

A Word from the Chair...

by Janet Webster

The Section has a new look for our newsletter. We decided to experiment with short news briefings on a monthly or bi-monthly basis rather than our traditional biannual multipage newsletter. Similar to the students, researchers, staff and faculty we work with, we like our news in digestible bits. So, here is the first foray into STL's new communication look. Thanks to our secretary, Jim Andrews, and his graduate assistant, Jessica Powers, for coming up with the idea and getting it set-up.

Open Access was the theme of our very successful session in Milan last summer. For those who could not attend, the papers are available on the IFLA web site for the Milan Programme and Proceedings - <http://www.ifla.org/annual-conference/ifla75/programme2009-en.php>. The Section submitted the paper by Ulrich Poschl (Max Planck Institute for Chemistry) on "Interactive open access publishing and public peer review: The effectiveness of transparency and self-regulation in scientific quality assurance" for the IFLA Quarterly. Read it for a very interesting account - http://www.ifla.org/files/hq/publications/ifla-journal/ifla-journal-36-1_2010.pdf All of our speakers presented a variety of perspectives on open access in the sciences.



We continue our focus on Open Access at this year's [IFLA Congress in Gothenburg](#). The speakers will discuss how to measure the success of open access in the sciences. Again, we have a lively line-up. Our session is scheduled for August 15 at 13:45 – the last session of the conference so it has to be good!

- The Electronic Library: Using Technology to Measure and Support Open Science. Sergey Parinov, Central Economic and Mathematics Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia
- Mapping the Impact of Open Access versus Non Open Access Biomedical Literature. Dangzhi Zhao, University of Alberta, Canada
- Measuring the Visibility of the University's Scientific Production Using GoogleScholar, "Publish or Perish" Software and Scientometrics. Angela Repanovici, Transilvania University, Romania
- Download Data versus Traditional Impact Metrics: Measuring impact a sample of biomedical doctoral dissertations. Urban Andersson, Jonas Gilbert, Karin Henning, Gothenburg University, Sweden
- Measuring the Impact of the Hubble Space Telescope: Open data as catalyst for science. Jill Lagerstrom, Space Telescope Science Institute, USA

A final effort of the STL Section to promote more knowledge about Open Access is our co-sponsored satellite workshop in Chania, Greece. Dr. Anthi Katsirikou of the University of Piraeus Library proposed this workshop to the STL Section Standing Committee. We felt that it was an opportunity to expand IFLA's presence in the Mediterranean and Near East, and provide an opportunity for librarians in the geographic area to participate in an IFLA event. For many, the cost of the annual Congress is prohibitive. This satellite workshop is unique in being geographically removed from the Congress. However, the topic directly addresses the Congress' theme and our section's focus. Check the website for developments. <http://www.ifla-sat-chania.com/>

As I look forward to travelling to Sweden and seeing many of you, I would like to hear from you about ideas

you have for projects, useful resources and possible session topics. I will try to keep my "Word from the Chair" short and informative. Thanks for being part of IFLA.

Events @ Gothenburg - August 10-15, 2010

Open Access and the Changing Role of Libraries, Aug. 9, 9:00 - 17:00

Open Access has a profound effect on the role of academic libraries. Focus is shifted from being a gatekeeper for information created elsewhere towards being actively involved in supporting the creation and dissemination of scientific and scholarly information produced within the parent institution of the library. [Continue reading...](#)

Science and Technology Libraries Standing Committee Meeting I, Aug. 10, 11:30 - 14:20

More information to come. [Check back later for more information.](#)

Current Trends in Agricultural Information Systems for Farmers, Aug. 12, 9:30 - 11:30

More information to come. [Check back later for more information.](#)

Health Information for All – New challenges – New Solutions, Aug. 12, 16:00 - 18:00

More information to come. [Check back later for more information.](#)

Science and Technology Libraries with Statistics and Evaluation, Aug. 15, 13:45 - 15:45

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Latest News

Report of the Open Session of IFLA Agricultural Libraries Special Interest Group

IFLA Agricultural Libraries SIG convened an open session on the theme "Worldwide trends in open access to agricultural information" on Monday, August 24, 2009 at Milano Convention Center, Milan, Italy. [Continue reading...](#)