

Library of Congress PAC Regional North America Center

August 2013- August 2014 Activities

The Preservation Directorate of the Library of Congress supports PAC through the sharing of information by:

- Providing tours for International visitors—77 from Russia, Armenia, Scotland, Nigeria, Singapore, Hungary, Qatar, Pakistan, Japan, Iraq, India, Sweden, China, Italy, England, Australia, Canada, Czech Republic, Morocco, Yemen, Oman, Austria, Switzerland and Germany;
- Highlighting International collections of the Library in exhibitions, such as “A Thousand Years of the Persian Book” <http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/>;
- Presenting at international conferences, such as the “‘Evolution or Revolution’ changing face of collection care conference” October 14th – 15th, 2013 held at the British Library;
- Hosting meetings, such as the ISO (International Organization for Standardization) meeting for TC 46 information and Documentation held May5-9, 2014;
- Collaborating with international institutions, such as the National Diet Library to digitize materials from the Japanese censorship collection.
- Hosting events which are also available via webinar and via webcast at <http://www.loc.gov/preservation/>.

The Preservation Directorate assists in developing the next generation of professions through fellowships and internships which are open to international students
<http://www.loc.gov/preservation/outreach/>.

The Preservation Directorate supports the IFLA PAC in the following IFLA Key Initiatives:

IFLA Strategic Plan Key Initiative 4 – Cultural Heritage Disaster Reconstruction

Programme: Culture is a basic need, a community thrives through its cultural heritage, it dies without it

- Commented and participated in Risk Register providing United States participants
- LC members active in AIC CERT which has assisted internationally, Haiti
- Disaster Response Training in Spanish for Latin American attendees to the AIC meeting San Francisco, CA May, 2014 and funded through FAIC.

IFLA Strategic Plan Key Initiative 1 – Digital Content Programme: Driving access to content and digital resources, for library users.

- Library of Congress World Digital Library supports free access to manuscripts, rare books, maps, photographs, and other important cultural documents from all countries

and cultures in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish.

See <http://www.wdl.org/en/>

- The Library continues to create digital images of foreign materials published before 1893 held by the Library.
- Music materials of rare early printed music are a continuing digitization project
- From the Rosenwald Collection 170 German incunabula are being digitized.
- The Library of Congress harvests the IFLA website
http://loc-wm.archive.org/all/2010-2015*/http://www.ifla.org/

Strategic Outlook for the Future of the Preservation Directorate of the Library of Congress with IFLA PAC

- Continue to harvest the IFLA website
- Investigate with others if the IPN (International Preservation News) might be digitized and mounted on the IFLA website
- Inventory the Preservation Directorate holdings of the IPN
- Investigate the possibility of adding English and Spanish language disaster recovery workshop video to the Library of Congress Preservation Directorate website