Message from RSCAO Chair

Dear colleagues from across the Asia and Oceania region,

We are fast approaching the half way point in 2012 – time is flying by so quickly!

The Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania (RSCAO) held its mid-term meeting here in New Zealand on February 1–2. Committee member Winston Roberts of the National Library of New Zealand (NLNZ) did a stellar job in organising the meeting and the half-day seminar that followed it. I flew up from Wellington the day before the start of the meeting, and attended the group dinner that evening. However, I ended up flying back to Wellington very early the next morning due to urgent personal reasons.
It was ironic that I could not attend the meeting when for the first time it was held in my own country. I was very fortunate to be able to call upon Michael Robinson to fill in as meeting Chair at the very last minute. And, by all accounts, he did an excellent job. I also wish to offer special thanks to NLNZ in Auckland for hosting the meeting.

Immediately following the mid-term meeting on February 3, the RSCAO teamed up with the Hikuwai Region of the Library and Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa (LIANZA) to host a half-day seminar. The seminar was held at the Auckland Public Library and its theme was “Library and information services for multicultural populations in Oceania and Asia: the promotion of information literacy and digital literacies for the 21st century in support of improved education outcomes.”

More than 100 local librarians and information workers, including New Zealand’s National Librarian, Bill Macnaught, attended the seminar and I wish to acknowledge the efforts again of RSCAO members in making the event a success, especially Winston Robert, Michael Robinson, Mark Perkins, and Committee members who presented papers. I also wish to thank the Auckland City Libraries for supporting and hosting the event and the LIANZA Hikuwai members, especially Kim Taunga and Corin Haines, for helping to organise the event and for their warm hospitality to the RSCAO members.

Overall, the mid-term meeting and the half-day seminar were made possible and were very successful through the collaborative efforts of NLNZ, Auckland Council, LIANZA, Auckland City Libraries, CIVICA, RSCAO members and the IFLA Regional Office for Asia and Oceania. A more detailed report of the meeting and the seminar can be found on pages 12 and 13 of this newsletter.

The 2012 IFLA World Library and Information Congress promises to be an exciting event – an annual occasion that I always look forward to. This year it is being held in Helsinki, Finland, and the Asia and Oceania Open Session should be well attended because of the five fascinating papers that will be presented. The theme of our session is “Innovative libraries: transforming our communities”, and the topics of the session’s papers are: services to improve literacy in multicultural communities (New Zealand); shelter-based community libraries for pavement dwellers (Bangladesh); a programme to inspire prisoners to read (India); academic advisory services in a learning commons (Japan); and local studies centres which combine a library, an archive and a museum to preserve and make accessible the essential cultural heritage of a specific locality (the Philippines).

The papers are already available on the IFLA website on the WLIC programme for Wednesday, August 15: http://conference.ifla.org/ifla78/programme-and-proceedings-day/2012-08-15.

A major item on the agenda for our Standing Committee meetings in Finland will be planning for RSCAO activities during next year’s IFLA WLIC - which will be held in Singapore from August 17–23, 2013. Some ideas are already being discussed, such as a pre-conference “IFLAcamp for New Professionals”. The very first IFLAcamp will be held in Helsinki, so we hope to learn from and extend upon that experience so that new professionals can really benefit from being a part of IFLA. If you have any other ideas for RSCAO activities during IFLA WLIC 2013 please email them to me at dan.dorner@vuw.ac.nz. All suggestions are welcome!

If you are planning to attend the IFLA WLIC in Helsinki, you are invited to come to the RSCAO meetings which will be held on Sunday, August 12, and Tuesday, August 14, as well as the Asia and Oceania Open Session on Wednesday, August 15. I look forward to seeing you in Helsinki.

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As we gear up for the annual IFLA Congress, this year in Helsinki, the last few months have been busy ones for the Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania (RSCAO) and the Regional Office.

Let me start with RSCAO activities. From February 1–2 this year, RSCAO members headed down to Auckland, New Zealand for the RSCAO Mid-term Meeting kindly arranged by RSCAO member, Winston Roberts. Ms. Christine Mackenzie, IFLA Governing Board member represented IFLA Headquarters (HQ) in the meeting. In attendance were eleven members and Petrina and myself from the Regional Office. The meeting covered much ground – from updates from IFLA HQ, RSCAO Strategic Plan 2012 – 2013 to Asia and Oceania’s call for papers for IFLA Congress in Helsinki this year. A comprehensive update by Mark Perkins, RSCAO member, is presented on pages 12 and 13. The meeting was followed by a very well-attended half-day regional seminar, “Library and information services for multicultural populations in Oceania and Asia: the promotion of information literacy and digital literacies for the 21st century in support of improved education outcomes” held at the Auckland Public Library. Our sincere appreciation to the National Library of New Zealand, Auckland Council, Library and Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa, Auckland City Libraries and CIVICA for their warm hospitality and strong support.

There have also been significant developments for IFLA in several key areas. Read more about the IFLA Presidential Meeting; the UNESCO World Book Capital 2012; the newly launched IFLA International Leadership Programme and more from pages 5 to 9.

I am also pleased to advise IFLA has re-appointed the National Library Board (NLB) Singapore as host of the Regional Office for Asia and Oceania for a further five years from January 1, 2012. NLB is privileged and look forward to continue our support for IFLA, RSCAO and members from Asia and Oceania.

In response to Asia and Oceania’s call for papers for the Congress this year, we had a happy problem of choosing the papers due to the excellent response and quality of the submissions received. The theme of the Asia and Oceania Session is “Innovative libraries: transforming our communities and will be held on August 15 Wednesday. Please join us if you’ll be attending the Congress this year. One of the papers, which will be presented by Martin Julius V. Perez and Mariel R. Templanza from the Philippines, also won the IFLA Library and Information Science (LIS) Student Paper Award 2012. The press release is on page 4. Well done, Martin and Mariel!

The membership of Asia and Oceania Section stands at 288 members and 54 member countries. We hope that through your efforts and that of the regional sub-committees, more awareness of IFLA can be created.

Lastly, as most of you would already be aware, IFLA Congress will be held in our region in 2013. Singapore is honoured to be hosting the 79th edition of the IFLA Congress. We are working closely with IFLA to make this a successful and memorable one for all of you. A promotional flyer for the Congress is available – if you would like some copies, please write in to Petrina and me at the Regional Office. Our contact details can be found on page 11. Apart from the professional exchanges, we invite you to enjoy the sights, smells and tastes of the cultural collage so unique of Singapore.

The organisation of the IFLA Congress in Singapore next year is especially exciting – not only for us at NLB, but for the whole of the Singapore library community. I have been privileged to be involved from the bidding process to the actual planning now. Being involved in the organisation process has presented me with new perspectives of IFLA Congresses. Unlike previous years when I was a delegate, I could now see and appreciate the efforts that IFLA and the local hosts put in to make the Congresses both fruitful professionally and culturally interesting. Come 2013, be it cultural immersion in the museums and ethnic enclaves; a relaxing walk down the historic Singapore River where old meets new; or the melting pot of flavours and food that embodies our rich multicultural heritage; you will be pleasantly surprised and enthralled by the many facets of Singapore.

I hope to meet some of you in Helsinki, and if not, in Singapore next year!
Press Release
Berlin, Germany, 22 June 2012

Winner announced for the IFLA Library and Information Science (LIS) Student Paper Award 2012 sponsored by IFLA and ekz.bibliotheksservice GmbH

The IFLA Education and Training Section (SET) is pleased to announce the winner of the IFLA Library and Information Science (LIS) Student Paper Award 2012. The award is sponsored by IFLA and ekz.bibliotheksservice GmbH, Germany. The IFLA LIS Student Paper Award aims to encourage LIS students from across the world to submit a paper that addresses the current IFLA World Library and Information Congress theme and to then reward the best student paper submission. Beyond this, the award gives LIS students the chance to learn more about IFLA activities and encourages the new generation of LIS professionals to participate in IFLA activities.

The prize for the winner of the IFLA LIS Student Paper Award 2012 includes a grant of 1000 € to support travel and accommodation costs and the IFLA conference fee and should help to enable the winner to participate in the IFLA Congress 2012, furthermore one year’s IFLA membership and the recommendation for the winning paper’s publication in the IFLA Journal. This year, the selection panel chose the paper of two LIS students from the Philippines:

Martin Julius V. Perez & Mariel R. Templanza
from the School of Library and Information Studies, University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines

Their paper is on the topic: “Local Studies Centers: Transforming History, Culture, and Heritage in the Philippines”

The award will be presented to Martin and Mariel during the IFLA World Library and Information Congress in Helsinki, Finland, 11-17 August 2012. Martin and Mariel will present their paper on Wednesday, 15 August 2012, 13:45 - 15:45, Room: Session Room I, at the Asia and Oceania Open Session, Session 180.

The criteria for the IFLA LIS Student Paper Award have been developed to measure the quality and relevance of the student papers, focusing on:
• Relationship to the theme of the IFLA Congress and the sub theme(s) of the relevant Section
• Relevant discussion of current issues in the topic field including reference to appropriate literature
• Quality of ideas, research methods, results or argument
• Quality of writing and referencing.

Congratulations to this year’s winners! IFLA and ekz.bibliotheksservice GmbH are thanked for their generous sponsorship of this award.

For further information, please contact Petra Hauke (Berlin, Germany), member of the SET Standing Committee and contact person for the IFLA LIS Student Paper Award: petra.hauke@bock-net.de

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INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGES: THE 2012 IFLA PRESIDENTIAL MEETING
*extracted from IFLA Presidential Newsletter May 2012

From the 12th to the 14th of April, we welcomed some of the IFLA community to my hometown of Vancouver to participate in my first IFLA Presidential Meeting which took the theme “Indigenous Knowledges: Local priorities, Global contexts”. The audience, as well as the programme, showed the wonderful diversity that IFLA encompasses and we spent a stimulating few days together learning more about Indigenous and traditional knowledge, its creation, organization and access, to better understand the local and global issues under discussion in various parts of the world.

Through the sharing of knowledge and experiences, we hope to advance the understanding of traditional knowledge at both the local and international levels. The results are being used within IFLA to inform the development of legal instruments, policies, and practices related to the organization of Indigenous and traditional knowledge around the world.

I hope that all those interested in these topics, and others for whom these topics are new, will enjoy watching the webcast of the presentations, which is available on the event website: http://iflaindigenousknowledges2012.ok.ubc.ca/Webcast%20and%20Publications.html

UNESCO WORLD BOOK CAPITAL 2012

In a festive celebration two days ago in Armenia, IFLA President Ingrid Parent witnessed the official hand over of the World Book Capital for the year 2012 to the city of Yerevan (Armenia).

Yerevan is the twelfth city to be designated World Book Capital after Madrid (2001), Alexandria (2002), New Delhi (2003), Antwerp (2004), Montreal (2005), Turin (2006), Bogota (2007), Amsterdam (2008), Beirut (2009), Ljubljana (2010) and Buenos Aires (2011). The city of Yerevan was chosen for the quality and variety of its programme, which is “very detailed, realistic and rooted in the social fabric of the city, focused on the universal and involving all the stakeholders involved in the book industry”, according to the members of the selection committee.

Each year, UNESCO and the three major international professional organizations from the world of books - the International Publishers Association (IPA), the International Booksellers Federation (IBF) and the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) - designate a city as World Book Capital for one year, between two consecutive celebrations of World Book and Copyright Day (23 April). This initiative is a collaborative effort between representatives of the main stakeholders in the book industry, as well as a commitment by cities to promote books and reading.

During the opening festival on the 22 April, special attention was also given to the 500th anniversary of book printing in Armenia.
RE-APPOINTMENT OF NATIONAL LIBRARY BOARD, SINGAPORE AS HOST OF THE ASIA AND OCEANIA REGIONAL OFFICE

*extracted from IFLA Presidential Newsletter May 2012*

On 18 January 2012, the National Library Board of Singapore (NLB) was re-appointed as host of the Asia and Oceania Regional Office for the next five years. The Regional Office plays an essential role for IFLA in supporting and promoting activities in the region. IFLA is very pleased to be able to continue our collaboration with such a leading library organization as the NLB in order to increase our participation and impact in the region.

Jennefer Nicholson, IFLA Secretary General (right) with Elaine Ng, Chief Executive Officer, National Library Board

IFLA INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

The International Leadership 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 Programme provides opportunities that IFLA is in the unique position to offer through our global role and reputation and our extensive and diverse framework of activities and expertise.

The Programme will bring participants together at the 2012, 2013 and 2014 IFLA World Library and Information Congresses (WLIC) as the main face-to-face forum. In this dynamic and interactive environment, participants will have direct access to international leaders, and undertake eight days [excluding travel time] of activities including: seminar and workshop sessions on issues with a global impact led by leaders in the sector and related fields; participation in specified business meetings; attendance at specified professional programme sessions; working within groups to prepare presentations or reports; liaison with Governing Board members; building support networks.

This experience will be reinforced throughout the Programme with attachments to IFLA professional units and working/ advisory groups to contribute to projects of direct relevance to IFLA’s international agenda and Strategic Plan and Key Initiatives. Participants will learn through practice, and be mentored as they strengthen their skills and knowledge.

Through participating in the programme, you will:

- Gain experience in the development of policy and position statements
- Develop your negotiating and intervention skills
- Develop your capacity to advocate and set political agendas,
- Build relationships and develop your networks internationally
- Build skills to have a broader impact as an advocate in your own library community

For full details about the programme, project descriptions, selection criteria and application form please visit: http://www.ifla.org/leadership

STRATEGIC PLANS FOR 2012

A link and four new documents have been added to the Officers Corner in the "planning" section of the Key Documents page: http://www.ifla.org/en/officers-corner/key-documents

1. A link to the IFLA Key Initiatives 2011-2012
2. Actions and planning process for Professional Units 2011-2012
3. Strategic Planning Matrix 2010-2012 (updated February 2012)
4. Overview of strategic plans of the IFLA professional units (update May 2012)

Officers should start by checking the “Overview of strategic plans” to ensure their section has an up-to-date plan available. The planning timetable for this year detailing the actions that sections need to take is found in the second document.

10TH IFLA INTERNATIONAL MARKETING AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The IFLA Section on Management and Marketing in collaboration with Emerald is pleased to announce the winners of the 10th IFLA International Marketing Award for 2012.

First place was awarded to Tsinghua University Library, Beijing, China, represented by Yang Yi, Deputy Director, and Han Lifeng and Wang Yuan, Reference Librarians. The project team, comprised of professional librarians and students, created a low-cost series of five short, entertaining videos that feature two undergraduates who meet in the library. Their interactions not only tell the humorous, light and warm story of “Falling in Love with the Library” but also improve library brand awareness and library literacy and thus help students, especially freshmen, make optimal use of library services and fully benefit from them.
Second place was awarded to the University of Waterloo Library, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, represented by Nancy Collins, Communications and Liaison Librarian, and Esther Millar, Coordinator, Library Communications and Web Management. The library launched a buttons campaign featuring 13 creative button designs to capture the visual identity of the six library locations available to students, faculty and staff.

Third place was awarded to the Kostenevo Rural Library, Yelabuga District, Republic Tatarstan, Russia for the project “The Whole Village Reads”, represented by Guzjal Erkaeva. More details about these winning campaigns are available from Nancy E. Gwinn, gwinnN@si.edu, Information Coordinator for the jury.

For the full article, please refer to: http://www.ifla.org/en/news/10th-ifla-international-marketing-award-winners-announced

The first place winner will be announced officially at the IFLA press conference, time and place to be announced. Second and third place winners will also be announced and awarded with distinctions.

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BENEFITS OF IFLA MEMBERSHIP

WHY JOIN IFLA?

BECAUSE YOU CAN ...
- Define your profession
- Decide what’s on the agenda, globally
- Make a definite difference
- Keep up-to-date
- Help others & help yourself (reciprocal benefit)
- Network and collaborate

ADVANTAGES OF BEING AN IFLA MEMBER:
- Extend and sustain your professional network at an international level
- Think strategically: decide what will be on the political agenda by using your voting rights
- Be active in one of IFLA’s working groups and help in developing standards and guidelines; take part in meetings, seminars and workshops; discuss important issues with your colleagues from all over the world and exchange information on the topics you work on
- Get a discount on attendance at IFLA’s annual conference and on various IFLA publications
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- Non-Salaried Affiliate

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- IFLA members missing their 2012 invoice, please contact Membership@ifla.org as soon as possible.

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The New Professionals Special Interest Group welcomes you to IFLAcamp, the first genuine IFLA satellite unconference ever! The event will take place from August 9–10, 2012, prior to the IFLA WLIC 2012. We are going to meet in the beautiful City of Hämeenlinna which is conveniently located 100 km north of Helsinki.

IFLAcamp is a two-day satellite meeting in the mode of an unconference that provides a lot of space for ad-hoc sessions and open discussion. The participant-driven approach will allow for active involvement of all attendees and the inclusion of all kinds of topics that prey on your minds! Every participant of IFLAcamp will be encouraged to propose topics on the spot and to actively contribute to the sessions. Creating the schedule will happen in the morning of each day together with all participants. IFLAcamp will be a place for New Professionals and the wider LIS community to meet, share experiences and create new ideas. If you have not experienced a barcamp yet, take this as a chance to get inspired by exploring this open concept and meeting colleagues from around the world in a most informal setting!

Attending IFLAcamp will be totally free of charge; coffee breaks, lunch, and social evening included! To make the event run smoothly, there will be a limit of 100 participants. The registration is open until June 30, 2012 and available via: www.iflacamp.eventbrite.com. So make sure to get your ticket today – everybody is welcome!

For more info visit  
http://npsig.wordpress.com/iflacamp/  
We are looking forward to seeing you in Finland!
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RSCAO held its mid-term meeting and half-day seminar in the multi-cultural city of Auckland, New Zealand. Winston Roberts (RSCAO Committee member) organised the meeting locally which was hosted by the National Library of New Zealand, resulting in an excellent facilities and atmosphere for the participants. We were fortunate to have Christine Mackenzie of IFLA Governing Board present as well as David Aymonin, Library Director, University of New Caledonia.

The meeting was preceded by a Powhiri (Maori welcoming ceremony) at the Waipapa Marae.

Michael Robinson (Hong Kong) stated reasons Chair Dan Dorner (New Zealand) being absent and ably took on his role for the meeting at short notice. Also in attendance were: Secretary – Chihfeng P. Lin (Taiwan); Members – Diljit Singh (Malaysia), Jayshree Mamtora (Australia), Mark Perkins (New Caledonia), Sonny Vikash Chandra (Fiji), Winston Roberts (New Zealand), Tina T. Yang (Hong Kong); Advisors – Rashidah Begum bt. Fazal Mohamed (Malaysia), Shawky Salem (Egypt); Corresponding Member - S. B. Ghosh (India); and from the IFLA Regional Office for Asia and Oceania – Tan Keat Fong and Petrina Ang (Singapore).

Business started with an introduction to the National Library, specifically its “Literacy, Learning and Public Programmes”. This focused on providing digital access to services, especially schools, with in person initiatives aimed at disadvantaged schools. This was inspiring and led to much discussion.

In addition to reports from the Regional Office and the Chair, the below captures the highlights of the discussions.

IFLA HEADQUARTERS
Christine Mackenzie updated RSCAO on IFLA’s programmes and initiatives, with a lively discussion on the following:

1. Building Strong Library Associations (BSLA) Online learning platform is in place including training packages, policy based learning materials and case studies. There are also BSLA workshops planned with regular country reports posted to the BSLA website.

2. IFLA’s five Key Initiatives for the years 2011–2012 of the Strategic Plan 2010–2015 are:
   a. Digital Content Programme: driving access to content, and digital resources, for library users
   b. IFLA International Librarianship Leadership Development Programme: capacity building to raise the voice of the profession nationally, regionally and internationally
   c. Outreach Programme for Advocacy and Advancement of the Profession: connecting, collaborating, representing strategically
   d. Cultural Heritage Disaster Reconstruction Programme: culture is a basic need, a culture thrives through its cultural heritage, it dies without it
   e. Multilingualism Programme: a multilingual IFLA website opens windows to the world

Some highlights from the initiatives are:

IFLA Repository
As part of its Digital Content Programme, IFLA intends to host a portal for information exchange on issues critical to the practice of librarianship in the digital age. This portal will include a repository collecting together IFLA’s own publications for ease of location, search, display and preservation.

International Librarianship Leadership Development Programme
The programme is designed to create opportunities through which, in partnership with national associations, emerging leaders can be identified and nurtured towards a leadership role within IFLA and to participate in IFLA’s role in the international librarianship environment.

At the meeting
Disaster Prevention and Recovery Advisory Committee Preservation and Conservation Section is creating an online ‘at risk register’ of countries and sites where there is a risk for armed conflict or natural disasters and whose governments or institutions have low capacity to deal with such situations. Within the register, libraries with significant cultural heritage items will be identified and information listed about their collections, contact details, etc.

Digital Content Programme The IFLA Governing Board set up a Steering Committee (SC) to commission a major trend report modeling the evolving digital information environment which would be due early 2013.

UNESCO Endorses the IFLA Manifesto for Digital Libraries The IFLA Manifesto for Digital Libraries is also an important instrument for achieving the objectives of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS).

Multilingualism To create a multilingual IFLA website available in the seven IFLA languages.

New IFLA Membership Categories Non-Salaried Affiliate, Association Affiliate

Beyond Access: Libraries Powering Development This is an initiative of IFLA together with IREX and other organisations. Development in the 21st century demands access to information. At a time of tight budgets, libraries offer a more efficient, smarter way of doing development. Most countries around the world, regardless of their size or level of development have public libraries. Beyond Access is starting a movement to make them all hubs for economic and social change and believes that libraries power development.

IFLA RSCAO STRATEGIC PLAN 2012–2013 There was discussion about aligning this with the IFLA Key Initiatives and Strategic Plan and reviewing what had been achieved and what remained from the last Plan. It was decided to finalise a draft via email discussion for discussion at the IFLA Annual Congress in Helsinki this year.

ALP SMALL PROJECTS FOR 2012 Three project applications were received by the Regional Office and forwarded to ALP for selection. RSCAO Chair, Dan Dorner and the Regional Office separately provided reviews of the applications. The Vietnamese Library Association’s proposal “Leadership Development for Executive Board Members and Aspiring Leaders of Vietnamese Library Association” was selected.

ASIA AND OCEANIA CALL FOR PAPERS FOR 78TH IFLA WLIC, HELSINKI, FINLAND, AUGUST 11–17, 2012 The theme will be “Innovative libraries: transforming our communities” and the Asia and Oceania Open Session will be held on August 15, 2012. Twenty-four abstracts were received and a sub-committee reviewed the papers in Auckland (finishing at nearly midnight). Their recommendations were reviewed by the meeting. The following are papers which will be presented:

How Innovative Services for Literacy Help a Multicultural Community Become Stronger – A View from New Zealand
Bill Macnaught, National Library of New Zealand, Wellington, New Zealand (invited speaker)

Shelter-based Community Libraries: In Search of Alternative Livelihoods for Pavement Dwellers in Dhaka City
M.D. Nasiruddin, Department of Information Science & Library Management, University of Rajshahi, Rajshahi, Bangladesh

One Who Has Been Long in Confinement: Inspiring the Prisoners to Read
Susmita Chakraborty, Bengal Engineering & Science University, Shibpur, India

A Critical Role of Academic Advisory Service to Students Employed in the Learning Commons Facilities
Takashi Nagatsuka, Department of Library, Archival and Information Studies, Tsurumi University, Yokohama, Japan
Toyohiro Hasegawa, Tsurumi University Library, Yokohama, Japan

Local Studies Centers: Transforming History, Culture and Heritage in the Philippines
Martin Julius V. Perez and Mariel R. Templanza, School of Library and Information Studies, University of the Philippines Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines

ASIA AND OCEANIA SECTION MEMBERSHIP AND SUBSCRIBERS TO RSCAO-L
The Section has 310 members, 54 countries with15 new members. RSCAO-L has 291 members. The Section also decided to actively promote the Section’s Facebook page.

CALL FOR NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS’ INPUTS TO WIPO DISCUSSIONS
In preparation for the 24th WIPO SCCR meeting, IFLA would like to engage all national library associations to support by providing updated limitations and exceptions for libraries and archives at this meeting. The IFLA Support Plan is there to help national library associations to get engaged with their national governments. Committee members commented on the need for more aid to smaller associations with respect to intellectual property legislation advocacy in their countries.

Discussions also took place regarding IFLA Annual Congress 2013 to be held in Singapore.

A half-day seminar with the theme “Library and Information Services for Multicultural Populations in Oceania and Asia” was hosted by Auckland Central City Library.

On the last day we were given a presentation of the George Grey Collection at the Auckland Central Library followed by a tour of the Auckland Museum, with a special focus on the Maori exhibitions.
THE 15TH GENERAL CONFERENCE OF CONGRESS OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN LIBRARIANS (CONSAL XV)

Extracted from CONSAL XV Newsletter

3rd Meeting of the CONSAL XV Executive Board

The 15th General Conference of Congress of Southeast Asian Librarians (CONSAL XV) held in Bali, Indonesia from May 29–31, 2012, was preceded by two meetings held a day before on 28 May 2012. The first meeting, held in the morning, was the 3rd Meeting of the CONSAL XV Executive Board. It was attended by twenty-four representatives from ten member countries. In the meeting, the Indonesian Executive Board members reported all the preparations taken concerning the Meeting and 15th General Conference and firmly concluded that Indonesia was ready to host 737 participants. The meeting also discussed the development of libraries and librarianship and proposed projects in each member country. The other two important agendas discussed during the meeting was, firstly the Executive Board members agreed to have the CONSAL XVI held in Thailand in 2015. Secondly, it was unanimously decided by the Board members to accept Timor Leste as an Associate Member pursuant to CONSAL Constitution Article III Section 6 and by laws adopted by CONSAL XIII Executive Board in the 3rd Meeting held on March 26, 2006 in Manila, Philippines. In fact the membership proposal from Timor Leste has been received by the Board members since the 2nd Meeting in Medan in 2011.

20th Meeting of Conference of Directors of National Libraries in Asia Oceania

The second meeting of the day was the 20th Meeting of Conference of Directors of National Libraries in Asia Oceania (CDNLAO) held in the afternoon after the official opening of CONSAL XV Exhibition. This meeting was attended by twenty-three representatives from eighteen attending member countries which are Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, South Korea, Thailand, Timor Leste and Vietnam. The members discussed library developments in each national library especially development related to the library services. During the meeting, the members also discussed proposed and ongoing projects. In the meeting, the members agreed to accept Australia as the host of the 22nd Meeting of Conference of Directors of National Libraries in Asia Oceania (CDNLAO) while the 21st conference will be held next year in Malaysia as decided during the 19th meeting in South Korea.
15th General Conference on CONSAL

The agenda of the general conference started immediately after the opening ceremony with a presentation from Ms. Jennefer Nicholson, Secretary General of IFLA, preceded five other plenary speakers. Each speaker discussed in line with the theme of the conference. Each of them stated the important of preservation and dissemination of national and cultural heritage in several areas. On the second day of the Conference, forty-eight speakers were allocated in six rooms to deliver their presentations under the parallel sessions. The speakers were grouped based on the topic of their papers. Some speakers were also appointed as moderators for each session.

The Conference was officially closed by Mrs. Sri Sularsih, Director of the National Library of Indonesia on Wednesday (May 30, 2012) afternoon. She mentioned that through CONSAL, members can work together to build and develop strong cooperation among CONSAL member countries in the field of preserving, empowering and disseminating our national heritage. Through our libraries we should be able to improve and facilitate the reading culture of our society so they could learn and become smart enough to improve their social welfare. She also mentioned with all the commitment we have and share, she is confident that we could develop a smart, strong and innovative ASEAN society and prepare them to face the global competition.

Before ending her speech she congratulated Thailand, the next host of CONSAL XVI. She also offered assistance to Thailand, if necessary. Last but not least she thanked all the Executive Board Members for the support and all participants who have come and participate actively during the conference. She also extended appreciation to the organising committee for their help and support to make the conference a success and to the thirty-four exhibitors and sponsorships especially the eight main sponsors.

After presenting her closing remarks, Mrs. Sularsih invited the Executive Board Members from Thailand, Professor Khunemas Chavalit, Mrs. Wilawan Sappansaen and Dr. Pranchark Wattananusit, to step forward. Together with the Acting President of the Indonesian Library Association, Dr. Zulfikar Zen, the Secretary General of the Indonesian Library Association, Mr. Robinson Rusdi, and the CONSAL Secretary General, Ms. Woro Titi Haryanti Salikin, Mrs. Sularsih, handed over the CONSAL flag and the seed money worth US$ 1000 to Thailand, the next host. This was followed by a short remark from Professor Khunemas Chavalit, President of the Thailand Library Association and a short film about Thailand.
CONSAL XV: AN ENRICHING FIRST-TIME EXPERIENCE
Mr. Martin Julius V. Perez, Librarian, Far Eastern University, Manila, Philippines

The 15 th Congress of Southeast Asian Librarians (CONSAL) Meeting and General Conference was held in May 28-31, 2012 at the Discovery Kartika Plaza Hotel in Bali, Indonesia, with the theme: “National Heritage: Preservation and Dissemination.” A total of 726 participants, comprising 257 international participants attended the CONSAL Conference. The conference proper took place on May 29-30, 2012. The opening ceremony, plenary sessions, presentations of the event exhibitors and sponsors, and the welcome dinner took place on May 29, while the parallel sessions, closing ceremony, gala dinner and cultural night took place on May 30. May 31 was when, we joined different cultural tours.

I’m really glad and thankful for this “first time” experience and opportunity to attend the CONSAL Conference, held once every three years, not just as a participant, but also as a paper presenter. At this very early stage of my career, attending the CONSAL Conference was just a dream, until I was informed my paper was accepted to be presented at the Conference. This entitled me to free registration and an opportunity to apply for a grant in the Philippines. My appreciation goes to the Far Eastern University, my employer for providing my airfare to travel to Bali.

As a moderator, I was assigned to the first session of talks in the Discovery Room. As a paper presenter, I discussed my paper entitled “An Analytical Study of the Common and Unique Characteristics of Local Studies Centers in the Philippines,” which is my undergraduate studies’ research in the University of the Philippines - Diliman. It was my first time presenting a paper in a conference. While that made me nervous, I was able to share effectively the ideas and concept of the paper based on the feedbacks of some participants. This experience was really priceless, especially knowing they learned from what I have shared.

With fellow Filipino paper presenters and new friends from the National Library Board, Singapore

The presentation of certificates and tokens of appreciation for the speakers and the moderator of a talk session
As a participant, the CONSAL Conference provided me learning in several areas and a valuable experience that I will really treasure. It gave me an international perspective and updated me on the current trends on the field of library and information science, which I can share with my colleagues and friends in the Philippines. This will significantly contribute in the development of my career as a librarian and information specialist, and maybe soon as an educator. I was able to established networks and connections with different people in the profession, in which we were able to exchange thoughts, ideas, problems, experiences and stories, and were able to gain new friends. I also enjoyed our stay in Bali with its rich Indonesian culture and scenery, and the friendly people of Bali and organizers of CONSAL XV.

Overall, being part of the CONSAL Conference was a memorable one, and our experience in Bali, the “island of gods” was truly unforgettable. Congratulations to the organizers of a very successful CONSAL Conference! If I am given again an opportunity to attend the next CONSAL Conference in Thailand in 2015, I won’t hesitate to say “yes”!
IFLA BUILDING STRONG LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS MINI-Congress in Berlin

At the first-ever IFLA BSLA mini-congress in Berlin Germany February 23-24, 2012, representatives of IFLA BSLA country projects from Botswana, Cameroon, Lebanon, Lithuania, Nepal, Peru and Ukraine shared their success stories, and solutions to challenges that cut across borders. Strategies to engage with politicians, stakeholders, and to sustain associations into the future were discussed by all association representatives and their trainers.

Association presidents, in-country facilitators, and core trainers all took part in the meeting. Participants took part in activities to help them assess the impact of their projects, and ideas to sustain development of associations after 2012.

Five members of the IFLA Management of Library Associations section gave short lightning talks during the BSLA meeting, highlighting major campaigns, success stories and strategies library associations in the US, UK, Slovak Republic, Germany and internationally are taking to put libraries on the agenda. Following the BSLA meeting, the IFLA Management of Library Associations Section held their mid-term meeting, with BSLA attending as observers. The meeting was an excellent opportunity for participants to see IFLA in action, and to contribute ideas to the section’s strategic planning process.

BSLA Workshop in Saudi Arabia Delivered by Videoconference

Dina Youssef was invited to give a workshop for ten librarians, hosted by the Om El Qora University Library in Saudi Arabia. The workshop was delivered from the Bibliotheca Alexandrina in Egypt, to librarians in Saudi Arabia. This was the first time that videoconferencing has been used to deliver an IFLA workshop. This technology was used as it provided an affordable, interactive experience both for trainers and participants.

RESULTS FROM THE FIRST ASIA AND OCEANIA BSLA COUNTRY PROJECT IN LEBANON

Lebanon Library Association (LLA) worked with facilitator Premila Gamage (Sri Lanka) in three workshops between 2010–2012. In between workshops, LLA focused on revisions to their bylaws, and made a number of visits to members and libraries across the country.

The new LLA board was elected in May 2012, with the BSLA in-country coordinator being elected as President which will contribute to continuity of the project. Several new members joined the association after BSLA workshops, and one of the new board members was motivated to run due to her involvement in the programme.

Interaction and engagement with members has become more positive. LLA held their first annual conference in April 2012. In the past, LLA has collaborated on a number of international activities, but this was the first conference organized specifically by LLA. More than 200 people participated in the conference.

LLA has a newly elected board that now realise the challenges and opportunities they face in the years ahead to work more closely with the library community. Their objective is to make working in the association as streamlined as possible, and to communicate more effectively with the whole library community. Action plans are now in place to realise these goals.

BSLA IN NEPAL
The second workshop as part of the country project in Nepal was held in May 2012. Members of the Nepal Community Library Association board and the Nepal Library Association together with other partners took part in the workshop held in Chitwan. The next workshop is scheduled in the last quarter of 2012.

ALP SMALL PROJECTS UPDATE
At its December meeting, the ALP committee approved four small projects to be funded in 2012, following applications from IFLA’s regions.

ALP supports training and development projects in developing countries and emerging economies, with an emphasis on capacity building, and train-the-trainer or cascading delivery.

The projects will be implemented in Madagascar, Vietnam, Peru and Croatia. The project in the Asia and Oceania region is:

“Leadership Development for Executive Board Members and Aspiring Leaders of Vietnamese Library Association”

The initial workshop will be facilitated by Michael Robinson (Hong Kong) with activities to be cascaded to regions in Vietnam.

ACCESS TO LEARNING AWARD
Honoring innovation. Opening a world of opportunity.

We invite you to apply for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation’s annual Access to Learning Award, which recognizes the innovative efforts of public libraries and similar institutions outside the United States to connect people to information and opportunities through free access to computers and the Internet.

Computers and the Internet are powerful tools that provide opportunities for people to improve their social and economic well-being. Worldwide, just one person in six has access to the Internet. This means that more than five billion people miss out on chances to pursue education and employment, access government services, learn about valuable health information, conduct business online, and exchange information and ideas. The Access to Learning Award encourages new, innovative ways to provide computer and Internet services to people without access, and promotes greater development of public access technology programs around the world.

IFLA INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME
The International Leadership Programme is a new, 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 Programme provides opportunities that IFLA is in the unique position to offer through our global role and reputation and our extensive and diverse framework of activities and expertise.

The Programme will bring participants together at the 2012, 2013 and 2014 IFLA World Library and Information Congresses (WLIC) as the main face-to-face forum. In this dynamic and interactive environment, participants will have direct access to international leaders, and undertake eight days [excluding travel time] of activities including: seminar and workshop sessions on issues with a global impact led by leaders in the sector and related fields; participation in specified business meetings; attendance at specified professional programme sessions; working within groups to prepare presentations or reports; liaison with Governing Board members; building support networks.

This experience will be reinforced throughout the Programme with attachments to IFLA professional units and working/advisory groups to contribute to projects of direct relevance to IFLA’s international agenda and Strategic Plan and Key Initiatives. Participants will learn through practice, and be mentored as they strengthen their skills and knowledge.

The first cohort is expected to begin their participation in the programme at the next IFLA congress in Helsinki, Finland this August.

THE APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR THE 2012 AWARDS IS 30 SEPTEMBER 2012

HOW TO APPLY

DEADLINE
Completed applications must be submitted by 30 September 2012.

OBTAINING APPLICATION FORMS
• The 2013 Access to Learning Award application form is available for download at www.gatesfoundation.org/ATLA.
• The form is only available in English and must be completed in English. Applications must be submitted online.
• To be eligible to receive the 2013 ATLA, your organization currently provide free public access to computers and the Internet in a public setting. The ATLA is awarded based upon past achievement and not future projects.
• More information about the award, including eligibility requirements, process for selection and profiles of past recipients, is available at www.gatesfoundation.org/ATLA.
BACKGROUND
In 2010, the libraries of Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA), Australian Institute of Marine Science (AIMS) and Geoscience Australia (GA) proposed the establishment of a marine library twinning programme with funding support to be sought from the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs (AusAid). Due to unforeseen circumstance AIMS was unable to run a host programme and James Cook University (JCU) Library stepped in. The application was not successful in the first round of approvals, however was given approval for advancement on March 3, 2011. Funding of $76,800 was received from AusAid, to be spent over the years 2011/2012 to 2012/2013.

GBRMPA sought advice from the Coordinator of the Regional Network of Pacific Island Marine Libraries (ODIN-PIMRIS) on which Pacific libraries might be able to participate in this pilot project. The following three libraries were recommended:

- Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Fisheries Division Library, Apia, Samoa
- Ministry of Fisheries & Marine Resources Development Library, Tarawa, Kiribati
- Library, Applied Geoscience and Technology Division of Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC SOPAC), Suva Fiji

ACTIVITIES TO DATE
The Pacific participants travelled to Australia in February 2012, and stayed approximately four weeks, participating in visits to:

- GBRMPA Library (Townsville) – one week
- JCU Library (Townsville) – one week
- Geoscience Australia (Canberra) – one week
- University of Sydney (Seminar on Maritime Boundary Definition & Law of the Sea) – one day

The visits exposed the participants to a range of services, systems and products in information management. The participants also undertook several visits to other libraries, to gain an understanding of the variety of libraries and the range of services offered.

OUTCOMES
The Pacific participants were given the opportunity to see a large range of products and services used by small special libraries and larger university libraries and their parent institutions. These included:

- Inter library loan/ document delivery protocols and processes
- Alerting/ current awareness services
- Collection management (weeding processes, collection maintenance)
- Special collections’ organisation (image collection, SOPAC Petroleum repository, volcanological library collection)
- Special projects (digitisation projects, techniques and tools; georeferencing)
- Institutional repository management
- Australian Tsunami Warning System
- WEB 2.0-creating Blogs, Wikis

CONCLUSION
The Australian visits were very successful, with strong positive working relationships being developed between all libraries involved. All participants are keen to continue with the twinning relationships. Dorene Naidu has been appointed as Pacific/ANZ rep on the International Association of Aquatic and Marine Science Libraries and Information Centers (IAMSLIC) Membership Committee. The three Australian host libraries will arrange for on-site visits to participants’ libraries in Fiji, Kiribati and Samoa during 2012/2013. The aim of these visits is to gain a firsthand view of the level of implementation of any programs or activities as a result of the Australian visit, and to offer assistance and in-house training where possible.
In celebration of its centenary, the University of Hong Kong Libraries (HKUL) organised the 10th Annual Library Leadership Institute in Hong Kong from March 16-20, 2012 with the theme, Preserving our Past: Creating our Future. This was the second time the annual residential Institute has been held in Hong Kong since its inception in 2003. Previous Institutes were held in Shenzhen, Macau, Nansha, Xiamen, Shantou, Beijing and Bangkok.

This year, some fifty participants from Mainland China, Taiwan, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Hong Kong and the Philippines participated in the Institute. It was held in Level 3, a newly-renovated learning commons facility at the University of Hong Kong Main Library. Jeff Trzeciak, University Librarian of McMaster University in Canada, was the Chief Facilitator.

The five-day Institute was packed with presentations, group discussions, social activities and laughter. Participants spoke highly of the Institute:

"Most of the content gave me ideas and initiatives that can be presented and implemented at my library. I hope my management welcomes these ideas."

"This experience has certainly helped me develop as a leader, and helped me to identify my strengths and weaknesses in this regard."

"I can better understand the problems that most university libraries are now facing and have learned the right way to solve them."

"This Institute has helped to energise new ideas to meet new challenges."

The Institute aims to provide library directors and senior librarians from the Asian region with the unique opportunity to develop new skills in the dynamic world of management and leadership in the information sector.

More details about the 2012 Institute, as well as past Institutes, are available at http://lib.hku.hk/leadership/
The National Diet Library (NDL) launched a new integrated retrieval system, NDL Search, into full-scale operation in January 2012. This service enables integrated search of catalogs and digital archives of libraries including the NDL, archives, museums, and academic institutes.

1. WHAT YOU CAN SEARCH IN THE NDL SEARCH
The NDL broadly acquires Japanese publications including books, magazines, newspapers, CDs and DVDs based on the legal deposit system. The NDL has been making accurate bibliographic record of them and providing the data on the Internet since 1996 so that the acquired publications can be accessed as need arises. The NDL also makes the Japanese Periodicals Index to enable articles in magazines to be searched from title, author, keywords, etc. As the sole national library, the NDL also provides the National Union Catalog Network (Unicanet) which enables integrated search of Japanese books owned by prefectural and major municipal libraries in Japan since 1998, the Union catalog database of children’s literature which enables users to search children’s books and magazines owned by seven organizations in Japan since 2000, and the National Union Catalog of Newspapers in Japan since 2003. The number of digital contents provided is also on the increase. The NDL actively promotes the digitization of its collections to spare the originals from deterioration caused by use and strives to develop better digital library services. The NDL started the full-swing collection of Internet resources offered by public institutions including national government agencies in 2010. It also started to provide the Historical Recordings Collection in 2011.

Meanwhile, catalog databases and digital contents on the Internet are being gradually enhanced not only in libraries but also in archives, museums and academic research institutes. The NDL has been offering the National Diet Library Digital Archive Portal (PORTA), which enables integrated search of Japanese digital contents, since 2007.

Using the NDL Search, a new integrated retrieval service, you can search at once a huge variety of contents in various media including the information mentioned above, regardless of the type of information and holding organization. The search targets are databases of university libraries, special libraries, the National Institute of Informatics, the National Archives of Japan, the National Museum and e-book databases in the private sector, and the databases operated by the NDL such as the NDL Catalog, union catalogs, digital contents, useful reference resources (information on the table of contents, special subject databases, reference examples, etc.), and about 69 million items of bibliographic information gathered from 82 databases as of December 2011. Cross-search of 126 databases is also available. The Unicanet, the Union catalog database of children’s literature, the National Union Catalog of Newspapers in Japan and PORTA were integrated into the NDL Search in January 2012.
2. VARIOUS SEARCH HELP

The NDL Search offers ingenious services to help find what you need rapidly from the large amounts of information and materials. You can also use the NDL Search through mobile-phones and smart-phones.

- **Retrieval support function**
  Natural language search, fuzzy search, search for synonyms and words with similar meanings, prefix and suffix search, etc. are possible. You can also search targeting the table of contents and materials’ text if it contains the text data.

- **Multilingual translation function**
  The NDL is building a digital library linked up with China and South Korea in collaboration with the National Library of China and the National Library of Korea. The NDL Search provides translated search function between Japanese, English, Chinese and Korean and shows translated search results, as well as providing interface in each language.
User-friendly display of search results
The NDL Search displays search results grouping similar contents in different media such as books and digital contents. You can choose the one suiting your needs such as books, text data, digital images, etc. from the groups.

Search refinement
The NDL Search shows hints for refining the result (type of material, name of holding library, year of publication, etc) as well as the search result list. You can also refine the search using the related keyword, authority keyword, etc. provided from the search results.

Means of obtaining information
The NDL Search shows you how to access the information and materials if at all possible. Not merely linking to the digital contents, the name of the organization which holds the information and materials is shown on the “View and Loan.” If you register a frequently-accessed library on the setting page, the search results also show whether the library has the title (This function is available on the Japanese page only). You can also jump to the online bookstore’s website.

Application for the interlibrary loan (ILL) which has been provided through Unicanet is also available (exclusively for the participants of the National Union Catalog Network Project).

Functions to utilize the search results
The NDL Search provides various functions to utilize the search results; for example, posting them to external services such as Twitter and Hatena Bookmark, and delivering new information and search results with a specific keyword by RSS.

Providing Newly Acquired Books Information
Using the NDL Search, you can search the basic bibliographic information of books published in Japan acquired by the NDL under the legal deposit system, within a few days after deposit. The NDL also offers the basic bibliographic information through the RSS and OAI-PMH* form.

3. FUTURE DEVELOPMENT
The NDL Search was formally launched in January 2012. As the login function of the NDL Search and the National Diet Library Online Public Access Catalog (NDL-OPAC) is now unified, you can request remote copying service, etc. from the search results through the NDL-OPAC. The NDL will continually enhance the function in the future based on users’ needs, such as assimilating the new retrieval technology and the fruits of both internal and external proving tests.

NDL Search aspires to be the entrance of abundant knowledge held by academic research institutes across the nation and to make maximal use of the NDL’s information accumulated in the past. We hope you will make use of it.

*Open Archives Initiative Protocol for Metadata Harvesting

NDL Search
NDL Search, English version
http://iss.ndl.go.jp/?locale=en&ar=27d7

NDL Search, Chinese version
http://iss.ndl.go.jp/?locale=zh&ar=27d7

NDL Search, Korean version
http://iss.ndl.go.jp/?locale=ko&ar=27d7

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The Department of Library and Information Science, University of Pune is one of the most prestigious library schools in India. Established in 1958, under the faculty of Mental, Moral and Social Sciences, it started with a diploma course and at present it conducts M.Lib.I.Sc., M.Phil. and Doctoral programmes. To date, more than fifty students have been awarded Ph.D. degrees. Its alumni are spread throughout India and also occupy high positions in various reputed libraries. To strengthen the inseparable bonds between them and their alma mater, Pune University Library and Information Science Alumni Association (PULISAA) was established on January 19, 1997.

PULISAA strives towards fulfilling multiple objectives as follows:
- To cultivate professionalism and provide leadership in the dynamically developing field of Library & Information Science.
- To foster fellow-feeling and strengthen emotional bonds among its members.
- To provide its members a forum for exchange of ideas and sharing experiences.

In pursuance of this agenda, PULISAA holds periodic meetings for its Executive Committee members, besides establishing virtual communication channels in the form of the PULISAA website and the online PULISAA Newsletters. At present PULISAA has 250 members including 192 life members, 11 patron members, 18 Associate members and 32 Annual members. PULISAA also conducts professional events in collaboration with various institutes in and around Pune city.

Some important events conducted by PULISAA
- Inaugural meet in 1997
- Release of PULISAA souvenir and draft of the PULISAA constitution
- Selection of the first Ad-hoc Executive Committee
- Publication of inaugural issue of PULISAA Newsletter
- Lectures on “Five laws in the context of Internet”, “Core competencies for LIS professionals in the knowledge society” and “Information and Knowledge”
- Seminar on “Information Literacy”
- Online publication of PULISAA Newsletter
- Lecture on “National Library of Australia (NLA)” by Mr. Nikhil Wable, Cataloguer, NLA
- Relay of SLA Webinars on “E-Library collection planning”, “Information Architecture” and “Don’t let other People Decide How You will Behave”
ELECTION OF NEW OFFICE BEARERS FOR FIJI LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The Fiji Library Association (FLA) had its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 31 March, 2012 at the University of the South Pacific Library Conference Room.

The newly elected members are:

- **President**: Susana Macanawai
- **Vice President**: Sonny Vikash Chandra
- **Secretary**: Lorin Pai
- **Assistant Secretary**: Sabita Gandhi
- **Treasurer**: John Dyer
- **Council Members**: Yogni Saheb, Sereana Senidamanu, Colette Vesikula, Sofia Kubuwai
- **Newsletter Editor**: Pamela Bidwell

The Executive Council looks forward to a positive and challenging year.

FLA PATRON, A TRUE SON OF FIJI

Sir Moti Tikaram, one of Fiji’s most distinguished statesmen, aged 87, passed away at the Suva Private Hospital (Fiji Islands) on May 17, 2012.

Sir Anand Satyanand, a close family friend (and former Governor General and New Zealand) presented an eulogy at the funeral ceremony.

Sir Moti Tikaram, was the Patron for Fiji Library Association for over a decade and was the first local magistrate, judge, ombudsman and acting chief justice. He also served on numerous boards and committees and was the patron of several sporting organisations.

His patronage will be missed by the Fiji Library Association. The association offers its condolences to the family.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE.

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The presentation provided a background of the Publisher and its products and services especially in the area of digital content.

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Principal Librarian, Mr. Sonny Vikash Chandra and Senior Librarian, Ms. Sushila Lal of Fiji National University were part of the 80 participants who attended five days of training at JJ’s on the Park in Suva from May 14 to May 18, 2012.

They have been selected as evaluators of the Fiji Business Excellence Awards. The participants were trained in the Baldrige Business Excellence Framework.

The training session was conducted by Mr. Paul Steel of Total Quality Inc of United States of America.

The Fiji Business Excellence Awards is administered by the National Training and Productivity Centre, which is part of the Fiji National University.
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Collated by Ms. Nor Aishah M. Rashid, Associate Librarian, National Library Board Singapore

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