In February this year, I had the pleasure and opportunity to visit Singapore for the first time. Winston Tabb, Chair of the IFLA Committee on Copyright and other Legal Matters (CLM) and I represented IFLA at the 28th Intellectual Property Expert Group (IPEG) of APEC (Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation) in Singapore on 26 February. IFLA was invited to address IPEG on “Exceptions and Limitations for Libraries” within the broader context of Copyright and Intellectual Property (IP). APEC is the premier forum for facilitating economic growth, cooperation, trade and investment in the Asia-Pacific region. APEC was established in 1989 to further enhance economic growth and prosperity for the region and to strengthen the Asia-Pacific community. Attendees included representatives and IP experts of APEC member economies. The presentation, titled “Libraries and Users’ Rights: Balance in Intellectual Property” was well received, as was the proposal for minimum limitations and exceptions for libraries/users. We got lots of questions and strong praise for the work that IFLA is doing on behalf of libraries in this area in the international arena.

Singapore colleagues also took the opportunity of being there to arrange a programme for me to engage with the library community and to hear about my IFLA activities. My programme in Singapore was coordinated by Tan Keat Fong, IFLA’s Regional Manager for Asia & Oceania, and Deputy Director, Professional and International Relations of the National Library Board (NLB) Singapore. My programme included amongst others, a tour of the National Library of Singapore and a meeting with Dr. N Varaprasad, Chief Executive Officer of NLB. In the afternoon of day one, I gave a talk at the National Library on my presidential theme, “Libraries Driving Access to Knowledge.” On day two, I visited the library@esplanade, Jurong Regional Library, and Nanyang Technological University (NTU) Library.

I was impressed by the high level of professionalism, innovative services provided and strong commitment to the profession of Singapore library colleagues. What stood out for me was the support received from the government for libraries and the focus on professional development. Libraries in Singapore are definitely on the agenda. I would like to take this opportunity to thank NLB staff and Singapore colleagues for the warm welcome and hospitality which Winston and I received. It contributed in so many ways to a very fruitful and successful visit. I would also like to thank NLB for the continued support for IFLA through the Asia & Oceania Regional Office. It enables IFLA to have a strong footprint in Asia.

With kind regards
Ellen R. Tise
IFLA President-elect, 2007–2009
Dear colleagues,

I am writing this short account in the midst of planning for our activities for Milan. This is my final account as your Chair after four years in the Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania (RSCAO), first as a member, then as Secretary and finally as Chair of the Section, Chair of Division VIII, and Governing Board member. Four years is not a long time but it is important to make way for others in order to open up the Section to new ideas and perceptions.

I will be saying goodbye in Milan where a lot of changes will take place. This is not only because it is an election year but also because of the implementation of the revised IFLA structure of which you must already be aware. Even though there will be many changes to sections and divisions, we are fortunate that all three regional sections remain in IFLA as well as the Division with the new name of “Division V.”

The membership of our Section has grown stronger and the number of Standing Committee (SC) members has also increased to its maximum (22) for 2005–2009. I am proud to state that for 2009–2013, there were more nominations than the vacancies and a postal ballot was conducted. In addition, the Section has developed greater collaborative links within IFLA over the years. The Section continues to represent the interests not only of developing countries but also of many developed countries such as Australia, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, and Singapore. Therefore, regional sections should not be considered as merely about or for developing countries. Even though it is true that we pay more attention to developing countries, members should recognise that the Section represents all the countries in our region regardless of their economic, social, and political situations.

We are all well aware of ALP’s enormous contribution to information development activities in our three regions. With the phasing out of SIDA funds at the end of 2009, the administration of ALP will move from Uppsala University to IFLA Headquarters. There will be many important challenges facing our Section over the coming years especially in terms of finances due to the global financial downturn. All the SC members and especially the Regional Office (RO) have a key role to play here to identify and approach possible donors for project funding. I am happy to note that the RO has already started working on this with the collaboration of IFLA HQ. The impact and the difference made through ALP-supported projects are an important part of the Section’s work and one of its greatest achievements. The grassroots strength of ALP is the main reason behind this achievement as ALP projects are initiated from the regions and carried out by colleagues in the regions. The two projects currently carried out in Cambodia and Laos on information literacy are two examples that can be mentioned. A number of professionals and para-professionals have benefited immensely from ALP-supported in-service training and scholarship programmes. I am an example of a person who has benefited from ALP support without which I would not be here today. On behalf of the Section/Divisions, I would like to record our sincere gratitude and our deep appreciation to Birgitta and Gunilla for their hard work and contributions to the programme and associated activities. An official recognition ceremony will be held in Milan for Birgitta and Gunilla.

As we have much to discuss and do in Milan I hope to see many Section members there. In addition to both our Open Session and the Division VIII Open Session, there will be a number of sessions worth attending. Remember that there will also be an Emerald-sponsored dinner to which you will be receiving invitations shortly.

When I was the Secretary of the Section, the then Chair Gary asked me whether I would like to exchange my heavy workload as Secretary for his Chairmanship. However, my experience as Chair was quite different but I hope the in-coming Chair’s experience will not be the same! I am delighted to say that the years spent working on behalf of the Asia and Oceania Section and IFLA has been one of the best experiences of my professional career. It has been a wonderful learning experience—we work together, share ideas, learn from each other, argue...
and debate, laugh and in the end we step forward! I have been very fortunate to work with inspiring and exciting colleagues in IFLA and particularly in RSCAO, the preceding Chairs – Gary and Rashidah, Secretaries, Regional Managers, and all members. I must also admit that the friendships forged and networks developed are the most rewarding part of IFLA!

Finally, I wish much success to the in-coming officers and to both newly elected and continuing members in all their future activities.

Premila Gamage
Chair
IFLA Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania

From the Regional Manager’s Desk

Dear colleagues and friends,

With the close of a three-year term as IFLA Regional Office for Asia and Oceania, it has indeed been an enriching and rewarding experience. We would like to record our thanks to all those who have supported the Regional Office in a way or another.

We were privileged to have Ms. Jennefer Nicholson, IFLA Secretary General here in Singapore to ink the next three-year renewal of the IFLA-NLB Joint-Collaboration Agreement from 2009–2011 with Dr. N. Varaprasad, Chief Executive, National Library Board. You can also read about Ms. Ellen Tise, IFLA President-elect and Dr. Winston Tabb, Chair of the IFLA Committee on Copyright and other Legal Matters’ visit to the Regional Office in the Regional Office News Section.

On another note, we thank Ms. Premila Gamage, out-going Chair and out-going members of the Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania, for their significant contribution to the Section. Our congratulations to Ms. Ingrid Parent who has been elected to serve as President-elect for the term 2009–2011. Let’s also welcome the new twenty members and two member countries–Lao People’s Democratic Republic and Seychelles to our IFLA family. As of 15 June 2009, our membership stands at 54 member countries and 285 members. For members who may have missed to renew their membership, kindly contact IFLA Headquarters and do so soonest possible.

The Regional Office is also happy to announce the successful ALP Programme 2009 award applicants on page 24 in this issue. Letters have been sent out to inform all applicants. In addition, we are also pleased to advise that Petrina from Regional Office has successfully placed all ALP Training Attachments with the kind assistance of ALP and the following host institutions–National Academic Library of Kazakhstan, Kazakhstan; Rangsit University Library, Thailand; The Library, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand; Li Ka Shing Library, Singapore Management University, Singapore; and the National Library Board, Singapore. In this issue, Rangsit University Library has also generously shared its experience as a host institution in the ALP News Section.

Earlier in February this year, the Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania held its Mid-conference in Bangkok, Thailand. Various issues were on the agenda, including the selection of papers for the upcoming World Library and Information Congress: 75th IFLA General Conference in Assembly in Milan; the review and selection of ALP applications as well as updates from the Chair, ALP, and the Regional Office. Ms. Jennefer Nicholson also presented the latest development in IFLA. We greatly appreciate the warm hospitality rendered by the host, The Siam Society and our colleagues, Dr. Maria LaoSunthara, Dr. Namtip Wipawin, and Dr. Aree Cheunwattana for their impeccable planning.

In April 2009, I was invited by Mr. Pham The Khang, the Chairman of CONSAL XIV Organising Committee to represent IFLA Regional Office for Asia and Oceania in the CONSAL XIV General Conference, Vietnam. He is also the Director of National Library of Vietnam. The Conference was excellently organised and very well attended with more than 800 delegates. Shortly in May 2009, upon the invitation of the Ministry of National Education Indonesia and National Library of Indonesia. I introduced IFLA to 150 school librarians and other participants from 33 provinces in Indonesia on “The Role of the School Library and Competency of the School Librarian: The IFLA Perspective and the Singapore Experience.” It was a very fruitful and engaging experience.

Finally, thank you to all for your continued contribution of articles and sharing and we look forward to meeting in Milan very soon!

Tan Keat Fong
Regional Manager
IFLA Regional Office for Asia and Oceania
The New IFLA Website

By Simon Lemstra
IFLA Web Manager
IFLA Headquarters

IFLA launched its new website (see: www.ifla.org/en/news/welcome-to-the-new-ifla-website) on 22 April 2009. Our old site had served its purpose for years, but new developments—in society, on the web and within IFLA demanded something more advanced. The new, professional-looking graphical design is only the tip of the iceberg.

With an improved site structure and added taxonomies, “tags,” the findability of our documents and information will be increased. The tags can link together content on the same topics or in the same geographical area.

News items, events, documents, and photos can be easily added and promoted to visitors, as well as to potential sponsors, thus highlighting IFLA’s activities and successes.

IFLA units, like your Asia and Oceania Section, can add blogs, wikis, and discussion forums to their pages. Besides, units are now able to manage their own pages, which will give them more control and will speed up the content adding process greatly.

Finally, by making our website compliant with accessibility and web design standards, the site will be accessible to people with vision impairment or with slow Internet connections. And our non-English audiences are served by providing the ingredients of a truly multilingual website: we will be able to manage translations of both the interface and the content much more efficiently and less error-prone than before.
In February 2009 the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) and the National Library of China (NLC) in Beijing signed a cooperation agreement by which NLC received a status of IFLA Chinese Language Centre. It can now be seen as a permanent representative of IFLA/HQ for the Chinese-speaking community, as well as the other way around. It is hoped that IFLA/HQ will get improved access to Chinese-speaking library and information professionals.

The IFLA Chinese Language Centre will promote IFLA, support IFLA’s Asia and Oceania Section as well as other relevant IFLA professional bodies and liaise with IFLA/HQ. Among the priorities of the Centre are:

1. Active membership recruitment. This will be conducted with the help of national or other association members and/or national libraries. Institutions and associations (including specialist and state associations) within the Chinese language community will be actively encouraged to join IFLA.

2. (Co-)organising regional IFLA events. These will be co-organised with IFLA/HQ, and/or with IFLA professional units (Sections and Core Activities). This activity includes seeking sources for funding of IFLA projects.

3. Seek involvement in local or regional professional events to gain support within the Chinese language community, trying to get IFLA “branding” of local or regional events.

4. Contribute to more effective communication within the Chinese language community and with the IFLA bodies involved. These activities include the publication of newsletters, translations of key IFLA documents and publications, and the production of a Chinese translation of IFLA Express during IFLA’s annual congresses.

5. Representing IFLA in the Chinese language community, in a pursuit to make IFLA more visible in that community, promoting IFLA goals, principles, and core values.

6. Translation of key IFLA documents, guidelines, press releases, and papers prepared for the Assembly Meetings etc.

7. For further information about the Centre and its activities please contact:
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   Email address: interco@nlc.gov.cn


Other IFLA Language Centres

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Warmest Congratulations from IFLA Asia and Oceania Section!

2009 President-elect Election Results

Ingrid Parent is elected to serve as President-elect for the term 2009–2011 and to serve as President for the term 2011-2013.

2009 IFLA Governing Board Election Results

1. Jesús Lau (Mexico)
2. Sinikka Sipilä (Finland)
3. Barbara Schleihagen (Germany)
4. Helena Asamoah-Hassan (Ghana)
5. Danielle Mincio (Switzerland)
6. Qiang Zhu (China)
7. Tone Eli Moseid (Norway)
8. Donna Scheeder (United States)
9. Paul Whitney (Canada)
10. Pascal Sanz (France)

Standing Committee of IFLA Asia and Oceania Section, 2009-2013, Election Results

1. Xiangdong Yan, National Library of China, (China)
2. Jayshree Mamtora, Charles Darwin University, (Australia)
3. Winston Roberts, National Library of New Zealand, (New Zealand)
4. Mohd Sharif Mohd Saad, Faculty of Information Management, Universiti Teknologi Mara, (Malaysia)
5. Premila Gamage, Institute of Policy Studies, (Sri Lanka), 2nd term
6. Fawz Abdallah, Beirut Arab University, Faculty of Arts, Dept. Knowledge Management & Informatics, (Lebanon)
7. Chihfeng P. Lin, Shih-Hsin University, (China)
8. Dana Beth, Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar, (Qatar)
9. Mark Perkins, (New Caledonia), 2nd term
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. The award is given by Global Libraries, a special initiative of the foundation’s Global Development Program. 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.

The recipient of the Access to Learning Award will receive US$1 million.

How to Apply
Deadline
All completed applications must be submitted online at www.gatesfoundation.org/ATLA by October 31, 2009.

Obtaining Application Forms
The 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 in order to be eligible for review by the advisory committee. Applications may also be requested by email at ATLA@gatesfoundation.org.
In 2008, the Hong Kong Library Association (HKLA) celebrated its 50th anniversary. A number of events were held to commemorate this achievement, culminating in the hosting of an international conference, “Looking Back, Moving Forward: Asian Libraries in the World of Information” at the Hong Kong Central Library from 4–5 November 2008.

The HKLA 50th Anniversary Conference featured a number of international keynote speakers in addition to over thirty-five submitted papers, mostly from the Asia-Pacific region. Ms. Jennefer Nicholson, the Secretary General of IFLA, made the opening keynote address on the role and function of professional library associations both now and in the future. Dr. Peter Zhou’s presentation focused on the development of research libraries and their transition in the Internet age, while the closing keynote speaker was Dr. Klaus Ceynowa, who discussed the aims and impacts of the digitisation strategy of the Bavarian State Library, one of the major libraries outside of North America to be actively involved in the Google Book digitisation programme. There was also a strong focus on Asian libraries, with the President of the Library Society of China, Dr. Zhan Furui outlining the China National Digital Library Project, and Dr. Karl Minh Ku presenting a paper which mapped out an agenda for “new librarianship” in Taiwan. One of the highlights of the Conference was a public lecture by long-standing HKLA member and former President Dr. Kan Lai Bing, and Ms. Yu Ling Ling, focusing on the development of library and information science education in Hong Kong, and the role that the HKLA has played in this.

The HKLA maintained its usual levels of activity during the year, including overseas study tours, local library visits, a public seminar on library development projects in Mainland China, and its regular Education and Careers Forum. As a final gesture of recognition of the work of many previous members, the HKLA Yearbook for 2008 featured the history of the HKLA, as well as the reminiscences of a number of previous Presidents.
A Review of Librarianship Conferences in Iran in 2008

By Fariborz Khodravi
Deputy Director
National Library and Archives of Iran

The first short course of librarianship was held in Iran seventy years ago and librarianship was established as an academic major in Tehran less than fifty years back. Now, there are more than seventy librarianship departments in universities, offering associate courses, BA, MA, and doctorates. Their graduates have been employed in various libraries. The subjects offered in the conferences of Iranian Library and Information Science Association (ILISA) are listed below. The diversity of the subjects explains the challenges of this academic field in Iran.

Several conferences and workshops were held by different organisations in the nation last year. The number of participants taking part in the conferences is usually between 100 and 300. It is expected that the Mid-conference Meeting of the IFLA Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania Section in Iran in February 2010 will provide more opportunities for other library professionals to be more acquainted with Iran’s librarianship.

- Challenges of Electronic Resources Acquisition in Iran
- Citation Databases: Persian JCR, Iran SCI, and Iran ESI
- Comparison of ISI and Web Citations: Application of Webometrics in the Study of Scientific Communication
- Information Literacy
- Critical Realism and the Research Methodology
- Iranian Documentation Center (IRANDOC)
- Knowledge Management in Theory and Practice: Role of Librarians and Information Professionals
- Librarians: Information Architects
- Link Analysis of Academic Libraries Web Sites: a Prototype
- Mapping the Chemistry of Iran in SCI (1990-2006) using Factor Analysis and PFNet
- Performance Evaluation of Library Management using EFQM
- Remarks on Impact Factor: Quantity versus Quality
- Peer-Review Criteria in Persian LIS Journals
- SID Citation Database
- Visibility and Invisibility of Information on the Web
- Webometrics: With an Emphasis on Open Access Journals

Inside the National Library of Iran
Activities Galore at the Regional Office!

By Petrina Ang
Associate II
IFLA Regional Office for Asia and Oceania

February is a fruitful month buzzing with activities at the Regional Office in Singapore! Together with National Library Board (NLB) Singapore, we were privileged to host the following IFLA colleagues: Ms. Jennefer Nicholson, IFLA Secretary General; Ms. Ellen Tise, IFLA President-elect; and Dr. Winston Tabb, Chair of the IFLA Committee on Copyright and other Legal Matters.

Ms. Jennefer Nicholson inked the Joint Collaboration Agreement with Dr. N Varaprasad, Chief Executive, NLB in a signing ceremony held at the National Library on 12 February 2009. Members from the Library Association of Singapore (LAS) and NLB colleagues were invited to witness this significant renewal of cooperation between IFLA and NLB from 2009-2011. Ms. Nicholson was also invited by NLB to share with guests the topic “IFLA Moving Forward: Advocacy Framework, Strengthening Library Associations and Strategic Partnerships” as part of NLB Academy’s Guest Speaker Series.

We were also delighted to play host to Ms. Ellen Tise on 23-24 February 2009. She was in Singapore to represent IFLA in the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Intellectual Property Rights Experts’ Group (IPEG) Conference from 25-26 February 2009. Ms. Tise offered an invaluable insight into her IFLA Presidential Theme “Libraries Driving Access to Knowledge.”

Also representing IFLA at the APEC-IPEG Conference was Dr. Winston Tabb. He generously shared his experience and expertise on copyright issues with Dr. N Varaprasad, NLB staff, and Singapore librarians on 27 February 2009.

The successful discussions had many Singapore library professionals leaving the sessions with a renewed sense of purpose. There cannot be more good news than this for the library community.
## Welcome!

New IFLA Members registered under Section 26 and located in Non-Asia and Oceania Region

**From 18 November 2008 to 15 June 2009**

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Mid-conference Meeting of IFLA Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania

By M. Al Mamun
Secretary
Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania

The Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania held its Mid-conference Meeting on 16–17 February 2009 in Bangkok. The Siam Society, Bangkok, Thailand hosted the meeting. The following members were present in the meeting:

Premila Gamage (Chair), M. Al Mamun (Secretary), Sanjay Kumar Bihani (Member), Daniel G. Dorner (Member), S. B. Ghosh (Member), Fariborz Khosravi (Member), Michael Robinson (Member), Diljit Singh (Member), Namtip Wipawin (Member), Aree Cheunwattana, (Corresponding Member), Gary E. Gorman (Corresponding Member), Chihfeng P. Lin (Corresponding Member), Shawky Salem (Advisor), Jennefer Nicholson (IFLA Secretary General), Birgitta Sandell (ALP Programme Director), Tan Keat Fong (Regional Manager), Petrina Ang (Associate II, Regional Office).

The Chair and Regional Manager presented the progress report, the meeting budget report, and the information report. Birgitta Sandell, ALP Programme Director, presented a verbal report on Asia and Oceania Section’s project status, financial and current situation of ALP, and other grants information for the Section. Jennefer Nicholson, IFLA Secretary General, was present for the first time at the Mid-conference Meeting. She presented a report titled “IFLA’s Global Voice.” In this presentation, she focused on issues such as Advocacy Framework, IFLA membership, IFLA’s new website and some core activities—particularly ALP and general updates of IFLA. She also shared her views and strategies which would bring about positive change in IFLA administration.

The Mid-conference Meeting allowed time for members to work together effectively on planning the Section’s activities and selecting papers for the Section’s
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On 18 February 2009, Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania, the Thai Library Association, the School of Information Science, Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University jointly hosted an “International Seminar on the Preservation of Local Wisdom: Best Practices” at Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University. In this workshop, Prof. Gary Gorman and Dr. Dan Dorner, Prof. Diljit Singh, and Assoc. Prof. Chihfeng P. Lin presented three papers from the Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania. Workshop participants included members of the Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania members and nearly 100 Thai librarians and LIS educators. Premila Gamage, Chair expressed her thanks and appreciation to Assoc. Prof. Dr. Pranee Sungkatavat, President, the Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University (STOU), and Dr. Chutima Sacchanand, the President of the Thai Library Association for organising this one-day workshop.

During the two-day meeting, the Thai Library Association hosted a welcome buffet dinner together with Dr. Maria LaoSunthara at her home for the Committee members. On behalf of the Committee, the Chair thanked the Siam Society, Ms. Anne Sutherland, the Honorary Librarian and her team for successfully organising the Mid-conference Meeting. She also thanked Namtip Wipawin and Aree Cheunwattana for facilitating both the meeting and the workshop and for their hospitality extended to Committee members during their stay in Bangkok.
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 54 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 15 June 2009

**Afghanistan**

**Institution**

**Australia**

**Institution**
30. Association of Parliamentary Libraries of Australasia
31. Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS)
32. Australian National University, Library
33. Brisbane City Council, Library Services
34. CAVAL Ltd.
35. Curtin University of Technology, Library & Information Service
36. Deakin University Library
37. Gold Coast City Council Library Service
38. La Trobe University Library
39. Macquarie University Library
40. Monash University Library
41. National Gallery of Australia Research Library
42. National Library of Australia
43. Parliamentary Library, Department of Parliamentary Services
44. Queensland University of Technology, Library
45. State Library of South Australia
46. State Library of Queensland
47. State Library of New South Wales, Collection Services
48. State Library of Victoria
49. State Library of Western Australia
50. University of Melbourne, Information Division
51. University of New South Wales, University Library
52. University of Queensland Library
53. University of Technology, Sydney, Library
54. University of Western Sydney, Ward Library
55. Vision Australia Information and Library Service
56. Yarra Plenty Regional Library

**International Association**
57. International Association of School Librarianship (IASL)

**National Association**
58. Australian Library and Information Association

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64. Fiona BRADLEY
65. Kerry SMITH
66. Kevin DUDENEY
67. Letizia Mondello
68. Robert PESTELL
69. Susan SCHMOCKER

**Bangladesh**

**Institution**
70. Bangladesh National Library
71. IUB Library, Independent University, Bangladesh
72. ICDDR, B

**Bhutan**

**Institution**
73. Royal Institute of Management, Semtokha

**Cambodia**

**Institution**
74. The Senate of the Kingdom of Cambodia
75. Cambodian Librarians and Documentalists Association

**China**

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

**National Association**
118. Library Society of China
119. Hong Kong Library Association
120. Macau Library and Information Management Association

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**Fiji**

**Institution**
122. University of the South Pacific, Library

**French Polynesia**

**Institution**
123. Bibliotheque de l’Universite de la Polynesie Francaise

**India**

**Institution**
124. Banaras Hindu University, Central Library
125. Bose Institute
126. Delhi Public Library
127. Documentation Research and Training Centre, Indian Statistical Institute
128. Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, Reference Library
129. Indira Gandhi National Open University
130. Indian Institute of Technology Bombay
131. Indian Institute of Technology Madras, Central Library
132. Jawaharlal Nehru Library, University of Mumbai
133. Library, Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd.
134. Ministry of External Affairs Library, New Delhi
135. National Library, Kolkata Government of India
136. National Social Science Documentation Centre, Indian Council of Social Science Research
137. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC)
138. Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation
139. The Parliament Library
National Association
140. Indian Association of Special Libraries and Information Centre (IASLIC)
Personal Affiliate
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Institution
142. Klub Perpustakaan Indonesia (KPI)/ Indonesia Library Club
143. National Library of Indonesia/ Perpustakaan Nasional RI.
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Institution
145. Ferdowsi University, Information Center & Central Library
146. Institute for the Intellectual Development of Children and Young Adults
147. Iranian Research Institute for Scientific Information and Documentation (IRANDOC)
148. Iran University of Medical Sciences and Health Services
149. National Iranian Oil Company, NIOC Central Library
Personal Affiliate
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Israel
Institution
151. Bar-Ilan University
152. Birzeit University, Main Library, Yusuf Ahmed Alghanim Library
153. Central Library for the Blind, Visually Impaired and Handicapped
154. Elias Sourasky Central Library, Tel Aviv University
155. Eliyachar Central Library, Technion-Israel Institute for Technology
156. Hebrew University of Jerusalem Library Authority
157. Interdisciplinary Center
158. Israeli Center for Libraries

Japan
Institution
163. Japanese Society for Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities
164. Kanazawa Institute of Technology, Library Center
165. National Diet Library
166. National Institute of Informatics
167. Nippon Lighthouse, Information and Culture Center for the Blind
168. School of Library and Information Science, Keio University
169. University of Tsukuba Library
National Association
170. Japan Art Documentation Society (JADS)
171. Japan Library Association
172. Japan Special Libraries Association
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National Association
180. Library Association of the Republic of Kazakhstan
Other Association
181. East-Kazakhstan Librarians’ Association

Korea, Democratic People’s Republic of
National Association
182. Library Association of the DPR of Korea

Korea, Republic of
Institution
183. Ewha Womans University, Central Library
184. Korean Braille Library
185. National Assembly Library

National Assembly Research Service (NARS)
186. National Assembly Library of Korea
187. Seoul National University Library
National Association
189. Korean Library Association
Personal Affiliate
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191. Byung Mock rHEE
192. Hyung-Sung KIM
193. Si Yeon wON
194. Woong-Jo YOU

Kuwait
Institution
195. National Library of Kuwait
196. National Scientific and Technical Information Centre, Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research
Personal Affiliate
197. Munira AL-KHUBAIZI

Lao People’s Democratic Republic
Institution
198. National Library of Laos

Lebanon
Institution
199. American University of Beirut, University Library
200. ASSABIL, Friends of Public Libraries
201. Beirut Arab University, Library Administration
202. Institute for Palestine Studies, Library
203. Saab Medical Library, American University of Beirut
204. Université la Sagesse/Bibliothèque Issam Farès
National Association
205. Lebanese Library Association

Malaysia
Institution
206. Perpustakaan Negara Malaysia/ National Library of Malaysia
207. Pustaka Negeri Sarawak/Sarawak State Library
208. Sultanah Bahiyah Library, Universiti Utara Malaysia
209. Sabah State Library
210. Tan Sri Loy Hean Heong Library, Taylor’s University College
211. Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Library
212. University of Malaya Library
213. Universiti Sains Malaysia, Library
National Association
214. Persatuan Pustakawan Malaysia/ Librarians Association of Malaysia
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Ministry of External Affairs library, New Delhi
National library of India
National Social Science Documentation Centre, Indian Council of Social Science Research
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Eliyachar Central Library, Technion-Israel Institute for Technology
Hebrew University of Jerusalem Library Authority
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Japan
Japanese Society for Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities
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Korean Braille Library
National Assembly Library
National Assembly Research Service (NARS)
National Assembly Library of Korea
Seoul National University Library
Korean Library Association
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National Library of Laos

Lebanon
American University of Beirut, University Library
ASSABIL, Friends of Public Libraries
Beirut Arab University, University Library
Administration
Institute for Palestine Studies, Library
Saab Medical Library, American University of Beirut
Université la Sagesse/Bibliothèque Issam Farès
Lebanese Library Association

Malaysia
Perpustakaan Negara Malaysia/ National Library of Malaysia
Pustaka Negeri Sarawak/Sarawak State Library
Sultanah Bahiyah Library, Universiti Utara Malaysia
Sabah State Library
Tan Sri Loy Hean Heong Library, Taylor’s University College
Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Library
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216. National Library of Maldives

Micronesia, Federated States of
International Association
217. Pacific Islands Association of Libraries, Archives and Museums (PIALA)

Mongolia
Institution
218. Book Palace for Children
219. National Library of Mongolia
Personal Affiliate
220. Naidan TSAGAACH

Myanmar
National Association
221. Myanmar Library Association
Personal Affiliate
222. Cho AYE

New Caledonia
Institution
224. Secretariat of the Pacific Community, Library
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225. Mark PERKINS

New Zealand
Institution
226. National Library of New Zealand/Te Puna Maataauranga o Aotearoa
227. Parliamentary Library
228. Royal New Zealand Foundation of the Blind
229. School of Information Management, Victoria University of Wellington
230. Christchurch City Libraries
National Association
231. Council of New Zealand University Librarians (CONZUL)
232. Library & Information Association of New Zealand Aoteaoro (LIANZA)
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235. Government of Pakistan, Department of Libraries, National Library of Pakistan
Personal Affiliate
236. Muhammad RAMZAN
237. Shakeela KHUSRO

Palestine Territories
National Association
238. Palestinian Library and Information Association (PLIA)

Papau New Guinea
Institution
239. Office of Libraries & Archives National Library Service

Philippines
Institution
240. Far Eastern University
241. National Library of the Philippines
242. Rizal Library, Ateneo de Manila University
243. University of Santo Tomas Library
National Association
244. Philippine Librarians Association, Inc., Headquarters
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Qatar
Institution
246. Central Library, Qatar Foundation
247. Distributed eLibrary, Weill Cornell Medical College - Qatar
248. Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar, Library
School Library
249. Doha College, Secondary Library
Personal Affiliate
250. Isabelle EULA

Saudi Arabia
Institution
251. Arabic Union Catalogue Center
252. King Abdulaziz Public Library
253. King Fahad National Library
254. King Saud University Libraries
Personal Affiliate
255. Mohammed AL GHARIB
Student Affiliate
256. Sandra AL-ABDULMUNEM

Seychelles
Institution
257. Seychelles National Library

Singapore
Institution
258. Li KaShing Library, Singapore Management University
259. Nanyang Technological University
260. National Library Board
261. NUS Libraries, National University of Singapore
National Association
262. Library Association of Singapore

Solomon Islands
Institution
263. Solomon Islands College of Higher Education (SCICHE), Library Division

Sri Lanka
Institution
264. National Library & Documentation Services Board
National Association
265. Sri Lanka Library Association

Syrian Arab Republic
Personal Affiliate
266. Hasna ASKHITA

Thailand
Institution
267. Academic Resource Center, Mahasarakham University
268. Center for Library Resources and Educational Media
269. Chiang Mai University Library
270. Library and Archives, Bank of Thailand
271. Mahidol University, Library and Information Center
272. National Assembly Library
273. National Institute of Development Administration, Library and Information Center
274. National Library of Thailand
275. National Science & Technology Development Agency
276. Srirakarinwirot University, Faculty of Humanities, Department of Library and Information Science
277. Sukhothai Thammamathirat Open University, Office of Doc. and Information
278. Thailand Knowledge Park
279. Thammasat University Libraries
Institutional Sub Unit
280. Department of Library Science, Faculty of Humanities, Chiang Mai University

United Arab Emirates
Institution
281. American University of Sharjah Library
282. Center for Documentation & Research, Emirates Library, Ministry of Presidential Affairs
283. Public Libraries Section – Dubai Municipality
284. Zayed University Library

Vietnam
Institution
285. Central Library for Science & Technology
This workshop was organised with the intention of training LIS leaders especially public librarians, educators, and activists to acquire the requisite skills in policy development and implementation, including developing government relations platforms, monitoring government proposals, effective advocacy campaigns, and public relations. The workshop was fully funded by the Action for Development through Libraries (ALP) programme of International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (http://www.ifla.org). There were around 100 participants at the workshop representing librarians, community development officers attached to local governments, administrators, and politicians. Mr. Michael Dowling, Director, International Relations of American Library Association, and Ms. Moira Fraser, Parliamentary Librarian of New Zealand served as prime Resource Persons with Presidents of Library Associations of Sri Lanka, India, and Nepal.

It was a very successful workshop which brought together people in the library and information field, community development, and the local government for two days for a lively discussion on LIS advocacy and policy development, both during and outside the sessions. The group work and interactive sessions figured as major instruments of expression. The participants formulated many constructive ideas while debating and brainstorming during the group work exercises.

To assess the current status of libraries in these countries, the groups worked by focusing upon these aspects of the environment—political, economic, social, and technological. This was necessary to ascertain where we would want the libraries in five years’ time.

The participants from the local government and municipal councils commended this programme and said that it was a real encouragement for their work. More of such workshops was requested by them. Since such libraries do not get much attention, they could work their way through with the above deliberations. The apparent essential need of advocacy and policy development was felt by the participants, and they also gained the practical knowledge of initiating and working out such plans.

Based on the experience gained from the workshop, the participants will be able to initiate advocacy and policy development training and activities in their provincial councils. Most importantly, with the help of library association leaders, they will be able to conduct the similar training workshops in their respective provincial councils and countries.
“Push to Pull” IFLA ALP Course on Information Literacy Wellington, New Zealand 2008

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I learnt from the workshop that marketing is the way forward in transforming libraries for the future. Libraries need to restructure their strategies and approaches in their provision of services. They need to develop well-planned marketing activities and be proactive. This is important in the environment of changing demands of today’s users and their information needs. Changes in library technologies have resulted in the creation and introduction of various new facilities and services. Therefore marketing is very crucial in determining the effectiveness and usage of these new information mediums.

Libraries have to act as a powerful magnet in attracting the users. Marketing in the libraries simply means that we push out the services and facilities we can provide to the users and demonstrate their benefits. One marketing approach for libraries is to focus on using information literacy programme as a marketing tool. Information literacy is vital in pushing out valuable and relevant information to the target users. Libraries can create their own information literacy programmes based on their target users and their unique needs. Various technologies can be used as a package to grab the user’s attention. Libraries have to make radical changes in the way they think and work.

I am implementing these marketing concepts and all the knowledge I got from the workshop in the information literacy programme of DISTED Library. It is a great help in boosting and improving our existing programmes. For example, our information skills classes incorporate more activities and our teaching approach is more learner-centric. We hope we can create more awareness of our services and facilities in our users.

I would like to acknowledge and give my appreciation to Professor Gary Gorman, Dr. Dan Dorner, Mr. Philip Calvert, Dr. Lan Anh Tran, Mrs. Brenda Chawner, Mr. James Duncan, and all the wonderful lecturers and staff at the School of Information Management, Victoria University. I would also like to give a big thank you to all the lovely people at the Victoria University Library for their generosity and warm welcome.

Thank you as well to all the 2008 IFLA ALP workshop friends: Norhayati from Malaysia; Neela and Lal Chouhan from Nepal; Nemali and Mano from Sri Lanka; Kristine from Philippines; Nicholas from Solomon Island; and Shah Nawaz from Pakistan for sharing your knowledge and experience.

“Push to Pull” sums up what I took back home from the IFLA Action for Development through Libraries Programme (ALP) Course on information literacy at School of Information Management, Victoria University Wellington, New Zealand held in November 2008. The four-week workshop was filled with various tutorials, library visits, and project presentations by participants at the end of the workshop. Priceless knowledge and experience were gained from the workshop.
I was awarded the scholarship and had the opportunity to attend the above course in Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand from 17 November 2008 to 13 December 2008. There were nine participants from Asia and Oceania.

Professor Gary Gorman and Dr. Daniel G. Dorner from Victoria University of Wellington were the course director and course coordinator respectively.

The course included lectures, demonstrations, and seminars. The lectures were on themes such as basic Information Literacy (IL) skills, student learning styles, search strategies, assessment etc. Special practical sessions were conducted and they included development of search strategies, web creation, access of Web 2.0, and methodology of producing and publishing good web teaching aids.

The application of sophisticated computer facilities for information retrieval was deeply observed and studied through library visits in New Zealand. I represented Sri Lanka, which is both an island and a developing country. Therefore my exposure gives me novel ideas to improve the library and information science (LIS) sector in Sri Lanka.

At the end of the course I presented my web projects based on “Library and Information Science Subject Gateways.”

This course was an opportunity for me to interact closely with senior leaders. I hope this exposure would help to further the advancement of librarianship in Sri Lanka as follows. I have developed new syllabi to commence a new diploma course on IL and IT in order to produce skillful, knowledgeable, and well-trained persons for the LIS sector in Sri Lanka. I have planned to conduct lecture series on IL and IT in all provinces in Sri Lanka and I am using IL and IT skills for teaching purposes and developed an exhibition item of a fully automated model library with the experience I gained from New Zealand.

I wish to thank IFLA ALP, SLLA and DELIS, and University of Kelaniya for giving me this exceptional opportunity.
Rangsit University, founded in 1985, is a private institution of higher education with the primary aim of creating graduates in the area of study meeting the requirements of national development by focusing mainly on science, technology, design and management including independent professions which are requisites in development of one’s own career. Presently, the University has twenty-nine faculties and colleges.

Regarding the University’s vision of being global and internationalised educational institute, the Library has created the national, regional, and international collaboration activities with other libraries. The activities include interlibrary loan, information resource exchange, library visits, and professional exchange programmes.

During May 4-29 2009, RSU library volunteered to be a host institution for the IFLA ALP Training Attachment Programme. The award recipients were Mr. G. Mahesh from National Institute of Science Communication and Information Resources (India) and Mr. Guruge Roshan Eshantha Fernando from University of Moratuwa (Sri Lanka).

The recipients also met up with the President of Thai Library Association, and professors in library and information science.

The success of the programme is also attributed to the support from IFLA Regional Office for Asia and Oceania in Singapore and “the working-together team” of many sectors in the university such as Dormitory Office, Office of International Affairs, and the Library.

The four-week training has created a good experience for all RSU Library staff in sharing and gaining professional knowledge and the better understanding among different cultures. Obviously, these benefits have proved that the ALP training programme is very useful in many ways. Additionally, the collaborative opportunity between libraries is expected to increase in future.
Congratulations!
IFLA ALP Scholarship and Training Attachment 2009 Award Recipients (Asia and Oceania)

There were in total twenty-eight applications for ALP Scholarship 2009 Award and eleven for ALP Training Attachment 2009 Award. A sub-committee, comprising members of the Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania selected the following candidates. Our heartiest congratulations to all successful candidates!

ALP Scholarship 2009 Award Recipients
The six selected candidates are:
1. Domingua Abboud, Lebanon
2. Sypha Phongsavath, Laos
3. Opong Sumiati, Indonesia
4. Praveena Shyam, Fiji
5. Md. Zahid Hossain Shoeb, Bangladesh
6. Yanitha Rajchakom, Thailand

ALP Training Attachment 2009 Award Recipients
The two selected candidates are:
1. Chulalak Hongatikul, Thailand
2. G. Mahesh, India

Call For Applications for ALP Projects 2010 (Asia And Oceania)

Project applications can be made to the IFLA ALP Programme for support to librarians, library associations, library schools or others who want to develop co-operation, knowledge and services within the special programme areas of ALP. Applications for 2010 will be reviewed and considered subject to the availability of funding.

The five special programme areas of ALP are:
- Continuing education and training;
- Development of library associations;
- Libraries as promoters of information literacy and lifelong learning, and combating functional illiteracy;
- The use of ICT and creation of local electronic resources;
- Increase of publishing activities and the dissemination of information to the communities, with special attention to marginalised groups.

Submission of Proposal
It is important to send the file electronically, if at all possible. If it is necessary to send a fax version, please make sure that the original copies of your application documents are sharp and clear enough to produce legible fax copies. Please send your applications to the IFLA Regional Office for Asia and Oceania by 31 December 2009:

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The third meeting of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) was held in Hyderabad, India from 3–6 December 2008 and focused on the overall theme of “Internet for All.” It was attended by over 1,200 participants from 94 countries representing the government, private sector, civil society, academia, library and information professionals, Internet community, and media. The IFLA Team comprises Stuart Hamilton, Sanjay K Bihani, ARD Prasad, Marilen Daum, and Renu Seth.

As a panelist of workshop on “Dynamic Coalition: Access to Knowledge (A2K),” Mr. Hamilton spoke on the needs of libraries in the electronic information society. He tried to cover the problems libraries face in just getting connected to the Internet in many parts of the world, and then he focused on the important role that copyright exceptions and limitation play in helping libraries provide access to knowledge. In another workshop on “Freedom of Expression in Cyberspace: Internet Filtering and Censorship,” he spoke on the subject of Internet filtering and censorship. He also described the role of IFLA as a true representative of librarians and libraries worldwide and emphasised the need for Internet governance in libraries.

ARD Prasad spoke on the role of libraries in accessing publicly held information as a panelist of the workshop on “Access to Public Held Information with a Development Perspective.”

I attended various workshops and open forum meetings related to libraries and librarianship. I spoke on the requirement of low-cost Internet access for libraries as a panelist of workshop on “Low Cost Sustainability Access.” In my view, free Internet access in libraries can thus fulfill the theme of this year’s IGF “Internet for All.”

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Report of the 23rd National Seminar of Indian Association for Special Libraries and Information Centres (IASLIC) in Commemoration of the 150th Birth Anniversary of Acharya Jagadis Chandra Bose and 92nd Foundation Day of the Institute, organised by the Bose Institute

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The seminar inauguration programme begins with the Sanskrit recital Bose Institute (BI) anthem—Matri Mandir, followed by the address of Dr. J. N. Satpathi, President of IASLIC. Prof. Sibaji Raha, Director, BI delivered the welcome address. He also highlighted the long association of IASLIC with the BI. He pointed out that the BI is organising six seminars throughout this year to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of their founder, Acharya Jagadis Chandra Bose and this being one of them.

Prof. Sampa Das, Chairperson, LC, BI, highlighted the contribution of the Founder while Dr. Arun K. Chakraborty, Librarian, BI, Organising Secretary of the Seminar & General Secretary, IASLIC, highlighted the Seminar theme as well as the plan of the Seminar. The seminar was inaugurated by Justice Chittotosh Mukhopadhyay, ex-Chief Justice, India. Other guests included Prof. Sushanta Dutta Gupta, Director, IISER; Mr. Moulik D. Barkhana, American Centre; and Dr. Sunrit Mullick, USIEF. Prof. P. B. Mangla was Director of the Seminar. Dr. Rukmini Mitra, Library, BI, delivered a note of thanks. Dr. Arun K. Chakraborty mentioned that, in this Seminar of four Panel Discussions, more than 95 papers were accepted for presentation and also the Seminar Volume has the highest number of papers and pages as compared to other Seminar Volumes published so far by IASLIC. The Exhibition was inaugurated by Prof. Debesh Das, Honourable Minister of Information Technology, W. B.

A book entitled “Academic Pride of West Bengal: A Compendium” was published during the Seminar. Prof. Dhrubajyoti Chattopadhaya, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Calcutta University presided the Valedictory session. Dr. Shyamal Roy Chowdhury, the Rapporteur General submitted a brief account of the Seminar. The seminar was a grand success.

For more details on the Seminar and Bose Institute, please refer to www.iaslic1955.org and www.boseinst.ernet.in respectively.
The National Library of Singapore Launches the Nation’s First Searchable Digitised Newspaper Archive

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In March 2009, the National Library of Singapore (NLS) launched the NewspaperSG (http://newspapers.nl.sg), an online service for accessing the library’s electronic archives of Singapore and Malaya newspapers. Through the NewspaperSG, library users can now access over 548,000 pages of searchable text from the digitised Straits Times (1845–1982), a local English newspaper, and microfilms of some 200 Singapore and Malaya newspapers that are housed at the Lee Kong Chian Reference Library.

The full text of the digitised collection of The Straits Times is available for searching, viewing, and printing at the multimedia stations (PC stations) located in our island-wide network of libraries. Users will not be able to download the full-text article remotely but the search results provide access to information, such as the article title, date of publication, and a fifty-word extract, which will help them decide on the relevance of the article before they make a visit to the library to view them.

With a history of nearly 164 years, The Straits Times is a rich primary source of information on Singapore’s political, social and cultural life, and history. The digitisation of the paper, which has greatly improved the accessibility of its content to researchers and general users, was made possible through the partnership with the Singapore Press Holdings (SPH), the publisher of The Straits Times. The agreement, made in 2007, allowed the library to digitise issues of the paper since its inception in 1845 right up to 2006 issues. From 2007 onwards, the issues are digitally deposited by the publisher.

In the next phases of the project, the library aims to complete the digitisation of the paper from 1983 to 2006, and to provide remote access to the newspaper.
NABRK is Five

By Roza A. Berdigalieva
Director General
National Academic Library of the Republic of Kazakhstan

On 23 April 2009, the National Academic Library of the Republic of Kazakhstan (NABRK) celebrated its 5th anniversary. Back in 2004, visiting the library, Nursultan Nazarbayev, President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, compared the new library to a pearl in the steppe. As it is possible for a grain of sand to turn into a pearl with the passage of time, it is also possible for the pearl of the steppe to become a contemporary, automated electronic library in the period of five years.

It is symbolic that the Decree of Government on the establishment of the National Academic Library of the Republic of Kazakhstan was adopted on 23 April 2004—World Book and Copyright Day. Many things were made for our readers. We launched Kazakhstan National Electronic Library—“KazNEB”. And we have big plans ahead. That day is not far off when books of Kazakhstani authors will be listed in catalogues of the World Digital Library opened in Paris at UNESCO Headquarters on 21 April 2009, on the basis of the United States Library of Congress.

“Day of Open Doors” was conducted in the library on the celebration day, 23 April 2009. Congratulations poured in from our readers, lecturers, students of universities and schools, and representatives of state and public organisations. At the opening ceremony, representatives of Ministry of Culture and Information of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Nur-Otan party, Kazakh Association of Blind People, and professional lycees congratulated the library’s staff, and thanked librarians for the competent, attentive, and friendly service for readers. They also noted the contributions made by the library to cultural and social development.

Presenters also invited the students of grade 6 of Astana school-lycee #3, who grow together with the library. Five years ago they were participants of the grand opening of NABRK. The students of Astana schools, Zhumagulov B., Baitur A., Kazynkapova D., and Abdrakhmanov K., who celebrated their sixteenth birthdays a day before, got their reader’s cards. The NABRK certificate was presented to the 700,000th visitor of the library—Aslan Alimov, a teacher of Astana school-lycee #59. A solemn part of the celebration was completed with the singing of the NABRK hymn. Then doors of the exhibition hall were opened and our readers and guests were invited to visit the exhibition on NABRK history and present activity, explore the library, and participate at the different events.
Southeast Asian Librarians Gather in Hanoi, Viet Nam

By Le Thuy Duong
Website Administrator and Secretariat Member
Congress of Southeast Asian Librarians

More than 800 delegates, including 300 foreigners from 26 countries, attended the 14th General Conference of the Congress of Southeast Asian Librarians (CONSAL) in Hanoi on 21 April 2009 to discuss ways of making libraries and information centres more dynamic and effective.

At the two-day event, forty-four professors and doctorate holders are scheduled to deliver speeches on topics such as training librarians and promoting library services as well as the role of libraries in preserving cultural heritage.

Addressing the opening ceremony, Vietnamese Minister of Culture, Sports and Tourism Hoang Anh Tuan highlighted knowledge and information as a decisive physical force in the development of modern society. He stressed that libraries and information centres have played an essential role in the advancement of each country and the whole humankind.

Meanwhile, Vice State President Nguyen Thi Doan, who attended the opening ceremony, expressed hope that libraries and librarians will be more dynamic and proactively apply science and technology to serve the development of each nation in the region.

Viet Nam highly valued the targets, programmes and events carried out by CONSAL over the past forty years, Doan said, noting that the theme of this year’s CONSAL gathering in Hanoi—“for the active performance of libraries and information centres in Southeast Asian nations”—gave a true picture of its goals.

Doan urged the Congress to develop a plan of action to enable libraries to collaborate more closely in enriching and supplying information.

She also asked participating Vietnamese librarians representing 25,000 librarians across the country to take full advantage of the Congress to exchange experience as well as network and boost solidarity with foreign colleagues.

As an important channel of information, the library system and library personnel needed to be more active in acquiring new technology to serve the development of the country and the region, Doan added.

Dato’ Zawaiyah Baba from Malaysia was awarded the CONSAL XIV Outstanding Librarian Award, Gold Medal. Four Silver Medals went to Ms. Salvacion M. Arlante from the Philippines; Ms. Kiang-Koh Lai Lin from Singapore; Mr. Nguyen Minh Hiep from Viet Nam; and Mr. Salumbi, S. Sos from Indonesia. Commemorative Medals for Lifetime Achievements in Culture, Sports & Tourism went to Mr. Akio Yasue from Japan and Dr. N Varaprasad from Singapore.

Addressing the Congress’ opening ceremony, Viet Nam National Library Director, Pham The Khang said the highlighted target of the Congress was to enhance cooperation among librarians in Southeast Asia.

Khang also said that the Congress aimed to unify thoughts on the importance of building active and effective libraries and information centres and develop projects on library and information centres in the region.

With Viet Nam hosting this year’s Congress, it had an opportunity to promote the image of the nation and people as well as introduce Vietnamese libraries to international friends.

This year’s Congress has attracted 800 participants from 26 countries, with presenters from the United States, Japan, New Zealand, Germany, and Sweden.

Major topics for discussion among panels during the Congress were training, promoting reading, applying advanced technology, library administration, marketing, and professional development.

Directors of the respective national libraries at the Signing Ceremony of CONSAL XIV Resolution

Four Silver Prizes went to outstanding librarians from Singapore, Viet Nam, the Philippines, and Indonesia

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An outstanding and dedicated librarian, Dato’ Zawiyah has contributed immensely to the library profession and library development not only to Malaysia but also to Southeast Asia and also to the international community. Her excellent contribution and leadership was proven when she became the first Malaysian to be awarded an IFLA medal at the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions 73rd Conference in Durban, South Africa in August 2007. She was presented the Malaysian Outstanding Librarian Award 2008 by Persatuan Pustakawan Malaysia.

She is currently the Principal Research Fellow attached to the Institute of the Malay World and Civilization, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia leading several research projects:
- Documentation and digital preservation of special collection on traditional Malay woodcarvings in Kelantan, funded by ResearchUniversities Grant.
- Funded by the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation, Malaysia, a project on the roll-out of Malaycivilization.com portal.

Dato’ Zawiyah received an academic fellowship at Ibn Sina Academic Research Center in Mauritius in August 2008 where she conducted a Library and Information Seminar and Workshop at the National Library of Mauritius. She received several awards and honours, the most distinguished being the Darjah Dato’ Paduka Tuanku Jaafar from DYMM Yang Di Pertuan Besar Negeri Sembilan in 2002 which carries the title “Dato.” A deserving winner of the CONSAL XIV Outstanding Librarian Award (Gold Award), Dato’ Zawiyah Baba is a truly remarkable professional who goes beyond boundaries.
# Library Events in Asia and Oceania Region from September to December 2009

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

## XXII Moscow International Book Fair
- **Organiser**: “General Directorate of International Book Exhibitions and Fairs” State Enterprise
- **Date**: 2–7 September 2009
- **Venue**: Moscow, Russia
- **Link**: [http://www.mibf.ru/](http://www.mibf.ru/)

## 16th Beijing International Book Fair
- **Organiser**: China National Publications Import & Export Corp.
- **Date**: 3–7 September 2009
- **Venue**: Beijing, China
- **Link**: [http://www.bibf.net/](http://www.bibf.net/)

## International Conferences on Digital Libraries and the Semantic Web 2009 (ICSD2009)
- **Organiser**: Organising Committee
- **Date**: 8–11 September 2009
- **Venue**: Trento, Italy
- **Contact**: Local Organising Chair, University of Trento, Heiko Stoermer
- **E-mail**: Email: stoermer@disi.unitn.it

## 100th Anniversary of National Library of China
- **Organiser**: National Library of China
- **Date**: 9 September 2009
- **Venue**: Beijing, China

## 16th Lviv International Book Fair
- **Organiser**: Publishers Forum
- **Date**: 10–13 September 2009
- **Venue**: Lviv, Ukraine

## XIV Bienal do Livro Rio
- **Organiser**: Fagga Eventos
- **Date**: 10–20 September 2009
- **Venue**: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

## ALIA National Library & Information Technicians Conference
- **Organiser**: Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA)
- **Date**: 15–18 September 2009
- **Venue**: Adelaide, Australia
- **Contact**: Conference Convenor, Terri Pamment
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## Göteborg Book Fair
- **Organiser**: Bok & Bibliotek i Norden AB
- **Date**: 24–27 September 2009
- **Venue**: Göteborg, Sweden

## 13th European Conference on Digital Libraries (ECDL2009)
- **Organiser**: Ionian University
- **Date**: 27 September–2 October 2009
- **Venue**: Corfu, Greece
- **Contact**: Laboratory on Digital Libraries and Electronic Publishing, Department of Archives and Library Sciences, Ionian University, 72 Ioannou Theotoki str., 49100, Corfu, Greece
  - **Email**: info@ecd12009.eu

## Singapore International Story Telling Festival 2009
- **Organiser**: National Book Development Council of Singapore
- **Date**: 31 August–12 September 2009
- **Venue**: Singapore
- **Link**: [http://www.bookcouncil.sg/sisf/](http://www.bookcouncil.sg/sisf/)
### International Conference on Academic Libraries
- **Organiser**: University of Delhi
- **Date**: 5–8 October 2009
- **Venue**: Delhi, India
- **Contact**: Conference Centre, University of Delhi, C/o University Librarian, Central Library, North Campus, University of Delhi, Delhi 11 00 07, Delhi, IN
- **Link**: [http://library.du.ac.in/ocs](http://library.du.ac.in/ocs)

### LIBER, Feria Internacional del Libro
- **Organiser**: IFEMA, Feria de Madrid
- **Date**: 7–9 October 2009
- **Venue**: Madrid, Spain
- **Link**: [http://www.liber.ifema.es/](http://www.liber.ifema.es/)

### LIANZA Annual Conference
- **Organiser**: Library & Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa (LIANZA)
- **Date**: 12–14 October 2009
- **Venue**: Christchurch, New Zealand
- **Contact**: Arna Wahl Davies, Event Manager, Conference Innovators, PO Box 13 494, Christchurch, New Zealand, Tel +64 3 379 0390, Fax +64 3 379 0460, Email: arna@conference.co.nz

### Frankfurt Book Fair
- **Organiser**: Ausstellungs- und Messe GmbH Exhibition Management
- **Date**: 14–18 October 2009
- **Venue**: Frankfurt, Germany

### Internet Librarian International 2009
- **Organiser**: Information Today, Inc.
- **Date**: 15–16 October 2009
- **Venue**: London, United Kingdom
- **Contact**: Marydee Ojala, Editor, ONLINE Magazine, USA, Email: marydee@xmmission.com

### 11th Interlending and Document Supply Conference (ILDS 2009): Strategic Alliances and Partnerships in Interlending and Document Supply
- **Organiser**: German National Library of Science and Technology (TIB), the German National Library of Medicine (ZB MED) and the German National Library of Economics (ZBW), and IFLA
- **Date**: 20–22 October 2009
- **Venue**: Hannover, Germany
- **Contact**: Chair and Programme, Kim Baker (NLSA), Email: kbaker.nlsa@gmail.com

### International Symposium on Methodology and Research Methods in Library and Information Science
- **Organiser**: Faculty of Letters, Department of Information and Records Management, Ankara University
- **Date**: 22–23 October 2009
- **Venue**: Ankara, Turkey
- **Contact**: Department of Information and Record Management, Tel +90 312 3103280 / 1723, Email: kb@humanity.ankara.edu.tr
- **Link**: [http://bilgibelge.humanity.ankara.edu.tr/goal_eng.html](http://bilgibelge.humanity.ankara.edu.tr/goal_eng.html)

### Helsinki Book Fair
- **Organiser**: The Finnish Fair Corporation
- **Date**: 22–25 October 2009
- **Venue**: Helsinki, Finland
- **Link**: [http://www.helsinkibookfair.fi](http://www.helsinkibookfair.fi)

### 5th International Symposium on Wikis (WikiSym 2009)
- **Organiser**: ACM SIGPLAN and ACM SIGWEB
- **Date**: 25–27 October 2009
- **Venue**: Orlando, Florida, USA
- **Contact**: Email: chair@wikisym.org

### October 29-30, International UDC Seminar 2009: Classification at a Crossroads: Multiple Directions to Usability
- **Organiser**: Universal Decimal Classification (UDC) Consortium
- **Date**: 29–30 October 2009
- **Venue**: The Hague, Netherlands
- **Contact**: Email: seminar2009@udcc.org

### 28th Istanbul Book Fair
- **Organiser**: TÜYAP Fairs and Exhibitions and the Turkish Publishers Association
- **Date**: 31 October–8 November 2009
- **Venue**: Istanbul, Turkey
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