

## NEWS SECTION

The news section of IFLA Journal contains information about IFLA and its activities, and other "international" news. National information is only disseminated if it has international relevance.

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### Message of Sympathy

*On Thursday, 13 Sep 2001, the following message was posted on the IFLA mailing list by IFLA Secretary General, Ross Shimmon:*

Dear Colleagues:

The President and Governing Board of IFLA and the staff at IFLA HQ, wish to express our deepest sorrow to our members and friends in the United States for the lives lost in the terrible tragedies in

New York, Pittsburgh and Washington. We have all been watching and reading about the events with horror and anxiety for your welfare. We are unable to find adequate words to express our sadness, but we wish you to be assured that our thoughts and deepest sympathies are with you all. That we were with you so recently, experiencing your wonderful hospitality, makes it all the more poignant.

Events such as this serve to test our resolve, as library and information professionals, to cling to our ideals of freedom of information and commitment to cultural diversity. May we find the strength to do so.

We would be glad if you could ensure wide dissemination of this message, which will appear on IFLA-L.

### IFLA Policies and Programmes

#### Terrorism, The Internet and Free Access to Information

*The following statement was issued by IFLA on 4 October 2001:*

The recent terrorist attacks on New York and Washington shocked and appalled librarians and information professionals around the world. The loss of life and destruction of facilities, including eighty libraries, horrify us. IFLA joins with our library colleagues and the people of the world in mourning the innocent victims and extend our deepest sympathy and support to the families and friends of victims, the survivors and others who have suffered.

Calls to restrict the core human rights to freedom of expression and free access to information are reported in the wake of these tragic events. It has been suggested that some of the suspected hijackers may have communicated with each other by using Internet services at public libraries. Terrorists are alleged to have used the World Wide Web to help plan their outrages. Such implications are being used to justify restrictions on free

speech and freedom of information and increased surveillance.

But we have not heard the other side of the story. Use of Internet news sites doubled during the week after the attacks. Families and friends used email to check on the safety of their loved ones - across city and across the world. Website operators responded to the thirst for news by bolstering their servers and increasing the frequency of updates. The result was that people throughout the world used websites and streaming audio and video feeds to get up to the minute information on the events and their aftermath.

This demonstrates the force of the ideal of free access to information and freedom of expression. It may be misused but it strengthens the peoples of the world.

The campaign against terrorism is to be won. A vital strategy is to safeguard the best access to information. Barriers to the free flow of information should be removed, especially those that promote inequality, poverty and despair.

The Chair of the IFLA/FAIFE (Free Access to Information and Freedom of Expression) Committee, Mr. Alex Byrne, said:

"We should build respect and understanding between the diverse cultures of the world. We should help construct communities where people of different backgrounds can live together as neighbours. Freedom is something for which we must fight, not by limiting it but by strengthening it."

The commitment to intellectual freedom is a core responsibility for the library and information profession worldwide. Libraries have a responsibility to guarantee and facilitate access to expressions of knowledge and intellectual activity. To this end, libraries provide access without fear or favour. That openness is a safeguard of our freedoms. It cannot be limited without endangering those freedoms.

IFLA proclaims that the libraries and information profession of the world will respond to these tragic events by redoubling our efforts to see free access to information and freedom of expression worldwide.

### The IFLA Position on the World Trade Organization

#### Introduction

1. The World Trade Organization (WTO), with a growing membership of over 140 countries, oversees a variety of treaties governing international trade. The WTO treaties with the most significant implications for libraries and the information sector are the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) and the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS).
2. Libraries are a public good. They are unique social organizations dedicated to providing the broadest range of information and ideas to the public, regardless of age, religion, physical and mental health, social status, race, gender or language. The long-established library traditions of intellectual freedom and equitable access to information and cultural expression form the basis for ensuring that library goals are achieved.
3. Libraries of all types form an inter-related network, which serves the citizenry, from the great national, state and research institutions to public and school libraries. The well being of libraries is essential in ensuring access to the full range of human expression and providing individuals with the skills necessary to access and use this content.
4. There is growing evidence that WTO decisions, directly or indirectly, may adversely affect the operations and future development of library services, especially in not-for-profit institutions.

#### Background

5. It is important to recognize that the WTO, and the international trade authorities of its members, are engaged in shaping policy and applications of this policy on an ongoing basis. While the infrequent Ministerial Conferences with their attendant protests are the most visible manifestation of the negotiations, the process is continuous, with decisions often reached without public scrutiny. What makes the WTO unique is that it has a binding dispute mechanism as part of its operations with the strongest enforcement procedures of any international agreement. IFLA urges its members to inform themselves on the WTO and their national trade policy deliberations and to promote the library and

related issues when possible. Awareness of international trade issues is a necessary component of effective advocacy in shaping national policy, programmes and law as they relate to library service.

#### Specific Concerns

##### Not-For-Profit Libraries

6. The GATS Agreement has the potential to open up all aspects of a national economy to foreign competition including public sector services such as libraries. Corporations can be set up in any Member State and compete against public services. In such instances, the foreign corporation can challenge government support for public sector service and could claim national treatment; i.e. the same level of subsidy received from the government by the public sector agency. Sub-Central governments (state/provincial, regional and municipal governments and their management boards) are included in any agreements, which cover the Member State.
7. The GATS Agreement does not apply to 'services supplied in the exercise of government authority'. Critics have argued that the WTO will interpret this clause very narrowly. The GATS agreement itself states "a service supplied in the exercise of government authority means any service, which is supplied neither on a commercial basis, nor in competition with one or more service providers". With the advent of for profit online content providers targeting individual users of education services and public libraries, the potential for GATS challenges to traditional library service is increasing. While the concept of allowing 'competition' appears benign, the eventual outcome of such challenges will be the undermining of the tax-supported status of public sector libraries at the national, regional and local levels. Without tax support, the library's role as a democratic institution, making available the widest range of material reflecting the diversity of society, will be compromised.
8. In their submissions to the GATS negotiations, individual countries make commitments on service sectors which would then be subject to GATS requirements. At the commencement of the second round of GATS negotiations in 2001, thirteen countries had made a commitment to open negotiations on 'libraries,

archives, museums and other cultural services.<sup>1</sup> Given that specific library services will fall under other GATS categories such as communications ('online information and data retrieval; electronic data interchange'), even if they have not listed library service, it is probable that many more countries will be entering into GATS negotiations, which will directly affect libraries.

9. IFLA encourages its members to promote awareness of library values and concerns in the context of GATS to the trade negotiators in their country. The potentially far-reaching implications of trade liberalization in services for not-for-profit libraries should be openly debated. Negotiators should be strongly encouraged to ensure that government support for traditional library service is not exposed to a GATS challenge.

#### Intellectual Property

10. The TRIPS Agreement applies the enforcement apparatus of the WTO to the Bern and other conventions established under the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). TRIPS has the potential to directly and indirectly shape national copyright policy and law. In one instance to date, a WTO dispute panel has found a permitted use in a national copyright law in violation of international trade treaty commitments. Ranging from fair use and similar fair practices to preservation copying by libraries, permitted uses lay out the rights of users of copyrighted content. There is little assurance that the balance between the public interest and rights of content owners sought in national copyright policy debate will be considered by the WTO in any intellectual property disputes which come before it. WTO dispute panels are "likely to resolve competing claims to intellectual property with little regard for the non-commercial values upon which a reasonable balance of private rights and public interest depends."<sup>2</sup>
11. The regulatory weight of the WTO has the potential to have a chilling effect on the development of national copyright law by providing those advocating fewer permitted uses and extended protection a 'trump card' to derail advocacy efforts on behalf of users. IFLA urges its members to work to ensure that the interests of libraries and library users are not marginalized through the application

of the WTO regime to domestic copyright legislation.

*Cultural Diversity*

12. Publicly funded libraries are part of the cultural sector. They are involved in encouraging the development and promotion of cultural works, particularly literature, and the preservation and dissemination of those works. Libraries should be part of protections proposed for culture and should support and be part of any possible separate treaty which allows special consideration for cultural goods and services in international trade.
13. IFLA will work with national and international cultural groups to create alliances for achieving recognition and protection for the development of regional and domestic cultural products. The objective of such an alliance is the creation of cultural diversity and the encouragement of multiple voices rather than homogenized and globalized cultural works, which dominate by virtue of financial or corporate strength.
14. While supporting the right of WTO Member States to promote and nurture national culture, IFLA opposes any obstacles to the free flow across international borders of legally produced information and cultural content normally collected or distributed by libraries. IFLA opposes tariffs or other duties or taxes on the importation of print on paper or digital content. Such measures have the potential to stifle intellectual freedom.

*Conclusion*

15. As an active international alliance of library and information associations, libraries and information services, and concerned individuals, IFLA is strategically positioned to advocate at the WTO on behalf of libraries and information services and to ensure that its members are informed in order to be able to advocate effectively at the national level.
16. In order to ensure a strong public sector, IFLA and its members will continue to build links and work with library and information, archive, museum, education and other organizations in furthering awareness of the implications of international trade treaties for the public sector.

*Notes*

1. Bolivia, Central African Republic, Ecuador, Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Hong Kong, Iceland, Japan, New Caledonia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, USA, Venezuela.
2. Steven Shrybman, 'Information, Commodification and the World Trade Organization', IFLA Jerusalem Conference, Aug. 2000. <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla66/papers/176-148e.htm>.

*Approved by the Governing Board of IFLA, at its meeting in Boston, USA, 25th August 2001.*

**Librarians and Publishers**

*A joint steering group of IFLA and the International Publishers' Association (IPA) has agreed the following mission statement:*

Recognizing that publishers and libraries share the common objective of the transmission of information from the author to the end-user, the mission of this Group is to improve library/publisher relations throughout the world through cooperative initiatives and ongoing dialogue and communication for the mutual benefit of the two communities. As technological developments are changing the way both communities operate, it is important to identify and promote areas of synergy and discuss ways to address divergences.

Areas of work identified by the group include:

- sharing of information on activities in favour of freedom of expression and cooperation in protests against obstructions to the principle
- support by both organizations for action to promote zero or reduced VAT rates for books and electronic publications
- exchange of statistical information
- exchange of views and information on deposit and archiving of electronic publications
- clarification of the price components of electronic publications
- participation in metadata and Digital Object Identifier (DOI) activities
- exchange of views on electronic inter-library document delivery.

The group has issued the following joint statement on copyright, aimed at promoting agreed principles within and beyond the IFLA and IPA memberships:

- While the fundamental principles underlying copyright protection in the

print environment remain the same in the electronic environment (in this sense, 'digital is not different'), the Group recognizes that the advent of new technologies has fundamentally changed methods of publication and dissemination as well as rights management (in this sense, 'digital is different').

- Bridging the digital divide is best achieved by government programmes increasing funding for the provision of books and other publications in libraries as well as for connecting end-users to the Internet, especially in developing countries and disadvantaged groups in developed nations.
- Exceptions and limitations to copyright in the public interest remain necessary in the electronic environment, in order to maintain an equitable balance between the rights of creators and distributors and the needs of users but the nature and extent of exceptions and limitations must be assessed by applying the three step test.
- Libraries are key players in ensuring long-term preservation archiving of electronic information, through appropriate arrangements with publishers. However, the conditions of access and other technical and policy issues require further discussion among stake holders.

**IFLA and FID**

On 14 June 2001, IFLA's Executive Board issued an 'Open Letter on IFLA and FID' to all IFLA members concerning the relationship between IFLA and FID. The letter explained that during the course of 2000, it became apparent that the International Federation for Information and Documentation/Fédération Internationale d'Information et Documentation (FID) was experiencing financial problems. In mid 2000, FID's Executive Director left and he was not replaced. The biennial congress, due to take place in Brazil in October 2000, was cancelled. *FID Review* was not being published.

The Secretary General of IFLA was invited to attend a meeting of the FID Executive Committee in Lisbon, Portugal, in November 2000, during which he presented a plan, approved by IFLA's Executive Board, to ensure the continuation of the professional programme of FID within the IFLA structure. The plan was designed to ensure that FID's traditions and core values could be sustained.

No decision on this offer was communicated to IFLA by FID, and the Executive Board therefore withdrew the rescue proposals. However, IFLA remained willing to do whatever it could to enable former FID members to continue their interests and their contributions to improving the quality of information systems, and a Discussion Group on Information and Documentation was therefore arranged to take place at the IFLA General Conference in Boston on Sunday 19 August 2001. Some 40 persons attended the meeting, which was chaired by the outgoing chair of the Section on University Libraries and other General Research Libraries, Kirsten Engelstad (Norway).

Two FID Council members were present. Although one of them argued that the financial situation of FID was not so dark, the other confirmed that FID was bankrupt and about to be dissolved. Sjoerd Koopman from IFLA HQ said that it was out of question that IFLA would take over the debts of FID.

Thereafter, all who participated in the discussions focused on what IFLA can do to broaden its activities to attract also information scientists, documentalists and librarians engaged in information for business and industry, i.e. the target groups of FID. Many persons argued that the situation presents an opportunity and a challenge for IFLA to preserve much of the FID objectives and professional programme within the IFLA umbrella and that this will make IFLA a stronger federation on the international scene.

The chair thought that the new IFLA statutes would not need to be altered to allow IFLA to enable former FID members to pursue their professional interests under the IFLA umbrella and continue their contributions to improving the quality of information systems. However, some changes would need to be made in the wording of the eleven IFLA Professional Priorities to include the words 'information services' and 'documentalists' in several instances where 'libraries' and 'librarians' are mentioned. The chair also suggested that the IFLA acronym, which originally stood for 'International Federation of Library Associations' and now stands for 'International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions', might again be broadened to encompass '...Library and Information Associations, Libraries and Information Services'.

There seemed to be general agreement that IFLA Headquarters should

prepare a concrete plan for the establishment of a new 'Division on Information and Documentation' with Sections and Standing Committees to cater for the following programme areas of FID 'Business, Finance and Industrial Information', 'Information Science', 'Information Processing and Products', and 'Information Management'. It was suggested that some of the other interests of FID members - for example, in government publications and intellectual property issues - could be catered for by existing bodies within IFLA.

It was agreed that IFLA should either establish an ad-hoc working group or rely on a larger group of persons to give inputs to a proposal to establish and market the proposed new IFLA division. Five of those present agreed to give feedback as consultants and seven said they were willing to serve as members of an ad-hoc working group.

The report of the meeting and the recommendations will be considered by the Professional Committee and the Executive Committee at their meetings in December 2001.

### Campaign for the World's Libraries

At the IFLA Conference in Boston, IFLA and the American Library Association (ALA) announced a new public education campaign designed to showcase public, school, academic and special libraries and librarians around the world. The campaign is based on the ALA's '@ your Library: The Campaign for America's Libraries', a five-year public awareness campaign which was launched during National Library week, April 2001, with the help of First Lady Laura Bush, a librarian and teacher.

The Campaign for the World's Libraries will use the trademarked brand and its official translations to unify the communications activities of libraries around the world. Through outreach efforts, the campaign will target the general public, educators, government leaders and policy makers, librarians and those who are considering the library profession, the media and strategic partners, including funding agencies. During the conference the Turkish Librarians Association was the first to join the Campaign.

The US campaign uses a slogan '@ your library' to unify the communications activities of libraries across the country. Libraries around the world, in

learning about the US campaign, are expressing their interest too. Given this worldwide interest, ALA President John Berry offered to share the campaign with IFLA to coordinate the campaign outside the US. As part of this gift, ALA has created a special logo for IFLA using the @ your library logo in IFLA's official languages.



The IFLA campaign will also use the slogan @ your library (and its official translations) to unify the communications activities of libraries around the world. The logo has already been translated into IFLA's official languages (English, French, German, Russian and Spanish) as well as several other languages including Arabic, Chinese, and Vietnamese. To date, artwork, brochure copy and a consumer-oriented video have been translated into Spanish by ALA. A plan to increase the number of translations available is being developed by IFLA's new Campaign for the World's Libraries Advisory Group.

In the coming months, many of IFLA's member libraries and countries will become involved in this campaign. IFLA will have a new website for the Campaign for the World's Libraries at [www.ifla.org/@yourlibrary](http://www.ifla.org/@yourlibrary). Campaign information, updates and tools for the international library community will be available via this website.

There are three core messages to the Campaign for the World's Libraries, modelled after the messages of the US campaign. They are:

- libraries are changing and dynamic places
- libraries are places of opportunity
- libraries bridge the world.

Through the consistent delivery of these key messages, the campaign aims:

- to raise awareness about the variety of programs and services offered
- to increase use of libraries at schools, at colleges and universities, in government, at work, and in daily community life
- to increase funding for libraries
- to involve librarians as stakeholders on public policy issues such as intel-

lectual freedom, equity of access and the 'digital divide'

- to encourage librarianship as a profession.

Through outreach efforts, the campaign targets:

- the general public-parents, children, students, senior citizens, business people
- educators, school groups and administrators

- government leaders, policy makers and opinion leaders
- librarians and those who are considering the library profession
- media
- strategic partners including funding agencies.

The five-month-old US campaign, already well under way, provides a good model for other countries. All types of libraries throughout the US are getting involved with the Campaign for America's Libraries, highlighting their unique

programs, services, and technologies and telling their own exciting stories.

For more information about the US campaign, visit the campaign website at [www.ala.org/@yourlibrary](http://www.ala.org/@yourlibrary). Also visit the campaign's consumer site at [www.atyourlibrary.org](http://www.atyourlibrary.org).

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From the Secretariat

**UNESCO Renews Formal Relationship With IFLA**

The Executive Board of UNESCO, at its meeting on 1st October 2001, decided to renew 'formal associate relations' status for IFLA for the period 2002-2007. Formal associate relations is the highest level of relationship accorded to non-governmental organisations by UNESCO.

**IFLA Accounts**

*FLA Statement Of Income And Expenditure For The Year 2000*

	2000	1999
	NLG	NLG
<b>Income</b>		
Membership fees	1,393,339	1,314,884
Sponsors	103,996	121,648
Dutch Government	35,000	35,000
Sales of publications	159,239	87,629
Share of conference registration	128,146	102,668
Interest	43,335	42,765
Miscellaneous	2,736	26,192
	<u>1,865,791</u>	<u>1,730,786</u>

**Expenditure**

Conferences and meetings	147,591	135,577
Professional programmes	211,587	191,539
Costs of publications (including free publications to members)	147,705	129,549
Staff expenses	1,024,592	820,035
Office expenses	258,499	181,079

IFLANET	40,000	40,000
Miscellaneous	11,104	162
	<u>1,841,078</u>	<u>1,497,941</u>
Surplus of income over expenditure membership services	24,713	232,845
<b>Earmarked grants</b>		
Income	106,270	90,419
Expenditure	73,491	66,553
Surplus of income over expenditure	32,779	23,866
	<u>57,492</u>	<u>256,711</u>

More details are available to IFLA members from IFLA HQ upon request.

**Governing Board Committees**

*At the Governing Board meeting in Boston on Saturday 25 August 2001, the following committees and other appointments were made:*

*Executive Committee*

- Christine Deschamps (France) President, ex-officio
- Kay Raseroka (Botswana) President-Elect, ex-officio
- Derek Law (United Kingdom) Treasurer, ex officio (Derek was re-elected Treasurer)
- Winston Tabb (USA) ex officio, Chair, Professional Committee
- Ingrid Parent (Canada)
- Ellen Tise (South Africa)
- Ross Shimmon, Secretary General, ex officio.

*Professional Committee*

- Winston Tabb (USA) (Chair)
- Christobal Pasadas Ureña (Spain) (Division 1)
- John Meriton (United Kingdom) (Division 2)
- John M. Day (USA) (Division 3)
- Ia McIlwaine (United Kingdom) (Division 4)
- Mary Jackson (USA) (Division 5)
- Wanda Dole (USA) (Division 6)
- Marian Koren (Netherlands) (Division 7)
- Rashidah Begum (Malaysia) (Division 8).

Members of the Governing Board to serve on the Professional Committee:

- Claudia Lux (Germany)
- Kay Raseroka (Botswana)
- Jianzhong Wu (China).

*President-Elect's Planning Group*

- Kay Raseroka (Botswana) President-Elect
- Alex Byrne (Australia)
- John M. Day (USA)
- Mary E. Jackson (USA)
- Marian Koren (Netherlands)
- Sally McCallum (USA)
- Ana María Peruchena Zimmerman (Argentina)
- Secretary: Ross Shimmon.

*Conference Planning Committee*

- Ingrid Parent (Canada) (Chair)
- Winston Tabb (USA) Chair, Professional Committee, ex officio
- Rashida Begum (Malaysia)
- John M. Day (USA)
- Mary E. Jackson (USA)
- Jerónimo Martínez (Spain)
- Secretary: Josche Neven.



The new Governing Board at its first meeting, Boston 25 August 2001

*Publications Committee*

[To oversee IFLA Journal, IFLA publications, and IFLANET content]

- Claudia Lux (Germany) (Chair)
- Ramón Abad Hiraldo (USA)
- Sally McCallum (USA)
- Sissel Nilsen (Norway)
- Jianzhong Wu (China)
- Stephen Parker, Editor, *IFLA Journal*, ex officio
- Sophie Felföldi, Web Manager, ex officio
- Secretary: Sjoerd Koopman.
- (Representatives of other language groups to be appointed)

*75th Anniversary Group*

- Marian Koren (Netherlands)
- Ia McIlwaine (United Kingdom)
- John Meriton (United Kingdom)
- Donald Davis (USA) Chair, Round Table on Library History
- Ross Shimmon, ex officio
- Link with Publications Committee: Sjoerd Koopman

*FAIFE Advisory Board*

- Alex Byrne (Australia) (Chair)
- Marianna Tax Choldin (USA)
- Winnie Witzansky (Denmark)
- Alex Byrne will act as liaison between the Governing Board and the FAIFE Advisory Board.
- Mary Jackson will act as the liaison between the Governing Board and the Committee on Copyright and other Legal Matters (CLM).

None of the Advisory Boards to the other core activities (including CLM) were appointed, pending further review of the Core Activities.

*IFLA/IPA Steering Group (IFLA side)*

- Ingrid Parent (Canada) (Chair)
- Claudia Lux (Germany)
- Sandy Norman (United Kingdom)
- Ross Shimmon ex officio

The Membership Development Committee and the Publisher Relations Advisory Committee are still to be appointed.

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## Boston Conference

### Boston Conference Breaks All Records

Attendance at the 67th IFLA Council and General Conference, held in Boston, Massachusetts, from 16-25 August 2001, broke all records. Over 5,300 people were involved - nearly 2000 more than any previous IFLA Conference; the Conference exhibition was also the biggest ever. The Conference had the highest number of first-timer attendants (1279) and the highest number of countries (150) represented. Over 1300 American delegates participated in the sessions and workshops. Other countries represented by large numbers of delegates were: China (166); Russian Federation (145); United Kingdom (132); France (115); and Canada (108). More than 150 persons were able to attend thanks to grants from the US Fellowship Programme (91), DANIDA (30), Le Comité Français IFLA (26), the Library Association (UK) (3) and the Norwegian Library Association (3).

Thirty-four new members joined IFLA during the conference.

### Boston Conference Evaluation

*Ralph Manning, outgoing Chair of the Professional Board, presented the following evaluation of the 67th IFLA General Conference to the Final Council meeting:*

Madame President, Secretary General, Honoured Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen:

What a historic week! We have witnessed and participated in the greatest gathering of world-wide librarians that has ever taken place in the history of the world! What a tremendous opportunity we have had to meet over 5,000 of our colleagues from no fewer than 150 countries and to share our experiences and knowledge. I want to highlight particularly that more than 1,200 delegates here are first-timers and we welcome them all

and sincerely hope that this will be not just a single conference, but rather the beginning of a long relationship with IFLA. I congratulate IFLA, the National Organizing Committee, the City of Boston's Local Planning Subcommittee and all of you. I sincerely hope that you have all found the conference to be of value and that you have benefited to the maximum that you can from the professional programme.

It gives me great pleasure to provide the evaluation of the professional programme of the 67th IFLA General Conference coming to a close in Boston.

The theme of this conference is 'Libraries and Librarians: Making a Difference in the Knowledge Age'. We have spent this week together benefiting from an excellent professional program which included over 25 workshops, more than 100 business meetings, four Industry Updates and over 70 Open Sessions. We very much appreciate the contribution of

our Guest Lecturers who have so ably shared their experiences and enriched our conference experience. We have also benefited from over 60 colourful poster sessions; the Professional Board will be making recommendations for guidelines to encourage the continuing excellence of this method of sharing information among delegates.

IFLA works very hard to encourage the participation of people from all over the world in its activities. Earlier this week we heard the report of the Advisory Group on Regional Activities which is recommending the continuation of the Division of Regional Activities to give the opportunity to our colleagues from IFLA's regions to continue to work together while also participating in the whole of IFLA's activities. I am very pleased that so many of our friends from the developing world have been able to share this IFLA conference through the generosity of a number of organizations. At this conference we greet over 80 US Fellows, almost 30 delegates sponsored by DANIDA, several delegates sponsored by the Carnegie Corporation of New York, which has also committed to sponsor delegates for the next two conferences, and delegates sponsored by the Comité français IFLA, and the national organizations in the UK, and in Norway.

Last week, eleven satellite meetings took place, the greatest number of simultaneous satellite meetings that has ever taken place in conjunction with an IFLA conference. The topics of these meetings covered a whole range of issues facing librarianship today, including Library Consortia and a session dealing with the challenges and opportunities for the delivery of multicultural services in libraries. The Satellite Meeting held in Quebec City, Canada, and sponsored by the Sections on Management and Marketing and Education and Training succeeded in attracting independent funding to enable the participation of about fifteen francophone colleagues from the developing world. Some of those colleagues are here with us in Boston.

One of the largest of these Satellite Meetings was sponsored in Washington by the Section on Libraries for the Blind in collaboration with the Library of Congress and the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. The Section took the opportunity to inaugurate its Best Practices Award which was given this year jointly to libraries in Canada and Sweden.

One of the most important communication mechanisms during this very busy

conference is the daily appearance of *IFLA Express*. We are very grateful to the editors of *IFLA Express* and all of the staff who worked so hard to ensure its timely appearance each morning. I am also very pleased to report that *IFLA Express* has been made available each day not only in English but also in French. This year for the first time I am delighted to report that *IFLA Express* has also appeared each day in Russian. I would like to publicly express our thanks to the Comité français IFLA and to the Open Society Institute in Russia and their excellent teams of translators for their contributions and considerable effort in making this contribution to IFLA; they deserve our congratulations and our sincere appreciation!

The availability of IFLA papers has been assured through their appearance on IFLANET and at an impressive array of computer terminals enabling delegates to print off papers that they would like to have in paper form to take home. Over 160 papers were available and it is encouraging to note that over 150 translations were available including some translations into all of the IFLA languages. Ovid Technologies, a Gold Corporate Partner of IFLA has sponsored a CD-ROM which was included in the conference bag given to each delegate.

The work of the divisions, sections, round tables and discussion groups goes to the very heart of IFLA and its mission. I have already mentioned the impressive number of sessions held during this conference, but that in no way expresses the very excellent professional work being done.

The Round Table on Library History linked their professional concerns with our conference venue by sponsoring a session on the early library profession in Boston. This included a paper on Melvil Dewey and it is well worth pointing out that the 125th anniversary of the Dewey Decimal Classification was also celebrated at this conference.

This conference also marks the 25th anniversary of the 'Books for All' Project.

An impressive number of important documents have been or are being developed within IFLA. Of particular note are the formal launch at this conference of the new Public Library Guidelines and the new Principles and Guidelines for International Lending and Document Delivery. The Division on Bibliographic Control was delighted to receive the published proceedings of the International Conference on National Bibliographic

Services held in Copenhagen in 1997! Guidelines for Library Services for Young Adults now appears in many languages.

We are excited about the news that the Section on Cataloguing is planning an International Conference of Cataloguing Experts to further international harmonization of cataloguing rules to take place within the next two years. The Section on Bibliography is cooperating with publishers in enriching national bibliographies which reinforces the publishers' liaison work being undertaken by the IFLA boards.

The theme of assessment and outcome measures which relates to the IFLA Professional Priorities has become a major interest of IFLA and was highlighted by a number of Divisions during the conference.

The Discussion Group on Licensing discussed the news that WHO and other organizations, including publishers, would help to provide free or very low-cost access to electronic journals for developing countries. The interest and enthusiasm of the Discussion Group audience reflects IFLA's mission to support libraries around the globe.

In addition to its divisions, sections, round tables and discussion groups, the professional priorities of IFLA are supported by its Core Activities. The Division on Bibliographic Control works closely with the UBCIM Core Activity and at this conference they have come to an optimistic view regarding a possible future home for UNIMARC. We are also proud to announce that the first-ever *IFLA/FAIFE World Report on Libraries and Intellectual Freedom* was released this week. It includes information on the status of intellectual freedom in libraries in 46 of the world's nations addressing issues ranging from Internet censorship in Australia to the destruction of libraries in Kosovo.

Once again I would like to acknowledge and thank the Royal School of Library and Information Science in Copenhagen, Denmark, for undertaking the IFLA 2001 Conference Evaluation as they have so competently done for the last four conferences. The information that they are able to provide us as a result of the conference evaluation forms is invaluable to the Governing Board in making continuing improvements to the quality and enjoyment of IFLA conferences. If you have not already done so, I encourage you to complete one of the surveys and leave it in the boxes provid-

ed. IFLA is once again offering free registration for the IFLA 2002 Conference in Glasgow to the winner of a draw from submitted evaluation forms.

I would like to congratulate all of IFLA's Officers for their very hard work in pulling together the Professional Programme of this conference. In addition, I would be remiss if I did not publicly recognize the tremendous help given to us by the team of nearly 300 volunteers and I also want to express my sincere appreciation to all of IFLA's Headquarters staff for their dedication, professionalism and hard work.

In conclusion, I offer my congratulations once again to the National Organizing Committee for the magnificent hospitality which has been extended to us here and for the efficient organization of the meeting arrangements and particularly for the very helpful staff who have made the Boston conference a pleasant and productive experience for us all.

Thank you.

### IFLA Council Meeting at Boston

The first session of Council was held on Sunday 19 August 2001. After words of welcome from President Christine Deschamps, Gary Strong reported on behalf of the National Organizing Committee. He informed the audience of the latest attendance figures: already at that stage we were breaking all records!

Following, Ross Shimmion - IFLA Secretary General - submitted his Annual Report; his conclusion was that the Federation is healthy, but as always more members are very welcome.

A moment of silence was respected after the names had been read of those members of the IFLA family who had died since the Council meeting in Bangkok (August 1999):

Ezekiel B. Bankole, Nigeria (20 January 2000)

Birgitta Bergdahl, Sweden (March 2001)  
Anne M Galler, Canada (26 November 1999)

Dean Wright Halliwell, Canada (May 2000)

R.S. Mabomba, Malawi (7 June 2001)  
Rudolf Marek, Czech Republic (2 January 2001)

Cornelis (Kees) Reedijk, Netherlands (7 May 2000)

Pamela Spence Richards, USA (20 September 1999)

Maria Skepastianou, Greece (4 April 2001)

Tributes were made to two key figures who had passed away recently. Birgitta Bergdahl, formerly Director of the IFLA/ALP Programme at the University of Uppsala, Sweden, and Anne Galler, who served IFLA in many capacities, lastly as Chair of the Section of Libraries for Disadvantaged Persons - this section was celebrating its 70th anniversary, which makes it one of IFLA's oldest sections.

Council then adopted two proposals to create new membership categories: in future we will have special membership provisions (and fees) for one-person libraries and school libraries.

Adolfo Rodriguez, Chair of Division 8, reported on behalf of the Advisory Group that was installed in Bangkok (1999). He presented ten points summarizing the findings of the Advisory Group, which led to the following conclusion: "Division 8 should not be dissolved, instead IFLA, the Division, ALP, the Regional Offices and the Sections should work together towards fostering development in the countries comprising the regional groups. Its objective would be to ensure more active participation in IFLA, along with advice and activities aimed at strengthening library and information associations, education and professionalism".

After the official business had been concluded, John Berry, President of the American Library Association (ALA) came to the stage to present a very special gift to IFLA by launching the Campaign for the World's Libraries, based upon the ALA campaign @Your Library, and unveiling a new logo (see item elsewhere in this issue).

On Friday 24 August 2001 the second session of Council was held. After several votes, a resolution was adopted regarding the situation in Cuba (see separate announcement below).

After a number of awards, scrolls and medals had been handed to various prize winners, conference organizers and outgoing board members, the Council meeting changed into the closing session of the 67th IFLA General Conference.

### IFLA and Cuba

The following resolution was adopted at IFLA Council II, held in Boston on Friday 24 August 2001; 553 votes were

recorded in favour of the resolution and 54 against. There were twelve abstentions:

*Be it resolved that IFLA:*

1. State its strongly felt concerns about the effects of the US embargo that include:
  - Obstacles to the export of information materials to Cuba despite their formal exclusion from the embargo
  - A severe reduction in the capacity of Cuban libraries and citizens to purchase information materials and related technologies due to the economic effects of the embargo
  - Indirect disruption of access to information by Cubans and Cuban libraries caused by the effects on power supply, telecommunications and other aspects of life in Cuba
  - Inhibitions to professional interaction and exchange caused by the restrictions on travel to the US by Cuban nationals and to Cuba by US nationals.
2. Urge the US Government to eliminate obstacles to access to information and professional interaction imposed by its embargo and any other US Government policies.
3. Urge the Cuban Government to eliminate obstacles to access to information imposed by its policies.
4. Support and continue to monitor initiatives by the Cuban library community to safeguard free access to print and electronic information, including via the Internet, and in particular:
  - Support and assist the ASCUBI [Asociación Cubana de Bibliotecarios] initiative to develop a code of ethics for the standards and principles of library services in Cuba.
  - Urge the Cuban library community to adopt fully the IFLA Public Library Guidelines [The Public Library Service: IFLA/UNESCO Guidelines for Development. Saur: 2001].
5. Encourage IFLA colleagues to attend the international conference on information in Havana 22-26 April 2002 hosted by IDICT [Instituto de Información Científica y Tecnológica] to help further professional relations with Cuba.
6. Urge the US Government to put policies in place to make sharing of books and other materials on all subjects as well as information technology with Cuba's libraries easier for all who wish to improve access to information

in Cuba through strengthening library collections.

7. Urge the US Government to share information materials widely in Cuba, especially with Cuba's libraries, and not just with 'individuals and independent non-governmental organizations' that represent US political interests.

This resolution was a homologated version of two resolutions on the same subject. The first resolution was proposed by Alex Byrne, Chair of the IFLA Committee on Free Access to Information and Freedom of Expression and seconded by Glenys Willars, Chair, IFLA Section on School Libraries and Resource Centres. The second resolution was proposed by John W. Berry, President of the American Library Association and seconded by Eliades Acosta, Director of the Biblioteca Nacional José Martí, Cuba. The homologated resolution was proposed by Bernard Margolis, President of the Boston Public Library, USA and seconded by James Neal, Dean of the University Libraries, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA.

### A First Timer's View

Ms Chedza Molefe, Chief Librarian at the Botswana Institute for Development Policy Analysis (BIDPA), was one of the 30 IFLA First Timers whose participation in the Boston Conference was funded by DANIDA. In her report on the conference, Ms Molefe comments:

it is sad to note that not all librarians or library associations find it easy to attend these conferences. For one, members from the less developed world will find it difficult to express interest to have the conference held in their countries due to its magnitude in relation to infrastructure required. It is therefore, more often than not that the conference will be held in countries far away from them which in turn introduces a major barrier to attendance due to costs involved and sometimes the unfavourable exchange rates.

She found that participation in the conference gave her a better and broader

understanding of the professional networks and structures, a better understanding of the role of IFLA and its structures, the chance to meet other professionals and establish contacts which will benefit her own library or the national association, and information on new dimensions of the profession, such as knowledge management.

On her return to Botswana, Ms Molefe planned to make a presentation to the Executive Committee of the Botswana Library Association pointing out the need for a membership drive and fundraising projects, the possibility of organizing a workshop of library associations in the SCECSAL region, and the twinning of libraries.

For the future, she suggested that ALP should introduce mentoring for First Timers, carried out by people who have already been to IFLA several times. She also noted that most sponsored First Timers will never be able to attend any successive IFLA conferences, and suggested that IFLA/ALP try to find a way of selecting a few First Timers each year and recommending them for DANIDA sponsorship two or three more annual IFLA conferences. This would enable the programme to achieve more meaningful results and help bring more diversity into IFLA conferences by increasing the number of role players from the developing countries.

Ms Molefe may be contacted at: chedzam@BIDPA.BW.

### Internet Discussion Group

The report from the IFLA Internet Discussion Group held during the Boston Conference has been posted to the IFLA website at <http://www.ifla.org/VII/dg/idg/01idg.htm>. The report includes summaries of the discussions on the following topics:

- Cultural Implications of the Internet (moderated by John Harvey and Enzo Abbagliati and reported by Carol van Nuys)
- Reference Interest Group (moderated by Anne Lipow and reported by Andrea McGlinchey)

- Internet Filtering and Censorship (moderated and reported by Susanne Seidelin)
- Design of Library Websites (moderated and reported by Sheila Kirven)
- Internet and Security (moderated and reported by Philip Sherman)
- Internet and Cataloging (moderated and reported by Maxine Sherman).

It is hoped to continue these discussions and more at the 2002 IFLA Conference in Glasgow.

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### Preconference on Library Consortia

The presentations from the IFLA Preconference on Library Consortia, held on August 16-17, 2001 at the Boston Public Library, are now available at <http://www.nelinet.net/conf/ifla/ifla.htm>. All keynote presentations are now available, as are the presentations by most of the panelists. The few remaining notes (primarily from some of the discussion group leaders) will be added as soon as they become available. The Preconference was coordinated by NELINET, Inc., a network of New England libraries, and co-sponsored by both NELINET and the International Coalition of Library Consortia. The Preconference was attended by over 150 people from 25 nations. About 60 percent of the attendees were full-time employees of library consortia or practitioners in libraries, and 40 percent were from the publisher/vendor community.

*For further information, please contact:* Arnold Hirshon. E-mail: [ahirshon@nelinet.net](mailto:ahirshon@nelinet.net).

Further information on the Boston conference is available in PDF format on IFLANET as: *IFLA Express 8 - The Final Chapter from Boston*. <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla67/iflaexp8.pdf>.

## Future Conference

IFLA has invited from National Association Members expressions of interest in hosting the IFLA General Conference to be held in August 2007.

For more information about hosting the IFLA conference please go to:  
<http://www.ifla.org/IV/tohost.htm>.

### IFLA 2002, Glasgow

The 68th IFLA General Conference will be held in Glasgow, Scotland, from 18-24 August 2002.

*Further information on the conference is available from:* Conference Department, Library Association Enterprises, The Library Association, 7 Ridgmount Street, London, WC1E 7AE, United Kingdom. Tel: +44 (20) 7255 0543. Fax: +44 (20) 7255 0541. E-mail: [ifla@la-hq.org.uk](mailto:ifla@la-hq.org.uk). Website: <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla68/index.htm>.

#### Poster Presentations

Facilities will be available at the Glasgow conference for presentations on projects or activities of interest to librarians. Presentations may include posters, leaflets, etc., if possible in more than one of IFLA's working languages (English, French, German, Russian and Spanish). Persons interested in presenting a poster session may obtain a submission form from IFLA Headquarters. Forms should be returned to Sjoerd Koopman at IFLA HQ, together with a 200-word description of the posters session, not later than 1 March 2002.

The Professional Committee will review all submissions. Authors of accepted poster sessions will receive an official invitation to the IFLA Conference; however, IFLA cannot offer any assistance with registration fees, travel costs or accommodation or other expenses.

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#### Art Libraries

The annual conference of the Art Libraries Society (ARLIS) UK & Ireland will be held at the University of Strath-

clyde, Glasgow, Scotland from 15-18 August 2002 as an IFLA Pre-Conference. The theme will be: Gateways to the changing landscape of art information. Topics to be covered will include:

- the digital imperative
- users' changing needs
- the lifelong learning agenda
- safeguarding our cultural heritage.

Further information from: Sonia French, Administrator, ARLIS/UK & Ireland, 18 College Road, Bromsgrove, B60 2NE, United Kingdom. Tel: +1 (1527) 579298. E-mail: [sfrench@arlis.demon.co.uk](mailto:sfrench@arlis.demon.co.uk). Website: <http://arlis.org.uk>.

#### Education and Training

The IFLA-Section on Education and Training is planning an Open Forum entitled: 'Think local, Act global: enhancing competencies for a diverse world' to take place during the IFLA Conference in Glasgow, Scotland, August 18-24 2002. The session will focus on the diversity of graduates, clients, learning styles, ethnicity, and delivery.

If you are interested in presenting a paper on this topic, please send your proposal (title and brief synopsis with your name, affiliation and address, preferred in a Word or Word Perfect e-mail attachment, but fax or mail copies will be accepted) by December 31 2001 to: Mr. Terry L. Weech, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, 501 E Daniel Street, Champaign, IL 61820, USA. Tel: +1 (217) 333 0646. Fax: +1 (217) 244 3302. E-mail: [t-weech@uiuc.edu](mailto:t-weech@uiuc.edu).

*Note:* Mailed copies should be post-marked by December 20, 2001. A decision on speakers will be made by January 31, 2002. On notification of acceptance, participants will be asked to send the completed paper in English or one of the four other recognized languages of IFLA--English, French, German, Russian or Spanish--to the person listed above no later than March 1. This will allow time for translation and publication in the Conference Proceedings.

#### Africa Section/Section Afrique

The Standing Committee of the Africa Section invites proposals for papers to be presented at the 2002 IFLA General Conference on the theme: 'Delivering information to the community in the new mil-

lennium: a challenge for librarians in Africa'.

The deadline for receipt of proposals is Monday 19 November 2001. The deadline for the receipt of the completed paper is Monday 21 January 2002. A decision on speakers will be made by the Standing Committee of the Africa Section at its annual general meeting on 4 February 2002. The author of the best paper selected will be funded by IFLA ALP to present his/her paper at the Conference in Glasgow. All other speakers will be responsible for their own costs.

Proposals or abstracts should be sent to: Mr Henri Sene, IFLA Regional Office, BP 2006, Dakar, Senegal. Tel: +221 824 69 81. Fax: +221 824 23 79. E-mail: [hsene@ucad.sn](mailto:hsene@ucad.sn).

#### Reference Work

The Section on Reference Work is planning an Open Session entitled: 'Globalization of Reference Services' with the following possible subthemes:

- Cultural differences and reference work, e.g. origins and attitudes: training reference librarians for a pluralistic world/ sensitivity of reference librarians towards multicultural diversity.
- Reaching out to multicultural populations in reference work.
- New roles for reference librarians, e.g. comparison of different forms of reference work, reference work in different situations with different tools.
- Cooperation/collaboration of reference work e.g. how are reference services to be defined in a world of networked knowledge? What would 'cooperative reference' look like?

Persons interested in presenting papers on these topics are invited to send their proposals (title and brief synopsis with name, affiliation and address, preferably in a Word or Word Perfect e-mail attachment, but fax or mail copies will be accepted) by December 31 2001 to: Mrs. Bodil Wöhnert, Centralbiblioteket i Esbjerg, Nørregade 19, DK 6700 Esbjerg, Denmark. Tel. +45 (76) 16 19 61. Fax: +45 (76) 16 20 03. E-mail: [bow@esbjergkommune.dk](mailto:bow@esbjergkommune.dk).

*Note:* Mailed copies should be post-marked by December 10, 2001. A decision on speakers will be made by Janu-

ary 31, 2001. On notification of acceptance, participants will be asked to send the completed paper in English or one of

the four other recognized languages of IFLA--English, French, German, Russian or Spanish--to the person listed above no

later than March 1. This will allow time for translation and publication in the Conference Proceedings.

## Membership

### New Membership Categories

The IFLA network is expanding. At the conference in Boston, Council voted to approve three new categories of membership, as explained below.

#### *Institutional Sub-Units*

This membership category is intended initially for libraries in faculties and departments of universities. The university (usually via its main library) must be a full institutional member of IFLA to enable other campus libraries to join as sub-unit members. Institutional sub-units may register free of charge for one Section; they receive the *IFLA Directory* and the *IFLA Journal* (6 issues per annum).

#### *One-Person Library Centres*

One-person library centres are limited to those libraries or information centres with one full-time equivalent (FTE) staff member. Members in this category must provide a signed statement that this is the case in their centre. Benefits of membership include the *IFLA Directory* and the *IFLA Journal* (6 issues per annum), and registration in one Section.

#### *School Libraries*

School libraries are those within primary and secondary level schools (or their equivalents). There is no limit to the number of staff. Members receive free registration in one Section, as well as the *IFLA Directory* and the *IFLA Journal* (6 issues per annum).

Fees for all categories are divided into three bands, dependent on the UNESCO Scale of Assessment and the United Nations List of Least Developed Countries. The fee is determined by the country in which the institution is based. For countries whose UNESCO Assessment is 0.251 or higher, the fee for members in each of these new categories is EUR 195. For countries assessed between 0.001 and 0.250, the fee is EUR 170. Members in these categories who are in countries on the United Nations List of Least

Developed Countries pay a fee of EUR 90.

The application form and the detailed country fee list are available on IFLANET at <http://www.ifla.org/III/members/form4.htm>, or on request from: Kelly Moore, IFLA Headquarters, PO Box 95312, 2509 CH, The Hague, Netherlands. Tel. +31 (70) 314-0884. Fax: +31 (70) 383-4827. E-mail: [membership@ifla.org](mailto:membership@ifla.org).

### New Members

It is a special pleasure to welcome a total of 87 new members to the IFLA community. These members have all joined between 1 June and 19 October 2001. More than a third of our new members joined at our Annual Conference in Boston. A very warm welcome is extended to you all.

#### *National Associations*

LIBERPOLIS, Portugal  
 Association Sénégalaise de Bibliothécaires, Documentalistes et Archivistes (ASBAD), Senegal  
 Asociación de Bibliotecólogos del Uruguay, Uruguay

#### *Institutions*

Feleti Barstow Public Library, American Samoa  
 Brisbane City Council, Australia  
 Universidad Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
 Legislative Council of the Virgin Islands Library, British Virgin Islands  
 Centro de Información y Documentación Universidad de Iberoamérica, Costa Rica  
 Service commun de la Documentation de l'Université de Paris-Sorbonne (Paris IV), France  
 UNESCO Library, France  
 Indian Journal of Library and Information Science, India  
 Israel Society of Special Libraries and Information Centres, Israel  
 Consiglio Ministri Scuola Superiore Pubblica, Italy

University of Technology Jamaica, Jamaica  
 ASSABIL Friends of Public Libraries, Lebanon  
 ITC International Institute for Aerospace Survey and Earth Sciences, Netherlands  
 Openbare Bibliotheek Nijmegen, Netherlands  
 Instituto de Historia de Nicaragua y Centroamérica, Nicaragua  
 Palestinian Legislative Council Library, Palestinian Authority  
 Asian Development Bank Library, Philippines  
 Instituto do Consumidor Documentation Centre, Portugal  
 Instituto Politecnico do Porto Biblioteca Central, Portugal  
 Direction du Livre et de la Lecture, Senegal  
 Monash South Africa Library, South Africa  
 Consorci de biblioteques de Barcelona, Spain  
 Museo de Prehistoria y de las Culturas de Valencia Biblioteca, Spain  
 Örebro University Library, Sweden  
 Zanzibar Public Library, Tanzania  
 Department of State, Ralph J. Bunche Library, United States  
 RAND Corporation, United States  
 University of Chicago Library, United States

#### *Personal Affiliates*

Ms Ana Ester Rossaroli, Argentina  
 Ms Alicia Salmeron, Argentina  
 Ms Doreen Parker, Australia  
 Ms Ann Ritchie, Australia  
 Ms Ludmila Popow Mayrink da Costa, Brazil  
 Ms Ivone Talamo, Brazil  
 Ms Pat Riva, Canada  
 Ms Barbara Schleihaugen, Germany  
 Kosi Kedem, Ghana  
 Biju K. Abraham, India  
 Salah B. Chebaro, Lebanon  
 Osman Elfadol Elzibair, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya  
 Diljit Singh, Malaysia  
 Ms Katherine Allen, United Kingdom  
 David F. Byrne, United Kingdom  
 Ms Suzanne H. Calpestri, United States  
 Ms Mary C. Chobot, United States

Thomas Edelblute, United States  
Ms Jill E. Erickson, United States  
Ms Elizabeth Falsey, United States  
Ms Maria Fung, United States  
Ms Barbara Jones, United States  
Curley C. Jones, United States  
James R. Keller, United States  
Richard Kort, United States  
Ms Lijia Lin, United States  
James W. Marcum, United States  
John McDonald, United States  
David Miller, United States  
Ree Mobley, United States  
Gregory A. Morrison, United States  
Ms Rita Neri, United States

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Ms Pauline Rothstein, United States  
Ms Susan Setterlund, United States  
Ms Vesselina Stoytcheva, United States  
Ms Betty J. Turock, United States  
Edward Valauskas, United States  
Ms Lilia Vazquez, United States  
Steve Witt, United States  
Ms Joan M. Wolk, United States  
Ms Wendy Zaman, United States  
Ms Mirian Ramirez, Venezuela

### *Student Affiliates*

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Ms Mariana Rosell, Argentina  
James B. Stoney, Australia  
Andreas Hepperger, Austria  
Boris Cibic, Canada  
Ms Maria A. Johnstone, Canada  
Ms Haydee Batres Beltran, Guatemala  
Patricio Aranda-Torres, Peru  
Ms Kate Murray, South Africa  
Ms Geraldine V. Burke, United States  
Joe Hardenbrooke, United States  
Alex Pareski, United States

### *School Libraries*

South Hunsley School, United Kingdom

## From the Core Programmes

### Statement on UNIMARC

IFLA has supported the UNIMARC format, through its Universal Bibliographic Control and International MARC (UBCIM) Core Activity, since 1987. Originally hosted by the British Library, it was transferred to Die Deutsche Bibliothek in 1990.

The coordination of the development and maintenance of the UNIMARC format is ensured by a group of experts who form the Permanent UNIMARC Committee (PUC). Without their support and that of their institutions, the programme could not have been sustained.

UBCIM is one of seven core activities within IFLA. In recent years, IFLA has experienced difficulties in raising sufficient funds and other resources needed to support the core activities. These difficulties appear to have given rise to rumours about the future of the UNIMARC format. We are therefore issuing this statement in order to set out the current position accurately.

Die Deutsche Bibliothek has informed us that it will no longer be in a position to support the UNIMARC part of the UBCIM Core Activity from 2003. IFLA wishes to record its gratitude to Die Deutsche Bibliothek for the generous support it has given to the UBCIM Core Activity over the years and for the indication that it wishes to support IFLA's work in other ways after 2003. We are very grateful that the National Library of Portugal has offered to take over the hosting of the UNIMARC programme, with effect from 2003. This offer has been made subject to any changes of pol-

icy the government of Portugal may make. One great advantage of this arrangement will be that the National Library of Portugal and many other libraries in Portugal are UNIMARC users.

At the Permanent UNIMARC Committee meeting held during the annual general conference of IFLA held in Boston, USA in August, it was agreed to set up a consortium of UNIMARC users to help ensure continuing support for the format.

Funding for all our core activities remains a problem, however. Between now and the time the National Library of Portugal takes over negotiations will take place on the amount of financial contributions will be needed annually by the new host library. In general, IFLA is currently able to contribute to each of the core activities about two-thirds the annual amount provided until two years ago. This money forms only a small proportion of the total costs of each core activity. The rest is provided generously by the host institution mainly in the form of premises, infrastructure and some staffing. Contributions to the overall costs also come from sales of publications, and grants from external agencies for specific projects. In the case of UNIMARC, the work of the members of the PUC represents a substantial contribution to the programme. We have launched an appeal for contributions to the core activities fund, which has generated a modest response. We are especially grateful for a generous one-off donation from OCLC, earmarked for UNIMARC, which is being invested. It

will be available to provide some support for UNIMARC from 2003 onwards.

IFLA is committed to continuing to support the development and maintenance of the UNIMARC format, which is used by libraries in many countries around the world.

*Ross Shimmon, Secretary General, IFLA, September 2001*

### UBCIM in Japan

The Director of the UBCIM Core Activities, Marie-France Plassard, was invited by the National Institute of Informatics (NII) in Tokyo to attend a workshop on Authority Control among Chinese, Japan and Korean Scripts on 28-29 March 2001. The Workshop (organized by NII in cooperation with the National Diet Library) was the second related to a project which aims at pursuing a standardized or harmonized cumulating of name authority data in the Chinese, Korean and Japanese (CJK) languages.

The target of the project is a CJK Interchange Format which conforms to the IFLA UNIMARC Authorities Formats. For this reason, Marie-France Plassard lectured on 'Authority Control in an International Environment: the UNIMARC Format for Authorities', presenting IFLA initiatives in the field and the recently published second edition of the UNIMARC/A. Several institutions from Japan were represented besides the National Diet Library and NII. There were also representatives of the partners in this project: the national libraries of China and Korea and the Korean Educa-

tion and Research Information Service. Selected UBCIM publications in the field were donated to participants.

This was also a welcome opportunity for the UBCIM Director to visit the National Diet Library and meet the National Librarian. She also delivered a talk on IFLA current activities in bibliographic control.

The proceedings of the workshop have been published by the National Institute of Informatics. A few copies are available free of charge from: UBCIM Office, Die Deutsche Bibliothek, Adicksallee 1, 60322 Frankfurt am Main, Germany. Tel. +49 (69) 15251140/41. Fax: +49 (69) 15251142. E-mail: iflaubcim@dbf.ddb.de.

## UAP in the Pacific

A Workshop on Universal Availability of Publications in the Pacific Region was held at the Secretariat for the Pacific Community in Nouméa from 18 to 20 September 2001. The meeting was organized by the Secretariat for the Pacific Community and the IFLA Programme for the Universal Availability of Publications. The workshop was made possible by generous funding from the Government of France and the National Library of Australia with assistance from Emerald Press.

### *Objective of the Workshop*

The main objective of the Workshop was to improve the understanding and importance of the Availability of Publications in the Pacific region and provide practical experience of the technology available to assist in achieving such improvements.

### *Aims of the Workshop*

The aims of the workshop were broadly as follows:

1. raise awareness of the importance of availability of publications for economic, social, educational, cultural and scientific reasons
2. concentrate on the development of efficient document delivery and interlibrary loan mechanisms to help achieve wider availability in the region
3. offer practical guidance on the development of appropriate models for interlibrary cooperation
4. provide insight into world-wide developments in this area

5. lay the foundations of wider cooperation both within the region and between the countries of the Pacific Region
6. find ways for librarians to play a more proactive role in social, economic and political developments in the region.

### *Participation*

Some 36 people participated in the workshop, either actually or virtually. Countries and states represented were Australia, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, French Polynesia, Guam, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Northern Mariana Islands, Niue, Papua New Guinea and Samoa.

### *Programme*

The programme consisted of a mixture of presentations on the state of libraries and publishing in different countries, linked by specific presentations of aspects of Universal Availability of Publications. These included: the philosophy behind UAP and its practical implementation; the development of automated systems and standards for communication and their role in improving access and availability for published documents; and the problems of payment for document supply and payments between libraries and countries. There was also discussion on the current problems facing publishers in the region. As with other UAP Workshops a Working Document was prepared by the IFLA UAP Office as a basis for discussion and future action.

### *Conclusions*

Participants concluded that there was still a lot to be done to improve availability and access, both nationally and regionally. Although some countries represented have interlibrary loan systems they are under great pressure because of lack of resources and increasing emphasis on costs. Some participating countries do not have the infrastructure to allow an interlibrary loan network to function. Some libraries cannot afford to subscribe to Western scientific periodicals which form a significant element of document supply requests. The region does possess several major libraries which could form the focal point for such a system. There is relatively little demand across borders for publications that are primarily national in character or content. On the other hand, there is probably a reasonable level of demand for publications produced within the region which have a

more than national application. Materials on agriculture and health are two obvious examples. A system which makes such documents more widely accessible in the region would go some way to achieve regional self-sufficiency difficult. However, participants recognized that they do have major resources of cultural and scientific importance which can be exploited and for which there is a real potential demand in other parts of the world. Many countries in the region have introduced new technology into libraries, but some still have a long way to go

The importance of a voucher scheme to help ease currency transfer was also emphasized and the work being done by IFLA and UNESCO in this field is considered useful in a region which possesses so many different currencies, most of which cannot easily be exchanged.

Finally, participants felt that there was scope for further cooperative initiatives some of which should be achieved through existing organizations in the region.

### *Recommendations*

The workshop closed by passing a series of recommendations, some of which can be achieved quite quickly, others will need a longer time-span and investment of resources. It is encouraging to note that work on Recommendations 1 and 2 has already started.

#### Recommendation 1: Pacific Regional Directory of Libraries

Recognizes the need for better access to information about libraries in the region. Recommends that a Working Group be established to establish and maintain a directory of libraries in the region.

#### Recommendation 2: Pacific Regional Union List of Serials

Recognizes that sharing of resources could be made more effective by maintaining a Union List of Serials. Recommends that a Working Group look at the feasibility of incorporating other regional lists and ongoing maintenance issues.

#### Recommendation 3: Library Networks

Recognizes that there is a vital the need for advocacy for libraries and further cooperation between libraries in the region. Recommends that University of the South Pacific look into the possibility of forming a library network for the South Pacific that would work with other

library networks in the Pacific Region (e.g. PIALA).

### Recommendation 4: Training Programmes

Recognizes that the development of skills in library and information work is essential in the region. Recommends that:

1. training opportunities are publicized in the region
2. efforts to include library staff in the training courses, workshops, etc. are promoted at national and regional level
3. the Secretariat of the Pacific Community Library acts as a regional focal point for an information service on the training opportunities in the region.

### Recommendation 5: ICT Regional Strategy

Recommends that:

1. Pacific librarians support the ' Pacific Islands Regional Information And Communication Technologies Policy' and strategy initiatives.
2. Pacific librarians contribute by inputting details about IT capabilities of libraries to national/regional surveys
3. Pacific librarians make contact with national IT contact point identified at the Pacific Regional ICT Meeting.

### Recommendation 6: Preservation/Conservation

Recognizes the need for the preservation and conservation of all types of resources in the Pacific. Recommends that:

1. the National Libraries of Australia and New Zealand coordinate the preparation of information about preservation and conservation resources, services and activities relating to traditional and electronic formats for the Pacific Region
2. this information to be included on the Pacific Library Portal.

### Recommendation 7: Legal Deposit

Recognizes that legal deposit legislation is necessary to ensure that as complete a set as possible of national publications is available in at least one library of a country or territory. Recommends that:

1. governments in the region to be encouraged to enact legal deposit legislation if they have not done so
2. existing legal deposit legislation should be revised to cover new formats such as multi-media and electronic publications.

### Recommendation 8: Translation issues

Recognizes that the variety of languages in use in the region can be a barrier to the transmission of information: Recognizes that some published materials are of common interest but are unfortunately not accessible to all for lack of translation. Recommends that:

1. libraries must identify various funding sources for the translation of works into foreign languages (English, French, Indigenous, etc.)
2. libraries should be able to provide this information to authors and support their requests.

### Recommendation 9: Government relations

Recognizes the importance of advocacy and maintaining relationships with all government and other agencies. Recommends that:

1. libraries and library associations in the region be encouraged to promote greater awareness of the potential of libraries to contribute to development
2. support be enlisted of other professionals and members of the community in advocacy for the sector.

### Recommendation 10: Pacific Library Web Portal

Recognizes that there is no single point of contact for Pacific Island Librarians to

discover professional information and contacts from within the region. Recommends that a Working Group be created to look at the current Secretariat for the Pacific Community Library WWW site design and content as the foundation for a Pacific libraries portal, with development issues discussed via PIALA mailing list. The Portal to include the Pacific Union List of Serials, Pacific Library directory, training and attachment information, preservation and conservation information, Pacific Library mailing lists, etc. Later online Pacific Library catalogues may be included.

### Recommendation 11: Acquisitions

Recognizes that there are severe difficulties that libraries in the region experience in acquiring information materials. Recommends that:

1. Pacific libraries offer surplus and other relevant materials to other Pacific libraries first and allow a reasonable time for response
2. Pacific libraries develop mutually beneficial exchange programmes amongst themselves
3. to enhance the usage and accessibility of publications deposited that a monitoring and feedback system is implemented and recommendations for improvement to the relevant depository mechanism are made where necessary; responsibility to reside with depositing libraries for ensuring the most value is gained from these deposits
4. that CIP data accompany each item deposited in an appropriate format.

*Further information from:* Graham Cornish, UAP Programme Director, British Library Document Supply Centre, Boston Spa, Wetherby, West Yorkshire LS23 7BQ, UK. Tel +44 (1937) 546254/5. Fax: +44 (1937) 546478. E-mail: ifla@bl.uk.

## From the Divisions, Sections and Round Tables

### Section on Reference Work

The Coordinating Board of IFLA Division V has approved the establishment of an Interim Standing Committee for the new Section on Reference Work.

The term of office of the Committee will end with the Berlin conference (2003), when a regular Standing Committee will assume office. The members of the Interim Committee are as follows:

Annsophie Oscarsson, Head of Reference, Umeå University Library, Sweden (Chair) Vera Fullerton, The George Washington University Gelman Library, 2130 H Street NW, Washington, DC 20052, USA

Martin Kesselman, Rutgers University Libraries, USA  
 Diane Nester Kresh, Director Public Services Collections, Library of Congress, Washington, USA  
 Anne Grodzins Lipow, Director, Library Solutions Institute and Press Editorial

Office, 2137 Oregon Street, Berkeley, CA 94705, USA  
 Kalina Mühlfeldt, European Documentation Center Librarian, Zweigbibliothek Rechtswissenschaft/Europaeisches Dokumentationszentrum.D-01054 Dresden, Germany

Bodil Wohner, Reference Librarian, Central Library, Esbjerg, Denmark  
 Catherine Wojewodzki, Reference Librarian, University of Delaware Library, Newark, DE 19717-5267, USA.

## Other IFLA News

### IFLA Fever

During a visit to Chicago in 2000, IFLA President Christine Deschamps visited the North Suburban Library System (NSLS) and asked its Director, Sarah Long to join IFLA, which she did. Fifteen months later, Sarah had started up a discussion group on Sustainable Communities, while her husband, a library vendor, registered as a participant at IFLA 2001 because Sarah was getting involved and it interested him. In addition, the North Suburban Library System, at Sarah's suggestion, offered a competition for four fellowships, each of USD 900, for two NSLS Board members and two open to any libraries in the system, to attend IFLA 2001 as first-time conference participants. Another NSLS member decided to attend her first IFLA Conference in Boston at her own library's expense because of the new Sustainable Communities discussion group. From the President's little 'nudge' came six new IFLA

2001 participants and a discussion group - showing what happens when you get the 'IFLA fever'!

### Research on Free Access to Information on the Internet

The IFLA Committee on Free Access to Information and Freedom of Expression (IFLA/FAIFE) and the Royal School of Library and Information Science in Copenhagen, Denmark announce the appointment of Mr Stuart Hamilton (United Kingdom) to the co-financed PhD scholarship in library and information science 2001-2004. Working from a global perspective, the PhD project will examine the extent to which libraries can provide free, unhampered and equal access to Internet accessible information resources.

Examples of issues to be researched are

- national and international barriers to free and equal access to information
- censorship
- net filters.

Mr Hamilton gained his first degree, in Medieval Studies, from the University of Manchester in 1996. After this he went to work in UK public libraries, for Kent Arts and Libraries for a year and then for four years with Brighton and Hove Libraries where he became heavily involved in IT development and implementation. Mr Hamilton has recently completed an MA in Library and Information Science at University College London on the topic of censorship.

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## Reports of Meetings

### ICLISE 2001: An Academic's Perspective

*Report by Dr Christopher Khoo, Associate Professor, Division of Information Studies, School of Communication Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore.*

The International Conference for Library and Information Science Educators (ICLISE) in the Asia Pacific Region was held on 11-12 June 2001 in Petaling Jaya, Malaysia - jointly organized by the Department of Library and Information Science, the International Islamic University Malaysia, the Librarians' Association of Malaysia (PPM) and IFLA.

The ICLISE 2001 conference filled a void in the LIS field in the Asia-Pacific

region. Library educators have felt an urgent need for such a conference for many years. Networking and cooperation among LIS schools and educators within the region have been weak and sporadic, with little knowledge of LIS programmes even in neighbouring countries. There is a much greater awareness of developments in LIS education in Western countries than in the region. With the rapid development of the Asia-Pacific region and major economic, political and cultural changes taking place, there is an urgent need for LIS educators to share ideas and solutions to common problems, pool resources and expertise, and develop collaborative research and education projects.

ICLISE 2001 has played an important role in bringing together LIS educators

from all over the Asia Pacific Region. Twenty-two papers were presented from twelve countries: Australia, India, Indonesia, Iran, Kuwait, Malaysia, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, the Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand. There were nearly 50 participants, many of whom met for the first time at the conference.

On the whole, the conference papers were of a high quality. A majority of the papers focused on the issues of competencies and core curriculum from a wide range of perspectives - competencies required in various types of information services today, IT-related competencies, and competencies for multi-disciplinary programmes integrating traditional library science with knowledge management, information management and information systems. Competencies

were derived using a range of techniques ranging from questionnaire surveys to content analysis of newspaper advertisements. A small number of papers looked at LIS specializations, distance learning, web-based instruction, and the grading of student assignments.

There is a consensus on the need to revise and develop LIS curriculum to keep abreast of national and global developments, and to keep the programmes relevant in the knowledge economy. The conference papers paint a clear picture of major curriculum changes taking place across the region and innovative multidisciplinary programmes being developed. Several papers contain descriptions of LIS programmes in the authors' institutions. The conference proceedings are therefore a useful resource, providing an overview of developments in LIS education in the

region. It is hoped that the papers can be published in a more formal way and made accessible to other LIS communities.

The Department of Library and Information Science, International Islamic University Malaysia, should be congratulated for doing an excellent job and working tirelessly to ensure the success of the conference. The keynote speakers were inspirational, and one comes away from the conference with the certainty that information professionals will play an increasingly important role in the new millennium.

It is hoped that arising from the conference, other mechanisms can be developed for sharing, cooperation and collaboration among LIS educators, such as through a listserv, website/portal, staff and student exchanges, and exchange of

ideas, education materials and publications. The issue of accreditation was raised at the conference. Perhaps a dialogue can be initiated among LIS educators to explore the possibility of mutually reviewing and accrediting each other's programmes. Conference participants also felt the need to hold LIS education conferences regularly in the region. For example, an LIS education conference or workshop can be held in conjunction with the next Congress of Southeast Librarians (CONSAL XII), similar to the Workshop on Information Studies Education (WISE) held at CONSAL XI in Singapore.

Further information from: Rashidah Begum, Chief Librarian, Universiti Sains Malaysia, 11800 Pulau Pinang, Malaysia. Tel: +60 (4) 6585518. Fax: +60 (4) 6571526. Website: <http://www.lib.usm.my>.

### Grants and Awards

#### DANIDA Travel Grant Year 2002

The IFLA Advancement of Librarianship (ALP) programme is pleased to announce the availability of the DANIDA Travel Grant to support a number of delegates from developing countries to attend the 68th IFLA General Conference and Council in Glasgow Scotland, 18-24 August 2002.

The grant is divided in two parts: one for candidates who have not received any DANIDA grants before, and one for candidates having already received a grant and shown an interest and capability to be involved in IFLA activities by presenting a paper and/or becoming a member of a section. Three to four candidates could also have the possibility to get a 3-4 weeks in-service training at a suitable institution/library, or attending a course in connection with the conference.

Priority will be given to younger professionals with a minimum 5 years experience in the field of libraries. In appointing the grants, the Grants Committee will look for a balance between all sectors of library and information work.

Applications, including professional curriculum vitae and information on present occupation should be submitted as

soon as possible and should be received by the ALP Focal Point not later than 1 February 2002.

#### *Criteria for Allocation of the DANIDA Travel Grant*

- Candidates are from developing countries (according to World Bank standards).
- Priority to younger professionals.
- Priority to applicants who are not regular IFLA conference attendees.
- Wide geographic distribution.
- General quality of application.
- Professional background and experience: level of education, positions held and professional experience in general. Type of library experience is also considered in order to get balance between all sectors of library and information work.
- Committed letter of application and a well presented CV.

Application forms can be requested from the ALP office. They can also be found them on the IFLA website at <http://www.ifla.org/VI/1/admin/grant02.htm>.

*Further information from:* IFLA ALP, c/o Uppsala University Library, Box 510, SE-751 20 Uppsala, Sweden. Fax: +46 18 471 3994. E-mail: [ifla.alp@ub.uu.se](mailto:ifla.alp@ub.uu.se).

#### Early Career Development Fellows

Five IFLA/OCLC Early Career Development Fellowships were awarded for 2002. The fellowships were established to support library and information science professionals who are in the early stages of their career development and from countries with developing economies. The fellows for 2002 are:

Dayang Zarina Abang Ismail, Librarian/Manager, Centre for Academic Information Services, University Malaysia, Sarawak, Kota Samarahan, Malaysia

Ferry Irawan, Head, Library and Information Technology, Castle Group, Jakarta, Indonesia

Sibongile Madolo, Librarian, Reference Unit, Library of Parliament, Cape Town, South Africa

Purity Mwachaga, Library Section Head and Lecturer, Kenya Technical Training College, Nairobi, Kenya

J. K. Vijayakumar, Scientific Technical Officer, Library Division, INFLIBNET, Ahmedabad, India.

The recipients will participate in a specially designed four-week program in the United States from 29 April to 24 May 2002. The program includes OCLC Institute programs, special meetings with OCLC staff and management, observing

an OCLC Members Council meeting, and visits to various libraries and OCLC regional service providers.

*Further information from:* OCLC Institute, 6565 Frantz Road, Dublin, Ohio, USA, 43017. Tel. +1-(614) 764-6357. Website: <http://www.oclc.org/institute/resources/fellowships>.

### Newsletter of the Year

The award for Best Newsletter of the Year was presented at the Boston Conference to the Newsletter of the Section of Libraries for the Blind. For the second year running, this publication was judged to be the best in a strong field of competitors. The Section produces their newsletter in print form, and in Braille, as well as making it available on the IFLA website. The presentation was made during the Closing Session of the conference. Ralph Manning, Chair of the Professional Board, made the presentation to Beatrice Christensen Sköld, Editor of the Newsletter. The Section received a scroll for display, and a hand-bound collection of the year's winning issues. Honourable mention was given to the newsletters from the Section on Regional Activities for Latin America and the Caribbean, the Round Table on Continuing Professional Education, and the Section Management and Marketing. Newsletters from all Sections and Round Tables are eligible for consideration. Criteria in the judging include availability in print and electronic formats, timeliness of information, and overall layout and presentation. Good luck to all in next year's competition!

### Free Glasgow Registration Winners

The winners of a free registration to the 68th Council and General Conference and Council in Glasgow, Scotland next year conference are:

- Ms. Ekaterina Nikonorova, Russian Federation
- Ms. Margarita Garcia Moreno, Spain
- Ms. Patricia Riva, Canada.

### The Walford Award

Professor John McIlwaine, John McIlwaine, Chair of the IFLA Section on Preservation and Conservation and Professor of the Bibliography of Asia and

Africa at the School of Library, Archive and Information Studies, University College London (UCL) was awarded the prestigious Walford Award by the (UK) Library Association on 12 September 2001.

John McIlwaine has taught at UCL since 1965 and has published five books, including three on the bibliography of Africa, as well as many scholarly articles. He is Editor of *Africa Research and Documentation* and is currently working on 'Writings on Asian Archives' and a guide to oriental manuscript collections in Europe and North America.

The Walford Award, named after the original editor of 'Walford's Guide to Reference Material', now in its 8th edition, recognizes continual and sustained work in the science and art of bibliography in the UK. The winner receives a cash prize of GBP 500 and a certificate.

The LA's Reference Awards are judged by a panel of expert librarians, and have been rewarding excellence, promoting awareness of outstanding reference products and encouraging quality since 1970. The Walford Award was instituted in 1991. The awards have been sponsored by Whitaker, market leader in the provision of information and e-commerce services for the book industry worldwide, since 1995.

### Wedgeworth Fellowship

Thanks to a generous gift from Robert and Chung-Kyun Wedgeworth, the Mortenson Center for International Library Programs at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is pleased to announce a new annual fellowship opportunity, the Wedgeworth International Fellowship in Library Leadership.

The Mortenson Center was established within the University Library in 1991 to strengthen ties among librarians worldwide. To date, more than 500 librarians from 75 countries have visited the Center.

Aimed at current and future library managers outside the United States of America, the Fellowship's main goal is to develop leaders who are prepared to move their institutions forward in innovative ways that make information more accessible to users. The Fellowship will include a six-week stay at the Mortenson Center and some modest support to initiate a project at home that will make a significant difference in the Fellow's own library community. The first Fellow (for

2002) will be selected from Southern Africa, with other parts of the world targeted in future years. The appropriate IFLA Section - this year, the Africa Section - will nominate candidates for the Fellowship.

Candidates for the Wedgeworth Fellowship must be employed in management positions; must be library and information professionals with LIS or equivalent academic qualification; must have excellent communication skills and a fluent command of English; and must be able to articulate a clear vision of the role of libraries in their countries. (The application packet will contain a full listing of criteria.)

Application packets for the 2002 Fellowship will be available after October 30, 2001, from: The Mortenson Center, University of Illinois, 142 Undergraduate Library, 1402 W. Gregory Drive, Urbana, IL 61801, USA. Tel. +1 (217) 333-3085. Fax: +1 (217) 265-0990. E-mail [jcm@uiuc.edu](mailto:jcm@uiuc.edu). Website: [www.library.uiuc.edu/mortenson](http://www.library.uiuc.edu/mortenson).

### ICAES Award

The International Coalition of Access Engineers and Specialists (ICAES) has named the (US) National Information Standards Organization (NISO) one of the winners of their 2001 Collaboration and Coordination Award. The Collaboration and Coordination Award recognizes national, international or industry efforts to prevent, resolve, or address compatibility and interoperability.

The Daisy Consortium, National Information Standards Organization and Open e-Book (OEB) Forum were honoured for their work in developing file specifications for Digital Talking Books and e-Books.

*Further information from:* NISO Headquarters. Tel +1 (301) 654-2512. E-mail: [nisohq@niso.org](mailto:nisohq@niso.org).

### SLA International Membership Award

The Physics Astronomy Mathematics (PAM) Division of the Special Libraries Association (SLA) is now calling for nominations for the International Membership Award. The SLA-PAM Division will present this award to a librarian from the Developing World; it provides a two-year SLA membership, for the years 2002-2003. The purpose of the award is

to provide an opportunity for librarians from the Developing World to be active members of SLA and of the International Relations Committee (IRC) of SLA-PAM.

The award will be made each year and will provide membership for a period of two years. This will allow an overlap of the memberships awarded for the IRC. The PAM IMA recipient will be eligible to receive the PAM International Travel Award (PAM ITA). This award will provide funds to assist the PAM IMA recipient to attend the SLA Annual Conference in Los Angeles, California, in June 2002. The PAM Division will provide the registration fee for this conference.

Nominees should reside and work in a developing country and be working currently in a library, information Center, library school or other information-related capacity, in one of the subject areas relevant to PAM, i.e. Physics, Astronomy, Mathematics or Computer Science. Nominees will not normally be (nor have been recently) members of SLA.

Self-nominations are encouraged. Send a typed, signed statement to the SLA-PAM Chair (at the address below), including information on the candidate's professional career, why this person should be granted the award and any other related functions that qualify the person for the award. Please include the name, position, business address, and (if possible) an email contact address of the nominee. Documentation should include a current curriculum vitae for the candidate.

The PAM Executive Board in consultation with the Chair of PAM's International Relations Committee will make the selection.

The award recipient will prepare a short report to the membership at the annual SLA conference immediately following the award. The report can be presented either in person or in writing. The appropriate conference venue will be worked out with the PAM Chair.

The award recipient will also prepare a final report on his/her experience before the end of the second year of the award to be forwarded to the IRC and the PAM Executive Board. The recipient will provide feedback and recommendations for future enhancements for colleagues in developing countries.

The award will be announced in January 2002. Nominations should be submitted by December 14, 2001 to: Kristine Fowler, PAM Chair, 2001-2002, Mathematics Librarian, University of Minnesota, 310 Vincent Hall, 206 Church St. SE Minneapolis, MN 55455, USA. Tel. +1 (612) 624-9395. Fax: +1 (612) 624-4302. E-mail: fowler@math.umn.edu.

*Further information from:* Zahra Kamarei (Zari), Head, Brauer (Math/Physics) Library, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. E-mail: zkamarei@email.unc.edu.

### Virtual Reference Desk Awards

The Virtual Reference Desk (VRD) is pleased to announce that three digital reference services have been recognized for excellence in Internet-based information provision. The VRD annual Exemplary Service Awards recognize outstanding digital reference and AskA services for their contributions to the field of online Q&A, and for the provision of high-quality information. The 2001 Virtual Reference Desk Exemplary Services are:

- QandAcafe, a service of the Golden Gateway Library Network (CA)
- Ask a Librarian, a service of the Houston (TX) Public Library
- InfoPoint Digital Reference Service, a service of the University of Minnesota Libraries - Twin Cities.

Each service will receive a VRD Exemplary Service award at the Virtual Reference Desk's 2001 Annual Conference, 'Setting Standards and Making it Real,' on November 12, 2001 at the Rosen

Plaza Hotel in Orlando, Florida. In addition, a VRD Director's Award will be given to KnowItNow, a live reference service provided by the Cleveland Public Library and members of the CLEVNET consortium.

VRD is a project of the ERIC Clearinghouse on Information and Technology and the US Department of Education.

*More information from:* <http://www.astro.utoronto.ca/pam/awardmem.html>; <http://pantheon.yale.edu/~dstern/pam-top.html>.

### Hans-Peter Geh Grant

Applications are invited for the Hans-Peter Geh Grant for Conference Participation, 2002. The purpose of the grant is to sponsor a librarian from the geographic region previously called the Soviet Union, including the Baltic states, to attend an IFLA seminar or conference in order to become acquainted with new international developments in the field of information.

Applicants should be either IFLA Personal Affiliates or employees of IFLA members. Applications should be accompanied by a Statement of Intent in English, French or German (not more than three pages), which should include:

- the reasons for the application, specifying the seminar or conference the applicant wishes to attend
- a proposed budget, including financial sources from elsewhere
- a curriculum vitae.

The deadline for applications is 1 February 2002. The successful applicant will be expected to submit to IFLA Headquarters a brief report on his or her experience and findings within six months after the conference or seminar has taken place.

*Further information and application forms from:* IFLA Headquarters, PO Box 95312, 2509 CH The Hague, The Netherlands. E-mail: ifla@ifla.org.

## IFLA Publications

### Public Library Guidelines

The eagerly-awaited public library guidelines have now appeared in the IFLA Publications series (see the article by

Philip Gill in this issue). The guidelines have been framed to provide assistance to librarians in any situation to develop an effective public library service meeting the needs of their local community.

A distinctive feature of the guidelines is the inclusion of examples of provision from around the world. They provide snapshots of what is happening in public libraries in many different countries and

a glimpse of imaginative solutions to specific challenges.

These guidelines are essential reading for everyone involved in the provision of public libraries. They will become an essential reference tool for public library development and planning.

International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions. *The Public Library Service: IFLA/UNESCO Guidelines for Development*. Prepared by a working group chaired by Philip Gill on behalf of the Section of Public Libraries. Munich: Saur, 2001. xvi, 116 p. 21 cm. (IFLA Publications, 97). ISBN 3-598-21827-3. DEM 98.00 (IFLA Members DEM 73.50).

### Lifelong Professional Education

*Delivering Lifelong Continuing Professional Education Across Space and Time* brings together the papers to be presented at the Fourth World Conference on Continuing Professional Education for the Library and Information Science Professions, Chester, Vermont (USA) from 15 to 17 August 2001. Ken Haycock presents the results of two congresses which discussed competencies for information professionals. Other papers presented by, among others, Blanche Woolls, Uma Kanjilal, Augusta Maria Paci and Tatjana Aparac, cover such areas the virtual campus, group mentoring, certification and the greening of librarianship.

International Federation of Library Associations. *Delivering Lifelong Continuing Professional Education Across Space and Time: The Fourth World Conference on Continuing Professional Education for the Library and Information Science Professions*. Edited by Blanche Woolls and Brooke E. Sheldon. Munich: Saur, 2001. xii, 283 p. 21 cm. (IFLA Publications, 98). ISBN 3-598-21828-1. DEM 128.00 (IFLA Members DEM 96.00).

### Services to the Disadvantaged

The *International Resource Book for Libraries Serving Disadvantaged Persons* records the dynamic and evolving history of one of the oldest professional sections of IFLA. The IFLA Section of Libraries Serving Disadvantaged Persons was formed seventy years ago, only four years after IFLA itself. It has enjoyed a

continuous and impressive history of activity within the international library community. This resource book includes a seventy-year retrospective on the section, listings of section papers presented at IFLA Annual conferences, 1965-2000, and of the section's professional reports, together with bibliographies on library services to the deaf, to the elderly, to hospital patients and on prison libraries and easy to read publications. It has both author and subject indexes.

Originally proposed by Anne M. Galler, a former chair of the Section, the project was reactivated following her untimely death and is dedicated to her memory. Joanne Locke, Associate Professor at Concordia University in Montreal and a colleague of Anne Galler, was responsible for reviving the idea and compiled the extensive bibliographies, while Dr Nancy Panella, Medical Library Director prepared the history of the section.

International Federation of Library Associations. *International Resource Book For Libraries Serving Disadvantaged Persons*. Joanne Locke and Nancy M. Panella, with the assistance of Margaret Girolami. Munich, Saur, 2001. xii, 249 p. 21 cm. (IFLA Publications, 96). ISBN 3-598-21826-5. DEM 128.00 (IFLA Members DEM 96.00).

Titles in the IFLA Publications series are available from: K.G. Saur Verlag GmbH., Postfach 70 16 20, 81316 Munich, Germany. Tel. +49 (89) 76902-232. Fax +48 (89) 79602-150/250. E-mail: CustomerService\_Saur@csi.com.

### Services to Dyslexics

In order to make persons with dyslexia or reading difficulties feel welcome in the library, it is essential that all staff are well informed about reading difficulties. IFLA's Section on Libraries Serving Disadvantaged Persons has just published *Guidelines for Library Services to Persons with Dyslexia* in the IFLA Professional Reports series. This is the latest title in a series of guidelines for library services to disadvantaged persons.

Gyda Skat Nielsen and Birgitta Irvall. *Guidelines for Library Services to Persons with Dyslexia*. Prepared under the auspices of the Section of Libraries Serving Disadvantaged Persons. The Hague: IFLA Headquarters, 2001. 37 p. 30 cm. (IFLA Professional Reports, 70). ISBN 90-70916-82-7. NLG 22.00.

### Non-Motorized Mobiles

Two reports on the assessment of non-motorized mobile library services in Africa, carried out on behalf of the IFLA Round Table on Mobile Libraries, will shortly be published in the IFLA Professional Reports Series. Both reports have been prepared by Thelma Tate, Chair of the Round Table. The aim of the assessments was to learn from the experience of these two services so that guidelines and adaptive standards can be worked out as a way of facilitating adaptation, replication and expansion of the projects in other countries. Both assessments were supported by the Moroney Bookmobile Company of Worcester, Massachusetts, USA.



*The Camel Library Service in Kenya*

The *Report on the Assessment of Non-Motorized Mobile Libraries: Camel Library Services in Kenya, July 22-28, 2001*, concludes that the services provided by the Camel Mobile Libraries in Garissa Province in North-eastern Kenya are providing library services to previously unserved populations in areas of the country where the road infrastructures do not yet support motorized services. The services are initiated by the communities and supported by the Kenya National Library Service.

The *Report on the Assessment of Non-Motorized Mobile Libraries: the Donkey Drawn Mobile Library Services in Zimbabwe, August 6-13, 2001*, concludes that the services provided by the donkey-drawn cart libraries - both for books and audiovisuals - are very popular with the communities served. As in Kenya, the services are initiated by the communities and supported, in this case, by the Rural Libraries and Resources Development Programme (RLRDP).

Both these reports will be published shortly in the IFLA Professional Reports series. Titles in this series are available from: IFLA Headquarters, PO Box 95312, 2509 CH The Hague, The Netherlands. E-mail: ifla@ifla.org.

### Libraries and Intellectual Freedom

The IFLA Committee on Free Access to Information and Freedom of Expression (IFLA/FAIFE) launched the first *IFLA/FAIFE World Report On Libraries And Intellectual Freedom* at the IFLA Annual Conference in Boston. The IFLA/FAIFE office contacted library associations, other organizations and individuals in more than 140 countries and received contributions from 46 countries. These reports begin to map the state of intellectual freedom in relation to libraries. They confirm that not all is well with the state of free access to information and freedom of expression in the world. Too frequently books are burnt, libraries destroyed or dismembered, and librarians prevented doing their job. The report will be published annually. It aims to become a key guide to issues confronting libraries in providing free access to information for their clients. All countries are encouraged to contribute to the next edition.

International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions. Committee on

Free Access to Information and Freedom of Expression. *IFLA/FAIFE World Report on Libraries and Intellectual Freedom*. Copenhagen, Denmark: IFLA/FAIFE Office, 2001. USD 10.00.

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### IFLA Directory 2002-2003

A new IFLA membership directory will be published in the beginning of next year. We kindly ask all members to return the correction forms to IFLA Headquarters, to make sure that the correct details are published.

### Forthcoming IFLA Titles

*Libraries in Information Society*. Editors: Tatiana V. Ershova and Yuri E. Hohlov.

*Managing the Preservation of Periodicals and the Press. Proceedings of IFLA Satellite Conference, Paris, August 2000*. Editor: Virginie Kremp.

*Lifelong Continuing Professional Information. Proceedings 5th World Conference on Continuing Professional Education*. (to be held in Aberdeen, Scotland, August 2002). Editor: Patricia Layzell Ward.

*Education And Research For Marketing And Quality Management In Libraries. Proceedings of the IFLA Satellite Conference, Québec City, August 2001*. Editors: Réjean Savard and Christina Tovoté.

*Future Places: Reinventing Libraries in the Digital Age. Proceedings of the IFLA Satellite Conference, Boston, August 2001*. (12th Bi-annual seminar of the Section on Library Buildings and Equipment). Editor: Barton Clark.

*Reader in Knowledge Management: A Selection of IFLA Conference Papers*. Editor: Hans-Christoph Hobohm.

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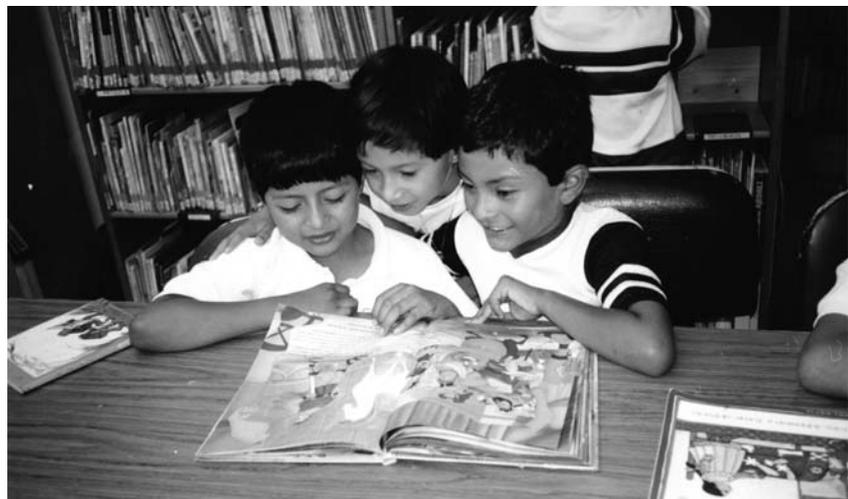
**Books For All Calendar**

*Children Read Everywhere: a calendar of reading promotion designed for libraries and schools.* Munich, Books for All, October 2001. USD 15.00. EUR 12.50. (USD 3.00 (EUR 2.50) of the selling price goes to the organization of libraries in Bangladesh through Books for All).

This wall calendar, with English and German texts, contains thirteen coloured photographs from five continents showing unusual situations for reading with children. Each photograph is accompanied by a short story and information on the country concerned. The photos include: a children's library in Guatemala, a boat full of books in Benin, learning to read in Bangladesh, a children's book week in Sri Lanka, reading aloud in Japan, and a reading competition in the United States.

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*Calendar Children read Everywhere 2002 Children's library in Guatemala*

From IFLA Corporate Partners

**From Elsevier Science**

Elsevier Science publishers have appointed former IFLA Secretary General Leo Voogt as Director, Library Relations Europe, Middle East and Africa. Leo Voogt joins Elsevier Science from the Royal Dutch Book Trade Association

(KVB) where he was Executive Director. As IFLA Secretary General, he was actively involved in the Working Group on European Librarians and Publishers (ELP) and was also instrumental in developing a formal structure for a dialogue between the International Publisher's Association (IPA) and IFLA.

At the IFLA Conference in Boston, Elsevier Science announced it is upgrading its IFLA sponsorship to the Gold Category. Leo Voogt, Director, Global Library Relations said: "We were happy to be invited to upgrade our sponsorship and the opportunity came at exactly the right time. We at Elsevier Science continue to

work hard to strengthen our offerings to the library community. We will do all we can to ensure that the recent merger with Harcourt will result in high quality products and services, and improved value for the library user. By continuing a high level of investment in the combined business, we are confident that we will sustain a range of superior electronic information products, tailored to meet the needs of both librarians and researchers. Our continued presence at IFLA is a token of our desire to be in touch with our important library customers. As a company that operates around the world, we believe IFLA provides unprecedented opportunities to interact and liaise with our customer base from different parts of the world."

Harcourt STM publishing has been acquired by Reed Elsevier, which will integrate the Harcourt businesses into Elsevier Science. This will add 300 journals to Elsevier Science's existing list of 1200.

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### From SIRSI

*Virgil Logs On: Librarian Stewardship in the Information Age*

Since we human beings began collecting information, we have needed someone to manage our ever-growing body of knowledge. To decide what is worth revisiting and what isn't. To decide what will help answer our questions, and what will not. Traditionally, information has been housed in specific locations; where, with the right knowledge and skill, it could be counted, described, organized, and stored. But as more and more information assumes an electronic form, it has no specific location - it exists everywhere at once, is accessible to everyone or no one. The Internet has made information stewardship a more crucial role than ever before. If the world of information is as chaotic and unreliable as Dante's Inferno, librarians need to be the Virgils who guide consumers through it and make sense of it for everyone.

Librarians have always been stewards of information. Before the advent of the Internet, I worked in publishing as an editorial assistant. One day a colleague and I were comparing Rolodexes - who

had cooler authors, who had nastier agents. Under 'Q', he had a card for 'Question Lady'. I said, "What's that?"

He pulled out the card and gave it to me. "Call her. Ask her anything." I dialled the number. The voice on the other end of the phone - when I finally got through - said, "New York Public Library Telephone Reference, may I help you?"

### Information Explosion

But how are librarians supposed to fully assume the responsibility of information stewardship in the midst of an information explosion? Consumers are increasingly demanding that their informational needs be met from home or office. What we've learned from the adoption and success of the Internet is that consumers want their information streamlined and made more efficient. The more speedily information can be delivered, absorbed, and used to make decisions, the more successful a library is going to be. If libraries are to remain leaders in today's information market, then librarians need to bring their skills to the electronic realm in consumer-friendly applications that are available even without the presence of librarians themselves.

Instead of requiring less stewardship of librarians, less participation in the information economy, this paradoxically requires more. As more and more information becomes available electronically, rather than only on paper or fiche/film, and as it becomes more universally accessible, caring for that information (organizing it, storing it, and guiding people to it) becomes much more crucial than ever before. If data is organized badly, it is comparable to the library's books being mis-shelved or periodicals being misplaced. People can't find what they need, even if very good information is available. This is a common complaint among librarians when they observe how many consumers of information flock to the Internet and absorb, willy-nilly, all sorts of information that may or may not be reliable - that may, in fact, be dangerously unreliable.

### Good Research Requires Guidance

Fast delivery should not equal shallow information, as the case of Dr. Alkis Togias clearly demonstrates. Togias assumed that the Internet was a sufficient source of information about a drug that he wished to use in a medical trial - to one subject's ultimate peril. Many librarians have pointed out that, had

they been consulted, they could have easily guided Togias towards other sources that described the dangers inherent in using that drug. *Library Journal's* Academic News Wire on September 11, 2001, reported that an external review board has recommended that a librarian's guidance be required for medical research at Johns Hopkins University - a Virgil on staff, as it were. The review board has realized that good research cannot be conducted without this guidance.

Additionally, much valuable information still resides in...books. While books cannot always be made available online, certainly their bibliographic records can. The success of Amazon.com and Barnes & Noble.com shows us that bibliographic records are actually quite meaningful to consumers of information! Based on these records, amplified by other descriptive information such as reviews and tables of contents and excerpts, consumers decide whether to pursue information by buying this or that book. Certainly, a library's own patrons can benefit from these enhancements, which help them decide which book to place on hold or to request via interlibrary loan.

### Evolving e-Library Technologies

The trend in OPACs takes into account the increasing demands of information consumers. More than simple catalogues, e-Libraries (as they are known) such as iBistro, iLink, and others offer these descriptive amplifications to MARC records. And all this extra information is brought together easily at one online location. iBistro and iLink provide more than 200,000 book reviews from well-known and reliable sources such as *Library Journal* and *School Library Journal*. More than 100,000 tables of contents help users decide which medical, technical or business books best suit their needs. Over a half-million book summaries give users a quick idea of a title. And nearly 15,000 excerpts (with much more to come in the near future) provide users with the ability to sample a book before deciding whether to request it. These types of features, as well as images of the book covers, allow library patrons to make use of the library even from home or office, and then place holds on the books they are interested in, based on the research they can do from afar. Patrons' research is not limited to when a library is open.

The e-Library also provides library patrons with access to other powerful sources. Collections of specially selected websites, such as those available from

SiteSource, serve as portals to reliable, robust documents and other media. Commercial databases, which are part of a library's core offerings offer the breadth and depth of information on virtually every subject. And thanks to Z39.50-compliant technologies used in e-Libraries, library patrons can do single searches across multiple sources and databases with very little effort. And this is just the current state of the e-Library. In the months ahead, library automation vendors (and SIRSI, in particular) will deploy content features the likes of which librarians have only begun to dream.

e-Libraries are hardly replacements for librarians. Rather, e-Libraries provide the framework for librarians to effectively serve information consumers - whether they are academic researchers, elementary school students, professionals, and anyone. e-Libraries create an organized, rich electronic environment in which to coordinate information delivery. Just as librarians select the books in their collections, they can select what materials go into the e-Library - websites, databases, and other kinds of information they want to offer their patrons. (An excellent example of what can be done with an e-Library is Brigham Young University's system, which can be found at <http://www.lib.byu.edu/hbll/>). By building an e-Library, librarians can guide their patrons towards the meaningful, useful, and complete information that their library provides - no matter what format that information takes.

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### From Swets Blackwell

Created through a joint venture between Swets Subscription Service and Blackwell's Information Services in March 2000, Swets Blackwell provides customers and publishers with an industry leading solution to manage information and subscription services for corporate information centres and libraries throughout the world. Their head office is located in Lisse, the Netherlands.

As the world's largest subscription agent, Swets Blackwell provides a unique gateway to a vast collection of diverse professional information in a wide array of disciplines, servicing the corporate,

technical, scientific and academic markets. Their wide range of products and services uniquely enable information professionals to more effectively manage the information and publication subscription needs of their organization.

For more than 100 years Swets Blackwell has focused on providing superior client service. This allows customers to better serve their users' information needs effectively and to optimize the use of resources. They provide online and off-line information management services that manage the day-to-day administration of information needs, allowing information professionals to outsource many time-consuming tasks including: assistance in collection development, budget control and planning, and customized processing of orders and payments.

In March 2001 Swets Blackwell announced a product development agreement with IBM to develop web-based information management products and services that will allow corporate clients and end-users to purchase and manage their subscriptions online. They launched their e-procurement linking services in April 2001 as the first phase of implementation. Visit [www.swets-blackwell.com/eproc](http://www.swets-blackwell.com/eproc) to find out more about e-procurement and to read the white paper Swets Blackwell commissioned from KPMG, 'E-procurement for information services: optimizing the buying process'.

As part of the second phase, their web-enabled subscription service will become available in July 2001. This new web

shop will have full subscription management features: online ordering and order tracking, cancelling and claiming, as well as order approval functions.

#### *Web Shop*

Swets Blackwell's web shop is a web-based order and subscription management tool for corporate, technical, academic, and medical information professionals offering unsurpassed customer service, speed and ease-of-use through decentralized purchasing options and a centralized management system.

#### *Subscription Management*

Swets Blackwell provides customers one point of contact for publication acquisition and management. They manage all aspects of subscription administration, from the provision of management information to assistance with collection development, budget control and planning.

#### *Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)*

Swets Blackwell recognizes that EDI is an important tool to facilitate publication management, allowing customers to make more efficient use of valuable time and resources. They have developed a broad set of EDI interfaces and have the expertise to comply with all North American, UK and European EDI standards.

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FastPlus is a unique consolidation service, offering organizations complete monitoring and processing of all jour-



*The headquarters of Swets Blackwell at Lisse*

nals that they order. This service is a reliable and timesaving alternative to the conventional manner of receiving and processing serials in libraries and information centres.

### *SwetsnetNavigator*

SwetsnetNavigator offers a single point of access to a large and growing range of full-text titles as well as tables of contents and abstracts. Links from customers' OPAC or preferred secondary information service are key features of SwetsnetNavigator, making Swets Blackwell one of the leading service providers of professional and research information on the Internet. Find out more by visiting [www.swetsnetnavigator.com](http://www.swetsnetnavigator.com).

### *SwetScan*

SwetScan is a service for all types of libraries and information centres, regardless of size or discipline. Libraries may access the complete file of 14,000 titles, or a selected sub-set based on specific areas of interest. A particular benefit of this approach is that it allows libraries to mirror their hard copy serials collections with SwetScan contents.

### *Database Hosting Services*

Swets Blackwell hosts publisher databases in order to provide libraries and information centres with a more cost effective and simple solution than having to service and update their own servers. Currently, databases from SilverPlatter and The Dialog Corporation, databases with extensive subject ranges, are available.

### *Consortia Services*

Swets Blackwell's consortia services are designed to assist consortium members

and publishers in simplifying overall procedures. They have drawn upon the considerable experience gained as a result of their official appointment as Managing Agent for the UK National Electronic Site License Initiative (NESLI), as well as their involvement in consortia in many countries throughout the world.

### *Swets Blackwell in Figures*

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*More information on Swets Blackwell's products and services can be found by visiting: [www.swetsblackwell.com](http://www.swetsblackwell.com).*

## From the Gale Group

The Gale Group has acquired online rights to more than twenty periodicals published by the British Medical Association (BMA), and has signed an agreement with the Modern Language Association (MLA) to integrate the *Modern Language Association International Bibliography* with Gale's Literature Resource Center database. Gale has also formed a partnership with the British online search service, ingenta, that will integrate ingenta's 4500 scholarly and academic e-journals into Gale's InfoTrac Web.

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## From Information Today

In a cooperative effort with Cambridge Scientific Abstracts, Information Today, Inc. has acquired the publishing rights to a series of directory products serving the library, bookselling, publishing and audiovisual markets which were formerly published by R.R. Bowker. Cambridge Scientific Abstracts has acquired the *Books in Print* family of products, *Ulrich's Periodicals Directory*, *Library and Information Science Abstracts* and several other reference, abstracting and indexing and periodical products, which will be published under the CSA imprint.

Information Today's *Information Science Abstracts* database, with a number of enhancements including comprehensive coverage of e-journals, has now been reloaded on the Dialog and SilverPlatter information services.

A new Information Today publication, *The Invisible Web: Uncovering Information Sources Search Engines Can't See*, by Chris Sherman and Gary Price, (ISBN 0-910965-51-X: USD 29.95) is a guide to what the authors estimate to be the 80 percent of web resources - including databases from libraries, associations, governments and other bodies - which cannot be identified by conventional search engines. The authors have also created a web directory ([www.invisible-web.net](http://www.invisible-web.net)) which provides news and links to over 1,000 invisible web resources.

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## News From Other Organization

### MARC Format Convergence

Following the harmonization of the USMARC and CAN/MARC formats into a single format called MARC 21 in 1999, the Library of Congress (LC) and the National Library of Canada (NLC) welcomed the recent decision taken by the British Library (BL) to adopt MARC 21. The decision was taken following an extensive consultation exercise carried

out by the BL with the UK library community which clearly indicated support for full adoption of MARC 21.

At the May 2001 meeting of the MARC Harmonization Coordinating Committee, LC, NLC and the BL agreed to work together in the ongoing development and maintenance of the MARC 21 format. The current agreement between LC and NLC will be reviewed and modified to introduce the participa-

tion of the BL. Technical staff from the three institutions will proceed with resolving any outstanding format issues.

The MARC 21 format is used extensively throughout the world. An expression of interest in future cooperation was recently received from the LIBER group. The three national libraries on the Coordinating Committee are committed to ensuring not only the ongoing development and maintenance of MARC 21, but

also its interoperability with emerging standards in metadata and exchange formats.

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### Dublin Core Metadata Element Set Approved

The National Information Standards Organization (NISO) and the Dublin Core Metadata Initiative (DCMI) announce the approval by ANSI of the Dublin Core Metadata Element Set (Z39.85-2001). DCMI began in 1995 with an invitational workshop in Dublin, Ohio that brought together librarians, digital library researchers, content providers, and text-markup experts to improve discovery standards for information resources. The original Dublin Core emerged as a small set of descriptors that quickly drew global interest from a wide variety of information providers in the arts, sciences, education, business, and government sectors.

Metadata is structured information that describes, explains, locates, or otherwise makes it easier to retrieve, use or manage an information resource. The Dublin Core was originally developed to be simple and concise, and to describe Web-based documents. The current standard defines fifteen metadata elements for resource description in a cross-disciplinary information environment. These elements are: title, subject, description, source, language, relation, coverage, creator, publisher, contributor, rights, date, type, format, and identifier.

The Dublin Core Metadata Initiative (<http://dublincore.org>) is an organization dedicated to promoting the widespread adoption of interoperable metadata standards and developing specialized metadata vocabularies for describing resources that enable more intelligent information discovery systems. DCMI will act as the maintenance agency for the Dublin Core Metadata Element set standard.

This standard is available for free downloading or hardcopy purchase at: [http://www.techstreet.com/cgi-bin/detail?product\\_id=926135](http://www.techstreet.com/cgi-bin/detail?product_id=926135)

For additional information contact NISO Headquarters at +1 (301) 654-2512. E-mail: [nisohq@niso.org](mailto:nisohq@niso.org).

### Carnegie Grants to South African Public Libraries

The Carnegie Corporation of New York has awarded financial grants worth a total of USD 3.8 million to six public library systems in South Africa following a competitive selection process. The successful libraries are the City of Johannesburg Library and Information Services (Gauteng Province), the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Library Services (Eastern Cape), the Durban Metropolitan Library (KwaZulu Natal), the Free State Provincial Library and Information Services, the Northern Cape Provincial Library and Information Services and Mpumalanga Provincial Library and Information Services.

The focus of this competitive grant programme is on the revitalization of public libraries in South Africa with the intention to strengthen the infrastructure of a selected number of public library systems to help them move to the next level of service delivery and to assist them to develop centres of learning and communications within each system. In February 2001, Ms Gloria Primm Brown of the Carnegie Corporation concluded a study of the position of public libraries in South Africa and invited all the provincial library services and a selected number of large public libraries to submit proposals for competitive grants as part of a development programme called 'Gateways to Africa: African Public Libraries'. Each grant is worth up to USD 500,000 (over a three year period) for a library system acting without partners and up to USD 750,000 for libraries with formal partnerships.

The Free State Provincial Library and Information Services 'Libraries for All Project' aims to expand and improve library and information services in the rural area of Qwaqwa by extending the current number of services outlets from one to ten over a three year period. The grant will assist to revitalize the services and infrastructure.

In KwaZulu Natal, the Durban Metropolitan Library Services is challenged with providing public library services to 96 branches in the Durban Unicity area. The project team intends to tackle two projects-in-one. The first part will be to implement initiatives aimed at improving literacy levels among illiterate and semi-illiterate target groups. The second part will provide for technological developments that include building a community information network that encompasses the whole of Durban as well as to

partner with other institutions to take technology forward for the KwaZulu Natal region.

The project goal of the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Libraries in the Eastern Cape is to promote the educational, cultural and economic welfare of all inhabitants of the metropole by increasing awareness and usage of libraries and library resources, and by bringing library resources within the reach of the total population of the metro.

'Building Electronic Bridges' or BEB, for short, is the name of the project to be tackled by the Mpumalanga Provincial Library and Information Services. Their goal is to overcome the digital divide by providing basic information communication technology (ICT) and the competency to access and utilize information electronically. The two main focus areas will be, firstly, to build ICT infrastructure in affiliated libraries and to provide facilities for book vans and electronic book boxes and, secondly, to develop human resources capacity for excellent service delivery. The expected tangible deliverables of the project are the availability of information technology in every public library and participating library depot as well as in book vans and electronic book boxes in Mpumalanga.

The awarding of the grants to six regions in South Africa is a significant development for public library services as it provides the opportunity to better service existing and potential target groups in communities, for the libraries to develop and build ICT infrastructure, to develop human resource capacity and finally, to bring an urgently required revitalization to the public library infrastructure in the country.

The President and the Representative Council of the Library and Information Association of South Africa (LIASA) have congratulated these library and information services on this achievement and wish them every success in the implementation of their projects over the next three years.

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### New Website for ICA

The International Council on Archives (ICA) launched its new website (<http://www.ica.org/>) on 11 October on the occasion of the International Confer-

ence of the Round Table on Archives, held in Reykjavik, Iceland. The website is hosted by the French National Archives and is arranged in four modules:

- Member's Corner - information for ICA members
- Archivist at Work - providing professional information on the work of archivists
- Researcher - for archival resources for research work
- Just looking? - for general information on the work of archives and archivists.

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### CHILDE Website

The CHILDE website, which is the culmination of the European Commission funded CHILDE project, has now been launched (<http://www.bookchilde.org/>). This site contains, among other things, a searchable library of over 1,000 digitized images from the project partners collections of historic children's books. This is the first site of its kind in Europe, bringing together images, bibliographic and other data from various collections across the continent. The project is requesting views and comments via the 'Contact Us' page on the site.

### Knowledge Management in Hungary

The National Technical Information Centre and Library of Hungary is most interested in developing knowledge-management types of services for its customers and expert systems for higher education purposes in general. It would be highly appreciated, if Members knowing about any existing or planned system or service of this kind, or interested in related research, eventually in related EU and other international projects could contact: Mr. Pal Vasarhelyi, Senior Technical Adviser, National Technical Information Centre and Library, Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Muegyetem rakpart 1-3, H-1111, Budapest, Hungary. Tel. +36-(1)-463-3460. Fax: +36-(1)-463-2440. E-mail: [p.vasarhelyi@kkt.bme.hu](mailto:p.vasarhelyi@kkt.bme.hu).

### ALA Executive Director to Retire

William R. Gordon, executive director of the American Library Association (ALA) since March 1998, will resign August 31, 2002, to begin his retirement. Under his leadership, ALA increased its membership to an all-time high in excess of 63,000 members. It is the world's largest and oldest library association and is celebrating its 125th anniversary this year.

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### LIASA Online

The Library and Information Association of South Africa listserv (LIASOnline) is now up and running. The LIASA listserv provides a forum for discussion and news for members of LIASA, the wider library and information services community, and others with an interest in librarianship and information work in South Africa. The purposes of LIASOnline are to:

- provide a question and answer forum to promote communication, debate and dialogue
- exchange of ideas about continuing professional development issues, discussion and debate
- promote ideas and themes relevant to library and information sector
- put up announcements about events, activities and happenings
- communicate news about LIASA Interest Groups
- inform the library and information sector about vacancies and posts.

LIASA members are automatically subscribed to this listserv. Non-LIASA members may subscribe via the following link: <http://www.sabinet.co.za/cgi-bin/majordomo?liasaonline:mail.sabinet.co.za>.

### French National Bibliography Online

The French National Bibliography, Books and Serials, is now available for free access on the website of the Bibliothèque Nationale de France: <http://bibliographie.nationale.bnf.fr>.

This publication describes books and serials published, printed or distributed in France and received by the Bibliothèque Nationale de France through legal deposit. It contains a list of records sorted by a thematic and alphabetical

classification author/title: a list of books and official publications, a list of serials.

Searches are available by browsing the pages or by selecting a topic included in one of the thematic indexes.

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### Workshop on Multimedia Archive Preservation

Multimedia Archive Preservation - a practical workshop. London, UK, 22-24 May 2002. Organizers: International Association of Sound and Audiovisual Archives (IASA), International Federation of Television Archives (FIAT), Preservation Technology (PRESTO), European Commission on Preservation and Access (ECPA).

According to the European Commission project PRESTO, 80 percent of audio and video archive content is at risk. Unless preservation procedures are funded and implemented quickly, unique heritage and commercially valuable material will be lost. This workshop will provide, in a concentrated three days, the combined experience of ten major European broadcast archives, and the new technology developed by PRESTO.

The workshop will cover:

- Funding - sources of funding; a model business case; benchmark costs.
- Selection - criteria; prioritization; life expectancy and condition monitoring.
- The preservation factory - how to process the most material with the least labour; how to control quality; how to manage metadata; what to include and (exclude) during preservation to maximize access and future use.
- Sustainability - the 'total cost of ownership' of archive material; technology for automation of quality monitoring and data update; media life expectancy; what formats to choose.
- Online and Internet - how to build new technology into a preservation project - without blowing the budget.
- The small archive - how to be efficient on small-scale projects; special funding for private and historical collections; sources of support, advice and resources; out-sourcing options.

- Commercial resources - information on technology and facility houses specializing in multimedia archive preservation; comparative costs; how to manage quality and cost; do's and don'ts of working with contractors.
- New technology - advances in mass storage, process automation, automatic quality control, and asset management; what it is, what it really can and cannot do, costs and benefits. Also new technology developed by PRESTO and by related EC projects.

Participants will be able to make tours of actual preservation projects for audio, video and film in the London area, and will receive a copy of the *PRESTO Multimedia Preservation Handbook*.

*Further information from:* Richard Wright, Technology Manager, Projects, Information & Archives, S120 South Block, Reynards Mill, Windmill Rd., Brentford, Middlesex TW8 9NQ, United Kingdom. E-mail: richard.wright@bbc.co.uk.

### Students to Design Talking Book Machine

The Industrial Designers Society of America (IDSA) and the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped at the Library of Congress have announced a competition for student designers to create the next generation of digital talking book machines. The competition is scheduled to begin on 1 January 2002. Although the devices must be specifically tailored to the disabled, they must also adhere to the universal principles of design. A jury to select the winning design will convene in

June 2002 and the awards will be announced during the IDSA National Conference, 20-23 July 2002. More details will be published on the IDSA website: [www.idsa.org](http://www.idsa.org).

*Further information from:* Robert E. Fistick, Head, Publications and Media Section, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress, Washington DC 20542, USA. Tel. +1 (202) 707-9279. E-mail: [rfis@loc.gov](mailto:rfis@loc.gov).

### New Unified Association Approved in the UK

By an overwhelming majority, members of the (British) Library Association gave the final go-ahead to unification with the Institute of Information Scientists at their Annual General Meeting in October 2001. This means that a new Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (CILIP) will take over the functions of both organizations from next April.

Formal negotiations have been going on between the two bodies for nearly three years, in the recognition that the artificial split in professional representation was hindering efforts to lobby effectively and exert influence on the profession's behalf.

An Implementation Working Group (IWG), made up of senior members of the two bodies, has spent nearly two years preparing the ground for the creation of the new organization, and the Institute of Information Scientists voted in favour of unification last summer. Now the LA vote will enable the IWG to

complete all the legal and administrative processes in time for the formal launch of CILIP next April. Further information on the unification process can be found on the LA's website at [http://www.la-hq.org.uk/hot\\_news/uiwg.html](http://www.la-hq.org.uk/hot_news/uiwg.html).

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### News from EBLIDA

The Council of the European Bureau of Library, Information and Documentation Associations (EBLIDA) has re-elected Brit-Marie Häggström for a second term as President of EBLIDA. The Executive Committee includes representatives of Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, The Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain and Sweden. During 2001-2002, EBLIDA will focus on the following issues:

- national implementation of the European Union (EU) Copyright Directive
- the European Commission (EC) review of the Database Directive
- proposals to modify the rules for Value Added Tax (VAT) on electronic services and information
- the role of libraries in lifelong learning
- the establishment of a network of excellence for innovative public library services (the EC-funded PULMAN project).

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## International Calendar

January 18-23, 2002. New Orleans, USA. American Library Association. Mid-winter Meeting. For more information: American Library Association, 50 E. Huron, Chicago, IL 60611, USA. Tel. +1-800-545-2433. Fax: +1 312 440-9374. E-mail: [ala@ala.org](mailto:ala@ala.org). URL: [www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org).

January 28-30, 2002. BOBCATSSS 2002 Symposium - HUM@N BEINGS and Information Specialists. Portoroz, Slovenia. For more information: <http://www.bobcatsss.de/home.htm>.

February 5-7, 2002. Bielefeld, Germany. BIELEFELD 2002 Conference: 6th European Bielefeld Colloquium. Theme: High Quality Information For Everyone And What It Costs. For more information: Bibliothek der Universitaet Bielefeld. Tel. +49 (521)-1064051. Fax: +49 (521)1064052. E-mail: [Sekretariat@ub.uni-bielefeld.de](mailto:Sekretariat@ub.uni-bielefeld.de). Preliminary programme: <http://www.ub.uni-bielefeld.de/2002conf>.

February 20-22, 2002. Fifth International Publishers' Association Copyright Conference. Accra, Ghana. Theme: Encouraging Creativity through Copy-

right Protection. For more information: IPA 2002 Secretariat, C/o Ghana Book Publishers' Association, PO Box LT 471, Lartebiokorshie, Accra, Ghana. Tel: +233-(21)-223948. Fax: +233-(21)-223948. E-mail: [ipa2002@ghana.com](mailto:ipa2002@ghana.com).

March 18-20, 2002. London, United Kingdom. Internet Librarian International 2002. For more information: E-mail: [info@internet-librarian.com](mailto:info@internet-librarian.com). Website: <http://www.internet-librarian.com>.

April 2-3, 2002. Ciudad Real, Spain. NDDL-2002 - Second International Workshop on New Developments in

Digital Libraries Further information from: Pedro Isaias, NDDL 2002 Workshop Chair. E-mail: [pisaias@univ-ab.pt](mailto:pisaias@univ-ab.pt).

April 17-20, 2002. Standing Conference of Eastern, Central and Southern African Librarians (SCECSAL). Theme: From Africa to the world: the globalization of indigenous knowledge systems. For more information: Ms Hilda Ramboho. Tel: +27 12 481 2872. Fax: +27 12 481 2873. E-mail: [hilda@liasa.org.za](mailto:hilda@liasa.org.za).

April 17-20, 2002. Miami, Florida, USA. IFLA/SEFLIN International Summit on Library Cooperation. Theme: 'Models of Cooperation'. For information: Bruce E. Massis, Associate Director, SEFLIN, 100 South Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301-1830, USA. Tel: +1 954 357 7780. Fax: +1 954 357 6998. E-mail: [massis@email.seflin.org](mailto:massis@email.seflin.org). URL: <http://www.seflin.org/seflink/IFLA-SEFLIN.html>.

April 22-26, 2002. INFO 2002: International Information Conference. Havana, Cuba. For more information: Lic. Nicolas Garriga Mendez, President of the Organizing Committee, Apartado Postal 2019, La Habana 10200 Cuba. Tel. +53 (7) 635500. Fax +53 (7) 338237. E-mail: [info@idict.cu](mailto:info@idict.cu). Website: <http://www.idict.cu/info2002/venglish.htm>.

May 6-11, 2002. Honolulu, Hawaii, USA. WWW2002 - 11th International World Wide Web Conference 2002. For more information: IW3C2, PO Box 12, CERN, CH-1211 Geneva 23, Switzerland. Telephone: +41-22-76-75005. Fax: +41-22-76-77547. E-mail: [iw3c2@cern.ch](mailto:iw3c2@cern.ch). Conference website: <http://www2002.org/>.

May 14-16, 2002. New York, USA. Infotoday 2002. The Global Conference and Exhibition on Electronic Information and Knowledge Management. For more information: Information Today, Inc., 143 Old Marlton Pike, Medford, New Jersey 08055, USA. Tel. +1 (609) 654-6266 (or toll free in the US: 800-300-9868). Fax: +1 (609) 654-4309. E-mail: [custserv@infotoday.com](mailto:custserv@infotoday.com). Website: [www.infotoday.com](http://www.infotoday.com).

May 29-31, 2002. Bangalore, India. IFIP WG9.4 Conference. ICTs and development: new opportunities, perspectives and challenges. Further information from Conference and Programme Chairpersons: S. Krishna, Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore. E-

mail: [skrishna@iimb.ernet.in](mailto:skrishna@iimb.ernet.in). Shirin Madon, London School of Economics and Political Science. E-mail: [S.Madon@lse.ac.uk](mailto:S.Madon@lse.ac.uk). Website: <http://is.lse.ac.uk/ifipwg94/Conference2002/>.

June 8-13, 2002. Los Angeles, USA. Special Libraries Association. Global 2002: 3rd World Conference on Librarianship. Theme: Putting knowledge to work in a global community. Further information from: <http://www.sla.org>.

June 13-19, 2002. Atlanta, USA. American Library Association. Annual Conference. For more information: American Library Association, 50 E. Huron, Chicago, IL 60611, USA. Tel. +1-800-545-2433. Fax: +1 312 440-9374. E-mail: [ala@ala.org](mailto:ala@ala.org). URL: [www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org).

July 21-25, 2002. Göteborg, Sweden. Vision 2002: Activity and Participation. For more information: E-mail: [vision2002@gbg.congrex.se](mailto:vision2002@gbg.congrex.se).

July 21-25, 2002. University of Washington, Seattle, WA, USA. CoLIS4: Fourth International Conference on Conceptions Of Library And Information Science. Theme: Emerging Frameworks and Methods. Further information: <http://colis.ischool.washington.edu/>.

August 5-9, 2002. Petaling Jaya, Malaysia. International Association of School Librarianship (IASL) Annual Conference. For information: Dr Diljit Singh. E-mail: [diljit\\_singh@hotmail.com](mailto:diljit_singh@hotmail.com). Website: In preparation. N.B. The IASL conference for the year 2003 will be held in South Africa.

August 13-15, 2002. Burleigh Court, Loughborough, Leicestershire, UK. Statistics in practice - Measuring & Managing. IFLA Satellite Conference. For information: LISU, Loughborough University, Loughborough, LE11 3TU, UK. Tel. +44 (1509) 223071. Fax: +44 (1509) 223072. E-mail: [lisu@lboro.ac.uk](mailto:lisu@lboro.ac.uk). Website: <http://www.lboro.ac.uk/departments/dis/lisu/ifla.html>.

August 15-18, 2002. University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland. Art Libraries Society (ARLIS) UK & Ireland. Annual Conference - IFLA Pre-Conference. Theme: Gateways to the changing landscape of art information. For information: Sonia French, Administrator, ARLIS/UK & Ireland, 18 College Road, Bromsgrove, B60 2NE, United Kingdom. Tel: +1 (1527) 579298. E-mail: [sfrench@arlis.demon.co.uk](mailto:sfrench@arlis.demon.co.uk). Website: <http://arlis.org.uk>.

August 18-24, 2002. Glasgow, Scotland. 68th IFLA General Conference and Council. Theme: "Libraries for Life: Democracy, Diversity, Delivery". For more information: Conference Department, Library Association Enterprises, The Library Association, 7 Ridgmount Street, London WC1E 7AE, United Kingdom. Tel: +44 20 7255 0543. Fax: +44 20 7255 0541. E-mail: [ifla@la-hq.org.uk](mailto:ifla@la-hq.org.uk). URL: <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla68/>.

August 25-30, 2002. Montreal, Canada. IFIP Congress 2002 - 17th World Computer Congress. "Information Technology for our Times: ideas, research, and application in an inclusive world." Further information: George H. Boynton, Chair, Organizing Committee. Tel: +1 (514) 894-0882. Fax: +1 (514) 861-5800. E-mail: [george@cips.ca](mailto:george@cips.ca). Website: [www.wcc2002.org](http://www.wcc2002.org).

September 29-October 3, 2002. Basel, Switzerland. 28th IBBY Congress. For more information: E-mail: [ibby@eye.ch](mailto:ibby@eye.ch).

August 1-8, 2003. Berlin, Germany. 69th IFLA General Conference and Council. Theme: "Access Point Library: Media - Information - Culture." For more information: Ms Barbara Schleihaugen, Secretary General, or Mr Christoph Albers, Conference Coordinator, IFLA 2003 Berlin Secretariat, c/o Berlin State Library - Prussian Cultural Heritage, Potsdamer Str. 33, D-10785 Berlin, Germany. Tel: +49-30-26 55 88-52, and -74. Fax: +49-30-26 55 88-53, and -75. E-mail: [ifla2003secr@sbb.spk-berlin.de](mailto:ifla2003secr@sbb.spk-berlin.de). URL: <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla69/>.

August 2004. Buenos Aires, Argentina. 70th IFLA General Conference and Council. For more information: IFLA Headquarters, POB 95312, 2509 CH, The Hague, The Netherlands. Tel. +31 70 314-0884. Fax: + 31 70 383-4827.

August 20-26, 2005. Oslo, Norway. 71st IFLA General Conference and Council. For more information: Mr Frode Bakken, Norwegian Library Association, Malerhaugv. 20, N-0661 Oslo, Norway. Tel. +47-90660423. Fax: +47-22672368. E-mail: [mrfrdebakken@hotmail.com](mailto:mrfrdebakken@hotmail.com). URL: <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla71/71intro.htm>.

August 22-28, 2006. Seoul, Korea. 72nd IFLA General Conference and Council. For more information: IFLA Headquarters, POB 95312, 2509 CH, The Hague, The Netherlands. Tel. +31 70 314-0884. Fax: + 31 70 383-4827.