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The Government Libraries Section is one of 48 sections and 11 Special Interest Groups within IFLA. The Government Libraries Section newsletter is available on our IFLA website at:

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Guidelines for Libraries of Government Departments

A recent major effort of the Government Libraries Section was the publication of *Guidelines for Libraries of Government Departments*. The *Guidelines* were published in 2008 and cover areas such as staffing, services, budgeting, collection development, advocacy, marketing, cooperation, privacy and other areas of interest and use to government libraries. It is available on our IFLA website at: <http://archive.ifla.org/VII/s4/pubs/Profrep106.pdf>.

Government Libraries Section conference activities

The Government Libraries Section sponsors at least one program at every conference that focuses on issues of interest to government libraries. Recent conferences included programs on providing services in multiple official languages, the politics of government information, information literacy in a democracy, and national information policies.

Meeting times

The Government Library Section meets twice at the annual IFLA conference. The meetings are open and visitors are invited to attend.

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Becoming a member of the Government Libraries Section

Elections are held for IFLA section membership every two years. To be eligible to be on the Government Libraries Section, your library, library association, or other institution must be a member of both IFLA and the Government Libraries Section. You must then be nominated by this member institution to become a member of the Section. You must also submit your nomination forms prior to the deadline set by IFLA. If there are less than 20 people nominated or continuing on the committee, your appointment will be automatic. If there are more than 20 people, a determination will be made by IFLA officers. Each Section may have up to 5 corresponding members appointed by the chair.

Strategic Plan

GOAL 1. Promote government libraries and government information service.

The Section will work to help government libraries function successfully in their environments and promote international communication with through our electronic newsletter.

GOAL 2: Expand the ability of government libraries staff and the members of the Government Libraries Section to communicate on issues, policies, and operations.

The section aims to develop library professionals by widening their network

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contacts allowing discussion of matters of professional interest, in particular, in relation to their official functions as government librarians.

GOAL 3: Promote government libraries and information centres with models and best practices for their operations and strategic planning.

We aim to identify and inform section members via conferences, and dissemination of a newsletter of best practices to enable and enhance development within their own workplace.

GOAL 4: Increase membership of the Section

By increasing knowledge of our activities, the section aims to increase the size of its membership to ensure not only viability but a continual and rising pool of information professionals dedicated to their specialist function as well as contributing to the wider information field.