



International Federation of  
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# Government Information and Official Publications Section

## Strategic Plan 2007-2009

### Mission

The Mission of the Government Information and Official Publications Section is to promote the discovery, collection, bibliographic control, preservation and dissemination of information from and about governments, intergovernmental organizations and public non-governmental organizations. By achieving free and equitable access to quality information it is hoped to ensure accountability from governments and other public bodies to the people they serve.

### Goals and Activities:

#### 1. Continue the Section's ongoing series of professional seminars and training programs in different regions of the world.

##### Activities:

- a. Develop linkages and research funding options for seminars for government information librarians in Asia, the Middle East and South America.
- b. Complete any remaining work for dissemination of the papers from the Africa seminars.

**Professional priorities:** *Supporting the Role of Libraries in Society; Defending the Principle of Freedom of Information; Providing Unrestricted Access to Information; Promoting Standards, Guidelines, and Best Practices*

**IFLA Pillars:** *Society; Profession; Members*

#### 2. Review plans and modalities for the Directory of Government Information Specialists.

##### Activities:

- a. Assess feasibility of the Internet version
- b. Determine whether, how and when to publish print version.

**Professional priorities:** Supporting the Role of Libraries in Society; Defending the Principle of Freedom of Information; Providing Unrestricted Access to Information; Promoting resource sharing; Promoting Standards, Guidelines, and Best Practices  
**IFLA Pillars:** Society; Profession; Members

**3. Conduct workshops and special meetings/seminars, in conjunction with IFLA annual conferences, on methods of electronic access to information produced by governments, inter-governmental organizations and public non-governmental organizations.**

**Activities:**

- a. Plan satellite conference, in conjunction with Science and Technology Libraries Section, on dissemination of government scientific publishing and policy and science portals in August 2008.
- b. Plan and initiate activities, including assisting with sponsorships to ensure substantial attendance at Africa network meeting at Quebec Conference.
- c. Co-sponsor program on digital publishing for legal materials with Law Libraries Section at WLIC 2008 in Quebec, Canada.
- d. Plan and implement GIOPS program on *"Globalization of government information: creating digital archives for increased access"* for WLIC 2008 in Quebec, Canada.
- e. Plan and implement GIOPS program for WLIC 2009 in Milan, Italy.
- f. Seek opportunities for joint programs for WLIC 2009 in Milan, Italy.

**Professional priorities:** Supporting the Role of Libraries in Society; Defending the Principle of Freedom of Information; Providing Unrestricted Access to Information; Promoting Standards, Guidelines, and Best Practices  
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**4. Develop educational tool-kit to train users and information professionals in means of access to government information.**

**Activities:**

- a. Review the Internet version and extend it.
- b. Explore options for publication in other media.

**Professional priorities:** Supporting the Role of Libraries in Society; Defending the Principle of Freedom of Information; Providing Unrestricted Access to Information;

Promoting Standards, Guidelines, and Best Practices

**IFLA Pillars:** Society; Profession; Members

**5. Raise awareness of the issues surrounding impediments to access to government information.**

**Activities:**

- a. Conference or seminar on copyright and user fees
- b. Complete work to publish series of papers from preceding GIOPS conference sessions.

**Professional priorities:** Supporting the Role of Libraries in Society; Defending the Principle of Freedom of Information; Providing Unrestricted Access to Information; Promoting Standards, Guidelines, and Best Practices

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**6. Promote both the section and membership in the Section**

**Activities:**

- a. Contact IFLA members who are not Section members and invite them to join the Section
- b. Prepare and distribute bookmarks to promote the Section
- c. Produce two newsletters per year and expand the content of the newsletters.

**Professional priorities:** *Developing library professionals*

**IFLA Pillars:** *Profession; Members*