



Library History Section

Annual Report

2007

Open session in Durban

The LHS open session in Durban was on Wednesday 22 August, at 16.30. The theme was 'The History of Libraries and Librarianship in Sub-Saharan Africa'. The session was very well attended by some 75 participants, which demonstrates the continuing interest in library history issues and the IFLA LHS mission. Four papers were presented:

Indra Ranasinghe (University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka): The factors which influenced the establishment and development of libraries in Sub-Saharan Africa

Sebina Levember (Tshwane University of Technology, South Africa): The history of libraries and librarianship in South Africa, and their future

Archie Dick (University of Pretoria, South Africa): Librarians and readers in the South African anti-apartheid struggle,

Anthony Olden (Thames Valley University, United Kingdom): Library history in Africa; or, Cinderella and the ICT sisters

Committee meetings in Durban

Two LHS Standing Committee meetings were held in Durban: Saturday 18 August, at 08.30; Friday 24 August, at 11.00.

The LHS noted the increased membership in the Standing Committee (from 5 members to 13 members) for the 2007-2011 term.

Alistair Black reported on his progress on the survey of the archival policies and holdings of the world's library associations which, upon completion, will be available through the IFLA website.

The LHS Standing Committee members discussed possible topics for the section's Open Session in Quebec City and adopted "**Promotion and representation of libraries and**

librarians in non-textual media” as the LHS theme for the 2008 World Library and Information Congress, in Québec City.

The new LHS Standing Committee and the election of officers in Durban, for 2007-9

On 18 August the Library History Section Standing Committee meeting held its elections for the 2007-2009 term. Here are the results:

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