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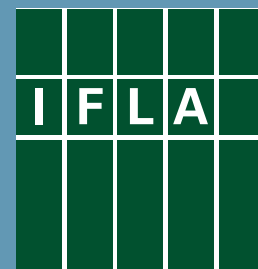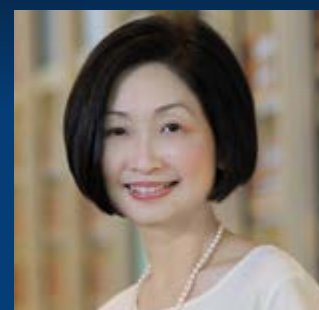
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Welcome Message from Chair of the IFLA WLIC 2013 National Committee

Greetings from the sunny island of Singapore!

On behalf of the National Committee of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) World Library and Information Congress (WLIC) 2013, I am delighted to invite you to the 79th IFLA WLIC which would be held from 17 to 23 August 2013 in Singapore.

It is our honour to host the Congress, a leading event for the international library and information services sector. In this current landscape which is shaped by the rapid proliferation of technology and information, libraries play a key role in ensuring every citizen enjoys equitable access to information and learning opportunities.

Hence, the theme for IFLA WLIC 2013 - Future Libraries: Infinite Possibilities - will certainly resonate with our library users.

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Elaine Ng
Chair
IFLA WLIC 2013
National Committee

▶ In connecting people to information and building the community's knowledge resources, libraries can be a positive force for change on multiple fronts. Libraries equip individuals with the resources to be lifelong learners while engaging the community in collaborative learning and reading pursuits. Even as people increasingly turn to other sources of information, we must continue in our efforts to assist them in making sense of this deluge of information and encourage the effective use of IT to create opportunities for future success. As librarians, we need to be familiar with the rapidly changing technology, so that we can play an even more important role in shaping people's lives.

Together with my colleagues and our partners, we look forward to hosting you at the Congress for a dynamic exchange of ideas. At the same time, we would like to invite you to come and experience the vibrant sights, sounds and tastes of Singapore's cultural tapestry and warm hospitality.

See you in Singapore in August!

Dr. Dan Dorner
Chair
Regional Standing Commitee for
Asia and Oceania

Dear Colleagues across the Asia and Oceania region – and beyond

The year 2012 has gone by in a blur – so much has happened that it has been a challenge for me to keep pace with everything.

Since our last Newsletter the big event has been the 2012 IFLA World Library and Information Congress (WLIC) held in Helsinki, Finland, and I will give you a brief overview of the significant events from an Asia and Oceania point of view.

The Asia and Oceania (A & O) open session at the 2012 WLIC attracted approximately 150 attendees. The session theme was "Innovative libraries – Transforming our communities" and five papers were presented covering a fascinating range of topics. From New Zealand, Winston Roberts presented the keynote paper on behalf of New Zealand's National Librarian, Bill Macnaught, who was speaking at the National Library session which unfortunately was scheduled at the same time. Bill's paper focused on how, within New Zealand, a range of innovative services for literacy are helping the country's multicultural community become stronger.

The paper co-written and co-presented by Mr Martin Perez and Ms Mariel Templanza was notable because it received the IFLA 2012 LIS Student Paper Award. In their paper they presented the findings of their study that explored the nature, practices and status of local studies centres in the Philippines. In the abstract to their paper they explained that "local studies centers combine a library, an archives and a museum as one, in terms of the range of the collections, and serve one purpose of preservation of knowledge, history, culture and studies about a certain locality defined in all facets".

The other papers at the A & O session were: an investigation of library services to pavement dwellers in Dhaka, Bangladesh, by Dr. Md. Nasiruddin; the reading and other learning facilities available to the inmates of Presidency Central Correctional Home in Kolkata, West Bengal, India, by Dr Susmita Chakraborty; and, the critical role of the academic advisory service in a part of the learning commons facility in the library of Tsurumi University, Yokahama, Japan, by Professor Takashi Nagatsuka and Mr Toyohiro Hasegawa. If you are interested in reading these papers, you can access them online at http:// conference.ifla.org/past/ifla78/2012-08-15.htm and scrolling down to Session 180.

The two meetings of the Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania (RSCAO) at the 2012 WLIC were well attended by members and non-members alike. At the start of the second meeting we had the good fortune to be visited at the start of the meeting by the IFLA President-Elect, Sinikka Sipilä and we discussed possibilities of working with her prior to and during her presidential term, including during the 2013 WLIC. Another distinguished visitor was Dr Maria LaoSunthara from Srinakharinwirot University in Bangkok, Thailand.

We also finalised the RSCAO 2012-2013 strategic plan during the meetings in Helsinki. A major component of the plan focuses on how we can support activities such as workshops that aim to develop regionally based education and training in library and information management skills, with emphasis on information literacy, the development of library associations and library association advocacy. The main roadblock to these activities recently has been the lack of funding, therefore if

you are aware of any sources for funding for these types of projects, please contact either me or Tan Keat Fong at the IFLA Regional Office. The Regional Office provided a report to IFLA headquarters in 2008 entitled "Funding Agencies and Organisations in the Asia and Oceania Region" so any information that you can provide will be very useful for updating the content of that report.

As you are all aware, the next IFLA WLIC will be held in Singapore from 17-23 August 2013. To assist members to attend the 2013 WLIC, especially those from developing countries, a wide range of conference participation grants are being made available, and information about them can be accessed from the IFLA website at: http://conference.ifla.org/ifla79/conference-participation-grants. The theme for the A & O session at the 2013 will be "Future libraries - multiple futures". An excellent way to participate in the 2013 conference will be to present a paper at the A & O open session - so please look at our call for papers which is available on the A & O section of the IFLA website: *http://www.ifla.org/asia-and-oceania.*

I also want to draw your attention to the call for nominations for standing committee members for the period from 2013-2017. The deadline for nominations is 6 February 2013. The RSCAO will have positions being contested in 2013, so if you are interested in standing for election to the RSCAO please read the Call for Nominations information that is available on the IFLA website at: http://www.ifla.org/news/call-for-nominations-for-section-standing-committees-august-2013-august-2017.

In closing, please allow me to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous 2013. And, please make your New Year's resolution to plan to attend the 2013 IFLA WLIC in Singapore!

Tan Keat Fong
Regional Manager
IFLA Regional Office for
Asia and Oceania

Dear friends from Asia, Oceania, and around the world, warm greetings from Singapore in this New Year!

As you are aware, the National Library Board Singapore (NLB) and Library Association of Singapore (LAS) have been given the honour to host the IFLA World Library and Information Congress, 79th IFLA General Conference and Assembly (IFLA WLIC 2013) in Singapore next August 2013. In this issue, we are delighted to present an invitation from Mrs Elaine Ng, Chair of the IFLA WLIC 2013 National Committee and Chief Executive Officer NLB, to participate in IFLA WLIC 2013.

Dr Dan Dorner, RSCAO Chair, has also given an update on the IFLA RSCAO Standing Committee Meetings and Open Session at IFLA WLIC 2012 Helsinki. Looking forward to IFLA WLIC 2013, the theme for the Asia & Oceania session is "Future Libraries – Multiple Futures."

To find out more about IFLA WLIC 2013, you can visit the official website at http://conference.ifla.org/ifla79. Information on grants and sponsorship opportunities is available from: http://conference.ifla.org/ifla79/conference-participation-grants.

For your reading pleasure, colleagues in our region have also provided exciting updates from their countries in this issue, including new developments in the National Library of New Zealand, an international forum in Astana, a conference in Taiwan, and ALP updates from the Lebanese Library Association.

All these are testament to the thriving library community in Asia & Oceania, which has a total of 301 members and 57 member countries as at 30 November 2012. We will continue with membership recruitment efforts and look forward to your continued support increasing the awareness of IFLA in the region.

The Editorial and Production Committee wish to express our appreciation to everyone who has contributed in one way or other to this publication, which will continue to serve as an important channel of communication for our members.

For RSCAO members who are attending the RSCAO mid-year meeting, I look forward to meeting you in Taipei soon!

Happy reading!

Press Release:

Berlin, Germany, 10 October 2012

HONOURS AND AWARDS GIVEN AT IFLA 2012

The successful IFLA World Library and Information Congress 2012 in Helsinki, Finland, in August, hosted the celebratory event where IFLA President Ingrid Parent presented IFLA's honours and premier awards, recognizing excellence in international librarianship. In introducing the awards, President Parent commented that "so much is achieved in international librarianship for the profession through the dedication and commitment of many colleagues on the international stage and behind the scenes. Today, IFLA is recognizing some of those held in high esteem by colleagues. It is so important that as a profession we take the time to do this, and to celebrate what a remarkable profession we share."

IFLA HONORARY FELLOW

Honorary Fellow is IFLA's highest award and may be conferred on a person who has delivered long and distinguished service to IFLA, with outstanding achievements and that has brought distinction to IFLA in the international arena.

Two Honorary Fellowships were conferred – to Ellen Tise, and Winston Tabb.

Ellen Tise

Winston Tabb

IFLA MEDAL

The IFLA Medal is awarded to a person or organisation that has made a distinguished contribution either to IFLA or to international librarianship. The IFLA Medal was presented to three distinguished recipients:

Helena Asamoah-Hassan

Helena Asamoah-Hassan was awarded the IFLA Medal for her significant contribution to IFLA in many capacities and leadership roles and to international librarianship. From the outset of her professional career Helena has worked to build bridges across Africa and between African countries and the rest of the world. She is recognized as a leader across Africa and is actively involved in many initiatives. Helena also works assiduously to position the world of libraries within world programmes such as the UNESCO World Summit on Information Society (WSIS) and Memory of the World, and the United Nations Millennium Development Goals.

Jay Jordan

Jay Jordan was awarded the IFLA Medal for his significant contribution to IFLA and international librarianship through his leadership in the globalisation of library services and his dedicated support for the Jay Jordan IFLA/OCLC Early Career Fellowship Programme. Jay's tenure at OCLC has changed the face of librarianship within the international context of library service. Libraries worldwide can gain access to WorldCat records in many languages and scripts and to resource sharing initiatives, the OCLC Governance structure has changed to reflect the global nature of the OCLC Cooperative, and such initiatives have especially benefited library services in developing countries. By 2012, the Fellows Programme had welcomed 60 library professionals from 33 developing economies and the benefits can be seen in the transition of many Fellows to positions of library leadership in their respective countries.

Eeva Kristiina Murtomaa

Eeva Kristiina Murtomaa was awarded the IFLA Medal for her significant contribution to IFLA and international librarianship through her work in improving bibliographic standards and the development of new cataloguing and authority models. Eeva Murtomaa has worked as a cataloguing specialist for nearly 40 years during which time she extended her expertise of national bibliographic work onto the international level. In addition to her committee work within IFLA Eeva Murtomaa has been an active and valued contributor in the development of the new cataloging and authority models (FRBR, FRAD and FRASAR) and has published internationally and nationally on these new views of cataloguing.

IFLA SCROLL OF APPRECIATION

Finnish National Committee for the IFLA World Library and Information Congress 2012

President Parent presented the IFLA Scroll of Appreciation to Maija Berndtson, Chair of the National Committee, in recognition of the outstanding contribution the National Committee made in hosting the highly successful Helsinki World Library and Information Congress.

The IFLA Scroll of Appreciation was also awarded to members and others who have given distinguished service to IFLA.

President Parent also awarded the IFLA Scroll of Appreciation to *Michael Heaney* for his leadership and advocacy in placing library statistics onto the international agenda through IFLA and UNESCO activities; and to *Magda Bouwens* for her achievements in administering IFLA's governance activities and her loyal support for Presidents, Governing Boards and officers.

IFLA HQ NEWS

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR SECTION STANDING COMMITTEES AUGUST 2013-AUGUST 2017

Nominations for candidates to serve on the Standing Committees for the period from August 2013 to August 2017.

DEADLINE: 6 February 2013

IFLA's professional programme consists mainly of Sections. Each Section is governed by a democratically elected Standing Committee consisting of professionals with expertise and an interest in the field of the Section.

Serving on the Standing Committee provides opportunities for professional development, networking with colleagues from many different countries and helping to advance the profession in specific areas of practice.

http://www.ifla.org/news/call-for-nominations-for-section-standing-committees-august-2013-august-2017

NEW SATELLITE MEETING GUIDELINES

Each year, a significant number of IFLA Professional Units organise a Satellite Meeting. A Satellite Meeting allows an IFLA Professional Unit to devote more time to a specific topic than is available during the IFLA World Library and Information Congress.

Over the past two to three years, IFLA has received a number of requests for (financial) support and guidance for the organization of Satellite Meetings.

This, together with the fact that IFLA is required to formalise any agreements that IFLA enters into, has led the Professional Committee to develop Guidelines for Satellite Meetings.

The guidelines can be found under the Officers Corner, rules and procedures.

The full details and explanation of the changes they imply will be explained shortly through the Prof Speak blog.

http://www.ifla.org/news/new-satellite-meeting-guidelines

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR PROJECT FUNDING FOR 2013

At the beginning of October, the Professional Committee issued its call for proposals for projects starting in 2013.

Each year, the IFLA PC administers a fund for sponsoring projects undertaken by IFLA professional units and corresponding with IFLA's Key Initiatives. The project fund comprises about half of the PC's overall budget of 50,000 Euros and usually funds between 10 – 20 projects, either fully, or partly.

Professional Unit (Section, Special Interest Group or Strategic Activity) can apply for project funding from the PC according to the process outlined in the call. The proposal should be agreed to by the relevant Standing Committee (for Special Interest Groups the Standing Committee of the sponsoring Section) and submitted by the Section or Strategic Activity's Chair, via the Division Chair to the PC.

The deadline for submitting proposals to the PC for funding of activities starting in 2013 is 31 October 2012.

http://www.ifla.org/news/pc-call-for-applications-for-project-funding-for-2013

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT AND MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF IFLA

Nominations for President-elect
August 2013-August 2015 (President 2015-2017)
and Members of the Governing Board of IFLA
(August 2013-August 2015)

DEADLINE: 6 February 2013

The Governing Board, in accordance with the Statutes, consists of the following members elected through this nomination and postal ballot process:

• The President-elect
• Ten members elected by the membership at large

Six members of the Professional Committee, consisting of a chair and one officer from each of the five Divisions of the Federation will be elected through a separate process by Section Officers.

Global representation and participation

As a truly representative global organisation, representing the interests of library and information services, and their users, worldwide, IFLA needs energetic, committed and capable people from a great variety of cultural and linguistic contexts to serve on its Governing Board. Business is conducted generally in English so competence in English is necessary to enable participation, but it is also important for the Board to have a good representation of the IFLA working languages.

Being a member of the Governing Board can be time-consuming and challenging work as the Board strives to advance the cause of library and information services and to improve the practice of the profession. It is also rewarding, providing the stimulating opportunity to work with colleagues from different types of library and information environments and from different cultures.

THE PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT-ELECT

The **President-elect** serves in this role for two years, followed by two years as President.

The **President** leads the Federation and is its chief representative. The President represents IFLA and the world's library and information profession internationally to key government and allied industry, international and national organisations and bodies. The President chairs the Governing Board and presides over General Assembly meetings which are held at the annual IFLA Congress. The Presidency involves a significant amount of travelling (some 50 days a year) for meetings, making keynote speeches and generally representing IFLA and the library and information profession. As only limited IFLA funding is available to assist some of this travel, the President must have strong employer and other support. The President works closely with the Secretary General.

The two-year term of office as **President-elect** provides an opportunity to identify priorities to be pursued on assuming the presidency. The President-elect works closely with the President and Secretary General and deputises for the President as required, for example, to represent the Federation or chair meetings.

Consequently, the post of President-elect also involves a significant amount of travelling, speaking commitments and representation and therefore demands strong employer and other support. The President-elect is a full member of the Governing Board and the Executive and Professional Committees.

A candidate for the position of *President-elect* does not have to be a member. Each candidate must have *ten valid nominations* by IFLA Members.

All the present Governing Board members are eligible for nomination, except the current President and the current President-elect.

The successful candidate will serve for two years as *President-elect* (2013-2015), followed by two years as President (2015-2017).

GOVERNING BOARD

The **IFLA Governing Board** is responsible for the strategic and professional direction of the Federation, within guidelines approved by the General Assembly (IFLA Statutes Articles 13 and 14). It establishes priorities, has oversight of IFLA's activities and approves budgets and the annual accounts. It is focused on strategic issues and provides guidance to the President, Secretary General and other officers.

The elected members of the Governing Board serve for an initial term of two years and may stand for a further consecutive term of two years.

One of the members of the Governing Board is elected by the Board to be the Treasurer of IFLA and other Governing Board members are elected by the Board to be members of committees or working groups. The President may ask a member of the Governing Board to represent IFLA at key conferences or other meetings to ensure that the Federation's voice is heard. Funding assistance from IFLA is available under such circumstances.

Members of the Governing Board are expected to make themselves available, usually at no cost to the Federation, to fulfil Board responsibilities which include the requirement to meet on three occasions each year. At the IFLA Congress, there are two meetings: one on the day before the Congress starts and one on the day after the Congress ends. The Governing Board and its committees and working groups also meet in December and April at IFLA Headquarters in The Hague, the Netherlands. IFLA covers the hotel costs for these meetings. Some additional limited travel assistance may be available under special circumstances. Business may be conducted in between meetings by email and teleconference.

A candidate for one of the *ten elected places on the Governing Board* does not have to be a member. Each candidate must have five *valid nominations* by IFLA members.

The current President will complete her term of office in August 2013 and the President-elect will begin her term of office as President in August 2013 and any GB members currently in their 2nd term as a Governing Board member are not eligible for nomination. The successful candidates for these places on the Governing Board will serve for two years commencing on 16 August 2013 until August 2015. Those elected for the first time will be eligible for election for a final, second term of two years (2015-2017).

WHO MAY BE NOMINATED?

- A candidate for President-elect or Governing Board Member does not have to be a member of IFLA (or be employed by or be affiliated with a Member of IFLA) to be nominated.

- Candidates should have a working knowledge of at least **one** of the working languages of IFLA (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Russian and Spanish). Since the business meetings of IFLA are generally conducted in English, reasonable fluency in this language is necessary to be able to fully participate as a GB member.

- Candidates should have a reasonable expectation of employer and other support to fulfill the official duties and representational and financial demands of office. The Governing Board is expected to meet three times – at the IFLA Congress and in December and April at IFLA Headquarters in The Hague, the Netherlands.

HOW DO I NOMINATE A CANDIDATE?

To nominate a candidate for election to the post of President-elect or Governing Board member:

- The authorised signatory of an Association Member or an Institutional Member of IFLA may nominate candidates and vote in the elections. The authorised signatory is the individual who is listed in IFLA's records as the organisation's highest official and whose name appears on the nomination form. Please contact us if this is incorrect so that we can re-issue the form. This form may be photocopied, but note that the nomination form cannot be used by anyone other than the authorised signatory of the member concerned; or

- Honorary Fellows may nominate candidates and vote in the elections; or

- Institutional Affiliates (School libraries, One-person library centres, Institutional sub-units) and Individual Affiliates (Personal/Non-Salaried/Student/New Graduate) may also nominate candidates for these positions, but may not vote in the elections.

Please note:

- There is no restriction on the number of candidates you may nominate for these positions.

- You should ensure that your nominee is willing to stand for election. We shall seek formal confirmation from each candidate, together with a statement, once we have received the required number of nominations for that candidate.

The following table sets out who may nominate and who may vote in the ensuing election.

		May nominate	May vote in the election
Voting members	Authorised signatories of Association Members*	Yes	Yes
	Authorised signatories of Institutional Members*	Yes	Yes
	Honorary Fellows	Yes	Yes
Individual Affiliates (Personal/Student)*		Yes	No
Institutional Affiliates (Institutional sub-units*, School Libraries*, One-person library centres*)		Yes	No

* Only if they have paid their membership fees in full for 2012 and are not in arrears

NOMINATIONS DEADLINE

Nominations must reach IFLA Headquarters **ON or BEFORE Wednesday, 6 February 2013. Late nominations will not be accepted.** To avoid disappointment please do not wait until the last day to submit your nomination.

ELECTIONS

- In accordance with the Statutes, the elections will be conducted by postal ballot. Only those eligible Voting Members as set out in the above table will be entitled to vote. Institutional & Individual Affiliates are not entitled to vote in these elections.

- It is expected that the ballot will take place during March and April 2013, with eight weeks between the dispatch of ballot papers and the closing date for their return.

- The results will be announced on IFLA's Website in June 2013.

These elections are extremely important for the future governance of IFLA. Please consider whether you wish to nominate candidates for these positions on the Governing Board.

Yours sincerely
Jennefer Nicholson
Secretary General

NEW OFFICERS BLOG

The Professional Committee have launched a new blog for Officers. ProfSpeak has been set up to discuss IFLA's professional programmes and related matters. This includes the activities of the professional units (sections, special interest groups and strategic activities), the IFLA publishing programme, and the Congress professional programme.

You can find it via a link from the left-hand side menu of the Officers Corner home page and the direct link is:

http://blogs.ifla.org/profspeak

You are welcome to contribute to the blog using the reply function after an entry. RSS feeds are available to keep track of new posts and comments, and as it is a work in progress, we welcome your suggestions and ideas for improvement so that we can develop it over the coming months. If you have thoughts about how to use ProfSpeak or wish to discuss other ideas, please contact the PC Chair (Ann Okerson) or Professional Support Officer (Joanne Yeomans).

This news feed will continue to be used to communicate news about the Officers Corner website, but please also see the blog for news and discussion direct from the PC.

ANNOUNCEMENT

IFLA WLIC 2014 - LYON, FRANCE!

During the Closing Session in Helsinki Finland on 16 August, IFLA President Ingrid Parent officially announced the host location for the 2014 World Library and Information Congress:

Lyon, France!

Enthusiastic French delegates greet the news

After the announcement, Hubert Julien-Laferriere, Vice-président of Le Grand Lyon, told delegates:

"*This is first an honor, because the World Congress of IFLA is in our view the meeting point of all the actors of knowledge, encompassing public libraries as well as academic networks; and is, for a few days, a world summit for sharing and disseminating knowledge.*

Then we are thankful because Lyon is acknowledged as one of the most dynamic cultural metropolis in Europe, due to its strong sponsorship of culture and arts - and indeed, culture and education are the two top items in the budget of our city.

The cultural riches of our city, and of its areas of knowledge, must be in our view shared by all and easily accessible to all. In this sense, we want to position the development of our city as the one of a city of knowledge, and we want this 2014 World Congress of IFLA in Lyon to be a success in this very perspective."

Pascal Sanz, President Comité français international bibliothèques et documentation, added to the invitation:

"*The French International Committee for Libraries and Documentation (Comité français international bibliothèques et documentation, or Cfibd) took the initiative, almost two years ago, to venture to phrasing and bearing the bid of France and of the City of Lyon, to host the IFLA Congress in 2014.*

This initiative, since its inception, involved all the main library associations and major library institutions in our country.

As a result, you can imagine our happiness that Lyon has now been chosen for 2014. And all of us, with the City of Lyon, we'll stake all of our enthusiasm, working capacity, and imagination to make sure you experience one of the most successful and friendly congresses in 2014.

On behalf of Mr Bruno Racine, President of the French National Library, and co-chair the French National Committee, who was not able to join this Closing session,

And on behalf of all of France's librarians and of their associations, I wish you in turn a warm welcome to France and to Lyon in 2014."

Join us in Lyon, France on 16–22 August 2014!

BENEFITS OF IFLA MEMBERSHIP

WHY JOIN IFLA?

BECAUSE YOU CAN ...
- Define your profession
- Decide what's on the agenda, globally
- Make a definite difference

- Keep up-to-date
- Help others & help yourself (reciprocal benefit)
- Network and collaborate

ADVANTAGES OF BEING AN IFLA MEMBER:

- Extend and sustain your professional network at an international level

- Think strategically: decide what will be on the political agenda by using your voting rights

- Be active in one of IFLA's working groups and help in developing standards and guidelines; take part in meetings, seminars and workshops; discuss important issues with your colleagues from all over the world and exchange information on the topics you work on

- Get a discount on attendance at IFLA's annual conference and on various IFLA publications

- Receive a copy of IFLA's Annual Report for free

- Get a subscription on IFLA Journal for free

- Receive the newsletters of the Sections to which you are registered for free

- As an IFLA member, you are not required to pay the 10% non-member surcharge on IFLA ILL vouchers

NEW MEMBER CATEGORY!
- Non-Salaried Affiliate

REMINDERS FOR EXISTING IFLA MEMBERS:

- Please send in your Data Protection Form if you have not already done so. The form can be downloaded at: http://www.ifla.org/en/datarotection-policy

- IFLA members whose 2012 Membership payment was not received by end of December will be excluded from IFLA Membership.

- The 2013 renewal invoices will be sent out at the end of January 2013.

- With the IFLA World Library and Information Congress coming to the Asia and Oceania region in 2013, let´s make sure we involve as many libraries from our region as possible in IFLA membership and the Congress! Remind your colleagues that they can benefit from a lower WLIC registration fee if their institution joins as IFLA member!

For any questions, please contact *Membership@ifla.org*

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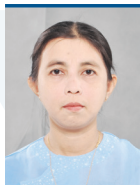*First term:* 2009–2013

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THEME: FUTURE LIBRARIES – MULTIPLE FUTURES

The session focuses on how library services in the Asia and Oceania (A & O) region must change to meet the challenges of many possible futures in a fast-changing and uncertain world.

In keeping with the conference's overall theme, 'Future Libraries: Infinite Possibilities', the Asia and Oceania Open Session will focus on the remarkably diverse social, economic and geographic contexts in which library and information services operate across our vast region.

Libraries in the A & O region are located in a hugely diverse area that includes tiny sparsely populated island nations in the world's biggest ocean as well as expansive heavily populated countries spreading across the world's largest continent. Some libraries are situated in the heart of wealthy highly developed countries, leaders in connectivity while

others are in isolated and deprived areas that epitomise the digital divide. While their contexts are extremely diverse, what these libraries have in common is the urgent need to confront fundamental challenges to their way of operating. They all must develop their vision of future services to meet changing needs. For all of them, the future is now.

We seek contributions that illustrate the multiple futures confronting libraries in Asia and Oceania, including papers that describe the contexts, the strategic planning and visions, as well as actual developments of facilities, services, and resources that are shaping the future.

We encourage professionals across the region to consider submitting proposals for papers on a topic of their choice, or on one of the following topics:

- Formats, access and services: out with the old, in with the new?

- Will tomorrow's consumers of information still need libraries?

- Preparing for the future while preserving access to the past.

- The role of community libraries in times of great social change.

- Increasing demands on public libraries in hard economic times.

- Lessons from natural and man-made disasters: how to plan for resilient library services.

- Library services under different political philosophies.

- Urban planning and libraries.

- The media and libraries.

- Strategic collaboration among libraries, archives and museums.

- Workforce planning for new digital information services.

SUBMISSIONS

- The deadline for submitting a detailed abstract (500 words) and full author details is **10 February 2013**. Selection of papers is based on the abstract, and presenters will be notified whether they have been successful by mid-March 2013.

- The full paper is due on **1 May 2012** and must be an original submission not presented or published elsewhere.

- Both abstracts and full papers should be submitted by e-mail as a MS Word file (.doc or .docx) or in Open Doc text (.odt) format. Fax or post should be used only as a last resort.

- Papers should be of 20 pages maximum, double spaced.

- Papers should be in English with an abstract, and the presenter (who need not be the author) must be fluent in English.

- 20 minutes will be allowed for a summary delivery of the paper in the Conference; the full written paper is **not** to be read.

- The author(s) should indicate his/her personal full contact details and include a brief biographical note with the paper. Also, a digital photograph would be useful.

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What is original/value of paper	What is new in the paper? State the value of the paper and to whom.

Please send your abstract **by 10 February 2013** to:

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A MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL LIBRARIAN OF NEW ZEALAND

Bill Macnaught
National Librarian

A NEW LOOK, NEW SERVICES, NEW PROGRAMMES

After a three-year closure, the National Library of New Zealand's building in Wellington reopened to the public with all our services up and running on 27 November 2012. Staff had been looking forward to this day for some time, and the sense of excited anticipation was palpable, during the countdown to the big day.

I am proud that our refurbished building has a strong bi-cultural basis through the *Te Kore ki te Ao Marama* story which details the evolution of the universe from formless potential Te Kore, to the world of light, Te Ao Marama. *Te Kore ki te Ao Marama* is told in design features throughout the building with the takarangi pattern chosen as the graphic abstract.

The new services on offer are highly interactive, and create an environment where customers will be able to find out about their own stories and create new ones packed full of the knowledge and information we hold. The ground floor, known as Te Ahumairangi, includes *net.work*, a commons' space, with information technology and other resources for social research, content development and exploration. Lifelines is a large interactive touch table to discover content that's meaningful to visitors and their family and friends. The AV pods showcase the library's audio-visual collections and those of partner agencies, and the galleries will have regular changing exhibitions to support our new Public Programmes. 'Big Data' is our first Public Programme offering. This is about how people gather and use data to survive, and how this is reflected in our surroundings and landscape. Big Data is the first of many programmes to explore our collections to make sense of how past and present knowledge can influence our future.

I extend a warm welcome to all IFLA members to visit us in New Zealand to experience our new look, new services and new programmes. Next year's annual IFLA conference in Singapore may provide you with an opportunity.

The main building of the National Library of New Zealand, in Wellington viewed from Parliament grounds across the road

THE NATIONAL LIBRARY MOLESWORTH STREET BUILDING REOPENING

INTRODUCTION

The history of the National Library, Te Puna Mātauranga o Aotearoa, can be traced back to 1858 when the General Assembly Library was formed to serve Members of Parliament. In 2007, the National Library of New Zealand (Te Puna Mātauranga o Aotearoa) developed the 'New Generation Implementation Strategy Towards 2017' as a strategic vision for the future, and the New Generation Implementation Programme (NGIP) was established to undertake this work. Coupled with this repositioning, the National Library building in Molesworth Street, Wellington, has been extensively refurbished to ensure collections are more readily available and safely stored for another 20 years.

KEY DRIVERS OF THE NEW GENERATION IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMME (NGIP)

The New Generation Implementation Programme set out to:

• Address collection storage issues through to 2030

• Renew ageing plant and infrastructure in the Molesworth Street Building

• Improve access to the nation's heritage collections, and

• Transform library services onsite, online and through the new 0800 integrated telephone system.

THE MOLESWORTH STREET BUILDING

The Molesworth Street building, designed in the 1970s in new brutalist architectural style and built in the 1980s, was found to be ageing to an extent as to endanger the integrity and safety of the collections by 2008. After considering a few options, it was decided to increase the efficiency of space utilisation in the building.

This solution saw the consolidation of customer service and staff work areas, and importantly the reorganisation and reconfiguration of the Library's collection storage space, adding a further 20 years of collections growth capacity within the facility.

The redevelopment tapped on the strong cultural basis provided by the story of Te Kore ki te Ao Marama from Maori mythology, about the evolution of the universe from formless potential (te kore) to the world of light, te ao marama. Te Kore ki te Ao Marama is told through the new design features of the Molesworth Street building, and the takarangi ('evolving heavens' or 'evolving universe') pattern was chosen as the graphic abstract used throughout the building design.

In December 2009, the National Library building in Molesworth Street closed to the public. The relocation of all staff and most of the collections out of and back into the Molesworth Street building is, by all accounts (whether by volumes moved, value, time taken, skills required or breadth of material) in totality the most significant building move removal operation in New Zealand's history, involving the wrapping and boxing of large numbers of collection items in various formats.

It reopened on 6 August, 2012, when all the research collections were again made available in the new reading rooms on the first floor. (NB: During the closure, some key collections were made available at a temporary reading room on Thorndon Quay, Wellington, and other Alexander Turnbull Library collections were available from the neighbouring Archives New Zealand building in Mulgrave Street, Wellington.) The National Library public areas including a new gallery, programme and exhibition spaces, café and rooms for hire, reopened in the building on November 27, 2012.

SUSTAINABILITY

The refurbishment, while extensive, retained as much of the existing building elements as practical, thereby saving on cost, reducing waste and recycling elements, such as reusing the podium and exposing the existing structure. Sustainable initiatives, such as increased insulation for the roof and collections cool storage rooms, have helped reduce energy costs and helped the environment.

NOW ON OFFER AT THE MOLESWORTH STREET BUILDING

Since 27 November 2012, the National Library in Molesworth Street, open Monday to Saturday 10am – 5pm, hosts a range of activities and resources that enable the public to interact and access knowledge, information and documentary heritage. Public spaces and services include:

• The 'net.work' (Ground Floor) - a commons area with information technology and printing solutions, and other technology for enabling social research and exploration.

• Audiovisual Pods Pods (Ground Floor) –access to curated elements collections.

• Free Wi-Fi access throughout all public spaces.

• Programme Rooms (Ground Floor).

• The Piano Room (Level One) - designed for playing scores from the music collections.

• 'Lifelines' – a large interactive touch table that gives people an opportunity to connect to the National Library's holdings to discover content that's meaningful to them, their family and friends through prompts of date, place and name.

• The Gallery on Te Ahumairangi (Ground Floor) and Turnbull Gallery (Level One) –host and support several major programmes each year through exhibitions.

• Café 'Home' open 7am-5.30pm Monday–Saturday and late on Fridays.

• A retail space on the Ground Floor.

Besides these, there are seminar rooms and an auditorium for hire and new reading rooms.

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE NEW GENERATION IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMME (NGIP)

During the NGIP many other services were developed, these include:

Digitisation:

- The number of online images more than tripled, from 80,000 to over 250,000; due to both the Pictures Online Preservation Project and the Alexander Turnbull Library Digitisation Programme.

- 'Papers Past' digitisation increased coverage of newspapers to two million pages and added 10 newspaper titles to the collections.

- An Audio Retro-Perspective Project digitised over 2000 at-risk audio recordings that together makeup over 86 days' worth of audio recordings (2066 hours). Preservation master files are now stored in the National Digital Heritage Archive (NDHA), enabling copies to be made available online. It also helped develop staff capability during the Library's offsite period completed in March 2012.

- You can now download 2,500 free high-resolution images, with no restrictions on their re-use at www.natlib.govt.nz.

- The upgraded National Library website, www.natlib.govt.nz, now provides improved access to online services, better cross-collection search, more accessible online images through the Gallery search results view and a redeveloped image ordering process as well as new on-site access to the catalogues and online resources through the Reading Room search stations, providing an improved web experience for all users.

From left Fiona Rigby (National Library), Hon. Chris Tremain, National Librarian Bill Macnaught, DIA Chief Executive Colin MacDonald watch Prime Minister John Key try out one of the Library's new AV Pods

SERVICES TO SCHOOLS:

The NGIP assisted with the completion of the new Auckland centre. This includes Services to Schools, which supports literacy and learning in New Zealand schools. The centre strengthens connections with communities and partners to improve access to the National Library's resources and programmes through the implementation of the 0800 Advisor service which provides an integrated pathway, the online channel, and outreach expert services (programmed activities and workshops) and one-on-one consultations in Auckland. The centre also now provides the opportunity for targeted Public Programmes and increased visibility of the renewed Alexander Turnbull Library Research Service.

KEY FACTS ON THE COLLECTIONS AND STORAGE SPACE:

- The nation's documentary and digital heritage stored at the National Library is valued at nearly NZ$1 billion (government valuation).

- In 2008, it was identified that the integrity and safety of the collections were at risk and the collection storage space was expected to run out in two years.

- The Library collection storage space has been reorganised and intensified, adding a further 20 years to the collections growth capacity within the facility.

- Some 860 tonnes of shelving (around 1703 cubic metres) have been brought into the building.

- Storage for heritage collections in the Molesworth St. building has been improved from 55% to 100% of collections housed in controlled-atmosphere cool-room environments.

- The Library's manuscript collections occupy almost 11 kilometres of shelf space and the total collections (including in the building) occupy 95 kilometres.

ALP NEWS
BUILDING STRONG LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS (BSLA) PROGRAMME

Library associations are key institutions in the library and information sector around the world. Library associations are advocates for equitable access to information, and help to build strong, sustainable library communities by improving services for library users, and supporting development of the profession. The IFLA Building Strong Library Associations Programme, launched in 2010, offers a strategic and coordinated approach to capacity building and sustainability of library associations. This report highlights the first six country projects undertaken between 2010 and 2012 including the first project in Asia and Oceania, in Lebanon.

You can download the report from the IFLA website at: *http://www.ifla.org/bsla/impact/*

Each association participating in the programme has achieved membership growth, strengthened partnerships, and advocated on behalf of the profession. They have partnered with Ministries of Arts and Culture, shared their experiences with other countries through conferences and events, and strengthened their skills in running associations.

Each association also made a presentation at the IFLA Conference in Helsinki. You can now download the presentations from the BSLA section on the IFLA website: *http://www.ifla.org/bsla/* which presents the highlights of the projects in the associations' own words. Singapore may provide you with an opportunity.

BSLA IN NEPAL

The BSLA country project in Nepal, which began in June 2011, held its final activities in November 2012 in Kathmandu including a workshop on advocacy, work on the Nepal Community Library Association's vision and mission, and relationships with stakeholders including the Nepal Library Association. The meeting also provided the opportunity to review the project and help the association plan for its future sustainability.

ALP SMALL PROJECTS UPDATE

This year's ALP small project in the Asia and Oceania region, in Vietnam, was a success and provided opportunities to develop the leadership skills of current and future leaders of the Vietnam Library Association. Michael Robinson led the workshop.

IFLA INTERNATIONAL LEADERS PROGRAMME

The International Leaders Programme is a two-year Programme designed to increase the cohort of leaders who can effectively represent the wider library sector in the international arena, and to develop leaders within IFLA. The Associates met for the first time at the IFLA Congress in Helsinki, taking part in a week of activities.

They are attached to projects including access to digital content, Open Access, Copyright Exceptions and Limitations, Libraries as Agents for Development, and Regional Collaboration for advocacy. Each project will report back on their progress during the next IFLA Congress in Singapore. Work so far includes research, surveys, representation at international events, and development of toolkits.

Three Associates from the region, from Federated States of Micronesia, Philippines, and Australia were selected.

LEBANESE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (LLA):
MOVING FORWARD AND REMAINING SUSTAINABLE

Randa Al-Chidiac
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A famous quotation by Thomas J. "Tom" Peters states "If a window of opportunity appears, don't pull down the shade."

The Lebanese Library Association (LLA) was proud to be the first to be chosen as participants by the Asia and Oceania region as the candidates of the IFLA project on Building Strong Library Associations Programme.

Workshop attendees discussing action plan to be implemented by LLA

The Association Governing Committee had to make a major decision on its continued role after carrying out an extensive review. It realized that it either choose to continue to thrive and remain relevant or it would cease to exist. It decided that after surviving a war and civil unrest, it could not allow all that it had achieved go to waste. This is especially when the Lebanese Library Association was established in 1960. Although it suspended its activities in 1975 at the beginning of the Lebanese war, the Association gradually resumed its activities in 1990.

LLA felt that this Programme would allow it to:

• Develop a vision on the manner and processes of the physical and managerial components.

• Play a more effective and efficient role for the national community and on the international stage for its members.

The Programme started with a visit by Ms. Fiona Bradley in June 2010. After several meetings with LLA board members and other attendees from the different library sectors (government, public libraries and other special libraries affiliated with religious and other entities), she was able to carry out interviews to survey opinions about the LLA and its functionality. The brainstorming sessions resulted in the drafting of a list of needs arranged by priorities and a tentative timetable covering a period of two years. LLA decided on the following BSLA modules:

• Building Your Library Associations.

• Strategic Relationships: Partnerships and Fundraising.

• Libraries on the Agenda.

• Sustaining Your Library Association.

The first two workshops held in January, 2011 in Beirut, Lebanon allowed LLA to identify action plans that highlighted challenges it would face:

• Drafting a list of potential partners by linking partners' and LLA objectives.

• Listing possible projects to apply for grants.

• Listing probable methods by which to communicate to members such as creating a Facebook page for downloading a report of workshop with pictures and the creating of hyperlink out to LLA website to invite members.

• Redesigning of the website as an effective mode/tool of communication.

• Amending LLA Bylaws, rules and regulations.

The third workshop allowed LLA to delve deeper into issues that would form obstacles in our progress as some participants believed that LLA would not be a success because of continuous changes in government bodies and their agendas. Others pointed out that LLA is not recognized as official body of the profession. However, they all agreed that there is an absence of library culture in Lebanese society.

The major accomplishment of the Programme is the drafting of suitable action plans and solutions. LLA needs to:

- Reconnect with its members and be more transparent with them on all issues such as progress of BSLA.

- Revive LLA newsletter to provide better coverage and reach out to more members.

- Re-study its existing bylaws and organizational structure to include divisions and professional entities that focus on the various aspects of librarianship.

- Draft a strategic plan that would allow it to map its way for the future.

- Offer professional and recognized development programs to members.

- Address the matter of finding and funding a permanent location.

- Be aware of various channels of funding to allow for the sustainable development of the Association and its members.

- Act as the primary reference in all issues related to librarianship and the library world.

- Be more proactive towards national issues such as copyright infringement.

- Motivate current members and attract new members from various sectors.

Workshop attendees sharing the resolve of SWOT analysis

The fourth workshop focused on how LLA could remain relevant in order to thrive and survive. The way forward is to build and maintain a solid membership base and establish good relations with its community partners. The Association will also need to continue to explore and undertake more attractive and interesting projects to sustain its momentum.

During the two years of the project implementation, LLA was able to accomplish the following achievements:

- Drafting of a new vision (To be the home of library and information professionals in Lebanon) and mission (LLA provides leadership for the development, promotion, and improvement of the library and information sector).

- Redrafting of the Association's constitution and bylaws.

- Creating of a Website Committee.

- Drafting of four feasible action plans that would portray a more dynamic Association, ie. reviving of its newsletter, updating its membership database electronically, and reaching out to new members and organize our upcoming conference.

- Drafting of a strategic plan.

The first step is always the most difficult. LLA felt that the IFLA Project would allow it to discover new skills and the importance of commitment. LLA was able to work on SWOT and needs analysis, action plans, and strategic plans which were not adopted in its professional environment. Activities, especially brainstorming, allowed the participants to evaluate the functions of LLA and what they want from the Association. Many of the attendees said that they benefitted personally in being able to learn new skills that they would apply in their daily tasks and jobs. This sense of enthusiasm brings with it a sense of hopefulness to implement changes in LLA. A major benefit of the IFLA-BSLA programme is that it allowed LLA to reflect and evaluate itself in order to enhance its role and existence.

In conclusion, LLA has benefitted tremendously from the programme. The general feeling that prevailed in all the workshops is that all the participants were determined to contribute to the success of this project and the Association. They openly expressed their willingness to face the challenges and accept the wave of changes put forward by BSLA, IFLA and the LLA itself. Their common motto is *"WE HAVE NOT GIVEN UP ON LLA."*

INTERNATIONAL FORUM
"EURASIAN CULTURE IN THE NEW WORLD"

Presidents of Libray Associations of CIS

Rosa Berdigaliyeva
President, Library Association of the Republic of Kazakhstan,
Head of Information and Library Center of
Kazakh National Art University

The capital of Kazakhstan Astana city hosted a forum of librarians on "Commonwealth Libraries: Integration, Innovation and Access for All" from 26 to 28 September 2012. The city which was previously named the cultural capital of the Turkic world, was declared the cultural capital of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) at the international forum "Eurasian culture in the New World" held earlier in the year.

The forum was attended by the CIS Presidents of Library Associations of CIS (Russian Library Association, Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova, Kyrgyzstan, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Tajikistan, and Russian School Library Association) as well as hundreds of representatives of regional library association of Kazakhstan. It became a new stage in understanding the role of libraries in the global processes of modernity. Held at the Round table for the first time in 20 years, the forum sought to promote the dissemination of the latest achievements of librarianship, to establish cooperation between the library associations of the CIS, as well as between individual professionals in the field of library science in the CIS.

Participants at the forum discussed prospects of cooperation between the library associations of the CIS countries, the role of the association as a partner in the implementation of public library policy and its role in the sustainable development of society, mechanisms of self-regulation in the library environment, new problems of self-organization of professional associations in new conditions, etc.

The moderators of the round table were the President of the Russian Library Association, a member of the Public Council under the Ministry of Culture, Deputy of the Director General for Science of the Russian National Library, Dr. V.R.Firsov and the President of Library Association of the Republic of Kazakhstan, a member of the IFLA Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania, the head of Information and Library Center of Kazakh National University of Arts Dr. R.A.Berdigalieva.

The main outcome of the Round Table was the adoption of a Memorandum of Cooperation of Library Associations of CIS countries for intensive development. The memorandum was signed by all the presidents of library associations of the CIS countries.

THE MEMORANDUM ON COOPERATION AMONG THE LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE CIS FOR THEIR REINFORCED DEVELOPMENT.

The Library associations of the countries of the CIS note that the voluntary library associations as a public force possess a sufficient influence for the solution of the problems such as the free access of the population to the knowledge, information, historical-cultural heritage as well as the social protection of librarians.

At the same time the Library associations of the countries of the CIS acknowledge that:

• Not all the countries have developed the network of the regional, departmental library public associations and also associations of the workers of the libraries by the professional interests, kinds and types of libraries,

• The initiative of democratization of public library relations are centrally controlled, that is there are created the library societies and associations are created at the national level

• There is a necessity for wider involvement of memberships of the library public associations by influential people who possess acknowledgement and authority in society.

General view of the meeting

For the purposes of development of voluntary library associations, the preservation of the high public status of librarians as the conductors of knowledge and safe-keepers of the chronicles of the events of time, the heritage of scientists, creators in art and literature, the Library associations adopt as the guide for action the idea contained within the IFLA Programme – ALP BSLA or "Building strong library associations".

The library associations of the countries of the CIS have agreed to strengthen the voluntary public associations in their countries and also at the international level by:

• Creating on the public basis, the library associations of their country in the regions and in different directions of professional activity, to surmount the departmental disagreement among the library workers.

• Developing the social partnership with the organs of power, introducing the status of "the honorable member of association" and attracting as honorable members in the fields of science, culture, literature and art, politicians, both of local as well as from foreign countries.

• Consolidating the powers for the library legislative activity.

• Supporting projects in the sphere of scientific researches and upgrading the qualification of specialists.

• Supporting library education to students on probation and the preparation of linguistic translation of textbooks and manuals.

• Providing regular exchanges of information on planned activities.

• Supporting the national associations' participation in international cooperation activities.

• Exploring grants for joint projects including those aimed for the publications of reference literature, elaboration of the ALIS programs, study seminars etc.

• Encouraging public awards (medals, honorary certificates, certificate of gratitude of the national associations) to the members of associations, state figures, and creative workers from other countries who have contributed substantially to solving the problems of high-quality free access of the population to the knowledge, information and historical-cultural heritage.

Moderators who are at the meeting

The present memorandum

• May include amendments and supplements by the universal agreement from all the parties.

• Is deemed to be effective and continuous from the day of signature provided there are at least two parties who have signed it.

• Is extended to all library associations of CIS countries that signed the Memorandum. Any party may join in the present Memorandum by notifying in writing.

• Does not foresee the financing of execution of the projects of cooperation within the framework of the present Memorandum. Record-keeping and business correspondence is to be agreed upon by the parties separately.

• Is compiled in the Russian and English languages, a copy of which is extended to all parties.

• Is not an international agreement and it does not create rights and obligations governed by international law.

The date and place of signing of the Memorandum on cooperation among the library associations of the countries of the CIS for their reinforced development is Astana city, Republic of Kazakhstan, the Library association of the Republic of Kazakhstan, http:/lark.kz; r.berdigalieva@rambler.ru on September 26, 2012

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A NEW ERA ON LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE PROFESSION:
THE 11TH CONFERENCE ON LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE CROSS THE TAIWAN STRAIT

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The Conference on Library and Information Science Across the Taiwan Strait was initiated twenty years ago by a group of Library and Information Science Departments in Mainland China and the Chinese Association of Library & Information Science Education in Taiwan. Starting from 1993, ten conferences were held in Mainland China, respectively in the East China Normal University (1993), Peking University (1994), Wuhan University (1997), National Sun-Yat-sen University (1998), Chengdu Branch of the National Science Library,

Taiwan for the first time. After the opening ceremony, Dr. Lai Ting-ming, President of the Shih Hsin Univeristy, delivered a keynote speech on the future development of LIS education in Taiwan and Mainland China. In his speech, Dr. Lai emphasized the importance of further collaboration among LIS schools in these two areas. The conference also organized a special session called 'Evergreen Forum' to review the historical development of academic exchange across the Taiwan strait. Five renowned and respected scholars in Taiwan, namely Prof. Wang Zhenhu, Prof. Hu Shuzhao, Prof. Hu Oulan, Prof. Ma Feicheng and Prof. Huang Shixiong, were invited to share their views and thoughts on the historical past with the audience.

The 11th Conference on Library and Information Science Across the Taiwan Strait

Chinese Academy of Sciences (2000), Haerbin Heilongjiang Library (2002), Dalian University of Technology (2004), National Sun-Yat-sen University (2006), Wuhan University (2008) and Nanjing University (2010). This year, the conference was held in Taiwan for the first time. Jointly organized by the Chinese Association of Library & Information Science Education and the Department of Information & Library Science of Tamkang University, the 11th Conference on Library and Information Science Across the Taiwan Strait, was held successfully at the Tamkang University in Taiwan on 4-5th July 2012. More than 260 participants attended the conference.

The theme this year was "Opening A New Era on Library and Information Science Profession Across the Taiwan Strait" in order to highlight the significance of holding the conference in

The conference programme was packed with 97 presentations in 21 sessions on a wide variety of topics including LIS education, LIS theory and research, management of libraries, information services and user studies, information and knowledge management, information retrieval and system, quantitative information research, library professional development, archive studies, publishing and e-books, information literacy, reading studies, information society, and LIS studies. A total of 113 papers were published in two proceedings, one from Taiwan (40 papers) and another one from Mainland China (73 papers).

Conference website: http://www.dils.tku.edu.tw/conference/11/

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES TODAY: OUR FUTURE IS NOW

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CELEBRATING 100 YEARS: THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG LIBRARIES' CENTENARY ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE

In 1911, the University of Hong Kong (HKU) was founded. In 1912, the University enrolled its first students. Now, 100 years after these events, the University has celebrated its achievements through two years of activities that have been diverse and inclusive. In celebrating this 100 year landmark, the University of Hong Kong Libraries hosted an international conference on November 8, 2012 that served to highlight these 100 years of achievements by both the University and its Libraries, as well as to set a vision for the Libraries' next century of ambition.

Keynote address by Dr. Ingrid Parent, IFLA President, on "Leveraging the Digital Age: 21st Century Libraries in a Global Context"

With the theme, "Academic Libraries Today: Our Future is Now", the conference brought together library leaders and senior information professionals from around the world to celebrate, to postulate and to share best practices from some of the world's greatest academic and research libraries. Vice Chancellor and President, Professor Tsui Lap-Chee, opened the conference by welcoming guests and outlining the history and successes of the University and its Libraries while also stressing the uncertainty of the future in an information-rich world.

More than 260 attendees from mainland China, Macau, Taiwan, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Australia, New Zealand, the USA, Canada, Italy and from a great diversity of libraries in Hong Kong listened attentively to the keynote speech by IFLA President and University of British Columbia Librarian, Dr Ingrid Parent. Dr Parent set the tone for the day's events by discussing the changes in academic libraries in recent years, the likely trends in collections, services and infrastructures and the great opportunities that libraries, and indeed librarians, must seize in order to remain relevant and successful.

The remaining papers dealt with areas of innovation and new practices in academic libraries including recent developments in mainland China; the academic library as a publisher; future directions for collection development; open access and open data; the research and learning cycle; academic library trends in Hong Kong, and the commercialisation of special library collections. Most of the presentations are available from the conference website at http://lib.hku.hk/hkul100/ic/.

The occasion also marked the 80th anniversary of the Fung Ping Shan Library, the University's East Asian Library and HKU's first dedicated and purpose-built library. Fung Ping Shan was a man of great integrity who treasured education and his Chinese heritage. Together, these passions drove him to fund the establishment of the Fung Ping Shan Library in 1932. To mark the occasion, we launched the latest of the Libraries' publications, Fung Ping Shan: the Man, his Life and his Library (http://lib.hku.hk/hkul100/ic/FPSbook.html) written by Cornelia (Nelly) Lichauco

260 attendees from 12 countries and regions participated at the Conference

LIBRARY EVENTS
FROM JANUARY TO AUGUST 2013

Collated by Ms. Nor Aishah M. Rashid, Associate Librarian, National Library Board Singapore

JANUARY

6th International Symposium on Information Systems (ISIS)

Organiser	Srini Raju Centre for Information Technology and the Networked Economy (SRITNE)
Date	4 – 6 January 2013
Venue	Goa, India
Link	http://www.isb.edu/sritne/isis2013/index.html

International Conference on Advanced Information System, E-Education and Development (ICAISED 2013)

Organiser	Institute of Information System & Research Center
Date	15 – 16 January 2013
Venue	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Link	http://www.icaised.com/

BOBCATSSS 2013: From Collections to Connections: Turning Libraries "Inside-Out"

Organiser	Hatcheppe University, Turkey, and Royal School of Library and Information Science, Denmark
Date	23 – 25 January 2013
Venue	Ankara, Turkey
Link	http://bobcatsss.net/

44th Cairo International Book Fair

Organiser	General Egyptian Book Organization
Date	23 January – 5 February 2013
Venue	Cairo, Egypt
Link	http://www.cairobookfair.org/default_en.aspx

Australasian Web Conference (AWC 2013)

Organiser	AWC 2013 Organising Committee
Date	29 January – 1 February 2013
Venue	Adelaide, Australia
Link	http://cs.adelaide.edu.au/~awc2013/index.html

Taipei International Book Exhibition

Organiser	Taipei Book Fair Foundation
Date	30 January – 4 February 2013
Venue	Taipei, Taiwan
Link	http://www.tibe.org.tw/

37th International Kolkata Book Fair

Organiser	Publishers & Booksellers Guild
Date	30 January – 10 February 2013
Venue	Kolkata, India
Link	http://www.kolkatabookfair.net/

FEBRUARY

New Delhi World Book Fair 2013

Organiser	National Book Trust, India
Date	4 – 10 February 2013
Venue	New Delhi, India
Link	http://www.newdelhiworldbookfair.gov.in/

Open Research

Organiser	Open Research Organising Committee
Date	6 – 8 February 2013
Venue	Auckland, New Zealand
Link	https://sites.google.com/site/nzauopenresearch/

ALIA 6th New Librarians' Symposium (NLS6)

Organiser	Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA)
Date	10 – 11 February 2013
Venue	Brisbane, Australia
Link	http://newlibrarianssymposium.com/

27th Jerusalem International Book Fair

Organiser	The Jerusalem International Book Fair
Date	10 – 15 February 2013
Venue	Jerusalem, Israel
Link	http://www.jerusalembookfair.com/

2nd International Conference on Academic Libraries: "Academic Library Services Through Cloud Computing--Moving Libraries to the Web"

Organiser	Organising Committee
Date	12 – 15 February 2013
Venue	New Delhi, India
Link	http://www.ipu.ac.in/ical2013/index.htm

ALIA Information Online 2013: "Be Different, Do Different"

Organiser	Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA)
Date	12–15 February 2013
Venue	Brisbane, Australia
Link	http://www.information-online.com.au/

Malaysian Conference on Information Systems (MCIS 2013): "Information Systems in Southeast-Asia"

Organiser	MCIS 2013 Organising Committee
Date	13–16 February 2013
Venue	Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia
Link	http://wwwkal.ums.edu.my/mcis2013

MARCH

2nd International Conference on Information Technology, System and Managemen (ICITSM 2013)

Organiser	Instiute of Information System and Research Center (IISRC)
Date	4 – 5 March 2013
Venue	Dubai. United Arab Emirates
Link	http://www.icitsm.com/

The Second International Conference on Digital Enterprise and Information Systems (DEIS 2013)

Organiser	Society of Digital Information and Wireless Communications (SDIWC)
Date	4 – 6 March 2013
Venue	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Link	http://sdiwc.net/conferences/2013/Malaysia1/

The Second International Conference on e-Technologies and Networks for Development (ICeND 2013)

Organiser	Society of Digital Information and Wireless Communications (SDIWC)
Date	4 – 6 March 2013
Venue	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Link	http://sdiwc.net/conferences/2013/Malaysia2/

6th Intensive Course in Journal Publishing – Asia

Organiser	International Association of Scientific, Technical, and Medical Publishers (STM)
Date	10 – 13 March 2013
Venue	Singapore
Link	http://www.stm-assoc.org/events/ijc-asia-2013/

2013 International Conference on Information Technology and Science (ICITS 2013)

Organiser	ICITS 2013 Organising Committee
Date	16 – 17 March 2013
Venue	Bali, Indonesia
Link	http://www.icits.org/

Alexandrina International Book Fair

Organiser	Bibliotheca Alexandrina
Date	26 March – 9 April 2013
Venue	Alexandria, Egypt
Link	http://www.bibalex.org/bookfair/bookfair_en.aspx

Human Machine Interaction Conference (HMI 2013)

Organiser	HMI 2013 Organising Committee
Date	25–27 March 2013
Venue	Chennai, India
Link	http://www.hmi2013.in/

APRIL

15th Asia-Pacific Web Conference (APWeb)

Organiser	APWeb Organising Committee
Date	4 – 6 April 2013
Venue	Sydney, Australia
Link	http://www.cse.unsw.edu.au/~apweb2013/

3rd International Conference on E-Learning and Knowledge Management Technology (ICEKMT 2013)

Organiser	Institute of Information System and Research Center (IISRC)
Date	5 – 6 April 2013
Venue	Bangkok, Thailand
Link	http://www.icekm.com/

International Conference on Information, Communication and Computer Networks (ICICCN 2013)

Organiser	Institute of Information System and Research Center (IISRC)
Date	6 – 7 April 2013
Venue	Bangkok, Thailand
Link	http://www.iciccn.com/

3rd International Conference of Asian Special Libraries (ICoASL 2013)

Organiser	Special Libraries Association (SLA) Asian Chapter
Date	10 – 12 April 2013
Venue	Pasay City, Philippines
Link	http://units.sla.org/chapter/cas/ Themes-ICoASL-2013.htm

17th Pacific-Asia Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (PAKDD2013)

Organiser PAKDD 2013 Organising Committee
Date 14 – 17 April 2013
Venue Gold Coast, Australia
Link http://pakdd2013.pakdd.org/

4th International Conference on Information and Communication Systems (ICICS 2013)

Organiser ICICS 2013 Organising Committee
Date 23–25 April 2013
Venue Irbid, Jordan
Link http://www.icics.info/icics2013/

Abu Dhabi International Book Fair

Organiser KITAB
Date 24 – 29 April 2013
Venue Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
Link http://www.adbookfair.com//

Kuala Lumpur International Book Fair

Organiser National Book Council of Malaysia (MBKM)
Date 26 April – 5 May 2013
Venue Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Link http://www.kualalumpurbookfair.my/

MAY

MetLib 2013: "Without Borders: The Integrated Library"

Organiser International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA)
Date 5 – 10 May 2013
Venue Amsterdam, Netherlands
Link http://www.ifla.org/events/metlib-2013-amsterdam

28th INFO Annual Conference & Exhibition (INFO 2013)

Organiser Teldan Information Systems, Ltd.
Date 6 – 8 May 2013
Venue Tel Aviv, Israel
Link http://www.teldan.com/Teldan08/Templates/showpage.asp?DBID=1&LNGID=1&TMID=84&FID=795

4th International Conference on Information Management and Evaluation (ICIME 2013)

Organiser Academic Conferences & Publishing International
Date 13 – 14 May 2013
Venue Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
Link http://academic-conferences.org/icime/icime2013/icime13-home.htm

Academic Librarian 3: The Yin-Yang of Future Consortial Collaboration and Competition

Organiser Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) Library System and Joint University Librarians Advisory Committee (JULAC)
Date 30 – 31 May 2013
Venue Hong Kong
Link http://www.lib.cuhk.edu.hk/conference/alyy2013/info/index.htm

26th Tehran International Book Fair (TIBF)

Organiser Iran Cultural Fairs Institute (ICFI)
Date May 2013
Venue Tehran, Iran
Link http://www.tibf.ir/Default.aspx?l=1033

JUNE

3rd International Conference of the Chinese and American Forum on Legal Information and Law Libraries (CAFLL)

Organiser Chinese and American Forum on Legal Information and Law Libraries (CAFLL)
Date 10 – 13 June 2013
Venue Shanghai, China
Link http://cafllnet.org/annual-conference/

14th International Conference on Web-Age Information Management

Organiser Organising Committee
Date 14 – 16 June 2013
Venue Beidaihe, China
Link http://idke.ruc.edu.cn/waim2013/index.html

14th Global Information Technology Management Association (GITMA) Conference

Organiser	Global Information Technology Management Association (GITMA)
Date	16 – 18 June 2013
Venue	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Link	http://www.gitma.org/index.php/gitma2013/overview

Seoul International Book Fair

Organiser	Korean Publishers Association
Date	19 – 23 June 2013
Venue	Seoul, Korea
Link	http://www.sibf.or.kr/en/index.htm

JULY

20th Tokyo International Book Fair

Organiser	Reed Exhibitions Japan Ltd.
Date	4 – 7 July 2013
Venue	Tokyo, Japan
Link	http://www.bookfair.jp/en/

Hong Kong Book Fair 2013

Organiser	Hong Kong Trade Development Council
Date	17 – 23 July 2013
Venue	Hong Kong, China
Link	http://hkbookfair.hktdc.com/en/index.aspx

AUGUST

Art Librarians Down Under 2013

Organiser	International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA)
Date	8 – 16 August 2013
Venue	Sydney, Canberra and Darwin, Australia
Link	http://www.ifla.org/events/art-librarians-down-under-2013

IFLAcamp[2]

Organiser	International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA)
Date	15 – 16 August 2013
Venue	Singapore
Link	http://npsig.wordpress.com/iflacamp2/

2013 International Summit of the Book

Organiser	Library of Congress and National Library Board, Singapore
Date	16 August 2013
Venue	Singapore
Link	http://www.loc.gov/international-book-summit/

79th IFLA General Conference and Assembly: "Future Libraries, Infinite Possibilities"

Organiser	International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA)
Date	17 – 23 August 2013
Venue	Singapore
Link	http://conference.ifla.org/ifla79

19th Beijing International Book Fair (BIBF)

Organiser	China National Publications Import & Export (Group)
Date	29 August – 1 September 2013
Venue	Beijing, China
Link	http://www.bibf.net/WebSiteEn/home/Default.aspx

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