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Social Science Libraries Section



From the Chair

Dear Social Science Colleagues,

I hope you are looking forward to Gothenburg! If you are able to attend, we promise an interesting and informative program on Thursday, August 12, 9:30 a.m. *Making It Count – Social Science Data Literacy as an Information Fluency* is a joint presentation with the Information Literacy Section. We will be exploring experiences working in the classroom and working with a larger public to support the understanding of statistics that are so important for sustainable development.

A new book, *Social Science Libraries: Interdisciplinary Collections, Services, Networks** was just published by De Gruyter Saur as IFLA Publication 144. It contains essays highlighting the changes that are occurring throughout the social sciences and the impact these changes are having on the social science library. **The work is one of the products of our last satellite conference in Toronto in 2008.**

Speaking of satellite conferences, we have been approved to sponsor a satellite conference next year. We have not settled upon a theme for the conference at this time, so if you have suggestions, please do not hesitate to send them my way. Tentatively, we are planning on holding the satellite conference in Havana, Cuba. IFLA/WLIC will be held in San Juan, Puerto Rico in 2011. Start planning now to attend and participate in the conference.

IFLA is developing a new strategic planning process to coordinate with the changes in structure that occurred after 2008. The new plan should cover the years 2010-2015. The plan will be announced at the annual congress in Gothenburg this year. We are anxious to see the results of this planning and look forward to helping the organization achieve its goals. No doubt the Section will be working on new projects to align with the strategic directions of the larger organization. We are currently looking at a project related to **competencies in social science librarianship**. If you know of any that have been published, please send us an email with information on where they can be found.

Hope you all are having a productive and interesting summer.
Best wishes,

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*Editor's Note: This volume was edited by former Chair, Steve Witt, & current Chair, Lynne Rudasill.
<http://www.ifla.org/en/publications/ifla-publications-series-144>

“Making It Count: Social Science Data Literacy As an Information Fluency”

The **Social Science Libraries Committee**, along with the Information Literacy Committee, will present the above titled program at the IFLA conference in **Gothenburg, Sweden on Thursday, August 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. (Part 1 - 9.30 - 10.45; Part 2 - 11.00 - 12.45)**

The roles of both the social sciences and information literacy are keys to sustainable development. A large body of knowledge exists in the form of data, statistics, and datasets, much of which is essential to ongoing development and security. Statistical and information literacy provide the basis for comparison, understanding, and forecasting conditions for economic and social development for students and scholars.

Access to this type of data exists in a variety of venues from government to multi-national corporations to small non-governmental organizations. Through formal presentations, this program will explore the availability of this type of information and the skills needed to access, understand and use statistical information for development. Presentations include:

The Importance of Understanding Statistics
Lisa Hinchliffe --- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
USA

Training Undergraduate Students to Search and Use Statistical Information: A Cooperation between Professors
and Librarians
Raul Agulera, Tony Hernandez-Perez, Mayte Ramos and Marina Vianello, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
SPAIN

Using Web-Based Software to Promote Data Literacy in a Large Enrollment Undergraduate Course
Harrison Dekker --- University of California, Berkeley
USA

Respect, Trust and Engagement: Creating an Australian Indigenous Data Archive
Gabrielle Gardiner, Memima McDonald, Alex Byrne and Kirsten Thorpe -- University of Technology, Sydney
AUSTRALIA

Skills Development to Assist Data Usage for Policymaking in Africa
Lynn Woolfrey, DataFirst Resource Unit, University of Cape Town
SOUTH AFRICA

Adding It All Up - Lynne Rudasill - University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA
Chair, Social Science Libraries Section
We hope you can join us

**Social Science Libraries
Standing Committee Meetings
Gothenburg, Sweden**

**Tuesday 10 August 2010 SC-I
(8.30-11.20) Room G3**

**Saturday 14 August 2010 SC-II
SC-II (13.15-14.45) Room G1**

**All Committee Members are
expected to attend –**

Observers are welcome!

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Other meetings in Gothenburg:



10-15 August 2010, Gothenburg, Sweden

*Monday, 9 August
Professional Committee
Governing Board
Monday and Wednesday, 9 and 11 August
Division Leadership Forum Meetings
Tuesday, 10 August*

*Caucus Meetings (Check to see if
your country is meeting and when!)*

Wednesday, 11 August

Orientation for Newcomers

Opening Session

Friday and Saturday, August 13 and 14

*Officer's Training Session(s)
(Section Officers should Choose
One)*

Saturday, 14 August

*IFLA Publications (See Social Science
Libraries Section Volume, IFLA Pub.
144)*

*Saturday, 14 August
IFLA General Assembly
Sunday, 15 August
Web Editor's Meeting
Closing Session*

IFLA Update from the American Libraries Association Annual Conference June 2010

By Lynne Rudasill, Chair

A session was held for all of the delegates to IFLA from the American Library Association at its annual meeting last week. I have summarized the results below.

President Elect Ingrid Parent reported that she had just come back from Haiti where an agreement between the Blue Shield and the Haitian Ministry of Culture had been signed. IFLA is setting up a treatment center for materials that were damaged in the earthquake. Expert volunteers are still needed to man this center although about 500 individuals have already signed up from throughout the world. She also reported on the children's responses to the temporary schools that had been set up in the area of Port- Au-Prince. The students she had spoken with described their relief and happiness at being back in classrooms even though most of them were simply and awning hung over two temporary walls.

Parent also discussed her Presidential Theme for 2011-2013. It is still in draft form, and therefore subject to change, but at this point in time it is "Libraries Shape the Future." It relates primarily to the question, "What do you do once you have access?" and emphasizes the partnership between libraries and users. Four topics tentatively identified for exploration under this theme are inclusiveness, convergence, innovation and transformation. The theme will be discussed further at the Gothenburg conference on Friday morning. She is looking for input from all members. Donna Scheeder of the Governing Board discussed the Strategic Plan 2010-2012.

Strategic Plan 2010-2012 Four goals and action priorities

Discussion at IFLA/WLIC Keep watching the IFLA homepage for a link to the proposal!

- Empowering Libraries for Equitable Access

- Building Strategic Capacity

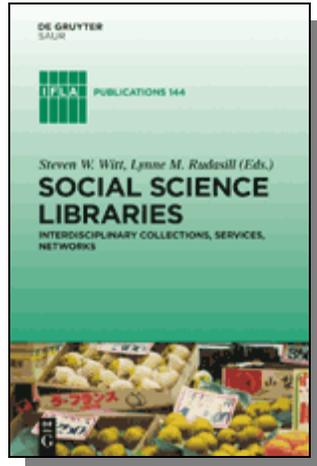
- Transforming the Profile and Standing of the Profession

- Representing the Interest of IFLA and its Users

A separate organization is being developed to oversee and control conference management. Future conferences will probably have greater tracking of themes and emphasize collaborations for broader interest in programs. In addition, different ways of choosing venues for the conferences are being developed. The three year rotation for geographic areas will continue but in a change to the site selection process, a call for interest will be issued followed by evaluation of the possible sites.

Secretary General Jennifer Nicholson conveyed the appreciation from Haitian librarians and libraries for the messages of concern. According to Nicholson these messages really helped people get through the days following the tragedy. IFLA related issues she discussed included:

- better integration of IFLA's roles throughout the organization
- building capacity and sustainability throughout the world
- increasing language content on the IFLA site
- restructuring funding – moving to a more top down approach operated out of headquarters
- creating new partnerships – including such things as the Building Strong Library Associations Program that includes a "light touch" approach to assisting developing associations and working with the Gates Foundation
- and continuing work on legal matters – progress has been made on the issue of library exceptions and limitations (she is very optimistic that it is on the agenda for WSIS).



**Social Science Libraries:
Interdisciplinary Collections,
Services, Networks** by **Steven W.
Witt and Lynne M. Rudasill**
(editors)

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This volume focuses on practical and empirical accounts of organizational change in the social sciences and impacts upon the professional skills, collections, and services within social science libraries.

Section one focuses upon the question of interdisciplinary within social science libraries and the role of libraries to both react to and facilitate paradigm shifts in research and science.

Section two focuses on the rise of data as a resource to be collected and shared within social science libraries. The third section focuses on the role of librarians to facilitate the development of social organizations that develop around new technologies and research communities.

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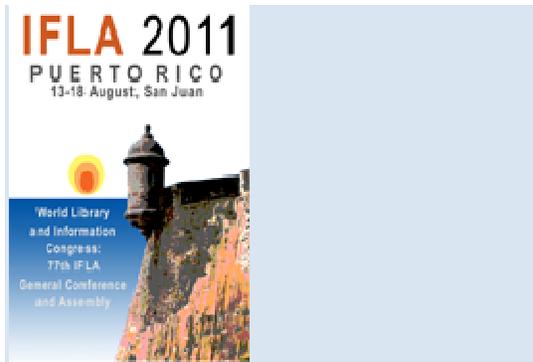
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World Library and Information Congress: 77th IFLA General Conference and Assembly

"Libraries beyond libraries: Integration, Innovation and Information for all"

Make plans NOW for 2011 in Puerto Rico

13-18 August 2011, San Juan, Puerto Rico



World Library and Information Congress: 78th IFLA General Conference and Assembly

**Theme: "Libraries Now! - Inspiring, Surprising, Empowering"
Helsinki, Finland; 11-16 August 2012**



LIZ COOPER, SECRETARY/TREASURER PREPARED THE MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MILAN, ITALY, 2009. THESE WERE PUBLISHED AND ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT THE IFLA SOCIAL SCIENCE LIBRARIES WEBSITE

BRING THESE MINUTES WITH YOU TO OUR STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN GOTHENBURG, SWEDEN 2010





FOCUS ON MEMBER Steve Witt
Social Science Libraries Standing Committee
IFLA Professional Committee

Steve Witt, Associate Director of the Center for Global Studies, is a librarian with professional and research interests in socio-technical networks in transdisciplinary research and the expanding role of NGOs in knowledge creation and dissemination. He recently edited the volume *Social Science Libraries in the 21st Century: Collections, Services, and Networks in the Global Age* (K.G. Saur, 2010). For the past 15 years, Mr. Witt has supported library instruction, collections and knowledge management in Corporate and Academic libraries. In his current position, he supports research and dissemination of knowledge on global governance and problems of system risk that arise through the processes of globalization. He is also a member of the Governing Board of the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA), serving as the Vice-Chair of IFLA's Professional Committee and a member of the Conference Advisory Committee. Since 2002, Mr. Witt has been very active in the IFLA Social Science Libraries section, having served as the standing committee's secretary and chair.

DRAFT AGENDA: Gothenburg, Sweden
Social Science Libraries Standing Committee Meeting

TUESDAY 10 AUGUST 2010 SC-I (8:30-11:20) - ROOM G3
 SATURDAY 14 AUGUST 2010 SC-II (13:15-14:45) - ROOM G1

THURSDAY, 12 AUGUST 2010, PROGRAM WITH INFORMATION LITERACY (09:30 - 12:45) - Room: Hall B | SI
Making it count, social science data literacy as an information fluency

Draft Agenda:

1. Welcome and Introduction Members and Guests
2. Convening of Meeting
 - a. Apologies
 - b. Adoption of Agenda
3. Review and Approval of Minutes of the Standing Committee Meetings in Milan, Italy (Meetings of 22 and 27 August 2009)
 - Matters arising from these minutes
4. Report from Division Meetings (L Rudasill)
5. Financial Report (L Cooper)
6. Accomplishments of Soc Sci Standing Committee (L Rudasill)
 - a. "Social Science Libraries: Interdisciplinary, Collections, Services, Networks" edited by S Witt and L Rudasill, IFLA Publication Series 144
 - b. Other
7. Gothenburg, Sweden Program 2010 Theme - "Open Access to Knowledge - Promoting Sustainable Progress" (L Rudasill and L Cooper)
8. Old Business
 - a. Satellite Conference 2011, planned for pre-IFLA Puerto Rico Conference - Cuba (proposal accepted)
 - b. From Notes, Second Standing Committee Meeting, Milan 2009:
 - Best Practices Manual - what's out there (Liz, Maria, Lynne)
 - Promotion of Work of the Committee & its Accomplishments
 - Other
 - c. Membership Recruitment - Names
9. Program for IFLA 2011, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 13 - 18 August (Theme-"Libraries Beyond Libraries: Integration, Innovation and Information for All")
10. Program Ideas for IFLA 2012, Helsinki, Finland, 11-16 August, Theme: "Libraries Now! - Inspiring, Surprising, Empowering"
11. Social Science Section annual review and Strategic Plan
12. Communications Report
 - a. Newsletter(W Newman)
 - b. Listserve (W Newman)
 - c. Leaflet and Translation Status(L Cooper and J Hellemans)
 - d. Update on IFLANET SOCSCI Website <http://www.ifla.org/en/social-science-libraries> (W Newman)
 - e. Other

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