From the Regional Manager’s desk …………………… 1

~ Update
~ Take note
- Membership
- Newsletter articles
- IFLA - L

WLIC 2013 …………………………………………………… 3

Africa Section focus at WLIC 2012 ……………………… 3
~ Call for papers

Regional Office news ……………………………………… 4
~ From the Chair’s pen

IFLA HQ News …………………………………………….. 6
~ ALP Update
- BLSA
- Small projects
- International leadership programme
~ Membership news
~ IFLA publications
~ Port Harcourt
~ Presidential newsletter
~ Staff movement
~ Libraries and Beyond Access
~ Call for nominations
~ IFLA Professional Committee

Events! Events! ……………………………………………… 9
~ African Public Libraries Summit
~ IFLA President visit LIASA Office
~ NatLib Africa
~ Goethe –Institut South Africa
~ Malawi
~ Berlin 10 Open Access Conference
  Berlin 10 ...cont.
~ APL, Mauritius

Blue tab ………………………………………………………… 13

Africa ululates ……………………………………………… 13

Diary of events ……………………………………………… 14

FROM THE REGIONAL MANAGER’S DESK

Lindy Nhlapo, Regional Manager for Africa

Another year gone by and we still standing and we wonder how did we make it thus far. It is that time where we seat back, introspect and check how better we should have done it. In exhalation, we say we forge on to sustain ourselves in the global arena.

Helsinki, what an inspiring satellite meeting we hosted, Africa Section together with the Regional Office for Africa. The attendance was surprisingly good. Together with the main conference we were really empowered and we left wiser than we came.

Just few weeks from WLIC in Helsinki, early September, I had an honour to meet with one of the Founder Member of Emerald, Dr. Keith Howard accompanied by Peter Shelley – Emerald Board Member together with Emerald staff from the South African Office. From Unisa, Dr. Buhle Mbambo – Thata and the Unisa Library Directorate on Collection Development. For me, the best outcome of the meeting is the continued support by Emerald of Africa Section activities.

Again in 2012 we had solemnized partnership with Bill & Melinda Gates foundation where we hosted, a historical African Public Libraries Summit held September in South Africa. The theme of the summit was “Informing Africa, Developing Africa” What a humbling experience to hang out with politicians [ministers and secretaries of states]. Their presence really elevated the status of public librarians.

Ingrid Parent managed to fit in her schedule a visit to the Regional Office and Unisa Library Directorate. From here she visited the National Library of South Africa where she also met with African National Librarians. A visit to LIASA National Office which is part of the National Library. LIASA staff could not believe such a gesture which they were not aware of, they felt extremely humbled.
After her official opening speech at the summit, Ingrid Parent went to meet with Unisa Vice Principal in renewal of Unisa/IFLA partnership of hosting the Regional Office for Africa and the outcome was good, see more details on an article of this contract.

Before her departure, IFLA President, Ingrid Parent, managed to visit the Johannesburg City Library which has been declared a Heritage site with its renovations funded by Carnegie, Mandela House in Soweto which has been converted into a museum, The Hector Peterson Memorial which neighbours prominent South African struggle stalwarts’ [Sisulu, Mothopeng] amongst others.

As we say in South Africa “local is lekker” I participated at the local library association conference, LIASA in the Durban, October 2012. In our midst we had the past President of IFLA, Ellen Tise, the President of ALIA, President of Zimla and President of Tanzania Library Association, an international event indeed.

Without a break, I participated in the organizing of ICADLA-3 conference through teleconferences periodically on schedule as a SC Member. ICADLA -3 will be held in Morocco, May 2013. A number of Africa Section SC Members are part of the committee including the Chair, Victoria Okojie and past Chair, Naomi Haasbroek.

I am now looking forward to the 2013 events beginning with the midterm meeting in February to held in Abuja, Nigeria; followed the Annual Public Lecture in African Librarianship in May just before I depart for ICADLA-3.

Another follow big event in 2013, if a follow up African Library Summit in July in South Africa on the theme, “The Horizon and Beyond”, see diary of events.

Colleagues, it feels good that all our meetings comes out with concrete ideas that became projects, check the diary of events and submit yours.

The Regional Office continues to host interns as part of mentorship programme encouraged by the University of South Africa. The aim of the intern training programme is to provide interns with an opportunity to learn and experience the UNISA Library, International and African Librarianship and to acquire work experience at a professional level through on-the job-training, introducing them into the workplace of a Librarian.

It is my great pleasure to wish you all a restful yearend holidays and a wonderful new year! My thoughts turn gratefully to those who have made our progress possible. And in this spirit we say simply but sincerely

Thank You and Best Wishes for the Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!

African LIS Community is encouraged to update their IFLA membership.

IFLA Africa would like to welcome all its new members and thank you for choosing us. We thank all members who sustain their membership by renewing, without you, there is no IFLA.

IFLA Africa would like to welcome all its new members and thank you for choosing us. We thank all members who sustain their membership by renewing, without you, there is no IFLA.

Merci beaucoup! Muito Obrigado! ;اليزج اركش! Thank you very much; baie dankie!

Newsletter Articles
African LIS Community is encouraged to populate the newsletter by submitting newsletter articles with photos of happening around their area. Also to be submitted is diary of events – what are you planning.

Make your submissions to: IFLA Regional Office for Africa
Lnhlapo@unisa.ac.za

IFLA-L
Stay informed! Subscribe today!

Lindy Nhlapo, South Africa
Call for Papers

IFLA Africa Section Open Forum, WLIC, Suntec City, Singapore, 2013

The IFLA annual congress will take place in Suntec City, Singapore from 17th – 23rd August, 2013. The Congress offers an opportunity to present library research outcomes and innovations in a multi-disciplinary international forum. In line with the theme of the 79th IFLA WLIC, Africa Section chose the theme: "Future African Libraries: Innovation and Creativity". IFLA Africa Section invites Librarians, Information Scientists, Information Managers and other stakeholders to submit proposals (abstracts) for papers at the Africa Section Open Forum session in Suntec City, Singapore.

Sub-Themes:
- Best Practices in African Libraries
- Multimedia Technologies: limitless gateway to information
- Local, Regional and International Collaboration, Partnership and Networking
- Re-inventing African Libraries for the 21st century
- Innovation through Education and Training in LIS
- Mentoring: exploring the creative side of Mentor/Mentee relationship
- Navigating the library for successful innovation

Submission Guidelines:

The proposal must be the original work of the author(s) and should be written in either English or French. Each abstract must contain:
* Title of proposed presentation
* Outline of the proposed presentation (no more than 350 words)
* Name(s) of presenter(s)
* Position or title of presenter(s)
* Presenter(s) employer or affiliated institution
* E-mail address, Telephone/fax numbers
* Short biographical statement of the presenter(s), with digital photograph

Please send proposals by January 18, 2013 by email to:
Victoria Okojie
Chair, IFLA Africa Section,

Please visit the website at [http://conference.ifla.org/ifla79](http://conference.ifla.org/ifla79) for all your inquiries.
And send Copy to:

Lindy Nhlapo
Manager, IFLA Regional office for Africa
Email: lnhlapo@unisa.ac.za

Important Deadlines:
January 18, 2013: Deadline for submission of Abstract
February 18, 2013: Notification of acceptance/rejection of paper
May 16, 2013: Deadline for submission of full paper

All proposals will be evaluated by a refereeing team of the Standing Committee of the IFLA Africa Section

Travels and Costs:
Please note that all fees, including registration for the conference, travel, accommodation etc. are the responsibility of the authors of the accepted papers. Presenters are advised to approach their parent organizations for sponsorship.

For information on the IFLA Africa Section, please see http://www.ifla.org/en/africa

VICTORIA OKOJIE, PhD, FNLA, CLN
Registrar/CEO, Librarians’ Registration Council of Nigeria
Chair, IFLA Africa Section 2011-
Abuja, Nigeria.
Tel: +234(0)803-334-8817
E-mail: vicokojie@yahoo.com

IFLA AFRICA SECTION SATELITTE MEETING 9-10 AUGUST, 2012

THEME: “Libraries: The Amazing Gateway to Knowledge and Power”.

The IFLA Africa Section Satellite Meeting of August 2012 took place at Pasila Library, Helsinki City Library, Helsinki, Finland from 9-10 August, 2012. Nine papers were presented at this meeting with plenary sessions and a round table. The papers were very exciting and touched on very innovative aspects relating to the theme stated above. Based on the various discussions, a number of conclusions as well as an action plan were drawn.

Plenary discussion and resolutions have been summarized below as follows:

- Copyright awareness: vigorous awareness campaigns on the topic needs to be undertaken to alert people not of the negative aspect of it but benefits thereof
- Multilingualism observation: acknowledging the main languages prevailing in the Section, English, Arabic and French, in line with IFLA Key Initiative 5 we will henceforth involve all more. In addition acknowledge the Portuguese speaking colleagues even though this is not IFLA language but part of our heritage.
- Literacy programmes: encourage African higher education institution to include literacy programme at first year level not when learners are already in the system. Deans and professors to take cognizance of this fact
- University websites: to encourage African University Libraries to have functional websites/WebPages [INASP as part of their work, they constantly look at this aspect]

The meeting adjourned as scheduled at 13h00 with lunch.
AFRICA SECTION SC MEETING I AND II
WLIC 2012, HELSINKI, FINLAND


The Chair of the IFLA Africa Section, Dr. Victoria Okojie opened the meeting with a word of welcome.

This was followed by introduction of members in attendance and noting of apologies.

Highlights of Both Meetings

The Chair encouraged the meeting to the following focused areas of the Section:

- Two Africa Section Standing Committee meeting
- The ATINA Open Forum
- The IFLA President’s Theme Session
- The IFLA President-Elect’s Theme session
- LIS Education in Developing Countries

Council of Elders

San Juan, a motion was raised for the Africa Section that the IFLA past Presidents belonging to the Section and IFLA Africa Section Chairs including the current Chair, should constitute the members of the proposed Council of Elders during the Bulawayo meeting. With respect to the role of the said Council, it was stated that, it will mentor the Section members and help in raising funds for the development of the Section.

Corresponding Members

Nominated members were introduced:

- Dr. Helena Asamoah-Hassan
- Jacinta Were
- Dr. Buhle Mbambo-Thata

These persons were thus assigned duties that were to keep them active with the Section as follows:

- Helena Asamoah-Hassan-AfLIA
- Buhle Mbambo-Thata - African Libraries Summits
- Jacinta Were – BSLA

IFLA Honours and Awards.

In Bulawayo Meeting a member of the IFLA Africa Section was nominated, name submitted to HQ and the results are being awaited from the IFLA Headquarters.

IFLA – Code of Ethic for Librarians and other Information Workers Draft.

Members were requested to get the draft from the IFLA website. They were encouraged to present their reactions for further improvement.


Kathy Matsika reported that the conference was a success with two members of the Section participating.

The SCECSAL XX Conference, Nairobi, June 2012.

Jacinta Were reported that it was a very successful and good conference with about 32 papers presented and over 26 countries in attendance. Good number of parallel sessions and a big support from publishers and a good number of the Africa Section Standing Committee members in attendance.

LIS Education For Developing Countries

A short presentation was made by Ismail Abdullahi on the history of the SIG including the 6 satellite meetings it hosted. During WLIC 2011 a proposal was submitted to IFLA HQ to transform the SIG into a section. Thus far no definite outcome yet and therefore the SIG will continue operate under Africa Section

ATINA SIG

A brief report was presented on ATINA activities by Francis Kirkwood. It was stated that a 3 day pre-conference on ATINA took place in Riga and there were participants from 23 countries in attendance. It was equally emphasized that the conference communicated in all IFLA Languages. The theme of the conference was ‘Beyond Information and ICTs.’

AfLIA Report and Way Forward

A summary report on AfLIA was presented by Helena Asamoah-Hassan as follows:

- That two meetings have been held to discuss AfLIA’s proposed structure and way forward including, a constitution.
- The Exploratory Committee has written to Library Associations as well as Academic and National Libraries to sensitize them about AfLIA.
- A large number of responses have been received which are very positive and some have made useful inputs too.
- The draft constitution that has been done and sent round, has received very useful comments that will shape it further.
- 45 responses have been received on AfLIA. On this presentation were some questions that included:
  1. Will AfLIA be Multilingual
  2. Proposal for Oversea members
  3. The extent to which countries have registered and whether the issues raised during the SCECSAL XX Conference have been addressed.
  4. Need to know the way forward for AfLIA with respect to the time lines, etc.
  5. Legal framework of AFLIA

All the above issues were addressed.

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

$1million award for public libraries presentation by Steve Bergen he informed the meeting that the application for the awards should be submitted through their website.
IFLA WLIC 2013, Singapore  The meeting was reminded of 2013 congress in Singapore and the theme. Brainstorming took place for possible theme for the Section

- Future African Libraries: Public and Community Libraries
- Future African Libraries: Innovation and Creativity in services
- African Libraries: Future Perspectives

IFLA Governing Board Update  It was indicated that the continent/Africa is scheduled to host the IFLA WLIC in 2015.

- The International IFLA Leadership Programme which has 5 participants selected from Africa out of 12 and two counselors. They were introduced.
- The meeting encouraged to attend the General Assembly because it is here that resolutions are taken and these affect us.

Division V Update

- The content of the IFLA website was to being translated into IFLA languages. French, being the first on the list

IFLA Strategic Plan and Key Initiatives  Members were encouraged to visit the website to remind themselves of IFLA Strategic Plan of Action, Mission, Vision and Core Values from 2012 to 2015 and the 5 Key Initiatives.

Africa LIS Upcoming Events  Meeting shared information on upcoming events. See diary from the June 2012 Newsletter and this issue

Next IFLA Africa Standing Committee Meeting  It was announced that the next SC Meeting will be from 6-9 February in Abuja, Nigeria, the last item of the meeting, the meeting adjourned as scheduled.

Note  Throughout the meeting there was an interjection for a Summary of proceedings in French

IFLA HQ NEWS

Building Strong Library Associations Programme

Library associations are key institutions in the library and information sector around the world. Library associations are advocates for equitable access to information, and help to build strong, sustainable library communities by improving services for library users, and supporting development of the profession. The IFLA Building Strong Library Associations Programme, launched in 2010, offers a strategic and coordinated approach to capacity building and sustainability of library associations. This report highlights the first six country projects undertaken between 2010 and 2012 including the first projects in Africa, in Botswana and Cameroon.

You can download the report from the IFLA website at: http://www.ifla.org/bsla/impact/

Each association participating in the programme has achieved membership growth, strengthened partnerships, and advocated on behalf of the profession. They have partnered with Ministries of Arts and Culture to improve funding for public libraries, worked with municipal governments to provide advice on new regional libraries, shared their experiences with other countries, and strengthened their skills in running associations.

Each association also made a presentation at the IFLA Conference in Helsinki. You can now download the presentations from the BSLA section on the IFLA website: http://www.ifla.org/bsla/ which presents the highlights of the projects in the associations’ own words.

ALP small projects update

This year’s ALP small project in the Africa region, in Madagascar, was a success and provided opportunities to sensitize the profession and explore possibilities for the future. Comite pour la Sauvegarde de L’integrite (CSI) organised the project with former IFLA President, Kay Raseroka, as trainer during the workshop held July 11-13 2012.

Library and information professionals were encouraged to:

- Network and foster the exchange of information in the achievement of fair access to information for all users
- Facilitate access to information with integrity in accordance with the professional ethical standards of the IFLA-UNESCO manifesto and other relevant partners
- Establish an association for information professionals in order to strengthen the networks of exchange between information specialists

IFLA International Leaders Programme

The International Leaders Programme is a two-year Programme designed to increase the cohort of leaders who
can effectively represent the wider library sector in the international arena, and to develop leaders within IFLA. The Associates met for the first time at the IFLA Congress in Helsinki, taking part in a week of activities.

They are attached to projects including access to digital content, Open Access, Copyright Exceptions and Limitations, Libraries as Agents for Development, and Regional Collaboration for advocacy. Each project will report back on their progress during the next IFLA Congress in Singapore. Work so far includes research, surveys, representation at international events, and development of toolkits.

Five associates from the Africa region are taking part in the programme, including Associates from each region of the continent: North (Egypt), West (Nigeria), Central (Cameroon), East (Uganda), and Southern (Botswana).

They are supported by three counsellors, two of whom are from the African region, Helena Asamoah-Hassan (Ghana) and Jacinta Were (Kenya).

Photos from the BSLA Helsinki session here: http://www.flickr.com/photos/ifla/sets/72157631064842310/

Fiona Bradley
ALP Coordinator

MEMBERSHIP NEWS


In order to encourage retired professionals and those in between jobs to participate in IFLA, we are introducing a new Membership category for Individuals: Non-Salaried Affiliate.

While all benefits are equal to those of Personal Affiliates, the fee is considerably lower. Individuals joining in this category or changing over to it will have to confirm that they meet the qualifications and agree to inform IFLA as soon as this status changes.

Please contact our Membership Officer, Tatjana Hoeink - Membership@ifla.org - if interested in joining this category.

Tatjana Hoeink

IFLA PUBLICATIONS - DISCOUNTS FOR IFLA MEMBERS

- Buy IFLA publications at a 20% discount!
- Subscribe to the IFLA Publications Series and receive an incredible 60% discount!

See for more information on this membership benefit: http://www.ifla.org/en/news/discounts-for-ifla-members

Port Harcourt (Nigeria) - World Book Capital for the year 2014

The city of Port Harcourt (Nigeria) was named the World Book Capital for the year 2014 after the Selection Committee, composed of representatives from the international organizations representing the three major sectors of the book industry and from UNESCO, and from UNESCO, met on 5 July at the Organization's Headquarters.

The city of Port Harcourt was chosen "on account of the quality of its programme, in particular its focus on youth and the impact it will have on improving Nigeria's culture of books, reading, writing and publishing to improve literacy rates," according to the Selection Committee.

"I extend my congratulations to the city of Port Harcourt for the quality of its proposed programme, which provides for extensive public participation and aims to develop reading for all," said the Director-General of UNESCO, Irina Bokova. "I wholeheartedly endorse the commitment of Port Harcourt to support literacy through the activities organized for the year."

The Director-General also welcomed the number and quality of applications received by UNESCO for the title of World Book Capital 2014.

Each year, UNESCO and the international organizations representing the three major sectors of the book industry-the International Publishers Association (IPA), International Booksellers Federation (IBF) and the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA)-select the World Book Capital for a one-year period, effective 23 April each year. This initiative, in addition to the celebration of World Book and Copyright Day, represents a collaborative undertaking by key stakeholders in the publishing world and cities to promote books and literacy.


Source: UNESCOPRESS
Ingrid Parent, IFLA President

IFLA Community is encouraged to read the December 2011 President’s Newsletter on the link

The newsletter gives a good overview of events beyond WLIC 2012

Staff Movement

Find out who’s who at HQ and what they up to at this link:

Libraries and Beyond Access in Washington DC

A short report is available on the IREX website:

Stuart Hamilton
Director of Policy and Advocacy

Call for nominations

IFLA President-elect August 2013-August 2015 - and the elected members of IFLA Governing Board – August 2013-August 2015

Nominations are invited for

IFLA President-elect, August 2013 - August 2015 and for the elected members of the IFLA Governing Board, August 2013 – August 2015.

IFLA Headquarters has despatched by post to all IFLA members the call for nominations comprising a letter explaining the nomination procedure and a nomination form which bears the name, organization or institution name and address. Members are kindly requested to only use this form for the nomination.

You can find the text of the call for nominations also on

Looking forward to receiving your nominations. The deadline is 6 February 2013.

Jennefer Nicholson
Secretary General

Dear IFLA Colleagues:

IFLA’s Professional Committee (PC) now has its own blog site. "Professionally Speaking," or "ProfSpeak" for short. It can be found in the Officers’ Corner, though it is intended more broadly.

The direct link is: http://blogs.ifla.org/profspeak/

Ann Okerson
Chair, IFLA Professional Committee

Joanne Yeomans
Professional Support Officer, IFLA
African Public Libraries Summit

The first-ever continent-wide convening of public library leaders and policymakers was attended by 134 delegates from 52 countries. Out of the 52, 42 were African countries on 19th – 21st September 2012 at Indaba Hotel, Johannesburg in South Africa. Under the theme, "Informing Africa, Developing Africa", delegates discussed the opportunities for creating successful, 21st century public libraries that contribute to the development priorities of African communities, countries and continent. Also to note, was that the summit was bilingual, English and French throughout the event including the documentation. In her welcome speech Dr Victoria Okojie, Chair, Africa Section confirmed that the summit was a historical event, the dawn of African Public Librarians coming together for the very first time. About the theme she said it map a promise to the development of public library sector in the continent.

Dr. Molapo Qobeka, standing in for Prof. M Makhanya from Unisa urged participants to use the space to build African strategies.

Ingrid Parent, IFLA President in her opening remarks indicated that the summit was a very important platform for knowledge and experience sharing and dissemination. The summit was a good example of partnership and collaboration at an international level citing the Gates Foundation and IFLA relationship. IFLA President also thanked Unisa Leadership for hosting the IFLA Regional Office for Africa which has become a focal point of IFLA’s activities in the continent.

The South African Government was also commended for its support. She also congratulated the African LIS Community for its energy and taking ownership of the continent LIS activities.

Deborah Jacobs of Global Libraries at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation also echoed the importance of public libraries in the communities and hoped to engage everyone in the how much further to expand the role of public libraries across the great and diverse continent.

At the end of the summit, 34 outcomes were reached but mostly importantly was the Resolution on the Establishment of an African Public Libraries Network” which was tabled as a motion proposed by John Tsebe, National Librarian of South Africa and seconded by:

Richard Atuti, Kenya
Anno Imoisi, Nigeria
Abibou Coly, Senegal and
Iaguba Djalo, Guinea Bissau

From here, it is envisaged by the Planning Committee and sponsors that African Public Librarians will take ownership of the network and we are looking forward to a formalized network. At the end of the summit, IFLA President bid everyone a South African goodbye – Siyabonga! Salani kahle!

More at:  http://www.african-public-libraries-summit.org
IFLA HQ & IFLA Regional Office for Africa

IFLA President visits the LIASA National Office

On Tuesday 18 September while on a tour of some of Pretoria’s libraries, Ms Ingrid Parent, IFLA President visited the LIASA office. The LIASA office staff received Ms Parent, showed her the LIASA offices and facilities also gave her an overview of LIASA activities. She was of course also presented with a “LIASA goody bag” with promotional items, the LIASA Strategic Directions Plan and latest Annual Report. It was a great privilege and honour to introduce her to LIASA first-hand!

Ms Parent was in the country for the African Public Libraries Summit currently being held at the Indaba Hotel in Johannesburg from 19 – 21 September 2012.

Naomi Haasbroek
Africa Section SC Member
The National Libraries of Africa have yet to come together to form an association devoted to common developmental goals, cooperation and networking, and also to promote resource and information sharing on the continent. Such an organization exists for Latin American countries, namely ABINIA*, as well as CENL** for Europe, and CDNLAO*** for Asia and Oceania.

There may be different reasons for this state of affairs. Africa is a continent with a very high linguistic diversity (1500-2000 languages), and different working languages are spoken in various regions, such as French in the francophone countries, Portuguese in the five lusophone countries (Angola, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique and São Tomé and Príncipe), Arabic, and Spanish in Equatorial Guinea. This diversity may act as a barrier to communication between partner countries in an organization of national libraries. English is widely but not universally spoken all over Africa.

The existing associations are based on regional facets; such is the case of the Mediterranean Libraries organization, which includes countries from Europe, Africa and Asia. Linguistic preferences play a role in AIFBD, the International French-speaking Association of Librarians and Documentalist, which includes countries from Europe, Africa and North America.

The National Library of South Africa was tasked with establishing a database of national libraries in Africa at the 2007 World Library and Information Congress, which was held in Durban. Douwe Drijfhout from the NLSA is in charge of this project, whose objectives are to mobilise national libraries in Africa, to promote discussion, and to work together to give rise to a forum of African national libraries. The database was launched in 2010; the data was collected using extensive surveys, through personal contact and correspondence with relevant parties; the information thus gathered was checked against printed and electronic reference sources. The latest version of the NatLib Africa database is quite user-friendly. All 54 African countries, as well as the French islands of Réunion and Mayotte in the Indian Ocean, have been included. The map on the homepage is interactive; information may be accessed by clicking on each country on the map, or on one of the names of the list of countries displayed. It is possible to access the database on the NLSA website under Databases and Digital Collections, or on the Web:

http://nlsahopta.nlsa.ac.za/nla/index.html

The project is ongoing, and it was encouraging to find that different incumbents and stakeholders in National Libraries, or equivalent institutions, responded favourably to the latest round of requests for up-to-date information.

There seems to be a wind of change blowing through the library and information services community in Africa. Neglected libraries are being refurbished, new state-of-the-art ones have been built. Books and Web 2.0 technologies will both have their place in the African libraries of the future.

Isabel Ringel
South Africa

* ABINIA - Asociación de Bibliotecas Nacionales de Iberoamérica, founded in Mexico in 1989
** CDNLAO - Conference of Directors of National Libraries in Asia and Oceania
*** CENL - Conference of European National Librarians

Dear All

The Goethe-Institut Nairobi / Kenya has put together an Internet Portal on the library scene (including reading culture) in Kenya and Germany:
http://www.goethe.de/ins/ke/nai/kul/mag/bib/enindex.htm

Best wishes!

Ulla Wester
Goethe-Institut South Africa

Dear all

We have just published two new posts on our blog

Malawi: meeting for librarians working in the public service:

Kind regards,

Guillermo García-Capcha
In behalf of Government Libraries IFLA Section
Close to thirty institutions receive certificates at Berlin10 Open Access Conference

The Berlin10 Open Access Conference drew to a close on Thursday (8 November) when certificates were handed to 28 African institutions that had signed the Berlin Declaration.

No less than 28 African institutions have since 2010 signed the Berlin Declaration. Signatories were handed certificates at the Berlin10 Open Access Conference.

By signing the Declaration, signatories commit themselves to promoting and following the principles of the open access movement.

The Berlin Declaration was drawn up after a meeting in 2003 organised by the Max Planck Society and the European Cultural Heritage Online project. After this meeting a number of international research, scientific and cultural institutions issued and signed the Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities.

Stellenbosch University (SU) in 2010 became the first African institution to sign the Declaration. Two years later close to thirty African institutions has followed the example set by SU. And this year SU became the first African institution to host the prestigious Berlin Open Access Conference.

“The hosting of this conference will undoubtedly enhance the international recognition of Africa as a significant contributor to the world’s knowledge production,” said Mr Derek Hanekom, Minister of Science and Technology at a gala dinner on Wednesday (7 November).

“Academic libraries, especially those in Africa, have limited access to critical research information. This stifles the growth of African research and its capacity to find solutions to the problems facing the continent. Access barriers sometimes even result in critical, relevant knowledge and research outputs generated in Africa being published in journals overseas. And these journals are not affordable to African academic libraries. This means that Africa is deprived of its own knowledge production, relegating the continent to the status of silent and invisible contributor to research output. Open access can help to remove these financial barriers to access to information and it is one of the most progressive ways of growing and showcasing African research.”

Prof Bernard Schutz, Director of the Max Planck Institute for Gravitational Physics thanked the team from Stellenbosch University and Library Service for the sterling work they did in organising and hosting the Berlin10 Open Access Conference. The SU team is: Ms Ellen Tise, Senior Director, Dr Reggie Raju, Director: Client Services at the Library and Information Service and Ms Ina Smit, Manager of SUNScholar, SU’s Open Access repository, and coordinator of the Berlin 10 conference.

The conference was attended by over 280 delegates from across the globe. Prof Bernard Schutz, Director of the Max Planck Institute for Gravitational Physics at the closing of the conference, handed over gifts to the South African organisers Ms Ellen Tise, Senior Director of the SU’s Library and Information Service, Dr Reggie Raju, Director Client Services at the Library and Information Service and Ms Ina Smit, Manager of SUNScholar (the Open Access repository) and coordinator of the Berlin 10 conference. Schutz thanked them for their hard work in organising an extremely successful conference.

The following institutions received certificates in acknowledgement of their commitment to the principles of open access:

- Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf)
- Addis Ababa University (Ethiopia)
- Ifakara Health Institute (Tanzania)
- Institut Pasteur de Bangui (Central African Republic)
- Jimma University (Ethiopia)
- Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (Ghana)
- Library and Information Association of South Africa (LIASA) (South Africa)
- Makerere University (Uganda)
- Maseno University (Kenya)
- Mbarara University of Science and Technology (Uganda)
- National Institute of Oncology (Morocco)
- National University of Lesotho (Lesotho)
- National University of Science & Technology (Zimbabwe)
- Stellenbosch University (South Africa)
- Universidade Pedagógica Moçambique (Mozambique)
- Université de Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso)
- University de Yaounde I (Cameroon)
- University of Cape Town (South Africa)
- University of Ghana (Ghana)
- University of Johannesberg (South Africa)
- University of KwaZulu-Natal (South Africa)
- University of Nairobi (Kenya)
- University of Pretoria (South Africa)
- University of Science Techniques and Technologies of Bamako (Mali)
- University of South Africa (South Africa)
- University of the Free State (South Africa)
- University of the Witwatersrand (South Africa)

Regards
Fatima Darries
E-LIS SA Editor
Berlin10 Open Access Conference –cont.

New friendships were formed, new networks were established, experiences were shared, and best of all – first time visitors to South Africa got to experience our beautiful country!

Presentations/Slides

The presentations/slides have been made available online at http://www.berlin10.org/programme.html

Photos and news from the conference

We had wide media coverage, and below just a small selection:

09/11/2012 Close to thirty institutions receive certificates at Berlin10 Open Access Conference

08/11/2012 Minister of Science and Technology supports open access

07/11/2012 Open access gets top-level support at Berlin 10 Conference

07/11/2012 ‘Open access will boost development in Africa,’ Berlin 10 delegates told

Thanks to all the twitters! You were incredible, and it assisted others who couldn’t attend to also follow activities. Photos have been made available on the face book page at http://www.facebook.com/Berlin10SouthAfrica

We are looking forward to future collaboration, and wish the Max Planck Society all the best with hosting Berlin 11!

Stephanie Nieuwoudt,
Freelance journalist, South Africa

The Association of Professional Librarians, Mauritius Workshop, 17 November 2012

As part of its continuing professional development activities, the APL organized its first workshop on Saturday 17 November 2012 at the Municipal Council of Port Louis Chamber under the theme “How to prepare a Strategic Plan for your Library” and “Digitisation: a practical approach”. 

The first part of the workshop was conducted by Esté Retief, Quality Assurance Specialist. The second session was conducted by Annette Le Roux, Archivist. They are both from the University of South Africa (UNISA).

The 45 participants who attended this training event were mainly registered librarians posted at different libraries in Mauritius. All types of libraries that are, special, public, academic, national and school libraries were represented.

In her exposé on “How to prepare a Strategic plan for your Library” Esté started by making a presentation followed by grouping of participants according to the type of library in which they work. After brainstorming, each group had to come up with a Vision statement, Values and Value Proposition. For her part, Annette enlightened the participants on the importance of digitization, explained the step-by-step process and provided guidelines while using the UNISA as example.

The workshop ended by the distribution of an Attendance Certificate to each participant by the two resource persons. Before presenting gifts to both of them on behalf of APL, the President highlighted the fact that they both had come to Mauritius on vacation and had graciously accepted to sacrifice one day for knowledge sharing and professional networking. An evaluation of this workshop was done on the spot with a view to gathering valuable feedback from participants and bring improvement in future. Overall, very positive comments and suggestions were made by all participants. Last but not least, participants and the guests gathered at the City Orient Restaurant in Port Louis for the annual lunch of the association. It was also an opportunity for celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Association of Professional Librarians by a cake cutting ceremony.

Pictures of this workshop have already been posted on Este’s blog at http://listrends.blogspot.com/ under Mauritius.

It is hoped that similar training activities would be organized by the APL in future.

Ibrahim Ramjaun & Savita Bhooabul
Mauritius
**AFRICA ULULATES!**

**IFLA International Leaders Programme**

The Programme is a two-year IFLA strategic Key Initiative designed to increase the cohort of leaders who can effectively represent the wider library sector in the international arena, and to develop leaders within IFLA.

Out of twelve associates, five are from Africa, viz.

~ Sarah Kaddu (Uganda)
~ Victoria Okojie (Nigeria)
~ Kgomotso Radijeng (Botswana)
~ Rosemary Shafack (Cameroon)
~ Dina Youssef (Egypt)

Africa congratulates you, you are our jewel!!

**Academic Achievement**

After the end of day one of Africa Section satellite meeting, Africa celebrated one of its own, closer home, it’s Chair, Victoria Okojie for obtaining her PhD

**Honorary Fellowship**

IFLA Past President, Ellen Tise was granted Honorary Fellowship 2012 at the end of WLIC 2012 in Helsinki.

We, as the LIS profession in South Africa, are very proud of Ellen, her outstanding contribution and role in the global arena and for being an exemplary representative and ambassador for South African and African librarianship.

Congratulations from all of us.

Naomi Haasbroek
Past President, LIASA

**Grants**

Dr Shawky Salem Conference Grant [SSCG] funded by Dr Shawky Salem, Egypt

Ellen Tise Leadership Award funded by Ellen Tise, IFLA past president and LIASA, South Africa

**BLSA**

The Continent was amongst those who piloted the BLSA Materials before implementation. The Pilot project was held in Botswana, 2009.

**WLIC**

1984 – Nairobi, Kenya
2007 – Durban, South Africa
Africa Section 2013 Midterm Meeting

2013 Midterm meeting will be hosted by Nigeria in Abuja, 6-8 February, 2013 at Chelsea Hotel. The meeting will be preceded by Emerald workshop that will start in the late afternoon of 6 February 2013 and attendance is free.

Unisa/IFLA Regional Office for Africa Public Lecture

Unisa in partnership with IFLA Regional Office for Africa will host the Annual Public Lecture on African Librarianship in the 21st Century Series on 23 May 2013 at Unisa Muckleneuk Campus, Pretoria-South Africa. Attendance is free and you all welcome. Reserve your seat now with Lnhlapo@unisa.ac.za

African Library Summit, 2013

http://www.unisa.ac.za/africanlibrarysummit

SCECSAL 2014

Malawi will host the next SCECSAL, June 2014


ICADLA-3 Conference will be held in Al Akhawayn University, Ifrane, Morocco with the theme “Digital Libraries and Archives in Africa: Changing Lives and Building Communities”

Please see a temporary link for the ICADLA conference: http://www.wits.ac.za/conferences/icadla

Contact: Michele Pickover [Michele.Pickover@wits.ac.za]

Lindy Nhlapo
IFLA Regional Manager for Africa

ZIMLA

47th Conference/ AGM and Exhibition, Peacock Hotel & Villas, Mutare, Zimbabwe, June 24th – 28th 2013

Theme “Informing Zimbabwe Developing Zimbabwe: Libraries Powering Development”

For details contact:

General: info@zimla.co.zw

Bhowa tg president@zimla.co.zw

Harriet Ncube sg@zimla.co.zw or hrncube@gmail.com

Namibia Libraries Symposium 2013

Safari Hotel, Windhoek, Namibia

7 - 10 OCTOBER 2013

Theme “Strong Libraries, Strong Societies”

For further information:

Contact Person: Ms. Lourensia //Gases,

Tel: +264 61 2063874,

Fax: +264 61 2063876, Email: lgases@unam.na