



# Asia and Oceania

## SECTION NEWSLETTER

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## Hello Asia and Oceania!

It was exciting for many of us librarians and information specialists to be in "your" part of the world a few months ago. Our IFLA World Library and Information Congress in Seoul attracted approximately 3,000 participants from more than 120 different countries – for many of them it was a terrific opportunity to make acquaintance with "the Orient". As the Korean colleagues bid us all so much hospitality, it was a great pleasure to meet with so many excellent professionals. Many from outside of Asia must have been amazed by the technological developments at your end, as well as the extremely interesting services that are being provided and developed, placing libraries in a position to cope with their roles in modern Information Society. A total of 1,367 of the delegates came from the host country, 233 were from China, 228 from Japan and 90 from the Russian Federation, a very good turnout!

Did you know that IFLA's Asia and Oceania Region covers almost half of the globe? That may be a peculiar division of the world, but it is a fact that in this vast region – ranging from Turkey to Tahiti and from Siberia through China and India to Saudi Arabia – IFLA has some 300 members, less than 20% of the total of our 1,700 members. These statistics become of particular significance when we think of the powerful Region Asia and Oceania that we got to learn about this year in Seoul.

It made me think that colleagues in your region may have good reasons to make IFLA stronger in that part of the world, by providing us with more, new members. These members could be involved in our professional work, eventually leading up to a more densely populated IFLA World. Please help us by recommending us to libraries and information institutions in your countries and constituencies and encouraging them to apply for IFLA

membership. I am sure that our Regional Office at the National Library of Singapore will be happy to help you registering new members and welcoming them to the Federation. Tan Keat Fong, our Regional Manager, can also provide you with advice when you plan to do a membership drive, for instance within your library association.

**Please help us by recommending us to libraries and information institutions in your countries and constituencies and encouraging them to apply for IFLA membership**

In the meantime, all our current members will have received calls for nominations for IFLA President-elect, members of the Governing Board, Standing Committee members for all Sections and members of IFLA's CLM and FAIFE Committees. These were distributed in October and they all have the same deadline: 7 February 2007. All of these provide our members in your region with ample opportunities to influence IFLA's programmes (through the many Sections) as well as IFLA's policy. Please make use of this and seize these opportunities to enlarge the influence of our members in Asia and Oceania!



**Sjoerd Koopman**  
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## From Regional Standing Committee for IFLA Asia and Oceania (RSCAO) Chair

Colleagues,

As I write this short review of our activities, the 2006 IFLA/ALP Workshop on Information Literacy and IT has just begun here in New Zealand. This is the annual four-week workshop that we offer on behalf of ALP, and involving ALP scholarships for a number of attendees. With participants coming from countries as far apart as Bahrain, China and Fiji, I feel it is a microcosm of the Asia-Oceania Section; and it is a pleasure to see the participants already realising that they share many common goals, aspirations and problems - and that for all of them information literacy is seen as a key to effective information service provision.

It has also been my pleasure recently to communicate with the librarians responsible for two ALP-funded projects that will commence in 2007, one in Laos and one in Cambodia. In both places the staff are absolutely delighted that they have an opportunity to contribute to small-scale development in their countries through the generosity of ALP, and one has a strong sense of their commitment to 'make it happen'. At the same time, I have also been advising project applicants in Bangladesh

and Lebanon about their drafts. Every project is different; every project is grounded in the grassroots needs of a particular country and geared to the realities of the local context.

While our Section regularly participates in the IFLA World Library and Information Congress, and in Seoul this year we did particularly well: co-sponsors of a PAC pre-conference in Tokyo, and a CEAL pre-conference in Seoul, as well as running our own (very well attended) Open Session and contributing to the Division VIII Open Session. It is really our close relationship with ALP and our involvement in grassroots information development activities through ALP-funded projects that puts us at the cutting edge of meaningful development. The relationship between ALP and the three regional sections is one that we hold in especially high regard, and I firmly believe that all regional section committees must continue to work for greater recognition of the valuable, 'on the ground' work facilitated by our friends who manage ALP in Uppsala, and we must be especially grateful for the funding provided by the donor countries in Scandinavia.

At the last Division VIII Coordinating Board meeting in Seoul, it was recommended

that ALP be allowed to form a standing committee in much the same way as FAIFE and CLM have such committees. This seems to us only fair and reasonable, and will do much to spread the work of ALP across a wider range of participants, as well as improve the profile of ALP within IFLA.

In the meanwhile, abstracts are beginning to arrive for the Asia & Oceania Open Session in Durban, for the 2007 scholarships and training attachments, and for project grants. I trust that many of you will have seen the Call for Papers and will be responding, and that you will also tell your colleagues about the scholarships, attachments and project applications before the closing date of 31 December.



Professor Gary Gorman was recently appointed to the Editorial Board of the *Asten Journal of Information Management* (2006–2008)  
*Academic Press*

**Professor Gary E. Gorman**  
**RSCAO Chair**

## From Regional Manager's Desk

Dear Members,

I hope you have enjoyed reading the previous issue of *IFLA Asia and Oceania Section Newsletter*. Thank you for all the encouraging feedback and we will continue to put together an exciting read for you.

In August, I attended the 72nd IFLA General Conference and Council in Seoul, Korea. The Regional Office also took part in the poster sessions during the conference and displayed contents on the IFLA Regional Office for Asia and Oceania, IFLA Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania achievements and ALP Programmes awarded to the Asia and Oceania countries. During the conference, I attended several meetings with IFLA HQ staff and attained a better understanding of IFLA administration and activities. All in all, I had a most enriching experience and it was an excellent time of catching up and

looking forward to new ideas and plans.

On the home front, we are pleased to announce that membership has risen to 53 member countries and 330 members. In the last six months, there was an increase of 15 new members and three member countries, namely Afghanistan, Maldives and Solomon Islands. I would like to appeal to all our members to actively promote IFLA membership to fellow colleagues and library partners. More details on the benefits of IFLA membership can be found on the back cover of this newsletter. We have specially included in this issue a four-page spread of all the members in this region.

Additionally, in the coming issues, we will be featuring IFLA members in the region. As a start, we have featured the Australia Library and Information Association in this issue. Do send us information and photographs about your organisation if you would like to be included in future issues.

Besides membership promotion, the Regional Office explored other sources of funding for IFLA projects and received SGD 20,000 from the Lee Foundation Singapore. This is part of the Regional Office's efforts to fund librarians in the region in their pursuit of professional development.

It has been agreed that the next RSCAO meeting will take place in Colombo. In the meantime, a web forum has been set up for the RSCAO members to facilitate discussions.

Once again, thank you for all your encouraging feedback.

Best wishes for 2007!



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# Australian Library and Information Association

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The Australian Library and Information Association [ALIA] is the national professional organisation for the Australian library and information services sector. It seeks to empower the profession in the development, promotion and delivery of quality library and information services to the nation, through leadership, advocacy and mutual support.

ALIA was founded in 1937. Its 6,000 members, both individuals and organisations, are drawn from the whole spectrum of library and information services and related fields.

ALIA's interest groups, e-lists and other member activities provide opportunities for communications, networking, personal and professional learning and growth and career development. ALIA's awards recognise the achievements of individuals and organisations in Australia's library and information services sector.

ALIA is the nationally recognised standards body for the education of library and information services personnel. The Association defines the standards of skills and knowledge for library and information services personnel. It provides recognition of courses in library and information services and many opportunities for continuing professional development. People with professional qualifications gained outside Australia may have their qualifications and experience assessed for professional membership of ALIA to enable them to work in Australia.

The Association's conference programme includes the ALIA Biennial Conference (most recently held in Perth in September 2006), Information Online and the National Library and Information Technicians Conference are held every two years.

ALIA has an active programme of advocacy,



ALIA House in Deakin, Canberra

lobbying and partnerships to promote the value and benefits of library and information services to the Australian community. Our advocacy is based on the fundamental principles of the free flow of information and ideas and equitable access to information. During Australian Library and Information Week, held in the last week of May each year, ALIA and libraries throughout Australia hold many events and activities to promote libraries and their services.

ALIA has an extensive website and publishing programme. *inCite* is the Association's monthly news magazine. The *Australian Library Journal* (ALJ) and *Australian Academic and Research Libraries* (AARL) are published quarterly.

ALIA is established as a not-for-profit company, governed by an elected Board of Directors. The Association is supported by a national secretariat based in Australia's capital, Canberra.



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# Call for nominations for President-elect and Members of the Governing Board of IFLA

Source: <http://www.ifla.org/III/gb/gbelect.htm>

Nominations are invited for the position of President-elect and Members of the Governing Board of IFLA, which will determine the direction of IFLA for the next few years.

The Governing Board, in accordance with the Statutes, consists of: The President; The President-elect; ten members elected by the membership at large; nine members of the Professional Committee, consisting of a chair elected by the Committee itself and one officer from each of the eight Divisions of the Federation.

## President-elect

The position of President-elect is open to anyone, including all the present Governing Board members, except the current President and the current President-elect. Each candidate needs ten valid nominations. The successful candidate will serve for two years as President-elect (2007-2009), followed by two years as President (2009-2011).

## Governing Board

The ten elected places on the Governing Board are open to anyone, except the current President, who will complete his term of office in August 2007, the President-elect who will begin her term of office as President in August 2007 and any Governing Board members currently serving their second term. Each candidate needs five valid nominations.

The successful candidates for these places on the Governing Board will serve for two years (2007-2009). Those elected for the first time will then be eligible for election for a final, second term of two years (2009-2011).

## Who may be nominated

- A candidate does not have to be a

member of IFLA (or be employed by or be affiliated to a Member of IFLA) to be nominated.

- Candidates should have a working knowledge of at least one of the working languages of IFLA (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Russian and Spanish). Since the business meetings of IFLA tend to be conducted in English, reasonable fluency in this language is highly desirable.
- Candidates should have a reasonable expectation of attending meetings of the Governing Board without cost to the Federation. The Governing Board is expected to meet during three periods each year. At the IFLA Congress there are two meetings: one on the Friday before the Congress and one on the Saturday after it ends. Forthcoming congresses will be held in Durban, South Africa (August 2007), Quebec City, Canada (2008) and Milan, Italy (2009). The Governing Board also meets in December and April at IFLA Headquarters in The Hague, the Netherlands.

## Who may nominate

To nominate a candidate for election to the post of President-elect and Governing Board member:

- You must be the authorised signatory of an Association Member or an Institutional Member of IFLA. The authorised signatory is the individual who is listed in IFLA's records as the organisation's highest official and whose name appears on the nomination form sent by mail. This form may be photocopied, but please note that the nomination form cannot be used by anyone

other than the authorised signatory of the member concerned.

- Honorary Fellows and Personal Affiliates may also nominate candidates, but Personal Affiliates are not entitled to vote in the subsequent elections.
- NOTE :
- There is no restriction on the number of candidates you may nominate for these positions.
  - You should ensure that your nominee is willing to stand. We shall seek formal confirmation from each candidate, together with a statement, once we have received sufficient nominations for that candidate.
  - In accordance with the Statutes, the elections will be conducted by postal ballot. Only qualified Voting Members will be entitled to vote. Personal Affiliates are not entitled to vote in these elections.
  - It is expected that the ballot will take place during March and April 2007, with eight weeks between the dispatch of ballot papers and the closing date for their return.
  - The results will be announced on IFLANET in June 2007.

These elections are extremely important for the future governance of IFLA. Please consider whether you wish to nominate candidates for these positions on the Governing Board.

## Deadline

Nominations must reach IFLA Headquarters ON or BEFORE Wednesday, 7 February 2007.

For more information please visit <http://www.ifla.org>

# IFLA Annual Conference – “Libraries for the Future: Progress, Development and Partnerships”

19-23 August 2007, Durban, South Africa

The library and information sector needs to ensure that its service delivery is relevant to the real information needs of its clients.

There are different “worlds” that we service: e.g. educational (teaching & learning: primary, secondary and tertiary), research; business and economic intelligence; adult education and leisure; children; entertainment; creativity; political and development agendas; etc.

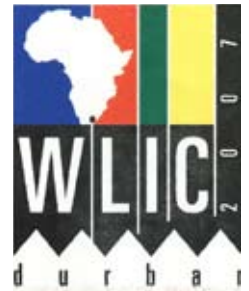
What difference does the Library and Information Science sector really make to these different worlds? Are the services to these different worlds watertight and isolated from one another or should there be more creative cross-fertilisation of service delivery to the different worlds?

What relationship should there be between these different worlds? What creative and leadership role can IFLA play within the world community and what impact should the LIS sector play in this regard?

Exploring progress and new development models for libraries in developing countries in particular. Forming and building partnerships to aid development; increase standing of the profession; elicit funding; with each other and users/patrons.

The World Library and Information Congress 2007, 73rd IFLA General Conference and Council will take place in Durban, South Africa from 19-23 August 2007, in the International Convention Centre (ICC).

For more information, please visit <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla73/index.htm>



## Updating Copyright Laws in Developing Countries

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Many developing countries have updated their copyright laws in recent years, or are in the process of reviewing them. In most instances, librarians and educators have not been included in the legislative process. As a result, the needs of libraries, education, persons with sensory-disabilities, etc. have not been addressed in their updated laws.

The minimum copyright term in the Berne Convention and TRIPS Agreement is 50 years after the author's death, yet many developing countries have extended their copyright term far beyond these requirements. They have also adopted stricter copyright regimes in line with developed countries, yet they are net importers of intellectual property. They have not availed themselves of the flexibilities in international IP agreements. These flexibilities, such as provisions for exceptions and limitations, are compatible with international treaty obligations. There is no conflict of interest as these flexibilities may be included in national copyright laws.

To ensure a balance in copyright laws, it is essential that librarians and educators be included in the legislative

process when amending national copyright legislation. If your copyright law is currently under review, IFLA Committee on Copyright and Other Legal Matters (Chair: Winston Tabb at [wtabb@jhu.edu](mailto:wtabb@jhu.edu)) and eIFLIP (Coordinator: Teresa Hackett at [teresa.hackett@eifl.net](mailto:teresa.hackett@eifl.net)) may be able to offer assistance or refer you to useful resources. This will help to ensure that the needs of libraries and education are included in national copyright laws.

The Commonwealth of Learning ([www.col.org](http://www.col.org)) provides helpful guidelines with regard to copyright limitations and exceptions at <http://www.col.org/colweb/site/pid/3977> (click on right-hand side on “Guideline Document on Copyright Limitations and Exceptions, 2005”).

IFLA's interests and concerns in the area of copyright are managed by the Committee on Copyright and other Legal Matters (CLM). The Committee consists of elected members who represent their own country or wider region, together with a small number of expert resource persons who have particular knowledge valuable to CLM. CLM represents the voice of the international library community in copyright concerns.

# Launch of the IFLA/FAIFE World Report 2006

Source: <http://www.ifla.org/faife/report/WorldReport-pr-2006.htm>

The IFLA/FAIFE Theme Report 2006: Libraries and the Fight against HIV/AIDS, Poverty and Corruption was launched at a press conference in Seoul, Korea on 22 August 2006. The report is the sixth volume of the IFLA/FAIFE World Report Series.

*"Libraries and the fight against HIV/AIDS, poverty and corruption"* takes up some of the big issues and major challenges facing the world today: the HIV/AIDS pandemic, poverty and corruption. Authors from Africa, Asia, Central America and the Caribbean, and Eastern Europe explore the role and responsibilities of libraries and information services, and how they can contribute to this fight.

The authors advocate the engagement of libraries in strong education efforts, implementation of information laws, awareness of the consequences of poverty and corruption, advocating transparency; and enhancing libraries' position in society; and thus increasing the abilities of libraries' successful participation in the fight for equal opportunities, transparency and better public health. In regard to all three themes, the authors draw our attention to the need to identify new responsibilities and values for the library profession.

The IFLA/FAIFE Theme Report 2006 tries to answer the question of why libraries and information services should place stronger emphasis on issues concerning the condition and constraint of the environment in which they are operating, and by doing so recognise their social responsibilities and their role as advocates of intellectual freedom and equal participation in an inclusive information and knowledge society.

The most important messages are that, libraries do indeed have a commitment to engage in the fight against HIV/AIDS, poverty and corruption; and information access and dissemination is a crucial factor in this fight. Information is the only vaccine that helps prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS; literacy is fundamental to the advancement of peoples' lives, and transparency and access to information are vital factors in the control of corruption. Thus, by facilitating freedom of access to information, libraries can contribute to making the world more equal.

This year's report clearly demonstrates the need for libraries' active involvement and support in the fight against HIV/AIDS, poverty and corruption.

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## FAIFE - an IFLA Core Activity

FAIFE (Free Access to Information and Freedom of Expression) is an initiative within IFLA to defend and promote the basic human rights defined in Article 19 of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The FAIFE Committee and Office furthers freedom of access to information and freedom of expression in all aspects, directly or indirectly, related library and information services.

FAIFE monitors the state of intellectual freedom within the library and information community worldwide, supports IFLA policy development and cooperation with other international human rights organisations, and responds to violations of freedom of access to information and freedom of expression.

# How I Benefitted from an IFLA ALP Grant

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## Introduction

The World Library and Information Congress organised by IFLA, is the most prestigious conference geared for professional development of library and information professionals across the world. The Congress provided a common forum to disseminate new knowledge generated through research, to share innovative developments, practices, experiences of fellow library and information professionals who are trying to facilitate improved access to information and to create an information literate society at large.

All newcomers who participated in the Seoul Congress witnessed the underlying objectives of the Congress as mentioned above.

The theme selected for this year, 'Libraries: Dynamic Engines for the Knowledge and Information Society' was quite suitable as the libraries are rapidly changing for automated and digitised systems with the partnership of ICT.

## IFLA Conference as a single forum to acquire new knowledge

A broad spectrum of papers representing general research libraries, special libraries, public libraries and LIS subject areas such as bibliographic control, management and technology, education and research, collections and services were presented at the Congress. In addition, papers from regional groups such as Africa, Asia and Oceania, Latin America and Caribbean were among the presentations.

Papers ranged from information provision to grassroots level communities, groups etc. in different parts of the world to very advanced information management systems. The conference provided a great opportunity and an exposure for library information science professionals to acquire new knowledge through the diverse array of papers.

Similar issues and situations were evident in papers originated from developing nations.

## Asia and Oceania section

Papers on 'open access' presented at the Asia and Oceania section provided a kaleidoscopic view of initiatives taken by Asian countries in making their collections globally accessible with the help of 'open sources'. It was a very rewarding experience to participate for the Asia and Oceania section.

The open discussions with the paper presenters, chairpersons of sessions and fellow professionals in the audience made the congress very interactive and dynamic, and provided the participants an opportunity to present their views and actively participate in the forums.

Section meetings, satellite meetings etc. added more value to the congress.

## IFLA conference as a venue to build up relationships with fellow librarians

About three thousand (3,000) library professionals from more than 120 countries participated at the Seoul conference. The library professionals had a very good opportunity to build up contacts with fellow librarians, IFLA library groups, regional groups etc., which is a positive development of the profession. The links established will help librarians to form into groups subject wise or geographically, in order to achieve common goals. The receptions, tours, places of accommodation further facilitated the associations of library professionals.

## IFLA conference as a venue for exhibitions

The exhibitions which were organised by various commercial vendors and organisations etc. held concurrently with the IFLA conference at the same venue, helped library professionals to get a very good exposure of new developments in library systems, library projects, library equipment, library books in print and electronic media and library services. The brochures distributed freely at different stalls of the exhibition were very useful and reliable sources of information for making decisions for purchasing.

## IFLA conference as facilitator for library tours

Many study tours and library visits were available for the conference participants to visit some well-equipped and resourceful libraries in Korea. That was an added advantage for the participants to build up contacts with Korean library professionals.

## ALP Grant

The ALP grant was a very beneficial source of support and an encouragement for the library professionals from developing nations to present papers and participate at this yearly prestigious conference held once a year.

# Poster Sessions at IFLA WLIC, Seoul, Korea

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The two-day IFLA Poster Sessions cum Presentation during the World Library and Information Congress (WLIC): 72nd IFLA General Conference and Council was held at the IFLA Corner, COEX Convention and Exhibition Centre on 22 and 23 August 2006.

Here are some of the posters from the regions:



Tan Keat Fong (right), Regional Manager, IFLA Regional Office for Asia and Oceania and Janice Ow set up the poster at the IFLA Corner, COEX Convention and Exhibition Centre on 22 and 23 August 2006



Regional Office for Asia and Oceania  
Presenter: Ms Tan Keat Fong

The poster featured NLB as IFLA's Regional Office for Asia and Oceania, IFLA Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania's (RSCAO) achievements and ALP Programme and the programmes awarded to the Asia and Oceania countries.



Tan Keat Fong presenting the poster to conference delegates



IFLA/UNESCO Public Library Guidelines for Development.  
Presenter: John Lake



2006 - IFLA Activities in Latin America and Caribbean  
Presenter: Elizabet Ramos de Carvalho



Libraries in Africa – pivotal to knowledge and the information society.  
Presenter: Ms Buhle Mbambo



# Welcome!

## New Members of Asia and Oceania Region

From 16 June 2006 to 17 November 2006

Institution /Name	City/Country
<b>INSTITUTION</b>	
Afghan Parliament Library	Afghanistan
Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC)	Tamil Nadu / India
National Library of Maldives	Maldives
Qatar University Library	Qatar
The Hong Kong Institute of Education Library	Hong Kong / China
Solomon Islands College of Higher Education (SICHE), Library Division	Honiara / Solomon Islands
Duke University	North Carolina / United States
<b>SCHOOL LIBRARY</b>	
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# Asia and Oceania Open Session: Call for Papers Session Theme - Information Providers Coping with Disaster in Asia-Oceania

**73rd IFLA General Conference and Council World Library and  
Information Congress**

**19-23 August 2007, Durban, South Africa**

From war in Iraq to typhoons in the Philippines, with tsunamis, floods, infestations of various kinds and many manmade disasters in between – it can be said that the Asia-Oceania region is one of the most disaster-prone areas in the world. But at the same time it is an area rich in research on disaster prevention in the information sector and on coping with disasters once they have struck.

Therefore, the Asia-Oceania Section wishes to highlight work in this region on disaster management and disaster prevention with an Open Session at the IFLA World Library and Information Congress to be held in Durban, South Africa, 19-23 August 2007. Dedicated to

the theme, “Information Providers Coping with Disaster in Asia-Oceania”, suggested topics include, but are not limited to:

- Preserving libraries and other information providers in times of war
- Coping when disasters strike – floods, tsunamis, etc
- ‘Best practice’ case studies of rebuilding libraries
- Disaster management plans
- Impact of disasters on staff
- Staff training in disaster preparedness

For more details, please see [http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla73/calls\\_en.htm](http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla73/calls_en.htm)

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## Thank You! Daruna Somboonkun

IFLA, ALP, RSCAO and the Regional Office for Asia and Oceania would like to record their sincere appreciation to Daruna Somboonkun as ALP coordinator for scholarships and attachments from 1994 - October 2006.

Daruna was a university librarian at Kasetsart University Library before joining the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) library as Associate Director of the library. She retired from the AIT library 12 years ago.

We wish her a very happy retirement!

Keep in touch with us, Daruna.

# RSCAO Activities in Seoul

By Premila Gamage  
Secretary  
Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania

The Standing Committee meeting was held in Seoul, South Korea on 20 August 2006 and attended by the following members:

- Gary Gorman (Chair, New Zealand)
- Premila Gamage (Secretary, Thailand)
- Eun Bong Park (Member, Korea)
- Wang Shan (Member, China)
- Keat Fong Tan (Regional Manager, Singapore)
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- Birgitta Sandell (ALP Programme Director)

There were 17 observers from several countries such as China, Denmark, Germany, Japan, Korea, Guam, India, Australia, Pakistan, Vietnam, Myanmar, UK, Hong Kong, Canada and USA.

The Chair and Regional Manager presented financial and information reports. The meetings also included discussions on the Section's roles and responsibilities in the 72nd WLIC (World Library and Information Congress) Conference Programme, and the next WLIC in Durban in August 2007. A poster session, focusing on the section's theme i.e. how libraries in the region deal with disasters, would be organised. The Committee discussed in-depth on having more than one regional office per 'region'.

The Section Programme was conducted on 24 August 2006. The theme was 'Promoting the Implementation of Open Access'. In addition to the keynote address, five papers were presented at the open session,

More than 175 participants attended the session.

1. Keynote Address: Open Access Scholarly Databases – A Bird's Eye View of the Landscape – Prof Peter Jacso (Hawaii)
2. The Open Access Movement in the Korean R & D Environment - Hyekyong Hwang and Dr Heeyoon Choi (Korea)
3. D-Collection: Open Archive Initiative Protocol for Metadata Harvesting - Dr Hong Seok Park and Guem Yeon Jang (Korea)

4. Open Access and Institutional Repositories - a Developing Country Perspective: A Case Study of India - Prof S. B. Ghosh and Anup Kumar Das (India)
5. Open Access – Philosophy, Policy, Practice - Wang Xuemao and Liu Wei (China)
6. Comparing Three Chinese Preprint Systems - Liu Yi and Gao Yi (China)

In addition, the Section also participated in the following pre-conferences and meetings:

- Pre-conference meeting with Preservation and Conservation Section (PAC) from 16-17 August 2006 in Tokyo. Theme: 'The Preservation and Conservation in Asia'.
- Satellite Meeting with the Council on East Asian Libraries (CEAL) on 18 August 2006. Theme: 'Scholarly Information on East Asia in the 21st Century'. Amelia McKenzie attended the meeting on behalf of the Section.
- Programme with Division VIII: Regional Activities on 21 August 2006. Theme: "Information Literacy for the Knowledge Society". Representing the region, the Chair presented a joint paper with Dr Dan Dorner. He joined the panel discussion with Division VIII Chair.

The Regional Manager presented at the poster session which covered information about the Regional Office, Section and ALP activities and involvements.

The social event was held on 20 August 2006 at 'Restaurant Marche'. There were around 35 guests at the event. The event was sponsored by Emerald Database who wishes to continue sponsorship in 2007.



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## Australia

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5. CAVAL Collaborative Solutions
6. Curtin University of Technology, Library & Information Service
7. Deakin University Library
8. Gold Coast City Council Library Service
9. La Trobe University Library
10. Macquarie University Library
11. Monash University Library
12. National Library of Australia
13. Parliamentary Library, Department of Parliamentary Services
14. Queensland University of Technology, Library
15. State Library of South Australia
16. State Library of Queensland
17. State Library of New South Wales, Collection Services
18. State Library of Victoria
19. University of Melbourne, Information Division
20. University of New South Wales Library
21. University of Queensland Library
22. University of Technology, Sydney, Library
23. University of Western Sydney, Ward Library
24. Vision Australia Information and Library Service
25. Walter & Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research
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56. Hainan University Library
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62. Library of Chinese Academy of Sciences / Library of Academia Sinica
63. Library of the East China Normal University
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65. Macao Polytechnic Institute Library
66. Medical Library of the Chinese People's Liberation Army
67. Nanjing Library
68. National Library of China
69. Nanjing Normal University Library
70. Nanjing University, Library
71. National Palace Museum Library
72. National School of Administration PRC
73. National Taiwan Normal University Library
74. Parliamentary Library, Legislative Yuan
75. Peking University Library

76. Shanghai Administrative Institute, Library

77. Shanghai Library

78. Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Library

79. Sichuan Provincial Library

80. Shanghai University, Library

81. Suzhou Library

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84. The Chinese University of Hong Kong

85. The Hong Kong Institute of Education Library

86. Tsinghua University Library

87. Tongji University Library

88. University of Hong Kong Libraries

89. University of Macau, International Library

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93. Zhejiang Provincial Library

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102. Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat Library

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### National Associations

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110. Delhi Public Library
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112. Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, Reference Library
113. Indira Gandhi National Open University
114. Jawaharlal Nehru Library, University of Mumbai
115. Library & Documentation Centre, Wildlife Institute of India
116. Library, Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd.
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118. National Library, Kolkata Government of India
119. National Science Library (NISCAIR)
120. National Social Science Documentation Centre, Indian Council of Social Science Research
121. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC)
122. Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation
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261. Institute of Library Science, University of the Philippines
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264. University of Santo Tomas Library

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271. M.I. Rudomino All-Russia State Library for Foreign Literature

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274. King Abdulaziz Public Library
275. King Abdulaziz University, Deanship of Library Affairs
276. King Fahad National Library

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284. Sri Lanka Library Association

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296. Department of Library Science, Faculty of Humanities, Chiang Mai University

297. Library and Archives, Bank of Thailand

298. Mahidol University, Library and Information Center

299. National Assembly Library

300. National Library of Thailand

301. National Institute of Development

Administration, Library and Information Center

302. National Science & Technology Development Agency

303. Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University, Office of Documentation and Information

304. Thammasat University Libraries

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310. National Library, Cultural Foundation

311. Public Libraries Section - Dubai Municipality

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316. The British Library

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# Quilting an IFLA Tapestry of Asia and Oceania Region

by IFLA Regional Office for Asia and Oceania

As you know, quilts are made from sewing different fabrics together to make design. And patterns for sewing the pieces of fabric together are handed down through the times.

The riot of patterns and colours makes the quilt beautiful, while meticulous stitching holds the quilt together strongly.

Similarly, IFLA Asia and Oceania region is made up of 53 countries, each making their contribution to the library community through the years.

The vibrancy of the members makes the organisation remarkable, while the bond and understanding between the members are essential for the strength of the organisation.

# World Library and Information Congress (WLIC) 2006, Seoul Attendance Grant Report

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## Introduction

In January 2006 the Korean Government allocated the amount of Euro 50,000, to enable librarians from a number of countries in Asia to attend the World Library and Information congress: 72nd IFLA Conference in Seoul, Korea, 20–24 August 2006. In April IFLA received the information that in addition to the initial Euro 50,000, approximately Euro 24,000 had been added to enable librarians from other parts in the world to attend the WLIC. In total, the grant went up to Euro 90,000,000 KRW, approximately Euro 74,000.

The candidates in the first part had to be a national from one of the following countries: Bangladesh, Burma, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Mongolia, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka, East Timor or Vietnam. The candidates in the second part had to be speakers/presenters from developing countries whose papers had been approved, or otherwise involved in the programme - but had difficulties in raising funding for travel to Seoul, accommodation and registration.

The sponsorship covered registration, travel from the nearest international airport to Seoul, accommodation and a daily allowance of 30 USD/day. The grantee was responsible for the costs of personal arrangements, for health and travel insurance and for expenses on route. The IFLA Core Programme, Action for Development through Libraries Programme (ALP) Secretariat in Uppsala administered the grant.

## Announcement

The grant was announced through IFLA's listserv IFLA-L and on the IFLA website. Application forms were available at the web site and distributed on demand. The deadline for applications was 15 March 2006 for the first part of the grant.

As it was already April when we got information about the additional money, all IFLA officers were informed directly about the second part of the grant instead of making a general announcement, as we know from experience that we would have received hundreds of reactions as a result. The IFLA officers were asked to inform the ALP office about speakers/presenters from developing countries in their section programmes, whose papers had been approved, but would not have been able to go to Seoul.

## Selection

The selection for the first group was done in April. The committee operated in close co-operation with IFLA's

Regional Office and the Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania and IFLA Headquarters. The Selection Committee consisted of the following members:

- Sue Dodd, Information Librarian, Uppsala University Library
- Sjoerd Koopman, Professional Coordinator, IFLA Headquarters
- Gunilla Natvig, Administrative Officer, IFLA-ALP Office, Uppsala
- Birgitta Sandell, Director, IFLA-ALP Office, Uppsala

One hundred valid applications were registered for the first group – 35 males and 65 females. Nine came from Bangladesh, seven from Cambodia, ten from Indonesia, two from Mongolia, one from Myanmar, ten from Nepal, 31 from the Philippines, 23 from Sri Lanka, one from East Timor and six from Vietnam. Of these applications, nine candidates were selected for support. Besides the valid applications, we received a lot of requests and non-valid applications.

Criteria for the allocation of the grant was that the candidate must be a national of one of the listed countries, the general quality of application, professional background and experience: level of education, positions held and professional experience in general. Priority was given to younger professionals with a minimum of five years experience. The motivation of the application, how professional colleagues in the grantee's country will benefit from the participation was also taken into account.

For the second group, the first criteria was that the applicant had been accepted to present a paper at the conference or were involved in a section's programme. We tried to get a balance between different professional groups and have a wide geographical spread. Twelve candidates were selected from this group, 21 candidates in total.

## Administration

Most of the ticketing was handled in Korea by Global Tour Limited. After consultation, Congrex recommended Global Tour Ltd. Quotations from Global Tour Ltd were compared with prices from travel agencies in Sweden. Normally prices are better in the country of departure or destination than in a third country, and most of the tickets were bought by Global Tour Limited and sent to the grantees. Several tickets with departure from Latin America and Africa were very expensive, so we asked for quotations from the departure country and asked the grantee to buy the ticket. A few could

not lay out the money neither could their institution, so we transferred the money. The others were reimbursed in Seoul. In two cases the tickets could not be sent to the grantees because of conflicts in the country involved and in another case, there were problems with communication.

The handling of the ticketing was well organised and everything went smoothly. All the grantees received their visas and for the first time we did not have any cancellations because of rejected visa applications. Two cancellations because of illness were received but one could be replaced.

Accommodation was handled by Congrex Holland, a professional conference organiser who has contracts with hotels in Seoul. Registrations were made before 15 May to get the lower fee and we were allowed to change names in case of cancellations.

There were a lot of friendly and helpful volunteers in Seoul and at the Incheon airport. Information had also been sent out to grantees on how to get into town etc.

The grantees were informed when they registered, that they could pick up the per diem at the cashier's desk and sign the list.

We had planned to organise a reception for the grantees but unfortunately it was not possible to find a free time slot. None of the hotels used for the grantees were willing to organise one either. However, we managed to meet almost all of the grantees. Most of them also participated in the "Newcomers session" where they got information about IFLA and its organisation.

### Conclusion

Events like this are of great importance as they give library professionals the opportunity to take part in international librarianship. During the conference and after, many

acknowledgements and expressions of gratitude were received. For many grantees it was the first time they were outside their country and they were very keen to learn and make new contacts. This generous grant made a difference for many librarians from developing countries.

The smooth co-operation with the NOC, Global Tours Limited and Congrex was essential for the success of the grant.

### WLIC 2006 Seoul Attendance Grant

Grantees from Asia were:

- Dilara Begum (Bangladesh)
- Suon Sophy (Cambodia)
- Dilrukshi Ariyaratne (Sri Lanka)
- Evy Mardiani Dewi (Timor)
- Raju Shakya (Nepal)
- Kh. Ali Murtoza (Bangladesh)
- Ari Suryandari (Indonesia)
- Maxie Doreen Cabarron (Philippines)
- Hanh Nguyen Thi (Viet Nam)
- Mehri Parirokh (Iran)
- Marwa El-Sahn (Egypt)
- Premila Gamage (Sri Lanka)
- Irangani Mudannayake (Sri Lanka)

ALP also supported three Speakers Grantees from Asia with money from Sida (The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency):

- Anup Kumar Das ( India)
- Ida Fajar Priyanto ( Indonesia)
- Liu Yi (China)

## IFLA ALP Project Applications 2007

You will find the Guidelines and Project Submission Form at the web: <http://www.ifla.org/VI/1/alp.htm> as well as Guidelines for Final Reporting.

Please note that 31 December 2006 is the deadline for applications to reach the Regional Manager:

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Fax: (65) 6332 3616

E-mail: [keatfong@nlb.gov.sg](mailto:keatfong@nlb.gov.sg)

## IFLA ALP Scholarships and Attachment Grants in 2007

Information professionals who are interested in the ALP scholarships and attachment grants in 2007 may access for application forms at the websites below:

- <http://www.ifla.org/VI/1/admin.scholaasia.htm>
- <http://www.ifla.org/VI/1/admin.trasia.htm>

# The Digitisation of Local Documents at the National Library of China

Source: Library of Ancient Books, National Library of China

By Wang Shang

Member

Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania

Many kinds of local documents are collected in the National Library of China (NLC), such as local histories, genealogies, Spring Festival pictures, old photos, literature and historical materials. Some of them have been digitised.

## Spring Festival Pictures



Chinese people favour the art style of traditional spring festival pictures. Such pictures were carved on wooden blocks and printed with colourful

paints, and finished with clear lines and bold colours. Through many years' of hard work, NLC has collected more than 4,000 spring festival pictures of different subjects, such as sceneries, figures, stories, flowers, birds, fishes and many kinds of vignette. In order to facilitate the reader's utilisation and appreciation of these pictures, NLC is constructing a resource database of spring festival pictures. In the database, every picture has an abstract with brief story, background, characteristics, and reference information. As of now, 200 pieces of Spring Festival Pictures have been imaged and published in the *Spring Festival Pictures Masterpieces* column on the website of NLC.

## Old Photos



An old photo is a special kind of document that documents the people, events, history, geography, folk-custom, mountains and rivers in a local area. Old photos hold many

merits for research that other documents do not have. NLC has collected 97,458 pieces of old photos and is digitising these valuable documents. More than 3,000 pieces of old photos, which were collected by Zhan Tianyou, a very famous architect in modern times, have been scanned and provided with a description of the title, time, place and content. These images are being prepared for publication.

## Digital Local History

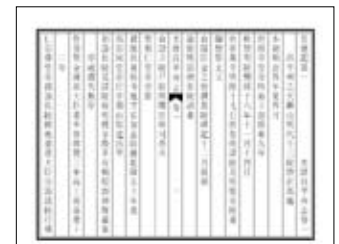
A Chinese local history is the encyclopedia of a region in which historical events and figures, territory, climate, mountains and rivers, economic situation, products, education, custom, historical relics etc. are recorded. The library holds over 6,000 titles in 120,000 thread-bound volumes published before 1949, or seventy percent of the ancient Chinese local histories that are extant today.

*Digital Local History* is a project of the NLC to digitise ancient local histories. The project aims to digitise the collection and create an images database and a full-text database. Based on the latter, several knowledge databases will also be completed. Full-text searching and single and complex searching will be realised between these databases.

So far about 1,680,000 pages have been scanned and 900,000 pages have been transformed into full-text. A portion of the images have been published in the *Digital Local History* page on the website of the NLC. The project is currently in the process of scanning the rest of the ancient local histories. A complete publishing system for all resource databases is envisioned in which the public can search and browse freely.



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*Digital Local History* will facilitate the library patron's use of these valuable materials as well as support academic research and ancient books conservation.

# Bastions of Civilization: The Exhibition of the Chinese Ancient Books & Special Collections and Their Conservation

Source: International Cooperation Division of National Library of China

By Wang Shang

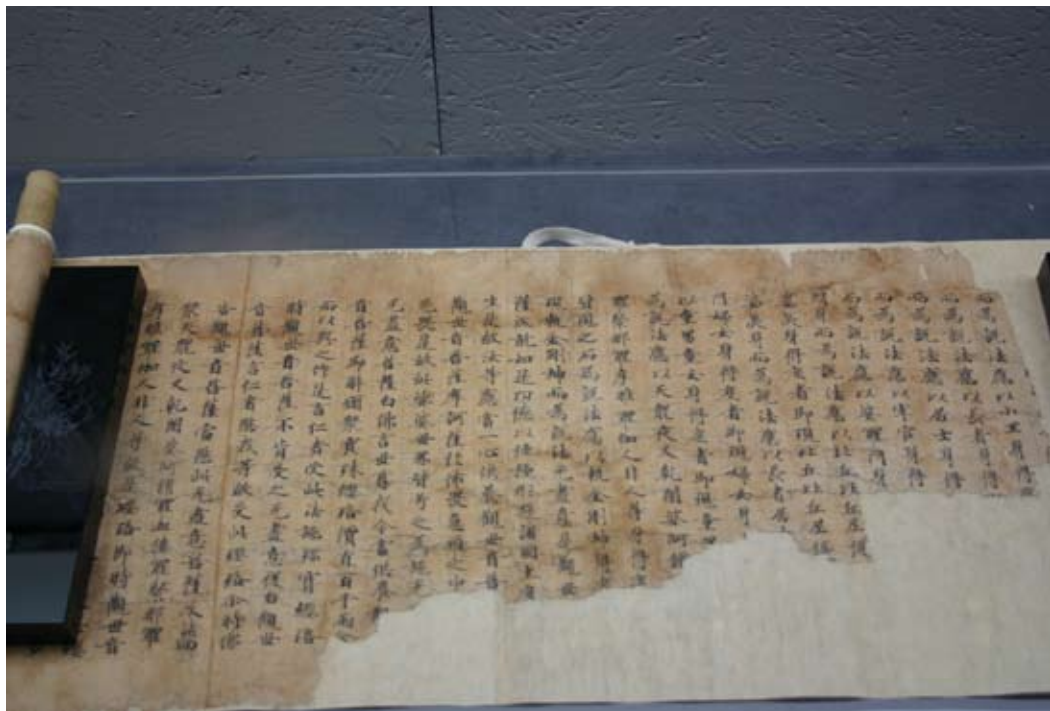
Member

Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania

**B**astions of Civilization: The Exhibition of the Ancient Books & Special Collections and Their Conservation was sponsored by the Ministry of Culture and hosted by the National Library of China (NLC). The participators in this exhibition included Chinese fourteen public libraries, university libraries and scientific research libraries. The exhibition drew all people's attention after the opening day on 26 May, including the government leaders, scientific researchers, soldiers, public and children, both domestic and overseas. According to the statistics after the closure, the number of visitors was 22,589. It exceeded the host's expectations. Furthermore, the different medias reported the exhibition nearly 200 times.

This exhibition was to step-summarise the "Reprint Project of Chinese Ancient Books" and was in harmony with the "Conservation Plan of Chinese Ancient Books & Special Collections". More than 200 pieces of treasure collections, which came from the National Library of China and other libraries were exhibited. It showed us the significance of preserving the ancient books. The exhibition also showed the conservation methods and gave publicity to the great achievements of allotment and purchase, collection condition improvement and conservation of ancient books since 1949. It gave prominence to the "Reprint Project of Chinese Ancient Books" and "Conservation Plan of Chinese Ancient Books & Special Collections" which shows the bright future of preservation of ancient books.

This was the biggest exhibition of rare books and their conservation in NLC and also in China since 1949. To publicise the exhibition, the NLC also scheduled a variety of activities, such as special performances for the party and country leaders, children, diplomats, the handicapped and volunteers.



An exhibit on display

Most national treasures of NLC were exhibited including ancient rare books, oracle bones, mental and stone rubbings, ancient maps, documents of Chinese minorities and so on. Nearly 60% of the exhibitions were classified as national top-grade cultural relics and others were second-grade. More than 50 books were Song and Yuan Dynasty (about 1000 years ago) rare books. They were the essences of NLC rare treasure books that had great impact on the visitors.

The visitors enjoyed the romantic charm of Chinese ancient books and witnessed the conservators' work. The exhibition increased their awareness of NLC's preservation and conservation efforts and increased their enthusiasm in contributing to the preservation of ancient books.

The NLC intends to conserve 100 pieces of damaged Dunhuang Manuscripts and hope the public will sponsor the project. Due to an overwhelming response, the manuscripts were claimed for sponsorship in one week. On 14 June, NLC provided another 60 pieces of documents. Up to 25 June, 42 pieces of them were claimed for sponsorship.

## News from Sri Lanka

### The Sri Lanka Library Association: Tsunami Activities

By Premila Gamage  
Secretary  
Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania

The Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA) received further assistance to continue with its tsunami library rehabilitation projects. Following donations were officially received by Premila Gamage, at the press conference of IFLA 2006 in Seoul. Since October 2005, the SLLA projects were visited by many people who represented CILIP and IFLA. They were very pleased with the progress of projects and offered assistance not only in monetary terms but various other ways. It was announced at the press release that the SLLA initiatives and efforts were highly appreciated by the officers of the IFLA and CILIP and have decided to extend their further support to SLLA tsunami project proposals/activities.

- United States Associations for IFLA – USD 15,400/-
- United States Agricultural Information Network – Euro 450/-
- Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (CILIP) – GBP 4000/-
- Cambridge Library Group, UK – GBP 4000/-



Representatives of US Associations awarding the donation



Donation from the Cambridge Library Group

## National Conference on Library and Information Studies (NACLIS 2007)

Colombo, Sri Lanka, 8-9 March 2007

Call for Papers/Participation

General Theme: Information Management in the Digital Environment

The Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA) which is the sole body assigned with the responsibility of safeguarding the profession of Library and Information Sciences in Sri Lanka, will be holding a National Conference on Library & Information Studies from 8-9 March 2007, at the Hotel Galadari.

This conference is organised with the intention of uplifting the professional image of the Association, and also to provide its members the opportunity to present their research findings to their peers. This has been an annual event during the last few years, and it was found to be a worthwhile exercise. With the view to making this

years conference aligned with national priorities, SLLA has decided to base the conference on the theme “Information Management in the Digital Environment”, as the government is now focused heavily on the e-Lanka concept. In order to broaden the scope of the conference, this year the SLLA decided to open it to those in the profession outside Sri Lanka, and abstracts from India, Iran, Malaysia, United Kingdom and New Zealand have already been received.

You are cordially invited to participate at this seminar. The cost of participation at the conference will be USD 100 for SAARC Countries and USD 200 for other countries. For details: <http://www.slla.org> E-mail: [slla@sltnet.lk](mailto:slla@sltnet.lk)

# Overview of Turkish Libraries and Knowledge Management

by Ruth Pagell  
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**M**s Filiz Cermen, Library Director at Yeditepe University, Turkey gave a presentation on the “Overview of Turkish Libraries & Knowledge Management in a Turkish Academic Library” at Singapore Management University (SMU) on 3 November 2006.

SMU's Vice Provost Prof Pang Yang Hoong remarked: “Cooperation among librarians, whether through their libraries or their professional associations is important not only to SMU but to Singapore. We hope that occasions such as this allow us all not only to learn from the distinguished speaker but also to network and learn from each other. We look forward to more formal and informal interactions with Singapore's library and information community as we all continue to grow the intellectual assets of Singapore.”



From left: Professor Pang Yang Hoong, Vice Provost, SMU; Filiz Cermen, Library Director, Yeditepe University, Turkey; Ruth Pagell, University Librarian, Li Ki Shing Library, SMU

# Handbook on Copyright and Related Issues for Libraries

by Mrs Denise Nicholson  
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**T**he eIFL Handbook on Copyright and Related Issues for Libraries has recently been launched. Sponsored by the UNESCO Information for All Programme, this is a practical guide to topical legal questions affecting the information work of libraries in the fast moving digital environment. Each topic is described briefly, the main policy aspects for libraries are outlined, and there are links to library policy statements for further reading. The topics are:

- the Relationship between Copyright and Contract Law: Electronic Resources and Library Consortia;
- Technological Protection Measures - the “triple lock”;
- Copyright, the Duration of Protection and the Public Domain;
- Orphaned works;

- Collective Rights Management;
- Public lending right;
- the Database Right - Europe's Experiment;
- Creative Commons: an “open content” licence;
- Open Access to Scholarly Communications;
- Copyright and Trade Agreements;
- International Policy Making: a Development Agenda for WIPO;
- National Policy Making: Advocating for Fair Copyright Laws.

The complete Handbook, as well as the individual topics, are available for download on the eIFL website: <http://www.eifl.net/services/handbook.htm>

# Web Archive Singapore: The Dot.sg Time Capsule

By Siow Lian San

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National Library Board Singapore

The National Library Board (NLB), Singapore officially launched Phase 1 of its Web Archive Singapore on 18 October, 2006. The aim is to archive “.sg websites” of national and historical significance. This is the National Library’s initiative to record and keep alive the nation’s web heritage and its many cyber-memories for posterity.

The National Library embarked on the project of archiving Singapore websites in 2005. The goal was to create an initial archive of 1,000 websites reflecting various aspects of Singapore life and heritage, in order to achieve a sense of community, national identity and rootedness among Singaporeans. This is achieved through the archiving of information that shapes the national identity.

The Web Archive Singapore has exceeded its original target and currently holds some 1,200 Singapore-related websites that showcase various social and historical facets of Singapore life. Coverage ranges from the official to the quirky; from government administration and education, to popular topics like arts and recreation, carefully selected to be part of the nation’s documentary heritage.

## Identification and Selection

Phase 1 started out as a trial and test-bed. NLB identified and selected 1,000 sites for archiving covering the websites of the following institutions:

- Government and government related agencies
- Schools
- Registered societies, including sports and arts groups, and clan associations
- Trade unions
- Cooperatives
- Mutual Benefit Societies
- Voluntary and Welfare organisations

## Criteria for Selection

The following criteria were used in selection:

### 1. Content of websites are authoritative and has research values

These are sites that document and give first hand account of the organisation’s functions, programmes and activities. Examples include: Government agency or society sites.



### 2. Content has national and historical significance

These websites or webpages record events of national significance. Examples include: Four Million Smiles and General Election 2006.

### 3. Content has social and cultural significance

These are the websites that provide insights into the social and cultural life of Singapore. Examples of such

sites include those covering the arts and heritage festivals, societies and associations.

## Web Archiving Process

It is very important that we adhere to standards used by the others in the community to ensure long-term accessibility and interoperability. NLB decided to use tools recommended by the International Internet Preservation Consortium (IIPC). This would allow us to leverage on their research and development outputs.

Web archiving comprises 3 basic processes:

- Harvesting - to harvest a copy of the website directly from the Internet for archiving
- Indexing – to make the contents searchable
- Viewing – to present and display the archived materials

The Internet has become a new playground for a new generation of authors and publishers to unleash their creativity. Web technologies are constantly changing and evolving. So also has the web archiving technology. NLB will be closely monitoring the development of the web archiving community around the world, especially that of the IIPC, in order to keep abreast with the latest development in this field.

## Future Plans

In Phase 1 of the web archiving project, we have succeeded in archiving some 1,200 publicly available sites/pages. This however, represents only a small percentage of what is available in the Singapore Websphere. In the next phase of our development, the NLB will be looking at “whole domain archiving”, and at the same time, we will also be identifying overseas sites of relevance to Singapore for archiving.

Web Archive Singapore is accessible from the NLB website at: [http://www.nlb.gov.sg/CPMS.portal?\\_nfpb=true&\\_pageLabel=CPMS\\_page\\_eResources\\_eArchive](http://www.nlb.gov.sg/CPMS.portal?_nfpb=true&_pageLabel=CPMS_page_eResources_eArchive).



# Welcoming Visitors to Singapore's National Library

By Joyce Wee  
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 National Library Board Singapore

It was an engaging year as the National Library Board (NLB) played host to many international visitors including Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the Japanese Imperial Couple, the Crown Prince of Bhutan and the First Lady of the United States.

## Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II (17 March 2006)



Ms Lim Soo Hoon, Chairman of NLB and Dr N Varapasad, Chief Executive of NLB extended a warm welcome to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

## Crown Prince of Bhutan (23 August 2006)



Ms Chow Wun Han, Senior Manager, Lee Kong Chian Reference Library (left), briefed the Crown Prince of Bhutan, His Royal Highness, Trongsa Penlop Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck on NLB's collections, while Ms Lim Soo Hoon, Chairman, NLB looks on.

## Japanese Imperial Couple (9 June 2006)



Primary school children from the KidsREAD programme, a nationwide reading programme targeted at children from the lower income families performed a skit.



Front row, seated from left: Mr Khaw Boon Wan, Minister in attendance, Japanese Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko  
 Back row: 3rd from right standing: Ms Lim Soo Hoon, Chairman, NLB and Dr N Varapasad, Chief Executive, NLB

## Mrs Laura Bush, First Lady of the United States of America (16 November 2006)



Mrs Laura Bush, First Lady of the United States of America was shown a special collection of rare titles and manuscripts on Singapore and Southeast Asia.



Mrs Laura Bush read "Miss Spider's Tea Party" by David Kirk to the delight of children from the KidsRead Programme and Jamiyah Children's Home.

# JANUARY to DECEMBER 2007

Collated by Ambika Raghavan,  
Senior Reference Librarian  
Lee Kong Chian Reference Library  
National Library Board Singapore

## **LAS Conference and Workshop 2007: Librarians: Learning -> Strengthening -> Moving Forward.**

*Organiser* Library Association of Singapore  
*Date* 29-30 January 2007  
*Contact person* lasconference@las.org.sg  
*Link* [http://www.las.org.sg/LAS\\_Conference2007/lasconference.htm](http://www.las.org.sg/LAS_Conference2007/lasconference.htm)

## **Taipei International Book Exhibition (TiBE)**

*Date* 30 January-4 February 2007  
*Venue* Taipei World Trade Center Hall I, Taiwan  
*Link* <http://www.tibe.org.tw/2006/index.php?language=en>

## **Australian Library and Information Association: Information Online 2007**

*Organiser* Australian Library and Information Association  
*Date* 30 January-1 February 2007  
*Conference* Aleks Duric AIMM, aleks@conferenceaction.com.au  
*Link* <http://www.information-online.com.au/index.php>

JANUARY

## **International Conference on Semantic Web & Digital Libraries**

*Organiser* Documentation Research & Training Centre (DRTC), Indian Statistical Institute, Bangalore  
*Date* 21-23 February 2007  
*Venue* Bangalore

*Contact person* Dr. A.R.D. Prasad (Convenor), icsd@drtc.isibang.ac.in; ardp@drtc.isibang.ac.in; icsd2007@gmail.com  
*Link:* <http://drtc.isibang.ac.in/icsd/>

FEBRUARY

## **Learning Futures: Public Libraries for the New Generations in Australia and New Zealand**

*Organiser* Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA)  
*Date* 9-10 March 2007

*Venue* Adelaide South Australia  
*Link* <http://www.auslib.com.au/>

MARCH

### The Academic Librarian: Dinosaur or Phoenix? Die or Fly in Library Change Management

*Organiser* University Library System, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

*Date* 11-12 April 2007

*Venue* Cho Yiu Hall, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

*Contact person* Ms Ann Chiu, aldp2007@lib.cuhk.edu.hk.nospam

*Link* <http://www.lib.cuhk.edu.hk/conference/aldp2007/info/index.htm>

### Kuala Lumpur International Book Fair (KLIBF)

*Date* 27 April -6 May 2007

*Venue* Putra World Trade Centre, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

*Link* <http://www.klibf.com>

### Educause Australasia 2007: Advancing Knowledge: Pushing Boundaries

*Organiser* Educause Australasia

*Date* 29 April-2 May 2007

*Venue* Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre, Melbourne

*Conference Secretariat* Waldron Smith Management, ph +61 03 9645 6311, info@wsm.com.au.nospam.

*Link* <http://www.caudit.edu.au/educauseaustralasia07>

APRIL

### IAML Conference 2007 IAML Conference 2007

*Organiser* International Association

*Date* 1-6 July 2007

*Venue* Sydney Conservatorium of Music Libraries, Archives and Documentation Centres Music, Sydney, Australia

*Contact person* Fax: + 61 2 9351 1372  
Email: b.glass@usyd.edu.au

*Link* <http://www.iamlaustr.org/sydney.htm>

### Libraries and Sustainable Development: An International Conference

*Organiser* Persatuan Pustakawan Malaysia

*Date* 12-14 July 2007

*Venue* Crowne Plaza Riverside, Kuching Sarawak

*Link* <http://www.ilc2007.netmyne.com/>

JULY

### The 2007 IASL Conference: Cyberspace, D-world, E-learning: Giving Libraries and Schools the Cutting Edge

*Organiser* Library Association of the Republic of China (Taiwan) National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan

*Date* 16-20 July 2007

*Venue* Gis Convention Center, National Taiwan University Taipei, Taiwan

*Link* <http://www.iasl-slo.org/conference2007-gen.html>

### 12th International Conference on Human-Computer Interaction (HCI '07)

*Organiser* HCI International

*Date* 22-27 July 2007

*Venue* Beijing International Convention Center, Beijing, China

*Link* <http://www.hcii2007.org/>

### Libraries for the Future: Progress, Development and Partnerships

*Organiser* World Library and Information Congress: 73rd IFLA General Conference and Council IFLA

*Date* 19-23 August 2007

*Venue* Durban, South Africa

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

AUGUST

**4th International RMAA Convention:  
Influence with Integrity**

*Organiser* Records Management Association of Australasia  
*Date* 9-13 Sep 2007  
*Venue* Wellington, NZ, Conference Secretariat  
*Phone* 1800 242 611  
*Email* admin@rmaa.com.au.nospam  
*Link* <http://www.rmaa.com.au/natcon2007/index.cfm>

**Ubiquitous Digital Libraries**

*Organiser* European Conference on Research and Advanced Technology for Digital Libraries (ECDL 2007)  
*Date* 16-21 Sep 2007  
*Venue* Budapest, Hungary  
*Link* <http://www.ecdl2007.org/index.php>

SEPTEMBER

**2007 Annual Conference : Information Futures:  
Aligning Our Missions**

*Organiser* Educause  
*Date* 3-26 October 2007  
*Venue* Seattle, Washington, USA  
*Link* <http://www.educause.edu/e07>

**Inform, Innovate, Initiate and Inspire**

*Organiser* 2007 ALIA National Library and Information Technicians Conference  
*Date* 9-12 October 2007  
*Venue* Grand Hyatt, Melbourne  
*Link* <http://www.alia07.com/>

**Symposium on Information Management in the  
Changing World**

*Organiser* Hacettepe University Department of Information Management  
*Date* 24-26 October 2007  
*Venue* Ankara, Turkey  
*Link* <http://www.sempozyum2007.hacettepe.edu.tr/english/index.php>

**International IFLA Interlending and Document  
Supply Conference: Resource Sharing for the  
Future, Building Blocks For Success**

*Organiser* International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) and National Library Board (NLB)  
*Date* 29-31 October 2007  
*Venue* Singapore  
*Link* <http://www.nlbconference.com/ilds/articlelist.asp>

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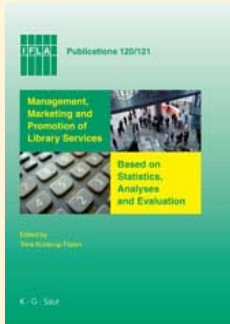
**26th Annual Course on International Law Librarianship:  
Global Challenges & the Indian Legal System**

*Organiser* International Association of Law Libraries  
*Date* 1-5 Dec 2007  
*Venue* National Centre for the Performing Arts [NCPA] Mumbai, India.  
*Link* <http://www.iall.org/iall2007/>

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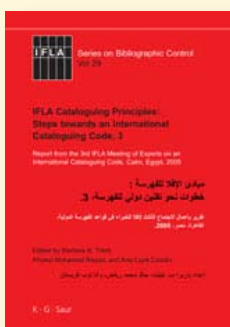
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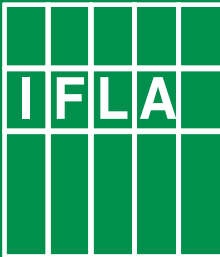
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