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World Library and Information Congress:  
75th IFLA General Conference and Assembly  
"Libraries create futures: Building on cultural heritage"  
23-27 August 2009, Milan, Italy

### Communication from IFLA Governing Board to IFLA members concerning the decision to move the IFLA Congress from Brisbane to Gothenburg.

The Governing Board at its meeting held on Friday 21 August agreed on the following:

#### Brisbane:

- 1) To convey to our members that the decision to re-locate the congress was an exceptional circumstance and an extremely difficult decision for IFLA to make, and one that had to be made under tight time constraints. The IFLA GB in April delegated the task to the Executive Committee.
- 2) The decision was made by IFLA Executive Committee on 6 July after a thorough consultation process with the Brisbane 2010 National Committee. Both the IFLA and Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) Statements on the decision confirm their agreement on and the reasons for the decision.
- 3) As early as May IFLA had confidential talks with PPM, the Librarians Association of Malaysia, former main competitor in the bidding with Brisbane, to explore possibilities if the congress had to be relocated. A formal request could not be made before the decision was made to stay or not to stay in Brisbane.
- 4) IFLA would have continued with the Brisbane congress if circumstances were different and acceptable solutions found to make the congress there viable. The global economic downturn had made the Brisbane budget no longer viable without significant risks for IFLA and for ALIA. There were no contractual costs or penalties associated with this decision.

#### The Region:

- 5) IFLA lacked detailed information on whether the economic and budget circumstances leading to the decision on Brisbane would apply to other locations in the region and the time constraints on getting this information made it difficult to fully assess the viability of re-locating the congress within the region.
- 6) IFLA wanted to communicate the new information about 2010 out to members, sponsors and exhibitors no later than 5 weeks before the Milan congress.

#### Gothenburg:

- 7) While we were waiting for further information from Brisbane and Malaysia the process of choosing the 2012 venue was taking place.
- 8) On 22-24 June Gothenburg had participated in the investigations for the 2012 site selection and demonstrated its suitability to host an IFLA congress. Given the complexity and the high risk around the decision on 2010 it was in IFLA's interest to consider the 2012 site selection candidates as an option for 2010. On short notice the Swedish Library Association indicated its logistical capacity to host 2010 within the short lead time available, offered the necessary budget and support guarantees, and offered dates within the usual IFLA congress time range.
- 9) The Governing Board thanks our Swedish colleagues for their enthusiasm and commitment to host our 2010 congress. The GB also thanks the Australian National Committee for all their efforts, and thanks the PPM for their work to explore the possibility of hosting the Congress in 2010.

#### Selection for 2012 and 2013:

- 10) Depending on the Governing Board's decision regarding the 2012 region there could be two congresses located relatively close to each other in the same region within three years, though the intervening year it would be in Puerto Rico. However, from 2006 onward recent congresses have been in North America, Africa, and Asia / Oceania. The GB is committed to the principle that the IFLA Congress should go to all the regions of the world.
- 11) The Governing Board has decided to continue with the current arrangements for the 2012 site selection and this will be announced at the closing session in Milan.
- 12) Recognising the disappointment felt in Australia and Malaysia and the rest of the region, the Governing Board decided that the Asia and Oceania region 5 South East Asia and Oceania will be the Congress region for 2013. If insufficient bids are received from that region then it will be open up to the wider Asia and Oceania region.
- 13) Governing Board has also supported the report of the congress review working group, set up in December 2008, which outlines a new approach to IFLA congresses. IFLA needs a congress which is global, professional and affordable with a process of decision-making which is strategic, flexible and transparent. The incoming Governing Board will consider this in more detail and will establish a consultation process with IFLA members on this important issue.

## Programme Change

### Session 202: Reference and Information Services

The paper 'Marketing our reference and information services: why and how' Angels Massimo and Sanchez de Boado, has been cancelled.

### Poster Sessions

Delegates will have the opportunity to speak with the presenters on Tuesday, 25 August and Wednesday, 26 August in the Exhibition Hall

Poster sessions will be held from 12:00 to 14:00

### IFLA receives new funding from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to continue support of libraries worldwide

Monday 24th August 2009

IFLA today announced the receipt of a USD \$1.5 million, three-year grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The funding will help IFLA continue its work to make people aware of the important role libraries play in providing public access to information to people around the world.

Current IFLA President Claudia Lux and incoming President Ellen Tise expressed their gratitude for the foundation's support, which will assist IFLA to continue its advocacy work on behalf of libraries and reinforce co-operation between IFLA and the foundation's Global Libraries initiative.

"IFLA plays an invaluable role in the library community and its continued success will strengthen libraries throughout the world," said Deborah Jacobs, director of Global Libraries at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. "IFLA's efforts to promote vibrant libraries with information services and public access to the Internet help open the world of knowledge, information and opportunity to many more people."

Each year at IFLA's annual meeting of active librarians, the World Library and Information Congress, the foundation presents its annual

Access to Learning Award. The award, now in its 10th year, recognizes the innovative efforts of public libraries and similar organizations outside the United States in providing free access to computers and the Internet.

## Around the Exhibition

Mehrnoosh Vahdat talked to visitors and exhibitors in the Exhibition, asking questions like: What is your area of work? How did you find the exhibition? And how is it related to your work? Which part? What are your expectations? How do you compare it with IFLA exhibitions before? How can it be helpful for your company or library future plans?



One head of a library school in Germany said he has attended twenty IFLA exhibitions and this one is better than ever before, it is very well organized and can be effective in making the library field up-to-date and help the digitization programs already started in his library.

A delegate from the national library in Angola highlighted new systems that are applicable in libraries and there is various range of choices here. She considered a special machine for

cleaning books can be useful for her library as she is in charge of bibliographic heritage. And also systems to help her library's ongoing project of microfilming newspapers. She said that the current needs of one's library must be taken into account and one should go through the exhibition with a realistic basis.

A PHD student from Iran was concerned about how this exhibition could help her researches as she works on the FRBR model and OPAC for information organization. She also pointed out the importance of connection between librarians and technical specialists that can be built up through such opportunities.

An exhibitor from Zeuschel GmbH company said that it is difficult to evaluate in the first day of exhibition but "we are hopeful for a lot of impacts as our field of work is on scan production and a work flow for mass digitization".

An exhibitor from Artstor highlighted the role of the exhibition in developing relationships with visitors and making them familiar with this company, as they just became independent and separated from Jstor last year. As Artstor is a non-profit digital art and image collection, it is interested in all kind of libraries, including public and national libraries and others.

## More from our roving reporters

### Interviewed by Ilario Ruocco ...

"I'm a librarian in Milan and I'm specially interested to know something more about the developing process of the European Library of information and Culture; that's a big project for our city."

*Sergio Seghetti (Milan, Italy)*

"As originally from Milan and now working in London, I have a special feeling to be here now at my first IFLA Conference. I got a very positive first glance today."

*Maria Cipollone (London, UK)*

"I'm a newcomer especially interested to music digitization, audiovisual issues."

*Knut Egil Maseide (London, UK)*

"My speech about services for local history through digitization project will take place on 27th, before that I'll have a meeting at the RAI about the same matter (national Italian broadcasting). Add some visits and you can know that my agenda in Milan is already full - that's for my pleasure for sure!"

*Bogdan Trifunovic (Cacak, Serbia)*

"As a newcomer I got a true joy to see my small public library in Montichiari in the promo video during the Opening Session. And I was impressed by the huge majority of international participants at this Conference."

*Lara Favalli (Montichiari, Italy)*

"I work in the system of cooperation CSBNO That's my first participation in an IFLA Conference and I got an excellent impression, in particular about the informal attitude in everything. Good buffet".

*Francesco Serafini (Vigevano, Italy)*

"Our participation is granted by a scholarship from Regione Lombardia for graduated librarians, younger than 35 and working in Lombardia. So we have a great occasion for improve our skills and also share opinions with other colleagues and make some interesting visits. The Convention Centre is easy to reach."

*Simone Riboldi, Laura Maria Cavalcanti, Roberta Ilaria Sara Cirimbelli (Crema)*

"I really appreciated the performance about the history of the book, that was an excellent idea for this Opening Session. My experience at IFLA Conference dates since 1990 in Stockholm and now I can see here a nice place, good food, good scenario."

*Karel Sosna (Czech Republic)*

"I'm a 28 year-old from Milan. I will participate at the sessions about public libraries; I'll visit the Mediateca S. Teresa in Milan."

*Valentina Villa (Milan, Italy)*

"We're here - first time at an IFLA Conference - thanks to a scholarship from Regione Lombardia,

covering all the fees of participation. We will attend the session on libraries for children and young adults. We enjoyed the presentation this morning."

*Giulia Misenti, Elena Vimercati (Como, Italy)*

"It's a nice place to meet people. The presentation of a web site of the Library of Congress was impressive to me."

*Ilaria Bigelli (Milan, Italy)*

### Välkommen till Göteborg !

Agneta OLSSON, Library Director of the Gothenburg University Library, is chair of the National Committee for the next IFLA congress, in Gothenburg, Sweden.

Usually, it takes at least 3 years to organize an IFLA world library congress. But she is not afraid to have only one year: "It's a challenge but we can do it! We have a big motivation to organize a memorable congress. It will be a huge conference" she said.

Even if there are a lot of things to fix, it's sure to be an environment-friendly congress, as Sweden is famous for environmental sustainability.

Agneta OLSSON describes Gothenburg as "a 600,000 inhabitants compact city that offers all services in a small space. Hotels, restaurants, cultural activities and all that an IFLA delegate could need is accessible in only 20 minutes walk. It's a friendly atmosphere, where people like to meet others, you know. And social events give the occasion to meet the local people." She is working on putting the summer cultural festival of Gothenburg at the same time as the IFLA congress. But she doesn't want to tell us the theme of the social events: it's a surprise! So, if you want to be surprised by Sweden and Swedish people, "see you" in Gothenburg!

### Amandine Jacquet



Agneta OLSSON



## IFLA President-elect Ellen Tise Brainstorm Session on Libraries Driving Access to Knowledge

On Tuesday 25 August, 09:30-12:45 a Brainstorm session will be held about the subject that Ellen Tise has selected for her Presidential Theme 2009-2011: Libraries Driving Access to Knowledge (Programme Session 122).

Ellen will present her theme herself and Jesús Lau from Mexico will facilitate the session. It consists of a panel discussion with representatives of movements and organisations from different perspectives: human rights, intellectual property, access to knowledge, access to learning, ICT for development, open access.

Following the panel, group discussions will take place around 3 or 4 thematic actions. Feedback from these discussions will lead to an action map created by a group of Italian library/information students.

All delegates are invited to attend this session. In case the number of interested participants might be larger than the room capacity, entrance will be allowed on a first come-first served basis.

## Annamaria Tamaro introduced Benedetta Cibrario in the Plenary Session Monday morning

The different points of view among authors, editors and librarians were focused on by Benedetta Cibrario winner of Campiello Prize with her book *Rosso Vermiglio*.

The author told of her experience as author and mother of four children and how her life is changed after this success; she pointed out the fact that people are most interested in an author's private life instead of the contents of their books. She thinks that an author should be known for what she writes and not for what she is. She also pointed out data about readers in Italy, for instance, the profile of a strong reader is a woman aged between 25 and 44, graduated, employed earning a good salary, living in North and West Italy, underlining how important it is stir the pleasure of books in children.

Nadia Antoci  
Francesca Giannelli

## New IFLA Publications

Wednesday 26 August 2009, 09:30 – 11:30  
 Room Green (session # 161)  
 Chair: Sjoerd Koopman, IFLA Professional Programmes Director

2009 is another very productive year as regards new IFLA publications. This slot in the congress programme enables conference delegates to inform themselves about important publications that have recently appeared. Most of the titles are brand new. They are officially launched here!

Short presentations will be made by speakers who have been involved in the production of the publications that are introduced here. They will sketch the backgrounds and the importance of these new publications for the various subfields of the profession. The following list may give you an impression of the wide variety of titles that will be presented.

**1. IFLA Cataloguing Principles: the Statement of International Cataloguing Principles (ICP) and its Glossary in 20 Languages.** Edited by Barbara B. Tillett

This professional book presents the history, controversy, and negotiations that have resulted in worldwide agreement on a set of principles that will underlie the cataloguing practices for the digital age. The Statement of International Cataloguing Principles (ICP) provides the fundamental principles, objectives, and basic rules for cataloguing throughout the world among the world's rule makers and national cataloguing experts. These principles will be useful for all types of institutions and organizations that deal with bibliographic resources.

**2. Strategies for Regenerating the Library and Information Profession.** Edited by Jana Varlejs and Graham Walton.

This volume comprises papers prepared for the 8th World Conference on Continuing Professional Development (Bologna, Italy, 18-20 August 2009). Within the broad theme of creating a positive work environment for a multi-generational workforce in library and information organizations, the conference addresses managing between and across generations, mentoring and coaching, attracting people to the profession and developing a new generation of leaders, re-

skilling and transferability of skills, succession planning and passing on knowledge.

**3. Functional Requirements for Authority Data.** Edited by Glenn E. Patton.

This book represents one portion of the extension and expansion of the Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records. FRBR has been published as Nr 19 in the present Series. It contains a further analysis of attributes of various entities that are the centre of focus for authority data (persons, families, corporate bodies, works, expressions, manifestations, items, concepts, objects, events, and places), the name by which these entities are known, and the controlled access points created by cataloguers for them. The conceptual model describes the attributes of these entities and the relationships between them.

The current functional requirements were drafted by IFLA's Working Group on Functional Requirements and Numbering of Authority Records (FRANAR) which was established in 1999. Since 2003 IFLA is sharing responsibility for FRANAR with the Conference of Directors of National Libraries (CDNL).

**4. National Bibliographies in the Digital Age.** Edited by Maja Zumer.

(Introduced by Beacher Wiggins)

The changes brought about by the World Wide Web and the explosion of electronic media have called into question many of the assumptions on which national bibliographies have been founded. The need was growing of a route map to navigate through uncharted territories. After a preparation period of several years, IFLA's Bibliography Section endorsed this large set of guidelines. They seek to help national bibliographic agencies improve their bibliographic services. Many examples and references are included.

**5. Libraries and Information Services Towards the Attainment of the UN Millennium Development Goals.** Edited by Benson Njobvu and Sjoerd Koopman.

The United Nations Millennium declarations of 2002 set eight Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) to be achieved by 2015.

The high poverty levels in most African countries make many aware that it is no longer up to the governments alone to find ways of abetting it, but that other organizations need to join the fight. Libraries are well placed to contribute

to the development process in supporting it by providing relevant, up to date and reliable information.

The papers presented in this publication address the question how African libraries and information professionals seek to make themselves relevant to national development. All of them focus on how libraries and information centres could contribute to the attainment of these MDGs.

The papers are a selection of the proceedings of the Eighteenth Standing Conference of East, Central and Southern Africa Library and Information Associations (SCECSAL) held in Lusaka, Zambia, from 15th – 18th July 2008.

**6. The Impact of Digital Technology on Contemporary and Historic Newspapers.** Edited by Hartmut Walravens.

The papers brought together in this highly actual book are grouped around three themes. Not only the physical and digital preservation of newspapers are treated, but also the service and access models that are currently under development; examples are provided, with a focus on Southeast Asia. Moreover the dynamism of online newspapers is discussed.

This volume contains cutting-edge information which is indispensable for the modern newspaper librarian. Also researchers, educators and journalists may benefit from the introduction to current aspects of the important medium that newspapers are in the 21st century.

**7. UNIMARC Manual – Authorities Format.** Edited by Mirna Willer

The UNIMARC Authorities Format was designed in the early 1990s to allow the creation of authority and reference records for the management of controlled access points in a bibliographic database. Incorporated in this work is relevant information from other IFLA working groups and from UNIMARC users. It is published under the auspices of the IFLA Cataloguing Section. This is the 3rd, completely updated and enlarged edition.

**8. Library Statistics for the Twenty-First Century World.** Edited by Michael Heaney.

An international collaboration between IFLA, the UNESCO Institute of Statistics and the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) has developed standards for new library indicators for the twenty-first century. The

existing international library statistics were developed nearly 40 years ago. This book presents the first results using the new statistics, and looks forward to the next steps. It also contains other initiatives and developments in the fields of library statistics, benchmarking and indicators.

**9. Global Library and Information Science. A Textbook for Students and Educators.**

Edited by Ismail Abdullahi

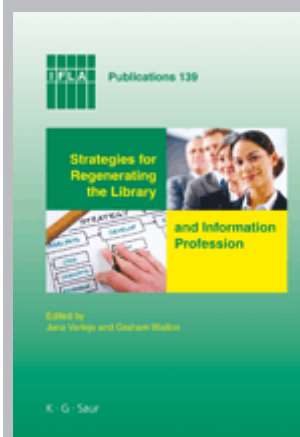
This book presents international librarianship and library science through insightful and well written chapters contributed by experts and scholars from six regions of the world. The role of public, academic, special, school libraries, as well as library and information science education are presented from the early development to the present time. Its lively, readable approach will help the reader to understand librarianship in Africa, Asia, Australia and New Zealand, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, the Middle East, and North America.

**10. IFLA's Publication Programme**

Some concluding remarks will be made by Sjoerd Koopman, IFLA Professional Programmes Director and Editor of both IFLA Publications series published by K.G. Saur.

The focus will be on the benefits that IFLA members have when they purchase volumes from both these series, and when they subscribe. Moreover there are many publications from different corners of the Federation that could not be mentioned in this session, which only provided a glimpse of the major new publications.

**NEW IFLA Publication!**



Just off the press as Nr 139 in the IFLA Publications Series:

## Strategies for Regenerating the Library and Information Profession

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# Natalia Grama spoke to:

**Olga Sinitsina**, (IFLA Office and President of Art Library, Russia):  
"My first IFLA Conference was in 1991, and even this time all seems to be beautiful. I already feel that special (magic) working atmosphere that each time makes a conference unique."

Three librarians from Moldava - Mariana Harjevschi, Director, Law Library, Kishinev; Nelly Turcan, professor at University of Moldava; and Lidia Kulikovski, Director, Town Library of Kishinev): "We are enthusiastic about the welcome and the stimulating atmosphere of the Conference. Our motto is: 'Unity in Diversity'."

## Welcome to "First Timers"

On Sunday afternoon, myself and all the other first timers were gathered at the Auditorium to get a few hints on how this big librarian community event plays. Experienced IFLA delegate and Governing Board Member Bob McKee showed us the hidden IFLA, the meetings, the networking and the fun and most importantly he gave us three hearty pieces of advice to get the most out of IFLA: 1. Relax; 2. There is a beautiful city outside; and 3. Talk to people.

To get information about what else is going on at IFLA while you are in your session, look out for the IFLA Express "the indispensable guide throughout the IFLA congress" said Dina Youssef, Deputy Director, IFLA Centre for Arabic Speaking Libraries and Information institutions, Bibliotheca Alexandrina.

Jay Jordan, OCLC President and CEO invited us definitely to see the exhibition and explained why it is so important to have all the companies in one place.

That IFLA is moving with the times and incorporating all the fancy new web technologies like blogs and twitter was demonstrated to us by Loida Garcia Febo, Convenor, IFLA New Professionals Special Interest Group- after all, they have to keep up with us youngsters.

Aldo Pirola, Member of the National Committee for the IFLA Congress 2009 and Director of the Library sector in Milan introduced us to the exciting city we are all living in for about a week.

The first timer session closed with mixing and talking over coffee and cakes and the handout of anti-stress-balls to all of us, but I'm sure we don't need them.

Thank you IFLA for the warm and heartily welcome and the words of Bob already came true: "What you gain from IFLA is friendship".

P.S. You can recognize us by our green ribbons "FIRST TIMER"

Dierk Eichel (Student FH Potsdam, Germany)

### A New SIG: Environmental Sustainability and Libraries

Arising from the environmental worries of librarians of different horizons (Europe, North of America, Australia, public, national and university libraries, ...), the Special Interest Group "Environmental Sustainability and Libraries" was born in Québec, during the 2008 IFLA Congress, with the support of various IFLA personalities (Claudia Lux, Pascal Sanz, Marian Koren, Jean-Philippe Accart and Per Cullhed of the

(PAC) section. "It was important environmental sustainability

climate change" said Veerle "This theme is spread across and Library Buildings and a global approach to this from the point of view of think outside of the box of or the HQE (High Quality although these points are very Bonnet, co-president of the SIG.

Presiden Claudia Lux 'Environmental Sustainability and coming right in time, as librarians can global environmental situation. I hope that the results that the group will present will give a

new impetus to the daily work of many librarians."

The first session of the SIG will be held on Wednesday 26 august 2009, in the Blue Room, from 11.45 to 13.45.

To be able to follow the debates on a friendly way until 13h45, the SIG members propose that you come with your sandwich for a "green-brown bag lunch"...

Vincent Bonnet and Veerle Minner, convenors  
of the SIG



to make the point on libraries, and the implications linked to Minner, President of the SIG. different sections (like PAC Equipment). We want to offer topic, and face the problem the users. We would like to preservation of the collections, Environment) constructions, important" confided Vincent

commented: "The creation of the Libraries' Special Interest Group is contribute in many ways to improve the



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**"I have become very good at baking buns"**

What is the connection between libraries and baking buns? Pass by the poster session no. 35, "Dinner is served" and hear about the Library Café in Lyngby Public Library. The café is a sheltered workplace with 8-10 employees and 3 educators and has become a role model for several other library cafés in Denmark. The café has emphasized the role of the library has a meeting place. Meet one of the employees and educators and have a taste of the products.

Presenter Helle Arendrup Mortensen,  
Secretary, Libraries Serving People  
with Special Needs (LSN).

Russian Library Association, Library Assembly of Eurasia, National Library of Russia, Russian State Library, Russian Book Chamber, Library of the Russian Academy of Sciences, IFLA Bibliography Section are presenting

**International Bibliography Congress**

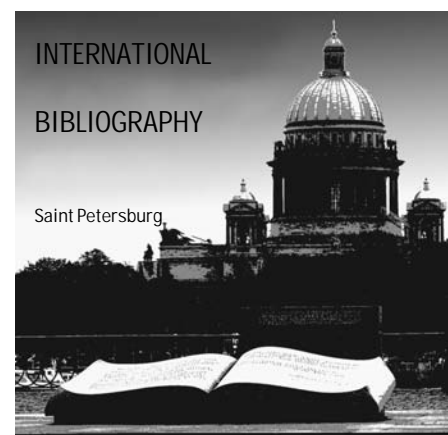
which will take place at the National Library of Russia in St. Petersburg on **September 21-23, 2010.**

Reference librarians and bibliographers from all countries are invited.

The main theme of the Congress is "Bibliography as a sociocultural phenomenon, its current status, new trends and the future".

Among other issues of the Congress are:

- National bibliographies: current and retrospective
- Bibliography as a science
- History of bibliography
- Outstanding bibliographers
- Bibliographical terminology and standards
- New technology in Bibliography
- Education of bibliographers
- Bibliography in the electronic age
- Creation of bibliographies
- Bibliography and reference services in libraries
- Bibliography and related subjects



Applications for participation will be accepted up to September 15, 2009.

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## UNESCO Open Forum

Under the presidency of Ellen Tise, IFLA President-elect 2007-2009, the UNESCO Open Forum took place on Sunday afternoon.

First, Helena Asamoah-Hassan (University Librarian Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, KNUST Library, Kumasi, Ghana and Member of the IFLA Governing Board) introduced the Memory of the World program, for which she is a Member of the International Advisory Committee.

Then Michelle Rago (Library of Congress, Washington DC, USA – Technical Director of the website) showed a presentation on the World Digital Library project followed by a short demonstration of the website <http://www.wdl.org/en/>.

Finally, Joie Springer (UNESCO Information and Communication Division, Paris, France) talked about various aspects of UNESCO's Memory of the World and Information For All programs. She pointed out the importance of the partnership with IFLA and other NGOs in making this Unesco program visible and known.

Vincent Bonnet

## Information Technology Section 19-20 August Satellite Meeting in Florence



Aula Magna of Florence University  
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Emerging trends in technology: Satellite meeting held in Florence in conjunction to WLIC 2009 in Milan

In the prestigious setting of Florence, the IFLA Information Technology Section invited international experts to present and discuss

innovative trends, drivers and services for libraries. This IFLA satellite conference was co-sponsored by the Libraries and Web 2.0 Special Interest Group with the local support of Fondazione Rinascimento Digitale. The event took place from 19-20 August 2009 in Florence. More than 80 attendees heard thirteen presentations on the recent research and developments in new web technologies and the semantic web. Discussion was facilitated by an expert panel, and focussed on the next steps and some strategic insight views in libraires and related institutions.

The keynote presentation was given by the international well known expert for web 2.0-services, Stephen Abram, who emphasized that innovation and investment in new technologies and in changing skills of librarians is the crucial challenge for libraries .

The papers presented in Florence showed that many ideas in the area of Web 2.0 and the semantic web ideas are yielding innovative implementations. There are still related fields which require more attention in the future, such as the education of librarians in new web technologies and the search technologies development to support use of the semantic web in libraries.

Following the results of the satellite conference, the IFLA IT Section will focus on cooperation in the field of web 3.0 (ontology construction, folksonomies, tagging, linked data etc.) with other complementary IFLA sections (Cataloguing, Indexing and Classification and Knowledge management) and additionally with external core professional groups and institutions.

The papers and slides from this interesting satellite conference will be available on IFLA Website (section 21: Information Technology) in September 2009.

R. Altenhöner, Conference Chair and Chair ITS  
A. Kavčič-Čolić, Conference Co-Chair and Secretary ITS

E. Balnaves, information coordinator ITS

## International IFLA Football Tournament

Librarianship is a very sporty profession. The IFLA delegates are going to prove this within an international Football Tournament. Four teams (one from the Bavarian State Library, Germany, one from Italy, one from the Catholic University of Milan and an international team made up of IFLA delegates from different countries) will compete

on Wednesday 26 August at the Centro Sportivo Fenaroli of the Catholic University from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. The tournament will take place on a small field, with each team encountering every other team, for games of 20 minutes playing time (two halves, each of only 10 minutes); exciting games and many goals are thus guaranteed.

To emphasize the international character of the tournament, all IFLA delegates are invited to visit the matches and to support the teams. Regardless of which nationality you are, what is important is community and having fun.

How to join us: the tournament will take place off-site, at the Centro Sportivo Fenaroli, Viale Giovanni Suzzani 279, Milan, near the University Bicocca.

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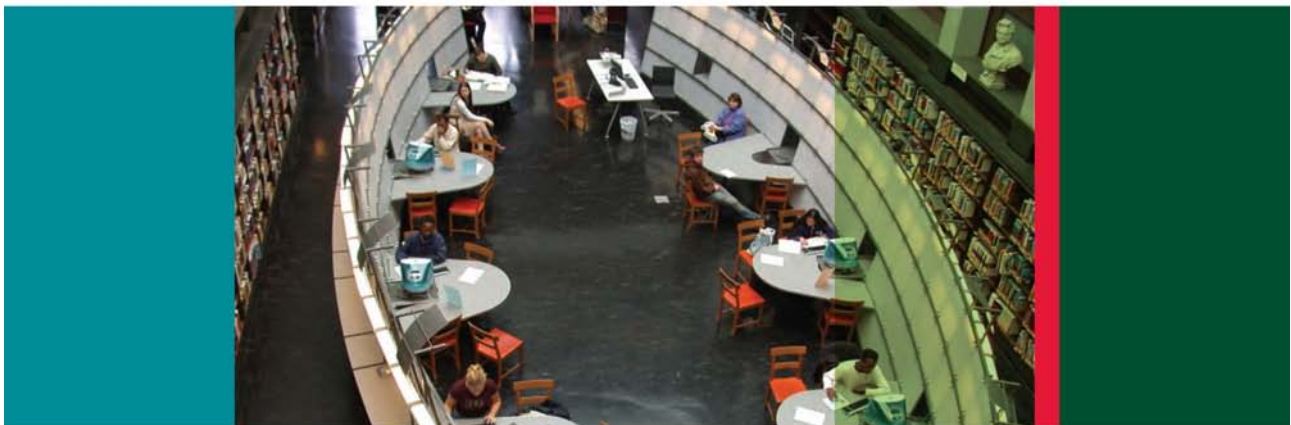


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