



- Forwarded various items of regional interest to Section officers and the Regional Office for possible posting on the RSCAO list or the wider regional list or the RO Newsletter.
- Sent information to Section officers about the Asia-Pacific regional Internet Governance Forum (APrIGF), and sent reports on that event to IFLA Headquarters for posting on the IFLA website. I also arranged with IFLA HQ and the APrIGF Secretariat to exchange information directly for posting on social media.

E. Other activities, if any (Please provide details):

- On behalf of IFLA I took full part in the organization of the 2020 APrIGF meeting, the first to be held as a 4-day webinar. The organization extended over 8 months, and was a steep learning curve for all concerned. (I have informed IFLA HQ informed of experiences – positive and negative - all the way through, and can also provide advice to RSCAO about using Zoom for extended webinars.) That webinar/conference attracted 395 registered participants, several from the South and North Pacific, who – although not library professionals – are active in NGOs and concerned with many of the same public policy issues as IFLA. I sent the RSCAO and the Regional Office links to the regional Internet Governance meeting, for publicity, but I do not have information about attendance by library colleagues.
- I organized two workshops with library content in the programme of the APrIGF meeting: one on ‘accessibility’ for persons with disabilities, and one on ‘Access to Information’ which I moderated: the latter workshop included strong presentations on community libraries in Nepal and Myanmar. I also was partly responsible for drafting the Synthesis Document (the outcomes document from APrIGF), which refers to the role of libraries, and deals with many current issues of concern to the library sector.
- I provided advice to the National Library Board of Singapore to arrange some invitations to librarians in the Oceania sub-region to attend the virtual ‘Leaders’ Conversations’ organized by the NLB for national, academic and public libraries.
- I took part in HQ consultations by Zoom about the regional structure proposals, and responded to HQ surveys on the Governance Review and the future shape of WLIC.
- I sent several news items to the monthly e-Newsletter of the IFLA Section of National Libraries: in particular, one item on the ‘New Zealand Libraries Partnership Programme’, and another on the ‘Pacific Digital Museum’ (covering all states and territories in the Pacific), which is being created and operated by the National Library of New Zealand with funding from the Australian government.

II. Brief details with links to information where available, of **two (2) most impactful activities in each country** in the sub-region, for example, activities of: library association/s; different types of libraries; library studies programmes; any conferences, workshops or seminars and so on. Please add more rows, etc. as required.

III. For impact, please state the **relation to IFLA Strategy 2019-2024**

- SD 1 – strengthen the global voice of libraries
- SD 2 – inspire and enhance professional practice
- SD 3 – connect and empower the field
- SD 4 – optimise our organisation

Country	Activities	Impact
1. New Zealand	#1 The New Zealand national library association LIANZA held an international webinar ‘Libraries Looking Forward’ on 30 September, with speakers including the the IFLA President and other library leaders from New Zealand and Fiji.	SD1, SD3
	#2 The National Library’s funding arm, Te Puna Foundation, has established the position of a national ‘Reading Ambassador’, with government funding. A person will be appointed in early 2021.	SD2, SD3
2. Fiji	#1 Fiji Library Association hosted a series of virtual presentations on the theme of ‘Reflections and Moving Forward’ during October. See the report on the IFLA web page <a href="https://www.ifla.org/node/93408">https://www.ifla.org/node/93408</a> . There were participants from several island states in the Pacific, and the IFLA President (Australia) also participated.	SD3

	#2 Vunilagi Library Week was held successfully – see the report received and published by LIANZA: <a href="https://www.librariesaotearoa.org.nz/vunilagi-book-club-in-fiji.html">https://www.librariesaotearoa.org.nz/vunilagi-book-club-in-fiji.html</a>	SD2
3. Kiribati	#1 The National Librarian recently took part in the 'Reflections...' regional discussions organized by the Fiji Library Association. #2	SD1, SD3
4. Tonga	#1 Following the establishment of the first public library in Tonga, in March 2020 New Zealand libraries continued to contribute books, and Catalyst IT helped to install the Koha library management system in the village library of Kolovai on the island of Tongatapu.	SD3
5. Cook Islands	#1 In September the National Library of the Cooks sought advice from the NLNZ about the use of Koha library management software. Contact was made with Catalyst IT which supplies and supports Koha, to discuss an appropriate solution. #2	SD2
6. Australia	Due to the developing Covid-19 pandemic, ALIA (the national library association) was obliged to cancel its annual conference due to be held on 3-8 May. Many other library events were also cancelled or moved online, particularly during National Library Week 25-31 May. #1 A 'National Simultaneous Storytime' was held on 27 May for participants across Australia (and also New Zealand). The aim was to promote and advocate for literacy, reading and publishing of children's books. #2 On 4 November the National Early Language and Literacy Strategy Coalition (NELLC), of which ALIA is a founder member released a discussion paper which outlines the objectives and priorities of a national early language and literacy strategy. ALIA is encouraging public libraries across Australia to provide their feedback to <a href="mailto:advocacy@alia.org.au">advocacy@alia.org.au</a> .	SD1 SD2
7. Vanuatu	#1 According to reports, Australian volunteers (church groups and Rotary) continue to provide assistance for the development of school libraries in Vanuatu - for more information go to <a href="http://libraryproject.com.au">libraryproject.com.au</a> or find The Library Project Vanuatu on Facebook.	
8. Samoa	[No specific major activities, but there is continuing correspondence with National University of Samoa (NUS) library about the need for digital resources.]	

NB: Further efforts are being made to communicate with the other island states and to obtain information about library services in the region.