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Letter from the Chair



I trust all delegates returned safely to their home countries after the conference in Cape Town, and I extend a warm welcome to new and returning Standing Committee members. Reflecting on the presentations I attended during the conference, I am inspired by the work being conducted by librarians around the globe, and I feel extremely honored to be elected the chair for the Social Science Library Section. Along with Sylvia Piggott, secretary, and Maud Mundava, information coordinator, I look forward to represent our Section within the IFLA community and beyond. Our conference program in Cape Town, "How Libraries Support Social economic Policy and Programme Development for Societal Improvements: Assessment, Products, Marketing

and Access," was co-sponsored by the Library and Research Services for Parliaments Section. The program, in world café format, was a great success, attracting more than 200 attendees. While in Cape Town, our Section Standing Committee started to draft the document in support of the Lyon Declaration. It is now available on the [IFLA Website](#).

A sub-group of the Standing Committee is in the process of working on the Section's strategic goals and action plan for 2015-2016, which will inform the design of our conference program in Columbus (2016). The Asia and Oceania Section has already expressed interest in co-sponsorship of the conference program, and it will certainly be a pleasure to work collaboratively with colleagues from other sections. The Relindial SIG, affiliated with the Section, is also planning a program for the conference in Columbus. Odile Dupont, the continuing SIG convener, and her colleagues are working with partners based in the United States.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to Dr. Chiku Mchombu, my predecessor as chair of our Section, for her support and guidance. I would also like to congratulate Dr. Mchombu and her Namibian colleagues for organizing and hosting a magnificent IFLA Satellite Conference, "The Role of Libraries and Information Centers in Supporting National Development" The Satellite Conference was sponsored by the IFLA Social Science Libraries Section Standing Committee, the Human Rights and Documentation Center in the Faculty of Law of the University of Namibia, the Namibia National Libraries and Archives, and the Namibia Information Workers Association. The 158 registered delegates from China, Estonia, Namibia, South Africa, Spain, Tanzania, and United States, enjoyed the stimulating presentations, film screening, and world café discussions. Those of us who attended the conference will cherish meeting young Namibian librarians and library school students. Their love and commitment for the profession was invigorating and will stay with us forever.

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Welcome: New and Returning Members



Lynne M. Rudasill is an Associate Professor and Global Studies Librarian at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Her areas of specialization include Global Studies, European Union Studies and Political Science. She served as the Chair of the IFLA Professional Committee, 2013-2015. Her earlier involvement in IFLA has also included service as Chair of Division I and Chair of the Social Science Libraries Section. Her research is in the area of scholarly communication, and most recently she has been exploring the information landscape to identify and articulate the impact of technology, social media, and grey literature on library and information science and society.

Segametsi Molawa holds an M(Bibl) from the University of Pretoria and is presently Director, Information Services at the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC). In the last sixteen years, Segametsi has occupied various leadership positions in Library and Information Services. She was the Corporate Librarian at the Agricultural Research Council (ARC), Director of Library and Documentation Services at the Africa Institute of South Africa (AISA), before AISA, she was Deputy Director: Information Service at the Government Communication and Information System (GCIS). Her accomplishments include, being part of a team that mobilized for the unification of Library and Information Services, resulting in the establishment of the Library and Information Association of South Africa (LIASA) in July 1997. She has served at various levels of the association regionally and nationally. Segametsi is the current President of LIASA, 2014-2016 and was the co-chair in hosting IFLA conference 2015 in Cape Town, South Africa. She is a board member in three councils, including the National Council for Libraries and Information Services (NCLIS), the body that advises the Ministers of Arts and Culture and Education on all matters pertaining to Library and Information Services in the country. Segametsi is driven by passion to serve and contribute towards access to information for a better life for all.



Maud Mundava is the Curriculum Materials Librarian and Selection Coordinator at the AUC-Robert W. Woodruff Library in Atlanta, Georgia. She is a subject liaison for Education, Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice. Maud is a Fulbright graduate from SUNY Buffalo, NY and recently obtained her MBA from Mercer University. She is a recipient of several grants and scholarships including, American Association of University Women (AAUW) Career Development Grant, ACRL's National Conference Librarian Scholarship, and the HBCU Alliance/(ASERL) grant to work on a project: assisting faculty incorporate emerging technologies into the classroom. Her research interests are varied, but in particular she is interested NextGen in the workplace, fair use of information, in particular plagiarism, marketing approaches, and the application of emerging technologies into instruction. Maud has presented papers at several conferences and published articles on plagiarism, marketing approaches, and diversity issues in libraries. In her leisure time, she enjoys spending time with her kids and traveling.

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IFLA General Conference, August, 15-21 2015, Cape Town, South Africa

[Complete approved minutes of the Standing Committee meeting in Cape Town South Africa](#)



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IFLA – Satellite Conference in Windhoek, August 11– 12 2015

“The Role of Libraries and Information Centers in Supporting National Development”

Dr. Chiku Mnubi-Mchombu (IFLA-Social Sciences Chairperson), along with Namibian colleagues, planned this 2-day conference. In addition to Namibian colleagues and institutions in Namibia that sponsored the conference: Ministry of Education, Namibia National Library and Archives Services; Human Rights and Documentation Centre, Faculty of Law, University of Namibia; and Namibia Information Workers Association; and IFLA Social Science Libraries Section Standing Committee, several SSL-SC members attended the conference. It was a big success. By Dr. Chiku Mnubi-Mchombu.



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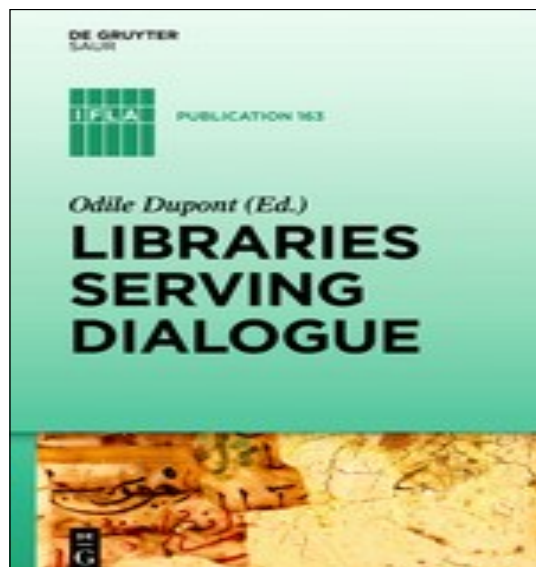
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Religious Libraries and Dialogue Special Interest Group —SIG Relindial

Relindial SIG proposed a name change from “Religious Libraries in Dialogue” to “**Religions, Libraries and Dialogue**”. The new name is more inclusive than the previous one. In November 2014, Odile visited academic and research libraries in Japan to disseminate Relindial IFLA SIG. Relindial is partnering with the NGO “*Coexister*”, a youth organization that develops different interfaith initiatives, in France and around the world. The purpose of the initiative is to promote mutual understanding.

Two collaborative projects are on the way:

- Sharing our contacts with Interfaith Tour 2, that tours interfaith initiatives all over the world.
- Initiating a collaboration around the project *Relindial Cartonera* with the *Solidarité* department of *Coexister*.”



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