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#### Annual Report 2013

**SCOPE**

The main objectives of the Section are to initiate, promote and facilitate the development of library and information services and the library profession within the five sub-regions of Asia and Oceania: West Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia, East Asia and Oceania. The Section works in cooperation with the other Regional Sections and all of IFLA’s Sections and Core Activities, especially the Action for Development through Libraries Programme.

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MEETINGS

- Midterm Meeting
  RSCAO 2013 the Mid-Term Meetings held in Taipei, Taiwan on February 23-25, 2013 was held in Taipei, Lebanon during February 1-3, 2010.

- WLIC 2010 Standing Committee Meeting I (SC I) was held on August 18th (Sunday) 13:45 – 15:45, at Room 309, Singapore

- WLIC 2010 Standing Committee Meeting II (SC II) was held on August 22nd (Tuesday) 11:30 – 13:00 at Room 310, Singapore

PROJECTS

ALP Projects in the Asia and Oceania region that commenced in 2013:

- IFLA Headquarters, Regional Office, Goethe Institute (Jakarta) and National Library Board Singapore collaborative project on National Library – Asia Pacific (NL-AP) Digital Library.

- BSLA programme chaired by an IFLA Staff and participants include a representative from IFLA Headquarters and BSLA Trainers and at least 2 participants from each Library Associations in the Region.

- Regional Activities: Asia and Oceania Section Workshop on Digital Divide, 2 March 2003, Sri Lanka
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| • The changing role of community libraries: emerging centres for sustainable development  
SANJANA SHRESTHA (READ Nepal, Kathmandu, Nepal) |
| • Creating a library of the future: Universidade Nacional Timor Lorosa’e (UNTL) journey of rebuilding its University Library for the 21st century  
MARY COGHLAN and SABINA ROBERTSON (The University Library, University of Melbourne, Melbourne, Australia) |
| • Public library service in underdeveloped regions in China - A case study of Shanxi Province  
SHI XIN, ZHAI JIANXIONG and HAO JINMIN (The National Library of China, Beijing, China) |
| • Future of Quiescent Public Library System: a developing country prospective  
NOSHEEN FATIMA WARRAICH (Pakistan) |
| • Increasing demands on public libraries in hard economic times: Innovation and partnership to meet community needs at Davao City Public Library  
NORA FE ALAJAR (Philippines) |
| • Remaining relevant - how airports, banks and geeks can save frontline library services  
SHAUN O’DWYER and BELINDA SUA (University of New South Wales, Sydney, NSW, Australia, Australia) |
| **CONFERENCE PROGRAMS IN Singapore** | Monday 19th August 2013 08:30 - 18:00  
**Session 95 — Rare and special collections in the Asian or Oceanian context — Rare Books and Manuscripts with Asia and Oceania**  
August 19th (Monday), All-day program Joint off-site session with the Rare Books and Manuscripts Section at the National Library of Singapore.  

**Morning Sessions:**  
- **Mapping dreams to pin the future to: access ideas for the National Library Singapore**  
  TIMOTHY PWEE and MAGES PERIASAMY (Special Collections, National Library Singapore, National Library Board, Singapore)  
- **Taonga (treasures) at the Alexander Turnbull Library: documentary heritage in Polynesia**  
  RACHEL ESSON (Alexander Turnbull Library, National Library of New Zealand, Wellington, New Zealand)  
- **Public Library and Folk Historical Document: Taking Wenzhou Library as an example**  
  XIE ZHIYONG (Wenzhou Public Library, China)  
- **Rare handwritten manuscript collection in Indic languages at Scindia Oriental Research Institute (SORI), India**  
  ANIL KUMAR JAIN, SUDHIR KUMAR, KEERTI BALA JAIN (School of Studies in Library and Information Science, Vikram University, Ujjain, India), SUBHAJIT CHOUDHURY (Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati, India) and BAL KRISHNA SHARMA (Sciendia Oriental Research Institute (SORI), Ujjain, India)  
- **Preserving Cordillera culture and history through the University of the Philippines Baguio Cordillera Studies Collection Library and Archives**  
  CRISTINA B. VILLANUEVA (Cordillera Studies Collection Library and Cordillera/Northern Luzon Historical Archives, University of the Philippines Baguio)  
- **Exploring Filipiniana rare books and the state of** |
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Afternoon Sessions:

Poster session presentations:
• Preserving Sri Lanka’s traditional manuscript culture: role of the Palm Leaf Digitization Project of the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Kelaniya
  PIYADASA RANASINGHE and W. M. THARANGA DILRUK RANASINGHE
• Social construction of manuscript preservation at Rekso Pustoko, Mangkunegaran Palace, Surakarta, Central Java
  YENI BUDI RACHMAN and TAMARA A. SUSETYO-SALIM
• Content analysis of manuscripts: case study on digital library in National Library and Archives of I.R. of Iran
  SAEDEH AKBARI-DARYAN and AFSANEH TEYMOURIKHANI
• The 1893 printing of the Tipitaka (the first ever printing of this text), which King Chulalongkorn presented to over 200 institutions world-wide
  DARYL GREEN
• Compilation of Yongle Encyclopedia kept in the National Library of China
Papers session:

- Asia in New Haven
  EDWIN SCHROEDER
- "Books on the move": rare chinese collections at the University of British Columbia
  JING LIU (Asian Library, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada) and ALVAN BREGMAN (Technical Services, University of British Columbia Library, Vancouver, Canada)
- The USEK Library: An academic library with a national mission of conserving the heritage of Lebanon
  RANDA AL CHIDIAC (Executive Director, Library, Holy Spirit University of Kaslik (USEK), Kaslik, Lebanon)
- Reliving the Filipino classical music heritage: preservation and restoration of Philippine art music manuscripts of the University of the Philippines-Diliman College of Music
  IYRA S. BUENROSTRO and JOHANN FREDERICK A. CABBAB (School of Library and Information Studies, University of the Philippines Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines)
- The Cristoforo Castelli's narration: between the Word and image
  MARIETTA CHIKHLADZE (National Centre of Manuscripts, Tbilisi (Georgia))
| PUBLICATIONS | **Newsletter:**  
Two issues of the Section Newsletter were published both in electronic and print form last year: 2013/1 in June, and 2013/2 in December. The newsletter is distributed via email and post to all RSCAO members. The electronic version is posted on: [http://archive.ifla.org/VII/s26/index.htm#Newsletter](http://archive.ifla.org/VII/s26/index.htm#Newsletter)  
**RSCAO Website:**  
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