Message from IFLA RSCAO Chair

Dear colleagues,

Time flies and my tenure as Chair, IFLA-RSCAO will end in August 2019. I served the section in different capacities as Member, Sub Regional Convener for South Asia, Secretary and Chair during 2007 – 2019. I will continue to work with the section till 2023.

I would like to thank Tina, RSCAO Secretary, Lin Li, Regional Manager and all colleagues of RSCAO and Regional Office for their invaluable support. I will join IFLA Governing Board during IFLA WLIC 2019 at Athens and continue to serve you all in my new role as Chair, IFLA–Division V (Regions).

Wish you all the best and see you all in Athens. [link] [link] [link]

Sanjay K. Bilahani
Chair, IFLA Regional Standing Committee for Asia & Oceania Section

Note from IFLA Regional Office

Dear friends,

Half of 2019 has passed and many events have taken place. Colleagues have come and left. It is the end of the current term but new friends have joined us in the coming term.

On this note, we thank our friends who had contributed much of their time, efforts and professionalism. We look forward to you continuing to send us more news and updates.

Cheers and have a great time reading! [link]

Soh Lin Li
Manager, IFLA Regional Office for Asia and Oceania

What is trending in the region?

Japan & China: The 9th International Conference on Information Capital, Property & Ethics held in the Zhuhai Campus of Beijing Normal University is co-sponsored by School of Government, Beijing Normal University and Southern Big Data Exchange, Beijing Center. [link]

Kazakhstan: Ms Bakytzhamal Ospanova is the new Director of the National Library of the Republic of Kazakhstan. We congratulate her on her appointment. We are confident that her library will benefit immensely from her 30 years’ experience in the library field. [link]

Sri Lanka: Dr Premila Gamage and Padma Bandaramayake made a poster presentation on the “From Behind Bars – To an Enriched World: Prison Library Development Project in Sri Lanka during the Global Solutions Poster Session at the 2019 ALA Annual Conference in Washington, DC. [link]

Singapore: The first of three World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) regional workshops focusing on the copyright needs of libraries, as well as archives, museums, education and research, took place in Singapore on 29 – 30 April 2019. [link]

United Arab Emirates: The title of World Book Capital has passed from Athens, Greece, to Sharjah, United Arab Emirates. The holder of the 2019 title is from 23 April 2019 until 22 April 2020. [link]