management. (In cooperation with IFLA's RSC for Africa)

Goal 5, to support information services to the community with a special attention to indigenous communities

- Reading for survival: An experience in bibliotherapy in the aftermath of a natural disaster (Venezuela). (In cooperation with IFLA's RSC for Latin America and the Caribbean)
(Reference 1, November 1, 2001)

DANIDA TRAVEL GRANT YEAR 2002

IFLA ALP is pleased to announce the availability of the Danida Travel Grant, to support a number of delegates from developing countries to attend the 68th IFLA General Conference and Council: Glasgow, Scotland, 18-24 August 2002.

The grant is divided in two parts. One for candidates who have not received any Danida grants before, and one for candidates having already received a grant and shown an interest and capability to be involved in the IFLA activities by presenting a paper and/or becoming a member of a section. Three to four candidates could also have the possibility to get a 3 – 4 weeks in-service training at a suitable institution/library, or attending a course in connection with the conference.

Priority will be given to younger professionals with a minimum of 5 years of experience in the field of libraries.

In appointing the grants, the Grants Committee

will look for a balance between all sectors of library & information work.

Applications, including professional curriculum vitae and information on present occupation should be submitted as soon as possible and should be received by the ALP Focal Point not later than 1st February, 2002.

Criteria for allocation of the Danida Travel Grant

- Candidates are from developing countries (according to World Bank standards).
- Priority to younger professionals.
- Priority to applicants who are not regular IFLA conference attendees.
- Wide geographic distribution.
- General quality of application.
- Professional background and experience: level of education, positions held and

professional experience in general. Type of library experience is also considered in order to get balance between all sectors of library and information work.

- Committed letter of application and a well presented CV.

Application forms can be requested from the ALP office. You will also find them at the IFLA web site.

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(Birgitta Sandell)

5. MISCELLANEOUS

IFLA POSITION ON WTO

The IFLA Position on The World Trade Organization (2001)

Introduction

The World Trade Organization (WTO), with a growing membership of over 140 countries, oversees a variety of treaties governing international trade. The WTO treaties with the most significant implications for libraries and the information sector are the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) and the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS). Libraries are a public good. They are unique social organizations dedicated to providing the broadest range of information and ideas to the public, regardless of age, religion, physical and mental health, social status, race, gender or language. The long-established library traditions of intellectual freedom and equitable access to information and cultural expression form the basis for ensuring that library goals

are achieved. Libraries of all types form an inter-related network, which serves the citizenry, from the great national, state and research institutions to public and school libraries. The well being of libraries is essential in ensuring access to the full range of human expression and providing individuals with the skills necessary to access and use this content. There is growing evidence that WTO decisions, directly or indirectly, may adversely affect the operations and future development of library services, especially in not-for-profit institutions.

Background

It is important to recognize that the WTO, and the international trade authorities of its members, are engaged in shaping policy and applications of this policy on an ongoing basis. While the infrequent Ministerial Conferences with their attendant protests are the most visible manifestation of the negotiations, the process is continuous, with decisions often reached without public scrutiny. What makes the WTO unique is that it has a binding dispute mechanism as part of its operations with the strongest enforcement procedures of any international agreement. IFLA urges its members to inform themselves on the WTO and their national trade policy deliberations and to promote the library and related issues when possible. Awareness of international trade issues is a necessary component of effective advocacy in shaping national policy, programmes and law as they relate to library service.

Specific Concerns

NOT-FOR-PROFIT LIBRARIES

The GATS Agreement has the potential to open up all aspects of a national economy to foreign competition including public sector services such as libraries. Corporations can be set up in any Member State and compete against public services. In such instances, the foreign corporation can challenge government support for public sector service and could

claim national treatment; i.e. the same level of subsidy received from the government by the public sector agency. Sub-Central governments (state/provincial, regional and municipal governments and their management boards) are included in any agreements, which cover the Member State.

The GATS Agreement does not apply to "services supplied in the exercise of government authority". Critics have argued that the WTO will interpret this clause very narrowly. The GATS agreement itself states "a service supplied in the exercise of government authority means any service, which is supplied neither on a commercial basis, nor in competition with one or more service providers". With the advent of for profit on-line content providers targeting individual users of education services and public libraries, the potential for GATS challenges to traditional library service is increasing. While the concept of allowing "competition" appears benign, the eventual outcome of such challenges will be the undermining of the tax-supported status of public sector libraries at the national, regional and local levels. Without tax support, the library's role as a democratic institution, making available the widest range of material reflecting the diversity of society, will be compromised.

In their submissions to the GATS negotiations, individual countries make commitments on service sectors which would then be subject to GATS requirements. At the commencement of the second round of GATS negotiations in 2001, thirteen members had made a commitment to open negotiations on "libraries, archives, museums and other cultural services."⁽¹⁾ Given that specific library services will fall under other GATS categories such as communications ("on-line information and data retrieval; electronic data interchange"), even if they have not listed library service, it is probable that many more countries will be entering into GATS negotiations, which will directly affect libraries.

IFLA encourages its members to promote awareness of library values and concerns in the context of GATS to the trade negotiators in their country. The potentially far-reaching implications of trade liberalization in services for not-for-profit libraries should be openly debated. Negotiators should be strongly encouraged to ensure that government support for traditional library service is not exposed to a GATS challenge.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

The TRIPS Agreement applies the enforcement apparatus of the WTO to the Bern and other conventions established under the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). TRIPS has the potential to directly and indirectly shape national copyright policy and law. In one instance to date, a WTO dispute panel has found a permitted use in a national copyright law in violation of international trade treaty commitments. Ranging from fair use and similar fair practices to preservation copying by libraries, permitted uses lay out the rights of users of copyrighted content. There is little assurance that the balance between the public interest and rights of content owners sought in national copyright policy debate will be considered by the WTO in any intellectual property disputes which come before it. WTO dispute panels are

"likely to resolve competing claims to intellectual property with little regard for the non-commercial values upon which a reasonable balance of private rights and public interest depends." (2)

The regulatory weight of the WTO has the potential to have a chilling effect on the development of national copyright law by providing those advocating fewer permitted uses and extended protection a "trump card" to derail advocacy efforts on behalf of users. IFLA urges its members to work to ensure that the interests of libraries and library users are not marginalized through the application of the WTO regime to domestic copyright legislation.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Publicly funded libraries are part of the cultural sector. They are involved in encouraging the development and promotion of cultural works, particularly literature, and the preservation and dissemination of those works. Libraries should be part of protections proposed for culture and should support and be part of any possible separate treaty which allows special consideration for cultural goods and services in international trade.

IFLA will work with national and international cultural groups to create alliances for achieving recognition and protection for the development of regional and domestic cultural products. The objective of such an alliance is the creation of cultural diversity and the encouragement of multiple voices rather than homogenized and globalized cultural works, which dominate by virtue of financial or corporate strength. While supporting the right of WTO Member States to promote and nurture national culture, IFLA opposes any obstacles to the free flow across international borders of legally produced information and cultural content normally collected or distributed by libraries. IFLA opposes tariffs or other duties or taxes on the importation of print on paper or digital content. Such measures have the potential to stifle intellectual freedom.

Conclusion

As an active international alliance of library and information associations, libraries and information services, and concerned individuals, IFLA is strategically positioned to advocate at the WTO on behalf of libraries and information services and to ensure that its members are informed in order to be able to advocate effectively at the national level. In order to ensure a strong public sector, IFLA and its members will continue to build links and work with library and information, archive, museum, education and other organizations in furthering awareness of the implications of international trade treaties for the public sector.

(1) Bolivia, Central African Republic, Ecuador, Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Hong Kong, Iceland,

Japan, New Caledonia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, USA, Venezuela.

(2) Steven Shrybman, "Information, Commodification and the World Trade Organization", IFLA Jerusalem Conference, Aug. 2000.

Approved by the Governing Board of IFLA, at its meeting in Boston, USA, 25th August 2001. (Reference 1, September 25, 2001)

IFLA/OCLC EARLY CAREER

IFLA/OCLC Early Career Development Fellows named for 2002

The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) and OCLC have awarded five IFLA/OCLC Early Career Development Fellowships for 2002. OCLC and IFLA established the fellowships to support library and information science professionals who are in the early stages of their career development and from countries with developing economies. The fellows are: 1. Dayang Zarina Abang Ismail, librarian/manager, Centre for Academic Information Services, University Malaysia, Sarawak, Kota Samarahan, Malaysia 2. Ferry Irawan, head, Library and Information Technology, Castle Group, Jakarta, Indonesia 3. Sibongile Madolo, Librarian, Reference Unit, Library of Parliament, Cape Town, South Africa 4. Purity Mwagha, Library Section Head and Lecturer, Kenya Technical Training College, Nairobi, Kenya 5. J. K. Vijayakumar, Scientific Technical Officer, Library Division, INFLIBNET, Ahmedabad, India The five fellowship recipients will participate in a specially designed four-week program in the United States April 29-May 24, 2002. Based at the OCLC Institute in Dublin, Ohio, the fellows will also spend time at the Mortenson Center for International Library Programs at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign;

the American Library Association; and the Library of Congress. The intensive program includes OCLC Institute programs, special meetings with OCLC staff and management, observing an OCLC Members Council meeting, and visits to various libraries and OCLC regional service providers. Applicants for the fellowships submit an application portfolio cover sheet, a resume, three letters of reference and an essay. In his essay Mr. Irawan wrote, "With developing technology, library and information professionals will play an increasingly important role in the economic, educational and social development fields. I believe overseas training is absolutely necessary for me [to] obtain sufficient skills to play a more central role in fostering development of the information science profession in Indonesia." Information on the fellowship program is available from the OCLC Institute on the web

<<http://www.oclc.org/institute/resources/fellowships/ifla/>>, via telephone at +1-614-764-6357, or by writing to the OCLC Institute at 6565 Frantz Road, Dublin, Ohio, USA, 43017. (Reference 3)

INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION

"Discussion Group on Information and Documentation"

at the IFLA General Conference in Boston, Sunday 19th August 2001 - 13:00-14:30

Present: About 40 persons
17 persons participated actively in the discussions - many of them have been active in both IFLA and FID.

Summary of the meeting

Ross Shimmon from IFLA HQ was present at the beginning of the meeting. Outgoing chair of IFLA- SC/URL, Kirsten Engelstad, chaired

the meeting.

Before opening the discussion, Ross Shimmon and Kirsten Engelstad presented the background for the meeting and commented on IFLA's "Open Letter on IFLA and FID" of 14 June 2001.

There were two FID Council members present. One of the two started the discussion by arguing that the financial situation of FID was not so dark, and that FID had unexploited assets, e.g. the UDC. However, Ia McIlwaine could tell that the copyright to UDC was already sold. The other FID Council member confirmed that FID is bankrupt and about to be dissolved. Sjoerd Koopman from IFLA HQ repeated that it was out of question that IFLA took over the debts of FID.

Thereafter, all who participated in the discussions focused on what IFLA can do to broaden its activities to attract also information scientists, documentalists and librarians engaged in information for business and industry, i.e. the target groups of FID. Many persons argued that the situation presents an opportunity and a challenge for IFLA to preserve much of the FID objectives and professional programme within the IFLA umbrella and that this will make IFLA a stronger federation on the international scene.

The chair referred the contents of the 6 received e-mails on the issue from: Professor Arskiy, Director General of VINITI, Russia (FID/ROE President), Executive Director David Bender, the International Headquarters for Special Libraries Association, USA), Russell Bowden (former member of IFLA's Executive Committee), Chief Executive Roger Bowes, ASLIB (Treasurer of FID), Deputy Chief Librarian Nina Kriz Leneman and Chief Librarian Pierre Pelou, both from the UNOG Library in Geneva, Director Dr. Rudolf Vlasak, the Institute of Information and Library Studies in Prague (Czech FID National Member). (Woody Horton, consultant at NCLIS and former FID Council member attended the meeting, so his e-mail was not referred.)

Two persons expressed a concern that the majority of FID's "national members" were governmental bodies, while IFLA's were library associations.

The chair thought that the new statutes of IFLA need no alternations for IFLA to open for former FID members to pursue their professional interests under the IFLA umbrella and continue their contributions to improving the quality of information systems. However, some changes need to be made in the wording of the 11 "IFLA Professional Priorities" to include the words "information services" and "documentalists" in several instances where "libraries" and "librarians" are mentioned. The chair also suggested that the acronym "IFLA", which originally stood for "International Federation of Library Associations" and now stands for "----Library Associations and Institutions", might again be broadened to encompass "-----Library and Information Associations, Libraries and Information Services".

There seemed to be a general consent at the meeting that the IFLA Headquarters prepare a concrete plan to establish a new "Division on Information and Documentation" with Sections/Standing Committees to cater for "Business, Finance and Industrial Information", "Information Science", "Information Processing and Products", and "Information Management", i.e. 4 of the 7 programmes areas of FID.

It was suggested that the traditional interest of FID members in government publications could be catered for by IFLA's Section and Standing Committee on "Government Information and Official Publications" - with minor alterations in the mandate. Likewise, FID's concern about intellectual property issues could be catered for in IFLA's "Committee on Copyright and other Legal Matters".

All seemed to agree that IFLA establish either an ad-hoc working group or rely on a larger group of persons to give inputs to a proposal to

establish a new IFLA division and to market it. The chair invited persons who were willing to contribute, to sign on either one list for those who were willing to give feedback as consultants, or one list for those who were also willing to serve as members of an ad-hoc working group. The result: 12 persons on the two lists (5 on the former, 7 on the latter):

The following 5 are willing to give inputs and feedback to proposals:

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The following 7 are willing to be candidates as a member of an ad-hoc working group:

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Campaign for the World's Libraries unveiled at IFLA conference

IFLA and the American Library Association (ALA) announced a new public education campaign designed to showcase public, school, academic and special libraries and librarians

around the world.

The campaign is based on ALA's @ your Library* The Campaign for America's Libraries, a five-year public awareness campaign launched during National Library week, April 2001, with the help of First Lady Laura Bush, a librarian and teacher.

The campaign for the world's libraries will use the trademarked brand and its official translations, to unify the communications activities of libraries around the world. "The IFLA conference is the perfect venue for unveiling this campaign." said John Berry, president of ALA, "With the Conference theme 'Libraries & Librarians Making a Difference in the Knowledge Age', we have a wonderful opportunity to speak loudly and clearly about the value of libraries and librarians in the 21st century all around the world. Through outreach efforts, the campaign will target the general public, educators, government leaders and policy makers, librarians and those who are considering the library profession, the media and strategic partners, including funding agencies.

During the conference the Turkish Librarians Association was the first to join the Campaign. For more information on the campaign, please visit: www.ifla.org/@yourlibrary or [www.ala.org/@yourlibrary\(Reference3\)](http://www.ala.org/@yourlibrary(Reference3))

BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION

Access to Learning Award

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation recognizes Guatemala's Probigua and Argentina's Biblioteca del Congreso with the 2001 Access to Learning Award

Recipients chosen for exceptional efforts to expand access to information, computers and the Internet

BOSTON -- The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation announced today that Proyecto Bibliotecas Guatemala (Probigua) and the

Biblioteca del Congreso de la Nación Argentina have been jointly awarded the 2001 Access to Learning Award for their exceptional efforts to expand access to information, computers and the Internet for all people.

"Probigua and the Biblioteca del Congreso have made tremendous strides to improve public access to information in their respective countries," said Richard Akeroyd, executive director of Libraries and Public Access to Information for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. "We hope that the work they have undertaken in Guatemala and Argentina will serve as models for other countries and organizations."

The institutions will each receive a \$250,000 grant to develop new initiatives and expand their outreach to patrons throughout their countries.

"Access to technology and information will raise the educational level and productivity of many Guatemalan people who dream of a better life for themselves and their communities," said Rigoberto Zamora, executive director and founder of Probigua. "This award will help Guatemala reach those goals."

"With this award, we hope to build on the services that we offer readers by increasing the quantity and quality of computer equipment in the Multimedia Room," said Carlos Alberto Martínez, director coordinator general of the Biblioteca del Congreso. "Then, we will be able to reach all segments of society and fill our city's thirst for knowledge."

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Access to Learning Award annually recognizes outstanding libraries, organizations or countries that provide patrons with access to information in innovative and useful ways. Only entities outside of the United States are eligible for consideration. This is the second year the award has been given. Last year's recipient was the Helsinki City Library of Finland.

Award recipients are evaluated based on their innovative approaches and service to reach low-income individuals who are not current library users as well as effective implementation of technology and services to patrons in their native tongues.

Probigua's outreach to low-income patrons is pioneering in a country where few communities have access to books or libraries. Probigua establishes and maintains public libraries in rural areas using funding generated by its not-for-profit language school.

Probigua is also working to establish technology centers in affiliation with its libraries. The first center is located at the Instituto Indígena Nuestra Señora del Scorco, a teacher training program for indigenous young women in Antigua. Students there learn basic computer programs, as well as Internet use and Web site creation. This program focuses on young women who most likely will return to their indigenous communities and use their new skills to help their people. A second computer center is scheduled to open later this year.

The Argentine Biblioteca del Congreso originated and continues to function as a service for the country's legislature. In 1917, the library was also charged with serving the general public. Unlike almost all of the country's "bibliotecas populares," which charge service fees and require citizens to pay membership, the Biblioteca del Congreso provides its services free of charge.

The Biblioteca del Congreso provides extraordinary service to the public. With 24 hours of nonstop service six days a week and eight hours on Sunday, the library helps about 1,300 visitors every day. In addition, the library's Multimedia Room, which includes public access Internet terminals, is open 12 hours a day and will become a 24-hour service by the end of the year.

The foundation chose Probigua and Biblioteca

del Congreso through a selection process involving an anonymous committee of distinguished members of the international library community. These members were critical advisers to the foundation on the identification and nomination of potential award recipients.

On the Web:
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation,
www.gatesfoundation.org

Biblioteca del Congreso, www.bcnbib.gov.ar

Probigua, www.probigua.conexion.com
(Extracted from Reference 4, August 21, 2001)

Partnership

Chilean libraries to receive computers, Internet through partnership with Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Program to provide improved access to information for all public libraries

SANTIAGO -- President Ricardo Lagos announced today that all 368 Chilean public libraries will benefit from a US\$9,284,339 million grant from the U.S.-based Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The grant will provide training, computers and Internet access for all the libraries.

Speaking from the Casablanca Public Library President Lagos stated: "The Network of Public Libraries for the New Millennium project, which we are launching today, aspires to guarantee equal access to new information and communication technologies to all the people of Chile, thus helping to bridge the digital divide and providing information, knowledge, culture and entertainment."

In addition to support from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the effort to bring computers to all Chilean public libraries has a number of local partners contributing to the project. The

Chilean government has committed US\$6.7 million, Microsoft Chile has promised a software donation of US\$1.2 million, and at this point more than nine other Chilean non-profit organizations and departments are contributing to the training component. The Chilean Association of Municipalities is also actively involved in the project in representation of its members, the majority of whom provide public libraries in their communities. The total project cost, including these contributions, is estimated at more than US\$20 million.

"The Chilean effort to expand public access to digital information is a tremendous example of the power of partnerships," said Richard Akeroyd, executive director of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's Libraries and Public Access to Information programs. "The impressive set of partners that the Chileans have assembled inspires us. They have truly set an example to which libraries in the United States and around the world should aspire."

The program marks the foundation's first effort beyond North America and the United Kingdom to provide individuals in low-income communities with public access to technology and digital information through public libraries. Foundation officials selected Chile as a partner because of the country's leadership in the effort to provide free and open access to public libraries for all citizens.

Clara Budnik, Director of Libraries, Archives and Museums, (DIBAM) further emphasized the importance of the initiative: "Today we begin a project which will provide free access to Internet to all Chileans, without discrimination, training them in effective use of new technologies, stimulating the generation of local contents in each community and strengthening the transfer of acquired knowledge to future generations."

Installation of computers will begin in February 2002 and continue through April, reaching all 368 libraries. The grant will fund an estimated 1800 computers, including 17

computer training labs and four mobile laptop labs. Sixteen Chilean librarians will travel to the foundation's Seattle headquarters in October and November of this year for intensive training; onsite training in Chile for all librarians will continue through June 2002. The Chilean Directorate of Libraries, Archives and Museums (DIBAM) will administer the grant and oversee the project.

(Extracted from Reference 4, August 13, 2001)

GRANTS FROM CARNEGIE CORPORATION

Six South African Public Libraries Awarded Grants from Carnegie Corporation of New York

The Carnegie Corporation of New York has awarded financial grants worth a total of \$3,8 million to six public library systems in South Africa following a competitive selection process. The successful libraries are the City of Johannesburg Library and Information Services (Gauteng Province), the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Library Services (Eastern Cape), the Durban Metropolitan Library (KwaZulu Natal), the Free State Provincial Library and Information Services, the Northern Cape Provincial Library and Information Services and Mpumalanga Provincial Library and Information Services. In addition, grants were made to ten South African universities and departments for higher education projects. Under the leadership of President Vartan Gregorian, the International Development Programme of the Carnegie Corporation of New York is focusing on the following priorities:

- capacity building for a selected number of universities
- women's undergraduate education
- revitalization of public libraries in Sub-Saharan Africa.

The focus of this competitive grant programme is on the revitalization of public libraries in

South Africa with the intention to strengthen the infrastructure of a selected number of public library systems to help them move to the next level of service delivery and to assist them to develop centers of learning and communications within each system. In February 2001, Ms Gloria Primm Brown of the Carnegie Corporation concluded a study of the position of public libraries in South Africa and invited all the provincial library services and a selected number of large public libraries to submit proposals for competitive grants as part of a development programme called "Gateways to Africa: African Public Libraries". Each grant is worth up to \$500 000 (over a three year period) for a library system acting without partners and up to \$750 000 for libraries with formal partnerships.

LIASA, together with the Public Affairs Section of the US Embassy, presented a one day workshop for the potential grantees to prepare the proposals for submission. In late June, Ms Primm Brown informed the President of LIASA, Ms Ellen Tise, that six project proposals had been successful. Ms King of the Carnegie Corporation said that "These libraries were selected for the grants because of the excellence of their strategies to expand their services and for their capacity to implement those strategies". (Extracted from Gwenda Thomas, Reference 2, Sun, 22 Jul 2001)

DIRECTORY OF SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

UNESCO Principal Regional Office for Asia and Pacific (UNESCO PROAP) has recently published *Directory of Scholarships and Grants for Students and Researchers in Asia and the Pacific*. Bangkok, UNESCO PROAP, 2001.

This directory is for students and researchers in the region who seek further research or study opportunities where English is the medium of learning.

The directory consists of 3 parts.

- i. Fellowships offered or administered by UNESCO
- ii. Scholarships, fellowships or grants awarded by international and bilateral donors and institutions to qualified nationals of countries in Asia and the Pacific.
- iii. web sites that offer useful tips about studying abroad such as how to find the right courses and the right institutions, where to look for financial aid etc.

The directory is published as a service to UNESCO members states and is available free of charge to individuals upon request from The Director, UNESCO Principal Regional Office for Asia and Pacific, P. O. Box 967 Prakanong Post Office, Bangkok 10110 Thailand, Fax (66-2) 3910866 e-mail: c.lapapan@unesco-proap.org (Rashidah Begum)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Inform the World 2002 Destinations: Honduras and South Africa

Spend the summer of 2002 helping communities gain access to the information they need to build a better future. In light of the recent tragic events in the USA the World Library Partnership believes that global education and cross-cultural exchange are more important than ever. As an Inform the World (ITW) Volunteer Librarian, you can use your professional skills to help rural librarians in South Africa or Honduras. Instead of spending the summer battling with your online catalog, you can teach a class on book repair, conduct a workshop on outreach or fundraising or read stories to a group of eager children. If living and working in these areas sounds like a challenge you would enjoy, join us for this exciting service project.

Who: The World Library Partnership (WLP) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to building global understanding by promoting literacy, learning and access to information. We believe that libraries empower individuals and enrich communities and we advocate for sustainable, community-based libraries in developing areas of the world. By supporting libraries and librarians, WLP mobilizes the power of information to make the world a better place for all. The World Library Partnership (WLP) will be working with a variety of organizations to coordinate the ITW 2002 projects.

What: The Inform the World Program will train and place professional librarians from around the world. The volunteers will conduct practical service projects determined by the needs of their South African and Honduran host libraries. Previous ITW volunteers have trained librarians in basic skills such as how to inventory, weed, repair, and catalog books. They also used their knowledge and creativity to help libraries reach out to and meet the needs of their communities. They have painted murals, taught workshops, made display boards, produced publicity fliers and pamphlets and helped clean, brighten and re-organize libraries. They have worked on projects ranging from creating a bookmobile to training students to work in their own libraries. After returning to the home, the volunteers also work with WLP to design projects that will continue to help the libraries they visited.

When:

South Africa: July 15th to August 15th
Honduras: June 9- July 9

These dates are subject to change by a few days on either side, depending upon the needs of our hosts. The volunteers will have three days of training in Africa or Honduras and will then travel to their host libraries where they will spend three weeks working on service projects. The ITW volunteers and their host librarians will reconvene for a book fair and a debriefing/evaluation session at the end of the

program.

Eligibility: WLP invites professional librarians and library school students from all disciplines to apply. We will also have placements for several Information Technology professionals. Flexibility, a sense of adventure and the ability to adapt to very basic living conditions are a must. Basic conversational Spanish is required for the Honduras program. Fluency in English is required for the South Africa program.

Cost: The cost of the trip is US \$2,200. This includes placement, training, materials, in-country orientation and debriefing, accommodations, most meals, site visit by the trip coordinator during the project, and in-country transportation. WLP can provide materials and suggestions to help volunteers secure additional funding from other sources. Note: Airfare is NOT included in the cost of the trip.

Deadline: The Application Deadline is January 18th, 2002. We welcome early applications. We will interview qualified applicants by phone and announce the final selections by the end of February.

Application is found at:

<http://rtpnet.org/wlp/itw2002/ITW02.htm>
or contact Maggie Hite (hitem@ils.unc.edu)
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(Reference 2, Sophie Felfoldi, Tue, 6 Nov 2001)

6. NEW IFLA PUBLICATIONS

Launch of the first *IFLA/FAIFE World Report on Libraries and Intellectual Freedom*

The first IFLA/FAIFE World Report on libraries and intellectual freedom was launched on Thursday 23 August at the IFLA Annual

Conference in Boston.

The President of IFLA, Mrs Christine Deschamps, said: "Libraries have a crucial role to play. They are an essential tool for the achievement of democracy and social development. Libraries provide access to information, ideas and work of imagination. They serve as gateways to knowledge. Libraries must reflect the plurality and diversity of society, opposing all forms of censorship without being influenced by any political, moral, or religious opinions". "This first IFLA/FAIFE World Report is a major project, a first attempt to provide a picture on the status of libraries and intellectual freedom throughout the world. More than 140 countries have been contacted and 46 have submitted their report. The result is very encouraging since this kind of information had never previously been put together nor published on a global basis."

"The IFLA/FAIFE World Report is a living document and more countries will join the project in the future. The World Report is a living proof of the global aspects of IFLA/FAIFE and of IFLA's support to democracy and development."

The Chair of the IFLA/FAIFE Committee, Mr Alex Byrne, said: "This first edition of the IFLA/FAIFE World Report reflects the achievements of the first four years of the IFLA/FAIFE initiative.

The World Report will become a key guide to issues confronting libraries in providing free access to information for their clients. The reports published in this edition begin to map the state of intellectual freedom in relation to libraries. They confirm that not all is well with the state of freedom of access to information and freedom of expression in the world. From Turkmenistan to Timor, we too frequently see books burnt, libraries destroyed or dismembered, and librarians intimidated or worse."

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International Resource Book for Libraries Serving Disadvantaged Persons

Now Available!

The International Resource Book for Libraries Serving Disadvantaged Persons, published in the IFLA Publications series, records the dynamic and evolving history of one of the oldest professional sections of IFLA.

The IFLA Section of Libraries Serving Disadvantaged Persons was formed seventy years ago, only four years after IFLA itself. It has enjoyed a continuous and impressive history of activity within the international library community.

This resource book includes a seventy-year retrospective on the section, listings of section papers presented at IFLA Annual conferences, 1965-2000, and of the section's professional reports, together with bibliographies on library services to the deaf, to the elderly, to hospital patients and on prison libraries and easy to read publications. It has both author and subject indexes.

Originally proposed by Anne M. Galler, a former chair of the Section, the project was reactivated following her untimely death and is dedicated to her memory. Joanne Locke, Associate Professor at Concordia University in Montreal and a colleague of Anne Galler, was responsible for reviving the idea and compiled

the extensive bibliographies. While Dr Nancy Panella, Medical Library Director prepared the history of the section.

Everyone involved in the provision of library services to the disadvantaged should obtain this book.
(IFLA Publications #96 ISBN 3-598-21826-5)
(Reference 1, July 13, 2001)

Delivering Lifelong Continuing Professional Education Across Space and Time

Now Available!

'Delivering Lifelong Continuing Professional Education Across Space and Time' just published in the IFLA Publications Series brings together the papers to be presented at the fourth World Conference on Continuing Professional Education for the Library and Information Science Professions, Chester, Vermont from 15 to 17 August 2001.

Ken Haycock presents the results of two Congresses, which discussed competencies for information professionals. Other papers presented by, amongst others, Blanche Woolls, Uma Kanjilal, Augusta Maria Paci, Tatjana Aparac cover such areas the virtual campus, group mentoring, certification and the greening of librarianship.

As the editors Blanche Woolls and Brooke Sheldon claim, "... the overwhelming theme that dominates most of these papers is one of progress and increased confidence about the future of continuing professional education." Practitioners, teachers and mentors alike should all read this seminal volume.
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