



The Researcher-Librarian Partnership:

An IFLA Library Theory and Research Section Research Mentoring Program for New Professionals

The **Researcher-Librarian Partnership** is a new initiative of IFLA's Library Theory and Research Section for 2010.

Research skill and knowledge are *the* essential tool kit for ensuring that libraries and librarians continue to effectively and efficiently meet the evolving needs of the clients and communities they serve.

The *Researcher-Librarian Partnership* is a mentoring Program that will provide the opportunity for new professionals to develop and refine their skill, knowledge and confidence in conducting research. The Partnership is proudly supported by the Library Theory and Research Section of IFLA.

The Partnership is open to practising librarians who have no more than seven years of professional experience in the library and information science sector at the time of application. The Partnership is not open to individuals occupying research or teaching positions. Participants will be selected to reflect the range and diversity of the organization and institutions that represent the IFLA membership.

The purpose of the Partnership is to provide the opportunity for recipients to receive expert coaching and guidance as they undertake a research project on a selected library or information issue.

Up to six recipients will be selected to take part in the Partnership in 2010. The successful recipients will be matched with a mentor who has experience in conducting research. The recipients are required to:

- participate in regular teleconferences and other program activities
- submit a research proposal and interim report
- on completion of the program submit a comprehensive report which may be published via IFLA channels (ie LTR Section web site, annual congress).

Nominations will be considered by a Selection Committee and recommendations made to the Library Theory and Research Standing Committee. Nominations close on **3 May 2010**. Download the application form <http://www.ifla.org/en/library-theory-and-research/projects>. Applications should be submitted via email to the LTR Selection Committee Chair, Associate Professor Helen Partridge at h.partridge@qut.edu.au