



Annual report 2012

Covering the period January 2012 – July 2013.

Conference programs

During the annual conference in Helsinki, Finland, the Section sponsored the following session:

- *The surprising world of government libraries: trends and prospect of new user services*

There were 4 presentations, all in English. Some were translated in other languages.

The Section co-sponsored another sessions as well:

- *Promoting global access to law: developing an open access index for official authenticated legal information. Part 2: Europe*

- *Empowering library users to solve problems: our stories*

Evaluation

We distributed an evaluation sheet during our session, in order to have feedback from the audience.

The questions and the number of answers were (please note that not everybody answered all the questions):

1. Are you an IFLA member?

IFLA member	30
not an IFLA MEMBER	14

So 2/3 parts were already IFLA members. The other third part was not.

2. Is this your first WLIC IFLA congress?

1st WLIC congress	21
not the 1st WLIC congress	21

Just 50-50, so we can say that many of these attendees are pretty new at WLICs.

3. Is this the 1st session organized by the GLS that you attend?

1st session	17
not the 1st session	23

Almost 50% did not attend any GLS before, but more than these have attended at least one already.

4. Why are you attending our session?

working in GLs	18
interested in GLs	17
interested in session	16
interested in speakers	1
member of co-sponsoring section	6



The interested of the attendees seems to be rather more in the government libraries field and in the topic of the session, more than the interest of the speakers (quite unknown) or just because they are members of the Sections that were helping.

5. Did you know about?

Website	17
Blog	2
mailing list	1
Facebook	2
Twitter	1
Guidelines	7
Statements	1

This shows that our most popular resources are the website and the guidelines. Our social communication tools are quite unknown yet (at least among the attendees), so perhaps we should improve them.

6. Interested in becoming member?

Yes	6
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Six people stated that would be interested in becoming a member. It shows that our sessions are good opportunities for recruitment.

7. Next session theme

Libraries	11
Information	15
Access	13
Government	16
Publishers	1

Regarding our next session theme for Singapore 2013, the wishes are divided, but this shows that any of these topics would be interesting.

8. Projects

Directory	18
Bibliography	5
Report	20
vision/mission statements	4
revision guidelines	3

Clearly, what our attendees would like us to do is to publish and maintain both online directory and a report on government libraries around the world.



Guidelines

Our Guidelines for Libraries of Government Departments, published in 2008, already available in English, French, German, Spanish, Catalan, Japanese and Russian, have been translated in Hindi and Arabic. Chinese version has been received and will be published online by September 2013. Meanwhile, Greek version is expected to be available by the end of the year.

The Hindi Translation of Guidelines has been printed and published by Mrs. Sangeeta Bihani from London under an agreement with IFLA. Those printed copies are available in UK and India.

Membership

On data 29 Jan. 2013, there were 56 IFLA members registered to the Government Libraries Section – note that there were 52 one year before. Among them, 41 are institutions, 13 National Associations and 2 Students Affiliates.

Representation by countries is as follows:

- With 6 members: United States
- With 4 members: Canada,
- With 3 members: China, Finland
- With 2 members: Australia, Belgium, India, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Russian Federation, Spain, Sweden
- 1 member: Argentina, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cameroon, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Egypt, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Japan, Namibia, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Slovenia, Swaziland, Switzerland, United Kingdom

Members

The Standing Committee is formed by 15 members, when a maximum of 20 is permitted. Anoja Fernando has replaced Patryck Ryan (both UK), and other changes will be made during next WLIC 2013 in Singapore, because it is an election year. Some are leaving (Lamine Camara, Mika Lawler, Pierre-Alain Tilliette), some staying (Ursula-Maria Goeckeritz, Margarita García-Moreno, Jerry Mansfield, Beacher Wiggins, Elina Kähö, Emma Voskanyan, Sanjay K. Bihani, Guillermo García-Capcha), or renewing (María del Carmen Díez Hoyo, Anoja Fernando, Inger Jepsen, Miguel Navas-Fernández).

After an election period inside the Section, a new Chair, Secretary/Treasurer and Information Coordinator/Web Editor were appointed during elections in June/July 2013:

- Sanjay K. Bihani (India) – Chair
- Anoja Fernando (United Kingdom) - Secretary / Treasurer
- Guillermo García Capcha (Peru) – Information Coordinator

The Section has 5 Corresponding Members, the maximum permitted, to help the SC to fulfill its mission around the globe. They are Magdalena Biota (Argentina), Pavel Kiselev (Russia), Carmel Idim (Nigeria), Fatima Alloul (Lebanon), Jérôme Fronty (France).