

Honorary Fellow Citation for CLAUDIA LUX

Claudia Lux's first engagement with IFLA was in 1987 - "Being at an IFLA Conference for the first time in 1987, I got very enthusiastic about the goals and the work of IFLA".

Twenty years later Claudia led IFLA as President from 2007 - 2009, after many years of participation in the Management and Marketing, and Metropolitan Libraries Sections, the Professional Committee, and Governing Board, and as President-elect from 2005 - 2007.

'Libraries on the Agenda' - Claudia Lux's Presidential theme - was right on target. Worldwide support, approval and realization through numerous specific actions are proof of the theme's success among library professionals around the world. Librarians are now engaging more actively and with a stronger voice in social and political processes.

Claudia's strength lies in her extraordinary talent to communicate and interact. She is able to bring together people and their ideas and beliefs and at the same time to initiate dialogue to link different opinions and interests. Claudia has strengthened IFLA's existing relationships with strategic partners and influential decision-makers, and initiated new ones. Her three IFLA Presidential meetings in Berlin on the 'Libraries on the Agenda' theme brought together at an international level library professionals and political representatives from each focus region of Eastern Europe, Asia and the Islamic countries.

Passing on her experience and knowledge to young professional colleagues, and endorsing the importance of international cooperation within libraries are her priorities to communicate to students at the universities of Berlin, Sofia and Wuhan where she teaches.

Claudia has had an outstanding career in librarianship in Germany culminating in her position as Director General Zentral- und Landesbibliothek Berlin. It is particularly positive for the development of German libraries that Claudia was unanimously elected President of the German umbrella association BID (Bibliothek und Information Deutschland) by all professional associations in Germany upon completion of her term as IFLA President. As of 1 April 2010 she represents around 11,000 libraries in Germany and about 8,500 librarians and information specialist members of these associations.

Claudia Lux's remarkable achievements on behalf of IFLA, her respected position within international and German librarianship, and her inspiration to students and professionals at a local and international level make her a truly worthy Honorary Fellow of IFLA.