



Asia and Oceania

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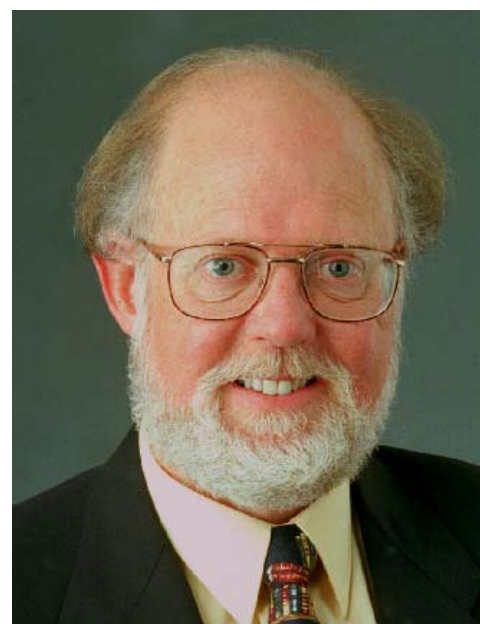
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From Regional Standing Committee for IFLA Asia and Oceania (RSCAO) Chair

This is my final column as your Chair – after eight years in RSCAO, first as a member, then Secretary and finally Chair, I have reached my ‘use by’ date. This is as it should be, because eight years is a long time, and we always need to make way for new perspectives and ideas. Nevertheless, I must say that these years spent working on behalf of IFLA’s Asia and Oceania Section have been a highlight of my professional career both in terms of the work accomplished and friendships forged.

Some years ago the Regional Sections and Division VIII were under threat – some of you will remember the Bangkok Conference and subsequent reports and manoeuvres to have us disbanded. We were able, with our colleagues in other Regional Sections, to show that this was not only inappropriate but that it would be to the disadvantage of IFLA. The membership of our Section has grown stronger, has greater collaborative links within IFLA, and continues representing the interests of countries as far apart as Japan and Lebanon, Kazakhstan and New Zealand.

You will note that not all of these are developing countries, and again we have worked assiduously to burn this idea into the IFLA psyche – the regional sections are not just about or for developing countries. Although this is a major focus, we also represent such countries as Singapore (the site of our Regional Office), Australia, Korea, New Zealand, Japan. And who is to say what constitutes a developing country in our region? Certainly Thailand is no longer in this category, as any frequent visitor will observe; and Vietnam is evolving so rapidly that perhaps within a decade it will no longer be termed ‘developing’. I think this is a key point for all members of the Section



to recognise – that we exist to represent all countries in our region, regardless of their level of economic or social development, political system or stability. The Asia and Oceania Section is about transnational, cross-cultural support for libraries and information infrastructures within this region, and it has been pleasing to see growing attention by the stronger Asian-Oceanic countries to those less developed areas.

Most of our in-country work relies on the stout support of our friends in ALP – and friends at every level. Both Birgitta Sandell and Gunilla Natvig, and the sponsors with whom they work, have been strong supporters of the Section and the Regional Standing Committee, and of individual members. I count their friendship as one of the great benefits of working with this Section over the years. And indeed these friendships are part of what makes IFLA such a worthy organisation – we learn from one another, we share ideas, we argue, we laugh, and in the end we progress. It has been my

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great good fortune to work with some stimulating colleagues in the RSCAO, particularly the two preceding Chairs, the Secretaries, the Regional Manager, and especially colleagues who, like me, joined in 1999 and are now 'retiring'. And of course new members have joined since then, always bringing enriching perspectives and ideas to our deliberations. As I leave the RSCAO, our Committee is stronger than it has ever been, with a record 22 members, including some from countries not previously represented. This bodes well for our future, and I wish all members of the Section, and especially the RSCAO members (both newly elected and continuing), much success and enjoyment working for the future of information services in Asia and Oceania.

I would offer a final word about projects that we support with funding from ALP and their sponsors. The Conference and our participation is, in my view, the smaller part of our work. The greater work is that achieved through the projects that we select, mentor and monitor. Having been involved in several of them, I can guarantee that they make a difference,

primarily because they arise from grassroots needs and respond at a level that is appropriate to those needs. These are not great, flag-waving accomplishments but small achievements that often resonate more deeply and widely than the grand-sounding, over-funded, politically-motivated work undertaken by many agencies. Long may this continue to be a key focus of the RSCAO.

In the immediate future we have much to do in Durban, and I hope to see many Section members there. Both our Open Session and the Division VIII Open Session will be well worth attending, and there is also an Emerald-sponsored dinner to which you will be receiving invitations. The overall IFLA programme is a full and exciting one, and it is important to show solidarity with our colleagues in the Africa Section by representing Asia and Oceania in Durban.

Professor Gary E Gorman
RSCAO Chairman

From Regional Manager's Desk

Dear Members,

Our much loved and respected Professor Gary E. Gorman has brought us his final message after serving for eight years as Chairman of the IFLA Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania (RSCAO).

Having worked with him over the past one and a half years, I have come to know Professor Gorman as a very dedicated person with great passion for his work and who has contributed immensely to IFLA, especially in the development of IFLA ALP scholarships, training attachments and projects for Asia and Oceania. We hope that Professor Gorman will nonetheless continue to provide his valuable insights and advice on library development in the region following his retirement.

The editorial team is also pleased to receive encouraging feedback from members about our Newsletter. We are happy to note that increasingly more members continue to give their support by contributing news and articles of their organisations and countries. In this issue, our Spotlight section features the Library and Information Association of

New Zealand Aotearoa and Sri Lanka Library Association.

We believe that our membership in the region can grow further. Due to the recent relocation of our IFLA HQ, we have not been able to provide the latest updates on our new members. Two new members registered in Asia and Oceania Section were received from the IFLA HQ in March 2007. The membership as at 30 June 2007 is 53 member countries and 332 members.

In March 2007, the Regional Office was honoured to host the Mid-Conference Meeting of IFLA Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania. Ms Premila Gamage, Secretary of RSCAO has kindly contributed a write-up in this issue.

We like to call for advertisements in this Newsletter to generate funds in helping RSCAO members to attend Section meetings. Please see back cover for details.

We wish to extend a very warm welcome to all the newly elected RSCAO members for 2007-2009. We look forward to working closely with all of you.

In addition, we are pleased to inform that the IFLA Governing Board had selected the South-east Asia, Australasia and Oceania region to host the IFLA Annual Conference: World Library and Information Congress in 2010. Australia, Malaysia and Singapore were shortlisted for consideration. The IFLA site inspection team also visited these countries in June 2007. We wish the shortlisted countries all the best.

Finally, on behalf of member countries and members in the IFLA Asia and Oceania region, I would like to express my sincere congratulations to Ms Ellen R. Tise, Senior Director, Library and Information Services at the University of Stellenbosch, South Africa for being voted as IFLA President-elect for 2009-2011.



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Congratulations!

From all of us at Asia and Oceania Region

Source: <http://www.ifla.org/III/gb/2007/president-result07.htm>

Ellen R. Tise wins IFLA Presidential election (2007-2009)



Ellen R. Tise, Senior Director, Library and Information Services, University Stellenbosch, South Africa, has been voted President-elect by IFLA members.

She will begin her two-year term (2007-2009) as President-elect during the IFLA conference in Durban this August.

She will succeed Claudia Lux as President in August 2009 for a two-year term, 2009 - 2011.

INVITATION

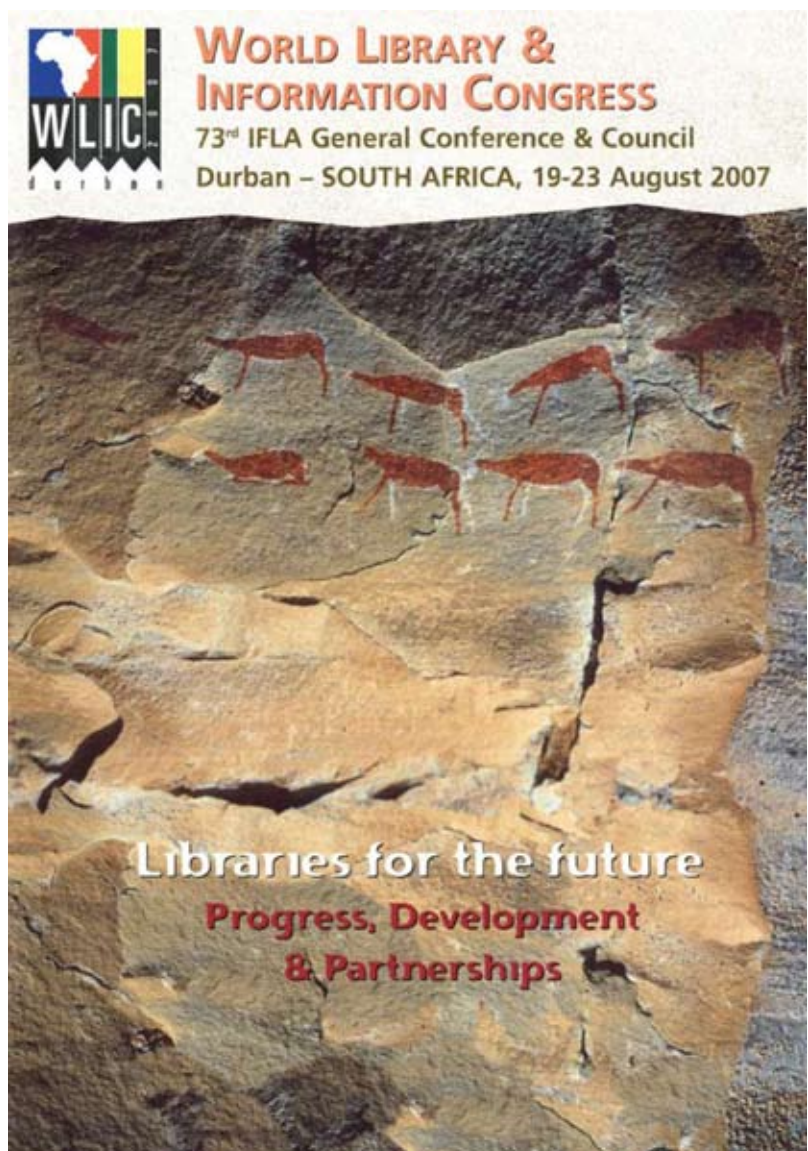
The Durban National Advisory Committee has pleasure in inviting you to the World Library and Information Congress 2007: 73rd IFLA General Conference and Council, which will be held in Durban, South Africa, from 19 to 23 August 2007.

THEME

Libraries for the future: Progress, Development and Partnerships

The library and information sector needs to ensure that its service delivery is relevant to the real information needs of its clients. Since we service different "worlds" such as education, research; business and economic intelligence; adult education and leisure; children; entertainment; creativity; political and developmental agendas, we need to explore what difference the LIS sector really makes to these different "worlds".

The conference will look at some of these issues by exploring progress and new development models for libraries in developing countries in particular and to encourage forming and building partnerships with each other and users/partons to aid development; increase the standing of the profession and elicit funding.



IFLA Election Process and Timetable

Standing Committee Members, Officers, Co-ordinating Boards and Professional Committee

By Sjoerd Koopman

Revised by Wynneth Evans

Source: <http://www.ifla.org>

Phase I: Call for Nominations Autumn 2006

1. In October 2006 IFLA/HQ distributed the Calls for Nomination for Standing Committee (SC) members of all Sections for the period 2007-2011. These Calls were sent to all members of all 45 sections. The deadline for submission was 7 February 2007. Results of Standing Committee nominations were processed by IFLA/HQ during February and March 2007.
2. For the majority of the committees, all those legally nominated were automatically elected because the number of nominees was lower than or equalled the number of vacancies.
3. IFLA/HQ provided the chairs of SCs whose numbers did not exceed twenty with lists of all SC members thus elected for 2007-2011. Together with the members 2005-2009, they form the electorate for Officers (Chairs and Secretaries) 2007-2009.
4. The PC Chair ratified the nominations in those Sections in which one or two extra members are nominated, as permitted by the RoP 12.16. The Section Chairs were notified of this decision through the list of SC members.
5. In a limited number of cases the larger number of nominations than vacancies made further elections necessary. Postal ballots were distributed to the Section members. The deadline for return was 15 May 2007.
6. The results will be communicated to the Chairs of the SC's involved. In the Sections concerned the electorate for Officers 2007-2009 will be the same as described under 3.
7. In summary: candidates eligible to stand as Officers 2007-2009 must be members of that Standing Committee, i.e. fully elected committee members for either the period 2005-2009 or 2007-2011.

Phase II: Election of Officers: Preparation and Process

8. It is the responsibility of the outgoing officers, normally the Chair, to organize the election.
9. The Chair (or Secretary) should, in June 2007, circulate committee members and ask for nominations. At the same time he should indicate whether the current office holders wish to stand for a second term, provided they are eligible (i.e. have been properly re-elected to the committee or have two further years to serve, and have only held the office in question for two years).

10. Nominations should be circulated to all voting members in July 2007. This is to enable the people concerned to clarify with their employer conditions for attendance at and funding for the next two IFLA conferences. This is particularly important given that Durban (2007), Quebec City (2008) and Milan (2009) will involve both considerable costs and absence from the workplace for many people.

Phase III: Durban

11. During the first SC meeting at Durban, 18 August 2007, each committee should elect a Chair and a Secretary from its membership. By preference, one of them also fulfils the role of Treasurer
12. All officers are elected for a two year period. A person may only be re-elected to the same office once, serving in that office for a total of four years.
13. It should be noted that the Chairs and Secretaries of committees will form the new Division Co-ordinating Board. During the Durban conference, all Co-ordinating Boards likewise will elect a Chair and a Secretary from their number.
14. The time frame for all these elections is short and it is therefore imperative that nominations are sought in good time and circulated to the electorate. It is the responsibility of the outgoing Chair, if necessary checking with IFLA/HQ, to ensure that all candidates nominated to hold office are eligible to do so.
15. The Chairs (or in exceptional cases the Secretaries) of the new Co-ordinating Boards will (together with the President-Elect, two members of the Governing Board, elected from their number and the PC Chair, elected from the outgoing Professional Committee members) form the new Professional Committee (PC).

The Commitments of the Professional Committee

16. The Professional Committee has several commitments:
 - Its members form part of the Governing Board (GB) and members are expected to attend three GB meetings which take place on the day after the SC II meetings at the end of the conference, in December and April in The Hague;
 - The PC meets in committee twice a year outside the conference, in December and April in The Hague (timed to coincide with GB meetings), and normally once at the beginning of the conference;

- These commitments mean that members must be prepared to spend approximately two weeks a year at meetings, in addition to extra time at the end of the conference. The time and expenses of this work are not funded by IFLA, so both funding and absence need to be clarified with employers.
17. Those who have been nominated should understand what they are committing to, in terms of time and cost, before expressing willingness to stand for election. It would be helpful if they could also indicate to the Chair of the relevant CB their willingness or otherwise to stand as Chair of that Board. All members should realise what is involved and if they wish to stand, should arrange to remain in Durban for one extra day [Saturday 25 August 2007].
18. The outgoing Chair and Secretary of the CB should arrange an orderly transfer of business to the new officers. The outgoing officers do not have to attend the last CB on the last Friday of the conference.

Durban Conference Timetable

19. During the Durban conference, the time table will be as follows:
- Saturday 18 August 2007 - Standing Committees elect office holders
 - Sunday 19 August 2007, 16:00-16:30 hrs. - New CBs meet to elect Chair and Secretary; usually the Chair will represent the Division as PC member.
 - Outgoing PC members take the new members immediately to a brief meeting (16:30-17:00 hrs.) to elect the new Chair of the PC (from outgoing PC members).
 - Monday 20 August 2007 - 13:45-15:45 and 16:00-18:00: two (equal) information and training sessions for all Officers.
 - Friday, 24 August - New officers chair the Section and Division CB meetings
 - Saturday 25 August 2007 - New PC joins the elected GB members for the first meeting of the new GB.

IFLA's Language Policy

At its meeting in December 2006 IFLA's Governing Board approved the following policy with regard to the use of languages within our Federation

Source: <http://www.ifla.org>

Definitions and Current Practice

IFLA currently has seven **official languages**: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Russian and Spanish. IFLA members are entitled to express themselves in these languages at conferences, in meetings of professional and governance bodies and in correspondence to IFLA HQ. Within the limits of its resources, IFLA provides official communications and form letters in these languages. IFLA provides abstracts in these languages of articles published in IFLA journal. IFLA attempts to provide translations of conference papers and simultaneous interpretation of conference sessions in these languages, and to respond to correspondence addressed to IFLA HQ in these languages.

As **working language**, we consider one or more of the official languages, in which IFLA HQ and/or Regional Offices and Language Centres are able to communicate immediately and without outside assistance both orally and in writing and in which all IFLA communications are disseminated.

Policy Regarding Languages

IFLA endeavours to reach out to the world library community through publishing its publications such as manifestos, guidelines and cataloguing codes, in as many other languages as possible, both in print and on the website, usually in response to expressed demand. In most cases translations are made by volunteers from the language communities themselves, or are paid for by those communities.

Providing language services remains to be the key, even vital for IFLA's congresses. However, in view of the high costs involved, we also need to remain critical in considering making expenses.

A distinction is made between official, working and other languages as defined above, and these terms should be used consistently in all our communications about language issues.

IFLA will continue to make available as many translations into all of its official languages of all relevant documents and publications as possible. This is only feasible with substantial help of the various professional language communities.

IFLA will take the initiative to hold a workshop with representatives of our IFLA language communities (translators, interpreters), possibly in 2007.

IFLA/HQ attempts to recruit speakers of other official languages than English as staff members, in order to increase the number of working languages.

At the annual conferences, additional products/services (simultaneous interpretation, translations) in locally relevant languages may be added for the account of National Committees.

Further study needs to be made of the use that is being made of simultaneous interpretation by analysing the use of headphones during future congresses.

IFLA will seek partnerships and funding from language and cultural promotion agencies.

World Library and Information Congress: 74th IFLA General Conference and Council

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

10-14 August 2008, Québec, Canada

Call for Papers for Satellite Meeting

Navigating with youth: In this technological era, how can public libraries attract and keep their young clientele?

Montreal, Quebec, Canada

5-7 August 2008



Public Libraries, Children and Young Adult Libraries, and Management and Marketing Sections in collaboration with Les Bibliothèques Publiques du Québec are currently organizing a satellite meeting in Montreal, Quebec, Canada from 5-7 August 2008. This event will precede the 74th Annual IFLA conference in Quebec city (10-14 August 2008.)

Themes and Objectives

The general theme of the conference is to conduct a survey of children and young adult services offered in public libraries around the world.

The objectives of the satellite meeting are:

- To bring together library personnel and other participants working with a young clientele in order to facilitate the sharing and exchange of information and ideas.
- To benefit from the experience of innovators in the field of youth library services (see the list of subjects below)
- To present speakers from around the world

For more details, please see

<http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla74/satellite1call-en.htm>

New Grant Programmes by Elsevier

Source: IFLA-L

The Elsevier Foundation strives to enrich and improve the quality of life for people worldwide by supporting the advancement of, and access to, scientific, technical and medical knowledge. The Foundation makes grants to institutions around the world, with a focus on support for the world's libraries and for scholars in the early stages of their careers. Through gift-matching, the Foundation also supports the efforts of Elsevier employees to play a positive role in their local and global communities. The Elsevier Foundation is funded by Elsevier, the leading global publisher of scientific, technical and medical information.

The Board of The Elsevier Foundation has approved two new grant programmes that may be of interest to the academic and library communities:

The Innovative Libraries in Developing Countries programme will make grants to improve the capacity of developing world libraries through training, infrastructure,

technology, digitization and preservation of STM information. The Foundation will focus in particular on supporting partnerships in these areas between libraries in the developing countries and institutions in the developed countries.

The New Scholars programme is designed to encourage the participation of women in academic science and technology through programmes that address the challenges associated with managing career and family responsibilities. We are focusing in particular on supporting the efforts of academic institutions and scholarly societies to help scientists with family responsibilities attend conferences and meetings that are important to establishing a career in science.

For further information: visit the Elsevier booth at the IFLA Library and Information Congress in Durban (August 2007) or go to www.elsevierfoundation.org <<http://www.elsevierfoundation.org/>>



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The Library and Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa (LIANZA) is the trading name of the New Zealand Library Association, formed in 1910 as the “Libraries Association of New Zealand”. In 1935, the Association changed its name to the “New Zealand Library Association” (NZLA). In 1939 the NZLA incorporated itself under the “New Zealand Library Association Act, 1939”.

For the next 50 years the NZLA was active in developing the professional interests of its members by;

- promoting a library service to rural areas (National Library’s Country Library Service)
- establishing a cooperative interlibrary lending scheme
- implementing training in librarianship under the aegis of the NZLA
- establishing an honours and credentials system for librarians

As part of acknowledging the Treaty of Waitangi; a document that recognises the indigenous rights of New Zealand’s native Maori population, the Association in 1995 signed a partnership agreement of mutual recognition with Te Ropu Whakahaui (TRW), an association for Maori working in Libraries and Information Management.

LIANZA today is a vibrant association with over 1200 personal and 475 institutional members employing three fulltime staff. The organisation is split into six geographic areas each with its own committee responsible for networking and continuing professional development activities. Other branches include a network of special interest groups for each sector, for specialist interest areas as well as geographic sub areas.

The Association currently publishes two journals “Library Life”, an online monthly journal of current information and a research biennial hard copy journal the “New Zealand Journal of Library and Information Management” in collaboration with one of New Zealand’s key library and information science education providers. The annual conference is one of the bigger conferences staged in New Zealand attracting up to 700 delegates and a good cross-section of the profession with extensive vendor representation. As well as administering scholarships and a credentials system of awards for its members, LIANZA



Professional registration voting at LIANZA Conference, Wellington, October 2006

also runs a national “Library Week” promotion campaign and publishes a biennial remuneration survey.

Over the last few years, the Association has taken a stronger advocacy role in making its voice heard on government initiatives to develop a knowledge society. The New Zealand Government Digital Strategy “3 C’s” approach of content, capability and connection to address the digital divide issues has its roots in LIANZA’s National Information Strategy (2001), which arose from two Library and Information Policy summits held in 1999 and 2000.

LIANZA’s latest initiative is to establish a registration scheme for its members and after extensive and exhaustive consultations in 2005/2006. To maintain registration, members must revalidate their qualifications every three years by keeping a journal planner to list professional development, which is then checked by a peer before being reviewed by the registration board. The purpose of revalidation is to assure those registered are keeping their library and information professional body of knowledge current.

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The Sri Lanka Library Association

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Sri Lanka Library Association

The Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA) is the only professional body in the country set up to serve the interests of librarians and information professionals. The Association was established in 1960 and incorporated by Act No. 20 of 1974. In 2004 this Act was amended by Act No.07, and this Act essentially gave more powers to the Association.

The activities of the Association are centred on working towards achieving its vision, which is "To be the centre of excellence in the field of Library, Documentation and Information Science through an educated and proactive membership and collaboration with other stakeholders in the field.

Educational Activities

Providing professional education in the field, thus producing the much needed library personnel in the country,



Mrs Dilmani Warnasuriya, SLLA President, addressing participants at a workshop on Life Long Learning through Community Information Provision in Digital Environment held at the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute, Colombo from 6 - 7 December 2006

is an on-going activity of the Association which has been continuing for over 30 years. Qualifications of SLLA are recognised by the public and private sector organisations for recruitment and promotion of library personnel. SLLA is represented in library governances of library related government authorities and committees.

Two major education programmes are worthy of mention, the Diploma in Library and Information Science, which is a three-year part time course, and the Course on Library Automation, an eight-month part time course. The former has gained recognition by the Government and is an accepted qualification for gazette as well as other advertised posts of Librarians. Two categories of members (Corporate and Non Corporate) include more than 400 professionals. Corporate members are entitled to use the title "Chartered Librarian".

Having commenced its activities in Colombo, the Association with time spread its tentacles away from the

capital, and commenced its Diploma course in the South, North, East and in the central region. Of recent origin is the commencement of the Distance Education programme, culminating in the same qualification being conferred. Although in the formative years of the Association there was a dearth of qualified professionals, the Association has now come of age, having gained professional recognition nationally by being a founder and executive member of the Organisation of Professional Associations. International recognition has been achieved by its status as a national and founder member of the Commonwealth Library Association and national member of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions.

Professional and Other Activities

The activities of the Association are carried out through several committees. Under the aegis of the Committee for Continued Professional Development, and also the Sectional Committees, several workshops and seminars are held to keep the members abreast of the current developments in the field. The Publications Committee ensures the quarterly issue of the newsletter and the scholarly journal, annually.

The Association holds an annual conference with the intention of giving its members the opportunity to its members to present their research findings, and to acquaint themselves with the latest developments in the field of library and information science. Foreign experts invited periodically. Whenever possible, the Association carries out its programmes with the collaboration of other organisations.

The SLLA is also alive to the social needs of the people. After the tsunami, it launched a project with international assistance to rehabilitate and upgrade the libraries damaged in the aftermath of the tsunami. Much support was received from library associations and benefactors from overseas, and the Association was able to renovate and set up five libraries in affected schools and local authorities.

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Welcome! New Members of Asia and Oceania Region

From 1 January 2007 to 15 June 2007

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Mid-Conference Meeting of IFLA Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania

By Premila Gamage
Secretary
Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania



From Left to Right: Namptip Wipawin, Tan Keat Fong, S.B. Ghosh, Premila Gamage, Gary E. Gorman, Mohd. Sharif Mohd. Saad, Sjoerd Koopman, Aree Cheunwattana attended at the IFLA Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania Mid Conference Meeting

The Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania (RSCAO) had its Mid-Conference Meeting from 19-20 March 2007 in Singapore. The meeting was hosted by the IFLA Regional Office for Asia and Oceania and the National Library Board Singapore. Mr Sjoerd Koopman, from IFLA headquarters who is responsible for IFLA professional activities also participated in the meeting. All the committee members actively participated in the meeting and made valuable contributions to discussions.

The RSCAO Chair and Regional Manager presented financial and information reports. The Chair's report

covered the matters related to IFLA Regional Office for Asia and Oceania, Section's web forum, participation in Seoul conference, ALP activities and the work of the committee members.

The meetings also included discussions on the Section's roles and responsibilities in the 73rd WLIC Conference Programme. The theme of the open session is 'Information Providers Coping with Disasters in Asia and Oceania'. Professor Graham Matthews, University of Loughborough, UK, will be the keynote speaker. In addition to the keynote paper, five papers will be delivered in Durban. It was also



Gary E. Gorman, RSCAO Chair and Tan Keat Fong presenting financial and information papers at the IFLA RSCAO Meeting



Sjoerd Koopman presenting a brief report on Governing Board meetings held in December 2006 to IFLA RSCAO Members



Dr N Varapasad, Chief Executive of the National Library Board Singapore extending a warm welcome to Mr Sjoerd Koopman, IFLA HQ

agreed to organise a poster session representing Division VIII and focusing on the ALP activities.

The Committee discussed possible themes for the Open Session for Quebec and tentatively suggested the following theme: *'From Me to You to Us: How Libraries in Asia and Oceania Contribute to Global Understanding'*.

The Committee explored the possibilities of organising a joint programme with Public Libraries Section, Information Literacy Section or Social Sciences. The Committee discussed the strategic plan and slightly modified the plan.

Upon the Regional Manager's invitation, Mr Sjoerd Koopman presented a brief report on Governing Board meetings held in December 2006. He informed about the proposed 'Regional Language Centres' and their role. The Committee discussed in-depth about the role and functions of the new Regional Language Centres.

On behalf of the Committee, the RSCAO Chair thanked Tan Keat Fong, IFLA Regional Manager of Asia and Oceania and her team for organising the Mid-Conference Meeting especially at very short notice. He expressed thanks and appreciation to Dr N Varapasad, Chief Executive, National Library Board Singapore and Ms Ngian Lek Choh, Deputy Chief Executive, National Library Board Singapore for the support given to the IFLA Regional Office for Asia and Oceania and for their hospitality during the meetings.

During the two-day IFLA RSCAO Meeting, Dr Varapasad hosted a lunch at the Pod, in National Library Singapore. The IFLA Regional Office for Asia and Oceania also organised social programmes such as sightseeing for the IFLA RSCAO Committee Members.



IFLA RSCAO committee members hosted to lunch at the Pod, National Library Board Singapore during their visit



Welcome Dinner at the No Signboard Restaurant at Esplanade Mall on 18 March 2007

Members of IFLA Asia and Oceania Region

By Mark Perkins

Member

IFLA Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania

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1. Commonwealth Library Association (COMLA) [Jamaica]
2. International Association of Music Libraries, Archives and Documentation Centres (IAML) [New Zealand]
3. International Association of School Librarianship [IASL] [Australia]

Australasian Regional Associations

4. Association of Parliamentary Libraries of Australasia [Australia]

Pacific Regional Associations

5. Pacific Islands Association of Libraries, Archives and Museums (PIALA) [Guam]

Pacific Regional Institutions

6. University of the South Pacific, Library [Fiji]
7. Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat Library [Fiji]
8. Secretariat of the Pacific Community, Library [New Caledonia]

Arab Regional Institutions

9. League of Arab States, Department of Information & Library Center [Egypt]

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19. Monash University Library
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26. State Library of Victoria
27. University of Melbourne, Information Division
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64. Hangzhou Library
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66. Hong Kong Public Libraries
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89. Taipei Public Library
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114. Delhi Public Library
115. Documentation Research and Training Centre, Indian Statistical Institute
116. Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, Reference Library
117. Indira Gandhi National Open University
118. Jawaharlal Nehru Library, University of Mumbai
119. Library & Documentation Centre, Wildlife Institute of India
120. Library, Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd.
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122. National Library, Kolkata Government of India
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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.

ALP Scholarship and Training Attachments for Asia and Oceania

Source: <http://www.ifla.org>

The purpose of these two programmes is to further the library profession, library institutions and library and information services in developing countries.

In many developing countries, the status of the library and information profession needs to be strengthened. This can be done among other things by continuing education programme, especially in areas striving to keep up with the rapid pace of development in library and information services. This, therefore, is a priority area to which ALP addresses itself.

Scholarships

Middle level professionals and technical specialists (computing staff) working in libraries/information centres in Asia and Oceania may apply. The candidates must be less than 46 years old. They must have an undergraduate degree and basic IT skills. The scholarship will enable the recipient to gain experience and hands-on exposure in a professionally advanced environment at a recognized institution in Asia and Oceania. The scholarship period will not exceed six weeks.

Financial Assistance

In addition to economy class return airfare, the recipient will be given a moderate per diem allowance to cover meals and accommodation.

Report

The recipient must submit a detailed report of approximately 2000 words to the ALP and host institution.

Administrative Formalities

Administrative formalities such as arranging leave, visa, etc. will be the responsibility of the recipient.

Closing Date

The applications should be received at the latest by 31 December each year. Selected candidates will be informed within three months of the closing date.

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Condition of Grants

Applicants can apply for one grant only from ALP yearly.

Checklist

To make sure that your application meets the necessary requirements, please follow the checklist below:

- Letter of endorsement from your employer allowing you to go on study leave is enclosed
- Office and postal addresses are written clearly with necessary details
- Age below 46.

It is important to send the file electronically if at all possible. If it is necessary to send a fax version, please make sure that the original copies of your application documents are sharp and clear enough to produce legible fax copies.

The application form can be downloaded from <http://www.ifla.org/VI/1/admin/scholarasia.htm>.



Training Attachments

The four-week Training Attachments are designed to afford an opportunity to middle-level library and information workers (below forty years of age) from developing countries who wish to gain experience and hands-on exposure from more advanced environments. The areas identified for such training are library management, information technology, preservation, rural librarianship and literacy work.

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Checklist

To make sure that your application meets the necessary requirements, please follow the checklist below:

- Letter of endorsement from your employer allowing you to go on study leave is enclosed
- Office and postal addresses are written clearly with necessary details
- Age below 46.

It is important to send the file electronically if at all possible. If it is necessary to send a fax version, please make sure that the original copies of your application documents are sharp and clear enough to produce legible fax copies.

The application form can be downloaded from <http://www.ifla.org/VI/1/admin/scholarasia.htm>.

Congratulations!

IFLA Asia and Oceania ALP Scholarships and Training Attachment Grants 2007 Recipients

ALP Scholarship Grants 2007 Recipients

The Regional Office has received 19 applications for the ALP 2007 Scholarship Programme. A sub-committee was set up to select five candidates for the programme.

The five candidates selected:

- Mr Mohamed Ghali Rashid Mubarak, Kingdom of Bahrain
- Mr Sagar Raj Subedi, Nepal
- Fathmath Shiham, Rep. of Maldives Islands
- Ms Dhondu Namrata Mestry, India
- Ms Blesila P. Velasco, Philippines

ALP Training Attachment 2007 Recipients

From 23 training attachment applicants, the sub-committee selected three individuals for ALP 2007 training attachments.

The three individuals selected:

- Ms Tungalag Sambuu, Mongolia
- Ms Tan Somaly, Cambodia
- Mr Yadab Chandra Nirula, Nepal

Reaching Rural Nepal

Source: <http://www.gatesfoundation.org/GlobalDevelopment/GlobalLibraries/AccessLearningAward/2006Award/default.htm>

Possessing eight of the world's 10 highest peaks, Nepal is among the most mountainous countries in the world. It is also among the least economically developed: of its 28 million people, nine out of 10 live in rural areas, fewer than half have electricity, and one in three lives below the poverty line. Only half of adult Nepalis—and only one-third of women—can read or write.



Rural Education and Development (READ) Nepal received the 2006 Access to Learning Award for its innovative approach to building and sustaining village libraries. No-cost access to books and information technology is advancing learning and literacy in the country's underserved, rural population.

READ Nepal was founded in Kathmandu in 1991 to establish a library system that could help rural Nepalis advance their own educational, economic, and community development.



The Jhuwani Community Library

To furnish the first library, six porters carried 900 books on their backs for three days, crossing a 12,000-foot pass before setting down their bulky loads in the tiny village of Junbesi. From this modest start, READ has gone on to touch

the lives of more than half a million Nepalis from one end of the country to the other. To date, the organisation has built 39 libraries, some in very remote, mountainous villages.

Although each READ library reflects its particular community, all provide similar resources: 3,000 to 5,000 books written in Nepali; an adult reading area; a women's section; a section for teenagers and young adults; a children's section with educational books, games, and toys; a multimedia centre; and one to five computers (with Internet access where possible).

For its many achievements, READ Nepal received the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation 2006 Access to Learning Award in August. The Council on Library and Information Resources administers the \$1 million award, which READ will use to expand its already successful programme.

Building Sustainable Libraries

At the heart of READ's success is a model that ensures a sponsoring village conceives and nurtures each new library. The process begins when a community learns about READ (often by word of mouth) and submits a proposal. To foster strong local commitment, the community must contribute the necessary land and cover 20 percent of the library's start-up costs. In one village, a man donated his former home. In another, an illiterate woman gave land so her grandchildren could learn to read. Some villagers participate by selling a handful of rice.

Before construction begins, villagers develop a business plan to cover the anticipated costs of ongoing operations. Undertakings have included a furniture factory, a printing



The new bridge now shortens the walk to school

press, a stationery store, a grain mill, and a fishpond, as well as ambulance, X-ray, rickshaw, telephone, and storefront rental services. These businesses often raise considerably more money than the library needs. The extra funds have been used for additional community projects, such as child-care centres, health clinics, scholarships, and a bridge to shorten the two hours it took children in one village to walk to school.

To promote a sense of ownership, villagers manage the libraries themselves, with training and oversight from READ. Each village assembles a library management committee, reflecting diverse membership. Villagers also develop their own charter, open a bank account, select a building site, design the building, supervise construction, and select librarians.

Observes Rashidah Begum bt. Fazal Mohammed, a member of the award selection committee and retired chief librarian at Universiti Sains Malaysia Library, “This model ensures libraries’ ongoing prosperity, independent of external aid.”

Opening Doors to Learning and Knowledge



School girls read in Argyole Community Library

In the 15 years since its inception, READ has facilitated access to books, newspapers, computers, and other educational materials for hundreds of thousands of Nepalis. People who cannot read watch videos or listen to audiotapes, to learn about investment and microfinancing opportunities, for example. The libraries also serve as social hubs for child care, medical assistance, literacy training, women’s discussion groups, AIDS awareness programmes, and farming and animal husbandry workshops. These vital social services are provided through READ partnerships with Nepali social welfare providers and university libraries, Nepal National Library, Asia Foundation, and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

READ library activities are as diverse as the communities where they take place. In Danda, a village inhabited by

several ethnic groups, including Tharu, Newar, Magar, and Gurung, the library has sponsored a poetry festival and a writing contest for children. A women’s literacy group in the village applies for loans to support small, home-based businesses, such as candle-making and raising goats.



Children read books from Jhuwani Library

In nearby Jhuwani, a local Tharu community leader devised a “10 Programme,” which encourages women to borrow 10 books and 10 toys for 10 days. Since this outreach, more Tharu and other indigenous people use the library.

In the remote Mustang district of north-central Nepal, women often suffer complications during pregnancy and childbirth, reports villager Ratna Sherchan. But now, with the local READ library recommending books on women’s health, “We are borrowing books to read out to other members during our meetings,” she says. “Now the women here are gaining knowledge about the proper care to be taken in the stages of pregnancy.”

Village libraries are contributing to a more equitable distribution of information and communication technology throughout Nepal. In a country grappling with political and economic instability, the libraries have become safe havens to enjoy community life and cultivate literacy, learning, and opportunity.

“I saw many men, women, and children reading books and using computers,” says Rashidah Begum, who has visited several of the READ libraries. “What I remember most was the look of hope on their faces. They knew that what they were learning would change their lives for the better.”

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To Move a Library: How Zayed University Library, Dubai Campus Did It!

By Daphne Gillespie Selbert
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Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahayan, first President of the United Arab Emirates, and his Minister of Education, Sheikh Nahayan bin Sultan Al Nahayan, founded a western-style University designed to educate the women of the Emirates as workers and leaders in this quickly modernising country on the Gulf. Founded in 1998, the University maintains two campuses. One is in the capital city of Abu Dhabi, and the other is in Dubai. The Dubai campus was originally designed to be an Australian High School. This campus, located in Al Twar, near the Dubai airport, was always intended to be temporary. In 2003 the Dubai Municipality hosted an international contest for the design of a new campus to be built in Al Ruwayyah, a desert area that would come to be called “Academic City.” Construction began in 2004. Planning for the move commenced in August 2006 and by December 2006, the library was ready to serve the university community. How did they do it?

Teamwork, Transitions and Teaching

Moving a library would be infinitely more complicated than shifting an office from one campus to another. There were, after all, 50,000 books, materials, equipment, furniture, shelving, and so forth. The challenge of providing a service with minimal disruptions and inconvenience to users made Daphne Selbert, (Library Supervisor) together with Dean Pat Wand, (who arrived in February 2006), to schedule meetings, create project spread sheets and inventories of materials, and form library teams.

The Circulation Team (Ramza Al Soury, Amel Al Muhairi, Mira Al Hussein, and Daphne Selbert) worked on an inventories furniture and shelving and prepared a detailed plan for the packing of the books. The Learning Enhancement Center (LEC)/ Curriculum Resource Center Teams (Robin Sorflaten, Huda Hassan, and Hoda Al Kobtan) planned the packing of their materials consisting of multimedia formats and put together a new “LEC to Go” programme and a small Curriculum Resource Collection to support the programme of the College of Education. The Reference and Information Literacy Instruction Team (Jane Birks and Janet Martin) needed to deliver Colloquy 120



Construction site

Programme during the transition time. Their plans needed to accommodate the possibility of no internet connectivity. Working creatively, they found that a temporary solution was to download the infoasis website tutorial to a CD.

The Move, the Space, the Home

By 3 September, when the University opened for classes, almost everything from the Al Twar campus was somewhere on the Al Ruwayyah campus. Alaa Al Talmas, the systems librarian and a member of the steering committee, was our chief detective—to locate library materials and equipment. We were in our new home...almost. Dean Pat Wand and Library Supervisor Daphne Selbert had made some adaptations to the plan of the campus architect to place furniture and reconfigure shelving. Most things worked well—and some did not.

On 17 December, to the joy of faculty, staff, students, and, not the least of all, library staff, we opened the Dubai campus library for service. We were home! Five months later, we are still in the process of settling in, and the building still has areas that are not yet completed. In April we were able to lock the doors. We are in the process of selecting an interior designer to work with us for the fit-out budget for “phase two.” But we are home. And we are happy to be here!

URL: <http://www.zu.ac.ae/library/>



Ready to serve the students

Workshop on Digital Libraries, 10 - 13 April 2007, TERI, New Delhi

By Anjali Gulati

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The Workshop on Digital Libraries, the second in the series of two workshops, was organised from 10 to 13 April 2007 by The Tata Energy and Resources Institute, New Delhi, with support from Technology Information Facilitation Programme (TIFFP) of Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR), Government of India. Twenty-five participants from various institutions in India were trained in setting up digital libraries using open source software, DSpace and GSDL (Greenstone Digital Library). The workshop consisted of a mix of lectures, presentations, hands-on sessions, case studies, and discussions.



Conference participants

The objectives for organising this workshop were to:

- Familiarise participants with the concepts of digital library, digitisation process and institutional repository;
- Offer hands-on experience to develop digital libraries and use of open-source software such as DSpace and GSDL (Greenstone Digital Library); and
- Help participants develop practical skills in the installation of open source software for creation and implementation of digital libraries

Technical Sessions

The Role of Librarians in Digital Libraries and Institutional Repositories

Dr A L Moorthy, Director, DESIDOC highlighted the role of Information Communication Technology and its impact on libraries worldwide. He presented the features and technical issues while selecting quality digital library software and also highlighted notable digital library projects such as Digital Library of India, Million Books on the Web, Traditional Knowledge Digital Library, and Muktabodha Digital Library.

DSpace: Overview, Installation, and Administration

Mr Surinder Kumar Gaba, Technical Director, National Informatics Centre was the resource person for the technical sessions on DSpace. The practical training on the installation and operation process of DSpace software covered installation of the DSpace software and DSpace administration process, such as creating community; creating collections under each community; administration of e-people; creating e-groups among e-people; authorising e-groups for each community and collections.

Digitisation Process

Ms Veena Makhija, Scientist E, DESIDOC presented the session on need, planning and objectives of digitisation process. She discussed various issues like conversion of data into digital form for computer storage retrieval and transmission and conversion of analogue media such as books, journals, photos, microforms, audio or video material into electronic form through scanning.

GSDL: Overview, Installation, and Administration

Mr B Sridhar, Scientist, DESIDOC, was the resource person for the technical sessions on GSDL (Greenstone Digital Library). GSDL is an open source software to build, manage, distribute and provide access to digital collections developed by New Zealand Digital Library Project at the University of Waikato. The strengths of the software were highlighted which include configurability; extensibility; full-text search on variety of document formats; XML, Unicode, and Dublin Core support; data compression; and CD-ROM publishing. Conversion of CDS/ISIS databases to GSDL was also demonstrated to participants.

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Special Topic: Archiving and Preservation of Online Publications Web Curator Tool: A Joint Open-Source Project by the National Library of New Zealand and British Library

By Penny Carnaby
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Introduction

More and more of the world's documentary heritage is only available online. Users find this content valuable and convenient, but its impermanence, lack of clear ownership, and dynamic nature pose significant challenges to any collecting professional or researcher attempting to acquire it.

To address these problems, the National Library of New Zealand (NLNZ) Te Puna Mātauranga o Aotearoa and the British Library initiated a project to design and build a Web Curator Tool that supports the selection, harvesting and quality assessment of online material by collaborating users in a library environment. The Web Curator Tool enables selective web harvesting, where a selector identifies parts of or whole websites for harvest, usually in relation to a focused subject area, or a significant event or theme. This is a high-quality, crafted approach to harvesting web content.

National Library of New Zealand and British Library partnership

The partnership between the National Library of New Zealand and the British Library was brought together under the auspices of the International Internet Preservation Consortium (IIPC). The IIPC envisioned a desktop solution to the challenge of collecting web material that would allow widespread implementation of web harvesting without requiring a high level of technical understanding within organisations.

International context

The value of harvesting web material has been recognised by several national libraries, cultural institutions



Ms Penny Carnaby, National Librarian and Chief Executive, NLNZ

and consortia where web archiving programmes have been instituted. These organisations include the PANDORA consortium (National Library of Australia and partners); the UK Web Archiving Consortium (UKWAC) (British Library, National Archives, National Library of Wales, National Library of Scotland, the Joint Information Systems Committee, and the Wellcome Trust); the Library of Congress; the National Library of France (Bibliothèque Nationale de France); the Nordic Web Archive (national libraries of Denmark, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden); Library and Archives Canada (Bibliothèque et Archives Canada); and the Internet Archive.

The Web Curator Tool project

Following the completion of testing, the Web Curator Tool was returned to the web archiving community in September 2006 as an open-source product. It can be downloaded from <http://webcurator.sf.net/>.

The tool at work in collecting organizations

The Web Curator Tool enables collecting organisations (such as national libraries, university libraries, special libraries, archives and research libraries) to implement collecting initiatives.

Conclusion

'It has been very exciting to be involved with the British Library and the IIPC in this flagship project. It is also a great pleasure for us to contribute to a project that will benefit all participants in the digital preservation space,' says Penny Carnaby, National Librarian and Chief Executive of the National Library of New Zealand.

The Lee Kong Chian Research Fellowship: Adding to Asia's Heritage

By Narinder Kaur

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Not many Singaporeans would know that the familiar landmark at Toa Payoh known as Shuang Lin Monastery once played a significant role in the building of the Burma Road. In the 1930s, volunteers from around Southeast Asia were trained to drive on grounds near the monastery before being sent to the famous Burma Road, where they helped transport materials to support China in the Sino-Japanese War.

Nor would many Singaporeans believe that the British colonials had anything but education in mind when they sent Malayan gentlemen for a British education in the 1800s. It has been posited that the education system and approach was also part of the British rulers' efforts to maintain the class divides that existed in early Singapore.

These are just some of the history lessons that have emerged from the Lee Kong Chian Research Fellowship, a research programme established by the National Library Board of Singapore.

What it's all about

Launched in 2005, the Fellowship supports researchers seeking to make use of the archived and preserved collections and facilities at the National Library's Lee Kong Chian Reference Library. Open to local as well as overseas researchers, it was established to encourage research into various aspects of Asian content, including culture, economy and heritage.

The Fellowship aims not only to enrich the strong Asia-centric collections and resources of the Lee Kong Chian Reference Library, but also helps to establish the Library as the preferred stop for Asian content scholarship.

Since it was established, the Fellowship has brought much benefit to the Lee Kong Chian Reference Library. Among other things, it has added value in the field of research in Singapore, filled gaps in the National Library's collections, and added value to the wealth of heritage and archival information on local history.

By surfacing many unknown areas of history and many different areas of knowledge, Lee Kong Chian Research Fellows have played a key role in creating a community to exchange ideas and learning, provided

opportunities for researchers to network, and contributed to the Library and the academic world of knowledge.

Who's done it

So far, the Fellowship has seen Five Fellows complete their research. The names of fellows and their areas of research are as follows:

- Mr Chan Chow Wah: "Storms in Shuang Lin: Ethnography of Social Actors in the Political Climate of 1939-1942".
- Ms Adeline Koh: "Educating Malayan Gentlemen: Establishing an Anglicized Elite in Twentieth-century Colonial Malaya".
- Mr Peng Weibu: "Overseas Chinese Language Newspapers and its Relationship with Malaysia – from a historical perspective".
- Ms Lynn Chiam: "Knowledge Sharing in Singapore's Post – Secondary Educational Institutions".
- Ms Soh Choy Yin: "Resonating with Youth in Singapore: The Managing of Cultural Identity in Web Design for Singapore Media and Entertainment Websites."

Several Fellows are in the process of their research.

They include:

- Mr Kuik Cheng Chwee: "Essence of Hedging Strategy: Explaining Southeast Asian Responses to the Rising China".
- Mr Tay Thiam Chye: "Rethinking Regime Change-Factional Defection from Dominant Parties in Asia (1945-2006)".
- Mr Leander Seah Tze Ling: "Connection, 1900-1942 Conceptualizing the Chinese World: Jinan University, Lee Kong Chian and The Nanyang".

How it works

The Lee Kong Chian Research Fellowship is open to both local and foreign applicants whose research focus requires use of the Lee Kong Chian Reference Library's archived and preserved collections. During the course of their research, Fellows will receive support in forms such as access to the National Library outside opening hours; access to rare book collections and book stacks; and a Research Assistant to help in retrieving materials for research.

August to December 2007

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

Wikimania 2007

Organiser Wikimedia
 Date 3-5 August 2007
 Venue Taipei, Taiwan
 Contact wikimania-info@wikimedia.org
 Link http://wikimania2007.wikimedia.org/wiki/Main_Page

Public Libraries Australia Biennial Conference:

Public Libraries Building Balance

Organiser Public Libraries South Australia and Public Libraries Australia Public Libraries
 Date 5-7 August 2007
 Venue Adelaide Convention Centre, North Terrace, Adelaide
 Contact Robert Knight
 Email admin@pla.org.au
 Link <http://www.pla.org.au/conf2007/conf07.htm>

Sixth International Conference on Conceptions of Library and Information Science (COLIS): Featuring the Future

Organiser Swedish School of Library and Information Science
 Date 13-16 August 2007
 Venue Boras, Sweden
 Link <http://www.hb.se/colis/>

World Library and Information Congress: 73rd IFLA General Conference and Council: Libraries for the Future: Progress, Development and Partnerships

Organiser International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions
 Date 19-23 August 2007
 Venue Durban, South Africa
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International Conference on Dublin Core and Metadata Application: DC 2007: Application Profiles: Theory and Practice

Organiser National Library Board and Nanyang Technological University
 Date 27-31 August 2007
 Venue Singapore
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AUGUST

7th International Conference on Knowledge Management (I-KNOW 07)

Organiser Know-Center
 Date 5-7 September 2007
 Venue Graz, Austria
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LIANZA Conference 2007: Tranzform

Organiser Library and Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa
 Date 9-12 September 2007
 Venue Rotorua, New Zealand
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 Link <http://www.lianza.org.nz/events/conference2007/index.html>

ECDL2007: Ubiquitous Digital Libraries

Organiser European Conference on Research and Advanced Technology for Digital Libraries
 Date 16-21 September 2007
 Venue Europa Congress Center, Budapest, Hungary
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 Link <http://www.ecdl2007.org/index.php>

Libraries Without Walls 7: Exploring 'Anytime, Anywhere' Delivery of Library Services

Organiser The Centre for Research in Library and Information Management (CERLIM), Manchester Metropolitan University
 Date 14-18 September 2007
 Venue Lesvos, Greece
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 Link <http://www.cerlim.ac.uk/conf/lww7/>

SEPTEMBER

Internet Librarian International: New Realities, Roles and Resources

Organiser Information Today, Inc
 Date 8-9 October 2007
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 Date 9-12 October 2007
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 Link <http://www.frankfurt-book-fair.com/en/portal.php>

The International Conference on the Digital Preservation: Digital Preservation: Sustainable Programs and Best Practices

Organiser National Science and Technology Library of China
 Date 11-12 October 2007
 Venue National Science Library, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, China.
 Link <http://ipres.las.ac.cn/>

3rd Rizal Library International Conference: From Classroom to Career: Roadmaps to a Library's Success

Organiser Rizal Library International Conference
 Date 22-24 October 2007
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 Link <http://rizal.lib.admu.edu.ph/2007conf/index.htm>

EDUCAUSE 2007 Annual Conference: Information Futures: Aligning Our Missions

Organiser EDUCAUSE
 Date 23-26 October 2007
 Venue Seattle, WA, USA
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 Link http://www.educause.edu/content.asp?SECTION_ID=223&bhcp=1

10th Interlending and Document Supply International Conference: Resource Sharing for the Future: Building Blocks to Success

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

OCTOBER

KMWorld and Intranets: KM 2.0: A New World for the Enterprise

Organiser KMWorld
 Date 6-8 November 2007

Venue San Jose, CA, USA
 Link <http://www.kmworld.com/kmw07/>

NOVEMBER

ICADL 2007: Asian Digital libraries: Looking Back 10 Years and Forging New Frontiers

Organiser International Conference on Asian Digital Libraries
 Date 10-13 December 2007
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3rd Global Knowledge Conference: Emerging People, Emerging Markets, Emerging Technologies

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Digitisation has been a hot topic in newspaper librarianship for some years now; it came as a godsend for many bulky and space-consuming collections. The major part of this volume comprises the papers given at the international conference on newspaper digitisation held at the University of Utah, Salt Lake City (May 2006) and presents the state of the art, including experiences from current British and North American projects. This material is complemented by presentations from the World Library and Information Congress in Seoul (August 2006), focusing on the East Asian Newspaper situation.



Changing Roles of NGOs in the Creation, Storage, and Dissemination of Information in Developing Countries

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16,000 internationally recognised NGOs. By 2004, this number was 63,000. With this increase comes a staggering growth in the activities and intellectual output of NGOs working on a local and international level. As the mission of both libraries and NGOs increasingly intersect, these organizations must collaborate to provide essential services that revolve around the creation, dissemination, and storage of information.

This volume's eight essays focus on collaborative work between NGOs and libraries in the study and resolution of global issues ranging from AIDS to food security, and social transformation.

Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) are growing exponentially. In 1993, the Yearbook of International Organisations listed



Librarianship as a Bridge to an Information and Knowledge Society in Africa

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Knowledge Management was the theme of the Standing Conference of Eastern, Central and Southern African Library and Information Associations (SCECSAL XVII) in 2006.

This selection of conference papers provides a cross-disciplinary approach to knowledge, information and development and how the three together can mould a new and more informed society. The challenge is to make our libraries more people-centered and Afro-centric, not simply serving the interests of the elite and paying little attention to the plight of the less well off. This needs to change, with libraries becoming more inclusive and serving the needs of all.

These papers raise provocative questions, and provide an insight into the struggle of information services in this part of Africa to be part of an emerging information and knowledge society.



Library Management and Marketing in a Multicultural World

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The papers collected in this volume were presented at the conference entitled Library Management and Marketing in a Multicultural World in Shanghai, China from 16–17 August 2006, held under the auspices of the Marketing and Management Section of the International Federation of Library

Associations and Institutions (IFLA). This book addresses some of the latest developments in the marketing and management of libraries worldwide, recognising the challenges to meet local needs in a global, information society. The authors used different approaches to identify trends, opportunities and needs as well as effectiveness and assessment in countries ranging from Australia, Belgium, China, Denmark, Greece, India, Pakistan, Spain, the United States and elsewhere throughout the world. Several authors describe successful programmes designed to promote libraries within a community, nation, or academic community. Others report on trends and changes taking place within the user community and present case studies on the response of libraries to meet challenges and opportunities – through marketing and management.



UNIMARC & Friends: Charting the New Landscape of Library Standards

Proceedings of the International Conference Held in Lisbon, 20-21 March 2006

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With the expansion of the World Wide Web during the last decade, libraries and their standards face an ever-complex environment, with new types, genres and forms of information resources. Changing information network structures and the emergence of new retrieval methods all play their roles.

A three day conference was held in Lisbon, Portugal in March 2006, in order to review the current state of bibliographic standards and to discuss a number of questions in charting a future for their development.



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