IFLA’s Advocacy Framework is Taking Shape

Reshaping our advocacy programme is a strategic priority for IFLA over the next three years. The main themes will remain: intellectual freedom and access to information; equity and fairness in intellectual property rights; and inclusion across the digital divide. It will incorporate Ms Claudia Lux, the President’s programme of Libraries on the Agenda, Ms Ellen R. Tise the President-elect’s programme of Libraries Driving Access to Knowledge, and draw on the expertise and resources available through our Sections, Core Activities, regional offices and language centres, so that we have a ‘whole of IFLA’ strategy.

During 2009, we will be working closely with members and potential partners to identify areas of cooperation and collaboration, and funding opportunities for our Core Activity programmes. This will assist us in making the best use of our resources for the benefit of members and our user communities. New aims include building capability as advocates within our membership and staff, and implementing greater rigour into our needs analysis and evaluation of activities.

However, we are not waiting until 2009 to get started! In late November 2008, IFLA hosted a meeting at the Bibliothèque nationale de France for representatives from cultural and heritage international associations with the aim of developing an agenda for collaboration in areas of convergence across our various sectors. In December 2008, IFLA and the Global Libraries initiative of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation jointly hosted a forum in Den Haag with representatives from United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), and eIFL (electronic Information for Libraries) to foster better understanding between our organisations and ways we might better coordinate our effort and work within the field at large.

Our Regional Office for Asia and Oceania has been active in putting together an outline of potential funding bodies and identifying activity priorities for the region. I am looking forward to attending the Standing Committee meeting in Bangkok in February 2009 to discuss with members the advocacy programme, and the potential for raising the profile of the sector in the region during the lead up to the 2010 IFLA World Library and Information Congress in Brisbane.

Congratulations to the Hong Kong Library Association for its 50th Anniversary Conference Looking Back, Moving Forward: Asian Libraries in the World of Information which I attended on 4-5 November 2008. Fifty years is a major achievement. Delegates and speakers from the region, Germany and North America enjoyed great hospitality and a celebration of Asian librarianship.

Jennefer Nicholson
IFLA Secretary General
Dear colleagues,

I am delighted to send this brief update just after another excellent IFLA Conference in picturesque Quebec City. Compared to other conferences, unfortunately, there were fewer participants in Quebec City due to financial, visa and other personal issues.

Changes to statutes, and rules of procedures and changes to conference programmes were among the main topics discussed at the Professional Committee and Governing Board meetings in Quebec City. The newly approved statutes and rules of procedure will enable IFLA to simplify its structure like the number of divisions and several of its processes such as the election procedures.

Discussion was held at the Governing Board meeting, issues concerning potential changes in the World Library and Information Congress (WLIC) programme schedule were discussed. They include Governing Board, Professional Committee, Division’s Coordinating Board, Standing Committee and Caucuses meetings. Please note that the proposals might cause some changes in the section programme plans for the Milan Congress.

The Section’s Open Session and the Division VIII/ALP Session were well attended. My sincere thanks to all the members who participated and also to those who attended the sessions. We have already issued our ‘call for papers’ for the Milan conference and have started receiving abstracts. We are also planning a social event in Milan, once again with the generous support of Emerald.

Since 2009 is an election year, some of our active members will retire but several new members will be joining us in Milan, where I hope to see a much greater number of committee members than at Quebec City.

At the moment, we are actively planning for our mid-conference meeting in Bangkok in February 2009. In addition to this meeting, we are planning to sponsor an international workshop on the “Preservation of Local Wisdom: Best Practices”. With the support of the Thai Library Association, Dr Aree Cheunwattana and Dr Namtip Wipawin are organising this meeting. If you are planning to attend as a member of the Regional Standing Committee for IFLA Asia and Oceania, please let us know as soon as possible.

Best wishes.

Premila Gamage
Regional Standing Committee for IFLA Asia and Oceania

Dear colleagues and friends,

Happy New Year and best wishes for 2009!

In this issue, we are delighted to bring you a message from Jennefer Nicholson, IFLA Secretary General. As she updates us with hot-off-the-press developments on the evolving façade of IFLA’s advocacy framework, we look forward to further serve the interests of the library and information profession under her leadership.

Here is another piece of good news! Please join me in extending our heartiest congratulations to the library and information professionals in Puerto Rico for their successful appointment by IFLA to host the 77th World Congress of Libraries and Information in 2011. This will take place in the heart of the country – the capital city of San Juan. We are certainly looking forward to it!

The conference in Quebec, Canada has been very fruitful. Apart from the sharing of knowledge and information, it was also a gathering of friends from across the globe.

IFLA Headquarters has called for nominations of promising candidates for the Standing Committee members of all Sections for the period 2009 to 2013. The completed nominations must reach IFLA Headquarters on or before 11 February 2009. Please refer to IFLA website: http://www.ifla.org/III/misc/callscm-e.htm and pages 4 and 5 in this issue for more details.

Meanwhile, Petrina Ang, Associate II, has joined Professional and International Relations, National Library Board Singapore on 1 September 2008. She supports me in IFLA matters. Please join me in welcoming Petrina to our IFLA family.

Professor Roza A. Berdigalieva, Director General, National Academic Library of the Republic of Kazakhstan has kindly hosted Shehbaz Husain Naqvi from India, one of the Action for Development through Libraries Programme (ALP) Training Attachment Programme 2008 recipients in November 2008. Petrina has worked closely with the host institution to put together the training schedule and we would like to record our appreciation to the host institution for their generosity.

We are also happy to share that this issue is printed on environment-friendly recycled paper – an effort on our part in saving our fast-disappearing forests.

Last but not least, a very warm welcome to the 21 new members registered in the Asia and Oceania Section in the last six months! The membership stands at 53 member countries and 300 members as at 17 November 2008.

Happy reading!

Tan Keat Fong
Regional Manager
IFLA Regional Office for Asia and Oceania
Congratulations!
Prof Peter Johan Lor, Former IFLA Secretary General, Receives an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Pretoria

Source: http://www.ifla.org/V/press/PeterLorHonoraryDoctorate.htm

Prof Peter Johan Lor, outgoing Secretary General of IFLA and extraordinary professor in the Department of Information Science at the University of Pretoria, has received an honorary doctorate, DPhil (honoris causa), from the University of Pretoria. The degree was conferred on 4 September 2008 at one of the spring graduation ceremonies of the University. He has received the degree for the exceptional leadership role he played in the Library and Information Science (LIS) profession in South Africa and internationally and for his outstanding research contributions to this field.

Prof Lor is an alumnus of the University of Pretoria – he received both his MBibl degree (1978, with distinction) and his DPhil (1990) from this University. From 1998 to date, he is also extraordinary professor in the Department of Information Science.

Prof Lor was Secretary General of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) in The Hague (the Netherlands) until 5 September 2008. He is the first South African to hold this position. Prior to this, he was the first National Librarian and Chief Executive Officer of the National Library of South Africa (NLSA), as well as the last Director of the State Library. He was instrumental in creating the NLSA through the amalgamation of the two campuses of the old State Library. Before becoming Director of the State Library, he was Associate Professor and Professor in Information Science at the University of South Africa (1986–1992) and prior to that he worked in various libraries in South Africa, inter alia as senior librarian at the University of Pretoria (1976–1980).

He is a member of a number of local and international scholarly associations and he served in management capacities in a number of these associations. The most important of these are probably his work in the Conference of Directors of National Libraries (CDNL) of which he was a member from 1992-2003 and the Chair from 1996-2000 and his involvement in the Library and Information Association of South Africa (LIASA). He played a leading role in the establishment and early years of LIASA (1996–2000), when he was the Chair of the Interim Executive Committee and Chair of the Transitional Executive Committee (when the old South African Institute for Library and Information Science was disbanded and the members formed a new organisation through amalgamation with various other bodies) and eventually member of the Representative Council and Executive Committee.

Prof Lor has published over 130 professional publications. His articles and conference papers have appeared in journals and proceedings published in 17 countries and have been translated into French, Hungarian, Italian, Slovak, Swedish and Ukrainian. His research covers a number of areas in the field of Library and Information Science, which include:

- Developmental role of libraries in developing countries
- National and regional information policy
- Library and information services legislation
- Information flows between developed and developing countries
- International and comparative librarianship and information work
- National digital heritage: capturing, organisation, preservation and access
- Research methods in Library and Information Science

He is a distinguished and acknowledged scholar and his research is highly regarded by professionals across the world.
IFLA’s professional programme is divided into Sections. Each Section is governed by a democratically elected Standing Committee consisting of professionals with expertise and an interest in the field of the Section. Serving on a Standing Committee offers an exciting opportunity to make a contribution at the international level. We are now calling for nominations for candidates to serve on the Standing Committees for the period from August 2009 to August 2013. Please take a few minutes to read this, and then nominate promising candidates.

Who may nominate?

To nominate a candidate for election to the Standing Committee of a Section:

- you must be the authorised representative of an IFLA Association Member, an IFLA Institutional Member or an IFLA Institutional Affiliate. This is the individual who is listed in IFLA’s records as the highest official and whose name appears on the attached nomination form.
- you must be an IFLA Individual Affiliate (Personal & Student Affiliates).
- you have to be registered as a member of the Section for which you want to put forward a nomination.
- you must have paid your membership fees in full for 2008 and not be in arrears.

Who may be nominated?

A candidate does not have to be a member of IFLA (or be employed by or be affiliated to a Member of IFLA) to be nominated. The important thing is what that person can contribute. Candidates should:

- have appropriate knowledge and experience to contribute to the Section’s work.
- be keen to be involved in IFLA.
- have a working knowledge of at least one of the IFLA languages. As most business meetings are conducted in English, a command of English is helpful, but not an absolute requirement. The working languages of IFLA are Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Russian and Spanish.
- be able to participate in the work of the Standing Committees at no expense to IFLA. This means that they have to attend meetings. Standing Committees meet before the annual IFLA World Library and Information Congress on the Saturday before the Congress starts. Standing Committee members will be expected to attend 5 Congresses, beginning in 2009 (Milan) to and including 2013 (location to be determined). Congresses take place in August each year. In between these meetings, business is conducted by email and post. Some Standing Committees hold mid-year meetings by agreement of the Committee. Standing Committee members must be able to arrange their travel plans accordingly.

You may nominate yourself, a member of your staff or a person in another organisation or even another country who is known to have the required qualifications and interest in serving.
Who may not be nominated?
The following may not be nominated for the period 2009-2013:
• persons who are currently serving on a Standing Committee for the period 2007-2011.
• persons who are currently serving their second term on a Standing Committee for the period 2005-2009.

Individuals completing their second term on a committee who are interested in serving a term on a different Standing Committee should make their desire known to a member eligible to make a nomination.

No one may at the same time be a member of more than one Standing Committee. The only exception is that a person may be a member of the Standing Committee of a regional section (Africa, Asia and Oceania, and Latin America and the Caribbean) in addition to one other Standing Committee.

For the list of members who are currently serving on the Standing Committees of the various Sections, please refer to the IFLA Directory 2007-2009 or the Sections' web pages on IFLA's Website.

How do I nominate?
A nomination form which bears the name of you or your organisation will be attached to the letter we sent by mail. To nominate candidates for the Standing Committee of more than one Section, make one or more photocopies of the nomination form. Do NOT use a nomination form supplied to any other IFLA Member or make copies of your nomination form for use by other Members. This leads to much confusion and is time-consuming when the IFLA Secretariat verifies the eligibility of nominations.

Obtain the consent of your nominee using the attached Consent Form, confirmation that the nominee meets the language and attendance requirements, and a brief statement of the nominee's career and present position.

For Association, Institutional Members and Institutional Affiliates, make sure that the nomination form is signed by the authorised signatory. One nomination is sufficient. It does not have to be seconded.

Send the completed form to IFLA Headquarters by post or fax or as an e-mail attachment. The form must be signed.

What is the deadline?
The completed nominations must reach IFLA Headquarters ON or BEFORE 11 February 2009. Late nominations will not be accepted. To avoid disappointment, please do not wait until the last moment.

For full details, please refer to the link http://www.ifla.org/III/misc/callscm-e.htm.

IFLA/FAIFE
Volume 7 of the IFLA/FAIFE World Report Series, Access to libraries and information: Towards a fairer world, is now available in PDF format for free on the IFLA website.

The Report is also available in a limited print run at a price of Euro 25 for IFLA members and Euro 30 for non-IFLA members. To order a hard copy, please contact: publications@ifla.org.


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Call for Papers

“Libraries creates futures: building on cultural heritage”
23–27 August 2009, Milan, Italy

Division for Regional Activities (Div. VIII) Open Session
Theme: “Libraries on the cultural agenda: regional comparisons”

The Division for Regional Activities (Division VIII) of IFLA is comprised of Regional Sections covering developing countries in the three major regions of the world: Africa, Asia and Oceania, and Latin America and the Caribbean. Division VIII is organising an open session at IFLA Conference in Milan, Italy and issues this call for papers on the topic, “Libraries on the cultural agenda: regional comparisons”. The topic will examine the extent to which libraries embrace the notion of cultural heritage in developing countries, and are store houses of culture in developing countries.

Papers may focus on, but are not limited to:
• Best practices on how libraries promote culture
• Programmes in libraries as cultural heritage
• Case studies

Submissions:
1. The deadline for submitting a detailed abstract (500 words) and full author details is 10 January 2009. Selection of papers is based on the abstract, and presenters will be notified by end-February 2009 at the latest whether they have been successful.
2. The full paper is due on 1 May 2009 and must be an original submission not published elsewhere.
3. Both abstracts and full papers should be submitted as a MS Word file by e-mail; fax or post should be used only as a last resort.
4. Papers should be of 20 pages maximum, double-spaced.
5. All abstracts must be in English. Papers can be presented during the Conference in any IFLA working language (English, French, German, Russian, Spanish).
6. Twenty-five minutes will be allocated for a summary delivery of the paper in the Conference.
7. The author(s) should indicate his/her personal full contact details and include a summary curriculum vitae with the paper. Also, a digital photograph would be useful.

Selection:
1. Full abstracts (500 words) should be prepared following the template provided below. Each abstract will be blind reviewed by members of the Division VIII Coordinating Board.
2. Abbreviated abstracts or late submissions will not be considered.
3. Purpose of this paper
   What are the reason(s) for writing the paper (or the aims of the research)?
4. Design/methodology/approach
   How are the objectives achieved? Include the main method(s) used for the study. What is the approach to the topic, and what is the theoretical or subject scope of the paper?
5. Findings
   What was found in the course of the work? This will refer to analysis, discussion, or results.
6. Research limitations/implications (if applicable)
   If research is reported on in the paper, this section must be completed and should include suggestions for future research and any identified limitations in the research process.
7. Practical implications (if applicable)
   What outcomes and implications for practice, applications and consequences are identified? All papers should have practical applications. What changes to practice might be made as a result of this research/paper?
8. What is original about/value of the paper?
   What is new in the paper? State the value of the paper and to whom.

Please send your abstract by 10 January 2009 to:
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Please note that the expenses of attending the Milan conference will be the responsibility of the author(s)/presenter(s) of accepted papers.
As a hallmark of the library and information profession, the Thai Library Association (TLA), which was established officially in 1954 and has been under the Royal Patronage of Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn since 1976, plays an important role in the promotion of the library and information profession vital to an informed and knowledgeable society. Its vision “Towards standards, cooperate and collaborate for academic, professional and societal development” has been set in 2007 as guidelines for the TLA executive board members. Major strategies and activities include the following:

**New “Constitution of the Thai Library Association 2008”** was announced. Major revisions include the objectives and organisational structure to meet with changes in the profession and the society.

**New “Code of Ethics for Librarians and Information Professionals 2007”** has broadened its scope to cover important topics of interests in the modern digital society and is aimed at all information professionals.


New peer-reviewed “TLA Journal of Research in Library and Information Science” has been issued biannually since 2008, to encourage new research and application in the field.

**New Management Strategies: Cooperation and Collaboration** are highlighted. TLA is an active member of the regional and international association. It has signed Memoranda of Understanding with various institutions around the country to jointly organise library development and continuing education programmes.

**Various other activities** have been conducted e.g. Annual Library Conferences, Library Week, TLA Bulletin (1957-), TLA News (1982-), Recognition for Library Donors and LIS Outstanding Person of the year.

The creative and productive work of the present executive board members has been recognised by fellow members and the public.
A Glimpse of the National Library of Vietnam

By Pham The Khang
Director
National Library of Vietnam

The National Library of Vietnam (NLV) was founded on 29 November 1917. As Vietnam’s only legal deposit institution, NLV owns a rich and wide collection of Vietnamese materials. It houses approximately 1.5 million books on all aspects of knowledge and in different languages. These precious collections include an Indochina collection of 53,901 volumes of books, newspapers and journals since 1861; a Sino-Nom collection of more than 5,000 manuscripts written in old Vietnamese language; 14,000 doctoral theses of Vietnamese citizens since 1954, digitalised collection of more than 1.2 million pages. NLV attracts about 1,700 to 2,000 readers to the library every day.

NLV is the leading library in implementing information technology and library standards. In 2003 and 2006, NLV implemented the translated MARC 21 and Vietnamese Abridged DDC 14 to the cataloguing process respectively. Thus, the theme “Unification, Standardization, Sharing and Integration” was created to revolutionise the image of Vietnam’s library profession. In international relations, NLV has been actively participating in IFLA and Congress of Southeast Asian Librarians (CONSAL), and cooperating effectively with 132 libraries of the 32 countries in the world. Today, NLV has made much advancement in transforming itself into a modern library. The NLV website is http://www.nlv.gov.vn.

Hosting the 14th CONSAL General Conference with Vietnamese Library Association on 20-23 April 2009 in Hanoi will be the most special event of 2009 for NLV.

With the theme “Towards dynamic libraries and information services in Southeast Asian countries”, the Conference aims to be a forum for librarians and information experts to exchange ideas, view points and practices, in order to enhance the dynamic and effectiveness in ASEAN libraries and information institutions, and to consolidate CONSAL. Coinciding with the CONSAL XIV General Conference, the 3rd meeting of CONSAL XIV Executive Board and the 17th Conference of Directors of National Libraries in Asia and Oceania will also be held at NLV. The CONSAL XIV website is http://www.consal14.vn.

The main building of the National Library of Vietnam

The 2nd CONSAL XIV Executive Board Meeting in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam on 22 April 2008
Welcome!

New IFLA Members registered under Section 26 and located in Non-Asia and Oceania Region
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Two standing committee meetings were held in the World Library and Information Congress: 74th IFLA General Conference Programme, in Quebec, Canada on 10 and 15 August 2008 and attended by the following members:

- Premila Gamage (Chair, Sri Lanka)
- M. Al Mamun (Secretary, Bangladesh)
- Hilda T. Nassar (Information Coordinator, Lebanon)
- Daniel G. Dorner (Member, New Zealand)
- Hasna Askhita (Member, Syria)
- Roza Berdigalieva (Member, Kazakhstan)
- Xiaolin Zhang (Member, China)
- Birgitta Sandell (ALP Programme Director, Sweden)
- Chihfeng P. Lin (Corresponding Member, Taiwan)
- Shawky Salem (Advisor, Egypt)
- Tan Keat Fong (Regional Manager, Singapore)

Fifteen observers from Singapore, United Kingdom, Australia, India, France, Australia, United States of America, DPR Korea and Canada were also present at the meeting. Jennifer Nicholson, IFLA Secretary General, was present at the second meeting where she spoke on advocacy framework.

The Chair, Regional Manager and Information Coordinator presented the administrative budget, meeting budget and the information report respectively. Birgitta Sandell, ALP Programme Director, also presented her report on Asia and Oceania Section’s project status, financial situation of the Action for development through Libraries Programme (ALP), and other grants information for the Section. The meetings also included discussions on the Section’s roles and responsibilities in the 75th World Library and Information Congress (WLIC) Conference Programme in Milan, Italy in August 2009. The Sections also decided that the theme for the Asia and Oceania Section Open Session for Milan Conference would be “Preserving the Past - Creating the Future”.

The Section Programme was conducted on 12 August 2008 and the theme was “From Me, To You, To Us: How Libraries in the Asia and Oceania Region Contribute to Global Understanding”. More than 75 participants attended the Open Session. The keynote address was presented by Dr N Varaprasad. The following papers were presented in the Open Session:

- Keynote Address - Libraries and Disaster Recovery: A Framework for Regional Cooperation in Digital Preservation and Recovery
  - Dr N Varaprasad (National Library Board Singapore)
- A School-Library-Centered Community Information Resource Sharing Model and Its Impact on Cultural Life of Rural Communities in China
  - Mr Wenjie Zhou, (China Evergreen Rural Library Service Center)
- The Tele Cottage Approach to the Community Development in the Rural Karnataka, India
  - Prof. S. L. Sangam (Karnatak University, India)
Designing of Cultural Knowledge Portal: A South East Asian Experiment - Dr Ajay Pratap Singh (Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, India)


Premila Gamage, the Chair, attended two Governing Board Meetings on 8 and 16 August 2008. The Secretary and Regional Manager attended the officers training session on 11 August 2008. The Chair, Secretary and Regional Manager also attended two Coordinating Board meetings held on 8 and 15 August 2008. The Caucus (Africa, Asia & Oceania, and Latin America & Caribbean) meeting was held on 9 August 2008. Premila Gamage presided over the meeting, which a good number of members from Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania and Division VIII participated in.

Division of Regional Activities and ALP Open Session were held on 11 August 2008 and the theme was “Indigenous Knowledge: Language, Culture and Information Technology”. One paper from Asia and Oceania Section entitled: Indigenous knowledge and the role of information literacy education was presented by Daniel G. Dorner and Gary E. Gorman, Victoria University, Wellington, New Zealand.

A poster titled “IFLA activities in Asia and Oceania: The Impact” was presented by the Regional Office. It covered the Asia and Oceania Section’s activities, mission and strategies.

The social event was held on 11 August 2008 at the Hotel Delta, Quebec. About 40 guests attended the event. The event was sponsored by Emerald. Ms Eileen Breen, on behalf of Emerald, has expressed interest to continue sponsorship in the future.

Ho Lian Geok with the poster presented by the Regional Office for Asia and Oceania at the Poster Session
### IFLA Members registered under Section 26 and located in Non-Asia and Oceania Region as at November 2008

| Canada | Institution | 1. University of Winnipeg (Library) |  
|        | Student Affiliate | 2. David Ross BERRY |
| Egypt  | Institution | 3. League of Arab States, Department of Information & Library Center |
| France | National Association | 4. Association des Bibliothécaires Français |
| Georgia | Institution | 5. National Parliamentary Library of Georgia |
| Germany | Institution | 6. Universitätsbibliothek Tübingen |
| Italy  | National Association | 7. Associazione Italiana Biblioteche |
| Netherlands | Institution | 8. FORCE |
|         | Personal Affiliate | 9. Royal Tropical Institute (KIT), Information and Library Services |
| Russia | Federation | 10. Page BOKHAUZ |
| France | National Association | 11. M.I. Rudomino All-Russia State Library for Foreign Literature |
| Turkey | Institution | 13. Milli Kütüphane Baskanligi (National Library) |
| United Kingdom | Institution | 14. British Council |
|         | Student Affiliate | 15. Institute of Development Studies |
|         | National Association | 17. School of Oriental and African Studies, Library |
|         | Personal Affiliate | 18. The British Library |
|         | 19. Cilip - The Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals |
|         | 20. Farzana QUreshi |

### Quilting an IFLA Tapestry of Asia and Oceania Region

by IFLA Regional Office for Asia and Oceania

As you know, quilts are made from sewing different fabrics together to make design. And patterns for sewing the pieces of fabric together are handed down through the times. The riot of patterns and colours makes the quilt beautiful, while meticulous stitching holds the quilt together strongly. Similarly, IFLA Asia and Oceania region is made up of 53 countries, each making their contribution to the library community through the years. The vibrancy of the members makes the organisation remarkable, while the bond and understanding between the members are essential for the strength of the organisation.
IFLA Members located in the Asia and Oceania Region as at November 2008

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**Institution**
- 31. Afghan Parliament Library

**Bangladesh**

**Institution**
- 73. Bangladesh National Library

**Bhutan**

**Institution**
- 74. Royal Institute of Management, Semtokha

**Cambodia**

**Institution**
- 75. The Senate of the Kingdom of Cambodia
- 76. Cambodian Librarians and Documentalist Association

**China**

**Institution**
- 77. Biblioteca Central de Macau/Macau Central Library
- 78. Bureau of International Exchange of Publications, National Central Library
- 79. Changchun Library
- 80. China Executive Leadership Academy Pudong Library (CELAP)
- 81. Chongqing Library
- 82. Department of Information and Communications, Shih-Hsin University
- 83. Fudan University, Library
- 84. Hainan University Library
- 85. Hangzhou Public Library
- 86. Hong Kong Baptist University, Library
- 87. Hong Kong Public Libraries
- 88. Legislative Council Library
- 89. Library Association of the Republic of China (Taiwan)
- 90. Library of Chinese Academy of Sciences/Library of Academia Sinica
- 91. Library of the East China Normal University
- 92. Library, Renmin University of China
- 93. Macao Polytechnic Institute Library
- 94. Medical Library of the Chinese People’s Liberation Army
- 95. Nanjing Library
- 96. National Library of China
- 97. Nanjing Normal University Library
- 98. Nanjing University, Library
- 100. National School of Administration
- 101. National Taiwan Normal University Library
- 102. Pao Yue-kong Library, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- 103. Parliamentary Library, Legislative Yuan
- 104. Peking University Library
- 105. Shanghai Administrative Institute, Library
- 106. Shanghai Library
- 107. Sichuan Provincial Library
- 108. Shanghai University, Library
- 109. Suzhou Library
- 110. Taipei Public Library
- 111. The Capital Library of China
- 112. The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- 113. The Hong Kong Institute of Education Library
- 114. Tsinghua University Library
- 115. Tongji University Library
- 116. University of Hong Kong Libraries
- 117. University of Macau, International Library
- 118. Wuhan Library
- 119. Wuxi Library
- 120. Xi Cheng District Library
- 121. Zhejiang University Library

**Fiji**

**Institution**
- 125. University of the South Pacific, Library
- 126. Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat Library

**French Polynesia**

**Institution**
- 127. Bibliothèque de l’Université de la Polynésie Française

**India**

**Institution**
- 128. Banaras Hindu University, Library
- 129. Bose Institute
- 130. Delhi Public Library
- 131. Documentation Research and Training Centre, Indian Statistical Institute
- 132. Indira Gandhi National Open University
- 133. Jawaharlal Nehru Library, University of Mumbai
- 134. Library & Documentation Centre, Wildlife Institute of India
- 135. Library, Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd.
- 136. Ministry of External Affairs Library, New Delhi
- 137. National Library, Kolkata Government of India
- 138. National Library of India (NISCAIR)
- 139. National Social Science Documentation Centre, Indian Council of Social Science Research
- 140. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC)
- 141. Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation
- 142. The Parliament Library
**Indonesia**

**Institution**
- 144. Klub Perpustakaan Indonesia (KPI)/Indonesia Library Club
- 145. National Library of Indonesia/Perpustakaan Nasional RI.

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- 149. Iranian Research Institute for Scientific Information and Documentation (IRANDOC)
- 150. Iran University of Medical Sciences and Health Services
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- 156. Birzeit University, Main Library, Yusuf Ahmed Alghanim Library
- 157. Central Library for the Blind, Visually Impaired and Handicapped
- 158. Elia Sourasky Central Library, Tel Aviv University
- 159. Eliyach Central Library, Technion-Israel Institute for Technology
- 160. Hebrew University of Jerusalem Library Authority
- 161. Interdisciplinary Center
- 162. Library of the Knesset, Parliament of Israel
- 163. The National Library of Israel
- 164. University of Haifa, Library

**Personal Affiliate**
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- 167. Japanese Society for Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities
- 168. Kanazawa Institute of Technology, Library Center

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**National Association**
- 185. Library Association of the Republic of Kazakhstan

**Jordan**

**Korea, Democratic People’s Republic of**

**National Association**
- 187. Library Association of the DPR of Korea

**Korea, Republic of**

**Institution**
- 188. Ewha Womans University, Central Library
- 189. Korean Braille Library
- 190. National Assembly Library
- 191. National Assembly Research Service (NARS)
- 192. National Library of Korea
- 193. Seoul National University Library

**National Association**
- 194. Korean Library Association

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**Institution**
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- 201. National Scientific and Technical Information Centre, Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research

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**Institution**
- 203. American University of Beirut, University Library
- 204. ASSABIL, Friends of Public Libraries
- 205. Beirut Arab University, Library Administration
- 206. Institute for Palestine Studies, Library
- 207. Saab Medical Library, American University of Beirut
- 208. Université La Sagesse/Bibliothèque Issam Farès

**National Association**
- 209. Lebanese Library Association

**Malaysia**

**National Association**
- 220. Persatuan Pustakawan Malaysia/Librarians Association of Malaysia

**Maldives**

**Institution**
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**Micronesia, Federated States of**

**International Association**
- 224. Pacific Islands Association of Libraries, Archives and Museums (PIALA)
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The Action for development through Libraries Programme (ALP) has been formulated by IFLA’s members in Africa, Asia and Oceania, and Latin America and the Caribbean to address important issues and meet important needs in developing countries.

The ALP Secretariat is hosted by Uppsala University Library in Sweden

ALP works mainly by supporting the following types of activities:

- Conference, seminars and model workshops
- Scholarships and attachments (in-service training)
- Pilot projects

120 young people in São Paulo have been trained to collect data about their community and present them in a way people understand.

The Regional Standing Committees of Africa, Asia & Oceania and Latin America & the Caribbean draw up policy guidelines for the development of the programmes within each region and propose or approve projects.

The Regional Office Managers (in Pretoria, Singapore and Rio de Janeiro) work very closely with the ALP Secretariat to support and develop the programme.
INDONESIAN – Workshop on Information Literacy
A contribution to improve education quality through information literacy

By Hanna Latuputty-George, S.S
Chairperson
Asosiasi Pekerja Informasi Sekolah Indonesia
(Association of Indonesian School Information Professional)

The INDONESIAN – Workshop on Information Literacy (INDONESIAN-WIL) took place in CICO, Bogor, Indonesia from 7-11 July 2008. A set of recommendations for integrated lesson plans with information literacy modules for elementary to high school level and information literacy programme for university was developed from the workshop. The event was fully funded by the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions/Action for Development through Libraries Programme (IFLA/ALP) and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA). These recommendations will be given to the Ministry of Education in Indonesia. There were 50 participants. They came from Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam and 15 provinces in Indonesia.

Rashidah Begum, the advisor of IFLA Asia and Oceania Section, spoke on the topic of IFLA and its role in promoting information literacy. She talked about the structure and governance of IFLA, the Information Literacy Section, and the website INFOLIT GLOBAL, which is supported by United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). A major part of her presentation highlighted the information literacy activities of the Asia and Oceania Section, particularly those supported by ALP. These included information literacy training, projects aimed at developing information literacy activities and programmes, and workshops and seminars to develop professional expertise in information literacy in the Asia and Oceania region that have been carried out in several countries in the region.

Begum added that “Hanna, the initiator and leader of the workshop, did a truly outstanding job in organising the workshop in a very professional manner. She was very ably supported by a Committee, who in spite of their youth, showed great maturity in managing the workshop according to the standards expected of a regional workshop. I was very happy to see so many young librarians in their late twenties and early thirties playing such an active role in organising as well as participating in the workshop. I think that the youth factor is the secret to having a very successful workshop.”
Excerpt from “Facilitating Grassroots Development: The Role of ALP in Division VIII Countries”

By Gary E. Gorman, Professor, School of Information Management, Victoria University of Wellington
Daniel G. Dorner, Senior Lecturer, School of Information Management, Victoria University of Wellington
Birgitta Sandell, Programme Director, IFLA ALP


Background
IFLA has taken a special responsibility for its members in developing countries by creating a core programme, Advancement of Development through Libraries (ALP), through which financial and administrative support to regional activities is channelled.

ALP was launched as a new core programme at the IFLA conference in Nairobi 1984. The programme was at the beginning managed by IFLA HQ. As a result of intense discussions within IFLA in the late 1980s, the Nordic countries offered to find a host for and finance ALP. In 1989, the Swedish International Development Co-operation Agency (SIDA), offered to fund a pre-study to reformulate the programme. ALP was re-launched at the Stockholm IFLA conference in 1990. SIDA also funded most of the programme during the following start-up period 1990–1991.

After these preliminary phases ALP has been fully operational since 1992, with an international focal point hosted by Uppsala University Library. It is financed by Uppsala University, SIDA, IFLA and 20 Nordic library associations and institutions. SIDA is funding most of the projects but the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Finland is also giving support through the Finnish Library Association. Up to 2001, Danida, the Danish equivalent to SIDA, was one of the donors who contributed most to ALP.

Learn from the Fisherman
One day, a fisherman returns home from his canoe and is met by a foreign expert who is working in this developing country. The expert asks the fisherman why he is back so early. The fisherman explains that he has already caught enough fish to feed his family that day.

“So what will you do with the rest of the day?” the expert asks.

The fisherman’s response: “Well, I do a little fishing. I play with my children. We have a siesta when it gets hot. In the evenings, we eat together and visit friends.”

The expert interrupts: “Look here, I have a university degree and have studied such matters. I want to advise you. You should stay out fishing longer. You would earn more money and be able to afford a bigger boat and soon you would be able to invest in a fleet of trawlers.”

“And then?” The fisherman inquires.

“Then, instead of selling fish through a middleman, you could deal directly with the factory. You could leave your village and move to the city, New York, or London and run the company from there. You could even put your company on the stock market and earn millions.”

“How long would this take?” the fisherman asks.

“About 25 years,” the expert says.

“And then?”

“That’s when life gets interesting. You could retire and move to a small village away from the pollution of the city.”

“And after that?” the fisherman asks.

“Then you will have time to relax, do a little fishing, play with your grandchildren and visit friends.”

(Peace Corner, 2007)
What Is ALP’s Philosophy?

Like the fisherman, we do not accept development for the sake of development – this is pointless for those most in need of development assistance, and is generally a vehicle for international ‘expert consultants’ to advance their own status. However, we do believe in development as a means of empowerment – the empowerment of individuals, communities and cultures, on their own terms.

Likewise, we cannot countenance development as something done by experts to the inexpert; but we do condone development that arises from a need expressed by the local community, and that is undertaken by the local community (with a little help from their friends).

In view of this development philosophy, the ALP standard takes a holistic approach to the needs expressed by people in countries that make up the bulk of the world’s population. ALP works at the local level through community and professional development, and through the personal empowerment of those who become involved with us. The key, in other words, is grassroots involvement.

What Is Our Grassroots Framework?

‘Grassroots’, according to The Free Dictionary (http://www.thefreedictionary.com/), has two principal meanings that are relevant to the work of ALP:

‘fundamental’, as in ‘the grassroots factor in making the decision’

‘basic’, of or involving the common people as constituting a fundamental politicoeconomic ‘group’, as in ‘a grassroots movement for nuclear disarmament’

‘Grassroots development’ implies that its genesis arises directly from the people most in need of assistance, unlike development that is orchestrated by traditional power structures. Thus ALP works closely with those partners who are most closely attuned to local needs: the International Focal Point of ALP and IFLA’s Regional Offices, IFLA’s Division VIII and its three Sections for Africa, Asia and Oceania and Latin America and the Caribbean.

Results of grassroots development can inform decisions, signal challenges, confirm achievements and suggest areas for further development activity. The premise of grassroots development is that results are tangible at three levels: individuals, organisations, and the local community or society at large. Therefore, it is perhaps easiest to visualise a continuum pyramid when visualising the multiple dimensions of grassroots development, progressing from individuals and families, to organisations, to the community or society at large.

Individuals/families → organisations →community/society

A development project is an investment that should produce both tangible and intangible benefits at every point on this continuum, and ALP seeks to measure and document both. ALP’s experience has demonstrated that each project can facilitate change and that grassroots development creates results not only for individuals but also for the society in which individuals live and organisations that serve their needs (such as libraries).

ALP has been able to support three to four projects per year in each region. That means that, since 1991, 181 projects has been carried out, 78 persons have received inservice training, 49 training scholarships in ICT and information literacy have been offered, and 196 persons have received travel grants. A total of SEK23,048,813 (approximately USD3,157,370) has been spent on projects during this period.

A Grassroots Development Framework

ALP’s grassroots development framework is expressed in terms of its Strategic Plan, which in turn is based on the strategic plans of the three regions and has been the guiding principle behind the selection and implementation of projects. The projects are initiated from within the regions and are also carried out by colleagues in the regions. That is the grassroots strength of ALP.

The objectives in the Strategic Plan are:

- To provide opportunities for education and development of LIS staff.
- To facilitate the establishment of new library associations and the implementation of IFLA Guidelines on the management of library associations.
- To promote the function of libraries: information literacy and lifelong learning, and to combat functional illiteracy.
- To promote the use of ICT and the creation of local electronic resources.
- To increase publishing activities and the dissemination of information to the communities, with special attention to marginalised groups.

(IFLA ALP Strategic Plan 2008–2009)

Thus it can be seen from the Strategic Plan that ALP aims at supporting basic human development issues: literacy, lifelong learning, bridging the digital divide and sustainable development. And it does this at the individual, organisational and societal level.

The National Library of Australia, the nation’s largest collecting institution, plans to make its nationally significant resources more accessible – with work to start next year on a permanent Treasures Gallery and new Exhibition Gallery.

The Treasures Gallery will also feature the best of the National Library’s vast collection of rare books and printed items, paintings, maps, oral histories and objects. It is expected that more than 150 items will be on display when the new Treasures Gallery opens in mid-2010.

Years in the planning, the Treasures Gallery will show, permanently, many of the National Library’s “treasures”, from Captain Cook’s handwritten Endeavour journal to Patrick White’s letters, Eddie Mabo’s diary to one of Jorn Utzon’s preliminary models of the shells for the iconic Sydney Opera House.

Today, the National Library boasts a collection in excess of 10 million items. At the time of the building’s opening, it held about a million books and 100,000 photographs. The 1968-69 annual report advises there were 112 staff. As at June 2008, 405 ongoing staff, 57 non-ongoing, 20 casuals and 94 volunteers worked at the National Library.

In 2007 and 2008, more than 500,000 people came through the National Library’s doors and millions more visited the Library online.
The "Electronic State Library Fund – Kazakhstan National Electronic Library" project (KazNEB) is a stimulating project. It provides access to books online and has contributed significantly to the development of Kazakh content in the world information space. To preserve the cultural heritage of the Kazakh nation, a national programme called “Cultural Heritage” was developed in 2004. It plays a significant role in reviving the cultural spirit of the Kazakhstan society and has invaluable meaning for Kazakhstan. In the opinion of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Kazakhstan’s approach to preserving its heritage is a good example for other countries.

The project KazNEB is supported by the state programme “Decrease of Information Inequality”. The aim of the project is to create a catalogue of electronic state library fund and a unified electronic storage of books at the National Academic Library of the Republic of Kazakhstan in Astana city. When the project is completed, books can be accessed online at www.kazneb.kz. It will be the first library state portal with a significant amount of information content in Kazakh language.

**Since the portal work began in December 2007, more than 16,000 visits have been registered from Kazakhstan, Russia, China, Australia, Germany, Turkey, USA, Uzbekistan and Belarus. Many visitors use the service “Ask Librarian” which operates in the Kazakh, Russian and English languages.**
Access to world cultural values is possible with a good knowledge of foreign languages.

The reading room of world literature in the National Academic Library of the Republic of Kazakhstan gives readers the opportunity to learn many different languages including Arabic, Bulgarian, Chinese, Czech, English, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Spanish and Turkish.

Our reading room also has a variety of educational materials such as books, disks and cassettes. Newspapers and magazines in English, French, German, Korean and Turkish help our readers to be well informed on world events and the latest news in the political, economic, scientific and cultural scene.

To involve readers in studying languages, we found an interesting activity called the "Day of First-Year Student". We organised it in our reading room for students from various universities. Besides involving students who are studying languages, the objective of the activity is to interest first-year students in becoming readers of our library, as many are freshmen from different regions in Kazakhstan.

To organise and conduct the "Day of First-Year Student" activity, librarians need to prepare puzzles, quizzes and riddles. Students are divided into several teams and they select their own team names. There is also a panel of judges, comprising librarians and teachers, to decide which is the best team. The most active participants are rewarded with books.
Standing the Test of Time: Heritage Road Show III

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Manager
National Library Office, National Library Board Singapore

The Heritage Road Show, which is into its third run, took place on 2 August 2008 and it was a vibrant showcase of local lives as seen through the kaleidoscope of Singaporeans. Visitors were able to view still shots of village life back then in Upper Serangoon, old documents like library cards, certificates and artefacts such as game pieces from yesteryear.

Besides taking a journey back in time, there was a photography exhibition “43 Things that Remind Me of Singapore”. Winning entries were picked from the photography competition held earlier this year, which invited Singaporeans to submit photographs of Singapore’s sights and sounds.

The National Library also launched two online initiatives, namely the Virtual Donors Gallery and Flickr SNAP. The Virtual Donors Gallery (www.donors.nl.sg) is an online portal showcasing the highlights of the Donors Collection and local artefacts donated by the public during the first Heritage Road Show in 2006. Researchers and overseas visitors can now get a chance to see our local heritage in the comfort of their homes.

The other initiative, Flickr SNAP (www.flickr.com/people/snapsg/), is an extension of the National Library’s Singapore National Album of Pictures (SNAP) on the popular photo-sharing website, Flickr.com. This initiative allows the National Library to widen its donorship pool by encouraging the online community to share their personal photo collections without having to part with their much-treasured mementos. In support of this initiative, Yahoo! had also featured heritage photos on Singapore’s Yahoo! network and participated in the Road Show to promote greater awareness of their services.

At the end of the event, the National Library had harvested a total of 1,095 items of which 150 were physical items and 945 photographs were converted into digital format.

All these will go towards building our print heritage for current and future generations to appreciate the history of Singapore.
**Library Events from January to August 2009**

Collated by Nor Aishah Mohamed Rashid, Associate Librarian, Lee Kong Chian Reference Library, National Library Board Singapore

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Organiser: Graduate School of Library, Information and Media Studies, and Research Center of Knowledge Communities, University of Tsukuba and Japan Society of Library and Information Science (JSLIS)

Date: 6–8 March 2009

Venue: University of Tsukuba, Tsukuba, Japan

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Link: [http://a-liep.kc.tsukuba.ac.jp/index.html](http://a-liep.kc.tsukuba.ac.jp/index.html)

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**62nd World Newspaper Congress: Newspapers, A Multi-Media Growth Business**

Organiser: World Association of Newspapers (WAN)

Date: 22–25 March 2009

Venue: Hyderabad, India

Contact: Email: contact_us@wan.asso.fr


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**Third International Conference on Information Systems, Technology and Management (ICISTM-09)**

Organiser: Institute of Management Technology, Ghaziabad

Date: 12–13 March 2009

Venue: Ghaziabad, India

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Link: [http://www.imt.edu/icistm/](http://www.imt.edu/icistm/)

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**Joint International Conferences on Asia-Pacific Web Conference (APWeb) and Web-Age Information Management (WAIM)**

Organiser: Organising Committee

Date: 1–4 April 2009

Venue: Suzhou, China

Contact: Email: apweb-waim09@suda.edu.cn

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**14th International Conference on Database Systems for Advanced Applications (DASFAA 2009)**

Organiser: DASFAA Steering Committee

Date: 21–23 April 2009

Venue: Brisbane, Australia

Contact: None provided on website


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**CONSAL XIV General Conference: Towards Dynamic Libraries and Information Services in Southeast Asian Countries**

Organiser: Congress of Southeast Asian Librarians (CONSAL)

Date: 20–23 April 2009

Venue: Hanoi, Vietnam

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**Third International Conference on Research Challenges in Information Science (RCIS)**

Organiser: IEEE Morocco Section

Date: 22–24 April 2009

Venue: Fez, Morocco

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CLA / ACB 2009 National Conference and Tradeshow
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Date: 29 May – 1 June 2009
Venue: Montréal, Québec, Canada
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Link: http://www.cla.ca/conference/2009/

SLA 2009 Annual Conference & INFO-ExPO
Organiser: Special Libraries Association (SLA)
Date: 14–17 June 2009
Venue: Washington, DC
Contact: Email: SLA091.attendee@experient-inc.com
Link: http://www.sla.org/content/Events/conference/ac2009/index.cfm

Joint Conference on Digital Libraries (JCDL 2009)
Organiser: ACM, IEEE
Date: 15–19 June 2009
Venue: Washington, DC
Contact: None provided on website
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2nd International PKP Scholarly Publishing Conference
Organiser: Public Knowledge Project (PKP)
Date: 8–10 July 2009
Venue: Vancouver, British Colombia, Canada
Contact: Angela Raasch
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ALA Annual Conference
Organiser: American Library Association (ALA)
Date: 9–15 July 2009
Venue: Chicago, Illinois, USA
Contact: Email: ala@experient-inc.com
Link: http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/annual/index.cfm

75th IFLA General Conference and Council: Libraries Create Futures: Building on Cultural Heritage
Organiser: International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA)
Date: 23–27 August 2009
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Link: http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla75/index.htm

10th International Congress on Medical Librarianship
Organiser: University of Queensland Library and IFLA Section of Biological and Medical Sciences Libraries
Date: 31 August – 4 September 2009
Venue: Brisbane, Australia
Contact: ICML 2009 Congress Secretariat
ICMS Pty Ltd, PO Box 3496
South Brisbane QLD 4101 Australia
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Link: http://www.icml2009.com/
Book Fairs

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Venue: Taipei, Taiwan

Alexandrina International Book Fair
Organiser: Bibliotheca Alexandrina
Date: 19 February – 4 March 2009
Venue: Alexandria, Egypt
Link: http://www.bibalex.org/English/bookfair.htm

Abu Dhabi International Book Fair
Organiser: Authority for Culture and Heritage
Date: 17–23 March 2009
Venue: Abu Dhabi, UAE
Link: http://www.adbookfair.com/cms/

7th Bangkok International Book Fair
Organiser: Publishers and Booksellers Association of Thailand (PUBAT)
Date: 26 March – 6 April 2009
Venue: Bangkok, Thailand
Link: http://www.bangkokibf.com/

Québec International Book Fair
Organiser: Salon international du livre de Québec
Date: 15–19 April 2009
Venue: Québec, Canada
Link: http://www.silq.org/

London Book Fair
Organiser: Reed Exhibition Companies
Date: 20–22 April 2009
Venue: London, United Kingdom
Link: http://www.lbf-virtual.com

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