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**Social Science Libraries Section DELIVERS
in South Africa: WLIC Theme: “Libraries for the
future: Progress, Development, and Partnerships.”**



The 73rd IFLA General Conference and Council met in Durban, South Africa, 19-23 August 2007. Languages were all abuzz. There are 11 used in South Africa: English, Zulu, Xhosa, Afrikaans, Ndebele, Swazi, Northern Sotho, Southern Sotho, Tsonga, Tswana and Venda, and these mixed with languages from all over the world. This exciting conference had 3100 delegates representing 116 nations with 1606 from the African

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Continent. South Africa had 1212 delegates, including day and exhibition visitors. Other countries with high participation included: Russian Federation—97, China—122, United Kingdom—231 and United States of America—488. This was the first time IFLA’s annual meeting was hosted by the African Continent and the event was spectacular with incredible hospitality and energetic hosts making it very likely not the last.



Beach Party and South African Braai (Barbeque)

No one can be left untouched by Africa—the people, the culture, the landscape, the beauty, the energy, the passion, and more than that. The host country of South Africa went all out to make this conference one to remember and indeed we will. The facilities were excellent and hotels were within easy distances, although at times there were problems with crime for some participants. These things occur in all big cities but in Durban it was expected and the city had done a lot to ensure the security and safety of the delegates. Considering we thousands were on the beach enjoying a South African Braai was testimony to how well they took care of their guests from around the world.



Kay Raseroka(R) at Beach Party & SocSci Member Newman

Most befitting this year was the naming of Kay Raseroka, Botswana, Honorary Fellow. In 2003 she became IFLA's first African President. She "... has made a major contribution, over a long period of time, in her own country, in her region, and worldwide. She has been a driving force in promoting the entry of her continent, Africa, into the Information Society. She has highlighted the value of indigenous knowledge and of its appropriate utilization, and has promoted recognition of the importance of orality in indigenous communities. She is a respected leader in Africa and in the developing world generally. She has been a strong leader and a dignified and respected spokesperson for the library community and for IFLA in

international forums such as the World Summit on the Information Society."



Ellen Tise President-elect 2007-2009

Also befitting this venue was the term beginning Ms. Ellen Tise, President-elect 2007-2009. She will be President 2009-2011 of IFLA. Ellen is Senior Director, Library and Information Services, J.S. Gericke Library, University of Stellenbosch. Her address there is: Private Bag X5036, 7599 STELLENBOSCH, South Africa. She can be reached at: Tel 27218084880 Fax 27218083723 Email etise@sun.ac.za & Library <http://www.sun.ac.za/library>. She was also Chair, IFLA WLIC National Committee, 2007.

The opening ceremony was held on Sunday, 19 August at the Arena section of the ICC.



Picture from IFLA Express No. 2, 2007

Inside conference participants gathered from around the globe in anticipation of hearing and seeing "the amazing South African Mother of Books Gcina Mhlope."

As host of this session she took the audience on a "...journey through the Heart Beat, the Dance and the Voice of Africa."



Gcina Mhlophe (Photo from IFLA Express No. 2, 2007)

Gcina Mhlophe whose incredible timing and voice mesmerized her audience as she "...[showcased] South Africa through the eyes and the words of ...[an] extraordinary writer/storyteller. The opening entertainment [was] ... woven into the guest speakers and ... allowed the audience to capture the magic of the Heart of this Rainbow Nation."

The keynote speaker was Justice Albie Sachs, a human rights activist in South Africa. He suffered many indignities and jail and "In 1988 he was blown up by a bomb placed in his car in Maputo by South African security agents, losing an arm and the sight of an eye. Nevertheless, he persevered, sometimes leaving his country for long periods of time. However, "During the 1980s working closely with Oliver Tambo, leader of the ANC in exile, he helped draft the organisation's Code of Conduct, as well as its statutes. After recovering from the bomb he devoted himself full-time to preparations for a new democratic Constitution for South Africa. In 1990 he returned home and as a member of the Constitutional Committee and the National Executive of the ANC took an active part in the negotiations which led to South Africa becoming a constitutional democracy. After the first democratic election in 1994 he was appointed by President Nelson Mandela to serve on the newly established Constitutional Court."

His talk centered on his life and work, not seeking sympathy, but rather inspiring others to stand up for what is right and to work for "...healing divided societies."



Albie Sachs (Photo from IFLA Express No. 5, 2007)

Additionally, IFLA collected books from conference participants again this year. IFLA is using this "...annual congress to be of direct benefit to libraries in need in the host country." That effort and the theme of the opening Session were beautifully tied together with the oversized book on stage with several South African children assisting Gcina Mhlophe and the "book."

There were also several readings by South African writers scheduled at various times during the conference in the Exhibition area.



Cultural Gala City Hall Complex

IFLA announced four new offices, three in Africa and one in Russia. The Library of the University of South Africa (UNISA) Library Services, Pretoria, succeeds Dakar, as the IFLA Regional Office. The three other offices are new language centers, in part, reflecting the expansion of IFLA working languages to include Chinese and Arabic. These include the IFLA Centre for Arabic Speaking Libraries and Information Institutions, Bibliotheca, Alexandrina, Alexandria, Egypt; IFLA French Language Centre for Africa, Bibliothèque Centrale Université Cheikh AntaDiop in Dakar, Senegal; and IFLA Russian Language Centre, Russian State Library, Moscow, Russia. The other working languages of IFLA are English, French, German, Russian, and Spanish. All of the offices have some common priorities and the language centers will specifically provide translation of key IFLA materials.



Dancers at Entrance Cultural Gala

The Cultural Gala, sponsored by the national Department of Arts and Culture and Minister Z Pallo Jordan, was held at the City Hall Complex on Wednesday. The evening was filled with music, vibrant colors, dancers, food and drink. Zulu Dancers, Gumboot dancers and sounds of the east took delegates on a musical dance journey to a South African township. Local bands and artists filled the air with sounds from the African continent. The hall and Church Walk created the setting for the Zulu Village and provided attendees opportunity to purchase locally made



Stage Performers Cultural Gala

arts and crafts. Another area featured Cape Malay and Indian cultures and the main hall provided a variety of food at different stations and stage shows. This rainbow nation created a cultural evening of fun and excitement. No one left unmoved and most were still moving, and maybe still are.

The cultural events are always special at IFLA meetings and offer informal networking opportunities for everyone. These educational events also promote understanding, tolerance, and a wider view of the world in which we live. Longtime relationships begin in IFLA and last many years, sometimes a lifetime.

There were 293 papers and 80 poster sessions in English, French, German, Russian, Spanish, Chinese and Arabic. Simultaneous interpretation was available for several sessions. To help in covering all these activities students from the Durban University of Technology (DUT), School of Journalism provided reports for the IFLA Express during the Durban conference.



Standing Committee Meeting Members and Observer

There were also IFLA Section meetings to develop conference programs and projects. The Social Science Libraries Section met twice in Durban. The pre-conference meeting was held Saturday, 18 August and the post-conference Friday, 24 August.



New Standing Committee Members: P. R. Goswami(C) and Ralf Depping(R) with Maria Elena Dorta-Duque

Minutes of those meetings will be made available online at the IFLA Social Science Libraries website. Five new members to the Standing Committee were recognized. Two of those members are shown above responding to their new duties as members of the Standing Committee.

On Thursday of the conference from 10.45 – 12.45, The Social Science Libraries section session presented ***“Evidence based practice in social science libraries: using research and empirical data to improve service.”*** There were four papers given and simultaneous translation was provided. Short pieces are given here. To access the full text, simply click on the title of the paper in which you are interested. First, the paper by Eric Davies (LISU, Loughborough University, Loughborough, England) was read by Steve Witt, Chair of the Section and moderator, on [Culture, Capability and Character in Applying Evidence to Service Enhancement and Development: an Exploration](#) (Click here to read the full text.)

Introduction: The modern library manager regularly faces an array of challenges that demand a range of knowledge, skills and attitudes in the endeavour to deliver services of quality within finite (and sometimes very limited) resources in an ever

changing environment. To maintain the momentum, managers have to apply a whole range of tools and techniques to the situation. Among these is the application of an assortment of internally and externally generated performance related data, together with output from empirical research studies, in what may be described as evidence based management practice. The development of an evidence based practice approach may, to some extent, be viewed as a response to several factors. They include: the need to check the alignment of service delivery with strategic direction, the need to maintain focus whilst initiating and responding to change, the imperative to work optimally and maximize impact through best practice and the requirement to demonstrate, as well as secure recognition for, the value of a service, especially in the eyes of those that pay for it....



Delegates Networking between Sessions

[Grass Roots Peer Training: an Evidence-Based Experience](#) (Click here to read the full text.) written by Pauline Manaka and Carol Ann Hughes (University of California, Irvine, USA) was presented next.

Abstract : The case study on evidence-based practice at the University of California, Irvine Libraries, is a grassroots peer training initiative in reference and instruction. The team of volunteers addressed training starting with the critical connection of user inquiries and training needs. The agenda aimed to transcend clichés like, “this is how we’ve always done it,” and teach “why and how to improve public service?” They developed outcome-based guidelines for presenters to achieve baseline training standards and promoted the Libraries’ strategic goals. Embracing new hires, rethinking change, and replacing vendor training with peer partnerships, are seminal user-based evidence and criteria for excellent service outcomes.

These papers were followed by [Difusión de la información en el campo de la](#)

[conservación del patrimonio cultural: la adopción del acceso abierto en ICOMOS](#)

(Click here to read the full text.) by Imma Subirats Coll (FAO of the UN, Rome, Italy) and José García Vicente Icomos Documentation Centre, Paris, France).

Abstract: This document presents the reasons to set up an open access archive or thematic repository, specialized in the conservation and restoration of cultural heritage, in ICOMOS and coordinated by its Documentation Centre. Firstly, we introduce “open access” and the function and characteristics of open archives. After a short analysis of the current situation of scientific literature in the cultural heritage conservation field, we describe the results of a questionnaire by the Documentation Centre, sent to the ICOMOS committees. We detail the benefits of an open access archive to ICOMOS, its Documentation Centre, ICOMOS members and to the international scientific community in the field of cultural heritage conservation. As there are only a few similar initiatives in this field, the implementation of an open access archive by ICOMOS will help it become the global reference point for the promotion and dissemination of cultural heritage conservation scientific documentation.



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[Action-Research application in Evidence-Based Practice for Libraries](#) (Click here to read the full text.) Edgardo Diego Civalero (National University of Córdoba, Córdoba, Argentina) followed.

Abstract: Evidence Based Librarianship (EBL) seeks for and promotes the improvement of the librarian practice through the use of the best available evidence. Strongly used in medical contexts, Evidence Based Practice can be an important tool for the development of LIS, if practice is carefully thought and wisely combined with research and theoretical reflection. In order to achieve a state of equilibrium between theories and empirical studies, a qualitative method –action research- may be applied, as a

dialogue between abstract ideas and the facts and signs provided by concrete experiences.

Through action research, librarians can collect the evidence –using a series of qualitative tools- and use it for building theoretical knowledge in order to improve their work and their profession. From this viewpoint, after putting something into practice they will be able to know whether it worked as expected or not, make any change if it is necessary, and test the whole process again, searching more and new evidence. The method becomes a progressive helix that leads librarians to continuously evaluate their activities and services and improve them according to



New Standing Committee Member Elizabeth Cooper (in blue) with (L to R) Hellemans, Newman, and Rudasill

their final users’ needs. Fitting these ideas in the general context of “Library 2.0” new LIS model and in the particular situation of Social Sciences libraries, the conference briefly introduces some basic ideas on how action research should be employed for collecting and using evidence in LIS.

The final paper was [Library and Information Services to Social Science Researchers: a case study from India](#) (Click here to read the full text.) P.R. Goswami (NASSDOC, ICSSR, India).

Beginning: India is one of the oldest civilizations in the world with a kaleidoscopic variety and rich cultural heritage. More than a billion people live in a vast country. Its regions are dotted with different linguistic and socio-cultural groups and as a result, social science research which is concerned with human behaviour and inter-society relations, has become a complex phenomenon.

In the post independence period (i.e. after 1947) the country has recognized social science research as a necessary constituent of its development plan. M.N. Srinivas an eminent sociologist had said that problem oriented research could not be avoided in the light of the fact that international agencies and national government have become anxious to use social sciences for promoting development efforts. The Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), founded in 1969 as an autonomous organisation

under the Government of India, is the apex body for the promotion of this activity; and the National Social Science Documentation Centre (NASSDOC), a division of the ICSSR, is primarily responsible for library and information related support services to the social scientists in India. As a corollary to this major objective, NASSDOC also aims to achieve bibliographic control over the vast myriad of social science literature that is published all over the country in a distributed manner.



Social Science Libraries Members @ Bean Bag Restaurant

The Section continued its conference social event this year gathering at the Bean Bag Bohemian bar and restaurant for dinner. The group enjoyed delicious Moroccan style food, an eclectic mix of bohemian décor, and a wonderful evening of discussion, laughter, and camaraderie.

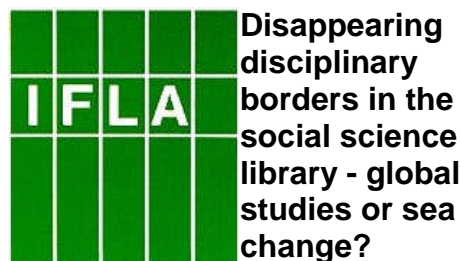


Social Science Libraries @ Bean Bag Restaurant

(Report Submitted by Wilda Newman, Information Coordinator, Newsletter Editor)



See
<http://www.ifla.org>
 for more on IFLA



IFLA Social Science Libraries Section Pre-Conference University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada: 6-7 August 2008

[Register Online](#)

Theme and Objectives

Over the past decade, the nature of social science research and scholarship has undergone shifts that have blurred the traditional disciplinary boundaries as research attempts to grapple with phenomena and issues that require interdisciplinary knowledge and collaboration. For example, a growing number of institutions and scholars are venturing into the arena of global studies and globalization studies. Situated in economics, political science, policy studies, and other discrete fields of the social sciences, global studies encompass both the perception and reality of an interconnected world society. The multi-disciplinary and interdisciplinary nature of studies and resources in this and similar emerging disciplines draws upon and influences knowledge in the natural sciences, social sciences, and policy studies, spanning the entire spectrum of IFLA interests, including agricultural libraries, information literacy programs, digital libraries, government libraries, information technology, health and biosciences libraries, and professional development, and while covering all of the world's geographic regions.

Given the changes within the social sciences as they have traditionally been defined,

how can academic and special libraries continue to provide services and resources to researchers who are working on necessarily interdisciplinary research questions within the constraints of organizational structures (universities, libraries, associations, and journals) that can't easily support this work?



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The conference organizing committee has invited proposals for papers on any topic related to the theme of *Disappearing Disciplinary Borders in the Social Science Library*. Conference papers will be peer reviewed for acceptance and become eligible for the Social Science Section's proposed IFLA monograph on the subject. Paper topics may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- What resources are available to support the librarian's work in interdisciplinary and multi-disciplinary fields?
- What strategies are available to promote this type of librarianship?
- What resources are being developed to assist the interdisciplinary scholar?
- How are virtual spaces being used to foster collaboration?
- How can libraries foster and support research communities that focus on interdisciplinary research and teaching among colleagues locally and internationally?
- How are new library services such as support for electronic publishing and

archiving affecting interdisciplinary scholarship?

- How are changing models of librarianship, such as the "field" or "embedded" librarian, changing the scholarly landscape?
- How do libraries respond to emerging disciplines: at what point do they become emerging disciplines and when are they simply passing fads?
- How can collection development strategies support interdisciplinary collections?
- How can catalogers and indexers use classification systems to provide better access to works of interdisciplinary importance?
- How can we help better educate our "global" students?
- What are the changing roles of data and datasets?
- Social networking and digital difference, how can the librarian facilitate communication?

Final papers will be no more than 5,000 words in length and presentations at the conference will be 20 minutes in length, with an additional 10 minutes available for discussion of the presentation. English is the official language of the conference.



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Conference Venue

The conference will be held in Toronto, Canada. The venue includes the University of Toronto Robards Library and the

University Faculty Club. A block of rooms have been reserved at the Toronto Holiday Inn Midtown, 280 Bloor Street West, which is very nearby.

Registration Cost

\$80.00

The fee will cover a set of the published conference presentations, lunch, mid-morning and mid-afternoon refreshments, and the conference dinner. Registration options will include registration for the full 2 day conference and single day registration. An optional tour package at the conclusion of the conference will also be available.

Presenters will be required to pay the registration fee and their own travel, accommodation and associated costs. More information can be found at:

<http://ilabs.inquiry.uiuc.edu/ilab/ssls/>



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This satellite conference continues the Social Science Libraries Section (SLSS) Project on “evidenced based practice.” The SSLS session at the 2007 IFLA Conference in Durban, focused on case studies from the field that highlight the use of evidence based practice. (See the conference report above for more on the papers presented.) The SSL plans to compile and publish a volume that will contain:

- (1) A literature review on evidence-based librarianship as it is defined and practiced within social science libraries and related fields within the health sciences such as mental health;
- (2) Results of a survey of social science librarians within academic and special libraries on the extent of usages of evidence-based practice; and
- (3) A series of case studies that demonstrate best-practices.

For a continuation of that focus YOU MAY [Register Online](#). See you there!



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10-15 August 2008**

[Québec City Convention Centre, Québec City,
Canada](#)

Pre-Registration Deadline 7 May 2008

**Québec City
There's nowhere like it!**

Capital of the province of Quebec, cradle of French civilization in North America, world heritage city, major port, Québec City is as unique as they come.

The March 2004 issue of *National Geographic Traveller* ranks Old Québec City sixth out of 115 tourist destinations evaluated around the world. The prestigious publication attributes the city's special cachet to its lively cultural scene, beautifully restored heritage buildings, and

excellent prospects for the future through sustainable development.

The landscape surrounding Québec City is truly one-of-a-kind. The city stretches out from the shores of the St. Lawrence, one of the largest rivers in the world. It extends north as far as the foothills of the Laurentians, the oldest mountain range on Earth, and east as far as the impressive Montmorency Falls. To the west, it extends to the municipalities of Saint-Augustin-de-Desmaures and Sainte-Catherine-de-la-Jacques-Cartier.

The oldest part of the city is located in an area where the river narrows before opening into an estuary. The city's rocky high point, Cap Diamant, towers 103 metres above the river, adding to the unique flavour of the area. The plain is crisscrossed by a number of smaller rivers, including the St. Charles, which winds its way lazily down toward the St. Lawrence.

Québec City is ranked second in the province in terms of economic strength, benefiting from such attributes as its proximity to the northeastern United States.

Social Science Libraries program at the 74th IFLA conference will be on the theme of "Borderless collections in the social sciences: platforms for digital access, dissemination, and preservation." Other details will be announced prior to the conference.

Social Science Standing Committee will meet on Saturday, 9 August and Friday, 15 August, 2008. Room and time will be announced when the program for the 74th IFLA Conference, Quebec City is finalized.



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Notices of Interest

IFLA Secretary General

IFLA is pleased to announce the appointment of Jennefer Nicholson as its new Secretary General, from September 2008. She will join IFLA's Headquarters in The Hague on 1 June 2008 as Secretary General designate and work with the outgoing Secretary General, Prof Peter Lor, until she takes over on 6 September 2008.

UNESCO launches a tool to put social science research at the service of public policy-making

Immediately following UNESCO's 34th General Conference, which re-affirmed the importance of creating the conditions for a genuine dialogue between researchers, policy-makers and the members of civil society in order to address the multiple challenges of the contemporary world, UNESCO is launching a new tool to support policy-making based on research results from international social and human sciences.

Designed and developed under the aegis of the Management of Social Transformations (MOST) Programme, this service will be freely accessible on the website of the Organization from 15 November 2007.

It will provide customized access to policy-relevant material (case studies) according to specific locations (city, country, region) and/or themes related to social transformations (urbanization, migration phenomena, human rights, sustainable development, etc.)

The server will first be running on a collection of documents produced within the framework of

the UNESCO Forum for Higher Education, Research and Knowledge, and will be gradually enriched by research from around the globe, notably through the network of UNESCO Chairs in social and human sciences.

The tool is currently available in English, French and Spanish, and will soon be extended to the other United Nations official languages.

To access the server: [MOST Policy Research Tool](#)

For more detailed information:
www.unesco.org/shs/agenda.

Bursaries 2008

In support of IFLA and the 2008 World Library and Information Congress being held in Quebec City, Canada, the Canadian library and information community has created a bursary program for librarians from developing countries.

The bursaries will assist delegates with Congress registration fees, travel and accommodation.

Librarians from South America, Central America and the Caribbean are especially invited to seek out more information and apply. The application process is clearly outlined on the IFLA website,

<http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla74/grant2008.htm>

The deadline for application has been extended to February 15, 2008. Librarians who wish to financially support this initiative are invited to contact the Canadian Library Association by e-mail, bshields@cla.ca.

Thank you / Merci!

Don Butcher, Executive Director, Canadian Library Association/Association canadienne des bibliothèques





A Fall issue of NextSpace, the OCLC Newsletter, has an excellent article on "Libraries and Social Networking".

The piece consists of a Q&A with Nine Notables: Lori Bell (Alliance Library Systems, Second Life Librarian and Director of Innovation), Edward Castronova (Indiana University, Associate Professor of Telecommunications), Paul Jones (ibiblio.org, Director), Hemanshu Nigam (MySpace, Chief Security Office), Kitty Pope (Alliance Library System, Second Life Librarian and Executive Director), Fred Stutzman, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Ph. D. Student), Stuart L. Weibel, Ph. D. (OCLC, Consulting Research Scientist)

The Questions:

- (1) How do you define online social networking? Examples of how it's working well and not so well?
- (2) What are the impacts, overall, do you think on industry, education and cultural institutions?
- (3) Specifically, how do you see it affecting libraries/museums? Right now, and in the future?
- (4) How can libraries best work to shape the next wave? Should they?
- (5) Do you see social networking as a serious, long-term cultural and business phenomenon?

I have excerpted portions of the Q&A in my _Friends_ blog at:

<http://onlinesocialnetworks.blogspot.com/2007/12/blog-post.html>

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"Criticas Magazine" unveils a new blog, "Multicultural Link."

The authors, Loida Garcia-Febo and Bruce Jensen, of Multicultural Link will be blogging on a daily basis on various issues, including collection development, programs and services, as well as current issues that relate to academic, public, and special libraries.

Issues will range from local, national, and international scope. In addition, many of the issues will most likely be relevant to the work that REFORMA members are involved. To view the latest blog entry, please point your Web browser to:

<http://www.criticismmagazine.com/>

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About Webology: Aims and Scope

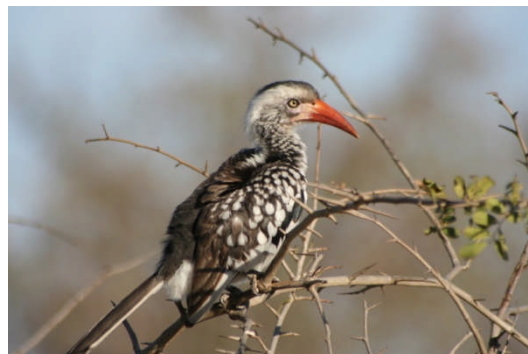
Webology (<http://www.webology.ir/>) is an international peer-reviewed journal in English devoted to the field of the *World Wide Web* and serves as a forum for discussion and experimentation. It serves as a forum for new research in information dissemination and communication processes in general, and in the context of the *World Wide Web* in particular. Concerns include the production, gathering, recording, processing, storing, representing, sharing, transmitting, retrieving, distribution, and dissemination of information, as well as its social and cultural impacts. There is a strong emphasis on the Web and new information technologies. Special topic issues are also often seen.

The World Wide Web Web information retrieval; Web crawling and indexing; Web cataloging; Web searching; Search engines and directories; Search behavior; Metadata; Link analysis; Semantic Web; Web ontology; Web Thesaurus; Webometrics; Cybermetrics; Invisible Web; Web Intelligence (WI), Web Competitive Intelligence (WCI), Web mining; New technologies of Web services; Web impacts; Web search trends; Web users behavior; Web users and usage studies; International issues of the Web; Social studies of the Web; Censorship; Intellectual freedom on the Web; Web site filtering; Web and civil society; Web and globalization; Web war; Web and socio-political issues; Open Access; Evaluating Web resources; Web visibility, popularity and diversity; Web accessibility; Internet, Validity of information; Information mining; Information extraction; Information management and organization; Information or resource discovery; Knowledge management; Knowledge organization; The role of the Web and ICT in research, education, economy, development, customer services, marketing, productivity improvement, and etc.

Library and Information Science

Information retrieval systems; Indexing; Abstracting; Information and communication technology; Information Evaluation and measurement; Information representation, organization, and classification; Library classification theories; Data processing;

Information systems design; Electronic document management; Digital libraries; Libraries and the Web; Information and communication theories; Information transferring; Information economics; Information society; Information policy; Information seeking behavior; Social and cultural impacts of information; Information marketing; Management information systems (MIS); Informetrics; Scientometrics; Bibliometrics; Citation analysis; ...



Participation an assessment of the IFLA website (IFLANET)<http://www.ifla.org/>

A brief SurveyMonkey survey is now available: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=VDVhiJGcZe8xIOQHU3WCbA_3d_3d_]

The survey requests use feedback on their overall satisfaction with the IFLA Website as well as the relative degree to which they are satisfied with the ability to navigate the site; the accessibility of information; and the organization of the Website information.

In addition, current (and future) users are asked to rate their interest in the incorporation of various Web 2.0 technologies within a future version of the site (blogs, podcasts/ vodcasts, RSS/Webfeeds, social book marking, social networking services, wikis).

IFLA members are also requested to rate the availability of other potential future enhancements (e.g., IFLA newsletter(s) availability; ability to update one's personal directory data/information; ability to renew membership; ability to vote and nominate in IFLA elections, etc.)

DRIVER II On 16 and 17 January 2008, DRIVER II successfully carried out its first Summit in Goettingen, Germany. Approximately 100 invited representatives from the European Community, including representatives of the European Commission, over 20 spokespersons of European repository initiatives as well as experts in different repository related fields from Europe, the U.S., Canada and South Africa came together to discuss their experiences and concrete actions with respect to the further building of cross-country repository infrastructures.

The first DRIVER Summit was a successful milestone on the way to building a professional, active repository community. Over the course of 2008, DRIVER II will invite various stakeholders to support DRIVER in an advisory capacity and to prepare the building of a Confederation, by exploring models of and potential liaisons with, existing organisations and initiatives (like SPARC, LIBER, the European Digital Library, Alliance for Permanent Access, etc.).

On behalf of the DRIVER II Consortium, Dr Norbert Lossau, Scientific Coordinator, has prepared a brief report on the Summit, available on the DRIVER website and the following link: <http://www.driver-support.eu/multi/news.php>
About DRIVER II: www.driver-community.eu



Announcement - Year of Languages

The year 2008 has been proclaimed International Year of Languages by the United Nations General Assembly. With the slogan "languages matter!" UNESCO is aiming at extensive fulfilment in its role as coordinator of activities for this Year. The conviction that language diversity is essential to the human

heritage - as each and every language embodies the unique cultural wisdom of a people - is the common working ground for all those who will respond to this call for action.

Proposed areas for partnership and collaboration are multilingualism in cyberspace, radio programmes in all languages, translating projects especially from and into lesser known languages, languages and migration, safeguarding endangered languages, those being only an example of what a Year of Languages can mean for policy makers and project organizers. Quoting Mr Koichiro Matsuura, Director General of UNESCO "The common goal is to ensure that the importance of linguistic diversity and multilingualism in educational, administrative and legal systems, cultural expressions and the media, cyberspace and trade, is recognized on the national, regional and international levels".

UNESCO therefore invites governments, United Nations organizations, civil society organizations, educational institutions, professional associations and all other stakeholders to increase their own activities to foster respect for, and the promotion and protection of all languages, particularly endangered languages, in all individual and collective contexts. The formal launching of the Year of Languages will be on 21 February 2008, the International Mother Language Day. Extensive information is to be found on the official UNESCO website www.unesco.org

On the occasion of our upcoming IFLA

World Library and Information Congress in Quebec City, August 2008, not less than 15 (fifteen) Satellite meetings will be held in Quebec and a few locations elsewhere in Canada or in the USA. Most of them are pre-conferences and one is a post-conference event. Please find the overview of all satellites at <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla74/satellite-en.htm>
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Invitation to Complete Scholarship 2.0 Survey New Blog Facebook Group

A brief SurveyMonkey to identify the use of Web/2.0 technologies for work-related purposes by librarians is established to identify individual and collective attitudes and views about the significance and value of Web/2.0-based research and scholarship. It is available at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=B_2bh09Wlwtf3iiOb_2fDoZpyA_3d_3d The Survey should take no longer than 10-15 minutes to complete and will remain open until Future Notice. To complement this Survey, I have created the Scholarship 2.0 blog and a companion Facebook group. Scholarship 2.0 blog is at: <http://scholarship20.blogspot.com/> The Webfeed is <http://feeds.feedburner.com/Scholarship20>. Scholarship 2.0 blog is devoted to describing and documenting the forms, facets, and features of alternative Web-based scholarly publishing philosophies and practices. The variety of old and new metrics available for assessing the impact, significance, and value of Web-based scholarship is of particular interest.

The group is intended to serve as a forum which those with an interest can discuss the range of issues relating to Scholarship 2.0, most notably initiatives that seek to promote the recognition of Web-based research and publication within The Academy. Please Join The Scholarship 2.0 Facebook Group and Post Items to the Discussion Board.

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IFLA BOOK DONATION TO BIBLIONEF

On behalf of the Board of Biblionef South Africa, we would like to thank you most sincerely for the donation of books made to Biblionef at the recent IFLA World Library and Information Conference held in Durban. We are proud at Biblionef that we were chosen as the recipient of the books so kindly donated by individual IFLA members and conference attendees.

We will ensure that the books are put to good use and provide joy to children who do not normally have access to books, through distribution along with our Biblionef books. We will acknowledge the kindness of the donors by way of a sticker inside each book. If there should be any books which may not be suitable for distribution by Biblionef they will be given to other suitable book donation agencies on behalf of IFLA.

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2008 INTERNATIONAL PAPER CONTEST

The Special Interest Group on International Information Issues (SIG-III) of the American Society for Information Science & Technology (ASIS&T) is pleased to announce its ninth competition for papers to be submitted for the 2008 Annual Meeting, which will take place in Columbus, Ohio, October 24-29, 2008.

The **theme** of this year's paper contest is:

"People Transforming Information – Information Transforming People"

The theme may be addressed at either the country or regional level issues. Papers could discuss issues, policies and case studies on specific aspects of the theme, such as, but not limited to the following (some adopted from the conference theme):

- Individual identities and how they are transformed by the impact of information technologies
- The societal archive – is it disappearing and/or being marginalized?
- Societal attentions and how emphasis on information technology either allows or hinders these
- Openness, access and privacy issues
- Generational, economic, and socio-cultural dimensions of impact of information on people's lives
- Cognitive and emotional aspects of interactions with information
- Reshaping the boundary between personal and public information space
- The effect of collective information creation on authority and trust
- Information by the people for the people
- The role of information in connecting people and community building
- How well is current technology meeting human needs, and what should future technology research and development involve to better meet our needs?
- How transformable and transferable is indigenous information from "peripheral countries"?
- The ratio of conduct size to contents richness in less connected countries.

Guide for Authors can be found at:

http://www.elsevier.com/wps/find/journaldescription.cws_home/622845/authorinstructions

The prize for each winner is a two-year individual membership in ASIS&T. In the case of multiple authors, the principal author will be awarded the ASIS&T membership. In addition, depending on SIG III fundraising for this competition, the first place winner will be rewarded a minimum of \$1,000 toward travel, conference registration, and accommodations while attending the ASIS&T Annual Conference in Columbus, Ohio, October 24-29, 2008.

Publishing opportunities

Submitted papers will be considered for inclusion in a special issue of the *International Information and Library Review*, subject to the usual peer refereeing process, for that journal.

Information for authors

Only papers by a principal author who is a citizen of, and resides in a developing country are eligible. **Winners in the 2004-2007 contests are not eligible.** The papers should be original, unpublished, and ONLY in English. We encourage submissions from librarians, information and network specialists, and educators involved in the creation, representation, maintenance, exchange, discovery, delivery, and use of digital information.

ASIS&T Copyright Policy

ASIS&T will have the non-exclusive right to publish any of the papers submitted on its web site or in print, with ownership and all other rights remaining with the author.

Deadline for submission of full papers

Authors are invited to submit manuscripts, not to exceed 5,000 words, by **March 31, 2008**, to jjeng@njcu.edu, preferably as Microsoft Word attachments.

For more information check the SIG III website (<http://www.asis.org/SIG/SIGIII/index.htm>)

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President's Letters Claudia Lux (Edited)
(President of IFLA 2007 – 2009)

We are making progress towards the development of the long-awaited advocacy unit at IFLA Headquarters. In response to an ad, applications have been received and are being evaluated for the position of Senior Policy Adviser. In the meantime, Dr. Stuart Hamilton, formerly of the FAIFE Office in Copenhagen and now back from his walk across the United States, has joined Headquarters for a six-month's stint to assist with FAIFE-related projects and general advocacy support. (December 2007)

The Governing Board (GB) has elected Jesus Lau from México as a co-opted member for the Period 2007-2009, in order to have a better representation from the Latin-America and the Caribbean Region on the Board. It has also co-opted the chair of Management of Library Associations Section, Sinikka Sipilä. (December 2007)

October started with a visit to the IFLA Headquarters on the 4th and 10th of October to talk with the staff about the structure of the headquarters to accommodate our future activities. IFLA staff was very active in brainstorming and we decided to have a second session one week later, where the President and the Secretary General talked to each of the staff personally about the issue. For those unable to be present, the president and the SG talked with each over the phone or in person at another occasion. (November 2007)

A meeting organized by the French UNESCO Commission took place in the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, to address the implementation of Action Line C.10, 'Ethical dimensions of the information society' of the Geneva Action Plan of the World Summit of the Information Society (WSIS). For more information on this Action Line, see at:

http://portal.unesco.org/ci/en/ev.php-URL_ID=24772&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html

Representatives of UNESCO, the European Parliament and experts from non-governmental organisations, universities and other institutions attended the meeting. During a round table on ethical issues regarding access to information, knowledge and culture, I gave a short statement on the important role of libraries in guaranteeing free access to information and privacy. I experienced a growing concern from governments and some other organisations with respect to free access to information. I think that it will become even more important in future for librarians to stand up for the privacy of their users and for free access to information for all citizens. (October 2007)

As the new IFLA president I welcome all new members of standing committees and I congratulate both officers and members of the new governing board on their election or re-election. I hope that my presidential theme 'Libraries on the Agenda' <http://www.ifla.org/III/PresidentsProgram.htm#President> will foster the advocacy competencies of our organisation and of librarians throughout the world.

In Durban, we happily announced a one million dollar grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to IFLA. It will help to set up the long-hoped-for advocacy position at our Headquarters in The Hague to support Free Access of Information and Freedom of Expression as well as other advocacy initiatives aiming to put libraries on the agenda and strengthen our members' advocacy competencies. I firmly believe that advocacy competence is a key element in sustaining the development of libraries.

The presentation of IFLA publications proved to be a rather successful event in Durban. The more than seven publications are another effective outcome of our association's work <http://www.ifla.org/V/saur.htm>

Letters of the President (LOP) contains LINKS for further consultation and will be sent to IFLA-L and all other mailing lists organised by IFLA - refer to <http://www.ifla.org/II/iflalist.htm>. (September 2007)



Web 2.0 for Libraries Discussion (Edited)

At the WLIC in Durban an idea was discussed to create a forum for the implication of the web 2.0 for libraries... The first step to a discussion group has been taken—the IT Section will be the official sponsor of the group. In my eyes it should create a forum where the question of library 2.0 and the ongoing development is watched and discussed in the next few years. It would be nice, if there is as much input from different sections as possible.

To create the group formally, 25 people from organisations which are IFLA members have to support the group. If you would like to do so, ... set your name and organization on the list at <http://its-sig.library2dotzero.net/index.php/Supporter>. Your organization will have no extra cost for memberships and you don't have to be a member of the IT section who is sponsoring the discussion group.

What do you think? Which themes can be discussed? If you have ideas, suggestions questions or if you would like to support the founding of the discussion group, go to the wiki (<http://its-sig.library2dotzero.net/index.php/>) or write me an email.

Feel free to forward this mail to colleges who are involved or interested in IFLA and also interested in the field of library 2.0.

Kind regards, Patrick Danowski
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ELEARN (Edited)

A brand new IFLA mailing list, set up by the IFLA E-learning Discussion Group

<http://www.ifla.org/VII/dg/eldg/index.htm>

E-learning is playing an increasingly significant role in our professional lives, either as a medium through which we learn, or as an activity that our library services must support. This is a discussion list for information professionals who are interested in issues to do with applications of e-learning in LIS education, continuing professional education and development and the operation of library services. The e-list also provides a core communication vehicle for the IFLA e-learning Discussion Group

If you are interested in these topics please join the E-list and contribute to the emerging discussion! You can subscribe to the list at: <http://infoserv.inist.fr/wwwsympa.fcgi/info/elearn> Messages intended for distribution to the list should be sent to: elearn@infoserv.inist.fr

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“The log of a librarian” (Edited)

(www.thelogofalibrarian.blogspot.com) is a professional weblog on librarianship and related issues written by an Argentinean librarian and a Spanish teacher, aimed at providing a Latin American approach to LIS issues from a personal, socially committed point of view. It was originally written in Spanish, but is updated and re-formatted in its English version. You're invited to visit it and to send us your questions, ideas and opinions...

We'll appreciate very much if you are able to spread this announcement through your national and regional listservs. You'll find our current post in the central body of the blog, and complete information in the sidebar... Be welcome to our website! Best wishes from Argentina.

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"The Politics of Promoting Freedom of Information and Expression in International Librarianship: The IFLA/FAIFE Project"

by Alex Byrne

The Free Access to Information and Freedom of Expression (FAIFE) initiative took the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) outside its traditional focus on the status and techniques of the profession and postulated a new role for the Federation. FAIFE invested librarianship with a higher responsibility: to promote the fundamental human right to information. This responsibility has been embraced as the key principle underlying and informing library and information service.

This study by Alex Byrne, outgoing president of IFLA, traces the development and implementation of the FAIFE initiative by IFLA. It traces the origins of the decision to implement this initiative and assesses the outcomes of its first five years as it developed from a project into a continuing and central program of the Federation. Both the internal effects on IFLA and the consequences of the project for the profession of librarianship are explored. "The Politics of Promoting Freedom of Information and Expression in International Librarianship: The IFLA/FAIFE Project" offers a rare example of an international professional association in transition. In examining this project to promote unrestricted access to information as the reciprocal right of freedom of expression, the research becomes a case study of the politics of an expanding sense of professionalism.

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<http://www.ifla.org/VII/s35/pubs/avm-guidelines04-af.pdf>

Many thanks to staff of the Genealogical Institute of South Africa and in particular to Otto Krauss for carrying out this translation and Leon Endemann for editing it for publication. Volunteers to make other translations are always very welcome.

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Registry of open-knowledge projects

The Open Knowledge Foundation (OKF)

<http://www.okfn.org/> has officially launched its Comprehensive Knowledge Archive Network (CKAN). <http://www.ckan.net/>.

CKAN is a registry of open knowledge packages and projects - be that a set of Shakespeare's works, a global population density database, the voting records of MPs, or 30 years of US patents. CKAN is the place to search for open knowledge resources as well as register your own....

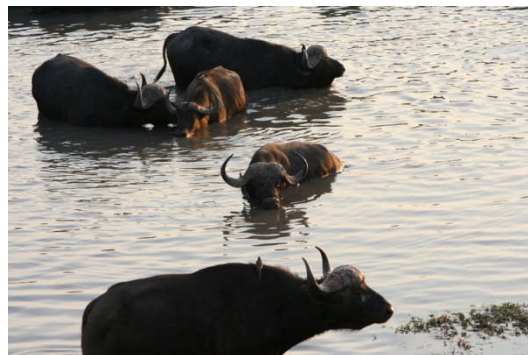
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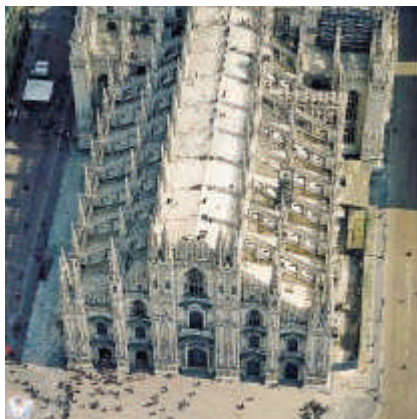
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23 - 27 AUGUST 2009

In 2009 we will celebrate the 75th anniversary of the IFLA Conference which first took place in Rome in 1928. This represented the first meeting for the newborn International Foundation of

Library Associations. It has been 75 years since that remarkable and fundamental event and 45 years since the IFLA congress was last held in Rome. The World Library and Information Congress will once more come back to Italy, this time, in Milan from 23 to 27 August 2009 at the Milan Convention Centre which is the largest and best equipped congress centre located in "Fiera Milano City".

The city of Milan has been selected to host IFLA 2009 following an extensive, intelligent and constructive effort by the Italian librarians within the IFLA research commissions. It also reflects the growing presence at the international congresses, as well as the organisation of seminars and conferences and the translation of IFLA official documentation. In particular this choice rewards the commitment of the Italian Libraries Association (AIB), which included the IFLA congress in Italy among the priorities in its main programme.

The IFLA 2009 congress is the result of the combined commitment of the major public and private institutions, including national and local, all dealing with libraries: in particular, the Cultural Heritage Ministry, the Ministry of University, the Region "Lombardia", the Province of Milan and the City of Milan. The Italian National Committee represents the best source of expertise coming from the professional community of Italian librarians and from the libraries of any kind: state libraries, academic libraries, local libraries, church libraries, research and private libraries.

Italy, because of the geographic location, serves as a bridge between cultures and civilisations with their extraordinary values, all leading to the Mediterranean Sea. IFLA 2009 will represent a remarkable connection between people and culture, which will be a guarantee for a real future with peace and democracy.

Theme

Libraries create futures: building on cultural heritage.

Thanks to libraries, civilisations have gathered and stored evidence of their manual, scientific, artistic, literary, musical as well as religious activity. Assuredly, libraries preserve the bases and the roots of human knowledge. Knowledge transmission today has radically changed: the scope of bibliography has widened immensely. Libraries therefore had to update their role: preservation and access are still the main points to be achieved, though in a new, critical and professional way, in order to assure the adequate standard of the service. In this way libraries keep pace with the change brought about by history and technology, helping to shape the future through the resources inherited from the past for example cultural heritage. Century long traditions have created a vast and diversified context, in which mediaeval libraries (mostly in monasteries and universities), live together with Renaissance libraries as well as modern libraries, whose efficient standards promote public reading and research effectively.

Libraries keep the balance between past and present and they turn roots into vital elements for the future, paving the way to the development of society, to promote better quality of life and encourage contacts between different civilizations and cultures all over the world.

Today Italy on the Mediterranean coast is like a bridge between Europe, Africa and the Middle East and plays a leading role for peace and cooperation among the people. This enables libraries, through their rich historic tradition and their technological developments to be considered as a decisive factor to achieve this aim.



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