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1. IFLA NEWS

FROM HEADQUARTERS

**North American Mirror of
IFLANET Now Launched**

IFLA is very pleased to announce that the IFLANET North American mirror site, hosted by Queens Borough Public Library, Jamaica, New York, USA, is now up and running. This mirror site - an exact replica of IFLA's website - is a great significance to all our library partners world-wide and a very popular information resource for all those active in the field of information.

Since the transfer of the main site from the National Library of Canada to INIST, (Institut de l'Information Scientifique et Technique) France, IFLA has sought to provide better access to IFLANET for the North American continent. Queens Borough Public Library, through its Director, Gary Strong, offered its support to IFLA in establishing a mirror site for IFLANET in the United States, thereby creating additional channels of access to the information stored on IFLA's WWW-site.

Please visit at: <http://ifla.queenslibrary.org/>
Or simply click on "North America" on IFLANET homepage at: <http://www.ifla.org/>

Sophie Felfoldi
IFLA Web Manager
(Reference 2, 4 Nov 2002)

Closure of the IFLA UAP/OIL Core Activity and Office

The IFLA Universal Availability of Publications Core Activity and Office for International Lending, which has been hosted by the British Library at Boston Spa, United Kingdom, since the late 1970s, will close with effect from 31st March 2003. The remaining UAP staff, Sara Gould and Katharine Rennie will transfer to other duties within the British Library from that date.

UAP has achieved a great deal over the past 25 years. Universal Availability of Publications has been an ideal and an objective as well as a programme. It has given practical support to those engaged in international interlending by collecting and publicizing information about the practice of international interlending, conducting and encouraging research in the area and by providing a range of specialized services.

IFLA would like to acknowledge the contribution of all who have been concerned in this valuable contribution to the ideal of achieving the widest possible availability of published material. In this connection we should especially like to mention Maurice Line and Graham Cornish, both former directors of UAP. We would also like to

express our thanks to the host institution, the British Library for generously maintaining UAP and OIL over many years, during times when funding for international activities has been scarce.

Although the UAP/OIL office is closing, we are very pleased to announce that it has been possible to continue some of the successful UAP initiatives.

Responsibility for the Interlending & Document Supply International Conference series has transferred to the IFLA Document Delivery and Interlending Section. The next conference will be held in Canberra, Australia from 28-31 October 2003. More details can be found at: www.nla.au/ilds

The IFLA Governing Board has decided that the very popular International Interlending Voucher Scheme will continue. It will transfer to IFLA HQ in The Hague. An announcement will be made in the near future about procedures for ordering and redeeming vouchers from IFLA HQ when the arrangements have been finalized. Until then redeemed vouchers and order for new vouchers may continue to be sent to the British Library and enquiries to usual e-mail address: ifla@bl.uk.

The sale of the IFLA International Loan/Photocopy Request Forms will continue to be handled by the British Library in the short term.

Ross Shimmon, Secretary General
February 2003
(Reference 2, Fri, 14 Feb 2003)

Transfer of Voucher Scheme to IFLA Headquarters

With effect from 1 April 2003, the Voucher Scheme will move from its current home at the British Library to IFLA HQ in The Hague, Netherlands.

All contact details and payment and redemption instructions will change from this date. Please check IFLA's web site at

<http://www.ifla.org/VI/2/uap.htm#1a>
for the latest information. Your new contact at
IFLA HQ will be Susan Schaezman,
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If you have recently sent a payment to the IFLA
Voucher Scheme at Boston Spa, your order will
be processed as usual. Please do not send new
orders to Boston Spa, but consult the web site for
IFLA HQ contact and payment details.

If you have recently sent vouchers to Boston Spa
for redemption, please let us know at ifla@bl.uk.
Your vouchers will be processed at Boston Spa,
but your payment will be issued by IFLA HQ by
bank transfer in Euros. Please do not send new
redemption to Boston Spa, but consult the web
site for new instructions.

From 1 April 2003, the sale and redemption of
IFLA vouchers from IFLA HQ will change from
Dollar transactions to Euros. The value of
existing vouchers will change from US\$8 and
US\$4 to become EUR8 and EUR4. All vouchers
in circulation will remain valid and you should
continue to use them in the usual way.

We have been delighted at the success of the
IFLA Voucher Scheme during its first eight
years. The transfer to IFLA HQ offers the
opportunity to introduce some changes which
many colleagues have been demanding for a long
time. There may be a short delay in the
processing of Voucher Scheme requests during
April, and we would ask you to be patient with us
while we make the transfer.

On a more personal note, both Katharine Rennie
and I would like to say thank you for all the
friendly and encouraging communication we
have with our Voucher Scheme colleagues in
recent years. The Scheme is passing into the best
possible hands, and we are sure you will continue
to enjoy an excellent service from our IFLA HQ
colleagues.

Sara Gould, IFLA Voucher Scheme
(Reference 2, Fri, 4 Apr 2003)

Closure IFLA/UBCIM Core Activity and Office

The IFLA Universal Bibliographic Control and
International MARC Core Activity (UBCIM)
which has been hosted by Die Deutsche
Bibliothek since 1990, is closed as per 1st March
2003. The Programme Director Marie-France
Plassard retired on that same date.

The UBCIM Programme has achieved a great
deal over the past thirty years. It has been
responsible for the creation of the ISBDs as well
as UNIMARC, and for maintaining a full
publishing and seminar programme. Many
people have contributed to its success during this
time, but especially the host libraries, initially the
British Library, and in the more recent past Die
Deutsche Bibliothek.

IFLA would like to acknowledge the contribution
of all who have been concerned in this very
valuable contribution to the process of
international bibliographic standardization. We
would also like to express our thanks to the host
institutions, and especially to Die Deutsche
Bibliothek for maintaining UBCIM in a period
when funding is difficult for all international
activities.

We are also very pleased to announce that the
National Library of Portugal (NLP) has offered to
act as the new host for the continuation and
further development of the UNIMARC format.
The NLP will also take over the publication of
the journal *International Cataloguing and
Bibliographic Control*.

The books from the UBCIM Publications New
Series, including recent ISBDs, will continue to
be available from K.G. Saur Verlag
<http://www.ifla.org/V/saur.htm>, other UBCIM
book publications will be available from
IFLA/HQ
<http://www.ifla.org/VI/3/nd1/publist.htm>.

Requests for permission to translate UBCIM
publications should be directed to IFLA
Headquarters.

Ross Shimmon, Secretary General,
29 January 2003

(Reference 1, May 12, 2003)

Changes to the IFLA Journal

With effect from Vol. 29, no. 1 (March 2003), a number of changes have been made in the layout and organization of the IFLA Journal. The aim is to make the journal more attractive, easier to read and easier to use, while still maintaining continuity in its overall appearance.

The cover now carries an outline of the main contents, so that readers can see what is inside before they open it. In the interests of greater readability the layout of the Contents page has been modified, a double-column layout introduced for articles, and the type size and leading have been increased throughout.

The former three-column layout for the News section has been retained, but substantial reports are now to be found in a separate Reports section, set in double column. The News section now has its own separate table of contents, and the layout of the International Calendar has been modified to make it easier to use.

The changes are not confined to the printed version of the journal. Up to now, the PDF version on IFLANET has been presented in four parts: Table of Contents, Abstracts, Articles and News Section. The lack of links between and within these documents meant that it was impossible, for example, to identify an interesting item in the Table of Contents, or the Abstracts, and then go directly to the desired text.

To make the online PDF version easier and quicker to use, it now includes embedded bookmarks to enable readers to go directly to any article, report or news subsection in the issue. The contents are shown as bookmarks in the bookmark pane. To view an item, simply click on its title and the full text will appear.

Both the current and previous online versions of the IFLA Journal are available on IFLANET at <http://www.ifla.org/V/iflaj/index.htm>.

With effect from Vol. 29, no. 1, the IFLA Journal

will be published four times a year, in March, June, October and December. The total number of pages in each volume will remain the same as before (320-360 pages) and the fourth issue in each volume will be an extra large issue containing a selection of the best papers from that year's IFLA Conference. The next issue for this year (Vol. 29, no. 2) will include, among other items, a survey of libraries in Germany by Claudia Lux, published as background to this year's Berlin Conference.

Stephen Parker, Editor
(Reference 2, Fri, 14 Mar 2003)

Statement on Indigenous Traditional Knowledge

The IFLA Governing Board has approved a statement on Indigenous Traditional Knowledge. It calls for libraries to collect, preserve and disseminate traditional indigenous knowledge resources. It urges governments to exempt media recording indigenous knowledge from taxes and encourages the proper protection and use of such knowledge through the recognition of the principles of intellectual property.

The statement is based on a resolution of the 15th Standing Conference for Eastern, Central and Southern African Library Associations (SCECSAL), 2002.

The full Statement is available on IFLANET at <http://www.ifla.org/III/eb/sitk03.html>

Ross Shimmon
Secretary General

FROM REGIONAL OFFICE

Report from the Regional Office for Asia and Oceania - ROAO (March 2003)

On-going Work at the Office

1. Mailing List

There were 1037 names on the ROAO address list in November 2002, while the Newsletter Mailing List has 321 addresses representing 50 countries.

The database now (at the report date) has 1077 names on the list.

2. Newsletter

One thousand copies were printed for this issue of December 2002, because more requests were received after it being awarded the Best Newsletter of the Year 2002. For archival purposes, we have two bound volumes: 1991-1995, and 1996-1999. The more recent ones (December 1999, June and December 2000, June and December 2001, and June and December 2002) are available on IFLANET (<http://www.ifla.org/vii/s26/sraao.htm#3>).

One copy each was sent by airmail to 647 addresses in 52 countries as follows:

1. Labels from the HQ (total 326)
2. Label produced at the RO (total 321).

Eight copies were sent to the Headquarters and 40 copies were sent to ALP by airmail.

The text file of the December 2002 issue was posted on IFLANET, but it was not sent to any of the E-mail subscribers, or to those who requested the E-mail alert service. This decision was made in consideration of the risky period when the office's computer was infected.

Newsletter publication statistics:

	Dec.2001 (32p)	June 2002 (32p)	Dec.2002 (36p)
1. Number of copies	1,000	800	1,000
2. Total number sent by mail	568	634	647
3. Labels from HQ	366	398	326
4. ROAO mailing list	202	236	321
5. Mail to HQ	8	8	8
6. Mail to ALP	50	50	40
7. Postage (baht)	26,862	30,412	32,410

Membership drive

A letter of Kelly J. Moore, IFLA Membership Manager was inserted with the Newsletter sent to recipients on the ROAO mailing list. This is an effort to alert the Non-IFLA member who enjoy receiving the Newsletter to decide to become more involved with IFLA.

3. Projects

3.1 The IFLA ROAO Non-paper Reading Materials

This new project was initiated following the two previous projects: *Mobile Library for Sustainable Development*, and *Mobile Library Services in Indochina*. It is an experiment to test the feasibility of printing children books on fabrics. The outcome of this experiment was put on display at the poster session during the conference. Descriptions of the poster are as follows:-

Poster Session: Non-paper Reading Materials: A Trial for Bulk Rate Production

Books for young children are torn and damaged easily. There have been attempts to use fabrics as an alternative. While it seems to work quite well, there are still complaints that the production cost is usually too high. The IFLA ROAO is now experimenting with a small project to print picture books on some non-paper materials with the assumption that bulk printing with well-planned methodology can bring the cost down.

A Thai picture book "Koong" (or "prawn" in English) was chosen to be translated into a few other languages. With the permission of the author and the publisher, the original pictures and wording were rearranged and revised. The twelve-page revised version was translated into English and circulated to a few participants asking for the translations in their languages. Three additional languages were received, therefore, we decided to do the first test with these five languages: Thai, English, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Laos.

The printing and binding test went well despite some mistakes made which required much of the time and efforts to do the corrections. Once the first volume was seen, it was concluded that printing books on fabrics using non-toxic color and low cost binding method is very much possible.

Building around this findings, we would like to

invite more participants to come together in a new project which will produce books for children in developing countries, please be a part.

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Steps taken:

1. Discuss the idea: what? why? who? where? when? and how?
2. Find a sample picture book with story, and secure permission from the author and the publisher
3. Modification and translation
 - re-arrange the pictures and revise the text
 - work with author and translators
4. Printing
 - graphic design, modify, proof-reading
 - color blocks
 - test print, test binding methods, corrections, retest
 - final print
5. Binding
 - different ways by sewing machine
6. Poster presentation at the 68th IFLA General Conference and Council, Glasgow, Scotland, 18-24 August 2002

So what?

1. Yes, bulk printing on non-paper materials is possible
2. the cost of printing is quite affordable
3. the cost of binding is flexible
4. Multi-language project can be initiated

Possible future projects

1. Selected existing children books to be published in many languages, especially those languages of the minority groups and the small countries
2. Produce new children books in many languages to transmit knowledge, idea, and know-how
3. Social and environmental awareness brochures may be prepared in easy reading materials for children.

Be a part

1. Comments, suggestions

2. Initiate and implement
3. Participate
(to be continued)

FROM RSCAO

IFLA RSCAO

<http://www.ifla.org/VII/s26/sraao.htm>

The RSCAO Annual report is now available at:
<http://www.ifla.org/VII/s26/annual/ann01.htm>

RSCAO - L

The mailing list of the Regional Section: Asia and Oceania functions as an avenue to disseminate information on library and information-related activities such as projects, conferences and seminars within the five sub-regions of Asia and Oceania, that is, West Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia, East Asia, and Oceania. It is also a channel to promote contact, communication and dialogue between the IFLA Asia and Oceania Section Standing Committee members, librarians and information professionals in the region.

To send a message to all the people currently subscribed to RSCAO-L:
send an E-mail to rscao-l@infoserv.inist.fr

To unsubscribe or change your own e-mail address, list Members will need to use the Web interface at:
<http://infoserv.inist.fr/wwsympa.fcgi/info/rscao-l>

Hilda Nassar
RSCAO Listserv Moderator

Message from the Chair

FROM DRINKING COCONUT WATER IN SRI LANKA TO FAREWELLS IN THE HAGUE, NETHERLANDS

My article for this issue begins with news from Sri Lanka, where the Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania had its Mid-Conference Meeting from 3-5 March 2003. The meeting was hosted by the Sri Lanka Library

Association (SLLA).

Our first activity in Colombo was participation in the RSCAO/SLLA one day workshop on "Bridging the Digital Divide." This workshop, attended by 30 Librarians was held at the Conference hall of Hotel Janaki in Colombo and was graced by the presence of Mr. N.U. Yapa, President, Sri Lanka Library Association, Mr. Tony O' Brian, Director, British Council, Sri Lanka, and Mr. Mahinda Abeywardane, Secretary General, UNESCO National Commission for Sri Lanka, who was the chief guest.

Four members of our Committee made presentations at the Workshop and it is with great pleasure I inform you that our Sri Lankan hosts have put all the presentations online at <http://www.nsf.ac.lk/slla/papers.htm>

The next two days were spent discussing our programs and activities for the future. I am very pleased to inform you that every one of our members present made valuable contributions to our discussions. We noticed that there has been an increased awareness of the role and work of the Committee and we received project applications, and scholarship and ICT training nominations from more than 15 countries in the region. The detailed deliberations of our meeting (also known as the minutes of meetings!) will be put on the IFLANET website.

We were given an opportunity to see a little of the beautiful sights of the country which has an area of 65,601 km. and a population of 18,732,000. We visited Kandy, the hill capital and the most beautiful city in Sri Lanka. On our 3-hour journey we had a chance to see a little of rural life as well as the culture of the country. We visited the Lankatilake Temple, a Hindu temple with a Buddhist annexe which has a fine Buddha image and Kandy wall paintings.

We also visited the focal point of Kandy, the golden roofed "Dalada Maligawa" the sacred Temple of the Tooth, containing the Tooth Relic of the Buddha, Sri Lanka's most important religious relic. The tooth was said to have been snatched from the flames of the Buddha's funeral

pyre in 543 B.C. and was smuggled into Sri Lanka in the 4th century A.D., hidden in the hair of a princess. We did not actually see the tooth - just the gold casket which is said to contain a series of smaller and smaller caskets and eventually the tooth itself. There is only one other Tooth Relic of the Buddha in the world and it is preserved at the Tooth Relic Pagoda located at the original site of the Ling-guang Monastery, the second of the well-known eight scenic spots of the Western Hills in the suburbs of Beijing, China.

On our journey back we stopped by the roadside to have a drink of delicious coconut water - not from a cup, but where you just sipped the juice through a straw inserted into a small opening at the head of the young orange coloured coconut.

Our meeting in Sri Lanka gave us an opportunity to learn about the professional scene in Sri Lanka and SLLA. SLLA has a long history that dates back to 1960. In 1974 the Association gained recognition as a professional association when the National State Assembly passed Act no. 24. As a result of this legislation, the Diploma in Library and Information Science and the Course on Library Automation (COLA), two education programmes conducted by the SLLA, are accepted by the Government as qualifications for the post of Librarian and other related posts. This is indeed a very notable achievement of SLLA.

I was given 3 volumes of the SLLA journal, Sri Lanka Library Review, and I was very pleased to note that the journal was up to date - not an easy feat to accomplish. The contents included articles that described activities and projects in all kinds of libraries and also some very honest discussions on current issues and problems related to the development of libraries and also the profession in Sri Lanka.

I learnt about the high level of cooperation that exists among University librarians and academic libraries in Sri Lanka. The University Librarians' Association of Sri Lanka publishes the Journal The University Librarians' Association of Sri Lanka and I was presented with a copy of volume 6, 2002. I read about how agencies such as SIDA and SAREC have helped in collection

development. Academic libraries have also been the fortunate recipients of assistance from the International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications (INASP). One of the objectives of INASP is to map support and strengthen existing activities promoting access to and dissemination of scientific and scholarly literature. Under the INASP Programme for the Enhancement of Research Information (PERI), academic libraries in Sri Lanka were provided access to several very large full text databases. This has been the beginning of academic libraries activities to be part of the global scholarly Internet community. Efforts are now being made in Sri Lanka to maximize utilization of these facilities through improved ICT infrastructure, training and promotion. If any of you reading this are from a developing country, I would like to suggest you look up the website of INASP (<http://www.inasp.info>) to see if libraries in your country can qualify for assistance. This will include free or very low cost access to over 7500 full text online journals, and many of the world's leading citation, bibliographic and reference databases.

No IFLA event is complete without dinners that allow us to taste the native cuisine as well as to meet so many of the local professionals. Our thanks to the SLLA for the lovely welcome dinner at the City Lights Restaurant, Hotel Renuka; to the Director of the British Council and his wife for the entertaining dinner at their residence; and to our Corresponding member and Sri Lanka resident, Russell Bowden for the very interesting Sri Lanka supper at his home.

What impact did the presence of the Regional Standing Committee have on the profession in Sri Lanka? From the feedback I received, many members of the profession became aware of IFLA activities. The image of IFLA being confined to a certain set of people and being a closed community was cleared, and there were many who would like to get involved in IFLA activities through the SLLA and RSCAO in the future. SLLA will also promote professionals on getting the benefits given them through IFLA, such as scholarships.

At the Hague, from 11 - 13 March 2003, I

attended the meetings of the Conference Planning Committee, the Professional Committee, and the Governing Board.

One of the main agenda items was discussion on the Annual Conference. This Conference is the one IFLA event that provides an opportunity for members from all over the world to get together to discuss professional issues, and IFLA has responded in many ways to various suggestions, to make the Conference more effective and affordable.

Beginning 2004, the Congress will be shortened to five days. Each Section will be given one 2 hour programme slot only, and this could be an open session or a workshop. I hope that this new format will lead Section's to give more thought to their programme as their energy and expertise will now be channeled to one programme only. It is hoped that this will result in a better quality of papers.

It was also agreed to continue the practice of scheduling 2 Standing Committee meetings during the Conference. The Standing Committees should use these meetings to plan programs that can be carried out throughout the year, e.g. regional conferences, publications, training programmes, etc. that will have a continuing impact on the development of our profession and our services. These programs should allow participants who will never be able to attend an IFLA annual Conference to attend an IFLA related activity in their region.

We also discussed ways to make the IFLA's governance more cohesive and responsive. We looked at how to strike a balance between IFLA's strategic role in global information issues, e.g. World Summit on the Information Society, and its role as the professional leader in the development and dissemination of standards for high quality library services. These are issues we will revisit again and again in our quest to create IFLA as a global organization that is truly the voice of the library world.

Again, no IFLA meeting is complete without a gathering for dinner. In the Hague we were invited to a reception at the German Embassy. We also had a farewell dinner for Ms. Marie-

France Plassard who retired as the Director of the Universal Bibliographic Control and International MARC(UBCIM) Programme. Marie- France has been involved in many professional activities of the Asia and Oceania Section and on behalf of the Committee I wish her good health and may she have a long and happy retirement.

Rashidah Begum
Chair, IFLA RSCAO

HAS YOUR GOVERNMENT RATIFIED THE 1950 UNESCO FLORENCE AGREEMENT ON THE IMPORTATION OF EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL MATERIALS, AND THE 1976 NAIROBI PROTOCOL?

I would like to draw your attention to this important agreement that was drawn up to facilitate the free flow of ideas by fostering the free circulation of educational, scientific and educational materials. Signatories to the Florence Agreement agree to dismantle custom barriers by not imposing tariff, tax, currency and trade obstacles on imported books (including electronic publications), and audiovisual material of an educational, scientific and cultural nature. Librarians reading this news item are urged to check with the website

<http://www.unesco.org/culture/laws/florence/html.eng/page5.shtml> to see whether or not their governments have adopted the Agreement and Protocol and implemented it in their countries. If not, librarians and library associations in these countries are encouraged to persuade their respective governments to do so. The International Publishers Association (IPA) is ready to assist members of IFLA in the development and implementation of a strategy to foster the ratification of both instruments. They can be contacted at
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(Rashidah Begum)

FROM CLM

<http://www.ifla.org/III/clm/copyr.htm>

**CLM Annual Report
January 1st - December 31st, 2002**

CLM was established to advise IFLA and its constituent groups with respect to copyright and intellectual property, economic barriers to the acquisition of library materials, trade agreements effecting library services, disputed claims of ownership of library materials, authenticity of electronic texts, subscriptions and license agreements and other legal matters of international significance to libraries and librarianship.

The membership of the Committee is to be representative of all regions of the world. At present there are 20 members including the chairman, representing 17 countries. There are 2 official observers and 3 expert resource persons. (a list of members, observers and resource persons is attached.) The Secretariat of the Committee is provided by the UAP office at Boston Spa, England. The Chair is Marianne Scott, 119 Dorothea Drive, Ottawa, ON, K1V 7C6, Canada. Tel: 613 733 4223; Fax: 613 733-8752; e-mail: mfscott@rogers.com

The Committee held two formal business meetings during this period and worked electronically between business meetings using the CLM closed list serve, maintained by the Secretariat and regular e-mail.

During the meetings in Glasgow, the Committee reviewed and provided further input to a document on fair use; discussed programme topics for Berlin; and most importantly exchanged information about national developments.

CLM issued two documents during 2002, which are available on the website. Tips for TRIPS is a brief guide for the library community to help in understanding the implications of the Agreement on Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights. The second document was prepared for IFLA by CLM in response to a request from UNESCO for input into a study by UNESCO on

Limitations and exceptions to copyright and neighbouring rights in the digital environment.

CLM had two successful programmes during the Glasgow Conference. The open session was on Repatriation of Cultural Heritage Materials. This was well received, as was the Update session on ever popular topics such as the European Copyright Directive and the WTO and GATS. There were also presentations on Circumvention technologies, Copyright in South Africa and the Public Lending Right.

During the period of the Report, CLM worked on providing more translations of its documents into languages other than English. At the present time:

- the Position on Copyright is available in English, French and Russian
- the Licensing Principles are available in English, French, Russian and Polish
- the Position on WTO Treaty Negotiations is available in English and French
- the Position on the WTO is available in English and German

During this period CLM continued to monitor and to provide input to meetings and documents relating to copyright at WIPO, the Ministerial meeting of the WTO in Doha, Qatar, The Hague Convention, the IFLA/IPA Steering Committee as well as the more recent Free Trade of the Americas Agreement.

The CLM Strategic plan for 2002-2003 was approved by the Governing Board of IFLA, March 2002 and is the basis for CLM ongoing activities.

CLM continued to work closely with EBLIDA in IFLA's representation to WIPO and the WTO.

It was also necessary during 2002 to review with Headquarters the implications for CLM of the closure of its Secretariat at the British Library effective March 31st, 2003

Marianne Scott, Chair CLM
(Reference 1, April 01, 2003)

FROM FAIFE

IFLA Committee on Free Access to Information and Freedom of Expression (FAIFE)

<http://www.ifla.org/faife/index.htm>

Annual Report 2002

(<http://ifla.org/VI/faifear2002.htm>)

Summary

At the IFLA Conference in Glasgow, August 2002 IFLA/FAIFE presented the results of our commitment to undertake a leading role in the development of IFLA policy positions regarding freedom of access to information: *The Glasgow Declaration on Libraries, Information Services, and Intellectual Freedom* and *The IFLA Internet Manifesto* were adopted unanimously by IFLA Council. The Governing Board also approved *The IFLA Statement on Sustainable Development*. All of these are landmark declarations, which join the Public Library Manifesto and School Library Manifesto to provide a foundation for the promotion of intellectual freedom in regard to library and information service.

The IFLA/FAIFE Summary Report 2002: Libraries, Conflicts and the Internet was also launched at a press conference in Glasgow. The report is the first of its kind and comprises the second volume of the IFLA/FAIFE World Report Series. Its publication, together with many other FAIFE activities and meetings during the conference, presented to delegates the challenging issues with which we are confronted.

2002 also emphasized IFLA and IFLA/FAIFE's involvement in UNESCO preparatory activities with regards to the World Summit of the Information Society (WSIS). FAIFE has now become a member of the IFLA WSIS delegation, and during the year we have participated in meetings and other related activities such as the UNESCO online *Discussion Forum*.

Regrettably, the Office has had to concentrate many resources on the financial difficulties

FAIFE is currently facing. For this reason, our investment and monitoring capacities have been lower

than intended. We have been seeking financial support to cover the costs of administration, a full time investigator/editor and special projects such as the World Report. Members of the FAIFE Committee, IFLA Headquarters as well as other supporters have been very helpful identifying possible sponsors and we are immensely grateful for all their support.

Our PhD project, entitled *To what extent can libraries provide free equal and unhampered access to Internet accessible information resources on a global scale?* and co-sponsored by the Royal Danish School of Library and Information Science, is well under way. At several meetings and conferences, Stuart Hamilton has successfully presented his first results and raised much interest on libraries and freedom of access to Internet accessible information both within and outside the international library community.

This report will discuss the past year's achievements on basis of priorities and resources available.

(Extracted from Reference 1, April 1, 2003)

FROM UAP

Office for UAP and International Lending

<http://www.ifla.org/uap/index.htm>

Annual Report 2002

<http://ifla.org/VI/2uapreport79-02.htm>

The last year in the life of the Office for UAP & OIL has been one of finalising projects, departing staff and unbundling the complexities of relationships between IFLA, the BL, Emerald publishers and other organisations.

Graham Cornish had left the British Library at the end of 2001 and was not replaced either within the BL or in IFLA. His departure broke the ties between the BL Copyright Office and the IFLA Office, which had always shared

accommodation and, often, confusingly, staff and indeed the workload. Judy Watkins and Tracy Bentley moved out of the IFLA Office in January 2002 to form the Copyright Department for the BL in its Operations & Services directorate, building much stronger support for the operational work of the BL.

Although the formal decision to close the UAP Office was not made until August, it had been clear for a long time that the UAP Programme could not continue in its current format. Lack of funding had been an issue for all of the core programmes for many years, and, particularly in the last few years, lack of focus had been a problem for UAP. A consultation visit to the Office in February by a member of the Governing Board concluded that two major pieces of work should be maintained by IFLA, and steps would be taken to bring other areas of work to a conclusion.

The UAP Programme Director had undertaken a large EU project in 2001 investigating the role that libraries should play in supporting the use of minority languages in Europe, and examining how access to minority language publications could be improved. Regrettably, the decision was made in 2002 that the project could not be completed by the remaining staff, and the EU was notified of this decision, and the advance of research funding repaid.

Two of the remaining members of staff were missing for large parts of 2002. Katharine Rennie took maternity leave for 4 months, giving birth to a beautiful daughter, Moira Isabel, in June 2002; and Sara Gould had the opportunity to visit New Zealand from April to July, thanks to her teacher husband's sabbatical break. Although the workload had decreased, these were uncertain months for all of the staff involved, and Katharine and Pauline Connolly should be congratulated for taking on extra duties and coping extremely well at this time. Pauline Connolly had been due to retire in August 2002, but had generously extended her sentence by a few months, remaining in the Office until October, when Katharine returned from maternity leave. Pauline retired on 23 October 2002 after nine years working for IFLA, and her contribution has been invaluable.

The Office has acted as Secretariat to IFLA CLM since the establishment of CLM in 1997. As a result of the UAP closure, the discussion Listserv for CLM hosted by the BL has been closed and a new list set up by IFLA HQ, to be managed by the Chair of CLM. Staff continued to carry out secretariat work for CLM during the year, taking the minutes of the business meetings in Glasgow, writing a report of the Glasgow conference, and providing printed brochures relating to CLM's various official documents. Our bank account for CLM was closed in October 2002, and the balance returned to IFLA HQ. The final task for the Office will be to update CLM's IFLANET pages before closing this chapter in its work.

One of the regular features in the calendar of the OIL has been the Interlending & Document Supply International Conference. The 7th in the series was held in Ljubljana, Slovenia, in October 2001, and the proceedings, edited by Pauline Connolly, were published by OIL in March 2002. A formal decision was made to hand over the care of the Conference series to the DDIL Section Committee, and they have set up a small sub-committee to take care of that task. The 8th ILDS Conference will be held in Canberra, Australia, in October 2003.

The Conference series has always been supported with generous sponsorship by Emerald publishers. This has been part of an arrangement whereby the UAP Office has made regular contributions to the journal *Interlending & Document Supply*, in return for some funding for our work. For many years, staff have maintained and published a *Bibliography of interlending & document supply* and a review of the published work in this area. In recent years, Graham Cornish had also been editor of the journal and Pauline assistant editor. With Graham's departure, it was clear that the BL would not wish to continue with this arrangement, and once again, Pauline deserves a special mention for taking on extra responsibilities while Emerald sought a new editor. It was agreed that the OIL would cease all contributions to the journal during 2002. However, it is important to note that Emerald are still enthusiastic about maintaining a relationship with the ILDS Conference.

The final issue of the UAP Newsletter was published in November 2001, and letters were sent to the 900+ libraries on the mailing list informing them that it has ceased publication. A decision has been required on the future of our current publication list. The publications have traditionally been sold for a small sum, bringing a very small income for the Office, but demand for most titles has been too small to consider passing this process over to another part of IFLA. All of our titles, except the proceedings of the last two conferences, have now been declared out of print. Excess stock has been bundled up and sent free of charge to IFLA member libraries in less developed countries and to the IFLA regional offices. We continue to accept orders for the most recent titles, but are now supplying copies for free, so as to clear our list of outstanding invoices before our closure in March.

Consideration has also been given to the future of a number of smaller services run by OIL. The sale of IFLA International Loan/Photocopy Request Forms will continue to be handled by the BL in the short term, but the DDIL SC has been asked to work towards removing this task from the responsibility of the BL by August 2004. The document *International Lending and Document Delivery: Principles and Guidelines for Procedure* was extensively reviewed in 2001, and the care of these principles will now pass to the DDIL SC.

The IFLA Voucher Scheme for international ILL payments has remained the most successful initiative by the Office in recent years. It has also become, to some extent, a victim of its own success, as it now requires significant staff resources to run it. Numbers of vouchers sold continue to increase, with new libraries still joining the Scheme, and an increasing number of libraries beginning to send back vouchers for redemption. 21,268 full and 7253 half vouchers were sold in 2002, and 8097 full and 1879 half vouchers redeemed. The bank balance stands at approx. \$472,000.00. In November 2002, a representative of PWC Auditors visited OIL to carry out a "health check" on the Voucher Scheme, with a view to advising the Governing Board about its future. The GB decided at its December meeting that the Voucher Scheme should be transferred to IFLA HQ, and

preparations are currently taking place for the Scheme to move to the Hague by the end of March 2003.

A physical move to a new location at Boston Spa in December was the final disruption in a chaotic year (but one which pushed us into strong decisions about discarding mountains of old files and Clearing-House material. Many large paper-recycling bins were required!) The year began with great uncertainty and not a little anxiety over the personal future for some staff. However it is without doubt that the decision to close the UAP Office is the right one, and the last few months have had a clarity of purpose: to unbundle long-standing and confusing relationships, to identify those elements of work which should continue, and to work towards a successful transfer of the Voucher Scheme to a new home and a tidy closure of the UAP Office.

Sara Gould

February 2003 (Reference 1, April 01, 2003)

FROM UBCIM

IFLA Core Activity for Universal Bibliographic Control and International MARC (UBCIM)

<http://www.ifla.org/VI/3/ubcim.htm>

Annual Report 2002

This was the last year for UBCIM as such after nearly 30 years of existence. As of 1 March 2003 the UNIMARC Programme will be transferred to the National Library of Portugal, as well as the journal International Cataloguing and Bibliographic Control (ICBC). Other activities will be shared by various institutions. A brief overview of 2002 activities follows.

I. International Standard Bibliographic Description (ISBD)

In collaboration with the Division and the ISBD Review Committee, further ISBDs have been posted on the IFLANET, as well as additional lists of translations: there are 18 so far.(1) The Office liaised with various coordinating centres and new ones were established recently, e.g., in

the Ukraine for translation of the ISBD(G) and in Estonia for translation of the ISBD(ER). IFLA Headquarters will deal with this matters as of 2003.

II. Working Group on Functional Requirements and Numbering of Authority Records (FRANAR)

"Promote the development of authority control at the international level" was one of the main goals of our Medium Term Programme 1998 - 2001.(2) It remained a priority and the joint Working Group Division IV/UBCIM, (a follow up of the Working Group on Minimal Level Authority Records and the ISADN) was charged with:

- defining functional requirements of authority records
- studying the feasibility of an international authority data number
- and liaising with other interested groups.

The WG made much progress on the first goal, thanks to the help of Tom Delsey, formerly of the National Library of Canada, who produced a **Strawman Model for Name and Title Authorities** which is, according to the author, *"a first cut at analyzing functional requirements for name and title authority records"*. This entity-relationship model was discussed at length during a two-day meeting in London (9 and 10 May) which was made possible by funding provided by the IFLA Professional Committee. As a result of the London discussions, the model was significantly revised by the consultant before the meeting scheduled in Glasgow.

This analysis of functional requirements will result in a publication that meets the first goal of the WG. The second has not been really considered yet, but, now that agreement has been reached on the entity-relationship model, that study can begin in earnest.

Concerning the third one, liaison with other interested groups, there has been a lot of feedback, as members of the WG are involved in various organizations and projects, and reports have been presented at each FRANAR Meeting. One member liaises with ICA, quite a few, including

the UBCIM Director, were involved in ISO TC 46 work (for example, submission of comments on the draft ISTC standard). IFLA was invited in 2001 to join the European INTERPARTY project. The project will be completed in June 2003. IFLA UBCIM was a full member.

III. UNIMARC

The maintenance and promotion of the UNIMARC format continued to represent one of UBCIM major activities. A Strategic Plan 2002-2003 is posted on the IFLANET (3), giving all goals and related actions. UBCIM acted as secretariat of the PUC, maintained the file of addition and change proposals, coordinated the work for updates to the UNIMARC Manual, made documentation accessible on the IFLANET, and organized relevant meetings. The 13th meeting of the PUC took place in St. Petersburg in March 2002 on the kind invitation of the National Library of Russia. Various new proposals related to electronic resources and to developments brought about by the ISBD(CR) were on the agenda, as well as quite a few additions to the format requested by the Subgroup on Music. Update 4 to the *UNIMARC Manual, Bibliographic Format*, was finalized. A meeting of the Working Group on the UNIMARC format for Holdings also took place in St. Petersburg.

IV. Seminars and Workshops

A. Electronic Library Workshops, India, 13 - 29 January 2002

This course had been conceived a few years ago in discussions at the IFLA annual conferences with Ms. Kalpana Dasgupta, former Director of the Central Secretariat Library in New Delhi and President of the Indian Library Association (ILA). IFLA was instrumental in securing funding from the US National Commission on Libraries and Information Services (NCLIS) for travel and accommodation of two experts: Alan Hopkinson, from Middlesex University, UK, and Mirna Willer from the National and University Library in Zagreb, Croatia and Chair of the Permanent UNIMARC Committee. Since the choice of a national bibliographic format was the topic under extensive discussion Mirna Willer presented UNIMARC and Alan Hopkinson

MARC 21; both concentrated on sources of information available on the WWW. In both venues, Delhi and

Mumbai, participants were shown how to develop a website using MARC and Dublin Core, which would act as a gateway to electronic resources. A report was published in ICBC.(4)

B. Open Forum on UNIMARC

This event took place during the IFLA Conference in Glasgow. Details about the transfer and future plans were presented by Portuguese colleagues. This included a paper on UNIMARC Next Generation, A Technological Road Map which will be published in ICBC 32(1), January-March 2003.

C. Representation at other meetings

Apart from the meetings already mentioned, the Director attended the following events, in most cases representing IFLA at meetings of organizations UBCIM liaises with:

- Meeting with IFLA Governing Board, The Hague, 27 March 2002
- INTERPARTY meetings, London, 8 April and 16 December 2002
- ISSN Conference of Directors, Zagreb, September 2002
- EDItEUR, October, Frankfurt
- ISBN Panel Meeting, October, Berlin
- Meeting of Core Activities and Regional Offices, The Hague, October

V. Publications

A. UBCIM New Series

This is published and distributed by K.G. Saur. The following publications were published in 2002:

- UNIMARC Manual - Bibliographic Format Update 4 (5)
- International Standard Bibliographic Description for Serials and other Continuing Resources (ISBD(CR)) (6)

· Manual UNIMARC. Version française. 4ème edition. (7)

· Subject Retrieval in a Networked Environment. (8)

B. Translations of UBCIM publications

Apart from publications mentioned under I, other translations have appeared or are planned, e.g., the *UNIMARC Manual - Bibliographic Format* in Azeri, the *UNIMARC Manual - Authorities Format* in Czech, French, Italian and Lithuanian and *Functional Requirements of Bibliographic Records* in Japanese and Lithuanian.

C. International Cataloguing and Bibliographic Control (ICBC)

The quarterly journal of UBCIM continued to publish IFLA reports and conference papers, commissioned and unsolicited articles, news and events, and book reviews. Tables of contents are posted on the IFLANET.(9)

As usual, an article from the country hosting the IFLA Conference appeared in the 2nd issue "Bibliographic Control in Scotland: Providing a Specialized National Bibliography Within a Wider Context" by Cate Newton, from The National Library of Scotland.

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Marie-France Plassard, Programme Director (Reference 1, April 02, 2003)

2. HAPPENINGS IN THE REGION

INDIA

Brief Report of the CALIBER-2003

INFLIBNET Center successfully organized CALIBER-2003 at NIRMA Education and Research Foundation, Ahmedabad during 13-15th February 2003. The theme of CALIBER-2003 was Mapping Technology on Libraries and People CALIBER is an annual event of INFLIBNET, which is being organized in collaboration with different universities. This was the tenth convention in this series and the first international event. 316 delegates participated in this convention, which included delegates from USA, Philippines, UK, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. There was overwhelming response to call for papers. Authors from different countries contributed and presented papers during the convention. In the proceeding 67 full text papers and 39 abstracts have been published. About 100 delegates registered for two pre-conference tutorials on Designing and Implementation of Local Area Network and Developing Digital Collection. Prof. B.H. Jajoo, Computer & Information Systems Group, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad and Dr. Jagdish Arora, Librarian, Indian Institute of Technology, Mumbai were the resource persons for these tutorials.

Technical sessions were held on 14 - 15 February, 2003. Theme of the Convention was categorized under four sub themes viz. Library Automation, User Studies, Consortia and Telecommunication. Each session began with

theme paper presentation by the invitees. Sh. A R Sethi, Dr. K C Sahoo, Dr. I K Ravichandra Rao and Dr. Gaddagimath chaired the different sessions. Commercial vendors were also given slots for presentation

CALIBER 2003 brought out two new significant things. One is the daily CALIBER - 2003 Updates, covering the daily events, the report of technical sessions, and interviews of renowned personalities. The updates were brought out and circulated to the delegates. In addition to the printed copy of the proceeding, delegates have been given the CD of the proceeding. The entire proceeding is also available on INFLIBNET web site at <http://www.inflibnet.ac.in>. (Prem Chand)

IRAQ

National Library and National Archives

Koichiro Matsuura: Libraries and Archives must be protected as essential parts of the rich heritage of Iraq

As the evidence of the destruction of many parts of the cultural heritage in Iraq is increasing, the Director-General of UNESCO, Koichiro Matsuura, today warned of the devastation and looting of libraries and archives in the country, which may have irreversible consequences for maintaining and strengthening the country's cultural identity. "I reiterate my urgent call to take immediate measures of protection and surveillance of Iraqi cultural institutions to which libraries and archives belong", declared Mr Matsuura.

"Libraries, archives and manuscripts must be preserved as essential parts of the rich heritage of Iraq. Libraries are the essence of knowledge societies. Nearly twenty centuries of written history of mankind are in danger; everything must be done to protect them from looting and destruction ", Mr. Matsuura said.

"Measures must be taken to protect governmental

records that are held by archives, since they are vital for the functioning of public administration after the war, for example, to protect the legal, financial and contractual rights of Iraqi citizens", Mr Matsuura added.

Through its Memory of the World Programme [1], UNESCO is recognized as the international lead agency for the protection of the world's documentary heritage in libraries and archives and has established Guidelines both for the safeguarding of vital records in the event of armed conflicts and for the management of state security archives of former repressive regimes. (Reference 2, Tue, 15 Apr 2003)

Information on the looting and burning of Iraq's National Library and National Archives, following the destruction of most of the contents of the National Museum is available on the (Australian) ABC website at <http://www.abc.net.au/news/newsitems/s831324.htm>.

New York Times on the web: <http://www.nytimes.com/2003/04/14/international/worldspecial/14BAGH.html>

(Extracted from Ross Shimmon, Reference 2, Mon, 14 Apr 2003)

JAPAN

Public Lending Right

DEMANDS FOR PLR GROW IN JAPAN

Public libraries in Japan are booming. Book loans have doubled since the public library system got off the ground in the 1970s. According to Newsweek this has prompted demands from Japanese publishers for the government to set up a public lending right system that would compensate them and authors for this explosion in the use of their works. The increase in loans has coincided with a downturn in the Japanese economy and a fall in book sales. Publishers see a connection between the two developments. Librarians on the other hand are concerned that the imposition of a lending fee could adversely affect the growth of the country's

(relatively new) library system. Especially popular in libraries are thrillers and other fiction bestsellers. If they can't have a PLR system, publishers are considering enforcing a six-month 'window' between publication and first lending out by libraries to stop loans affecting sales. (PLR INTERNATIONAL NEWS, Reference 3, 26 February 2003)

PAKISTAN

Muhammad Bin Qassim Library

Request for Regular complimentary copy of Newsletter

Dear Sir,

It gives us immense pleasure to introduce you the Muhammad Bin Qassim Library, Sujawal, District Thatta, Sindh, Pakistan. It was established in 1967 by some literate people of the area. It is one of the leading public institutions of learning of the southern zone of Pakistan. The library creates awareness against illiteracy and engages in catering for the intellectual services to the general public. It provides authentic, informative constructive literature on all subjects to general public specially students, teachers and journalists.

The library has more than 28,900 volumes on different subjects and as many as 379 periodicals and 68 national, regional and international dailies. The above reading materials are donated by respective editors, publishers academic and cultural institutions all over the world.

The library is visited regularly by a large number of students, teachers, research Scholars, journalists and general readers. This is the only library of its kind and volume in this region catering to the intellectual needs of the seekers of knowledge.

The library is absolutely FREE for the readers and has no permanent source of income. The ordinary expenses are met through the voluntary contribution of the members of its Executive

Council.

It would add to our pleasure and as a great favour to the reading public in this area to have a regular complimentary copy/copies of journals, magazines, newsletters, books, proceedings etc from you as a noble gesture of goodwill and understanding, in the sacred cause of dissemination of knowledge.

Looking forward to gaining your kind cooperation,
Sincerely Yours,

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NEW ZEALAND

IFLA ALP IT Course

A COURSE FOR INFORMATION PROFESSIONALS IN ASIA-OCEANIA CURRENT IT APPLICATIONS IN INFORMATION SERVICES:

The School of Information Management, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand
Sponsored by the IFLA Advancement of Librarianship Programme

This short course is tailored specifically to the needs of information professionals working in developing countries in Asia and Oceania. It provides basic knowledge and skills in the application of information technology to the operation of a modern information service, whether public or private sector, as well as hands-on experience in the development and use of key technologies for the production, storage and dissemination of information in proactive information environments. The course includes classroom instruction, extensive IT lab work, and visits to a wide range of excellent, state-of-the-art libraries and information services in Wellington.

There are limited places for a small number of fee-paying students - the cost of study in New Zealand is low in comparison with other developed countries. November-December is spring and early summer in New Zealand, so the climate is relatively mild. Students are provided with single room accommodation in a University hostel in the centre of Wellington, New Zealand's harbourside capital city.

Week 1: IT for Information Services

Overview:

the changing role of information services, 'customer' focus, proactive management
Searching: online databases, Web searching, search engines, search strategies
Website creation and management:
Introduction to software,
basics of content management

Week 2: Databases and Metadata

Basics of database creation
Metadata basics,
practical applications of metadata
DB Textworks
IT-assisted thesaurus construction
Electronic publishing and writing

Week 3: IT for Collection Services

Overview: trends in collection management, digital library concepts
Development of a digital library
Digitisation and preservation
Electronic records management

Week 4: Using the Web

Designing a Website
Use of key software:
Fireworks, Dreamweaver, etc.
Putting a site together
Evaluation of Websites
Creation of a personal Website

Approx dates: 4 weeks, Monday 17 Nov - Friday 12 Dec 2003

Approx cost: US\$2500 (includes tuition, teaching

materials, accommodation and some meals).
Airfare extra

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SRI LANKA

Workshop on Digital Divide 2 March 2003, Sri Lanka

The IFLA Regional Section for Asia and Oceania Standing Committee held its Mid-Conference Meeting in Sri Lanka from 3 -5 March 2003. In conjunction with the meeting the Sri Lanka Library Association with the cooperation of the Regional Standing Committee organised a one day workshop on "Bridging the Digital Divide." This workshop, attended by 30 librarians, was held at the Conference hall of Hotel Janaki in Colombo, and was graced by the presence of Mr. N.U. Yapa, President, Sri Lanka Library Association, Mr. Tony O' Brian, Director, British Council Sri Lanka, and Mr. Mahinda Abeywardane, Secretary General, UNESCO National Commission for Sri Lanka, who was the chief guest.

The following presentations were made:

1. ***The Digital Divide - Access and Literacy***
By Prof. G.E. Gorman, Victoria University of Wellington

Prof. Gorman spoke about the components of the digital divide - access to computers, access to the means to use the computers, and the literacy divide with its many gradations. He also discussed how libraries and librarians are in an ideal position to help bridge this digital divide.

2. ***Bringing the Digital Divide: The University***

of the South Pacific Library's Efforts

by Elizabeth Reade Fong, University of South Pacific Library

Elizabeth spoke about the initiatives taken by the USP library to provide information skills training to the academic staff. She also spoke about the digitisation project to support the University's distance and flexible training learning programme.

3. *Bridging the Digital Divide : The Malaysian Experience*

By Rashidah Begum Bt.Fazal Mohamed, Chair IFLA/RSCAO

Rashidah's presentation was a "from conception to delivery to raising a kid" of consortia efforts in Malaysia. She spoke about the evolution of the Malaysian Digital Library Project, the Academic Libraries Consortium and the Penang Libraries Network and their future plans to harmonise consortia efforts in cooperation with other non-library agencies such as the government and ICT companies.

4. *E-Sri Lanka and access - The Vishwa Grama Programme*

By Rohan Samarajiva, Public Interest Programme Unit of Ministries of Policy Development & Economic Reform

Rohan spoke about the Sri Lanka government's very well thought out plans for a national ICT infrastructure that would be cost effective, sustainable and affordable and the telecentre project.

5. *The Current Status and Future Development of CALIS*

By Zhu Ziang, Centre for CALIS, Peking University Library

Zhu shared with participants the experiences of the China Academic Library & Information System(CALIS) that has allowed libraries to share a larger number of commercial databases and locally developed databases such as Chinese Dissertations and Proceedings Abstracts.

At the end of the presentations all participants were divided into 6 groups to discuss issues related to the digital divide in Sri Lanka and in the region. and make their presentations. I am very pleased to inform you that our Sri

Lankan hosts have put all the presentations online at <http://www.nsf.ac.lk/slla/papers.htm> (Rashidah Begum)

**3. CONFERENCES/
SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS**

***REPORT FROM THE
CONFERENCES***

**The Final Chapter from
Glasgow - IFLA Express 8**

It has taken a while to produce the final issue of IFLA Express 2002, nr.8, for various reasons, but we are happy to announce that you can find all the news from Glasgow, including attendance figures, country representation, press-releases, and much more on IFLANET

<http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla68/xpress8e.pdf>
(Reference 2, Thu, 14 Nov 2002)

**International Conference (Asia
- Pacific) on Challenges and
Opportunities for Libraries
and Information Professionals
in Knowledge Management
and the Digital Age**

Chiang Mai University's Department of Library Sciences, Faculty of Humanities, organized the International Conference focusing on Knowledge Management and other Digital Age issues, with the sponsorship of OCLC, IFLA, Best Books, and Fulbright Thailand March 20-22, 2003. The Conference brought together about 200 invited guests and participants from four continents - Asia (including the Middle East), Australia, Europe and North America - to learn about basic concepts and advanced knowledge management issues and hear about case studies where these concepts and issues are being applied. In addition to a wonderful educational experience,

the Conference was notable for sharing the sights, smells and tastes of Northern Thailand and the beautiful city of Chiang Mai. Thanks to the Conference organizers, I was given the opportunity to return to Thailand to meet new colleagues, see old friends, and participate in an exciting and stimulating experience. I will try to capture the highlights for readers of IFLA RSAO Newsletter.

The featured speaker for the program was Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee, who is currently the Chief of the Asian Division of the U. S. Library of Congress. Dr. Lee has ties to Thailand dating back to 1968-75 when he was Director of the Library and Information Research Centers at the Asian Institute of Technology. He was Dean of Ohio University Libraries and upon retirement, Visiting Distinguished Scholar of OCLC. Prior to joining the Library of Congress, Dr. Lee was a Fulbright Senior Specialist at Chiang Mai's Library School, helping them design a curriculum in Knowledge Management. Dr. Lee's first talk, "Libraries in Rapid Transition: Information vs Knowledge Management", framed the rest of the Conference, providing us all with common definitions of key terms and common understandings of key concepts. He continued putting the pieces of a successful knowledge management program together at the start of the second day, talking about "Steps in Implementing Knowledge Management: Infrastructure, Evaluation and System Design and Team Building, Deployment and Evaluation." Within the framework of Knowledge Management, Dr. Lee also shared with us "Successful Models of Library Cooperation and Resource Sharing", focusing on his own experiences with OCLC and OhioLink, talked about the SPARC initiative in scholarly publishing and introduced the new survey tool being used to measure library quality, LibQUAL+. The other key invited speaker on Knowledge Management was Dr. Xiaoying Dong, an Associate Professor in Management Science from the Guanghua School of Management at Peking University who presented results of a user survey on expectations of knowledge-based services.

Invited Thai speakers included Ms. Siriporn Suwanna, Director, Library and Information

Center, NIDA, who talked about core competencies for library and information professionals, a theme that was continued in the submitted paper session ending Day 2. Thai case studies were presented by Dr. Kanchit Malaiwong, who presented knowledge management in a private company and Dr. Nopasit Chakpitak who talked about knowledge management in government and state enterprises.

International speakers from the sponsoring organizations were Andrew Wang and Shu-En Tsai, from OCLC, who talked not only about OCLC but also about the broader aspects of integrated access to digital information and the Dublin core. Sophie Felfoldi, IFLA's IT/Web manager, was part of the competencies discussion. The two other invitees were Alan Hopkinson, the Head of Library Systems at Middlesex University in the U.K. and Ruth A. Pagell, Executive Director of the Goizueta Business Library at Emory University, Atlanta GA, both of whom had spoken at conferences in Thailand on earlier occasions.

Submitted papers, expanding on competencies, library measurements and knowledge management applications came from Thailand, Australia, India and Iran.

A highlight for all attendees was the traditional Northern Thai Dinner at Sala Dhama at Chiang Mai University, featuring not only wonderful Northern Thai food and dancers but a fireworks display and a singing of Happy Birthday to IFLA's own Sophie.

Librarians worldwide should all have the opportunity to attend a Thai run conference. It has the support of government officials, the program is well organized, participants are well fed, with knowledge and food, and most importantly the Conference benefits from wonderful Thai hospitality.

Ruth A. Pagell, Executive Director
Goizueta Business Library, Emory University,
Atlanta, Georgia, USA.

**WORLD LIBRARY AND
INFORMATION CONGRESS**

**69th IFLA General Conference and Council
Berlin, Germany, August 1-9, 2003**

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

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<http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla69/index.htm>

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<http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla69/reg-e.htm>

Grants and Fellowships:
<http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla69/grants-e.htm>

The preliminary conference programme:
<http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla69/prog03.htm>

The list of poster sessions:
<http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla69/poster-03.htm>

The list of Satellite Meetings 2003:
<http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla69/sattelite-e.htm>

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<http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla69/express-e.htm>
(English)
<http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla69/express-g.htm>

(German)

The next five issues of IFLA Express will appear each morning (except Thursday) during the conference.

Programme in Brief

Friday 01 August 2003

15.00-18.00
CB I Regional Activities (Div VIII)

Saturday 02 August 2003

08.30-11.20
SC I (16 sections)

11.30-14.20
SC I (16 sections)

14.30-17.20
SC I (10 sections)

18.00-19.00
Caucus: Africa, Asia & Oceania and Latin America & Caribbean

Sunday 03 August 2003

08.30-10.30
Latin America and the Caribbean - *SI*
Access to Cultural Information in the Libraries of Latin America and the Caribbean

08.30-10.30
Africa SC I
Asia & Oceania SC I

10.45-12.45
Newcomers Session - *SI*

10.45-12.45
Latin America & Caribbean SC I

14.00-15.00
UNESCO Open Forum - *SI*
The World Summit on the Information Society
Abdelaziz Abid (UNESCO, Paris, France)

16.00-16.20
Extra Coordinating Board Meetings
to elect the representative to the Professional

Committee (*Closed Meeting*)

16.30-16.45
Extra Professional Committee Meeting
to elect the chair of the Professional Committee
(*Closed Meeting*)

16.45-18.15
Council I- *SI*

Monday 04 August 2003

09.00-10.00
Meeting for IFLA Section Information
Coordinators
Sophie Felföldi

12.45-13.45
Plenary Session - Adama Samassékou - *SI*
Le SMSI - premier pas vers une véritable société
de la connaissance et des savoirs partagés
Chair: Kay Raseroka

13.45-15.45
Africa - *SI*
*Libraries and cultural values in the changing
information world: african perspective*

16.00-18.00
Opening Session - *SI*

Tuesday 05 August 2003

08.30-10.30
Management of Library Associations
*Library Associations Strategic Planning:
Developing Effective Strategies for Library
Associations*

10.45-12.45
Free Access to Information and Freedom of
Expression (FAIFE) - *SI*
*Access Point Library: the Information Society in
the Aftermath of 11 September*

12.00-14.00
Poster Sessions

12.45-13.45
Plenary Session - Jeanette Hofmann - *SI*
Chair: Mary Jackson, USA

13.45-15.45
Meeting with National Association Members
Kelly Moore

Wednesday 06 August 2003

10.45-12.45
Life long literacy @ your library
Kay Raseroka, President-elect of IFLA

12.00-14.00
Poster Sessions

12.45-13.45
Plenary Session - Klaus Ring - *SI*
Chair: Rashidah Begum, Malaysia

16.00-18.00
Asia and Oceania & Public Libraries
Public Libraries as Learning Resource Centres

- The public library as a learning organisation
SUE SUTHERLAND (Christchurch City
Libraries, Christchurch, New Zealand)

- Public libraries in the information society: an
impact survey of national information policies in
Southeast Asia
MARIA LUISA CALANAG (Institute of Library
and Information Science, Tsukuba City, Japan)

- Libraries as cultural centres in new satellite
cities in Guangzhou, South China
HUANG QUN QING and ZHUANG XU
HUANG (Guangdong Provincial Library of
Science and Technology, Guangzhou, China)

- Creating information literacy programmes as
corporate products: perspectives and experiences
from Singapore
RAKUNATHAN NARAYAN and RAJENDRA
MUNOO (National Library Board of Singapore,
Singapore)

- Tupu - Promoting 'new growth' through
innovative resources and services to youth
DANIEL G. DORNER (Victoria University of
Wellington, Wellington, New Zealand)

- The growth of community-based library
services in Indonesia to support education
HARKRISYATI KAMIL (British Council,
Djakarta, Indonesia)

Thursday 07 August 2003

13.30-17.30
Africa, Asia & Oceania and Latin America &

Caribbean Division - *Workshop*
Mapping our future: strategic planning for developing regions

- Mapping our future: strategic planning for developing regions
ROBERT WEDGEWORTH (Laubach Literacy International, Champaign, USA)

- Facilitating strategic planning process
JESUS LAU (Universidad, Autónoma de Juárez, Juárez, Mexico)

- Using strategic planning to support development activities
ANTOINETTE CORREA (Bibliothèque de l'Université Cheikh Anta Diop, Dakar, Senegal)

- Strategic planning to solve development issues in Asia and Oceania
GARY GORMAN (Victoria University of Wellington, Wellington, New Zealand) and
ELIZABETH READE FONG (University of the South Pacific, Suva, Fiji)

Friday 08 August 2003

08.00-10.00
SC II Asia and Oceania
SC II Africa
SC II Latin America and the Caribbean

10.15-12.15
SC II (23 sections)

10.45-11.45
Officers Training Session

12.20-14.00
CB II Regional Activities (Div VIII)

14.15-15.55
Closing Session - *SI*

16.00-18.00
Council II - *SI*

(Extracted from Reference 1, *May 08, 2003*)

IFLA Berlin 2003 Preconference

Disaster Planning and Management

Preparing for the Worst, Planning for the Best: Protecting our Cultural Heritage from Disaster

July 30 to August 1, 2003
Akademie der Wissenschaften, Gendarmenmarkt, Berlin

Sponsored by IFLA Preservation and Conservation Section, IFLA Core Activity for Preservation and Conservation, Akademie der Wissenschaften and Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin with support from the Council on Library and Information Resources

See <http://www.kb.nl/iflapreconf/index.html> for programme and registration information.

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(Johanna Wellheiser, Reference 2, Tue, 22 Apr 2003)

"Is Digital Different? New Trends and Challenges in Acquisition and Collection Development"

Munich, 30 - 31 July 2003
Sponsored by IFLA Acquisition and Collection Development Section and Bavarian State Library.

This two-day preconference, held in Munich, the capital city of Bavaria, focuses on the question of how principles of acquisition and collection

development change in the digital age. It addresses an international audience, in particular librarians actively engaged or interested in hybrid library issues, information industry professionals as well as academics as producers and users of scholarly information.

International experts, representing different segments of the information chain, will examine the validity of traditional selection criteria in the digital world. Case studies will give first-hand information on how the hybrid collection can be organised in terms of creating user-oriented access points as well as the internal restructuring of work-flow processes.

Papers and panel discussions will explore current trends in acquisition policy for the hybrid library, such as the value of consortia building and the importance of constant evaluation, in particular against the background of emerging changes in the publishing world.

Further information, including programme and instructions for registration:

http://www.bsb-muenchen.de/ifla/ifla_pre.htm

(Pentti Vattulainen, Reference 2, Mon, 07 Apr 2003)

FUTURE IFLA CONFERENCES

**World Library and Information Congress:
70th IFLA General Conference and Council
Buenos Aires, Argentina, August 20-27, 2004**

<http://ifla.org/IV/ifla70/index.htm>

"Libraries: Tools for Education and Development"

Contact:

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Argentine Organizing Committee
Asociación de Bibliotecarios
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Tucumán 1424, 8° piso Of. D
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(Reference 1, April 14, 2003)

**World Library and Information Congress:
71st IFLA General Conference and Council
Oslo, Norway, August 14-19, 2005**

<http://ifla.org/IV/ifla71/index.htm>

During the 66th IFLA General Conference in
Jerusalem, 13-18 August 2000, the IFLA
Executive Board announced that the 71st IFLA
General Conference and Council, in 2005, will be
held in Oslo, Norway.

For information regarding the conference please

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More information regarding the 71st IFLA
Council and General Conference will be available
on the IFLANET Web Site. Please check back at
a later date.

(Reference 1, November 08, 2002)

**World Library and Information Congress:
72nd IFLA General Conference and Council
Seoul, Republic of Korea, 2006**

<http://ifla.org/IV/ifla72/index.htm>

**World Library and Information Congress:
73rd IFLA General Conference and Council
Durban, South Africa, 2007**

<http://ifla.org/IV/ifla73/index.htm>

***EVENTS AROUND THE
WORLD***

June 23-25, 2003, Penang, Malaysia

**Conference on Changes and Challenges
of Public Library Services to Bridge the
Digital Divide**

Organised by Penang Public Library Corporation
JKR 2118, Jalan Perpustakaan, 13700

Seberang Jaya, Perai, MALAYSIA.

Fax No.: 604-3970226 Tel. No.: 604-
3971058/3905330

E-mail: ppapp@penanglib.gov.my

Website: www.penanglib.gov.my

in cooperation with Perpustakaan Negara

Malaysia (National Library of Malaysia)

and Persatuan Pustakawan Malaysia (PPM)

(Librarians Association of Malaysia)
with the support of International Federation of
Library Associations and Institutions(IFLA)
Advancement of Librarianship and IFLA Asia
and Oceania Regional Section

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Penang Public Library 2003 Conference
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JKR 2118, Jalan Perpustakaan, 13700
Seberang Jaya, Perai, MALAYSIA.
Fax No.: 604-3970226 Tel.no.: 604-
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Registration form available online at website:
<http://www.penanglib.gov.my>
(Extracted from Reference 2, Mon, 17 Feb 2003)

July 7-11, 2003, Durban, South Africa

32nd International Association of School Librarianship (IASL) Conference

Theme:

School Libraries: Breaking Down Barriers
For more detailed information regarding types of
presentations and sub-themes go to <[www.iasl-
slo.org/conference2003-call.html](http://www.iasl-slo.org/conference2003-call.html)>

Contact:

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E-mail: szinn@uwc.ac.za

(Sandy Zinn, Reference 2, Mon, 21 Oct 2002)

August 18-21, 2003, Pyongyang, D.P.R.Korea

The 3rd Pyongyang International Science and Technology Book Fair (PISTBF)

Venue: Kim IL Sung University

Date: 18-21 August 2003

Contact:

Organizing Committee for the Pyongyang
International Science and Technology Book Fair
Committee for Cultural Relations with Foreign
Countries of the Democratic People's Republic of
Korea, Ryonhwa-dong, Central District
Pyongyang, DPRK
Tel: 850-2-1811 (8048)
Fax: 850-2-3814644

August 24-27, 2003, Adelaide, South Australia

10th Asia Pacific Special, Health and Law Librarians' Conference

Organizers:

Australian Library & Information Association
and

Australian Law Librarians' Group
Conference Secretariat:

Festival City Conventions Pty Ltd

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[http://www.alia.org.au/conferences/shllc/2003/in-
dex.htm](http://www.alia.org.au/conferences/shllc/2003/index.htm)

September 8-9, 2003, Espoo, Finland

Toward a User-Centered Approach to Digital Libraries

Organised by Helsinki University Library, The
National Library of Finland in cooperation with
the Information Studies Departments at Åbo
Akademi University, University of Oulu and
University of Tampere.

URL: <http://www.lib.helsinki.fi/finelib/digilib/>

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September 8-12, 2003, Paris, France

Cultural Institutions and Digital Technology

Organizers:
l'Ecole du Louvre
<http://www.ecoledulouvre.fr>
and Archives & Museum Informatics
<http://www.archimuse.com>

This conference is one of the International Cultural Heritage Informatics Meetings (ICHIMs) held every two years since 1991. See
<http://www.archimuse.com/conferences/ichim.html>

for further details, and past Proceedings.

September 8-12, 2003, Bangkok, Thailand

Workshop on School Library Services in Southeast Asia

The workshop is organized by IFLA in collaboration with the Thai Library Association and some local institutions with support from IFLA/UNESCO. It is a five-day workshop to introduce "IFLA-UNESCO School Library Manifesto" and to promote the use of "IFLA-UNESCO School Library Guidelines".

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September 21-25, 2003, Cape Town, South Africa

**IALL Conference Cape Town
September 2003**

The International Association of Law Libraries will be holding its 22nd annual course in Cape Town, 21 to 25 September
The preliminary programme can be viewed at the following URL
<http://www.iall.org/iall2003/>

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PO Box 536, Cape Town 8000
SOUTH AFRICA
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DX: 02 CAPE TOWN
Email: info@fairbridges.co.za
Cell phone: 072-343-9704
Web site: <http://www.fairbridges.co.za>
(Reference 2, 13 Feb 2003)

October 18-23, 2003, Brunei Darussalam

CONSAL XII - 2003

Theme: Information Resources Empowerment: Enhancing Knowledge Heritage
Organised by Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka, Brunei Darussalam with the cooperation the Brunei Darussalam Library Association and supported by the CONSAL Secretariat, Singapore and Ministry of Culture Youth and Sports, Brunei Darussalam.

Contact:
The Secretariat, CONSAL XII - 2003 Brunei Darussalam Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka Brunei Bandar Seri Begawan BB3510
Brunei Darussalam
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02-222135, 02-241501, 02-241042
Fax: 02-381817, 02-380472, 02-224763
E-mail: chieflib@brunet.bn
Website: www.ppknbd.org.bn,
www.consalsg.org, www.ubd.edu.bn.

(CONSAL XII which was scheduled to be held

on 4th-8th May 2003 is now rescheduled to 18th-23rd October 2003. Pre-Conference workshop will be held on Sunday 19th October, 2003 and Post Conference will be held on 23rd October, 2003)

October 20-23, 2003, Long Beach, USA

ASIST Annual Meeting

2003 INTERNATIONAL PAPER CONTEST
on International Digital Libraries and Information Science & Technology Advances in Developing Countries

The American Society for Information Science & Technology (ASIST), International Information Issues Special Interest Group, is pleased to announce its fourth competition for papers to be submitted for the 2003 Annual Meeting, Oct. 20-23, 2003, Long Beach, CA.

The theme of the paper is:
"Humanizing Information Technology - From Ideas to Bits and Back: the developing world perspective."

Please check SIG III website (<http://www.asis.org/SIG/SIGIII/>) for a list of previous winners, sample papers, and success stories of some previous winners!
(Extracted from Yin Zhang, Reference 2, Thu, 24 Apr 2003)

October 23-26, 2003, Memphis, USA

THE ETHICS OF ELECTRONIC INFORMATION IN THE 21st CENTURY

EEI21 - MEMPHIS - 2003

Information regarding EEI21 - MEMPHIS is available at
<http://www.memphis.edu/ethics21>
or by contacting Mr. Mendina

October 28-31, 2003, Canberra, Australia

8th Interlending and Document Supply International Conference

THEME:
"Breaking barriers: reaching users in a digital world"

The conference will be held at the National Library of Australia, Canberra, Australia, 28 - 31 October 2003.

The full program is at:
<http://www.nla.gov.au/ilds/program.htm>
Registration information is available at:
<http://www.nla.gov.au/ilds/registration.htm>
(Extracted from Reference 1, April 07, 2003)

November 17-18, 2003, San Antonio, USA

The VRD 5th Annual Digital Reference Conference
"Reference Roundup"

Contact:
Pat Grimsley, vrdconf@vrd.org, 800-464-9107.
VRD 2003 Conference Website:
<http://www.vrd2003.org/>.
(Reference 2, Thu, 6 Mar 2003)

December 8-11, 2003, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

The 6th International Conference of Asian Digital Libraries
ICADL 2003

"Digital Libraries: Technology and Management of Indigenous Knowledge for Global Access"

Hosted by the National Library of Malaysia and the Librarians Association of Malaysia
Conference's website:
<http://www.ftsm.ukm.my/ICADL2003>.

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(Extracted from Hilda Nassar, IFLA-L RSCAO,
Fri, 25 Apr 2003)

4. ALP NEWS

IFLA Core Activity for the Advancement of Librarianship
<http://ifla.org/VI/1/alp.htm>

ANNOUNCEMENT

ALP Project Applications

Project applications can be made to the ALP Programme every year for support to librarians, library associations, library schools or others who want to develop cooperation, knowledge and services within the special programme areas of ALP.

Annual Procedure and Time Schedule for Project Handling

January 31: Deadline for Project Applications to reach the Regional Manager.
February: Proposals are sent to the Regional Advisory Committee to be appraised.
April: Applicants are informed.
May-July: Preparation for the annual meeting of the ALP Advisory Committee at the IFLA Annual Conference.
August: Meeting of the ALP Advisory Committee to give final advice.

IFLA's Professional Board and the applicants are then informed about the results, and fund-raising is started for the approved projects. When (if) funds can be raised a contract will be signed.

The application should be sent to IFLA's office in the concerned region:

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More details:

<http://www.ifla.org/VI/1/admin/general.htm#3>

Scholarships and Attachments

IFLA/ALP SCHOLARSHIPS AND TRAINING ATTACHMENTS GRANTS IN 2004

ALP is pleased to announce the availability of scholarships and training attachments grants for 2004. Interested professionals who are below 46 and 40 years of age are invited to apply for the scholarships and attachments respectively. The

closing date for application is 31 December 2003. Application forms and guidelines are available from the program coordinator:
Ms. Daruna Somboonkun
23/2 Wudthakard 39, Jomthong
Bangkok 10150, Thailand
Tel/fax: 66-24767736 (in case of difficulty
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E-mail: daruna_s@hotmail.com.

Online application forms are available at:
<http://www.ifla.org/VI/1/admin.scholaasia.htm>
<http://www.ifla.org/VI/1/admin.trasia.htm>

2003 SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES

Congratulations to all successful candidates of IFLA/ALP scholarships and training attachments grants in 2003.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Mr. Lihua Zhan, China
2. Ms. Bouakhay Phengphachanh, Lao PDR
3. Ms. Korina Ibrahim, Malaysia

RESERVES

1. Ms. Sunita A. Barve, India
2. Ms. Luna Upadhyay, Nepal
3. Ms. Sarapee Srisuk, Thailand

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1. Ms. Salma Chowdhury, Bangladesh
2. Ms. Li Jingxia, China
3. Ms. Sahattaya Clayhan, Thailand

RESERVES

1. Ms. Anju Sainju, Nepal
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(Daruna Somboonkun)

2002 ANNUAL REPORT

Background

The mission of the Advancement of Librarianship Programme (ALP) is to further the library profession, library institutions and library and information services in the developing countries of Africa, Asia and Oceania, and Latin America

and the Caribbean.

The goals are to support the development of library associations; to assist in human resources development; to promote libraries and functional literacy, reading and lifelong learning; to promote new technology and to support dissemination of information and publishing activities to the community with special attention to indigenous communities.

ALP is mission oriented and not subject oriented like other core programmes. Therefore, co-operation with relevant IFLA professional bodies as well as with regional and international organizations is essential to carry out the programme.

ALP achieves its goals through a carefully planned programme of different activities in close co-operation between the International Focal Point of ALP and IFLA's Regional Offices, IFLA's Regional Division and its three sections, and other partners. This cooperation includes fundraising, scholarships and attachment programmes, conferences, seminars and workshops, pilot projects, publications and databases.

Staff and Finance

IFLA, Uppsala University and 17 Nordic library associations and institutions fund the International Focal Point (IFP) for ALP at Uppsala University Library. Sida funds are also used for the secretariat. To this should be added contributions in kind from Uppsala University Library.

The ALP IFP was staffed by: Birgitta Sandell Director of the Programme, Gunilla Natvig, Administrative Officer (half-time) and Lennart Dahlberg, Administrative Assistant (40%).

Professional Activities

The sponsors in 2002 were Sida (Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency), The Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Finland (KYO), the Finnish Library Association and the Swedish Library Association. In addition, those responsible for projects in the regions contributed with their own resources and raised considerable

funds from external sources.

ALP Meetings and Seminars

Seminar on the WWW: design, implementation and management (p.146). The workshop was organised by Bunmi Alegbeleye, Department of Library, Archival and Information Studies, University of Ibadan, and took place in Ibadan, Nigeria 5-13 August 2002. The objectives of the workshop were to train professionals to create web sites in order to make an easy access to documents in libraries and to encourage interlibrary exchange. The 10 delegates came from Cameroon, Gambia, Ghana, Sierra Leone and Nigeria. Sida funded the workshop.

2002 Standing Conference of Eastern, Central and Southern African Library and Information Associations (SCECSAL) (p. 153). The conference was held in April, 2002 in South Africa. With money from The Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Finland (KYO) and Sida, ALP sponsored the attendance for eight delegates from Kenya, Zambia, Lesotho, Uganda, Swaziland and Malawi, and part of the publishing of the Conference proceedings "SCECSAL 2002: From Africa to the world - the globalisation of indigenous knowledge systems".

Workshop on LIS Curriculum in the Arab Countries (p. 263). Over 50 professionals from Lebanon and the Arab countries including Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Egypt, Morocco, Syria, Jordan, United Arab Emirates, Iraq and Sudan attended the workshop that was held in Lebanon in June 2002. The objectives were to assess existing Arab country LIS curricula and determine the

required changes in these curricula to deliver education that is current and relevant to the needs of the Arab countries. As a result, new undergraduate and postgraduate curricula in IM have been developed at two Lebanese universities. An Arabic language manual of curriculum development and evaluation has been developed and a regional focal point/clearinghouse for LIS teaching materials in Arabic has been established. The workshop was funded by Sida.

The Chilean model of participatory management of public libraries for Southern cone countries (p. 350). The workshop was held in Santiago, Chile in December 2002 with participants from Peru, Bolivia, Argentina, Uruguay and Chile. It was funded by Sida.

Workshop on library services for the blind and printdisabled (p. 355). Over 80 people from 22 countries attended this workshop in Jamaica. It brought together people who are blind, librarians, government leaders, educators and key decision makers to improve or develop library service for blind and visually impaired people in the Caribbean and Latin America. With money from Sida ALP paid for a speaker from South Africa.

4th International meeting of Portuguese speaking librarians (p. 401). Representatives from Cabo Verde, Mozambique, Guinea-Bissau, São Tomé and East-Timor attended the meeting in São Paulo, Brazil. The objective was to plan joint actions to achieve better performance in libraries and information services of Portuguese countries. Sida funded the project.

Meeting of ALP Advisory Committee. The ALP Advisory Committee consisting of the chairs and secretaries of the three regional sections and of IFLA's regional office managers met at Uppsala University Library, 10-15 October to evaluate the ALP projects and plan the activities for the coming two years. The evaluation of the projects was presented at a meeting with ALP Nordic Support Group where also Ross Shimmon, Secretary General of IFLA, participated. Sida funded the meeting.

IFLA's General Conference in Glasgow

Danida Travel Grants

Danida had allocated approximately 100.000 EUR per year for a three-year period 1999-2001 to enable around 30 librarians from developing countries to attend the IFLA conferences. In 2001 ALP applied for a new three-year period and held discussions with Danida to increase the grant. ALP and Danida made verbal agreements on the amount and the criteria for the grant, but ALP did not receive the agreement on paper. When the new government came into power ALP

understood that there would be some cuts and instead of inviting 45 candidates, only 31 were invited. ALP repeatedly tried to get a decision and payment of the funds from Danida. In June 2002 ALP was informed of the decision to reject ALP's application for continued funding. Fortunately, there was money left from previous years and ALP was able to cover the costs for 21 candidates. With additional money from Sida and IFLA HQ, funding for the 30 travel grants was secured. One invited candidate did not obtain a visa.

After the conference three grantees got a 4-weeks in-service training: Nguyen Huu Nghia, Vietnam, at School of Oriental & African Studies, University of London; Mac-Anthony Cobblah, Ghana, at Edinburgh University Library; and, Adriana Betancourt, Colombia, at Manchester Public Library.

Speakers Grants

With money from Sida ALP supported three people who had been selected to present papers at the Conference in the Open Sessions of the Regional Sections. Batlang Comma Serema, Botswana presented a paper on "Community Information Structures in Botswana: A Challenge for Librarians". Irene Ladron de Guevara, Venezuela presented her paper "Bridges towards reading digital texts: Ideas on how to cross them", and Li Jingxia, China "The Public Library and citizens' information literacy education in China: a case study of Wuhan area, China".

Birgitta Sandell and Gunilla Natvig participated in the Glasgow Conference and took part in the Regional Standing Committee meetings.

IFLA Regional Standing Committee Meetings

The annual meeting of the Regional Standing Committees in their own regions are most important for the development of ALP.

Birgitta Sandell participated in the Africa Section meeting in Dakar, Senegal and in the meeting of the Section for Asia and Oceania in Beijing, China. Gunilla Natvig participated in the Latin American and the Caribbean Section meeting in São Paulo, Brasil.

Scholarships and Attachments

In Service Training, Attachments, for Middle or Senior Staff

Four persons were selected for attachments in 2002 at institutions in the region: Mrs Sabitri Baral, Nepal; Ms Iris Marigolo P. Operario, Philippines; Ms Pornthip Somrit, Thailand and Mrs Naw Della Po, Myanmar. Host institutions were: National Library of Malaysia, Hong Kong University Libraries and the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology Library. This project is funded by the Swedish and Finnish Library Associations.

Scholarships in Information Technology

Three scholarships were awarded in 2002, namely to Mrs Pradnya Yogesh, India, Ms Wynn Lei Lei Than, Myanmar and Ms Daw Ohn Mar Oo, Myanmar. Unfortunately, Ms Daw Ohn Mar Oo could not take up her scholarship and Ms Juharat Nokkaew, Thailand replaced her. The recipients of the 2001 awards, Mr Gadagin, India, Ms S.H. Weerasinghe, Sri Lanka and Ms Jing'an Feng, China also attended the four-week course on Information Technology and Information Services at Victoria University of Wellington. These scholarships are funded by Sida.

The candidates for both programmes were selected by the Advisory and Appraisal Committee of the Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania.

The Bart Nwafor Staff Development

Programme in Africa started in 1997 with funding from Norad. The Regional Office for Africa is responsible for the programme and ALP IFP holds and disburses the funds and gives a statement of accounts to Norad. Selected for 2002 were: Usman Ibrahim, Nigeria; Ms Edith Luitwama, Uganda; Kanyane Molemane, South Africa; Ms Anna Kessy, Ethiopia; Ms Elisabeth Fokam, Cameroon.

All these three projects have been of great value. Apart from the successful training the projects have developed platforms for networking of professionals, both at individual and institutional levels, and enhancing professional skills.

Other Ongoing Projects

Journal of librarianship and information science in Afric/Revue de bibliothéconomie et science de l'information en Afrique (p. 24). The project was conceived to ensure better communication of information on Library and Information practices among librarians and information workers in Africa. So far two issues have been published and the editorial committee is working on the 3rd. The aim is to increase subscriptions to cover the costs of the printing of the journal. The project is funded by Sida.

The development of self-training package for information retrieval using distance education approach (p. 246). The project started in 2001 and is carried out in Thailand. It is funded by Sida.

Mekong Regional Network for LIS Training (p.264). The objectives were to assess the training needs of information workers in Laos and Cambodia and to determine the most appropriate means of meeting these needs. Data were collected and the result is a training programme with content tailored to local needs. Teaching materials are being created and a training centre is being developed at Mahasarakham University in Thailand. Sida funded the project.

Minor Field Studies (MFS). Sida has a cooperation programme with Swedish

universities, Minor Field Studies (MFS), and the ALP secretariat is administering this programme within the information field. The programme aims at giving Swedish students the opportunity to carry out a two months study in a developing country. In 2002 two students carried out a study "A network analysis of information structure and communication in a YRSHR network" in India. Host institution was MAMTA Health Institute for Mother and Child who is involved with networking as a strategy for Young People's Reproductive and Sexual Health and Rights.

PUBLICATIONS

ALP Project Report Series (ISSN 1023-8212)

The following issues were published in 2002:

Information and Communication Technologies in Rural Secondary Schools in Africa.
Proceedings of the Workshop 29/11-3/12 1999,
Harare, Zimbabwe. 117 pp.
ISBN 91-85092-61-4

Gunilla Natvig, Administrative Officer
(Reference 1, April 01, 2003)

5. MISCELLANEOUS

ICBS

Background information

The International Committee for the Blue Shield (ICBS) comprises representatives of four non-governmental organisations:

- * International Council on Archives (ICA)
- * International Council of Museums (ICOM)
- * International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS)
- * International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA)

ICBS embraces archives, libraries, monuments and sites, and museums. Its mission is to work for the protection of cultural Heritage by co-ordinating preventative measures to meet and respond to emergency situations, both natural and man-made.

The Blue Shield is the equivalent of the Red Cross/Red Crescent in the field of cultural heritage.

The vital work of the ICBS was recognized in the Second Protocol to The Hague Convention, adopted in March 1999. This will give the Committee a new role to advise the future Committee for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict, to be set up when the Protocol comes into force. It will do so three months after 20 states have ratified the Protocol. This is expected to occur in late 2003 or early 2004.

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Blue Shield statement

The International Committee of the Blue Shield has issued a statement urging the governments concerned to do all they can to avoid damaging and destroying cultural property in the event of war in Iraq. It also reminds them that international humanitarian law prohibits using cultural property for military purposes or to shield military objectives. It presses governments which have not yet signed up to The Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict and its two Protocols to do so.

I have written to Prime Minister Tony Blair and Presidents George Bush and Saddam Hussein urging them to do everything they can to protect cultural property and, in the aftermath of a war, to take proper measures for restoration.

IFLA is a member of the Blue Shield, along with the International Council on Archives, the International Council of Museums and the International Council on Monuments and Sites.

I am currently the President of the International Committee of the Blue Shield.
The full statement and the text of the letters are available at:
<http://www.ifla.org/VI/4/admin/statement-iraq.htm>

Ross Shimmon, Secretary General, IFLA
(Reference 2, 7 Mar 2003)

Statement on the Impact of a War on Cultural Heritage in Iraq

The International Committee of the Blue Shield (ICBS) expresses its profound concern about the potential damage to, and destruction of, cultural heritage in the event of war in Iraq.

Whilst the ICBS is keenly aware that there are other compelling concerns at times of armed conflict, not least the loss of human life, the Committee urges all the governments concerned to work within the spirit of The Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict, to protect archives, libraries, monuments and sites,

and museums, if war breaks out in Iraq and in the region.

The ICBS believes that, access to authentic cultural heritage is a basic human right. Damage to, and destruction of, cultural heritage represents an impoverishment, not only of the cultural life of the community directly concerned, but of humanity as a whole. This belief is expressed in several international conventions. Iraq is universally recognized to be especially rich in cultural heritage. The area is often described as the 'cradle of civilisation'. The loss of parts of that heritage would certainly represent a loss to all the peoples of the world.

The ICBS wishes to stress that international humanitarian law prohibits the use of cultural property for military purposes or to shield military objectives.

In the aftermath of any war in Iraq, the ICBS calls upon all governments in a position to act to provide the necessary resources, human and financial, to assess the damage caused by the conflict to cultural heritage and to implement plans for the necessary repairs and restoration. In the case of looting of cultural property, detailed plans by trained experts should be prepared for the repatriation or restitution of the property concerned, with the involvement of Iraqi scholars and heritage professionals.

The ICBS is willing to respond to requests for technical assistance and co-ordination which may be required by providing advice and assistance within the resources available.

Meanwhile, the ICBS calls upon all governments which have not yet become party to The Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict and its two Protocols to do so.

Adopted by the International Committee of the Blue Shield, 7th March 2003.
(Reference 2, Fri, 7 Mar 2003)

Statement on the Destruction of Cultural Property in the Middle East

The International Committee of the Blue Shield (ICBS) is alarmed at reports of damage to, and destruction of, cultural property occurring as a result of continuing armed conflict in the areas administered by Israel and the Palestinian Authority.

In making this statement, the International Committee of the Blue Shield takes no position on any of the other issues surrounding the conflicts that are taking place in the region.

Cultural property is priceless and irreplaceable, of vital importance not only to each community, but also to humanity as a whole. This region is universally recognized to have an extremely rich cultural heritage. The loss of parts of that heritage would constitute an impoverishment of the heritage of all the peoples of the world. It would therefore be a tragedy if this were to happen whatever the cause. The ICBS therefore urges all parties to initiate joint actions to protect the rich cultural heritage of the region. In this connection it welcomes the recent decision of the Israel Supreme Court to rule against a decree by the Israel Defence Forces ordering the destruction of Mameluke and Ottoman houses in the old city of Hebron.

Whilst the ICBS is not currently in a position to assess reports of damage and destruction to cultural property in the region, it is willing to respond to any requests for technical assistance and coordination which may be required, within the resources available.

ICBS urges all competent authorities in the region to take the greatest possible care to protect the cultural heritage represented by the archives, libraries, monuments and sites, and museums located in the area, including the collections held in them, in order to ensure that they are safeguarded for future generations

Adopted by the International Committee of the

Blue Shield, 13 March 2003.
(Reference 2, Fri, 14 Mar 2003)

Statement on the International Support Pledged for the Reconstruction of the Cultural Heritage in Afghanistan.

The situation in Afghanistan has been dramatic in many respects. Many people have suffered severely.

It has also been a difficult time for Afghanistan's cultural heritage. All of us were stunned into speechlessness when we received the news of the destruction of the famous Bamiyan Buddhas.

But this was not the only harm done to the Afghan heritage. Many monuments were damaged, documents disappeared and the illicit traffic of cultural artifacts was rampant. The National Museum was already destroyed a long time ago and much of its collection stolen or looted.

The situation has certainly changed for the better now, but it is still dramatic. Shocked by the events many people, organisations and countries pledged assistance.

Active people from Afghanistan itself and from other countries, full of hope to rebuild the country have decided to roll up their sleeves and start the Herculean task of the reconstruction of the national heritage.

The National Museum appeared among the priorities. The building needs to be rehabilitated, the staff trained, the inventory reconstituted and eventually lost collections brought home.

Not only the National Museum, but various other monuments, sites libraries and archives need to be reconstructed.

Notwithstanding the fact that several organisations and individuals are already actively supporting the Afghan people, the International

Committee of the Blue Shield (ICBS) notes with distress that essential pledges made by governments have not yet been honored. The National Museum for instance can still not function at a basic level.

Hence the ICBS urges all governments that have made those pledges to honor them as soon as possible so that the reconstruction of Afghanistan also includes its valuable cultural heritage.
(Reference 2, Fri, 14 Mar 2003)

WSIS

Report on IFLA's Participation on PrepCom2

The second Preparatory Committee meeting (PrepCom2) of WSIS was held in Geneva from 17-28 February.

1. The PrepCom consists of representatives of all the member states of the UN. It is charged with preparing the draft declaration and draft action plan for consideration by the Summit meeting in December 2003. It is chaired by Mr. Adama Samassékou of Mali. This was its second meeting. There will be a third and final meeting in September. We were not represented at PrepCom1.
2. Because of the importance of this two-week meeting, we organised a substantial IFLA delegation, which operated on a "shift" system to lessen the burden on individuals. Our delegation is listed in Appendix 1. Our Swiss colleagues ably led by Daisy McAdam and Danielle Mincio arranged the logistics superbly.
3. Much of the time of the many of the meetings we attended was unfortunately taken up by debates on procedures. In particular, Subcommittee 2, which also consists of the representatives of UN member states, and is responsible for drafting the Declaration and Action Plan, was reluctant to incorporate the contributions of the representatives of "civil society" (i.e. NGOs like us and the business sector) in the drafts. Much of the time was taken

up debating which parts of a report should appear within square brackets!

4. Despite this, we have had some impact. Christine spoke at one of the consultative sessions and the panel responded by acknowledging the importance of libraries. Ellen established a position on the Civil Society Drafting Group, which is drafting the Civil Society's suggestions for the Declaration and the Action Plan. Ellen also established a position on the Academia and Education 'Family' Group. She submitted IFLA's main submission to the WSIS process for possible inclusion in the Civil Society document. Susanne and Ross spoke at meetings of the Civil Society drafting group and Civil Society plenary session, although they, like the national delegates, got too hung up on procedure. It is important that NGOs like us find ways in which to influence the national delegations. We also took part in an unofficial Open Forum and received some support for our views. Overall, the problem is that the national delegates, or some of them are jealous of their position as negotiators and suspicious of civil society representatives. We did however make useful contacts with some sympathetic national delegations, e.g Australia, France, New Zealand (Winston Roberts was a member of their delegation), and Switzerland. Hiroshi Kawamura of Japan suggested that we form our own Library 'family' but our feeling was that it was better to take part in broader 'families' in an attempt to influence others.

5. We had prepared various documents in relation to the WSIS. They appear on IFLANET at <http://www.ifla.org/III/wsis.html>

6. The IFLA delegation formed an alliance with the IPA representatives and agreed a joint statement (appendix A) based on previous IFLA/IPA joint statements. IFLA and IPA representatives are the nominated contacts for the culture group with IPA taking the major responsibility because it is based in Geneva.

7. We met Mr. Samassékou privately to discuss the potential role of libraries in the information society. He was very appreciative and enthusiastic. At that meeting he announced that

he would accept our invitation to him to speak at the Berlin conference. This, I think, is a major coup for us. It should provide us with opportunities to put our case, emphasise to our members of the importance of the summit and possibly gain some media coverage.

8. The latest versions of the draft declaration and the draft action plan which emerged during Prep Com2 are attached as Appendices B and C. A revised version will be issued on 21 March. It appears that groups from civil society may be allowed to comment on it. We must take that opportunity.

9. There are only two brief references to "libraries" in these documents, so far. In the Draft Declaration, paragraph 31 concerning infrastructure, it states; "Community access centres and public services (such as post offices, libraries, schools) can provide effective means for promoting universal access in particular in remote areas, as an important factor of their development. "This echoes similar statements in the G8 DOT force document. In the draft Action Plan, paragraph 35 (f) appears the following statement: "Equipping and training content workers in the LDCs, such as archivists, librarians, scientists, teachers and journalists in making use of the expertise and operational capacity of the relevant international professional organizations. "However, there are many other sections which could be interpreted as being relevant to library and information services, such as several references to freedom of information and aspects of infrastructure.

10. Nevertheless, it is disappointing that, so far, given the enormous efforts we have put in through the UNESCO consultative process, the electronic discussion forums, during PrepCom2 and other meetings, that the potential role of libraries is still not recognised adequately. The degree of influence of UNESCO as a major UN agency seemed rather disappointing. The ITU is the organiser of these events and as a result it seems that 'pipes are more important than content' to quote one delegate. We need to discuss with our many UNESCO contacts how it can be more influential in this process.

11. The next steps in the WSIS process are:

- 14-16 March 2003: UNESCO Switzerland initiative in favour of the Least Developed Countries (LDCs): The Lugano Round Table. We met Mr Alain Modou on two occasions to discuss this and other possibilities for influencing the end result. (see separate document GB 03-059). IFLA will be represented at the round table by Henri Sene (Senegal), IFLA Regional Manager, Africa and Jacinta Were (Kenya), Chair, IFLA Africa Section. Sjoerd Koopman may also be able to attend. Alix Chevallier will also be there.

- 21 March 2003: revised versions of the draft declaration and Action Plan will be released

- 28 July-1 August 2003 (to be confirmed): Inter-session meeting to be organised by UNESCO in Paris

- 15-26 September 2003: PrepCom 3, Geneva

- 3-4 November 2003: IFLA pre-summit briefing conference

- 10-12 December 2003: World Summit, 1st Phase, Geneva

- 16-18 November 2005: World Summit, 2nd Phase, Tunis

Recommendations

- IFLA National Association Members to contact their governments and relevant NGOs within their countries to urge them to ensure that the final declaration and action plan includes proper recognition of the role of libraries. We should follow this up with briefings also placed on IFLANET.

- IFLA to be fully represented in the forthcoming meetings leading up to the two phases of the summit, preferably with greater continuity between the shifts.

- Establish links with the WSIS web site <http://www.itu.int/wsisis/>

- Arrange to have a booth at the summit (Swiss colleagues are willing to staff a booth)

- Publish a leaflet on the role of libraries in the information society and in bridging the digital divide.

- Consider publicity initiatives to catch media and delegates' attention (e.g. a demonstration of the Camel library service of Kenya and a banned books exhibition in the Palais des Nations)

- Pursue the plans for a pre-summit briefing conference with vigour.

- Publicise the plenary session to be addressed by Mr. Samassékou.

- Place regular WSIS updates on IFLANET and IFLA-L

Ross Shimmon, Secretary General
March 2003 (Reference 1, April 21, 2003)

WWW

New Discussion List: Continuing Professional Development & Workplace Learning

The Section for Continuing Professional Development & Workplace Learning (CPDWL) has recently established a new discussion list on IFLANET.

The objective of the list is to "provide a discussion list for information professionals who are interested in issues to do with continuing professional development & workplace learning in the library and information professions".

You can find the discussion list at:

<http://infoserv.inist.fr/wwsympa.fcgi/info/cpdwl>

I encourage you to join the List and to contribute to discussions. Please also encourage interested others to do so. The list is moderated so you will

not receive Spam via this List. You can subscribe either via the web page above or by emailing me directly with a request to be added to the subscriber list.

You can post contributions to the list either via the web page
<http://infoserv.inist.fr/wwsympa.fcgi/info/cpdwl>
or e-mail your contribution to
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Looking forward to your contributions!

Ian Smith, Executive Committee Member & List Moderator, Section for Continuing Professional Development & Workplace Learning
(Reference 2, Thu, 06 Mar 2003)

New Report Profiles Biblored, the 2002 Gates Award Recipient

The Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR) has published a report on Biblored, the library network in Bogotá, Colombia, that received the 2002 Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Access to Learning Award.

The report, Biblored, Colombia's Innovative Library Network, is available in PDF format in both an English version and a Spanish version. Print copies of the English version can be ordered by using the dialog at the bottom of the abstract page.

<http://www.clir.org/whatsnew.html#biblored>
(Reference 2, Mon, 14 Apr 2003)

The "IFLA FRBR WG Web Site" now available from IFLANET!

<http://www.ifla.org/VII/s13/wgfrbr/wgfrbr.htm>

Do not hesitate to have a look at it and to send suggestions for its improvement, and electronic Manifestations of new Works and Expressions to enhance its content ; -)

(Extracted from Reference 2, Friday, February

14, 2003)

Library Associations Around the World Website Created

We are pleased to report the creation of a website that links to Library Associations Around the World websites, a project of the IFLA Management of Library Associations Section coordinated by the American Library Association's International Relations Office. The website can be found at

<http://www.ala.org/work/international/association.s.html>

and is linked to on the MLAS home page.

Can you please review the site and send any additions or corrections to
intl@ala.org

Thank you for your help in making this a comprehensive and useful site. I would like to thank our library student interns who worked on the site, Troy Swanson who created the initial site a few years ago and Judson Strain who has recently worked to update and expand the site.

Michael Dowling, Director
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(Reference 2, Wednesday, January 15, 2003)

From TLA-IR-ILIS

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A new meta searcher for the web

"zapmeta.com" is a new meta searcher which will search the web/ internet in parallel using the following search engines and directories:

AltaVista, Yahoo, AllTheWeb, goClick, MSN, HotBot, FindWhat, AOL, ePilot, WiseNut, Open Directory, and Gigablast

In Advanced Search you can restrict the search:

by Region:

by Domain:

by Host

You can also set the following conditions :

Must contain the words:

Match the exact phrase:

Exclude the words

Anywhere or In the Title or In the URL.

You can use Boolean search:

- AND or +

- NOT, AND NOT, or -

- OR

- NEAR

You can also restrict to retrieve only PDF files.

You can set display of Description of Sources and URL, but can also have a "Page Preview" by a click.

You can also set your "Preferences" for your search.

Extensive Help Messages are provided for better search results under "Track ZapMeta's Progress" on the general search page.

Please try a search of your favourite topic on

<http://www.zapmeta.com>

(Devadason, Wed, 29 Jan 2003)

Electronic Resources In Libraries Website Grand Opening

Please visit the Electronic Resources in Libraries website designed by Joan Conger, Database Performance and Assessment Librarian, University of Georgia Libraries at:

<http://www.arches.uga.edu/~jconger/ERIL/index.htm>

Please check the resources for Electronic Resources Librarianship at

<http://www.arches.uga.edu/~jconger/ERIL/resources.htm>

(Devadason, Thu, 06 Feb 2003)

Yahoo type directory search - myway.com

<http://www.myway.com>

is a yahoo type site that allows you to search the internet, browse by subject categories. It also allows e-mail facility and home page facility.

If your e-mail in yahoo or hotmail is not enough you may try the above one.

(Devadason, Thu, 13 Mar 2003)

Interesting Article: The Nonsense of 'Knowledge Management'

I wish to bring to your attention the following article by Prof. Tom Wilson of Sheffield University:

The nonsense of 'knowledge management' (Information Research, Vol. 8 No. 1, October 2002). Available at

<http://InformationR.net/ir/8-1/paper144.html>

Examines critically the origins and basis of 'knowledge management', its components and its development as a field of consultancy practice. Problems in the distinction between 'knowledge' and 'information' are explored, as well as Polanyi's concept of 'tacit knowing'. The concept is examined in the journal literature, the Websites

of consultancy companies, and in the presentation of business schools. The conclusion is reached that 'knowledge management' is an umbrella term for a variety of organizational activities, none of which are concerned with the management of knowledge. Those activities that are not concerned with the management of information are concerned with the management of work practices, in the expectation that changes in such areas as communication practice will enable information sharing.

If you search google or any other search engine using the title of this paper, you will get the "URLs" of further discussion and postings on this paper. (Devadason, Thu, 3 Apr 2003)

E-Prints in Library and Information Science

E-LIS is an electronic open access archive for

scientific or technical documents, published or unpublished, in Librarianship, Information Science and Technology, and related application activities.

E-LIS is an archive to deposit preprints, postprints and other LIS publications, it is a service for finding and downloading documents in electronic format, offered as a free service to the international LIS community. The goal of the E-LIS Archive is to promote communication in the field by the rapid dissemination of papers.

Please check: <<http://eprints.rclis.org/>>

The position paper of The European Bureau of Library, Information and Documentation Association's (EBLIDA) on "Digital Rights Management Systems" [February 2003] is available free (PDF) at the same location: <<http://eprints.rclis.org/archive/00000127/>> (Devadason, Fri, 11 Apr 2003)

AWARDS/GRANTS/ FELLOWSHIPS

New International Literary Award in Memory of Astrid Lindgren

An important literary award in memory of the Swedish children's author Astrid Lindgren (1907-2002) has been established by the Swedish Government. The prize money of SEK 5 million (approx. USD 553 000) is to promote literature for children and young people. Intended as an annual prize, it will be awarded for the first time in June 2003.

Astrid Lindgren, creator of the much loved characters Pippi Longstocking, Emil, The Brothers Lionheart and Karlson On The Roof, has had and continues to have enormous influence on literature for children and young people in Sweden as well as in many parts of the world.

The Swedish Prime Minister Göran Persson says:

"I hope the prize will have a dual purpose: to remind us of Astrid and her life's work and to draw attention to and encourage good children's literature."

An Award for Children's Literature and Children's Rights

The aim of the prize is to enhance world-wide interest in literature for children and young people. Astrid Lindgren was very committed to children's rights and always spoke out on their behalf. It is therefore important that this prize should promote children's rights at a global level, in keeping with Astrid Lindgren's humanistic beliefs.

An Award for Authors, Illustrators and Projects to Promote Reading

The Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award for Literature will be awarded to authors "who in their writing have produced literature for children and young people of absolutely the highest artistic quality and in the humanistic spirit

associated with Astrid Lindgren". Individuals or others who promote reading among children and young people as well as illustrators may also be rewarded. It is proposed that the award may be granted to one or more recipients, but may not be awarded posthumously.

A Swedish Jury to Select the Prize Winners

A jury consisting of 12 Swedish researchers, authors, illustrators, librarians and literary critics has been appointed to nominate and select winners. One member of the jury represents Astrid Lindgren's family. This year, due to lack of time, the jury itself will nominate the prize winners. In the future, however, a number of organisations around the world will be invited to submit nominations. Every year in March, the jury will announce the winner in Vimmerby, Astrid Lindgren's home town, which is situated in the county of Smaland in southern Sweden. The prize will be awarded in June at a ceremony in Stockholm.

The Swedish National Council for Cultural Affairs, which is responsible for the award management, has established a special office to provide support for the jury, financial administration and information concerning the prize.

"It is our hope that the prize will give literature for children and young people the recognition it deserves", says Kristina Rennerstedt, Director-General at the Swedish National Council for Cultural Affairs.

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Or visit <http://www.kulturradet.se> under the heading "Litteraturpris till Astrid Lindgrens minne".

(Reference 2, Fri, 10 Jan 2003)

After deliberation, the Committee unanimously decided to nominate the city of Antwerp (Belgium) as World Book Capital 2004 because of the excellence of the programme submitted, including a number of aspects of book promotion, like book sales, books and reading, literature, services, crafts, books for the youths, books and cultural diversity and books and cultural minorities.

The Committee believes that the application of Antwerp constitutes a model, because of the comprehensive nature and of the rich documentation provided.

Paris, January 17, 2003
Milagros del Corral, UNESCO
Françoise Dubruille, IBF
Ross Shimmon, IFLA
Pere Vicens, IPA

(Reference 2, Tue, 21 Jan 2003)

6. PUBLICATIONS

World Book Capital 2004

Decision of the selection committee

The selection committee of the World book Capital 2004, made up of Pere Vicens, Representative of the International Publishers Association (IPA), Françoise Dubruille, Representative of The International Booksellers' Federation (IBF), Ross Shimmon, Representative of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) and Milagros del Corral in the capacity of UNESCO representative, met on 17 January 2003 under the chairmanship of the President of IPA in order to examine the applications to the nomination of the World Book Capital 2004, in accordance with Resolution 3.18 of the 28 of the General Conference of UNESCO.

The selection Committee examined all the candidates received in due form and time:

Santo Domingo (Dominican Republic),
Barcelona (Spain) and Antwerp (Belgium).

IFLA REPORTS

IFLA Annual Report 2000.

Compiled and edited by Sjoerd Koopman for IFLA Headquarters. The Hague, IFLA Headquarters, 2003. 24p. 30cm. ISBN 90-70916-91-6.

IFLA Annual Report 2001.

Compiled and edited by Sjoerd Koopman for IFLA Headquarters. The Hague, IFLA Headquarters, 2003. 22p. 30cm. ISBN 90-70916-92-4.

These abovementioned reports are now posted on IFLANET at

<http://www.ifla.org/V/cdoc/ann00.pdf>

and <http://www.ifla.org/V/cdoc/ann01.pdf>

These reports document the activities and achievements of IFLA for these two years. They are a useful reference for those who want an overview of the highlights of the year including statistics and financial information. The print copies of the reports have also been posted to all members. A non-member can request a copy from IFLA Headquarters and they are free while

stocks last.

Advancement of Librarianship Programme(ALP) Report No 20

Information and Communication Technologies in Rural Secondary Schools in Africa. Proceedings of the Workshop 29/11 -1/12 1999, Bronte Hotel, Harare, Zimbabwe organised by IFLA - ALP, RSCA and ROA in cooperation with Library and Information Services, Zimbabwe. Edited by Elisha R.T. Chiware. Uppsala, Uppsala University Library, 2002.

117p. ISBN 91-85092-61-4, ISSN 1023-8212
(IFLA/Advancement of Librarianship Programme Project Report No 20)

Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) have a potentially powerful role in facilitating both formal and informal education. This publication focuses on ICT issues related to education in the rural areas in Africa as the rural sector represents one of the largest sectors in the African continent. The contents of this report includes the keynote address by Professor Andrew Kaniki from the University of Natal, South Africa, and papers on the connectivity infrastructure, role of librarians and libraries, and case studies from the region. The discussions of a Roundtable with representatives from the World Bank, Unesco and local Ministry of Education officials are also documented in this report together with country reports from Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, Swaziland, South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe, and the complete text of the resolutions arising out of the Workshop. (Rashidah Begum, Tuesday, April 22, 2003)

Union List of Serials

We are pleased to announce the publication of the latest "Union List of Serials in Pacific Islands Libraries" 5th revision (October 2002), formerly titled the "Union List of Serials in the Libraries of Guam and Micronesia," with complimentary copies available while the supply lasts.

The title change came about as we continue to expand geographic boundaries and thus our resource sharing opportunities to include Pacific

Island libraries outside the Micronesian region. This new revision now includes the holdings of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community Library in Noumea, New Caledonia and the University of the South Pacific Library in Suva, Fiji, as well as complete updates of all the libraries previously included in Guam and Micronesia. With the growing use by Pacific Islands libraries of E-mail and ARIEL, an Internet based document delivery software, it is hoped that this publication will support more widespread resource sharing within the region. To this end, ARIEL and E-mail addresses of libraries are included in this revision when available.

This publication was supported with grant funds awarded to the Guam Public Library System under the U.S. Library Services and Technology Act administered by the IMLS. Complimentary copies can be requested from Arlene Cohen at <acohen@uog9.uog.edu> while supplies last. (Arlene Cohen , Reference 2, Mon, 17 Feb 2003)

Sharing Knowledge for Community Development and Transformation: A Handbook

Oxfam Canada and Oxfam Quebec announce the availability of Sharing Knowledge for Community Development and Transformation: A Handbook, written by Professor Kingo Mchombu, Head of Department of Information and Communication Studies at the University of Namibia. The work, in portable document format (pdf), may be downloaded at <http://www.oxfam.ca/publications/SharingKnowledge.htm> as a whole file or in chapters. The ADOBE Acrobat Reader is used to download the file.

Sharing Knowledge was written for community organizations in rural and poor urban areas of Africa. It is based on extensive research and consultation with men and women in several countries, most recently in the Horn of Africa. Mchombu makes the case for the importance of information (of many types and in many media) in human development. The book is being used to build local capacity in the Horn of Africa and is being translated into several languages:

Amharic, Arabic and Somali. Its publication was made possible by the generous support of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

The handbook has raised interest from several sources. It is now being translated into French. Oxfam Canada lays out the conditions of its use by others at the beginning of the work. Please pass this information on to others.
(Gwynneth Evans, Reference 2, Tue, 15 Apr 2003)

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IFLA/FAIFE World Report

The IFLA/FAIFE Office published the first IFLA/ FAIFE World Report on Libraries and Intellectual Freedom in 2001, and the IFLA/FAIFE Summary Report on Libraries, Conflicts and the Internet last year. Both reports have been well received by the library community as they give an overview of the situation regarding freedom of access to information in libraries around the world. IFLA/FAIFE reports can be ordered from our Office at: faife@ifla.org or from IFLA Headquarters at: ifla@ifla.org (Extracted from Reference 1, April 09, 2003)

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