



Call for a new Preservation and Conservation Centre for Western, Northern and Southern Europe¹

IFLA is inviting submissions from libraries for the establishment of a new Preservation and Conservation Centre in Western, Northern and Southern Europe.

The IFLA PAC Centres

IFLA currently has a network of 13 Preservation and Conservation (PAC) Centres worldwide as part of [its PAC Strategic Programme](#).

The goal of the PAC Strategic Programme is to ensure that library and archive materials, published and unpublished, in all formats, will be preserved in accessible form for as long as possible according to the following principles :

- Preservation is essential to the survival and development of culture and scholarship;
- International cooperation is essential to the preservation of the world's documentary heritage;
- Each country must accept responsibility for the preservation of its documentary heritage.

The IFLA PAC Centres work actively in their region to further these principles.

Each Centre is independent and may act according to the priorities identified in its geographic area. It should comply with the principles of the PAC Strategic Programme and maintain cooperation with other Centres through various activities (e-communications, publications, seminars, conferences, etc.).

The Centre hosting organization is responsible for organizing and funding its own operations and initiatives. The Centre will be managed by the hosting organization, and IFLA will not directly contribute resources to the running of the Centre.

IFLA Headquarters coordinates the independent PAC Centres and encourages cooperation not only with Headquarters but also with other PAC Centres.

Being an IFLA PAC Centre puts the hosting organization at the forefront of preservation and conservation in the region. It enables the organization to participate in a worldwide network, exchange best practices and contribute to the furthering of the profession. It also gives the organization the opportunity to participate in the wide preservation and conservation activities of IFLA such as, IFLA's work with international partners like UNESCO (Memory of the

¹ Refer to list of countries attached



World and others) and the Blue Shield, the work IFLA is conducting in the PERSIST project and the IFLA Risk Register for documentary cultural heritage.

Responsibilities of the PAC Centres

IFLA will enter into an agreement with the Western, Northern and Southern European PAC Centre for an initial term of three years with the option for renewal, subject to mutual agreement.

The regional PAC Centre for Western, Northern and Southern Europe will have the following responsibilities:

- Take a leadership role in coordinating preservation and conservation activities in Western, Northern and Southern Europe
- Raise awareness in its region for preservation and conservation issues
- Promote and disseminate worldwide practices in preservation and conservation
- Share regional practices with the worldwide community
- Partake in IFLA's preservation and conservation activities in the region
- Promote and improve the visibility of IFLA's preservation and conservation activities
- Participate in the PAC business meeting at the annual World Library and Information Congress (August of each year, travel and attendance costs of this will not be covered by IFLA)
- Submit an annual report of the activities of the PAC Centre to IFLA HQ

Submitting a proposal for hosting the Western, Northern and Southern Europe PAC Centre

We invite libraries which have a strong preservation and conservation focus to submit a proposal for the IFLA Western, Northern and Southern Europe PAC Centre.

Please provide the following information:

- A profile of your library and its preservation and conservation focus
- A short description of your preservation and conservation activities
- A short description of libraries in the region your organization works closely with on preservation and conservation issues
- A short description of how your organization would manage and resource the IFLA PAC Centre for Western, Northern and Southern Europe

The proposal must be authorized by the highest official of the submitting organization.

The proposal should not exceed 10 pages in length including attachments.

Please send your submission to IFLA's Policy and Projects Officer Julia Brungs (Julia.brungs@ifla.org) by **13 June 2014**.



All submissions will be evaluated through a Committee appointed by the IFLA Governing Board.

A Skype/Phone interview will take place with the shortlisted applicants in late July.

The Governing Board expects to make a decision on the successful host by the end of July 2014.

About IFLA

The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) is the leading international body representing the interests of library and information services and their users. It is the global voice of the library and information profession.

Countries eligible for submitting a proposal for the IFLA PAC Centre Western, Northern and Southern Europe

For the Western, Northern and Southern European PAC Centre call, we invite libraries from the following UN Europe regions² to apply:

Western Europe:

Austria
Belgium
France
Germany
Liechtenstein
Luxembourg
Monaco
Netherlands
Switzerland

Southern Europe:

Albania
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Croatia
Gibraltar
Greece
Holy See
Italy
Malta
Montenegro
Portugal
San Marino

² <http://millenniumindicators.un.org/unsd/methods/m49/m49regin.htm>

Serbia
Slovenia
Spain
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Northern Europe:

Aland Islands
Channel Islands
Denmark
Estonia
Faeroe Islands
Finland
Guernsey
Iceland
Ireland
Isle of Man
Jersey
Latvia
Lithuania
Norway
Sark
Svalbard and Jan Mayen Islands
Sweden
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

**The following countries are listed under Eastern Europe in the UN Europe regions³
(these are administered by the PAC Centre for Eastern Europe and the CIS in Moscow
and are therefore not included in this call):**

Belarus
Bulgaria
Czech Republic
Hungary
Poland
Republic of Moldova
Romania
Russian Federation
Slovakia
Ukraine

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