Libraries in Asia and Oceania: Moving Forward Through Collaboration

“Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.” This statement attributed to Henry Ford aptly illustrates the importance of collaboration in today’s environment. Against the backdrop of competing sources, it is imperative for libraries to work together to stay relevant and anchor their place in the constantly changing environment.

Library communities in Asia and Oceania have been persistent in their collaborative efforts, evidenced by the several cross-border joint projects, staff exchanges, conferences and seminars, and sharing platforms that have been initiated over the years.

The IFLA Regional Office for Asia and Oceania, hosted by National Library Board (NLB) Singapore is a prime example of IFLA’s efforts in the promotion of collaboration in the region. Serving as IFLA’s window to Asia and Oceania, the Regional Office plays a pivotal role in the fostering of links between
libraries in the region and the promotion and support of IFLA activities. The IFLA ALP training attachments and scholarships placed through the Regional Office is also testament to the region’s willingness to share and learn from one another. Moving forward, the Building Strong Library Associations (BSLA) Programme, ALP’s new centrepiece, offers a strategic and coordinated approach to capacity building and sustainability of library associations around the world, bringing knowledge and experience across borders.

In addition, the IFLA Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania (RSCAO) led by Dr. Dan Domer also adds impetus to the furthering of interests of the library and information profession in the region. The recent RSCAO Mid-term Meeting in Lebanon saw the emergence of initiatives which include the potential collaborative activities not only between different IFLA Sections but also potentially with museums and archives.

Other collaboration platforms such as the Conference of Directors of National Libraries in Asia and Oceania (CDNL-AO) and Congress of National Southeast Asian Librarians (CONSAL) also provide the arena for libraries in the region to come together to share, discuss, contemplate, and create further opportunities for cooperation. The recent 18th CDNL-AO Meeting in Singapore in April 10, which saw the congregation of national library leaders from ten countries, is one good example. Amongst the issues discussed were the Final Statutes and Rules of Procedure for the CDNL-AO and the launch of the CDNL-AO portal and discussion forums. The recent CONSAL General Conference in Bandung, Indonesia in April 2010 also concluded on a successful note. These are important steps toward the sharing of information and knowledge amongst members in the region.

Apart from these, smaller but equally effective topic-specific projects, speaking engagements, and staff exchanges between libraries also play an indispensable role in encouraging regional cooperation. For example, a number of conferences and seminars in the region serves as an excellent channel for collaboration. The National Library of China’s Centennial Celebrations and Symposium in September 2009 and the Conference organised by National Library of Korea to mark the 1st anniversary of its Library, are instances of such conferences. The deepening and broadening of the knowledge base of libraries and the constructive exploration of differences for increased mutual understanding, is key to libraries staying relevant.

The Asia and Oceania region is a melting pot of rich heritage and culture and the libraries are critical gateways to these treasure troves. In this diversified but potentially powerful region, continuous collaboration is, without doubt, of paramount importance in keeping libraries in the heart of communities.
Dear Colleagues and Friends,

To say that time flies is an understatement. As we move into the halfway mark of 2010, we are pleased to advise that there have been several successful events and developments in our region.

In early February this year, Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania (RSCAO) held a very fruitful and well-attended Mid-term Meeting from February 1–3 in Beirut, Lebanon, chaired by Dr. Dan Dorner, RSCAO Chair. A total of thirteen members attended and discussed issues including the Building Strong Library Associations (BSLA) Programme, the new centerpiece of ALP; and progress reports from RSCAO Chair, Regional Office, Information Coordinator, and ALP. Members also reviewed and selected four papers from the twenty-two abstracts received from fourteen countries in response to our call for papers for Asia and Oceania Section Open Session, with the theme “Social networking in libraries and other information organisations in Asia and Oceania” in Gothenburg. Thank you very much to all for your submissions and congratulations to the successful presenters! We also look forward to your attendance and support at our session. For more details of the Mid-term Meeting, do read the article contributed by Dr. Chihfeng Lin, RSCAO Secretary on pages 12 and 13.

The call for nominations for ALP BSLA Programme and Projects also met with good response from the region. The results will be announced by IFLA shortly. Ms. Fiona Bradley, IFLA ALP Programme Coordinator has also provided a consolidated update of ALP happenings on pages 18 and 19. For more information on ALP and the next call for nominations, please refer to http://www.ifla.org/en/alp/

To the twenty-four new members who joined our Section between November 2009 and May 2010, welcome to our family! As at May 31, 2010, our membership stands at 294 members and 54 member countries. Out of these 294 members, an approximate 10 percent are located outside the Asia and Oceania region. For members who may have missed to renew their membership, kindly contact IFLA Headquarters and do so soonest possible.

This issue features a sharing of insight by Dr. N Varaprasad, Chief Executive, National Library Board Singapore on a paramount issue—collaboration between library communities within Asia and Oceania. In addition, there is also an interesting mix of articles on events and projects happening in our region, including an article on page 23 from Dr. Samuel Kai-wah Chu from The University of Hong Kong. Dr. Chu is the Keynote Speaker at Asia and Oceania Open Session in Gothenburg this year. You can also read about the latest developmental projects in Japan and Korea, and conferences in Singapore, Kazakhstan, and India in the Around the Region Section.

For this issue, we have also put a face to our RSCAO members. Please feel free to approach any of us if our paths do cross. We would be very happy to get to know you and even explore possibilities of working together.

It has been a productive six months this year and we hope to keep moving forward together as a region. For colleagues who are going to Sweden in August, see you soon!

In reflecting the innovation and dynamism of our Section, we have made use of bold colours to create a look that is modern, engaging, and vibrant.

The constant progress of Asia and Oceania Section as an invaluable extension of IFLA is tantamount to a constant reminder for us to keep moving ahead. We have transformed ourselves to a well-connected knowledge, information, and network platform for library communities, highly valued within Asia and Oceania and beyond. Let us keep the good work going!

As we move ahead, we hope to encourage you, our members and readers—to push boundaries and bring the newsletter to greater heights. More importantly, we strive to bring IFLA closer to you. IFLA is for you and about you.

On this note, any comments or suggestions on the newsletter are very welcome. Please send them to Keat Fong at keatfong@nlb.gov.sg or me at Petrina.Ang@nlb.gov.sg. We look forward to hear from you. You and me are, after all, good ideas waiting to happen. Cheers.
NEW IFLA PROFESSIONAL REPORTS NOW AVAILABLE

IFLA has recently released several new Professional Reports. In case you missed them they are:


- Report No. 118: Richtlinien für Behördenbibliotheken

- Report No. 117: Library Services to People with Special Needs Section—Glossary of Terms and Definitions

The series is published by IFLA Headquarters in The Hague under the auspices of IFLA’s Professional Committee (http://www.ifla.org/professional-committee). Print copies of Professional Reports may be ordered directly from IFLA Headquarters and many are available free for download.

For complete details, please visit our IFLA Professional Reports webpage at http://www.ifla.org/en/publications/iflaprofessional-reports

NEW WEBSITE FOR IFLA CHINESE LANGUAGE CENTER

The site is written in the Chinese language as a communication platform for the Chinese-speaking library professionals and a source of information about IFLA and its activities.

The new website includes informational material about IFLA, the IFLA Chinese Language Center, IFLA’s latest news and upcoming conferences.

As the Center’s role is to help professional librarians, many of the IFLA documents such as Manifestos, professional articles and conference newsletters have been translated and made available on the site.

Link to IFLA Chinese Language Center website: http://www.nlc.gov.cn/yjfw/ifla.htm#

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8TH IFLA INTERNATIONAL MARKETING AWARD

The IFLA Section on Management and Marketing in collaboration with Emerald is pleased to announce the winners of the 8th IFLA International Marketing Award for 2010.

The first place was awarded to the Learning Resource Centre (LRC), Indian School of Business, Gachibowli, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, India, represented by Dr. K. Mohan. He has won for himself airfare, lodging, and registration for the 2010 IFLA General Conference and Council to be held this year in Gothenburg, Sweden, and a cash award of USD 1,000 to further the marketing efforts of the library. The slogan for the winning campaign is “Knowledge Companion to Empower You!” The LRC developed a product line of information alerts for administration, faculty and students marketed as “Global InfoWatch.” This umbrella product offers personalized access to all stakeholders’ facts and figures to update their knowledge in selected relevant areas.

Congratulations to Dr. K. Mohan!

For more details, please refer to http://www.ifla.org/en/news/winners-announced-for-the-8th-ifla-internationalmarketing-award
EMERALD AND IFLA BEGIN A SPECIAL PARTNERSHIP

Emerald Group Publishing Limited, the world’s leading publisher of management and library research, and the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), are delighted to announce that they have formalised their relationship by signing a partnership agreement.

The “special partnership” was first announced at the IFLA World Library and Information Congress in Milan, August 2009, as well as at the evening Regional Activities social event at the same conference. This was cemented with the signing of a formal agreement between the two organisations, which will provide the IFLA community with substantially more publishing opportunities. The opportunity to be published by Emerald will be available, not only for research produced by the various IFLA Sections, but for papers presented at the general IFLA Congress and satellite events. Emerald articles arising as a result of IFLA activities will be made available in open access, nine months after publication with Emerald. Rebecca Marsh, Editorial Director at Emerald, comments: “Emerald journals are currently available in more than 3,000 institutions around the world, providing an excellent opportunity for authors to disseminate their work in many of the world’s top research institutions. Having worked with IFLA for a number of years, the activities that have developed are varied and altogether show the broad and serious interest of Emerald in IFLA’s work. We look forward to developing this relationship further.”

The good relationship between Emerald and IFLA started during the IFLA/UAP Office at the British Library Document Supply Centre in the 1970s, and Emerald has been an IFLA Gold Corporate Partner since 1998. During this period of more than a decade, Emerald has strengthened its involvement in IFLA’s activities, which culminated in the continuing sponsorship of the IFLA International Marketing Award run by IFLA’s Management and Marketing Section, as well as Emerald’s continuing support of IFLA library initiatives and activities in Africa.

For more information about Emerald’s partnership with IFLA, contact Eileen Breen, Publisher, at ebreen@emeraldinsight.com

TWEETING AND POSTING ABOUT GOTHENBURG

If and when you start writing about the annual IFLA Congress & conference in Gothenburg, Sweden, please be sure to add the proper tags to your posts. Other enthusiasts will much more easily be able to find them.

So please use the hashtag #ifla2010 in your Tweets.

For blog posts, Flickr photos, Slideshare presentations, etc. please use the similar ifla2010.

SISTER LIBRARIES FOR CHILDREN’S AND YOUNG ADULTS’ READING

It is a new programme by IFLA Section Libraries for Children and Young Adults: allowing children’s libraries to build a partnership, exchange views and experiences, collaborate, and develop joint programmes for Children’s and Young Adults’ (YA) reading.

The exchange of knowledge, information, resources, experience, and good ideas on library work for children and young adults with colleagues abroad opens up new possibilities and can even help overcome difficulties faced.

The value of the programme is further enhanced with endorsement from an international body (IFLA) and the crossborder collaborations. With this, libraries can better support themselves for support from authorities and also divert their attention to the importance of children and YA reading.

Public libraries, school libraries, organisations working with libraries can participate. Communication is via email/ internet (at the library or privately). They need not be IFLA members. The twinning is embedded in the institutions: it is not just something the librarian does on a personal basis. An individual librarian at each library must be identified as the key contact, to ensure continuity and sustainability of the relationship. For more details, please refer to http://www.ifla.org/en/node/1746

BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION

2011 ACCESS TO LEARNING AWARD (ATLA)

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is currently accepting applications for its 2011 Access to Learning Award (ATLA), which recognises 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, an initiative of the foundation’s Global Development Program. The recipient of the Access to Learning Award will receive $1 million (U.S.).

The Access to Learning Award honours innovative organisations that are opening a world of online information to people in need. The foundation’s Global Libraries initiative invites applications from libraries and similar organisations outside the United States that have created new ways to offer these key services:

• Free public access to computers and the Internet;
• Public training to assist users in accessing online information that can help improve their lives;
• Technology training for library staff;
• Outreach to underserved communities.

HOW TO APPLY

Deadline
 Completed applications must be submitted by September 30, 2010.

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
WHY JOIN IFLA?

Because you can:

- define your profession
- decide what's on the agenda, globally
- make a definite difference
- keep up-to-date
- help others and help yourself (reciprocal benefit)
- network and collaborate

Advantages of being an IFLA member:

- Extend and sustain your professional network at an international level
- Think strategically: decide what will be on the political agenda by using your voting rights
- Be active in one of IFLA's working groups and help developing standards and guidelines; take part in meetings, seminars and workshops, discuss important issues with your colleagues from all over the world and exchange information on the topics you work on
- Get a discount on IFLA's annual conference and on various IFLA publications
- Receive the bi-annual IFLA Directory for free
- Receive a copy of IFLA's Annual Report for free
- Get a subscription on IFLA Journal for free
- Receive the newsletters of the Sections to which you are registered for free
- Receive an IFLA window sticker and promote IFLA
- As an IFLA member, you are not required to pay the 10 percent non-member surcharge on IFLA ILL vouchers

Please refer to http://www.ifla.org/en/membership or contact the IFLA membership team:

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The Library Association of Singapore (LAS) represents the interests of the library and information professionals in Singapore. Membership comprises professional librarians as well as others who are interested in library and information work. LAS has over 310 professional members out of a total of 490 members as of December 2009.

LAS traces its history to 1955 when the Malayan Library Group was formed. After the separation of Singapore from Malaysia, it was reconstituted as the Persatuan Perpustakaan Singapura. In 1972, the Association formally adopted the Library Association of Singapore as its official registered name.

LAS provides opportunities for networking and professional development by organising talks, visits, and social activities. Training is another focus for LAS and it organises workshops, seminars, training courses, and conferences for members. It launched the Professional Development Scheme in 2003 and has awarded the status of Practicing Professionals to 136 members which is approximately 43 percent of the professional members.

The regular publications of LAS are a newsletter “Singapore Libraries Bulletin” and a journal “Singapore Journal of Library and Information Management.” The journal became an open access journal in 2009 and the newsletter was moved to a weblog platform in 2006. Both publications are available via the LAS website.

LAS also administers the presentation of awards to members to recognise the contribution of members to the profession and to promote professional growth. The awards include Outstanding Newcomer Award, Professional Service Award, and Lifetime Contribution Award. It has also recently presented the first LAS Library School Scholarship to its first recipient.

LAS also participates in career fairs as part of its advocacy efforts and promotes librarianship as a career to fresh graduates. This has successfully generated career interest in librarianship and in obtaining professional qualifications.

The Special Libraries Section has currently three active interest groups namely the Law Librarians Group, the Arts Librarians Group, and the Business Librarians Groups.

For more information on LAS, please refer to our website at http://www.las.org.sg or email us at lassec@las.org.sg
GLOBETHICS.NET
THE GLOBAL DIGITAL LIBRARY ON ETHICS OPENS UP TO ASIA

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Globethics.net is a worldwide ethics network based in Geneva, with an international Board of Foundation of eminent persons. It provides an electronic platform for dialogue and ethical reflection. Its central instrument is the website www.globethics.net.

The aim of Globethics.net is to ensure that people in all regions of the world are empowered to reflect and act on ethical issues. In order to ensure access to knowledge resources in applied ethics, Globethics.net developed its Globethics.net Library, the leading global digital library on ethics. Globethics.net took this initiative to ensure that persons have access for free and from any internet connection to good quality, up-to-date, and multilingual knowledge resources. The founding conviction of Globethics.net was that more equal access to knowledge resources in the field of applied ethics will enable persons and institutions from developing and transition economies to become more visible and audible in the global discourse on ethics. There is no cost involved in using the library. Individuals only need to register (free of charge) as participants on the Globethics.net website (www.globethics.net) to get access to all the full text documents in the library.

In addition to the library, Globethics.net also offers participants on its website the opportunity to join or form electronic working groups for purposes of networking or collaborative research.

Since the second half of 2009, Globethics.net has opened two regional coordination offices in Asia: Globethics.net China, coordinated by the Center for International Business Ethics (CIBE), based in Beijing (http://www.cibe.org.cn/en) and Globethics.net Indonesia, coordinated by the Indonesian Consortium for Religious Studies, based in Yogyakarta (http://www.icrs.ugm.ac.id). A further regional office Globethics.net India will be opened in 2010. These regional offices work on contributing local ethics content to the library and enlarging and making the network known in their regions.
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IFLA RSCAO held a fruitful 2010 Mid-term Meeting in Beirut, Lebanon, from February 1–3, 2010. During the meeting, members Dan Dorner, Chihfeng P. Lin, Michael Robinson, Hasna Askhita, Shawk Seyam, Gary Gorman, Mohd Sharif Mohd Saad, Rashidah Begum, Tan Keat Fong, Petrina Ang, Fawz Abdallah, Hilda Nassar, and Bughdana Hajjar discussed issues in the agenda, which was earlier approved by members.

Participants of RSCAO Mid-term Meeting 2010 in Beirut, Lebanon

IFLA REGIONAL STANDING COMMITTEE FOR ASIA AND OCEANIA (RSCAO)

MID-TERM MEETING 2010 IN BEIRUT, LEBANON, FEBRUARY 1–3, 2010

Dr. Chihfeng P. Lin
Secretary
IFLA Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania

NEW EXECUTIVES WITH PROFESSIONAL OUTCOMES

Dr. Dan Dorner, Chair, Ms. Tan Keat Fong, Regional Manager, and members expressed their appreciation to the local organisers for hosting and making the necessary arrangements for the meeting to proceed smoothly. Chair welcomed attendees and conveyed apologies for absentee. The agenda was adopted and the Milan Meeting Minutes was approved. In his report, Chair advised that the Section is in balanced financial status.

Chair reported that he had sent a joint communiqué with the Malaysian Library Association to IFLA HQ to reflect concerns of members in Asia and Oceania and pointed out that RSCAO and IFLA HQ need to strengthen communication, a concern shared by Rashidah and Sharif, our Malaysian colleagues. He also managed the election of RSCAO’s secretary, Dr. Chihfeng P. Lin was successfully elected and has been working hard for the Section. Hilda Nassar, the Information Coordinator reported a good number of LISTSERV subscribers, and she will continue working on information provision for our Section.

The twenty-two abstracts received in response to Asia and Oceania Section’s Call for Papers with the theme “Social networking in libraries and other information organisations in Asia-Oceania” were reviewed in a professional manner with the use of review criteria and score ranking.
Michael Robinson shared his experience in helping to organise the content of Building Strong Library Associations (BLSA) Programme and also the development of ALP in a report he presented on behalf of ALP.

Hong Kong was voted as host for the next RSCAO Mid-term Meeting in 2011.

**UPDATE FROM REGIONAL OFFICE FOR ASIA AND OCEANIA**

Regional Manager reported that there are 306 members from 57 countries as at November 30, 2009. The Section Newsletter, the base of our regional communication, will have a new look and amongst the changes is to put a face to RSCAO with the inclusion of members’ photos. The Newsletter has developed to become an essential communication platform among members of the Section in the updates of library-related activities within and beyond the region. Regional Office also helped to organise RSCAO’s Poster Session in Milan. It received good feedback, with Chair there himself to answer questions. In addition, Regional Office held a Pilot Workshop for IFLA ALP’s BLSA Programme in Singapore from 9–13 November, 2009. They also helped to collate abstracts for Gothenburg for RSCAO review in the Mid-term Meeting.

We also had the good fortune to meet up with colleagues from the Lebanese Library Association who hosted members to a dinner.

**ONE-DAY CONFERENCE: THE GLAM SECTOR: FINDING COMMON GROUND FOR SHARED OPPORTUNITIES**

A one-day conference, “The GLAM (galleries, libraries, archives and museums) Sector: Finding Common Ground for Shared Opportunities” was organised in conjunction with the Mid-term Meeting. Chair, and two other RSCAO members, Gary Gorman and Michael Robinson presented at the conference which attracted about 100 participants.

*Speakers of the conference: “The GLAM Sector: Finding Common Ground for Shared Opportunities”*

**RSCAO ACTIVITIES AT 76TH IFLA WLIC IN GOTHENBURG**

Asia and Oceania Standing Committee meeting will be on August 11, 2010.

Asia and Oceania Open Session with the theme “Social networking in libraries and other information organisations in Asia and Oceania” is scheduled from 8.30am–10.30am on August 15, 2010. For more details on the keynote speaker and the four papers that were selected, please refer to the conference programme at http://www.ifla.org/en/conferences-session-day/2010-08-15
As we 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.

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48. State Library of Victoria
49. State Library of Western Australia
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51. University of Melbourne, Information Division
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**ALP PROJECTS 2010**

A strong number of applications for funding were received from each of the IFLA regions for ALP small projects in 2010. Several applications from the Asia and Oceania region were successful, and the ALP office is currently working with the applicants to finalise the details.

Support for ALP from 2010–2012 comes from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation IFLA general operating grant and core activity contributions. A total budget for ALP small projects for 2010 is €45,000.

The deadline for ALP small project applications for 2011 closes on October 1, 2010. The total budget for all 2011 small projects is €26,000. The 2011 applications should be submitted to the manager of the regional office with a copy to ALP. The selection of projects will be made by the ALP Committee in consultation with the regional sections.

ALP supports projects in its focal areas of library associations, literacy, libraries in society, access to information, and emerging professional practices that may be:

- One-off workshops and training activities, delivering existing IFLA's policy-based training materials e.g., training materials developed by FAIFE;
- Workshops and training where new training packages and content based on ALP focal areas will be delivered and made available to IFLA; and
- Longer-term capacity building activities and training designed to support the development of the sector in a country, e.g., through the Building Strong Library Associations programme.

Full details of project guidelines can be found on the IFLA website: [http://www.ifla.org/en/alp/project-applications](http://www.ifla.org/en/alp/project-applications)

The 2009 ALP Annual Report, covering the activities of ALP and projects carried out last year is available from the IFLA website at: [http://www.ifla.org/files/alp/alp-annual09.pdf](http://www.ifla.org/files/alp/alp-annual09.pdf)

ALP supported activities in India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Lebanon, and scholarships in the Asia and Oceania region in 2009.

**BUILDING STRONG LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS PROGRAMME**

Development of the Building Strong Library Associations (BSLA) programme continues as IFLA prepares to launch the programme and announce the countries that will participate from 2010 at the Congress in Gothenburg. Applications for the initial countries to participate in the programme from 2010, one in each of IFLA’s regions, closed in April. Each of the regional sections nominated a country to participate following the regional mid-term meetings in February and March 2010. The countries will be announced at the programme’s launch session at the Gothenburg Congress. €25,000 is provided for each of three BSLA projects (a total of €75,000 in 2010).
IFLA has begun development of the online platform that will support the programme. The online platform will provide eLearning activities, downloading of the training materials, and discussion tools to facilitate communities of practice between associations. Content will also be available via removable media (e.g., CD ROMs) where Internet access is not readily available. A meeting was held from February 8–12, 2010 at IFLA Headquarters with participants from a number of countries sharing their expertise on the ways that IFLA can use ICT to reach library associations around the world and provide high quality learning materials to all members.

Participants were invited from Egypt, Singapore, Puerto Rico, Germany, Switzerland, Sweden, and South Africa together with staff from IFLA Headquarters. Petrina Ang from the IFLA Regional Office for Asia and Oceania attended the meeting to represent the region.

A meeting to develop the impact evaluation framework for the programme was held at IFLA Headquarters from April 6–9, 2010. Impact evaluation will provide IFLA with evidence, research, and case studies about the difference that the BSLA programme makes in the countries it works in.

**ABOUT THE BUILDING STRONG LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS PROGRAMME**

Building Strong Library Associations is a comprehensive capacity building programme to be delivered by ALP from September 2010. It includes a training package aimed at developing and sustaining library associations, the continued delivery of IFLA’s existing policy-based workshops, mentoring, and other activities. The programme is customisable to suit the needs of library associations around the world. The programme will be supported by an online platform that will provide remote access to learning materials and resources to all IFLA members.

**CONTACTING ALP**

ALP is based at IFLA Headquarters and is coordinated by Fiona Bradley. ALP can be contacted at alp@ifla.org
18th Conference of Directors of National Libraries in Asia and Oceania (CDNL-AO)

Mr. Syed Ghyour Hussain
Deputy Director
National Library of Pakistan

Conference of Directors of National Libraries in Asia and Oceania (CDNL-AO) is a regional forum of national libraries founded in 1979 and is a regional chapter of the Conference of Directors of National Libraries (CDNL). To exchange information, promote cooperation, and assist libraries in less developed countries in the region through cooperation are the main objectives of CDNL-AO.

The National Library of Pakistan was to host the 18th CDNL-AO Conference. However, when Pakistan became the frontline state on war against terrorism, some members expressed concerns about the security situation. National Library Singapore rose to the occasion and offered to host the Conference in Singapore from April 13–14, 2010, which was agreed and accepted by Pakistan and member countries.

Mr. Syed Ghyour Hussain, Deputy Director, National Library of Pakistan chaired the meeting with co-chair, Ms. Ngian Lek Choh, Director, National Library Singapore. Sixteen delegates from ten member countries attended the Conference. The delegates were from Australia, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam. The theme of the Conference was "Towards collaboration in Asia-Oceania." The Chair in his opening address said, "National libraries being the largest knowledge repositories of our nations are to play pivotal roles in the progress of human civilisation. We alone are unable to meet the challenges of information society and the only way forward is the close collaboration and cooperation at regional and international levels." He thanked Dr. N. Varaprasad, Chief Executive, National Library Board (NLB) Singapore for his support and conviction in the Conference.

The 17th CDNL-AO meeting minutes was approved with the consent of the delegates. The Conference approved the Final Statutes and Rules of Procedures for CDNL-AO drafted by National Library of Australia (NLA) after minor amendments. National Digital Library of Korea introduced Library portal and invited members' participation. The IFLA Statement of Principles on Copyright Exceptions and Limitations for Libraries and Archives were also approved. National Diet Library presented results of a web archiving survey done amongst members and announced the launch of the CDNL-AO website and discussion forum. NLA reported on the implementation status of Resource Descriptions and Access (RDA) and also presented its new discovery service, Trove. Delegates also presented the recent developments and activities in their libraries.

Possible areas of collaboration amongst the libraries in Asia and Oceania were also explored. National Library Singapore presented the Singapore Memory project and tabled a proposal on exposing metadata of member libraries to discovery services. National Library of Korea confirmed hosting the 19th CDNL-AO Conference in 2011. To mark the close of the Conference, Chair and Co-chair thanked delegates for their active participation which was then followed by a presentation of tokens of appreciation by Dr. Varaprasad.

NLB hosted a marvellous dinner at Wave House, Sentosa. Other social events included visits to various libraries. A seminar on "Challenges of libraries in Asia" was held on April 14, 2010 where Ms. Ngian was the moderator. Invited speakers were:

1. Mr. Dady Rachmananta, Secretary General, Congress of South East Asian Librarians (CONASAL);
2. Dato Resin Abu Bakar, Director General, National Library of Malaysia;
3. Dr. Shin Yong-Eon, Director, National Digital Library of Korea; and
4. Mr. Syed Ghyour Hussain, Deputy Director, National Library of Pakistan.

The efforts of Mrs. Tan Keat Fong and staff of NLB in making the Conference a success will be remembered for a long time.
The Internet is a huge cauldron where knowledge is increasingly spawned and exchanged. Numerous countries are engaged in web archiving projects in order to preserve such resources. In Japan, the National Diet Library (NDL) started its Web Archiving Project in 2002.

By 2009, NDL had been harvesting web resources, with permission from site administrators, through a web-crawler (programme that automatically collects websites). Target sites included those of national institutions, public bodies, universities, local authorities, international/cultural event pages, and online periodicals. Resources thus archived amounted to 4,599 titles, 22,002 items, and approximately 14.7 TB volume.

It was our dearest wish to integrate web archiving into the existing legal deposit framework to save labour. It was granted in July 2009, when the National Diet Library Law was amended to enable legal harvesting of web resources from 2,500 bodies of governments and government-related institutions from April 2010 onwards. We carry out harvesting monthly for national institutions and quarterly for others. Provision of archived resources on the Internet requires permission from the original bodies. In addition, resources unreachable by the web-crawler, such as databases, must be transmitted by the host upon our request. The Digital Library Division, Kansai-kan, of the NDL, is in charge of such administrative tasks.

NDL joined the International Internet Preservation Consortium (IIPC), an international body committed to development of web archiving in 2008. NDL adopted a crawler developed by the IIPC for the operating system for the web archiving project which debuted in 2010. By cooperating with the multilingualisation of IIPC tools, the NDL wishes to contribute to web archiving in Asia. At the same time, we have now set our eyes upon the next issue to tackle: the collection and preservation of digital books and electronic journals published by private publishers.
Dibrary is the name of the digital service provided by the National Digital Library of Korea. It took seven years from 2002 to 2008 to complete the construction of the National Digital Library with the total area of 38,014m² (three-level ground floors and five-level underground floors). The investments in this project add up to 117.9 million dollars. The digital library has a virtual space “Dibrary Portal,” where visitors can search digital contents under the integrated system as well as a physical service space (Information Commons).

Dibrary Portal (www.dibrary.net) began its service with the launch of the digital library in May 2009. It serves as a hub of digital content through integrated search system and networks with up to more than 116 million sources of 1,250 domestic and foreign organisations including academic, public, private, and foreign information.

This is a significant improvement from the beginning, when only a small amount of the latest works were available because the OAI-based portal provided digital contents or tables of contents that conformed to copyrights.

To address this issue, the National Library revised the “Library Laws” in September 2009 and established the legitimacy of gathering online information. The revised version enabled the library to build a manuscript database of “digital files” for the purpose of collecting valuable online materials and producing and distributing substituting ones for the disabled. To do this, the library organised a committee aimed at the review of online materials in October 2009 and made an official announcement to specify which online resources are qualified for the collection in January 2010 before gathering works. The amendments in 2006 allowed the library to digitise materials for preservation and transfer manuscript database to and from other libraries if copyright fees are paid.

The digital library plans to inject 3.3 million dollars this year in building up 1 million resources including e-books and electronic journals. Also, the Digital Collection will be set up particularly to focus on personal interests and specialised sources so that users can enjoy unlimited access to digitised content free from copyrights. The test service of the collection is expected to be offered through the Dibrary Portal in May 2010 in commemoration of the first anniversary of the digital library.

In addition to the manuscript database of 390,000 books (110 million pages) established so far, 10,000 books will be digitised within 2010 with the investment of 1 million dollars, which comes entirely from the state budget.

The Dibrary Portal will try to give users unrestricted access to a wide range of high-quality digital content and go further to share and utilise good resources by maintaining the networks with overseas digital libraries.

All monetary amounts in this article are in Korean Won.
Similar to the idea proposed in Kuhlthau’s recent book “Guided Inquiry,” I conducted a study by putting together a team of three subject teachers and the school librarian in guiding Primary 4 (Grade 4 equivalent in the American system) students in Hong Kong in their inquiry project-based learning (the paper can be accessed at http://web.edu.hku.hk/staff/samchu/docs/revision_JASIST-final-hmpg.doc).

In the past, students usually conducted their General Studies (GS) group projects mainly under the guidance of the GS teacher. However, students lacked the necessary skills and abilities. I then built an instructional model aimed at equipping students with skills and abilities they needed to excel in their projects.

Besides having the GS teacher who focuses on teaching students simple research skills, I brought in the School Librarian to ensure that students have the needed information literacy skills to find resources that are relevant to their projects. Language teachers are there to help equip students with reading and writing abilities required. Lastly, the IT teachers are involved to help students work with software packages such as Excel and PowerPoint to generate graphical charts and produce effective presentations.

Besides the core team members, an extended team is sometimes necessary as advocated by Kuhlthau. In my model, the principal was crucial in helping to put together a collaborative team of subject teachers and the librarian. An expert in inquiry-based learning helps guide the project and provide advice. Parents are essential to the success of this endeavour in that they need to give their children a free hand to work on this self-directed learning project and would provide support when it is deemed necessary.

Kuhlthau has identified five kinds of learning that takes place in inquiry learning. These five kinds of learning can be mapped onto the eight dimensions for students’ improvement in my model.

To conclude, librarians are important partners for educating students in the 21st century.

Dr. Samuel Chu is Keynote Speaker at Asia and Oceania Open Session at 76th IFLA General Conference and Assembly in Gothenburg, Sweden, August 2010. Apart from Inquiry Learning, Dr. Chu’s research interests include Web 2.0 technologies for teaching and learning, information retrieval systems, and digital libraries amongst others. He has also written extensively on these areas of interests. For more details on Dr. Chu’s portfolio, please refer to http://web.edu.hku.hk/academic_staff.php?staffid=samchu

The Asia and Oceania Open Session is scheduled at 8:30am–10:30am on August 15, 2010. The theme for this session is “Social networking in libraries and other information organisations in Asia and Oceania.”
YOUR WORDS, MAGZHAN, WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN

Ms. Roza Berdigaliyeva
President
Library Association of the Republic Kazakhstan

A conference, dedicated to the works by Magzhan Zhumbabayev took place in September 2009. In conjunction with the “One country-one book” campaign, the Republican Scientific-Practical Conference “Kazakh Motherland, one word to you” was held at the North Kazakhstan Oblast Universal Scientific Library, Petropavlovsk, named after Sabit Mukanov.

Participants had the opportunity to meet the Akim (governor) of the Oblast (region or province), Serik Bilyalov. Chiefs from various libraries across the country, literary figures, and public attended the conference. The main goal of the conference was to promote Magzhan’s literary heritage and patriotic education.

Deputy Akim, Tlegen Kaskin, in his welcome address, commented that North Kazakhstan was chosen as the location for the conference as it was home to several famous Kazakh writers, such as the Great Kazakh poet, Magzhan Zhumbabayev.

During the prize presentation ceremony, organised as part of the “One country-one book” campaign, winners of the Oblast review contest, “Best Region Library 2009,” were awarded with certificates and prize money. Several librarians from North Kazakhstan Oblast Universal Scientific Library also received commendations for their many years of service to the library community.

Deputy Mazhilis, Zh. Suleimenov and M. Zhumbabayev’s cousin, T. Bekenov, both delivered speeches at the plenary meeting.

President of the Library Association of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Roza Berdigaliyeva, spoke about the conception of the “One country-one book” campaign. She quoted interesting examples relating to the various regions in the country.

R. Otarbayevand, General Director of National Academic Library of the Republic of Kazakhstan and NB E. Ismalkov, General Director of Council, spoke on the interpretation of Magzhan’s works. Other prominent speakers also shared their invaluable experience. Participants also had the opportunity to visit Magzhan’s House-Museum and other local attractions such as the school, library, and mosque.
FICCI INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE
CALLS FOR CONCRETE OUTCOMES ON TK, GRs, AND TCEs

Mr. Sanjay K. Bihani
Member
IFLA Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania

The Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), in cooperation with World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP), Ministry of Commerce and Industry of Government of India, organised an International Conference on Traditional Knowledge at New Delhi, India on November 13, 2009. The Conference highlighted the importance of developing a balanced international legal framework for the effective protection of Traditional Knowledge (TK), Genetic Resources (GRs), and Traditional Cultural Expressions (TCEs).

OPENING SESSION OF CONFERENCE

The Opening Session started with remarks made by Dr. Pradip Ghosh, Chairman, FICCI Task Force on TK and Former Secretary, Government of India. The keynote speaker, Shri Ajay Shankar, Secretary, DIPP, M/o Commerce and Industry of Government of India said that issues relating to TK and GRs had moved to centre stage in India and internationally in the past ten years, propelled into the limelight by foreign patents granted over age-old Indian resources such as neem and turmeric. The Indian Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL) has been developed to defend against misappropriation of TK. In his inaugural address His Excellency Dr. Francis Gurry, Director General of WIPO, Geneva emphasised the need for practical and pragmatic solutions for effective protection of TK and TCEs. He also noted that last month WIPO’s intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (IGC) received its strongest mandate to date when WIPO member states agreed to launch negotiations to ensure the effective protection of TK, GRs, and TCEs through the development of an international legal instrument. He applauded India’s achievements in establishing frameworks to protect its ancient traditional knowledge systems and the establishment of TKDL to supplement these laws. The concluding remarks were made by Dr. Amit Mitra, Secretary General of FICCI.

The Conference was attended by the author with more than 150 participants from across the globe, including India, Bangladesh, Australia, Kenya, Mexico, South Africa, and USA.

The Conference provided an excellent opportunity to understand the international developments on TK, understand how Intellectual Property can be used for effective protection and commercialisation of TK and TCEs; discuss sui generis system for protection of TK; and share international experience on access and benefit sharing amongst various issues. Distinguished speakers from The African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO), IP Australia, TKDL of India, Copyright Board of Kenya, Adjunta para Obras e Artes of Mexico, Indigenous Knowledge Systems Program of South Africa, an Intellectual Property Expert from United States, Head of Traditional Knowledge Division of WIPO as well as many Indian experts in the field addressed the participants and presented their papers.

In the concluding session there was an open house discussion on “The Way Forward: Options for the Effective Protection of TK and TCEs.” Experts exchanged their views and ideas with participants and paved the way for an international consensus on this issue. The conference was successful and brought together international and local speakers and covered developments at the WIPO IGC as well as national initiatives and programmes of member countries. Presentations, conference papers, and other meeting documents are available at http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/2009/tk_sem_delhi/

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SEPTEMBER 2010

ALIA Access 2010

| ORGANISER | Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) |
| DATE | 1–3 September 2010 |
| VENUE | Brisbane, Australia |
| CONTACT | International Conferences & Events P/L 1/12–14 Gladstone Place South Melbourne, VIC 3205, Australia Tel: +61 3 9681 6288 Fax: +61 3 9681 6653 Email: alia2010@iceaструктор.com http://conferences.alia.org.au/access2010/index.html |

23rd Moscow International Book Fair (MIBF)

| ORGANISER | General Directorate of International Book Exhibitions and Fairs (IBF) |
| DATE | 1–6 September 2010 |
| VENUE | Moscow, Russia |
| LINK | http://www.mibf.ru |

14th European Conference on Digital Libraries (ECDL)

| ORGANISER | Delos Network on Digital Libraries |
| DATE | 6–10 September 2010 |
| VENUE | Glasgow, Scotland |
| CONTACT | Department of Computing Science University of Glasgow 18 Lllybank Gardens Glasgow G12 8QO Great Britain Email: info@ecd2010.org |
| LINK | http://www.ecd2010.org/ |

17th Lviv International Book Fair

| ORGANISER | Publishers Forum |
| DATE | 16–19 September 2010 |
| VENUE | Lviv, Ukraine |
| LINK | http://www.bookforum.com.ua/ |

10th International Web Archiving Workshop (IWA/W)

| ORGANISER | Austrian National Library and the Technical University of Vienna |
| DATE | 22–23 September 2010 |
| VENUE | Vienna, Austria |
| LINK | http://iww.europarchive.org/10/index.html |

2nd International Symposium on Information Management in a Changing World: The Impact of Technological Convergence and Social Networks on Information Management

| ORGANISER | Department of Information Management, Hacettepe University |
| DATE | 22–24 September 2010 |
| VENUE | Ankara, Turkey |
| CONTACT | Yaşar Tonta, Chair of the Organising Committee Serap Kurbanoğlu, Chair of the Programme Committee Hacettepe University Department of Information Management 06800 Beytepe, Ankara, Turkey Tel: +90 312 297 8200 Fax: +90 312 299 2014 Email: tonta@hacettepe.edu.tr, serap@hacettepe.edu.tr http://by2010.bilgilyonetimi.net/english.html |

Göteborg Book Fair

| ORGANISER | Bok & Bibliotek i Norden AB |
| DATE | 23–26 September 2010 |
| VENUE | Göteborg, Sweden |
| LINK | http://www.goteborg-bookfair.com/ |

LIBER 2010–28th International Book Fair

| ORGANISER | Fira de Barcelona |
| DATE | 23 September–1 October 2010 |
| VENUE | Barcelona, Spain |
| LINK | http://www.liberbcn.com/ |

School Library Association of Queensland Biennial Conference and the 39th International Association of School Librarianship (IALS) Annual Conference

| ORGANISER | School Library Association of Queensland, International Association of School Librarianship |
| DATE | 27 September–1 October 2010 |
| VENUE | Brisbane, Australia |
| CONTACT | The Conference Secretariat P.O. Box 252 Mt Gravatt QLD 4122 Australia Fax: +61 7 3219 2077 Email: aasl@iarsl.org http://www.iasl-online.org/events/conf/2010/ (IALS) |
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Frankfurt Book Fair
- ORGANISER: Frankfurt Book Fair
- DATE: 6–10 October 2010
- VENUE: Frankfurt, Germany

Sharjah World Book Fair
- ORGANISER: Department of Culture & Information, Government of Sharjah
- DATE: 7–16 October 2010
- VENUE: Sharjah, United Arab Emirates
- LINK: http://sharjahbookfair.com/

Digital Libraries: Advanced Methods and Technologies, Digital Collections: RCDL '2010 (12th All-Russian Research Conference)
- ORGANISER: Russian Academy of Sciences
- DATE: 13–17 October 2010
- VENUE: Kazan, Russia
- CONTACT: Organising Committee
  Tel: +7 843 233 7710 / +7 843 233 7315
  Email: rcdl@ksu.ru

Internet Librarian International 2010
- ORGANISER: Information Today, Inc.
- DATE: 14–15 October 2010
- VENUE: London, United Kingdom

55th International Belgrade Book Fair
- ORGANISER: Belgrade Book Fair
- DATE: 25–31 October 2010
- VENUE: Belgrade, Serbia
- LINK: http://www.beogradskisajamknjiga.com/

Helsinki Book Fair
- ORGANISER: The Finnish Fair Corporation
- DATE: 28–31 October 2010
- VENUE: Helsinki, Finland
- LINK: http://www.helsinkibookfair.fi/

29th Istanbul Book Fair
- ORGANISER: Tuyap Fairs and Exhibition Organisation Inc.
- DATE: 30 October–2 November 2010
- VENUE: Istanbul, Turkey
- LINK: http://www.tuyap.com/
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8th International Conference on the Book
ORGANISER: Common Ground Publishing
DATE: 6–8 November 2010
VENUE: St. Gallen, Switzerland
CONTACT: Conference Secretariat
Email: support@booksandpublishing.com
http://booksandpublishing.com/conference-2010/

3rd SPARC Digital Repositories Meeting
ORGANISER: SPARC (Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition)
DATE: 9–10 November 2010
VENUE: Baltimore, Maryland, USA
LINK: http://www.arl.org/sparc/media/09-0223.shtml

Expolingua Portugal
ORGANISER: Expolingua Portugal
DATE: 3–5 November 2010
VENUE: Lisbon, Portugal
LINK: http://www.expolingua.pt/

TEI Applied: Digital Texts and Language Resources
ORGANISER: Text Encoding Initiative (TEI)
DATE: 8–14 November 2010
VENUE: Zadar, Croatia
LINK: http://ling.unizd.hr/~tei2010/

33rd International Books and Teaching Aids Fair (Interliber)
ORGANISER: Zagreb Fair Ltd.
DATE: 10–14 November 2010
VENUE: Zagreb, Croatia
LINK: http://www.zv.hr/sajmovi/150/index_en.html

Basel Book Fair
ORGANISER: Verein Literaturfestival Basel
DATE: 12–14 November 2010
VENUE: Basel, Switzerland
LINK: http://www.buchbasel.ch/

20th PIALA Annual Conference
ORGANISER: Pacific Islands Association of Libraries, Archives, and Museums (PIALA)
DATE: 15–19 November 2010
VENUE: Chuuk, Federated States of Micronesia
CONTACT: Email: piala.org@gmail.com
LINK: http://sites.google.com/site/pialaorg/home

17th Gaudeamus International Book and Education Fair
ORGANISER: Romanian Radio Broadcasting Corporation
DATE: 17–21 November 2010
VENUE: Bucharest, Romania
LINK: http://www.gaudeamus.ro/

Montréal Book Fair
ORGANISER: Salon du livre de Montréal
DATE: 17–22 November 2010
VENUE: Montréal, Canada
LINK: http://www.salondulivredeumontreal.com/

Buch Wien 10–International Book Fair and Reading Festival
ORGANISER: Nail Consulting
DATE: 18–21 November 2010
VENUE: Vienna, Austria
LINK: http://www.buchwien.at/

Expolingua Berlin
ORGANISER: ICWE GmbH
DATE: 19–21 November 2010
VENUE: Berlin, Germany
LINK: http://www.expolingua.com/expolingua_berlin/de/

24th Guadalajara International Book Fair
ORGANISER: Guadalajara Feria Internacional del Libro (FIL)
DATE: 27 November–5 December 2010
VENUE: Guadalajara, Mexico
LINK: http://www.fil.com.mx/

LIANZA Centennial Conference: At the Edge
ORGANISER: New Zealand Library Association (LIANZA)
DATE: 28 November–1 December 2010
VENUE: Dunedin, New Zealand
CONTACT: Conference Secretariat
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P.O. Box 13 494
Christchurch
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Fax: +64 3 379 0460
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"Non/ Fiction"–12th Moscow International Book Fair of High-Quality Fiction and Non-Fiction

ORGANISER: Expo-Park
DATE: 1–5 December 2010
VENUE: Moscow, Russia
LINK: http://www.moscowbookfair.ru/

ACIS 2010–21st Australasian Conference on Information Systems

ORGANISER: Information Systems Program, Queensland University of Technology and UQ Business School, Faculty of Business, Economics and Law, University of Queensland
DATE: 1–5 December 2010
VENUE: Brisbane, Australia
CONTACT: ConferenceIT
Suite 1, 39 Tinarra Crescent
Kenmore Hills Qld 4069 Australia
Tel: +61 7 3878 2974
Fax: +61 7 3378 9513
Email: info@acis2010.org

4th International Antiquarian Bookfair in Hong Kong

ORGANISER: Feain of Cornstalk Bookshop (Australia), Mitsuo Nitta of Yushodo (Japan), and Christopher Li of Swindons Books (Hong Kong)
DATE: 3–5 December 2010
VENUE: Hong Kong, China
CONTACT: Hong Kong Exhibition Centre, 3-4/F
Low Block, China Resources
26 Harbour Road
Wanchai, Hong Kong
Tel: +612 9660 4889
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Plenary Speakers: Henning Mankell
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Professor Sture Allén

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