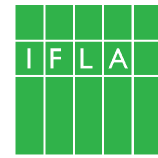




# UAP



# NEWSLETTER

Newsletter of the IFLA Programme for the Universal Availability of Publications

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## NEWS FROM THE UAP OFFICE

### New Office Administrator in the UAP Office



**Katharine Rennie**

I have worked for The British Library for two years. Before my appointment as Office Administrator for the UAP office, I worked in the Document Supply Centre at Boston Spa. I moved to the IFLA offices for UAP and International Lending in October 2001 after my predecessor Neil Holding transferred to The British Library site at St Pancras, London.

My duties include the day to day administration of the IFLA Voucher Scheme, preparing and maintaining the Bibliography for the journal *Interlending & Document Supply*, and processing orders for UAP Publications.

We all wish Neil well in his new post.

## CLM CORNER

The Committee on Copyright and other Legal Matters (CLM) is one of IFLA's newest core activities, established just four years ago. CLM differs from the other core programmes in that it does not have a permanent office with permanent staff. The committee meets just once a year during the IFLA General Conference, with smaller sub-groups working by email throughout the year. The Secretariat for CLM is housed by the UAP Office, so it seems appropriate for us to keep you informed about CLM activities as well as our own UAP work.

In its first four years, CLM has raised the profile of the library profession on the world stage in the debate on copyright and other rights issues. It has produced two official papers to support the voice of libraries in these areas: the *Licensing Principles* offer guidelines on areas to consider when negotiating licensed access to electronic resources, while the document *IFLA Position on Copyright in the Digital Environment* underlines the importance of continued library access to all material, both print and electronic. These documents are of course on IFLA's website, and printed copies are also available from us at [ifla@bl.uk](mailto:ifla@bl.uk).

The attention of CLM has now turned to potential threats to public library services by several agreements set up by the World Trade Organisation. This is an area unfamiliar to many librarians, but an understanding of these possible threats is important in supporting the concept of UAP. Of greatest concern are the recent GATS (General Agreement on Trade in Services) and TRIPs (Trade-Related aspects of Intellectual Property rights) agreements, which will open up many public services to foreign trade. One unintentional outcome may be a threat to public

library services. IFLA has recently approved a "Position Statement on the WTO", and has written to its national association members, urging them to raise awareness of these concerns. It has also obtained observer status in WTO so that it has a voice with which to express concerns, and libraries and library associations are also urged to discuss the issues with their national governments.

Further information about all aspects of CLM's work, and a list of the current CLM members is available on Iflanet.

## PROJECT UPDATE

### **Contribution of libraries and archives to promoting and safeguarding minority languages**

The project is looking at how libraries in the EU promote minority indigenous languages in their region. We now have contacts in Scotland (Gaelic and Lowland Scots), Wales, Cornwall, Spain (Catalan and Basque), Netherlands, Germany, France, Sweden and Finland. A list of the most active libraries in promoting minority languages is being prepared with a view to evaluating their activities in depth.

Volunteers to take part in the project or anyone with information, especially for very small language groups, is invited to contact us at ifla@bl.uk. All help much appreciated!!

### **MEDLIB**

Our work in the UNESCO MEDLIB Project has now come to an end with a full report on the state of availability of catalogue information in the major libraries of the Mediterranean region. The report identifies the major library catalogues and national and regional union catalogues in all of the Mediterranean countries, and provides an assessment on the level of their automation at this time. As might be expected, there is a wide variation in the level of technological development among the nations, which in turn impacts on the accessibility of the catalogues for potential users outside of the libraries themselves. Catalogue access ranges from full Internet access to all of a country's major library collections (for example in France and Israel) to areas where there have been little or no electronic developments in libraries so far (for example, Albania and Syria). The countries covered by the report are Croatia, France,

Israel, Italy, Slovenia, Spain, Algeria, Egypt, Greece, Lebanon, Malta, Turkey, Vatican City, Yugoslavia, Albania, Cyprus, Libya, Monaco, Morocco, San Marino, Syria and Tunisia.

The report has now been submitted to UNESCO, and it is expected that it will be available on the MEDLIB Website in due course. For further information on the MEDLIB programme, please contact [r.cluzel@unesco.org](mailto:r.cluzel@unesco.org).

## CONFERENCE REPORTS

### **UAP Workshop, Nouméa, 18-20 September 2001**

A workshop on Universal Availability of Publications in the Pacific Region was held at the Secretariat for the Pacific Community in Nouméa. The meeting was jointly organised by the Secretariat for the Pacific Community and the IFLA UAP Programme. The workshop was made possible by generous funding from the Government of France and the National Library of Australia with assistance from Emerald Press.

Some 36 people participated in the workshop, either actually or virtually. Countries and states represented were Australia, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, French Polynesia, Guam, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Northern Mariana Islands, Niue, Papua New Guinea and Samoa. This was the first conference that brought together Francophone and Anglophone librarians AND librarians from both North and South Pacific nations.

The workshop discussed the library situation in each country and then debated how to improve regional co-operation in the Pacific. Resolutions included one to build a proper directory of significant libraries and another to start an online union catalogue. One or two countries that do not have library associations are now considering how to form one. Work on these has already begun. Other issues for action include implementing legal deposit laws, translating into regional languages, training programmes, co-operative preservation and developing a portal for Pacific libraries.

### **The Seventh International Conference on Interlending and Document Supply Ljubljana, Slovenia, 1-5 October 2001**

The theme of the conference, which attracted 143 participants from 31 countries, was *Providing Access through Co-operation* and included the following sessions:

Co-operating for effective access  
 Looking to the future  
 Unmediated ILL  
 ILL in new and emerging democracies  
 Monographs  
 Projects  
 Practical issues  
 National systems  
 Consortia

In addition to the sessions there was a panel debate between librarians and publishers and several workshops were also held. Speakers came from 16 different countries making it a truly international conference. The quality of the programme, coupled with the excellent social occasions, made it a very successful event.

The full proceedings of the conference will be published by the IFLA Office for International Lending and will be available early in 2002.

**Sverige-Norden-Världen: Vad händer på fjärrlåneområdet?  
 Swedish ILL Seminar, 26 November 2001, Stockholm**

The Office for International Lending recently took part in a one-day seminar on interlibrary loan in Sweden. The day was organised by the document delivery group of the Swedish Library Association and took place in the unusual setting of the Army Museum in Stockholm. The seminar was attended by over 130 delegates from throughout Sweden. The day allowed us to update delegates on the recently revised *Principles and Guidelines for International Lending and Document Delivery*, and to present some of the work of IFLA in supporting ILL. In addition to the work of the OIL and the Section on Document Delivery & Interlending, many of the activities of IFLA's Copyright & other Legal Matters Committee (CLM) also have relevance for resource sharing. CLM's work is described elsewhere in this newsletter. Sweden has a fully-developed and efficient national ILL system, supported by an up-to-date national interlending policy document, and the day provided delegates with an excellent opportunity for networking and exchange of views on ILL practice.

Delegates at the Seminar were also particularly interested to hear the first results of the recent Nordic ILL Performance Measurement study. The full results of the Study, which was based on the original ARL Performance Measures study of 1998, will be published soon.

## PUBLICATIONS

A complete list of current publications for sale may be requested from the Office. In addition, the following titles are available free of charge:

**National Libraries of the World: an address list - 4th Edition**

**IFLA Fax Guidelines**

**International Lending and Document Delivery: Principles and Guidelines for Procedure** (This is now available in English, French, German and Spanish)

All publications can be ordered by contacting Katharine Rennie.

## COMMUNICATIONS

The Office is fully linked to the Internet system. All staff can be reached on a general Email address IFLA@bl.uk and individual members of the team can be reached by using the formula: `firstname.lastname@bl.uk`.

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