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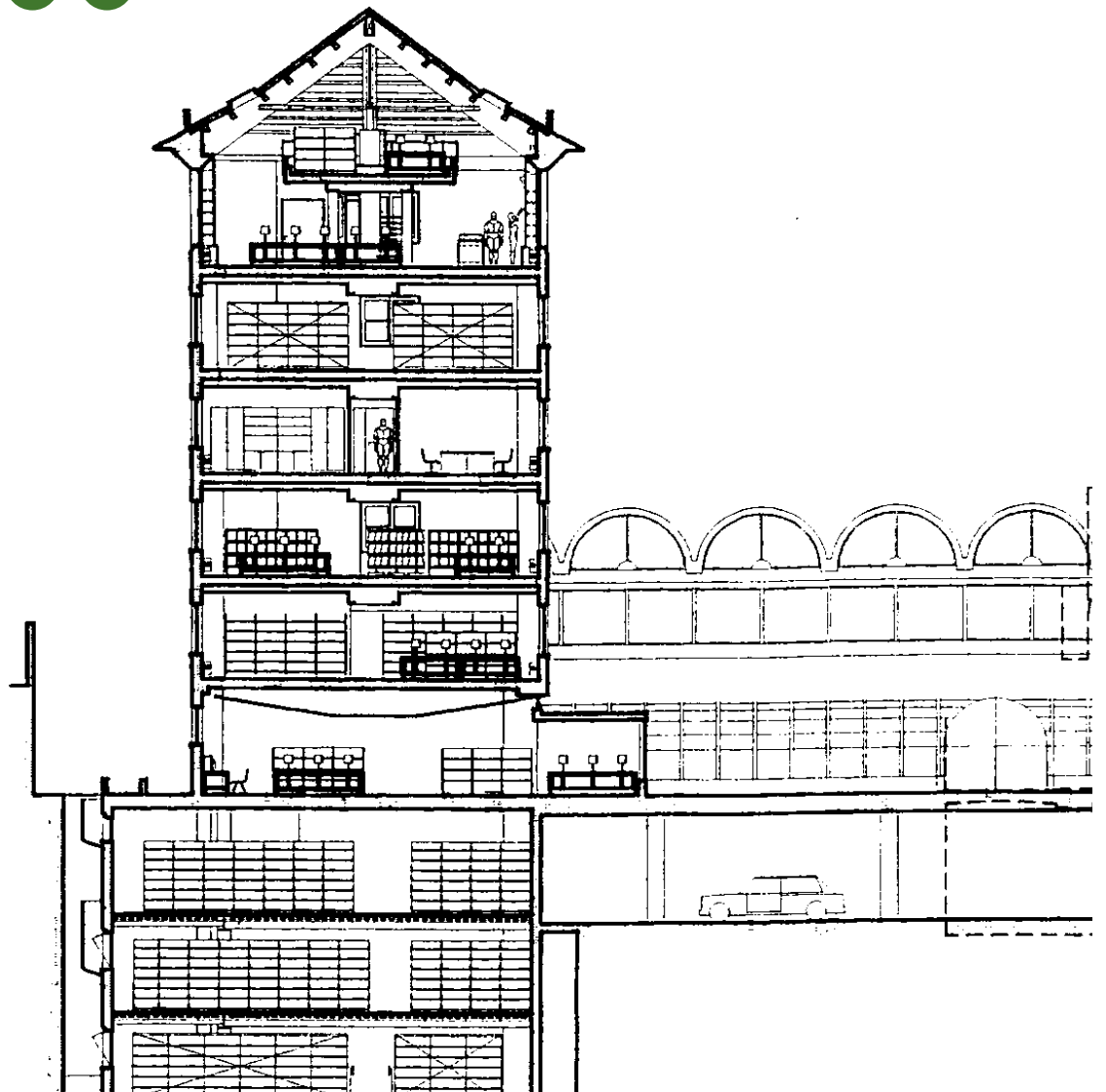
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Dear Colleagues,

It is my privilege to introduce the second IFLA Council Report; given the success of the first one, it is not difficult to surmise that this one will also raise a lot of interest.

The IFLA Council Report remains our best medium to reflect all IFLA activities during the two-year cycle separating each Council. It is also an excellent way to promote IFLA and its components, its professional programmes and projects. The Report demonstrates the activities of IFLA's Divisions and Sections during the preceding period, and gives general information to those interested in the profession, but unaware of the functional procedures of IFLA.

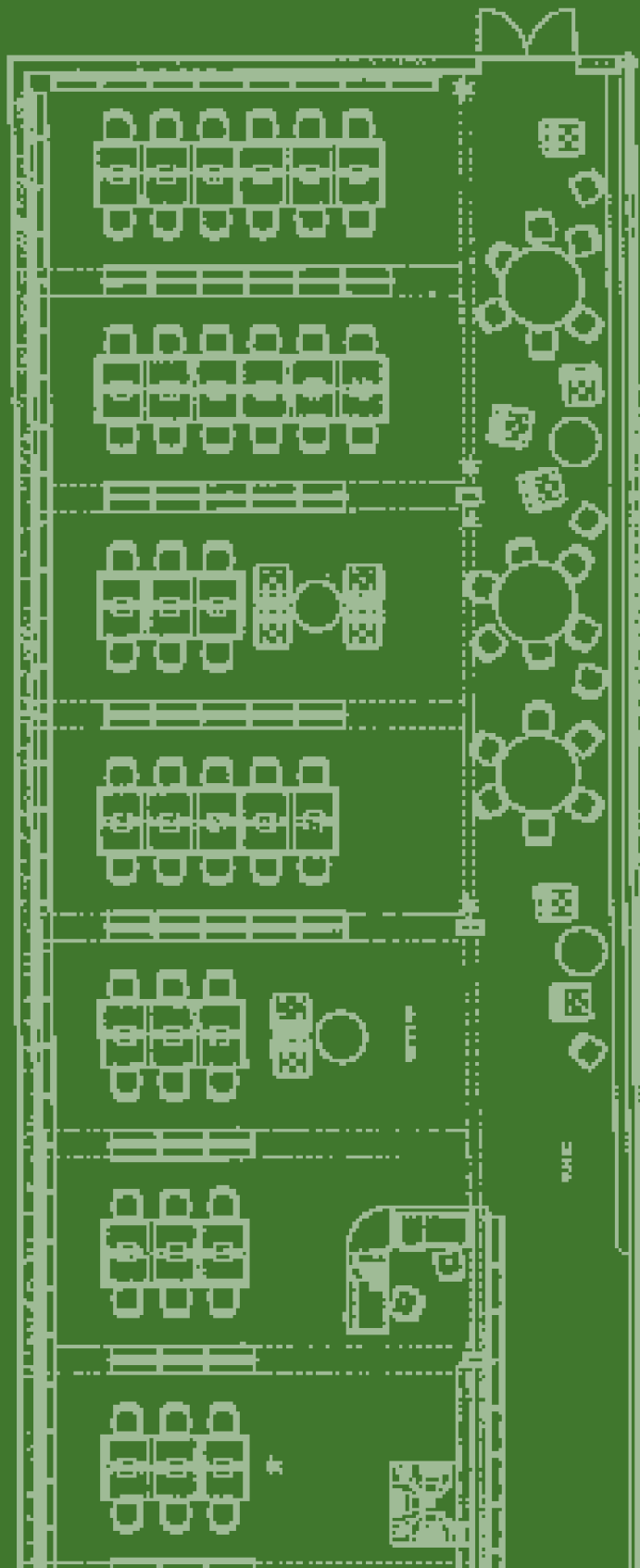
This August our Council and General Conference will be held in Bangkok, with elections for the first time in Asia. It is certainly very significant that the democratic procedure of voting should be happening during Councils held outside Europe and North America. We want to show clearly to the whole library community that IFLA works for librarians world-wide, and deals with library matters throughout the seven continents, whatever the level of development of the country, or of the library itself.

The IFLA Web site (at <http://www.ifla.org>) and its "frozen" reflection on the CD-ROM "IFLANET Unplugged", complement the Council Report as a source of information about IFLA. Together, they build momentum for the IFLA community, bringing together information specialists, librarians and documentalists who work nowadays globally. At the eve of the new millennium, our purpose is to give information on what we are doing, and to outline the achievements and objectives of the IFLA members.

CHRISTINE DESCHAMPS

IFLA President







The challenges presented by the unprecedented scale and pace of change in our profession, and in the environment in which we operate, mean that IFLA is needed more than ever; as a global library champion to try to narrow the digital divide between the information rich and the information poor which, without positive action, threatens to grow alarmingly.

We need to work with national and international partners to help ensure that librarians have the opportunities and incentives to acquire the skills to exploit rapidly developing communications technologies to benefit library users.

We need increasingly to speak up for libraries and librarians on the global stage to convince decision makers and influencers that we have a key role in the digital age.

We need to be vigilant in defending people's rights to access to information, ideas and works of imagination wherever they may be challenged.

We need to help our members demonstrate the value of libraries and librarians in economic and social development.

We need to assist colleagues in parts of the world where the professional infrastructure is at an early stage of development.

We need to demonstrate the value of preserving and conserving the records of our civilisations and our ability to do so.

We need to continue to play our part in developing international standardisation and compatibility, especially in the context of the new technologies.

In short, we are needed as never before. This is the rationale underpinning our internal review of the statutes which determine our governance. Our aim is to ensure that, as a membership organisation, our working methods lead to value for money, agile responses to the external environment and influential advocacy on behalf of libraries and librarians. Our aim must be: minimum bureaucracy; maximum impact, whilst sustaining democratic involvement.

This Council Report records the work of IFLA's officers, members and staff. I hope that you agree that it represents an impressive achievement of which we can all be proud.

I am delighted and privileged to have been appointed as Secretary General of your Federation. I plan to work with all those active in IFLA to build on the achievements of my predecessors to unite libraries and librarians worldwide, in the service of people who need access to knowledge.

I look forward to the challenge.



ROSS SHIMMON
Secretary General of IFLA
The Hague, July 1999



SEZIONE MODERNA

INFORMAZIONI BIBLIOGRAFICHE
POSTAZIONI
MULTIMEDIALI

LINGUE

SCIENZE NATURALI

SCIENZE APPLICATE 600

ARTE-MUSICA-SPETTACOLO-SPORT 700

LETTERATURA 800

GEOGRAFIA E STORIA 900





Access to Information

INTRODUCTION

Libraries play an important role in providing information to diverse populations around the world, using any means at hand to transport knowledge in the form of books, magazines, compact discs, and other media to the public. In Cambodia, a community-based mobile library moves books by motorcycle from village to village. In northern Kenya, thousands of books move by camel from the main library in Garissa to nomadic settlements; elsewhere, computers and networks transport information from one library to another, giving new meaning to the phrase 'information on demand.' The use of information in

libraries stimulates in turn the creation of new books, magazines, and electronic resources. In a world where over 600,000 new book titles appear each year (on top of a backlog of 1.5 million titles), libraries act as gateways to the world's cumulated knowledge in all of

IT IS TO TEACH SOMEONE HOW TO READ

AND THEN NOT TO PROVIDE THEM WITH READING MATERIAL

IS AS CRUEL AS MAKING SOMEONE THIRSTY THEN DENYING THEM WATER.†

: Alvaro Garzon. National book policy. Paris: UNESCO, 1997

its many forms. Librarians continue to find new ways to access information, organise and collate it for their publics, and use any means possible—from camel to supercomputer—to deliver information to patrons as quickly and efficiently as possible. Librarians will continue, too, to fight any restrictions—economic, political, bureaucratic—that hinder access to information for their patrons and staff. Libraries are simply windows to the world for their audiences, using any means at hand to deliver information.

31 AUGUST - 5 SEPTEMBER 1997

Copenhagen, Denmark, 63rd IFLA Council and General Conference, under the theme: 'Libraries and Information for Human Development'.

31 AUGUST 1997

Christine Deschamps is elected President of IFLA; Ekaterina Genieva and Sun Beixin are re-elected to Executive Board; Nancy John, Derek Law, Klaus-Dieter Lehmann and Kay Raseroka become new members of the Executive Board.

5 SEPTEMBER 1997

Sissel Nilsen is elected Chair of the Professional Board.

1 SEPTEMBER 1997

Lone Dybkjaer, Member of the European Union Parliament, delivers Plenary Address, 'Libraries and Information for Human Development'.

HIGHLIGHTS

Is information important to art museums and their publics? At the seminar entitled 'Art Institutions and Information Resources: Cooperative Strategies' held at the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation Library in Lisbon, Portugal, in 1998 participants demonstrated the importance of libraries in art museums to museum directors and other non-librarians. Libraries provide access to information that not only supports the internal activities of museums but also enhances public services and the interaction between museums and their research and academic communities.

ACCESS TO KNOWLEDGE

IS OF LITTLE BENEFIT IF

PEOPLE DO NOT TRUST THE SOURCE.

: World Bank, 1998

At the IFLA 1998 satellite conference on library services to indigenous people, held in Tromsø, Norway, recommendations were developed for increased cooperation of libraries and librarians across international borders to assist in the publication and dissemination of aboriginal materials as well as the creation of an aboriginal interlibrary loan service. This conference recognised the commonalities of issues facing librarians serving indigenous people, and acted as a focal point for the improvement, on a global scale, of services and policies in multicultural libraries.

At the 1998 IFLA Conference in Amsterdam, the Section of Libraries for the Blind discussed the uses of technology to improve access to information for the print-disabled. High cost and production delays impede the development of resources in alternative

formats. Libraries rich in alternate format collections are looking at ways for linking their collections to encourage interlibrary loan and electronic delivery of information. Other libraries and librarians are assisting in the creation of Web browsers that are broadly accessible, following international standards. A workshop sponsored in part by the IFLA Core Programme on the Universal Availability of Publications in Amsterdam in 1998 pointed out, however, that even with access to new technologies, there will be an incredible need for training and support to make these technologies work effectively. In a program sponsored by the IFLA Section of Libraries Serving Disadvantaged Persons in Amsterdam, it was pointed out that new information technologies change some basic ways in which information works, thereby reducing opportunities for some.

The IFLA Committee on Free Access to Information and Freedom of Expression (FAIFE) opened its offices in Copenhagen to consider basic issues surrounding the mission of libraries as gateways to knowledge. FAIFE has taken an active role, in participating in conferences and symposia and developing policies for consideration by IFLA's membership as a whole. FAIFE developed IFLA's Statement on Libraries and Intellectual Freedom in March 1999, which defends and promotes intellectual freedom as defined in the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Early in 1999 in Grahamstown, South Africa, IFLA, in conjunction with the South African Library for the Blind, sponsored a seminar to address services to blind and visually handicapped Africans. Participants from nine African countries shared their experiences in providing library services to blind Africans. In addition to reports on progress in different African libraries,

2 SEPTEMBER 1997

Sir Roger Elliot, Chair of the International Council of Scientific Unions, delivers Guest Lecture, 'The Impact of Electronic Publishing on the Scientific Information Chain'.

3 SEPTEMBER 1997

Ursula Owen, Editor and CEO of Index on Censorship, delivers Guest Lecture, 'Gateways to Freedom: Libraries and the Next Millennium'.

5 SEPTEMBER 1997

Ester Sibanyoni, South African Woman of the Year 1997 and Librarian at the State Library in Pretoria, South Africa, delivers Guest Lecture on the many community projects she has set up since the state of emergency.



there was also a tour of the facilities of the South African Library for the Blind in Grahamstown.

¶ IFLA's Section on Reading has been working on programs and activities to encourage literacy and promote reading among children and newly literate adults. It was a co-sponsor of the 1998 international conference in Paris on 'Libraries, Reading and Publishing in the Cold War' and has cooperated with the International Reading Association on several projects.

¶ The School Library Manifesto, finalized during IFLA's Amsterdam Conference in 1998, points out the important roles of school libraries in promoting literacy, developing research skills and encouraging uses of information in all sorts of formats. The Manifesto was approved at the UNESCO PGI Conference in December 1998.

SUMMARY

How will information be accessible in the next century? Libraries and librarians have always been ready to take advantage of the latest tools to make information available to their patrons. In the last century, librarians were among the earliest users of typewriters and telephones, and in this century, librarians were among the first to see the advantages of computers and electronic bibliographic records, transmitted over networks to libraries around the world. In the next century, librarians will utilise whatever tools are at hand, from motorcycles and camels to networked computers and satellites, to make information more accessible to ever growing audiences in need of just the right book, magazine, computer program or video.

5 SEPTEMBER 1997

The Public Library of Piura, Peru receives the 1997 Guust van Wesemael Literacy Prize.

5 SEPTEMBER 1997

IFLA Council accepts 2 major resolutions; the Executive Board establishes a Committee on Copyright and other Legal Matters and a permanent Committee on Free Access to Information and Freedom of Expression.

5 SEPTEMBER 1997

During the Closing Session of the Conference, the Council approves a proposal from Marta Terry, First Vice-President of IFLA to make Robert Wedgeworth Honorary President of IFLA.





The Electronic Environment

INTRODUCTION

In the 1960s, libraries developed the means of creating digital bibliographic records as a way of sharing data among institutions easily and conveniently. In the 1970s and 1980s, with the growth of digital networks linking computers, libraries began to share bibliographic information regionally, then nationally and internationally. As the cost of computing and telecommunications drops, more and more libraries are linking their services to networks, sharing local resources with a global audience, removing barriers to information for all.

IFLA has played a stimulating role in the growth of electronic resources and cooperation, by organising educational programs, developing standards for information exchange, and encouraging the widespread use of enabling technologies. IFLA will continue in the next century to play a major role in the development of virtual libraries, the invention of new digital resources, and the education of the library professional in the use of new technologies.

IK KNOWLEDGE IS LIKE LIGHT. WEIGHTLESS AND INTANGIBLE,
IT CAN EASILY TRAVEL THE WORLD,
ENLIGHTENING THE LIVES OF PEOPLE EVERYWHERE.Ā

10-12 SEPTEMBER 1997

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Sissel Nilsen and Philip Gill attend the Regional Conference on Public Libraries: Planning for Future Needs. Jointly organised by the Perpustakaan Negara Malaysia and the Council of Malaysian Public Library Directors in cooperation with IFLA.

17-18 SEPTEMBER 1997

Geneva, Switzerland. Ferris Webster, University of Delaware, USA, represents IFLA at WIPO Information Meeting on Intellectual Property in Databases.

21-26 SEPTEMBER 1997

Perth, Australia. Børge Sørensen represents IFLA at the INTAMEL Conference.

24-27 SEPTEMBER 1997

Edinburgh, United Kingdom. Bruce Royan, Chair of the IFLA Section on Information Technology, speaks on behalf of IFLA at the 32nd International Conference of the Round Table on Archives.

HIGHLIGHTS

Guidelines for OPAC Displays, standards in the display of online bibliographic information, were developed in a joint effort by four IFLA Standing Committees for the Sections on Bibliography, Cataloguing, Classification and Indexing, and Information Technology.

IFLA works to build consensus in the electronic environment with authors, publishers, broadcasters, librarians and users over the access to and distribution of digital information. IFLA supports broad coalitions coming together to find the most workable solutions for all parties in making digital information available to the public. IMPRIMATUR, developed in part by the IFLA Core Programme for the Universal Availability of Publications is a technological form of a consensus building exercise.



LET ME DESCRIBE MY IDEALISED

LIBRARY OF THE FUTURE.

THERE ARE LOTS OF BOOKS,

A CARD CATALOG,

A CHILDREN'S SECTION

WITH A STORY HOUR,

A READING ROOM WITH

THIS MORNING'S NEWSPAPERS,

PLENTY OF MAGAZINES,

A BOX OF DISCARDED

PAPERBACK BOOKS,

A CORK BULLETIN BOARD STAPLED OVER

WITH COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS,

A CHEAP PHOTOCOPIER,

AND A HARRIED,

BUT SMILING LIBRARIAN.

: Clifford Stoll, 1995

Participants from Zimbabwe and Nigeria in the COPEARMS Special Interest Group meeting in 1997 provided some insight into the debates on widespread access to information in digital form. For many in the developing world, access to the Internet is not widespread. Growth in electronic information, without parallels in print, has little meaning for libraries and the general public in many parts of the world. In turn, information coming from the developing world will not be widely available in electronic form in the foreseeable future.

29 SEPTEMBER - 1 OCTOBER 1997

Tashkent, Uzbekistan. Marie-Thérèse Varlamoff represents IFLA at the Third Meeting of the International Advisory Committee for the iMemory of the World Program.

6 OCTOBER 1997

LIASA, the Library and Information

23-24 OCTOBER 1997

Stockholm, Sweden. Marie-France Plassard represents IFLA at the International ISBN Agency Advisory Panel Meeting.

30-31 OCTOBER 1997

Amsterdam, Netherlands. IFLA UAP and IMPRIMATUR (a European Council Project) hold a conference on i The

31 OCTOBER 1997

Moscow, Russian Federation. Leo Voogt represents IFLA at the 75th anniversary of the All-Russia State Library for Foreign Literature.

NOVEMBER 1997

Paris, France. UNESCO General Conference adopts resolution on



ï The Seminar on the Use of New Technologies, held in 1998 in Praia, Cape Verde Islands, provided an opportunity for the chiefs of national and public libraries in Africa's Portuguese-speaking countries to analyse the ways in which technologies could encourage greater cooperation among their institutions. Software, databases, and other tools were examined as well as visits to local institutions actively using technologies to disseminate information widely.

**IK KNOWLEDGE GIVES PEOPLE
GREATER CONTROL
OVER THEIR DESTINIES.Î**

: World Bank, 1998

SUMMARY

Where will technology take libraries and librarians? The widespread use of information technologies has already led to an increased demand for librarians as intelligent agents, filters, and organisers of data and knowledge in communities around the world. As crucial elements of a global information ecology, librarians maintain the rich diversity of global information, by making information accessible in new ways with technologies and encouraging the birth of new resources. As local information ecologies grow, librarians will play ever increasingly important roles as agents for change, conduits for new information, and educators. IFLA will continue to play an important role as a catalyst in the information ecologies of the next century, as it has in the 20th century for thousands of libraries and librarians around the world.

10-12 NOVEMBER 1997

Florence, Italy. Eeva Murtomaa, member of the UBCIM Working Group on Minimal Level Authority Records (MLAR), attends the International Council on Archives Committee on Descriptive Standards (ICA/CDS) Meeting.

13 NOVEMBER 1997

Paris, France. Marie-ThÈrÈse Varlamoff represents IFLA at the Meeting of the States Parties to the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict.

13-14 NOVEMBER 1997

Luxembourg, Luxembourg. Graham Cornish represents IFLA at the Third International Conference on Grey Literature.

13-14 NOVEMBER 1997

London, UK. Coordinating Project for Electronic Authors' Rights Management Systems, COPEARMS, Conference,





Preservation and Conservation

INTRODUCTION

Demands for information in the 19th and 20th centuries have encouraged the use of new technologies to create media for inexpensive and rapid dissemination. Yet these new technologies, from high-speed printing presses to computer networks, do not often provide easy parallel means for the preservation of information for future generations. IFLA, through the efforts of its Core Programme on Preservation and

Conservation and the Programme's regional offices around the world, has been leading a global effort to preserve information in media from papyrus to computer tape. These efforts have led IFLA to work with other organisations, notably the International Council on Archives (ICA) and UNESCO, in developing the means to educate librarians and their institutions about basic conservation practices, to identify appropriate materials in their collec-

CULTURAL HERITAGE IS A NON-RENEWABLE RESOURCE AND

A PRECIOUS REMINDER OF THE COMMON WELL-SPRINGS
OF ALL HUMAN ENDEAVOUR AND CREATIVE EXPRESSION.†

: Federico Mayor

tions for preservation. In addition, IFLA is working to take advantage of new technologies to make materials more widely available in the course of their preservation, from collections of ancient texts to photographs from the last century. With IFLA's assistance and encouragement, information in the next century will be accessible in a rich variety of formats and interfaces, making libraries truly the memories of the world.

13-15 NOVEMBER 1997

Munich, Germany. Marie-France Plassard represents IFLA at the meeting of the Consortium of European Research Libraries, CERL.

21 NOVEMBER 1997

Paris, France. Christine Deschamps represents IFLA at the Extraordinary Conference of Non-governmental Organisations at UNESCO.

24-25 NOVEMBER 1997

Cairo, Egypt. John Cole, Chair of the IFLA Section on Reading represents IFLA at the First Meeting of the International Panel of International Reading for All Program, sponsored by UNESCO.

HIGHLIGHTS

¶ In 1998, IFLA's Core Programmes on Preservation and Conservation and Universal Availability of Publications began a major project, on behalf of UNESCO, to survey digitisation efforts in institutions around the world. This effort will lead to a virtual library of digital collections, a database of digital materials in libraries and other cultural institutions. This database will also include information on digital preservation, describing institutional programs to collect and save electronic information in various formats.



WITHOUT DOUBT,
LITERATURE PASSES ON
CONDENSED EXPERIENCE
FROM ONE GENERATION
TO THE NEXT.
IN THIS WAY IT BECOMES
A NATION'S LIVING MEMORY.†

: Alexander Solzhenitsyn

¶ IFLA is increasing its commitment to the International Committee of the Blue Shield, organised to stimulate preventive measures to safeguard cultural heritages from armed conflict and natural disasters. The Blue Shield is a UNESCO program developed by IFLA in cooperation with the International Council on Archives (ICA), the International Council of Museums (ICOM), and the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS). Blue Shield sponsored a seminar in Radenci, Slovenia in 1998 that brought together 31 participants from ten countries, including representatives of the armed forces, to discuss ways to protect cultural monuments and historical treasures. A declaration on the protection of cultural heritage was approved at this seminar, resolving to take all necessary steps to raise awareness of the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict.†

¶ A compact disc organising some 3,000 digitised Latin American and Caribbean photographs from the 19th and 20th centuries has been developed with the joint support of IFLA, UNESCO and the National Library of Brazil. Containing images from seven

25-26 NOVEMBER 1997

Paris, France. Françoise Danset represents IFLA at the UNESCO/NGO Consultation Meeting.

8-11 DECEMBER 1997

The Hague, Netherlands. Executive Board and Professional Board Meeting. The PB approves a proposal to change the name of ALP to 'Advancement of Librarianship Programme' and a proposal of the Section of Children's Libraries to change their name to 'Libraries for Children and Young Adults'.

5 DECEMBER 1997

Paris, France. Marie-Thérèse Varlamoff attends the Meeting of the International Committee of the Blue Shield.

22-24 JANUARY 1998

Tokyo, Japan. Annabelle Herd represents IFLA at the IPA Symposium on Copyright. Theme: 'The Publisher in the Changing



countries, the compact disc provides a historical and visual context of the growth of South America and the Caribbean. Many of these photographs have been unavailable generally to the public; the compact disc acts as both a preservation and distribution medium for these valuable records.

¶ In the Hague, IFLA co-sponsored with the Koninklijke Bibliotheek and the European Commission on Preservation and Access a conference to address broad issues dealing with conservation of printed and other materials. Preservation management in many institutions addresses diverse responses from storage to digitisation. Appropriate policies to meet these differing preservation circumstances need to be invented not only at the institutional level but also at regional and national scales.

¶ The Joint IFLA/ICA Committee on Preservation in Africa met in Dakar, Senegal, in 1997 and in 1998 in Durban and Tunis to examine the special needs of libraries in preserving their collections and making them accessible. Librarians in the region increasingly need to create innovative methods to handle the environmental and other stresses affecting collections on a routine basis.

¶ IFLA's Core Programme on Preservation and Conservation, in conjunction with the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR), started a new series of publications on conservation, entitled 'International Preservation Issues.' The first issue in the series, 'IFLA Principles for the Care and Handling of Library Material,' includes chapters on security, disaster recovery, reformatting, audiovisual materials, and other topics.

26-28 JANUARY 1998

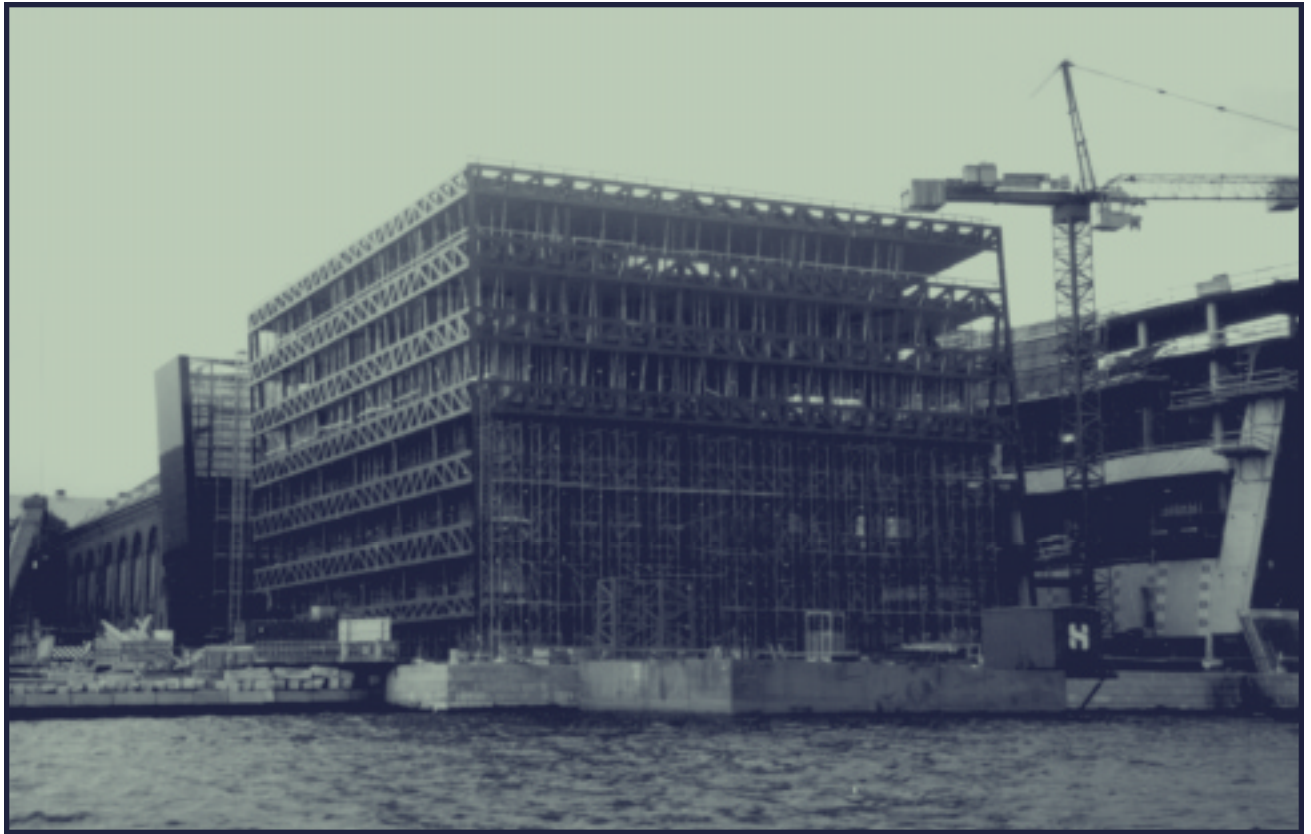
Budapest, Hungary. Klaus-Dieter Lehmann represents IFLA at the 6th International BOBCATSSS Symposium.

12-13 FEBRUARY 1998

Copenhagen, Denmark. Graham Cornish delivers a paper at the Conference and Workshop on 'New Developments in Electronic Copyright.' Organised by EBLIDA, Danish Library Association and National Library Authority.

16 FEBRUARY 1998

Paris, France. Marie-Thérèse Varlamoff represents IFLA at the meeting of the International Committee of the Blue Shield.



ï A workshop on preservation training for librarians from Arab-speaking countries in Africa took place in Kairouan, Tunisia in 1998. The laboratory at Kairouan, focusing on papyrus, ink and bookbinding, played a major part in this practical seminar. Participants attended the sessions from Algeria, Djibouti, Egypt, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Sudan and Tunisia.

ï In Tokyo in 1998, IFLA organised in conjunction with the National Diet Library of Japan the Ninth Symposium on Preservation, which focused on the conservation of digital information. Speakers were drawn from several Japanese universities, a publisher, and the National Diet Library. Practical approaches to many of the thorny technical and legal issues were

discussed, and all participants indicated increased institutional and individual cooperation in the future to address many of the unresolved problems facing effective digital preservation in libraries.

ïDIGITAL COLLECTIONS

FACILITATE ACCESS,

BUT DO NOT FACILITATE

PRESERVATION.

BEING DIGITAL MEANS

BEING EPHEMERAL.Î

: Terry Kuny

4-6 MARCH 1998

Bangkok, Thailand. Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania Meeting

11-13 MARCH 1998

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Ingrid Parent, Gary Cleveland, Brigitta Bergdahl and Marie-France Plassard speak at the IFLA UBCIM

Regional Seminar on Bibliographic Control.

23-24 MARCH 1998

London, UK. Isabelle Giannattasio, Chair of the Round Table on Audiovisual and Multimedia, represents IFLA at the Meeting of the FIAT/IFLA Round Table.

23-24 MARCH 1998

Salvador, Bahia, Brazil. Regional Standing Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean Meeting.

LIBRARIANS CHERISH BOOKS THAT
 ARE ENTRUSTED TO THEIR CARE,
 THEY KEEP THEM IN GOOD HEALTH,
 THEY HELP THEM FIND
 THEIR WAY INTO THE WORLD.
 WITHOUT THEM,
 BOOKS WOULD SURELY PERISH.†

: Aad Nuis

ĭ Educators from library and archives schools in nine African countries met in Nairobi, Kenya, in 1998 at an IFLA-sponsored meeting to analyse the state of preservation and conservation education in the curriculum. All participants agreed that preservation was not well represented in the curriculum, making it difficult to seriously treat conservation issues in many countries. A model curriculum was developed, representing a basic program in conservation; this curriculum will be adapted to the needs of the schools in each country, for students at different educational levels and with differing skills and aptitudes.

ĭ IFLA is leading an initiative to promote the use of permanent paper worldwide, with a resolution to UNESCO encouraging the use of permanent paper by all of its member states. Paper used in print for over the last century and a half slowly deteriorates; deacidification by libraries is a costly and time-consuming process of addressing this problem. With access to permanent paper at reasonable costs, IFLA hopes for a practical resolution to a vexing issue for all libraries around the world.

SUMMARY

Umberto Eco called the end of the 20th century the age of forgetting, a time when information is lost, destroyed, and erased, for political, economic, and simply bureaucratic reasons. How many of the hundreds of thousands of new book titles each year will survive into the next century? Libraries, led by IFLA's efforts in concert with other international organisations, are working constantly to prove Eco wrong, by taking advantage of new technologies and techniques to preserve information for future generations in all of its diversity, by creating educational programs to train library professionals in information conservation and design. Indeed, the end of the 20th century will be better known as the age of remembering, when the memory of the world flourished under the catalytic leadership of IFLA and other international organisations.



23-25 MARCH 1998

Nairobi, Kenya. Marie-Thérèse Varlamoff attends the JIPCA Expert Meeting of Educators.

24-27 MARCH 1998

Salvador, Bahia, Brazil. The IFLA Section for Latin America and the Caribbean organises a conference on the UNESCO Public Library Manifesto, in cooperation with the Section of Public Libraries.

25-28 MARCH 1998

Moscow, Russian Federation. 9th Meeting of the Permanent UNIMARC Committee.

26-29 MARCH 1998

Leipzig, Germany. Klaus-Dieter Lehmann represents IFLA at the Leipzig Book Fair.





Services and Standards

INTRODUCTION

The incredible diversity of libraries, in the form of their patrons, collections, and personnel, make national and international standards a crucial part of librarianship and information management. IFLA for decades has been a recognised leader in developing standards for the exchange

of information, training and education, and service. IFLA continues to develop standards in concert with organisations around the world, by the active participation of its members in standards development and in the use of standards by its member institutions around

WHATEVER THE LEVEL OF TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT IN A LIBRARY, THERE ARE STANDARDS WHICH CAN BE OF USE. STANDARDISATION IS NOT JUST THE PRESERVE OF WELL-ENDOWED, HIGH-TECH ESTABLISHMENTS.

: Christine Deschamps

the world in nearly every process in libraries. IFLA supports a diverse program of activities to educate its members about standards, and to encourage the development of new standards to address rapid changes in the information landscape.

30 MARCH - 2 APRIL 1998

Stockholm, Sweden. Sissel Nilsen, Kay Raseroka and Marianne Scott attend the Intergovernmental Conference organised by UNESCO on Cultural Politics Development.

1 APRIL 1998

Sjoerd M.J. Koopman begins as the new IFLA Coordinator of Professional Activities at IFLA Headquarters in The Hague.

6-9 APRIL 1998

Valparaiso, Chile. Christine Deschamps attends the joint IFLA/FID Workshop on Management and Use of Human Resources in Library and Information Work in Latin America and the Caribbean.

HIGHLIGHTS

At the International Conference on National Bibliographic Services in Copenhagen, Denmark, in 1998, 120 participants from 72 countries discussed bibliographic control on a global scale as a means of updating recommendations from the 1977 Paris Conference.

Among the conference's notable conclusions, national bibliographic agencies were urged to continue their support of bibliographic standards especially in terms of electronic documents and files. In addition, participants in the Conference agreed that greater cooperation between institutions in terms of bibliographic data will only be possible with further harmonisation of standards.

At the IFLA Regional Seminar on Bibliographic Control in Malaysia in 1998, national libraries throughout Southeast Asia were encouraged to take leading roles in developing and adopting bibliographic standards. It was also strongly recommended to these libraries that national bibliographies be developed (where they do not exist) as well as the means to exchange bibliographic records between libraries.

In 1997, the Concise UNIMARC Bibliographic and Authorities manuals were released on the Internet on IFLANET; in 1998, these manuals were made available on the World Wide Web, thanks to the efforts of IFLA's Permanent UNIMARC Committee and the Core Programme on Universal Dataflow and Telecommunications. Access to UNIMARC will encourage libraries and librarians around the world to use this standard in their bibliographic activities for patrons and other libraries.

Can the lessons of traditional bibliographic control be applied to the superabundance of information on the Internet? A resounding yes, according to the participants at the IFLA-sponsored seminar on 'The Function of Bibliographic Control in the Global Information Infrastructure' in Vilnius, Lithuania (17-19 June 1998). Experiments with MARC, metadata and other standards show promise in developing standards and routines that will make information access a routine and successful effort on the Internet.

In 1998, IFLA approved guidelines for library service to Braille users, and encouraged all libraries to promote Braille and facilitate access to Braille resources for their patrons. Studies have indicated that Braille users are more likely to develop positive reading habits, enjoy greater opportunities for employment and are highly likely to secure graduate degrees. Technology or audio recordings are no substitute for an ability to read and write for both sighted and blind patrons. The guidelines recommend a number of steps for libraries to promote the use of Braille and to develop collections in Braille.

At the 1997 Regional Conference on Public Libraries in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, sponsored by the IFLA Section on Public Libraries and the Regional Section for Asia and Oceania, 250 librarians from Southeast Asia, Australia, India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka discussed standards and guidelines to monitor and assess collections and services. In addition, libraries were encouraged to cooperate at regional, national and international levels to share resources and expertise, to meet the information needs of their diverse populations.

6-7 APRIL 1998

St. Petersburg, Russian Federation. Ekaterina Genieva represents IFLA at a seminar on 'How to Run a Library Association', organised by the Round Table for the Management of Library Associations.

14-17 APRIL 1998

Buenos Aires, Argentina. Christine Deschamps attends the 32nd Reunion Nacional de Bibliotecarios. Theme: '¿Dónde está la Biblioteca en la Aldea Global?'

26-29 APRIL 1998

Berlin, Germany. Carol Henry and Nancy John pay a site visit to Berlin for the bidding for IFLA 2003.

27-30 APRIL 1998

Edinburgh, Scotland, UK. Derek Law attends the 4th International Records Management Conference on 'The Global



¶ Proposals to strengthen bibliographic control in Latin America and the Caribbean were examined in the 1998 International Seminar on Universal Bibliographic Control, held in Mexico City. Participants discussed a number of issues relative to the design of databases, the exchange of bibliographic information, and current efforts to increase standardisation in bibliographic products developed by libraries.

¶ IFLA Core Programme on the Universal Availability of Publications has been operating a twinning program, linking libraries around the world in developing partnerships to improve services and collections. For example, a public library in the Democratic Republic of the Congo recently linked with a library in Canada to develop literacy programs and exchange library staff between the two institutions.

SUMMARY

With the rapid growth of information resources and parallel tools to locate, retrieve and otherwise identify media, standards will only grow in importance as the global language to communicate about the identity and nature of information resources. As networks and other digital forms of connections alter the definition of distance between institutions, librarians and the public, standards will facilitate access, and make it possible for information to effectively transfer from any location to another with ease. IFLA's role in developing information standards will continue to grow in the next century, as IFLA continues to be a leader in encouraging the use of standards on a daily basis in thousands of libraries and other institutions around the world with its workshops, symposia and other educational programs.

28-30 APRIL 1998

Genoa, Italy. Leo Voogt represents IFLA at the Annual Conference of Italian Library Association and opening of the New Library *Libreria*.

5-6 MAY 1998

London, UK. Leo Voogt attends the Annual Meeting of the Research Libraries

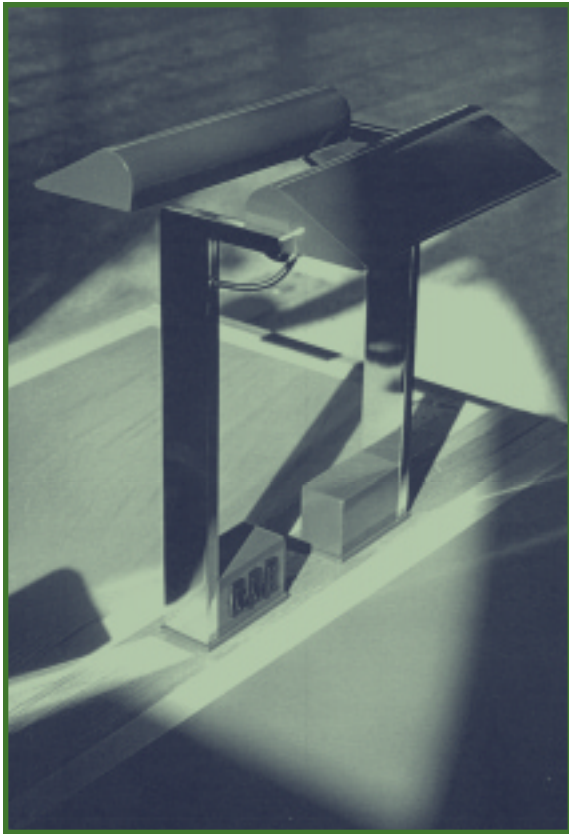
6-8 MAY 1998

Aveiro, Portugal. Christine Deschamps and Gary Cleveland attend the 6th Portuguese National Conference on *Libraries and Archives in the Information Society: Strategies for the 21st Century*.

9-14 MAY 1998

Vienna, Austria. Marie-Thérèse Varlamoff represents IFLA at the Expert Meeting on the revision of the 1954 The Hague Convention.





Professional Development

INTRODUCTION

Librarians are playing crucial roles in the information revolution at the end of the 20th century. Libraries and librarians provide key functions to their patrons and clients, in acquiring, organising and assessing and finally communicating information. More than ever, professional training is helping librarians keep abreast of the latest developments in technology and information distribution. IFLA is playing a leading role in educating librarians throughout the world, but especially in developing countries, in taking

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: Rick van der Ploeg

advantage of new technologies to communicate with colleagues and libraries elsewhere. In addition, IFLA's efforts in organising classes, workshops and programs on nearly every continent make it possible for librarians at all levels and experiences to learn about new advances in bibliographic control, copyright, institutional cooperation, and technology. More than ever, professional lifelong learning is helping librarians assess new technologies, understand the competitive information market and handle diverse new sources for information on a global scale. This revived professionalism by librarians in turn fosters the local creation of knowledge and information in communities around the world, supporting new research and development as well as personal growth.

10-14 MAY 1998
Budapest, Hungary. Ekaterina Genieva, David Bender and Christina Stenberg attend a conference organised by OSI and the European Council and supported by Soros, on 'The 21st Century Information Society: The Role of Library Associations'.

11-15 MAY 1998
Athens, Greece. Christine Deschamps attends the meeting of ISO/TC 46.

14 MAY 1998
Athens, Greece. I. Hoel, former Chair of the Section on Preservation and Conservation, attends the meeting of ISO/TC 46/SC10 on 'Physical Keeping

12-13 MAY 1998
The Hague, Netherlands. Sjoerd Koopman attends the FID Third Meeting of the Global Information Alliance.

HIGHLIGHTS

ï IFLA's 1997 General Council and Annual Conference in Copenhagen attracted 2,976 delegates from 141 countries. The delegates took advantage of a program featuring 170 professional papers as well as 20 workshops and poster sessions, 35 visits to Danish libraries and 185 booths in the exhibition area.

ï Thanks to the creation of the Danida Grant, 150 librarians from 85 countries were able to participate in the Copenhagen Conference. Additionally, 42 librarians from developing countries attended a pre-conference seminar in Aarhus, Denmark especially designed for them. Danida in cooperation with the Dutch Ministry of Development Aid and the Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture and Science sponsored 79 young professionals from different countries to attend the Amsterdam Conference.

ï With some 3,300 delegates from 120 countries, the 64th General Conference of IFLA met in Amsterdam in 1998, providing participants with opportunities to hear 192 papers presented in 213 meetings. The Conference coincided with the 200th anniversary of the Koninklijke Bibliotheek; a special exhibit celebrating the anniversary was just one opportunity among many for Conference participants in Amsterdam.

ï The Hans-Peter Geh Grant for IFLA Conference Participation was established in 1991 to sponsor one librarian every year from the former Soviet Union, including the Baltic States, to attend an IFLA seminar or conference. For example, in 1997, the Grant was awarded to Ms. Sirje Virkus of Tallin Pedagogical University in Estonia. Ms. Virkus presented papers

at the IFLA Pre-Conference on Continuing Professional Education, and at the Copenhagen Conference session of the Section on Education and Training. In 1998, the Grant was awarded to Ms. Alevtina Choulinina of the Centre for Conservation at the Russian State University for the Humanities.

ï IFLA has had a long history of encouraging cooperation among libraries. Most recently, the Hirsch Library of the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston, Texas, developed a partnership with the Gulbenkian Foundation Library in Lisbon, Portugal. There have been staff and information exchanges in this co-development of two art libraries with similar missions and collections.

ï With the cooperation of the Royal School of Library and Information Science in Copenhagen, evaluations were made of both the Copenhagen and Amsterdam Conferences. The evaluations provided crucial information to IFLA's Professional Board to make modifications in the professional program. These studies will assist future conference planners in developing arrangements for programs at a variety of logistic and professional levels.

ï A training program to revitalise public libraries in Thailand was started, enhancing the competencies of Thai librarians. Supported in part by the IFLA Core Programme for the Advancement of Librarianship, experts were brought in to teach some 200 trainers, who in turn are working with librarians in a variety of libraries throughout the country.

ï The Margreet Wijnstroom Fund for Regional Library Development is financed by contributions

18 MAY 1998

Uppsala, Sweden. Leo Voogt and Matthijs Balfourt visit the IFLA ALP Office in Uppsala to discuss FORCE.

18-22 MAY 1998

Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. Alan Hopkinson consults the National and University Library of Bosnia and Herzegovina on what help could be given for the automation of the collection. The visit was financially supported by IFLA.

28-30 MAY 1998

Dakar, Senegal. Regional Standing Committee for Africa Meeting.

29 MAY - 3 JUNE 1998

Lisbon, Portugal. Leo Voogt speaks at the Spring Meeting of the Art Documentation Advisory Group hosted by the Biblioteca General de Arte of the Fundação Calouste



in honour of Margreet Wijnstroom, IFLA Secretary General from 1971 to 1987 and Honorary Member of IFLA since 1987. The Fund allows librarians from the developing world to be actively involved in IFLA's professional groups as well as supporting projects in libraries in the developing world.

ï With the support of IFLA, participants at the Pacific Islands Association of Libraries and Archives (PIALA) were able to understand the importance of library associations professionally. A workshop explained the importance of library associations for Micronesia as a means to increasing networking, encourage community support, share resources, and successfully deal with government agencies. In addition, this workshop gave library association

leaders new skills to develop new programs to continue to educate professionals and to promote libraries throughout the region.

ï With 27 students, the 5th Microcomputer workshop, sponsored by IFLA, took place in Cape Town, South Africa, in 1997, providing new experiences for librarians with some basic experiences in computing in libraries. The 6th Microcomputer workshop for Portuguese speaking countries in Africa took place in Praia, Cape Verde in 1998 with participants from Angola, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique and other countries. These workshops have introduced a number of librarians in the developing world to basic ways in which personal computers can assist in the day-to-day management of libraries.

30 MAY - 4 JUNE 1998

Paris, France. Christine Deschamps, Derek Law and Marie-Thérèse Varlamoff attend the LIBER Meeting.

30 MAY 6 JUNE 1998

Arlington, USA. Marie-Thérèse Varlamoff attends the AIC Meeting on Disaster Preparedness, Response and Recovery.

2-5 JUNE 1998

Budapest, Hungary. Carol Henry and Nancy John pay a site visit to Hungary for the bidding for IFLA 2003.

2-5 JUNE 1998

Frankfurt, Germany. Klaus-Dieter Lehmann represents IFLA at the Deutscher Bibliothekartag.

6-14 JUNE 1998

Crimea, Ukraine. Christine Deschamps, Leo Voogt and Ekaterina Genieva attend the Crimea '98 Conference.

¶ IFLA's Committee on Copyright and Other Legal Matters began to explore the difficult issues surrounding intellectual property, licensing and other matters officially in 1998, with representatives from 23 countries. Working groups have been established to investigate a number of different areas including privacy, mergers, the Florence Agreement, education and other topics.

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THOUSAND VOLUMES.¶**

: Mary E. Hazeltine

¶ A regional seminar on training trainers in the exploitation of scientific resources in primary schools took place in Dakar, Senegal in 1997, sponsored in part by IFLA. Participants from school and public libraries in Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Guinea, the Ivory Coast and other countries learned how to best take advantage of scientific information and make it available to their diverse patrons.

¶ The Bart Nwafor Staff Development Program encourages continuing education of middle level librarians and information specialists in professional more developed environments. This Program fills the gap between traditional education and on-the-job experiences, which often miss new developments and opportunities. In 1998, five librarians were selected as

Bart Nwafor Fellows, receiving training at institutions in Botswana, Nigeria, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

¶ FORCE (Foundation and Resource Centre), a Dutch organisation that provides worldwide support for libraries for the print-handicapped in developing countries, and IFLA signed a Memorandum of Understanding in 1998. This Memorandum permits the FORCE Foundation and IFLA to cooperate in library and information services for the visually handicapped and print-handicapped in developing regions. FORCE sponsored 25 visually handicapped librarians with opportunities to attend the Amsterdam Conference.

¶ Experts met in Dakar, Senegal in 1998 to discuss training needs for rural communities in Africa, in a program sponsored by IFLA. It was agreed at this session that training should be at several levels and aimed specifically for professionals and for technicians. Professional training should focus on policy- and decision-making issues, creating procedures and plans for institutional and community use. For technicians, training should focus on operational activities and maintenance.

¶ Historians, librarians and other scholars met in Paris, France in 1998 to analyse information during the Cold War. The conference, entitled 'Books, Libraries, Reading & Publishing in the Cold War', brought together 60 individuals to discuss their research in information access and retrieval in the West and East over the past five decades.

¶ SilverPlatter and IFLA signed a letter of agreement whereby SilverPlatter will produce a compact disc

11-12 JUNE 1998

Paris, France. The IFLA Round Table on Library History, ENSSIB, MÈdiadixó UniversitÈ de Paris X and the IFLA Section on Reading hold a two-day conference on 'Books, Libraries, Reading and Publishing in the Cold War'.

15-19 JUNE 1998

Dakar, Senegal. Henri SÈne represents IFLA at the Colloquium organised by the Association Internationale des Archives Francophones.

17-19 JUNE 1998

Vilnius, Lithuania. Marie-France Plassard, Edward Valauskas, Brian Holt and Mima Willer attend the International Seminar on 'The Function of Bibliographic Control in the Global Information Infrastructure', held under the aegis of IFLA.

about IFLA called 'iFLANET Unplugged' for delegates to Conferences through 2002. IFLA members unable to attend the Conference can use the compact disc to secure papers presented at the Conference as well as other pertinent IFLA documents and reports.

Over thirty librarians and information specialists met in Valparaiso, Chile in 1998 to analyse practical ways to apply modern management techniques in libraries. Organised in part by IFLA, this workshop promoted a greater understanding of current management practices by encouraging the development of structured training programs to meet the needs of professionals and their institutions.

IFLA's Section of Public Libraries held a seminar during the Amsterdam Conference to discuss a revision of the Guidelines for Public Libraries. A revision will explore issues of libraries addressing the needs of differing cultures in various stages of development around the world.

SUMMARY

Lifelong learning means for library professionals developing the skills necessary to take advantage of new opportunities - in the form of technologies, resources, and connections - to make information available to a broad spectrum of the public. Professional education is a vehicle for personal growth and a means to demonstrate professional responsibility in understanding new ways to encourage the dissemination and consumption of knowledge in all of its many forms. IFLA has played and will play an important role as the vehicle for professional development in hundreds of institutions around the world, for thousands of librarians of varying skills and talents. IFLA is truly a world university for continuing education of the library and information profession, and will only expand its efforts in the 21st century.



22-23 JUNE 1998

Paris, France. UNESCO. Sjoerd Koopman represents IFLA at the 25th meeting of the Bureau of the Intergovernmental Council for PGI.

22-27 JUNE 1998

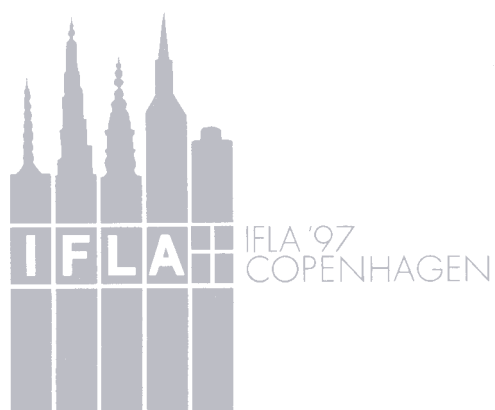
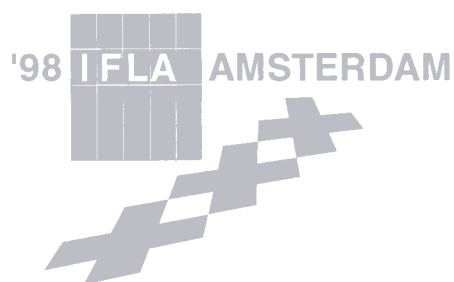
Utrecht, Netherlands. Derek Law attends the Sixth European Conference of Medical

22-26 JUNE 1998

Washington DC, USA. Christine Deschamps and Sjoerd Koopman attend the ALA Annual Conference. The IFLA UAP Office holds a poster session on the Voucher Scheme Project and the Twinning Database Project.

25 JUNE 1998

London, UK. Christine Deschamps attends the Official Opening of the British Library St. Pancras Building.



1 JULY 1998

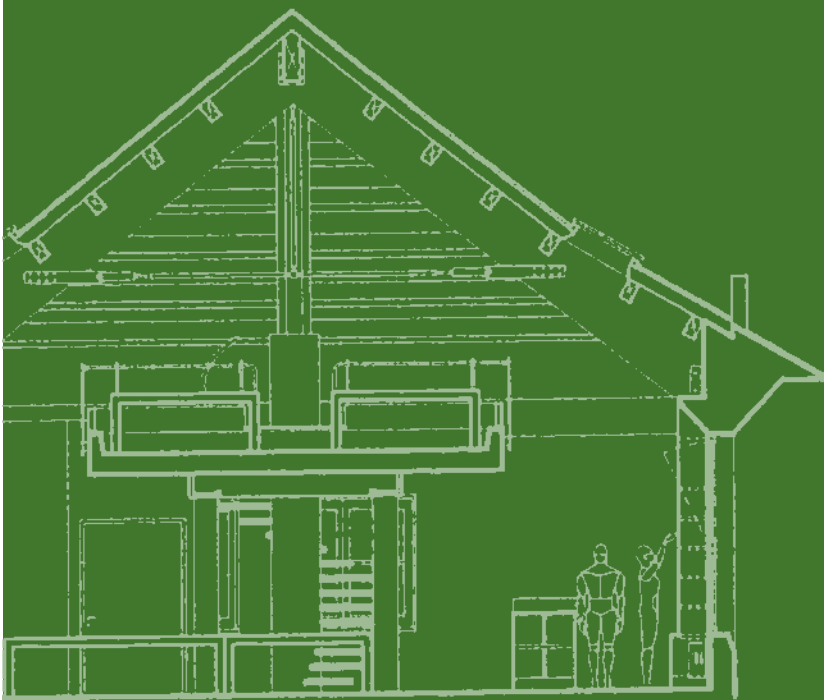
IFLA/FAIFE Office begins operation in Copenhagen, with thanks to the Danish library community, the City of Copenhagen and the Danish government. The office employs Director, Jan Ristarp and Deputy Director, Carsten Frederiksen.

27-31 JULY 1998

Nairobi, Kenya. Felix N. Obogu, University Librarian at Rhodes University, Grahamstown, South Africa, delivers a paper on behalf of IFLA at SCECSAL-13.

11-14 AUGUST 1998

Noordwijk, Netherlands. Pre-conference seminar on 'Public Libraries as the Gateway to the Information Society: The Revision of the IFLA Guidelines for Public Libraries', organised by Philip Gill, Winston Roberts and Sjoerd Koopman. The meeting was sponsored by UNESCO.





IFLA Membership

1997-1999

IFLA is maturing as an international organisation as reflected in the stable growth of membership during the past two years. In 1997 124 new members joined IFLA and in 1998 this number increased to 136. In the first half of 1999, about 60 membership applications were processed and expedited.

Most significantly over the past two years IFLA's membership continues to diversify geographically. Today IFLA is represented in 153 countries with notable increases in Asia and Oceania as well as in Africa. For example, there are 27 IFLA Thai members, demonstrating in part the impact of the IFLA Council and General Conference held in Bangkok in 1999. IFLA is truly becoming a global and multicultural organisation.

IFLA currently includes 1,685 members, with Institutional Members dominating the picture. The number of National Association Members is steadily increasing. In the past four years membership overall has grown by 18%.

12-13 AUGUST 1998

Brussels, Belgium. The Section of Library and Research Services to Parliaments organises a Satellite Meeting on 'European Parliamentary Libraries'.

13-15 AUGUST 1998

Amsterdam, Netherlands. The IFLA Section on Information Technology organises a Satellite Meeting on 'Convergence in the Digital Age: Challenges for Libraries, Museums and Archives'.

16-21 AUGUST 1998

Amsterdam, Netherlands. 64th IFLA General Conference, under the theme: 'On Crossroads of Information and Culture'. Twenty-two new institutions and personal affiliates join IFLA during the Conference.



MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES	<i>Number of Members</i>	
	<i>1 January 1999</i>	<i>1 January 1998</i>
International Association Members	18	17
National Association Members	141	138
Institutional Members	1,121	1,075
Personal Affiliates	322	284
Total	1,602	1,514
SPONSORS		
Patron Sponsors	17	16
Sustaining Sponsors	7	6
Basic Sponsors	14	14
Total	38	36
Bodies with Consultative Status	14	14
Total Registered Members	1,654	1,564
Total Countries Represented	153	146

17 AUGUST 1998

Rick van der Ploeg, Netherlands State Secretary of Education, Culture and Science, delivers the Plenary Address at the Opening Session.

17 AUGUST 1998

Dietrich G^tze, Managing Director of Springer Verlag GmbH; Jane Carr, Director of Public Affairs at the British Library; and Marianne Scott, National Librarian of Canada and Chair of IFLA's Committee on Copyright and other Legal Matters speak at the first Guest Lecture with the theme: eLibrary-Publisher

18 AUGUST 1998

Amsterdam, Netherlands. Queen Beatrix opens the Dutch Royal Library Exhibition in the Nieuwe Kerk in Amsterdam. The EB attends the opening ceremony.

ANNUAL IFLA ACCOUNTS IN 1997

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES

Revenue [NLG]

Membership fees	1,337,247
Sponsors	84,065
Sales of Publications	68,463
Interest from bank and deposit accounts	70,262
Miscellaneous	192,086

Total Income Membership Services 1,752,123

Expenditure [NLG]

Conferences, meetings	134,480
Professional Programs	216,344
Publications costs	179,778
Staff and Consultancy	863,844
IFLA HQ office expenses	277,903
Miscellaneous	8,552

Total Expenditure Membership Services 1,680,901

Surplus of income over expenditure 71,222

(taken to capital and reserves and core program fund)

BALANCE SHEET

Current Assets [NLG]

Cash in hand	1,871
Bank accounts	1,979,267
Receivables	229,815

Total Assests 2,210,953

Current Liabilities [NLG]

Received in advance	177,558
Creditors and other liabilities	751,776
Provisions	105,756
Core Program Fund	642,053
Other funds	63,341
Capital and Reserves	470,469

Total Liabilities 2,210,953

18 AUGUST 1998

Herman Liebaers, Honorary President of IFLA, gives Guest Lecture II on 'IFLA 30 years ago' The Dramatic 34th Council and General Conference in Frankfurt am Main in 1968. Special invitations are issued to colleagues who were present at the Frankfurt Conference or who attended IFLA Conferences in the 60s and 70s.

19 AUGUST 1998

Algerian journalist Ahmed Ancer delivers the FAIFE Guest Lecture on 'Freedom of Expression and Access to Information in the Conflict Situation in Algeria'.

21 AUGUST 1998

Berlin is selected to host the 69th IFLA Council and General Conference in 2003.

22-26 AUGUST 1998

Amsterdam, Netherlands. Marta Terry attends the IIAV sponsored Know-How Conference on 'The Construction of the World of Women's Information'.

ANNUAL IFLA ACCOUNTS IN 1998

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES

Revenue [NLG]

Membership fees	1,272,653
Sponsors	115,251
Sales of Publications	69,300
Interest from bank and deposit accounts	52,554
Miscellaneous	231,014

Total Income Membership Services 1,740,772

Expenditure [NLG]

Conferences, meetings	99,265
Professional Programs	234,151
Publications costs	164,711
Staff and Consultancy	863,608
IFLA HQ office expenses	269,540
Miscellaneous	8,723

Total Expenditure Membership Services 1,639,998

Surplus of income over expenditure 100,774

(taken to capital and reserves and core program fund)

BALANCE SHEET

Current Assets [NLG]

Cash in hand	1,170
Bank accounts	1,617,915
Receivables	432,716

Total Assets 2,051,801

Current Liabilities [NLG]

Received in advance	198,791
Creditors and other liabilities	809,774
Provisions	41,470
Core Program Fund	352,130
Other funds	65,083
Capital and Reserves	584,553

Total Liabilities 2,051,801

23-26 AUGUST 1998

Riga, Latvia. Robert Wedgeworth, Nancy John, Sissel Nilsen and Edward Valauskas attend the International Conference on 'The Construction of New National Libraries: A Phenomenon of the End of the 20th Century Europe'.

30 AUGUST - 4 SEPTEMBER 1998

Budapest, Hungary. Birge Sørensen attends the INTAMEL Conference on 'INTAMEL and the Metropolis in Eastern and Central Europe'.

4-6 SEPTEMBER 1998

Bristol, UK. Derek Law and Marie-Thérèse Varlamoff attend the International Conference on 'The Practicalities of Information Service in Times of War and other Catastrophes', sponsored by the International Group of the Library Association.

IFLA Publications

IFLA Publications (series)

Parliamentary Libraries and Information Services of Asia and the Pacific. Papers prepared for the 62nd Conference, Beijing, China, August 25 - 31, 1996. Edited by Rob Brian under the auspices of the IFLA Section of Library and Research Services for Parliaments (1997) (No. 83).

Library Preservation and Conservation in the 1990s: Proceedings of the Satellite Meeting of the IFLA Section on Preservation and Conservation, Budapest, Hungary, August 15 - 17, 1995. Edited by Jean I. Whiffin and John Havermans (1998) (No. 84).

Multi-Script, Multilingual, Multi-Character. Issues for the Online Environment. Proceedings of Workshop sponsored by the IFLA Section on Cataloguing, Istanbul, Turkey, August 24, 1995. Edited by John D. Bryum, Jr. And Olivia Madison (1998) (No. 85).

Information Driven Management Concepts and Themes. A Toolkit for Librarians. Edited by Michael E. D. Koenig with the assistance of Morgen Macintosh. (1998) (No. 86).

Parliamentary Libraries and Research Services in Central and Eastern Europe. Building More Effective Legislatures. Edited by William H. Robinson (1998) (No. 87).

Intelligent Library Buildings: Proceedings of the Tenth Seminar of the IFLA Section on Library Buildings and Equipment, The Hague, 24-29 August 1997. Edited by Marie-Françoise Bisbrouck and Marc Chauveinc (1999) (No. 88).

IFLA Professional Reports (series)

Proceedings of the IFLA Pre-Session Seminar on School Libraries. Caldes de Montbui (Barcelona), Spain: 16-20 August 1993. Compiled and edited under the auspices of the IFLA Section of School Libraries (1997) (No. 52).

Lineamientos para Bibliotecas Legislativas (Spanish translation of IFLA Publications (series) No. 64). Compiled by Dermot Englefield and edited by E. Kohl (1997) (No. 53).

Guidelines for Easy-to-Read Materials. Compiled and edited by Bror I. Tronbacke (1997) (No. 54).

Directorio de Asociaciones de Bibliotecarios y Profesionales Afines de América Latina y el Caribe. Edited by Rosa María Fernández de Zamora with the assistance of Alberto Castro Thompson and Manel Avila Uriza (1998) (No. 55).

Pautas para Materiales de Lectura Fácil (Spanish translation of Professional Report No. 54). Compiled and edited by Bror I. Tronbacke (1998) (No. 56).

Richtlinien für Easy-Reader Material (German translation of Professional Report No. 54). Compiled and edited by Bror I. Tronbacke (1999) (No. 57).

Proceedings of the IFLA/UNESCO Pre-Conference Seminar on Public Libraries. Compiled and edited by IFLA Headquarters under the auspices of the IFLA Section of Public Libraries (1999) (No. 58).

7-11 SEPTEMBER 1998

Stockholm, Sweden. Christine Deschamps attends the ICA/CITRA Conference on *Information: défis technologiques*.

14-15 SEPTEMBER 1998

Oslo, Norway. Lis Byberg, Jan Ristarp and Carsten Frederiksen attend a Symposium on *Promoting Freedom of Expression in the Cultural Field*, organised by the Council of Europe & Norwegian Ministry of Cultural Affairs.

14-18 SEPTEMBER 1998

Moscow, Russian Federation. Winston Tabb attends the Meeting of the Soros Network Library Program Board.

15 SEPTEMBER 1998

Paris, France. Christine Deschamps receives the *insigne de Chevalier de l'Ordre National du Mérite*.

Publications of the IFLA Advancement of Librarianship (ALP) Core Programme

Tools for Library Development. Proceedings of the Workshop held in Martinique, 10-13 March 1997, edited by Gunilla Natvig (1997) (No. 10).

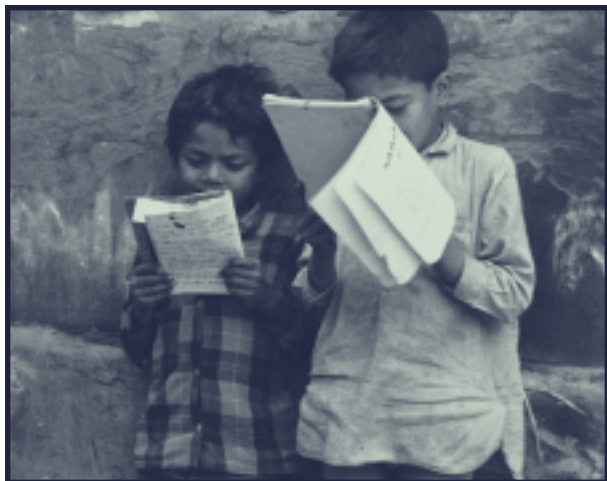
A Training Package for Rural Public Libraries (1998) (No. 11).

Atenci n a comunidades ind genas a trav s de servicios bibliotecarios/Attention to indigenous communities through the services of public libraries, by Milagro Medina de Silva, Mar a Elena Zapata and Livio Rangel (1998) (No. 12).

Suministro de informaci n rural en pa ses en desarrollo - medici n del desempe o e impacto (1999) (No. 13).

Education for librarianship and information science in Africa. Edited by Michael Wise (1999) (No. 14).

Regional conference on public libraries. Planning for future needs. Proceedings of the workshop held in Kuala Lumpur, 10-12 November 1997. Edited by Eve Johansson (1999) (No. 15).



Publications of the IFLA Core Programme for Preservation and Conservation (PAC)

IFLA Principles for the Care and Handling of Library Material. Compiled and edited by Edward P. Adcock with the assistance of Marie-Th r se Varlamoff and Virginie Kremp (1998).

Publications of the IFLA Universal Availability of Publications (UAP) Core Programme

The Role of Libraries in Economic Development: Papers from the Conference held in Ljubljana, April 1997. Edited by Judy Watkins and Pauline Connolly (1997).

Resource Sharing Possibilities and Barriers. Proceedings of the Fifth Interlending and Document Supply International Conference. Held in Aarhus, Denmark, 24-28 August 1997. Edited by Dave Johnson and Sara Gould (1998).

Anglophone Africa Seminar on Government Information and Official Publications. Selected papers of the Seminar held at the University of Zimbabwe in Harare, December 1994. Edited by M. M. Moshoeshe-Chadzingwa (1998).

Towards a More Efficient and Effective Interlibrary Lending and Document Delivery in Africa. Proceedings of an IFLA Seminar held in Ghana, April 1996. Edited by Victoria Doodoo and John O. Amekuedee (1998).

Interlending and Document Delivery in Developing Countries. Brief papers from the Workshop held during the IFLA General Conference in Amsterdam, 20 August 1998 (1999).

19-23 SEPTEMBER 1998

Heraklion, Crete, Greece. Derek Law attends the 2nd European Conference on iResearch and Advanced Technology for Digital Libraries.

21-23 SEPTEMBER 1998

Mexico City, Mexico. Marie-France Plassard and Gary Cleveland speak at the International Seminar on iUniversal Bibliographic Control  organised by Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico.

29-30 SEPTEMBER 1998

Monte Carlo, Monaco. Martha Stone, President of FID, represents IFLA at the first Expert Meeting on Cyberspace Law.

30 SEPTEMBER 1998

Paris, France. Marie-Th r se Varlamoff attends the International Committee of the Blue Shield meeting on iAfghan

Publications of the IFLA Universal Bibliographic Control and International MARC (UBCIM) Core Programme

UNIMARC Manual Bibliographic Formató Update 2, 1998 (New Series, Vol. 14).

An Annotated Guide to Current National Bibliographies, 2nd revised edition, by Barbara Bell (1997) (New Series, Vol. 18).

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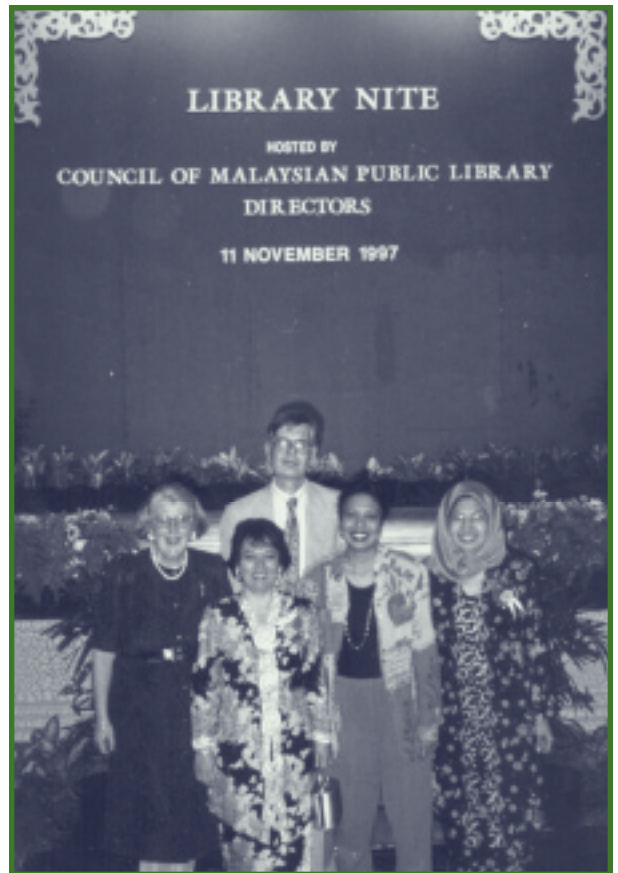
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UDT Occasional Papers:

African Telecommunication Infrastructures for Information Access. By Muriuki Mureithi (1997) (No. 7).

Digital Library Technologies and Issues. By Gary Cleveland (1998) (No. 8).

SGML: An Overview and Criteria for Use. By Gary Cleveland (1998) (No. 9).

SGML: Technical Infrastructure Overview. By Chris Savage (1998) (No. 10).

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Hamburg, Germany. Sjoerd Koopman represents IFLA at the Jahrestagung, Deutscher Bibliotheksverband (DBV) and the Verein der Bibliothekare und Assistenten (VBA) iBibliotheken: zur Informationsweltí.

1-3 OCTOBER 1998

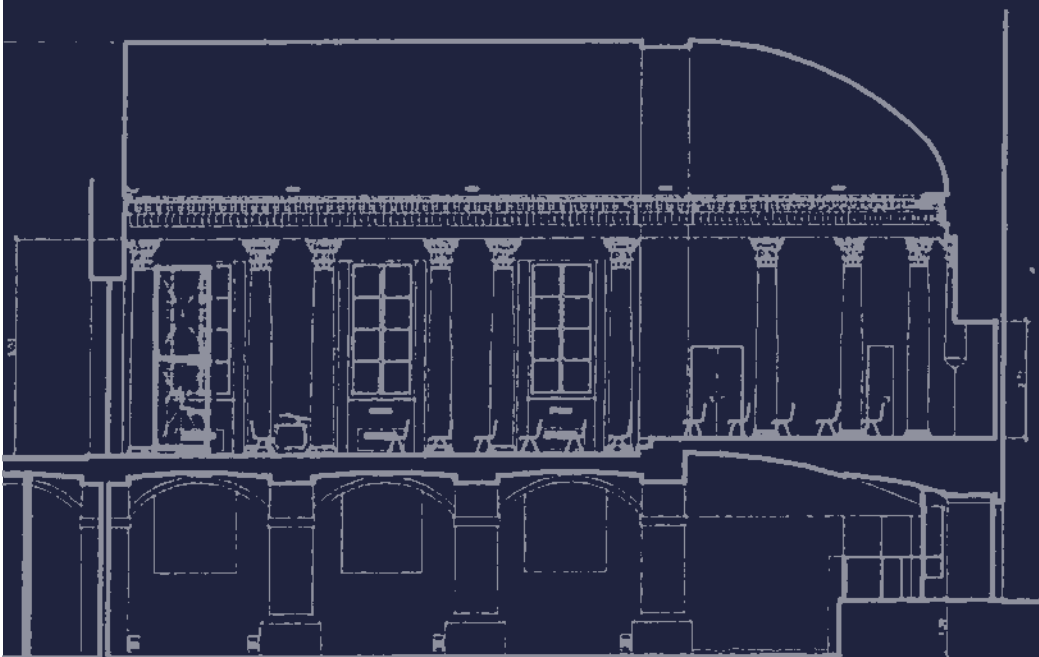
Monte Carlo, Monaco. INFOethics è98 on iEthical, Legal and Societal Challenges of Cyberspaceí, organised by UNESCO. Nancy John represents IFLA and delivers a paper.

1-2 OCTOBER 1998

Prague, Czech Republic. Klaus-Dieter Lehmann attends the Conference of

5-6 OCTOBER 1998

Stockholm, Sweden. Richard Ebdon (UAP) and Marie-ThÈrÈse Varlamoff attend the Nordic Conference on iPreservation and Accessí, organised by the Royal Library, Stockholm and the Royal Library, Copenhagen.



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11-18 OCTOBER 1998

Rome, Italy. Christine Deschamps visits

11-17 OCTOBER 1998

New Delhi, India. Sjoerd Koopman represents IFLA at the 49th FID General Assembly, Conference and Congress, theme: 'Towards the New Information Society of Tomorrow: Innovations, Challenges and Impact'.

14-17 OCTOBER 1998

Riga, Latvia. Jan Ristarp and Carsten Frederiksen represent IFLA/FAIFE at the 'International Conference on Freedom of Expression, Censorship, Libraries', organised by the National Library of Latvia and the Library Association of Latvia.

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15-16 OCTOBER 1998

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17-19 OCTOBER 1998

Alexandria, Egypt. Hans-Peter Geh represents IFLA at the Bibliotheca Alexandrina Symposium on 'Realization of the Future United with the Past: The Bibliotheca Alexandrina Continuum'.

21-22 OCTOBER 1998

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21-23 OCTOBER 1998

Akita City, Japan. 84th Annual All Japan Library Conference. Photo-Exhibition on iIFLA and World Librariesi.

22-23 OCTOBER 1998

Tartu, Estonia. Ekaterina Genieva attends the VII Congress of Estonian Librarians

on iLibraries in an Open Societyi.

26-27 OCTOBER 1998

Berlin, Germany. Derek Law attends the International Conference: iLaboratory of Future Communicationi, sponsored by DBI and Council of Europe.

26-30 OCTOBER 1998

Chicago, USA. Jan Ristarp and Carsten Frederiksen visit the Office of Intellectual Freedom at the American Library Association (ALA).

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2-4 NOVEMBER 1998

Copenhagen, Denmark. Leo Voogt visits the FAIFE Office and the Royal School

of Library and Information Science.

2-10 NOVEMBER 1998

Geneva, Switzerland. WIPO Meeting. Annabelle Herd represents IFLA at the first session of the Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights.

5 NOVEMBER 1998

Paris, France. Christine Deschamps attends the Council of Europe Meeting on 'The Recommendation on Cultural Work within the Information Society: New Professional Profiles and Competencies for Information Professionals and Knowledge Workers Operating in Cultural Industries

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5-6 NOVEMBER 1998

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11-17 NOVEMBER 1998

Radenci, Slovenia. Marie-Thérèse Varlamoff attends the International Committee of the Blue Shield seminar on Personal Intervening in Case of Armed Conflict or Natural Disaster.

15-17 NOVEMBER 1998

Bloemfontein, South Africa. Kay Raseroka represents IFLA at the LIASA Conference.

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21-26 NOVEMBER 1998

Uppsala, Sweden. Børge Sørensen and Sissel Nilsen attend the ALP Advisory Committee meeting.

23-25 NOVEMBER 1998

Strasbourg, France. Ekaterina Genieva and Jan Ristarp attend the Council of Europe Conference on Libraries and Democracy.

25-27 NOVEMBER 1998

Copenhagen, Denmark. Ingrid Parent, Winston Tabb and Marie-France Plassard attend the International Conference on National Bibliographic Services, organised by UBCIM, the Royal Library and the Royal School of Librarianship.

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The Hague, Netherlands. Meeting of the IFLA Professional Board.

1 DECEMBER 1998

The Hague, Netherlands. Joint meeting of the IFLA Executive and the Professional Board.

1-2 DECEMBER 1998

The Hague, Netherlands. Meeting of the IFLA Executive Board.

4 DECEMBER 1998

Ms. Lioba Betten receives the iAusLese Prize from Stiftung Lesen for the

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7-8 DECEMBER 1998

Paris, France. Christine Deschamps attends the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights.

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Paris, France. Christine Deschamps and Sjoerd Koopman represent IFLA at the 12th Session of the Intergovernmental Council for PGI where The School Library Manifesto was approved.

8 DECEMBER 1998

London, UK. Kay Raseroka and Stanley Made receive Centenary Medals at the Centenary Royal Charter of the UK Library Association. Leo Voogt attends the Centenary Celebrations ceremony.

9 DECEMBER 1998

Paris, France. Sjoerd Koopman represents IFLA at the joint session of the Intergovernmental Council for the General Information Program (PGI) and of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Intergovernmental Informatics Program (IIP).

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14 DECEMBER 1998

Luxembourg, Luxembourg. Marie-ThÈrÈse Varlamoff represents IFLA at the European Commission DGXIII workshop on Digitisation of Library Materials.

16-18 DECEMBER 1998

Geneva, Switzerland. Ingrid Mauritzen, Copyright Officer National Library of Norway, represents IFLA at the WIPO meeting of the Group of Consultants on 'The Private International Law Aspects of the Protection of Works and Objects of Related Rights Transmitted through Global Digital Networks'.

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10th Meeting of the Permanent UNIMARC Committee.

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Advancing the Librarian's Role in the New Information Economy

Aspects of Baltic and American Library History

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18-19 MARCH 1999

Mexico City, Mexico. Regional Standing Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean Meeting.

22-25 MARCH 1999

The Hague, Netherlands. Executive and Professional Board Meetings.

25 MARCH 1999

The Hague, Netherlands. The World Federation of the Deaf and IFLA establish a mutual consultative status.

25-26 MARCH 1999

London, United Kingdom Marie-France Plassard represents IFLA at the International ISMN Advisory Board Meeting.

30 MARCH 1999

Paris, France. Marie-ThÈrÈse Varlamoff represents IFLA at the meeting of the Council of Europe, ICA, ICOM and IFLA to prepare the Rome Conference (October 1999) and the 2000 Summer School for the Management of Preservation Programs Concerning Electronic Materials.

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Professional Issues Discussed during the 64th IFLA General Conference, Amsterdam, Netherlands, 16-21 August, 1998

French Translation of Dewey Decimal Classification
Government Information and Official Publications
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Literacy and Reading Services to Cultural and
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Looking for Digital Images

Direction at the Crossroads: Integrating Information
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Crossroads in the 21st Century: Global Perspectives
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The Need for Research in Multicultural
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Electronic Publishing and the Transformation of
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New Collections: New Marketplace Relationships

15-16 APRIL 1999

Dublin, Ohio, USA. Christine Deschamps,
Derek Law, Marjorie Bloss and Ingrid
Parent attend the Research Library
Directors annual meeting.

19-21 APRIL 1999

The Hague, Netherlands. Marie-Thérèse
Varlamoff and Sjoerd Koopman attend
the European Conference on Preservation
Management, organised by the Dutch
Royal Library, ECPA and IFLA PAC.

21-24 APRIL 1999

Moscow, Russian Federation. Ingrid Parent
and Marie-France Plassard attend the
International Conference on Cataloguing
Rules held under the aegis of IFLA.

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Women's Roles in a Diverse and Dynamic World

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What's Special about Special Libraries?



20-22 APRIL 1999

Cape Town, South-Africa. Jan Ristarp and Carsten Frederiksen represent IFLA/FAIFE at the Annual Meeting of the International Freedom of Expression exchange (IFEX) hosted by the Media Institute of South Africa (MISA).

25-28 APRIL 1999

Buenos Aires, Argentina. Carol Henry and Nancy John pay a site visit to Buenos Aires for the bidding for IFLA 2004.

8 MAY 1999

Shanghai, China. Christine Deschamps pays a visit to the Library Community of Shanghai.

11 MAY 1999

Madrid, Spain. Sjoerd Koopman visits FESABID for a meeting to discuss actions to be taken to strengthen the relationship with the Spanish-speaking IFLA Community.

CONFERENCE THEMES: Bangkok

Professional Issues Discussed during the 65th IFLA Council and General Conference, Bangkok, Thailand, 20-28 August, 1999



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Asian Library and Information Science Journals

Asian Serials: Problems and Issues

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Blurring the Boundaries: Should Art Librarians Work with Archivists, Curators, Educators, or Become More Specialized?

Book and Reading Promotion in Southeast Asia

Building Mobile Libraries for the 21st Century: Fundraising for Success

Cataloguing Rules: New Trends in Theory, Practice and Teaching

Collection Preservation Management: An Approach to Complement Item-by-Item Treatment

The Convergence of the Health Information Community

Core Research Areas of LIS: Research Questions and Methodology

CPE and Lifelong Learning in the New Millennium

The Current State of Document Delivery in SE Asia: Measuring Progress since the 1995 Workshop in Bangkok

Designing Libraries to Meet Future Needs

Developing Parliamentary Information Services

Developing the Public Library

Education and Training of Children's Librarians

Electronic Art Information: Creating It, Disseminating It, Archiving It - Is It Worth the Cost?

Electronic Publications in Bibliographies [National]

An Enlightened Citizen and His Health: Consumer Health Information Worldwide

The Global Crisis in Science Literature: Developing Responses

Government Information in the New Millennium: The Issuing, Deposit and Exchange of Official Publications

The Growing Gap between the Information Rich and the Information Poor, both within and between Countries

Improving Global Access to Digital Information

Information Rich and Information Poor in LIS Education

Integrating Information Skills into a Changing Curriculum

Knowledge Management and Business Intelligence as a Tool for Special Librarians

Library Kaleidoscope of Latin America and the Caribbean

Library Research in South East Asia

Library Services to Visually Impaired and otherwise Print-Disabled Children as Means of Literacy Life-Long Learning in an Electronic Environment

Managing Diversities with Multicultural Users and Different Staff

The New Definition of Reference Work in the Changing Reference Culture

17 MAY 1999

The Hague, Netherlands. Marie-Thérèse Varlamoff, Sjoerd Koopman and Ross Shimmon attend the meeting of the International Committee of the Blue Shield. They also attend the ceremony of the signing of the Second Protocol to The Hague Convention on the Protection of Cultural Property in Periods of Armed

17-21 MAY 1999

Paris, France. Christine Deschamps and Marie-France Plassard attend the meeting ISO/TC46.

18 MAY 1999

Peterborough, UK. Sjoerd Koopman attends the meeting of the FORCE Foundation at the Royal National Institute

25-29 MAY 1999

Freiburg, Germany. Sjoerd Koopman and Charlotta Brynger represent IFLA at the Deutscher Bibliothekartag.

New Developments in Bibliographic Standards Activities

New Directions in User Education

New Organizational and Financial Models for Academic Libraries

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Performance Measures and Marketing

Rare Books and Manuscripts: The Southeast Asian Dimension

Recent Developments for Libraries in Africa

The Role of National Libraries in Supporting Public and School Libraries

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Six Billion and Counting: Statistics for All the World's People

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Uniform Resource Identifiers and the Library Community

Universal Bibliographic Control in the Multilingual/Multiscript Environment: Access to InformationóTheory and Practice

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Value, Importance, and Critical Elements of Copyright

Views of South East Asian Library History from Inside and Outside

Working at the Grassroots: Helping Patrons to Find their Progenitors and to Uncover the History That They Made



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Seoul, South-Korea. Carol Henry and Nancy John pay a site visit to Seoul for the bidding for IFLA 2004.

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Sudak, Ukraine. Jan Ristarp and Carsten Frederiksen attend the iWorkshop on Intellectual Freedom at Crimea 199.

8-10 JUNE 1999

Amsterdam, Netherlands. Charlotta Brynger and Josche Neven represent IFLA at the International Information Management Congress 1999 Exhibition.

21 JUNE 1999

Budapest, Hungary. Sjoerd Koopman represents IFLA at the Strategic Meeting

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1-4 JULY 1999

London, UK. Christine Deschamps attends the ICML Meeting.

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18-20 AUGUST 1999

Bangkok, Thailand. Satellite Meeting of the IFLA Section on Management and Marketing.

19 AUGUST 1999

Bangkok, Thailand. 15th Annual International Conference of Parliamentary Librarians.

20-28 AUGUST 1999

Bangkok, Thailand. 65th IFLA Council and General Conference 'Libraries as Gateways to an Enlightened World'.

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