



# LTR Newsletter December 2008

IFLA Standing Committee on Library Theory and Research  
(International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions)

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1027 First timers  
44 Grantees thanks to generous grants.

Multilinguism:  
245 Conference Papers of which 224 Papers in English, 143 in French, 10 in German, 17 in Russian, 41 in Spanish, 14 in Chinese, 4 in Arabic.

Country Representation:  
Canada had the largest representation, 630 delegates, including day visitors and exhibition visitors!  
Runners up were: USA 463, France: 112; Korea: 103 and China: 96 persons.

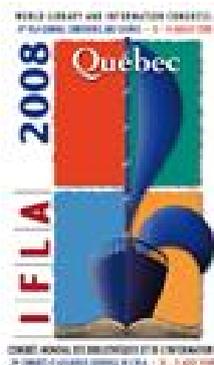
## Word from the Chair

Dear LTR-members,

The period from now till the next World Library and Information Congress in Milan, Italy, will be an active one for our section: First, we are about finalizing our project on the role of IFLA in diffusing professional norms and standards. The chapters and distributions have been compiled and now we are starting preparing the publication of the report. Helen Partridge, Lynn Silipigni Connaway and Terry Weech have already applied for a new project, the goal of which is to provide a mechanism for encouraging and supporting the development of research skills in the library profession, with a particular focus on new professionals. Through a competitive process a specific group of new professionals will be selected to participate in a twelve month research mentoring program.



Then we are busy preparing our session in Milan focusing upon open access to research and the preconference on libraries as places and spaces. As far as the satellite conference is concerned, we have joined forces with the sections on Buildings and Equipment, Public Libraries, Management & Marketing and Academic & Research Libraries. Torino



[World Library and Information Congress: 74th IFLA General Conference and Council](#)

*Québec, Canada, 10-15 August 2008*  
"Libraries without borders: Navigating towards global understanding"

## Facts and Figures from the IFLA Congress 2008

IFLA's effort to travel around and stimulate participation to the IFLA World Library and Information Congress, especially by people in the region was successful, with many delegates present in Quebec, also to celebrate its 400 years of city history....  
2354 Full time delegates  
226 Day registrations  
158 Accompanying persons  
35 Exhibition visitors  
275 Volunteers

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is the site for the preconference, which will take place in Torino from the 19<sup>th</sup> till the 21<sup>st</sup> of August 2009.

Both the present chair and the present secretary/treasurer of the section have served their periods when we meet in Milan next August. So candidates for these positions as officers are needed. During next year's WLIC conference there will be changes implemented affecting the work of the sections. There will only be one official business meeting, which will take place on Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August. We have, however, received time for a second meeting in case we should need it.

I take this opportunity to wish all members of our section a happy and prosperous 2009 and thank you for the cooperation in 2008.  
See you in Torino and Milan!

Ragnar Audunson

## IFLA 2008 Congress sessions and activities

The first LTR session was on Monday afternoon on 11 August and facilitated by Ragnar Audunson.

*Libraries as space and place: theoretical approaches* drew an audience of some 550 participants!

*Contributions were made by:*

- Socially controlled space or public-sphere third place? The design of adult and children's reading rooms in British public libraries before World War II  
ALISTAIR BLACK (Leeds Metropolitan University, UK)
- [Theoretical approaches on public libraries as places creating social capital](#)  
ANDREAS VÅRHEIM (Oslo University College, Norway)
- [Gesellschaftliche Räume: Die Konstituierung des Bibliotheksraums durch Aktivität](#)  
**English** **Français**  
OLAF EIGENBRODT (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany)
- [The Library as Sacred Place: Applying the Psychology of Religion to the Academic Library as a Sanctified Space and Implications for Measurement and Evaluation](#)  
HEATHER JACKSON and TRUDI BELLARDO HAHN (University of Maryland, USA)
- [Some reflections on space in libraries](#)  
MARIELLE DE MIRIBEL (Université Paris X, France)

- Virtual library as a space of communication and social interaction  
ROSANE TARUHN (BIREME/OPAS/OMS, Brazil)
- [University Library: The "Third Place" for Students](#)  
CONGHUI FANG (Nanjing University of Science & Technology, China)
- [Place and Space as Presented in English Language Library and Information Science Encyclopedias](#)  
MARY NILES MAACK (University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA), USA)

The second session, called *Managing libraries in a changing environment – legal, technical and organisational aspects* was held in cooperation with the sections Management & Marketing and Statistics & Evaluation. The audience on this Tuesday morning was hardly smaller than the first session: 500 persons!

*Contributions were made by:*

- [Libraries, telecentres and cybercafés: a study of public access venues around the world](#)  
RICARDO GOMEZ, CHRISTOPHER T. COWARD and RUCHA AMBIKAR (University of Washington, Seattle, USA)
- [L'archivage d'Internet, un défi pour les décideurs et les bibliothécaires: scénarios d'organisation et d'évaluation L'expérience du consortium IIPC et de la BnF](#)  
(The challenge of introducing web archiving to library stakeholders and staff: playing with metrics and organization – the IIPC experience of the National Library of France)  
GILDAS ILLIEN (National Library of France, Paris, France)
- The ethical implications of some high value-added information services in S&T and corporate libraries  
EDUARDO OROZCO SILVA (Institute of Scientific and Technological Information, Havana, Cuba)
- Measurement of library services, to quantify or qualify?  
DAVID McMENEMY, STEPHEN BUCHANAN and CHRISTINE ROONEY-BROWNE (University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, UK)
- [Count the traffic](#)  
TORD HØIVIK (Oslo University College,

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- Oslo, Norway)
- [Visualising and defining effective library systems: Croatian academic libraries](#)  
MARINA MIHALIC (The National and University Library of Zagreb, Zagreb, Croatia)
- [At the crossroads: library and technology](#)  
VESNA VUKSAN (Belgrade City Library, Belgrade, Serbia)

## Draft Minutes for Standing Committee Meetings 2008 Quebec, Canada

*The minutes will be sent separately by the secretary and appear in the next Newsletter*

### Future activities

Milan 2009

Theme: "**Libraries create futures: building on cultural heritage**"

- *Libraries as space and place*: The topic libraries as space and place will be continued with a satellite conference focusing upon empirical research and practical examples.
- *Research into Open Access* is a highly salient and much debated topic. LTR invites graduate students to submit research papers on this topic. The best papers will be presented at a session at the Milan conference in 2009.

Brisbane 2010:

A session on *Strategic Research Agendas of Library Associations for Library and Information Science*; LTR to communicate with the IFLA Management of Library Associations Section and library schools

## News from Division VII, Professional Committee and Governing Board



Dear colleagues of DIV VII,  
The IFLA PC and GB met The Hague from December 1-5. Together with my best wishes of happy holidays, let me give you some highlights.

The changes to the IFLA Congress schedule were discussed: Sections have been asked if they want to have the second SC meeting. Starting from 2009 in Milan, the Sections which want to have the second SC meeting have to choose either Thursday, following

the Closing session, of 1,5 hours, or through the week, booking a room during the Congress.

Libraries, Archives and Museums (LAM) convergence was discussed with an oral report by Jennefer Nicholson on the results of the meeting held in Paris in November. Claudia Lux and Jennefer Nicholson have participated to this meeting together with representatives of ICA, ICOM, ICOMOS, CDNL, ICSTI. The decisions taken were very important. First, all the associations have decided to work collaboratively with WIPO (IFLA will lead), Blue Shield (ICA will lead), UNESCO (ICOMOS has contact). Also, common issues for collaboration were chosen: Global Digital Libraries (CDNL will provide an overview), collection care, funding, standards, policy statements. IFLA will take the secretariat of the Group for the next two years.

Membership report: in 2002-2007 the statistics have evidenced that IFLA membership is fluctuating between 1650 and 1700 members and identified a trend of stagnation or decline. Increasing the number of members is a strategic objective.

Special Interest Group: for the first time the new structure of IFLA for Special Interest Groups has been applied. 11 SIGs have been approved. Many of them are the conversion of existing Discussion Groups.

Budget: There is some drawback from the world financial crisis, with a stagnation in membership and expected less participants to the IFLA Congress. For the Section administrative money, it is important to know that administrative money formula will continue to be based in 2009 on the number of members but money not spent will return to IFLA.

Milan Congress 2009: 19 Satellite meetings were confirmed (for which information was requested in March 2007). The results of a survey about Satellites impact have demonstrated that the pre-conferences stimulate participation to the main IFLA Congress and also spread knowledge of IFLA activities between professionals. During the Quebec Congress, it has been evidenced that 50% of satellite meeting attendees also attended IFLA.

The following sessions of the Division VII Sections - individual and joint, on-site or off-site - have been approved:

- Education and Training: The role of library and cultural institutions professionals in cultural heritage: education for the convergence of Libraries, Archives and Museums (LAM) – onsite;

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- Recognition of qualifications and quality of LIS education: the Bologna process
- challenges in a changing world - off-site (University of Milan)
- Library Theory and Research: Research into open access
- Continuing Professional Development and Work Based Training together with New Professionals Discussion Group: Creating a positive work environment for a multi-generational library and information workforce
- Literacy and Reading with Information literacy: Libraries promoting twenty-first century literacies
- Information Literacy: Promoting the Information Literacy Logo Toolkit
- Library History: Italian collections around the world.

Regarding the projects:

There were two proposals for new projects from Division VII Sections.

1) The first project was Researcher Librarian Partnership: a research mentoring program for new professionals (LTR). This Project was considered important but the methodology seemed not clear and need to be improved.

2) The other project Publication of International Good Practices in Reading Promotion Activities was not approved.

Then

3) SET Section Project on LIS students awards have received the funding only for the first year (it will be in 2009 , Milan) but from the IFLA HQ budget and not from the PC money.

*Anna Maria Tammaro*  
Chair Division VII

## From the secretary-general

### Call for nominations 2009-2011

**Nominations** are invited for IFLA President-elect, 2009-2011 and the elected members of the IFLA Governing Board, 2009-2011. You can find further information on [www.ifla.org/III/gb/gbelect.htm](http://www.ifla.org/III/gb/gbelect.htm)

To all IFLA members IFLA HQ has sent a nomination form which bears the name/organization or institution name. Members are kindly requested to only use this form for the nomination.



IFLA Standing Committee members, 2009-2013. You can find further information on the nomination procedure on <http://www.ifla.org/III/misc/callscm-e.htm>.

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Jennefer Nicholson  
IFLA Secretary General



## Call for Poster Sessions IFLA/WLIC 2009

In Quebec 2008, there were over 130 Posters which combined to a very interesting and well-visited exhibition. The Call for Poster Sessions for the 2009 World Library and Information Congress in Milan can be found on the IFLA web site:

<http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla75/call-postersession-en.htm>  
The deadline for proposals is **13 February 2009**, be sure to send in your proposal in time!

## Calls for papers

### Students

The IFLA Professional Committee has decided to open to students, all calls for papers for the Milano Conference.

### Library Theory and Research Best Paper Award

The LTR section is eager to encourage the "student voice". In addition to the submission from current professionals, library students from around the world are invited to make a submission to the session. The authors of the selected papers will be invited to present their submissions in Milan. A Library Theory

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and Research Best Paper Award will be given to the student paper that provides the most promising and thought-provoking discussion on the topic. 500 euro will be provided to the winner to support attendance expenses. To collect the 500 euro award, the winner must attend and deliver the winning paper at the LTR session.

## IFLA LIS Student Paper Award

All student papers accepted for presentation at the LTR section in Milan in 2009 will also be eligible for submission for consideration to the IFLA LIS Student Paper Award. This award is sponsored by the Education and Training Section.

[www.ifla.org/VII/s23/student-paper-award-2009-en.pdf](http://www.ifla.org/VII/s23/student-paper-award-2009-en.pdf)

## Call for Papers Library Theory and Research Section

### Theme: "Research *into* open access "

Open Access (OA) has become the subject of much discussion amongst researchers, academics, librarians, university administrators, funding agencies, government officials, and publishers. Although OA has become a topic of considerable interest, with a growing body of work exploring the impact of OA on scholarly research and communication for various disciplines, surprisingly **very little** rigorous research has been conducted **into** or **about** OA itself.

At its session in Milan, the IFLA [Library Theory and Research Section](#) (LTR) will focus on research that explores the reality of providing OA. The intention of the session is to provide a forum for library professionals to critically discuss key issues related to developing, managing and sustaining OA across the world. Papers may address issues such as challenges and barriers, the realities of financial and institutional support, policy and planning or principles involved in matters of OA development, management and sustainability. Papers discussing these issues from the perspective of different disciplines or contexts are welcome.

Deadline was 31<sup>st</sup> December. Selected contributors will be notified 1<sup>st</sup> of March.

## New IFLA Publication

### The IFLA Multicultural Library Manifesto : The Multicultural Library – a gateway to a cultural diverse society in dialogue

After years of preparations this Manifesto was adopted by the IFLA Governing Board and will be presented to UNESCO for endorsement. The text is available in various languages at:

<http://www.ifla.org/VII/s32/index.htm>

## Call for Papers Library Theory & Research Section & others

For the IFLA-Satellite conference:  
**LIBRARIES AS SPACE AND PLACE**  
**Torino, August 19-21, 2009**

Within the field of library and information science the issue of libraries as space and place has become an important topic in both practice and research. How can libraries develop into places promoting knowledge sharing and knowledge generation? How can libraries contribute to the creation of community and to collaboration, citizenship and trust in a world that is becoming more and more complex and fragmented? Such questions are relevant for all kinds of libraries; public libraries as well as academic, government and special libraries; physical libraries as well as digital libraries.

They increase in importance due to globalization, digitization and the growth of the multicultural society. Research as well as exchange of practical experiences is needed if the field of librarianship is to meet these challenges adequately.

In connection with the IFLA conference in Milan 2009, IFLA's sections on Public libraries, Library buildings and equipment, Library Theory and Research, Management and Marketing, and Academic and Research Libraries are arranging a preconference focusing on the topic of libraries as space and place. Papers and posters on, but not limited to, the following topics are invited:

- Libraries as places and spaces for knowledge sharing and learning
- Libraries as meeting places fostering community
- library architecture, library layout refurbishment and heritage listed buildings
- Libraries as third places
- Libraries as meeting places across cultural, professional and ethnic borders.

How can one strike a balance between promoting pluralism and multiculturalism on the one hand and community on the other?

Research papers as well as papers based on practical experiences and examples of best practices were welcome.

The deadline was 1<sup>st</sup> December 2008. Selected contributors will be notified in January 2009.

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## Presidential Theme: Libraries on the Agenda 2009

Two video interviews with IFLA President Claudia Lux made by Dinesh K. Gupta are available at:  
Libraries on Agenda: Interview with IFLA President-Part-1 <http://in.youtube.com/watch?v=Qgj5NaHNMuU>  
Libraries on Agenda: Interview with IFLA President-Part-2 <http://in.youtube.com/watch?v=mjpcWhPRhYU>

### Invitation:

#### IFLA PRESIDENTIAL MEETING 3

Berlin, Germany, February 19th/20th 2009

"Access to Knowledge Infrastructures: Networking through Libraries"



On the occasion of the IFLA presidency of Claudia Lux, the German IFLA National Committee in cooperation with different partners is organizing the third and last of the series of IFLA Presidential Meetings.

According to Claudia Lux' presidential theme on 'libraries on the agenda', international library experts, politicians and decision makers will discuss the role of libraries within the international networking of the knowledge society. International contributors from various Islamic countries have also been invited.

Topics to be discussed will be among others the development of the information society as a national obligation, the relationship of digital knowledge and cultural heritage and the role of libraries within the network of research, education, society and state. Simultaneous interpretation into English, German and Arabic will be provided. Registration fee for the two-day programme (including lunch, coffee breaks and reception):

100 € (early bird registration until January 20, 2009, afterwards 160€)

You will find further information, the programme and the online-registration under:

[www.ifla.org/III/PresidentsProgram.htm#President](http://www.ifla.org/III/PresidentsProgram.htm#President)

Contact: E-mail: [klauser@bibliotheksverband.de](mailto:klauser@bibliotheksverband.de)

<http://www.ifla-deutschland.de>

## Congratulations to Biddy Fisher

### **NOTICE! NOTICE! NOTICE! NOTICE!**

The Library Theory and Research Section wishes to congratulate Biddy Fisher, a member of its Standing Committee, on her election to the post of Vice President of CILIP, the Chartered Institute of Information Professionals. She will serve as Vice President for 2009 and become President in 2010. Biddy spent 13 years as Head of Information Services at Sheffield Hallam University, has served on Life Long Learning UK's Library and Archives Panel and has been a member of the society of College, University and National Libraries (SCONUL) Executive Board. LTR is very pleased that CILIP has chosen Biddy for this post.



Marydee Ojala  
Secretary/Treasurer, LTR Section

*The LTR Section congratulates Biddy Fisher and is very proud to count her among its members!*

## Other publications of interest

Charbonneau, Deborah H. (Ed.). (2008). *Global information inequalities: Bridging the information gap*. Oxford: Chandos Publishing (Oxford) Limited.

### Description:

The disparity in access to information is a worldwide phenomenon. *Global Information Inequalities* draws on examples of library initiatives from around the world to illustrate the range of possibilities for equitable access and library service delivery in a global context. The contributions in *Global Information Inequalities* address a number of core professional issues, including access to information, library services, collection development, global collaboration, intellectual property, and digital information. The contributors are from Argentina, Canada, Chile, China, Iceland, Malaysia, Peru, South Africa, Tanzania, United States, and Zambia, thereby providing a wide range of perspectives on librarianship. Additional information is available from the publisher's web site: <http://snipurl.com/3tfss>

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