

# Newsletter social Science Libraries Section Number 2 2016

## Letter from the Chair



I hope you have been well since the 2016 IFLA/WLIC in Columbus. The Social Science Libraries Section had a very productive congress. The conference program “User Experience (UX) and Social Science Libraries in the Digital Age” presented excellent papers on creative ways libraries around the world are engaged in improving the experience of the user community. It was exciting to collaborate with the Asia and Oceania section which led to papers that included diverse perspectives on the role of social science libraries around the world. I am very grateful for the mighty work by our SSL-SC members who reviewed submissions and served in different capacity ensuring the success of the program. Thanks to Araceli Garcia Martin and Magali Hurtrell-Pizarro, the SSL presented the poster “*Cartonera* publishing: an innovative technique to engage social science library users and promote dialogue, understanding and tolerance.” It highlighted section accomplishments, including the Relindial SIG activities. The Relindial colleagues held a pre-conference and also organized a panel presentation during the IFLA/WLIC with great success, facilitating understanding among people of different cultures and religious backgrounds.

Another excellent SSL news is that the revised conference papers of the 2015 SSL Satellite Conference in Windhoek, Namibia will be published in a special issue of the *IFLA Journal* with theme “The role of libraries and information centres in supporting national development.” Congratulations to Chiku Mchombu and Namibian colleagues for this colossal accomplishment!

We have also been planning for the 2017 IFLA/WLIC in Wroclaw. The SSL-SC conference planning subgroup of Debora Cheney, Maud Mundava, Sylvia Piggott, Lynne Rudasill and myself received valuable contributions from Celia Emmelhainz and Johanna Lahikainen. The off-site one-day workshop “Understanding your library from the inside out: a workshop on library ethnography for user assessment” will be held at Wroclaw University Library and we secured funding from Elsevier (lunch). Another thrilling development is that the SSL will be co-sponsoring with the Arts Section the program “Documenting art of modern and contemporary social movements and social activities.”

Another project that emerged from casual conversations in Columbus was the analysis of the *IFLA Library* corpus for trends in social science research to develop a more thorough understanding of the social science literature contained in the *IFLA Library*. Let’s hope the resource request for this project becomes a reality.

Once again, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all SSL-SC members for their support, collaboration and inspiration. I look forward to continue working with you in 2017.

Best wishes,

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## CONFERENCE

### “Women’s Rights and the Role of Women in Poverty Eradication,”

Human Rights & Documentation Centre, University of Namibia in Partnership with the Embassy of Finland, Windhoek Namibia ,  
October 11-12, 2016

by Chiku Mchombu



*Women’s Rights Conference, Participants with the First Lady of Republic of Namibia*

The Human Rights & Documentation Centre, Faculty of Law, University of Namibia in collaboration with the Embassy of Finland in Namibia, held a conference from 11th – 12th October 2016 on the theme: Women’s Rights and The Role of Women in Poverty Eradication. The Conference attracted more than 100 participants from the local and international arena, including the following countries – Botswana, Cameroon, Finland, Namibia and the USA. The objective of the conference was to encourage dialogue and share experiences on how to promote the rights of women. There was 1 documentary presented on gender based violence and 18 papers were presented on the following sub-themes:

- Women in decision making;
- The role of women in supporting the national economy;
- Gender based violence;
- Women’s rights to health; and
- Harmful & traditional cultural practices.

It was unanimously agreed to at the conference that it is vital to promote women’s rights as they are a key component of the society and indeed any aspirations for economic development in any country in the world. To that end, more issues need to be covered in future conferences on the same theme. Male participants to the conference must be increased as this approach will provide a holistic approach to addressing the scourge of gender-based violence and the regrettable exclusion of women from economic participation and development processes. It is hoped that with the continued support from policy makers and social partners, more can be achieved for women in Namibia and beyond. Their rights will be protected in a more defined manner and room for their participation in economic activities will be enlarged.

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## Section News and Reports

### Relindial

by Odile Dupont



#### *“Fostering Global Communication among Religions and Libraries”*

Satellite meeting, Columbus, Ohio, August, 13, 2016  
Co-organized, ATLA (American Theological Library Association)

The panel session was well attended with 35 people in the audience. For speakers and programme: [click here](#).

#### *“Connections, Collaboration Community”*

58 people attended the panel session.

A few highlights of the panel session include a discussion on:

Religious education projects with collaborative teaching and technology tools. Unity and diversity: collections and connections in an interdisciplinary and multilingual community.

Cartonera Poster, in the picture: Kayo Denda, Odile Dupont, Chiku Mchombu  
Aracelis Mester: Co-

## Upcoming, 2017

Relindial is currently busy preparing for the Wroclaw WLIC IFLA session and writing the Guidelines for the Relindial Cartonera project, in particular, 2 projects in the Médiathèque drômoise des sciences religieuses:

A project for young adults, high schoolers in Paris, and a group of women adults, involved in friendship muslims-christians. Also, a cartonera outreach program is being established in Lebanon.

**\*\*Please contact Odile DuPont for more information on launching a *cartonera project*.**

Best,

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## Section Kudos

SSL members and conference program panelists



**Theme: User Experience (UX) and Social Science Libraries in the Digital Age, with 152 attendees**

**Cartonera poster created by Araceli Garcia Martin and Magali Hurtrel-Pissarro.**

An innovative technique to engage social science library users and promote dialog, understanding and tolerance .



## Debora Cheney



IFLA Conference Proceeding paper is the 15th most downloaded content in entire IFLA Library. The paper was presented at the Singapore IFLA congress

*"Text mining newspapers and news content: new trends and research methodologie"* [More information is here](#)

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## IFLA World Library and Information Congress August, 13-19, 2016, Columbus, Ohio, [United States of America](#)

SSL SC section members and friends



Dinner at Forno restaurant:  
Debora Cheney, Celia Emmelhainz,  
Sylvia Piggott



A tour of the Thompson Library to IFLA attendees

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## Upcoming



IFLA World Library and Information Congress, 83 IFLA General Conference and Assembly, August 19 –25, 2016, Wrocław, Poland.

[Full Conference Programme including registration, travel, and accommodation details!](#)

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