## Regional Standing Committee of Asia and Oceania (RSCAO)

### Annual Report 2014

**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 2014 the Mid-Term Meetings was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 17 – 18 February 2014.

- **WLIC 2014 Standing Committee Meeting I (SC I)** was held on 17 August 2014 13:45 - 15:45 | Room: Salle Tête d'Or 1, Lyon Convention Centre, Lyon, France

- **WLIC 2014 Standing Committee Meeting II (SC II)** was held on 21 August 2014 09:45 - 11:15 | Room: Salle Tête d'Or 1, Lyon Convention Centre, Lyon, France

### PROJECTS

- **BLSA Projects of Asia and Oceania Section**
  
  About the BLSA Projects of Asia and Oceania Section were proposed and discussed. A proposed project is to develop information literacy skills in Asia & Oceania. At first, the project will be tried in two areas in Taiwan & Japan and New Zealand & Indigenous Group. The RSCAO Mid-term Meetings in 2015 and 2016 were confirmed to be held at Tokyo in Japan and in Lebanon, respectively.

- **The RSCAO’s Section’s Handbook**
  
  Jashree is drafting the RSCAO’s Section’s Handbook
### CONFERENCE PROGRAMS
#### IN Lyon, France

The Asia and Oceania Open Session in Lyon

The Asia and Oceania Open Session on 20 Aug 2014 attracted an excellent audience of more than 70. The speakers engaged the audience sharing their experiences and expertise areas on the topic, “Transcending Borders: national, social, and ethnic issues — Asia and Oceania”. The full conference papers are available at [http://conference.ifla.org/past-lic/2014/ifla80/node/408.html](http://conference.ifla.org/past-lic/2014/ifla80/node/408.html).

Session 190 — Transcending Borders: national, social, and ethnic issues — Asia and Oceania

20 August 2014 13:45 - 15:45 | Room: Auditorium Lumière

- The Ideas Box: Connecting and Empowering Communities in the Asia-Pacific Region
  JéRéMY LAHAL (Libraries Without Borders)

- Reading Promotion through Literary Walk: A Case Study of the Fun with Learning Chinese Language through Literary Walk Project
  LEO F.H. MA (University Library System, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shatin, Hong Kong, China) and L.M. MAK (University Library System, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shatin, Hong Kong, China)

- Developing Libraries – Transforming Communities: A Case Study of Andaragasyaya Primary School Library in Sri Lanka
  PREMILA GAMAGE (Institute of Policy Studies, Colombo, Sri Lanka)

- Understanding Taiwanese mobile information access behavior
  NEI-CHING YEH (Dept. of Information and Communications, Shih Hsin University, Taipei, Taiwan, China)
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<td>• The Development of Open Access Repositories in the Asia-Oceania region: a Case Study of Three Institutions</td>
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<td>JAYSHREE MAMTORA, DILJIT SINGH and TINA YANG</td>
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Set a committee to select a best paper to HQ for IFLA Journal
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<td>· KM Journey at National Library and Archives of IRAN: a Pragmatic Model for KM Aligned with Strategic Plan</td>
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<td>SAEEDEH ESLAMI (National Library and Archives of Islamic Republic of Iran, Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran) and SAMAN FIROUZI SAGHARLOU (Islamic Azad University, Karaj Branch, Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran)</td>
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<td>· Creating New Knowledge through Open Data: New Zealand’s Open Data Strategies</td>
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<td>EMILY NEO (Corporate Services Group, Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority, Wellington, New Zealand) and DAN DORNER (School of Information Management, Victoria University of Wellington, Wellington, New Zealand) and KEITHA BOOTH (New Zealand Open Government Information and Data Programme, Land Information New Zealand, Wellington, New Zealand)</td>
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<td>· Open development Cambodia website and library, a new paradigm for information access and knowledge management in Southeast Asia</td>
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<td>MARGARET BYWATER</td>
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<td>· Keeping it an open book: exploring the knowledge sharing experience of librarians in the Philippines</td>
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<td>CHRISTINE M. ABRIGO (De La Salle University, Manila, Philippines) and VINCENT M. ABRIGO (University of the Philippines Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines)</td>
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<td>· Managing knowledge: the accessibility issue of the manuscripts, Museum objects and archival objects in India</td>
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### RSCAO
### Section Brief
### 2014

#### January
- 12/31 Secretary Takashi is working on the list of attendees, program,
- 12/31 Secretary Takashi is working with IFLA HQ Ms Lidia Putziger regarding fulfilling the vacancy of RSCAO SC Member.
- Preparing Invitation letters for attendees of Mid-Term Meeting.
- Secretary Takashi is working on filling up vacancy of SC Members in RSCAO
- Preparing and updating the Sections’ Strategic Plan 2014-2015
- SC Member Diljit Singh, Chair of South-East Asia Sub-Region also calls for Colloquium on Research Collaboration after the Mid-Term Meeting.
- IFLA RSCAO Newsletter ISSUE25-December 2013 available.
- Receiving abstract submission for joint session of KM and A&O.

#### February
- Calling for Application for hosting 2015 mid-term meeting
- Collaborate with Chair of Knowledge Management Section regarding receiving abstract submissions for joint session in Lyon.
- Receiving abstract submission for RSCAO Program in Lyon.
- Diljit calling presenters for post-meeting Seminar on Library Consortia and Community Engagement
- Received ALP updates for Asia and Oceania midterm meeting from Fiona Bradley of IFLA HQ
- Approved Proposal to subsidize accommodation for 13 RSCAO members 4 nights instead of 3 nights - RSCAO Mid Term Meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- Joint review of abstracts for Joint session of KM and A&O
- "RSCAO 2013 Singapore Minutes" uploaded
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<td>- 2014 Mid-Term Meeting held in Kuala Lumpur February 17-19.</td>
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<td>- “Colloquium on Research Collaboration in LIS in the Asia-Oceania Region”. host by University of Malaya, organized by Diljit Singh</td>
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<td>- Program Chair Jayshree and team members reach decision of accepted abstracts.</td>
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<td>- Sending out notice to accepted authors and non-accepted authors.</td>
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<td>- 24th Circulation of IFLA Trend Report to respective AO Sub-Regions' Librarians to obtain their views and comments.</td>
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<td>March</td>
<td>- Collecting papers for Newsletter.</td>
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<td>April</td>
<td>- Confirmation: 2014 RSCAO Open Session Program by Program Chair Jayshree</td>
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<td>- IFLA WLIC 2014: Complete list of approved conference programmes now available</td>
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<td>- Collecting votes regarding 2015 RSCAO Mid-Term Meeting Venue selection</td>
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<td>- Sending out notification of abstract acceptance to joint session and open session</td>
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<td>May</td>
<td>- IFLA WLIC 2014 Stitching IFLA Foundation Grant distribution policy</td>
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<td>- Formation of IFLA RSCAO Handbook</td>
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| June       | - Shared A&O related meetings and call for participation WLIC 2014 in Lyon  
- Preparing Meeting Agenda for WLIC in Lyon  
- 2014 Stitching IFLA Foundation Grant decision made. |
| July       | - Schedule of RSCAO related Meetings at the IFLA WLIC in Lyon distributed by Takashi  
- Instructions from professional units to authors of IFLA Conference paper sent by Takashi |
| August     | - Draft of the RSCAO 2014 Meeting Agenda for Lyon available  
- The invitation as a committee member of RSCAO of IFLA for Hasna Askita  
- WLIC 2014 in Lyon SC I & SC II Meetings |
| September  | - Program Committee form up the theme for WLIC 2016 in Cape Town, South Africa.  
- call for professional project funding requests for 2015 |
| October    | - Takashi called for paper for The Mid-term Meeting & Seminar 2015 in Tokyo  
- Continuing encourage colleagues to work on signing Lyon Declaration  
- Lyon Declaration - let the world know that libraries and literacy matter  
- (modified the message and sent to sub-region chairs) |
October (continuing)

- Call for paper for 2015 program, Themed *Repositioning Libraries in the Asia Pacific Region: Evolving Strategies, Innovative Services*

Sent 3rd time Lyon Declaration promotion message to sub-regions. Call for paper for 2015 program, Themed

November

- Sent Program Enquiry Form for A&O Section 2015 program
- Joint session with IT Section themed "Technology facilitating access to information: libraries supporting development"
- RSCAO Newsletter December Issue is out

December

- A&O Program and joint Session with IT Section, joint session with Genealogy Section were approved by the Professional Committee
- Jashree is drafting the RSCAO’s Section’s Handbook

The 2015 Mid-Term Meeting

The potential host countries for the next 4 years were discussed as follows:

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<td>2016</td>
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<td>2017</td>
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The 2015 and 2016 mid-term meetings were decided in Japan and Lebanon, respectively. (Due to the conflicts in the Middle-East, the decision to host the 2016 meeting in Lebanon is currently being re-assessed.)
PUBLICATIONS

**Newsletter:**
Two issues of the Section Newsletter were published both in electronic and print form last year: 2014/1 in June, and 2014/2 in December. The newsletter is distributed via email and post to all RSCAO members. The electronic version is posted on:


**RSCAO Website:**
website has been updated periodically with coordination of the RSCAO Web Manager

### The Action Plan of 2015

- Conducting mid-term meeting in February
- Collecting Authors’ form and paper submissions for RSCAO Program 2015.
-Draft of RSCAO’s Section Handbook
- Draft the Regional Brief of Lyon Declaration
- Call for nomination of Chair/Secretary of RSCAO
- Call for participation of WLIC 2016 in Cape Town
- Call for backup location for mid-term meeting in 2016.

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