

Government Libraries Section

Annual Report

2010

Conference Programs

In the spring of 2010 from April 22-23, we held a very successful regional mid-term conference in Barcelona, Spain. The program was entitled “Case Studies in Government Libraries” and was locally sponsored by the Ministry of Culture and Media of the Government of Catalonia along with the Catalan Library Association. The conference was held at the History Museum of Catalonia. Detailed program information and a video live broadcast is available on the IFLA website at <http://www.ifla.org/en/node/2026>. The Section is indebted to member Miguel Navas-Fernández, Information Coordinator of the IFLA Government Libraries Section and Manager of the Documentation Centre of the Catalan Data Protection Authority who single-handedly put together the mid-term conference.

In August we enjoyed a very active and busy annual conference in Gothenburg, Sweden with two jointly sponsored programs.

Publications

At the 2009 Milan annual conference the Section announced its intent to post an online publication that will include examples of mission and/or vision statements of government libraries. That publication, “Mission and/or Vision Statements of Government Libraries Worldwide” went online in early 2010. As an online publication, ease of update can be frequent. This project is an outgrowth of some research completed in 2009 for a couple of African libraries who made an inquiry to the Government Libraries Section for some examples of mission statements for government libraries to assist in the defense of their institutional value. The publication is available on the IFLA website at <http://www.ifla.org/en/publications/mission-and-or-vision-statements-of-government-libraries-worldwide>.

The Section’s publication, *Guidelines for Libraries of Government Departments* (IFLA Professional Report No. 106), is available on the IFLA website at <http://www.ifla.org/en/publications/guidelines-for-libraries-of-government-departments>. The *Guidelines* provide advice, examples, and models of behaviors, services, and best practices to be used or adapted by government librarians worldwide. In 2010 the *Guidelines* were translated into German and Japanese.

Membership

After several years of elected Section membership hovering around the 12 person mark, an active effort was made to increase the elected membership. In 2010 the Section was pleased to have 17 elected members and our full complement of 5 corresponding members.

- Jerry W. Mansfield, Chair
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