

## ***IFLA 2010 - Conference in Gothenburg, Sweden***

*Something amazing I've ever had before!*



Owing to the IFLA National Committee and to the support of other sponsors I was lucky to participate at the 76th IFLA General Conference and Assembly in Gothenburg, Sweden on August 10-15, 2010. The Committee provided grants for young specialists and we were a group of 35 grantees from all over the world. Participating in such an amazing activity for me is a

fantastic opportunity to gain experience and fresh ideas from the colleagues, share knowledge with them and just to make new friends from hundreds of countries. I felt myself special from the very beginning because the IFLA headquarters gave us, grantees, the opportunity to attend a pre-conference session “The Global Librarian Satellite Meeting”, which took place in the Swedish School of Library and Information Sciences at the University of Borås. The sessions contained the information on various topics and they were really informative and useful for my further professional work.



After the sessions in Borås we straightly went to Gothenburg for the Main conference. The activities began the next day after we arrived.

In the very beginning of the conference I made several valuable visits to the libraries of Gothenburg: Gothenburg City Library and Library for Children and Adults. I was impressed with the warm and friendly atmosphere of the libraries and great resources available for all users at these libraries.



The next day was an opening of

the conference. The most spectacular part was Opening Session. There was an interesting speech of the keynote speaker and the head of IFLA Congress at the beginning of the session. Then the performance of ABBA - it was really exciting! Within the conference I attended some of the sessions: Newcomers session, Bill & Melinda Gates foundation session, National libraries with CLM and others. Taking an opportunity I spent my free time strolling about the streets and visiting some beautiful places in the city.

In conclusion of my brief report I would like to thank IFLA National Committee and all sponsors for this opportunity of attending such an amazing conference. Of course such events are very useful and essential for librarians and young specialists.

At the end of my trip I decided for myself that Sweden is a country I would be happy to visit again.

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