



NEWSLETTER

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Biblioteka V.A.Urechia, Galati, Romania



Display in the Africana Conference Room, the US Library of Congress, for the visit of Prince Ermias Sahle-Selassie. The display included the 2009 GENLOC Milan Poster entry



The defeat of Dutch Captain. Balduino Enrico at San Juan, Puerto Rico, 1625

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Words from the Chair



GENLOC Committee Members and Speakers at IFLA Gothenburg 2010

Time has passed quickly since the conference in Gothenburg.

For the Genealogy and Local History Section, it was a good conference with very good presentations at our Open Session and a study tour with many delegates present.

But this event is already to be followed by the next Conference in Puerto Rico. We are just now going to look at the proposals sent in answer to our *Call for Papers*. I am confident that next August also we will have a good programme and much interesting news from our world.

I wrote in my last *Words from the Chair* about my disappointment with the Pre-conference in Denmark having to be cancelled. But that has not taken away the courage from us. We are busy preparing a Pre-conference at St. Thomas, the US Virgin Islands. From the draft of the programme, I can already promise that this will be such a great Pre-conference, I have already booked my place on it, and I do hope to see many of you there.

Just now it is about the deadline for sending in nomination forms for people wanting to serve as Committee members within the IFLA Sections. I nearly cannot wait to see how many new Committee members we will get in our section.

Please enjoy this Newsletter. I am confident this issue will be just as interesting as always. I am looking forward to meeting you in The Caribbean.

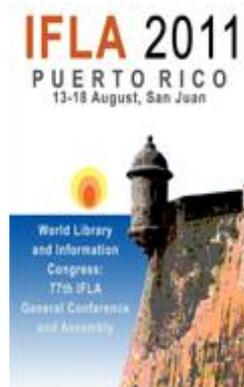
Ruth Hedegaard Chair of IFLA Genealogy and Local History Section

The IFLA Genealogy and Local History Section welcomes all IFLA delegates to its Open Session and to its Study Tour in Puerto Rico and to its Pre-Conference Satellite Meeting in St Thomas, US Virgin Islands
10th – 12th and 13th – 18th August 2011



Puerto Rico Convention Centre in the historic centre of Miramar, Puerto Rico

77th IFLA World Library and Information Congress, San Juan, Puerto Rico
13th – 18th August 2011



**Libraries beyond libraries:
 Integration,
 innovation, and
 information for all**

conference.ifla.org/ifla77

The Genealogy and Local History section will be presenting its Open Session with speakers on the subject of:

**Dispossessed persons:
 preserving culture in an age of migration**

The Call for Papers was promoted both in English and Spanish on the IFLA Conference website

For more details of the proposed Theme, please see:

conference.ifla.org/ifla77/calls-for-papers/dispossessed-persons-preserving-culture-in-age-of-migration

The GENLOC Section plans a superb debate and an exceptional Open Session. All are welcome.

Certain laws of Social Science have been used to describe human migration. The following was a list (after the proposals of E. G. Ravenstein 1885) for the period 1834 to 1913:

- Every migration flow generates a return or counter-migration
- The majority of migrants move a short distance
- Migrants who move longer distances tend to choose big-city destinations
- Urban residents are often less migratory than inhabitants of rural areas
- Families are less likely to make international moves than young adults
 (Wikipedia)



**Beautiful Harbor of St. Thomas, West Indies c1900 –
[now St Thomas, US Virgin Islands]**

Pre-Conference Satellite Meeting Programme August 10th-12th, 2011

www.ifla.org/en/genealogy-and-local-history/conferences

IFLA Section on Genealogy and Local History in collaboration with the St. Thomas-St. John Library Association, St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands

The Information Diaspora: Innovating research and records custodianship for family history users

Panel speakers already lined up include:

- **Asbjørn Hellum**, National Archivist, Rigsarkivet (Danish State Archives), Copenhagen, Denmark
- **Jeannette A. Bastian**, PhD, Acting Dean, Professor and Director of the Archives Program of the Graduate School of Library and Information Science, Simmons College, Boston, Massachusetts (formerly the Director of Libraries, Archives and Museums for the Government of the Virgin Islands)
- **Vernon Paul Rood**, PhD, Project Archivist, Archives II, National Archives and Records Administration of the United States of America, College Park, Maryland

Watch the GENLOC website for more details

www.ifla.org/files/genealogy-and-local-history/conference/satellite-flyer-2011-v32.pdf



WLIC in Gothenburg, Sweden GENLOC Open Session Wednesday, 11th August 2010

Report

The Genealogy and Local History Section held a terrific open session programme during the Congress in Gothenburg. The programme theme was *Family and local history – an enduring legacy for the next generation*. Our programme was on the same day as the opening session and we had four presentations. All of the papers are available in four languages: Chinese, English, French, and Spanish on the IFLA website.

www.ifla.org/en/conferences-session-day/2010-08-11
[Scroll down to and click on Session 73]

Bruce Royan from the Virtual Hamilton Palace Trust in Edinburgh (Scotland) spoke on *The Virtual Hamilton Palace: building a digital resource for local and family history*. The Dukes of Hamilton were prominent in history for five centuries. The Virtual Hamilton Palace Trust is working to recreate a digital version of the palace. Because the family's possessions were dispersed throughout the world, the trust uses the resources of libraries, museums and archives worldwide. The Virtual Hamilton Palace has both interior and exterior views of the palace and grounds. The website uses multimedia technology to display the magnificent artwork, furniture, and furnishings. Bruce Royan's paper is also available in Arabic and German.

Drew Smith from the University of South Florida in Tampa (Florida, USA) spoke on *Using social networking tools to promote genealogy and local history collections and to instruct researchers in their use*. He discussed the use of blogs, wikis, social networking sites, and other technology to communicate and collaborate. Genealogy and local history librarians can use these tools to publicize their collections, services, and activities.

Lisbeth Forslund from the Gävle Public Library (Sweden), **Eva Lindlöw Sjöo** from the Municipal Archives of Gävle (Sweden), and **Conny Persson** from the Gävle Public Library (Sweden) spoke on *Museums, Libraries and Archives (MLA) in collaboration to meet the needs of users*. They explained how eight institutions in Gävle collaborate in digitisation projects, technical solutions, producing printed matter, marketing, education, exhibits, and joint activities. Some of the most successful activities have been Genealogy Days and Cultural History Days. These activities have become annual events. The cooperation

between the MLA institutions produced great benefits and the group expects to participate in many future projects together.



Anna-Lisa Hillbom, City Librarian, Gävle 1958-1977

One collaborative achievement is the Anna-Lisa Hillbom Bibliography of Literature on Gästrikland and Hälsingland, now located online at: www.gastrikehalsingelitteratur.se

H. Inci Önal from the Hacettepe University in Ankara (Turkey) spoke on *Implementing historical thinking and developing local genealogical services*. Individuals should realize that the 'world is my country' when researching their family's history.



Önal family photograph demonstrating historical research in Adana, Turkey

Throughout the process, researchers need to consider resources, demands, assistances, and experiences. They need to develop skills in chronological thinking, historical comprehension,

historical analysis, historical research capabilities, and analyzing historical issues. Librarians can reinforce these concepts in their services and activities. Libraries and archives, along with other local historical institutions, shoulder important responsibilities in the collection, organisation, preservation and digitisation of cultural material.

Russell Lynch, Secretary, IFLA GENLOC

The Prince and the Poster

Prince Ermias Sahle-Selassie, President of the Crown Council of Ethiopia, and grandson of Emperor Haile Selassie, visited the African and Middle Eastern Division (AMED) of the US Library of Congress before giving a lecture on *The Lion of Judah*. The Prince's visit was co-ordinated by Fentahun Tiruneh, Senior Reference Librarian for Ethiopia and Eritrea, who arranged a display of books, manuscripts, and other rare items for viewing by the Prince's party. The GENLOC Family History Poster 2009 was included in this display.



Prince Ermias Sahle-Selassie and the GENLOC Poster, Library of Congress

Mr Tiruneh had been instrumental in sending images and captions for the GENLOC entry in the IFLA Milan Poster Competition. The Poster had featured two examples of Prince Ermias' family-tree. According to Mr Tiruneh, the Prince was unaware of one of the books from which an image was taken for the Poster. He claimed that the poster was the highlight of his visit. Mr Tiruneh reported that the Prince was overjoyed and said something to the effect that seeing the Poster presentation of his family-tree made his day.



Mattye Laverne Page, Area Specialist, African and Middle Eastern Division, US Library of Congress and IFLA GENLOC Committee member with Prince Ermias Sahle-Selassie at the Library of Congress

Caribbean Genealogy Library Providing Access to Information for Caribbean Family History

The Caribbean Genealogy Library (CGL) was established as a non-profit organization in 2000 on the island of St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands (formerly known as the Danish West Indies) and was granted tax-exempt status as a 501(c)(3) corporation by the Inland Revenue Service. Believed to be the only such repository in the Caribbean specifically dedicated to collecting Caribbean genealogy and family history resources, CGL is an organization supported by membership fees and donations, seeking to fulfil a long-recognized need: to provide access to information and primary resources for establishing the identity and origin of some of the 5-6 million slaves imported from 1519 to 1867 into the Caribbean region from Africa, as well as those colonists who governed them

After eleven years, the library membership has grown to c.100 members. The compact facility it expanded into in 2007 has accumulated resources that include over two thousand books and monographs; hundreds of newsletters, journals and society bulletins; special collections of funeral and memorial books, very many government publications, program booklets and posters from the Virgin Islands; vertical files rich in local information and copies of articles; photographs; maps; genealogical charts; and digital media - all

enhanced by the facility's microfilm borrowing privileges as an authorized branch of the Family History Library of the Church of Jesus Christ of The Latter Day Saints in Salt Lake City, Utah. Over 2,000 rolls of Family History Library microfilm have been identified as pertaining to the Caribbean so the branch status is indeed a privilege for CGL and its geographically isolated members.



The Caribbean Genealogy Library on Facebook
www.facebook.com/pages/The-Caribbean-Genealogy-Library/453647425528

As of 2011, the library has an active elected Board of Directors of eleven members under President Rob Upson, but no paid staff, so CGL patrons travel to the library to do research when a volunteer librarian is present. Opening hours may vary, but usually range from twelve to as many as thirty-three hours a week, depending upon the availability of volunteers. Little family information exists in print for the Caribbean, and often this information is not indexed or physically accessible to researchers so volunteer librarians must be knowledgeable in general genealogy research methodology as well in the specific information barriers posed by Caribbean colonial records.

By way of illustration, consider the difficulties of researching information contained in tax records or land records using primary documentation that may be housed in the archival holdings of seven different countries. This is precisely the case for the island of St. Croix. Over the past 500 years it was claimed by or administered under seven different flags: Spain, the Netherlands, England, France, the Knights of Malta, Denmark and the U.S. Add to that the complex but often 'faceless' and nameless documentation of the African slave trade and it quickly becomes apparent what kinds of

challenges Caribbean family history researchers must overcome. Perhaps more than most regions, this is why Caribbean genealogists must rely so heavily on primary government documentation to illuminate the past.



www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~vicgl

For more information on the challenges faced by CGL and other repositories in the Caribbean serving family history patrons, see: *What a Pistarckle! Access to Caribbean Records for Family History Research* by Susan Laura Lugo (2008)

ifla.queenslibrary.org/IV/ifla74/papers/117-Lugo-en.pdf

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Taiwan Area Genealogical Union Catalog

Over 6,000 Chinese genealogies are currently housed by institutions in Taiwan. If data on microfiche is included, this number rises to more than 10,000, representing a significant proportion of the total number of all Chinese genealogies. These genealogies thus record an historical picture of the nation's bloodlines useful in humanities and social science research, so in March 2002 the National Central Library convened a forum on *Matters Relating to the Organization of the Unified Taiwan Area Genealogies Index*.



Taiwan Area Genealogical Union Catalogue Website

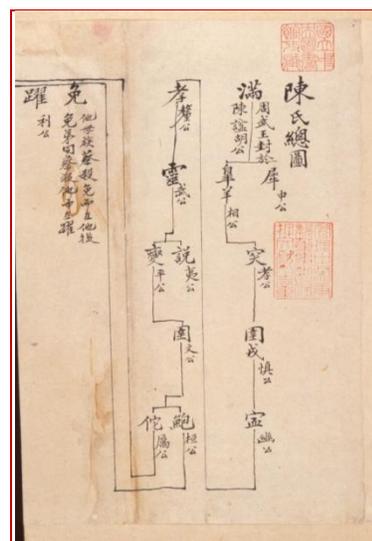
It was decided that the information in the catalogues compiled by the organizations attending the conference would be merged together to establish the *Taiwan Area Genealogical Union Catalog*. The Library would undertake the organization and testing of the database. The database could export bibliography in CMARC,

CNMARC and MARC21 format in order to search, display, and carry out database maintenance. The system will be upgraded and enhanced to a more internationally standardized metadata structure for easy exchange of information globally.

The database includes the holdings of 11 public and private institutions that have genealogical archives: Academia Sinica Institute of Ethnology, Academia Sinica's Fu Ssu-nien Library, Taipei City Archives, National Taiwan Library, Taiwan Provincial Surname Origin and Development Research Institute, Yilan County Historical Institute, National Palace Museum, Academia Historica, Taiwan Historica, National Central Library, and Wan Wan Chai



The National Palace Museum, Taipei, Taiwan



A genealogical family tree sample page from the National Central Library's rare books collection (Ching Dynasty, 1644-1911) - the Chen family

The catalogue entries in the database contain 14 fields, including title, author/compiler, edition details, publication details, publication date and institution holding the title. By searching fields such as title, family name, compiler, and ancestral location, users can find out concise information about genealogical titles, the organizations holding them, and their previous use. The database

contains around 15,000 records, a large proportion of which are from the Genealogical Society of Utah (GSU) microfiche records, held at the National Palace Museum. The second largest contributor to the index is Academia Sinica's Fu Ssu-nien Library, with almost 2000 genealogies. The largest non-governmental contributor is Wan Wan Chai, with 970 genealogies, to be followed by an additional 500; the National Central Library and Genealogical Society of Utah collaborated to digitize 880 rolls of microfiche containing around 8,000 genealogical titles, which are also being gradually added to the Catalog. This year, the data from the National Central Library, Academia Sinica Institute of Ethnology and Wan Wan Chai will be updated, especially with the addition of the National Central Library's digitized microfilm records from the Genealogical Society of Utah, after which the Union Catalog will contain entries for approximately 23,000 genealogies stored by institutions in the Taiwan area.

rarebook.ncl.edu.tw/rbook.cgi/frameset5.htm

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Sources, Irish online research service



National Library of Ireland est. 1877 (Wikipedia)

sources.nli.ie

Sources, the National Library of Ireland's digital Directory of Irish Studies is a free on-line research service designed to save researchers having to plough through numerous bulky printed catalogues - circa 17,000 pages of records in order to find out where research materials of Irish interest are located.

Visitors to the website can now retrieve any one of up to 196,574 records of materials housed in the National Library of Ireland or in universities and research institutions around the world. Subjects covered in the materials range from architecture, archaeology and art through economics and genealogy to history, politics, literature, science

and zoology. As a result of being able to source this information online, the initial research period is now reduced from at least several days to just a few minutes.

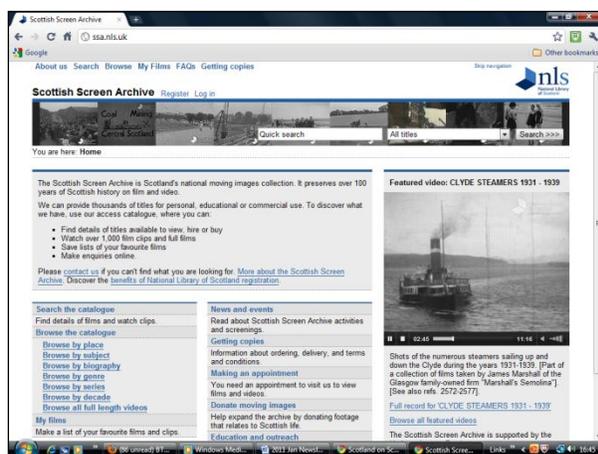
The *Sources* digital Directory pinpoints exactly what Irish interest material is held where – information which previously could only be accessed by consulting the bulky printed catalogues in either the National Library of Ireland in Dublin or in one of a limited number of university libraries or major research institutions holding the complete set of printed records. With the click of a mouse anyone can now access the *Sources* database via a PC and can start the process of researching what material exists on a particular topic, and in what library or institution around the world that material is held.

It is possible to search the manuscript and periodicals records together. As a result, someone doing research on their local area might find information about manuscript maps, estate papers and business records for local shopkeepers, as well as details for articles in local history journals. Once the records are found, the information can be easily emailed or shared to bookmarking and social networking sites such as *Delicious* and *Twitter*. Other features of *Sources* include an interactive map showing the location of all the archives and libraries around the world where the Irish material listed is stored. Full contact details for each outlet are also provided.

The current process of digitising the original *Hayes Sources*' data represents an investment of several years' work by the National Library of Ireland. At the launch, the then Director of the National Library of Ireland had noted: *For decades, the original Manuscript Sources for the History of Irish Civilisation... proved to be a tried and trusted resource for researchers in any and all fields of study relating to Ireland and its people, at home and abroad. Now, it has been given a new life....*

Film Archives and Scotland on Screen

The National Library of Scotland (NLS) continues its initiative to digitise complete films from the *National Moving Images* collection at the Library as a resource for learning. In the first stage of the programme, 100 full films will be available on the *Scottish Screen Archive* website, as well as 1,000 film clips.



Scottish Screen Archive
ssa.nls.uk/

One of the films depicts what is believed to be the earliest personal wedding caught on camera in the British Isles. *The Wedding of the 4th Marquess of Bute*, which dates from 1905, has recently been restored by the *Scottish Screen Archive*.

NLS also recently provided Scottish schools with 200 clips via a new educational website. *Scotland on Screen* was developed jointly with *Learning and Teaching Scotland* and *Scottish Screen*. The site allows students and teachers to view, download and re-use the clips, which date from 1895 to the 1980s.

Visit the website at:
scotlandonscreen.org.uk

Hungarian Genealogical Research Guide

For those students looking for information about Hungarian ancestors, the Center for Jewish History Genealogy Institute:

The Center for Jewish History, 15 West 16th Street, New York USA
www.cjh.org

cjh.org/p/34

has an eight-page Hungarian genealogy guide, which applies not only to Jewish genealogical research – just in case the Hungarian ancestors turn out not to be Jewish

www.cjh.org/p/pdfs/Hungary09.pdf



Mari Nawi: Aboriginal Odysseys 1790 – 1850

Towards the end of 2010, the State Library of New South Wales curated an Exhibition illustrating the crucial part played by the Australian Aboriginal peoples in the early maritime history of the colony. At first believing that the ships sailing into Botany Bay and Port Jackson in 1788 could be giant birds or floating islands, many of the native people adapted to the presence of the convicts and settlers of the First Fleet. In time, they joined colonial society and demonstrated their native sea-faring talent, becoming boatmen, sailors, fishermen, sealers, whalers and trackers.



A 19th century engraving showing natives of the Gweagal tribe opposing the arrival of Captain James Cook in 1770. (Wikipedia)

The Exhibition showed...how Aborigines participated in colonial society and made a life for themselves, said Dr Keith Vincent Smith, the curator. It also shows their incredible resilience. Vincent Smith discovered the history of 80 men and women who travelled the world with British settlers and naval captains. One of these was Bundle, a 10-year-old orphan who sailed to Norfolk Island with Captain William Hill, of the New South Wales Corps, in 1791. Another, named Bungaree, was the first Aborigine to sail round Australia, also visiting Timor and Mauritius. Another Aboriginal sailor, Tom Chaseland, from the Hawkesbury River, was an Aboriginal sailor who took part in commercial whaling, married the sister of a Maori chief and became the most famous harpooner on New Zealand's South Island. Others sailed on ships leaving Port Jackson to establish new settlements such as those at Hunter River (near today's city of Newcastle, north of Sydney), Derwent River (now the Tasmanian capital Hobart) and Port Dalrymple (Launceston, in Tasmania).

The Exhibition included old books, ships' musters, logs and journals, as well as paintings and lithographs.

www.sl.nsw.gov.au/events/exhibitions/2010/mari_nawi/index.htm

Local memory in Galati Public Library, Romania

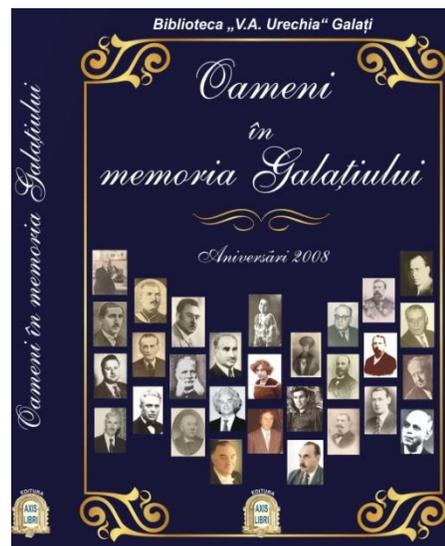
V.A. Urechia Public Library in Galati, Romania, has a long tradition in the field of local memory and bibliography. Beginning in 1974, the library published, annually, bibliographical works that included references about those documents, which contain information about Galati County and Galati personalities. Since that moment this activity has not stopped.

In 2008, the V.A. Urechia Public Library Reference Department initiated a project to promote the personalities from Galati County that are more or less known to the public. In this way, V.A. Urechia Public Library is committed to the mission of promoting local history. Started as a simple initiative that had the task of revealing precious documents and information from the library collections, this project gained a life of its own. Inevitably, it expanded beyond the borders of our county, since many local personalities had been born in other places or their careers had developed somewhere else, even abroad – but, in the end, they all had connections with our county. Our mission was simple – we had to identify these personalities and collect as many references on them as possible.

This research resulted in a book published in 2009, which gives information about outstanding persons that we had previously celebrated in 2008. The research for this book was extremely complex – it meant searching the library collection, finding bibliographic references and iconographic materials. There were times when the team that embarked on this project not only searched the library collections, but also contacted the relatives or other persons that knew those personalities and asked them for help in gathering information. The result of this complex research is a book – *Oameni în memoria Galațiului : Aniversări anului 2008*. [People remembered in Galați : 2008 celebrations] published by the library's publishing house – Axis Libri, 2009.

This book not only presents traditional references, but it also contains rich iconographic materials, such as photos, portraits, facsimiles of letters from the library collections showing the life of these

personalities. Modern technology, especially bibliographic databases, Romanian or foreign, gave us the opportunity of finding new and exciting information.



Toporaș, Camelia; Irimia, Rocșana; Badea, Otilia; Bute, Mihaela. *Oameni în memoria Galațiului : aniversări 2008*. Coordonator Zafir Ilie. Galați : Axis Libri, 2009. 468 p.

This project has emphasized once again the role of the public library in the preservation of local memory and shaping the local identity, transforming it into a precious source of information for future generations, opening a wide gate to the history of Galati County.

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V. A. Urechia, the Moldavian-born Romanian historian (1834-1901). His book collection, which he had turned into a public library, is managed by the city of Galați, Romania (Wikipedia)



The Society of Information Science Conference 27th Annual Convention 2010

- organized jointly by the Indian Institute of Chemical Biology and Bose Institute, Kolkata, 2010

This Conference was attended by knowledge resource personnel from different institutions and libraries nationwide, and also by personnel from different international publishing companies. The main objective of the symposium was to discuss some aspects of the Open Access model which provides opportunities for free and online access to scholarly literature that can be disseminated further with proper author attribution.



Dr Arun Kumar Chakraborty, Bose Institute

Dr. Arun Kumar Chakraborty, Librarian, Bose Institute and IFLA GENLOC Committee member, was the joint organizing secretary of the three-day conference. He gave a presentation on the conference theme and on the relationships of the different sessions. He later concluded the conference by declaring that the founder of Bose Institute, Acharya Jagadish Chandra Bose, always promoted the free flow of knowledge for the benefit of society as a whole.

There were invited lectures and five sessions on Open Access Repositories, Open Access: Data Harvesting /Mining, Open Source Software and Discovery, Open Innovation and Open Knowledge Network.

The conference concluded with the resolution that initiatives at national level for more open online access to scholarly literature and open innovation

are the needs of the hour. Furthermore, in this context, the setting up of institutional archives / repositories is important for scientific advancement and motivation.

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Dr. Shawky Salem / Bibliotheca Alexandrina

Dr. Shawky Salem was awarded the Jason Farradane Award 2010 (UK e-Information Group, a specialist interest group of UK CILIP) in recognition of his outstanding work in the information profession.

Dr. Salem has at previous IFLA Conferences joined the GENLOC Study Tours, so Ruth Hedegaard sent him a congratulatory email on his receipt of this award.

Dr. Salem is Chairman of ACML-Egypt (the Alex Centre for Multimedia and Libraries) established in Alexandria, Egypt - www.acml-egypt.com/

During the present unrest in Egypt, Dr. Salem wrote to IFLA members...*be informed that the Egyptian National Museum (ENM) is safe and the looting did not touch any of its items, all items were found and returned back to ENM for restoration and repairing from some slight damages. The young youth demonstrators were protecting ENM during the demonstration days by forming a circles of courage...*

The website of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina www.bibalex.org shows pictures and video of opponents and supporters of the Egyptian regime joining hands in protecting the Library.

IFLA GENLOC Annual Report 2009-2010

The Genealogy and Local History Section had 41 members at the end of the year 2010.

The Standing Committee consists of:

Chair: Ruth Hedegaard

Secretary: Russell Lynch

Treasurer: Janice McFarlane

Information Co-ordinator: Janet Tomkins

Editor of Newsletter: Elizabeth Melrose

Committee members 2007-2011: Anne Burrows, Lijing Chen, Ruth Hedegaard, Gerard Long, Russell Lynch, Janice McFarlane, Wayne Metcalfe, Mattye Laverne Page, Janet Tomkins, Gui Won Lee, and Hsiao-ming Yu

Committee members 2009-2013: Arun Kumar Chakraborty, Richard Huws, Susan Laura Lugo, Elizabeth Melrose, and Paul Smart

Corresponding members: Louise McCarron, Gu Yan

During the year, we have been working on various activities and services, including the following items:

Open Session Program

The 2010 program theme in Gothenburg, Sweden was "Family and local history – an enduring legacy for the next generation." About 100 delegates attended the session on Wednesday, August 11, 2010. Four speakers from Scotland, Sweden, Turkey, and the United States of America presented papers. All of the papers are available online in Chinese, English, French, and Spanish. Bruce Royan's paper was recommended by our Section for consideration to the editors of the IFLA Journal.

Study Tour



The Knotted Gun near Gothenburg City Library - created by Swedish artist Carl Fredrik Reuterswärd as a memorial tribute to his friend John Lennon
© Janice McFarlane

The section sponsored a study tour on Friday, August 13th. The theme was *Genealogy and Local History in Sweden* with presentations from staff at the City Library of Gothenburg and the Regional Archives. The librarians and archivists gave us valuable information and fascinating on-site tours.

Twenty-nine people attended the tour arranged by Ruth Hedegaard and Ulf Andersson. See the Section's website in the Events pages for a summary.



Outside the Fishmarket, Gothenburg
© Janice McFarlane

Section Committee Meetings

The meeting minutes are published on the Genealogy and Local History Section page on the IFLA website.

www.ifla.org/en/genealogy-and-local-history/minutes

During the second meeting, we discussed our Strategic Plan and compared it to IFLA's Strategic Plan 2010-2015.

Communication

Elizabeth Melrose continues to produce excellent newsletters twice each year. Copies of the newsletters are available on the IFLA website.

www.ifla.org/en/publications/genealogy-and-local-history-section-newsletter

GENLOC Electronic Mailing Lists

The Genealogy and Local History Section used two electronic mailing lists to communicate with all section members and for administrative purposes within the Standing Committee.

Puerto Rico 2011

Open Session [15th August 2011]

The theme for the open session next year is *Dispossessed Persons: preserving culture in an age of migration*. We thought this theme was appropriate for the culture in the Caribbean Islands. We anticipate another successful program with excellent presentations in San Juan.

Satellite Meeting [10th - 12th August 2011]

The section is planning a satellite meeting in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands before the 2011 Congress, which will explore *The Information*

Diaspora: innovating research and records custodianship for family history users. The St. Thomas-St. John Library Association is sponsoring the event with our section.

Russell Lynch, Secretary, IFLA GENLOC

French Family History resources

Some suggestions – perhaps many of our French colleagues could give further advice?

The website pages below have a facility for translation into English!

Archives de Paris

www.paris.fr/portail/politiques/Portal.lut?page_id=6021

www.paris.fr/portail/politiques/Portal.lut?page_id=149

www.paris.fr/portail/politiques/Portal.lut?page_id=6027

Genealogical sources:

canadp-archivesenligne.paris.fr/

canadp-archivesenligne.paris.fr/autres_archives_genealogiques/index.php

Bottins du Commerce [Trade Directories]:

www.paris.fr/portail/Culture/Portal.lut?page_id=6035&document_type_id=5&document_id=12923&portlet_id=13533

-held in the archive library

Electoral Rolls:

www.paris.fr/portail/politiques/Portal.lut?page_id=6027&document_type_id=5&document_id=12896&portlet_id=13496

Survey maps of Paris:

canadp-archivesenligne.paris.fr/documents_figures/plans_parcellaires/index.php

Newspapers:

These tend to be held in archives departementales rather than libraries. For Paris the Bibliotheque Nationale is a first line of enquiry

also: gallica.bnf.fr/editors?type=periodicals

GENLOC on the Web

www.ifla.org/en/genealogy-and-local-history

PUBLICATIONS

The impact of digital technology on contemporary and historic newspapers

ed by Hartmut Walravens in collaboration with the National Library of Singapore

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Inspiring Research, Inspiring Scholarship

by Simon Tanner. Report published by the UK Joint Information Systems Committee, looking at the value and impact of digitised resources. It considers four broad areas in which the creation of digitised resources has a significant impact see: bit.ly/9NjGw6

The four themes are:

- 1) Inspiring research
- 2) Bestowing economic benefits
- 3) Connecting People and Communities

Resources such as the *Great War Archive*, gathering digitised memorabilia from World War I, not only provide new material for scholars, but enable new communities and expertise to be developed outside the campus walls see: www.oucs.ox.ac.uk/ww1lit/gwa/

4) Digital Britain

Digitising some of Britain's special collections not only provides new data for students around the world, but encourages a greater appreciation of the nation's treasures: e.g. the *Freeze Frame* collection of Historic Polar Images see: www.freezeframe.ac.uk/

and the *Old Weather* resource for measuring and transcribing weather reports in old naval logbooks see: www.oldweather.org/

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