



Metropolitan Libraries Section  
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Mid-Term Meeting  
24-29 September 2006  
Paris, France

## Summary

The 2006 annual Metropolitan Libraries Section's Mid-Term Meeting was held in Paris from September 24<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>, organized by Paris City Council and the French Librarians Association (ABF), with an exceptional attendance of 57, including 11 accompanying persons. Delegates represented 5 continents, 24 countries and 37 metropolitan library systems.

The conference programme included:

- presentations and papers by French and international speakers at the City Hall auditorium;
- several library visits (three city public branch libraries; Bibliothèque nationale de France; Bibliothèque Publique d'Information / BPI; Médiathèque de la Cité des Sciences et de l'Industrie; Bibliothèque du Film / BIFI);
- social events (fonctions at the Bibliothèque Historique de la Ville de Paris, at the City Hall, at the Centre historique des Archives Nationales ; dinners, etc.).

Twelve delegates gave very interesting contributions:

**NEBESNY, Tatjana** (Zagreb, Croatia): On fine database anniversary Calendar of Zagreb City Libraries

**BERNDTSON, Maija** (Helsinki, Finland): From a Hybrid Library to a Boundless Library

**BRYANT, Josephine** (Toronto, Canada): Bridging cultures - The role of Public Library in Immigration and Settlement

**KENT, Susan** (NYPL, New-York, USA): Leadership for the "New" Public Library

**EASTELL, Ciara** (Taunton, Great Britain): Singapour/ Sweden Research: efforts in targeting teenage library users

**SCHELLE-WOLFF, Carola** (Hannover, Germany): The German "lektoratskooperation": a co-operative reviewing service for public libraries by professional colleagues and an instrument of collection building and collection maintenance

**ROIG, Aina** (Barcelone, Spain): Tibidabo: Public Libraries in European Cities and Regions

**WANG Shiwei** (Shanghai, China): The Developing of the metropolitan system in Shanghai, China

**LUNDÉN, Inga** and **HERNVALL, Mats** (Stockholm, Sweden): Biblioteket.se. The Social Library Web - partnership with the user

**PRADA FORERO, Silvia** (Bogotá, Colombia): The Bogotá Library Network

**THIEN, Sharon** (Singapour): The Key to a user-centric Public Library Service in Singapore: Staff, Space and Services

**REHAK, Tomas** (Prague, Czech Republic): There are two kinds of libraries.

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Attached is a selection of photographs (**2006 Paris Mid-Term Meeting Photo gallery**) shot during the conference by Tomáš Řehák, director of the Municipal Library of Prague.

On September 30<sup>th</sup>, eight delegates moved on to a full day sightseeing tour in Normandy at Giverny (Claude Monet's house and garden; Terra Foundation for the Arts).

On October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, four library directors added a professional programme in the South of France, including the visits of two BMVR (new regional and municipal libraries) in Marseille and Montpellier.

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