

Candidates for the position of Governing Board member 2019 - 2021



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Nafisah Binti Ahmad (Malaysia)

*Director General
National Library of Malaysia*

In today's digital world where information is easily and rapidly accessible via smart devices, libraries no longer serve as a repository of books but also a central entity to the acquisition of information and knowledge. Libraries world-wide have changed not

only their roles and functions but also in terms of content and experiences. Hence, libraries need to work together to ensure we conserve and preserve our intellectual heritage as well as information that is freely available to everyone.

The role of national associations and institutions must be reinforced through effective library networks and partnerships with other stakeholders to up-skill librarians' leadership and professional competencies.

With my 33 years experience in library management and services in various fields at the national library to the Director General of the National Library, President of Librarians Association and a member of IFLA Section, I stand for engagement and collaboration with all types of libraries at the national and international level to upholding the equity and inclusive access to information.

Within IFLA I pledge to work together with librarians and library associations in order to develop a better future for society.

Career Summary

Nafisah binti Ahmad is Director General, National Library of Malaysia effective 1 October 2014. She holds a Bachelor of Science (Honours) Degree from the National University of Malaysia and Post Graduate Diploma in Library and Information Science from the MARA University of Technology, Malaysia. She has worked at the National Library of Malaysia for over 30 years in various departments such as Digital Library Services, Documentation (cataloguing/metadata), Collection Development and Malaysian National Bibliography. She has also been involved in major projects, such as the Malaysia Ubiquitous Library (u-Pustaka) Project, Malaysia National Union Catalogue, National Digital Library Project and the National Data Dictionary for Public Sector.

She is currently the President of the Librarians Association of Malaysia and was Chair of the Malaysia National Committee International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions World Library and Information Congress 2018 (IFLA WLIC 2018). She is a member of the IFLA Standing Committee on National Libraries, Executive Board Member of the XVI Congress of Southeast Librarians (CONSAL), Member of the UNESCO World Book Capital Kuala Lumpur 2020, Board Member of Malaysia Book City Corporation and a Sponsor for INELI - ASEAN Project. She has been actively involved in the development of libraries in Malaysia and has presented papers in local and international conferences.

For her dedication and excellent contributions to Malaysian librarianship and library services, she was awarded the Excellent Service Award by the Government of Malaysia.



Antonia Arahova (Greece) 2nd Term

*Head of the Library,
Presidency of the Hellenic Democracy*

With my professional background – having worked for 25 years in libraries, 17 years in IFLA as Standing Committee member and IFLA Governing Board Member the last 2 years, serving also for 3 years as Director of the Greek National Library, as Member of the Committee of the Greek Ministry of Education for School Libraries, signing memoranda of cooperation with many public libraries and spending much of my life in academic, research and special libraries – I stand for close cooperation between all types of libraries. Co-operation, collaboration, synergy, are fundamental pillars if we are to reach our goals. As trusted centers of the community, libraries are in a unique position to attract potential partners, and to provide resources and benefits to organizations with common goals. In a time of diminishing funds and increasing demands, partnerships are essential to meeting community needs, and to sustaining an active and engaging environment for people. Only through an effective network and partnership across all types of libraries will we be able to fulfil our mission. Because it's better together!

In a period of change, I will use my working experience, my enthusiasm and my passion to promote access to knowledge through a network of all libraries worldwide for help in social development. Libraries are the heart of the society, the mind of humanity!

IFLA's global vision is now being implemented and in these historical times for IFLA as a global voice, the empowerment of libraries and the equitable access to information for all is a clear goal. I stand for this, I have worked for this and I will keep on working giving all my energy. Providing advocacy, supporting innovation, leadership and new skills, attracting new professionals, using the valuable experience of librarians are my high priorities. I pledge to work in the IFLA Governing Board together with librarians and Library Associations, to make libraries the foundation for learning and interaction.

Let's Make IFLA the Strongest and most Inclusive International Organization!

Together we Can!

Career Summary

Tonia (Antonia) Arahova (born in Athens 1971) is the Head of the Library of The President of Hellenic Democracy. She has served from June 2011 until March 2014 as the Acting General Director of the National Library of Greece.

From 2004 till 2009 she was counselor of the Head of the group of Greek MEPs in Brussels in cultural policy, Greek heritage and cultural creation of interconnection networks. She holds a BA in Byzantine and Modern Literature, a MPA (Master of Public Administration and Policy) from the Athens University of Business and Economics and a Master in Communication and Media Studies (Dissertation on "Cultural Diplomacy and Social Media. The USA Presidential Libraries Example". Her PhD thesis is on "National Policies for electronic services in libraries".

She is currently a member of the Governing Board of IFLA (2017-2019), Chair in Division IV (Support of The Profession), Member of IFLA Professional Committee, Member of IFLA Financial Committee and also member of the International Jury Committee of the IFLA International Marketing Award.

Between 2015-2017, she served as an Officer in IFLA Management and Marketing (M&M) Section and 2009-2017 as a SC member. She participated for 7 years in CDNL. From 2007 until 2010 she was a member of the Board of Directors of the Greek General State Archives.

She speaks English, French, and Italian and she plays the piano. She is the Director of the literary magazine "dekata". She has published articles about strategic management, public diplomacy, cultural heritage marketing and strategic reforms in human resources.

She has translated many IFLA manifestos and guidelines on public libraries, multiculturalism, internet and transparency. Last November she was elected Secretary General of ENAM. ENAM's catchment spans 56 countries in Europe and Eurasia, representing 400,000 alumni. Antonia took 70% of the votes.

Antonia has attended all IFLA WLIC conferences since 2001 without exception.



Huanwen Cheng (China) 2nd Term

*Dean of University Libraries, Museums and Archives
Sun Yat-sen University*

IFLA is the leading international body of library and information community and the global voice of the library and information profession. As a candidate for IFLA Governing Board member 2019-2021 from China, the largest country in Asia with five thousand

years of civilization history, 1.4 billion population and more than five thousand academic libraries and public libraries above county level, I commit to devote myself completely to fulfilling the roles and responsibilities of the member of the Governing Board; to work together with colleagues from different types of library and information environments in the world for striving to advance the cause of library and information services and to improve the practice of the profession. I especially commit to do my best to make more and more Asian library and information professionals involved in IFLA activities and to make the voice of IFLA heard by collaborating with our partners, members and officers and the voice of the Asian library and information profession heard globally.

It has been a great honor for me to serve as a member of the IFLA Governing Board for the last two years. I have actively organized and participated in a series of conference and workshop for IFLA International Advocacy Program, given presentations, published papers and worked out three half-an-hour web videos for advocating the UN 2030 Agenda in China and the other countries. I have also participated in workshops and global conversations for discussing the IFLA Global Vision.

Our Library field is facing great challenges of ever-increasing globalization which can only be met and overcome by an inclusive, global response from a united library field. If elected for a second term on the Governing Board, I will continue to use my experience, passion and wisdom to actively communicate more and more libraries and institutions in Asia, and to promote them to engage in IFLA activities for establishing a unified and connected library field and fulfilling one of the true potentials of libraries: to build literate, informed and participative societies.

I firmly believe our Global Vision is our future. I also believe more and more members from developing countries serve on the IFLA Governing Board will make IFLA more and more inclusive and much better because of our Global Vision.

My candidacy is strongly supported by the Library Society of China, and I sincerely look forward to your great support.

Career Summary

- 33 years of faculty member of library and information science at the School of Information Management, Sun Yat-sen University (SYSU), China (Professor, 1995-present).
- 21 years of University Librarian of SYSU, China (1998-present)
- Vice President of the Library Society of China (2015-present)
- Member of IFLA Governing Board (2017-present)
- Deputy Director of the National Steering Committee for Academic Library and Information Service, the Ministry of Education of China (2013-present)
- Member of the National Steering Committee for Master Degree Program of Library and Information Science, the Academic Degree Committee of the State Council, China (2011-present)
- Member of over ten editorial boards of LIS journals, including Journal of Library Science in China 1997– Journal of Academic Libraries 1997– Library and Information Service 1997– Preservation, Digital Technology & Culture De Gruyter Saur, 2012–
- Over 30 research programs conducted, 28 books and over 200 papers in LIS published
- Over 50 awards of teaching, research and profession achieved.

Education and Advanced Studies

- BA in LIS (1983) and MA in LIS (1986), Wuhan University, China, PhD in History (2003), SYSU, China
- Visiting Scholar at University of California, Los Angeles (Oct. 1992-Oct.1993); University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Aug.1998-Jan.1999); and Harvard University (Oct.2001-Jan.2002),USA

Professional Experience

- 1996-1998: Dean of the School of Information Management, SYSU, China
- 2000-2003: Dean of the School of Network Education, SYSU, China
- 2003-2005: Director of the Information and Network Center, SYSU, China
- 2005-2007: Dean of the School of Information Management, SYSU, China
- 2007-2009: Dean of the School of Communications and Design, SYSU, China
- 1998-present: University Librarian, SYSU, China
- 2018-present: Dean of University Libraries, Museums and Archives, SYSU, China



Michael Dowling (United States) 2nd Term

*Director, International Relations Office
American Library Association*

Through the Gates Legacy Grant, IFLA has already accomplished many important actions: Global Vision and Ideas Store; Library Map of the World; International Leaders Programme; and a bigger voice

at international venues such as the UN and WIPO.

This is wonderful, but the grant is only for ten years, and we as IFLA are already two years in. While IFLA continues to make a big impact for librarians, libraries, and library users in the near term it needs to be preparing for when the Gates Legacy Grant ends in eight years. How will we evolve into a future where the Federation remains strong, effective, and impactful? The next two years are critical.

As a library association manager, I feel that I have knowledge, experience, and connections to help IFLA during the next two years as we begin implementing a new strategic plan, review and restructure how we are organized, and set ourselves for the sustainable future mentioned. I am currently involved in a similar review process at ALA. I have also learned from state level associations that have successfully restructured and retooled to become more engaging associations their members and partners and collaborators.

Two major areas of focus for me will be member services, and conferences and events. IFLA needs to create a membership program that makes more associations and institutions 'want' to be part of IFLA. This includes a review of member services, dues structures, benefits, and opportunities. The IFLA WLIC continues to be a wonderful global event, but how will IFLA expand and grow it and other professional offerings that will allow them to be consistent contributors to the financial health of the Federation without overburdening delegates and members? These are important issues that I look forward to putting my energy into.

Career Summary

IFLA Activities

- Governing Board Member, 2017- 2019
- Management of Library Associations Section Committee Chair, 2017-2019
- Management of Library Associations Committee, 2013-2019
- "Campaign for the World's Libraries" Coordinator 2001 -2015
- U.S. National Committee, IFLA WLIC Congress, Columbus 2013-2016 and Boston 1999- 2001

Work

American Library Association, Chicago, Illinois, 1999-

Director, International Relations Office and Chapter Relations Office

Coordinated ALA's presence and participation in the global library community, including with IFLA; promoted greater understanding of international librarianship and international library issues within ALA; managed international library activities on behalf of the ALA including organizing events, conferences, and other continuing professional development opportunities; and led U.S. library community responses to international disasters

Oversaw partnership between ALA and its 57 Chapters, facilitating communication, collaborative efforts, and leadership development to benefit and strengthen all; and lead ALA responses to disasters to libraries in the United States

American Library Association, Chicago, Illinois, 1997-1999

Deputy Director, Reference and User Services Association

Responsible for division membership development, continuing education, publications, and grant projects

Monroe Public Library, Monroe, Wisconsin, 1994-1997

Library Director

Managed Green County resource library that provided services and support to local community and three additional libraries; passed funding referendum and built new library

Temple University Japan, Tokyo, Japan, 1989-1993

Librarian

Provided reference services for faculty and 1,000 plus student body; created library instruction program and assisted in the development and design of two new library locations, managing one

Education

MLIS, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, U.S.A.



Vadim Duda (Russian Federation)

*Director General
Russian State Library*

Rapid changes in the information environment and development of information technologies have dramatically changed the role and functions of libraries.

From the mono-dimensional hierarchy model, where the Book was on top, as a sacral symbol of the Collection, and where all the operations were internally organized and book-centric, the Libraries have shifted to open, pluralistic models, where readers, users, communities and society in general are active participants of their development. Libraries have become modern information centres, providing open (and free) access to a variety of reliable sources of information, centres of multicultural communications and intellectual development fostering knowledge, creativity, dialogue, and personal development.

Serving as Director General of the Russian State Library and coordinator of a federal programme for the modernization of municipal libraries in Russia, I understand the critical importance of advocacy and relationship building between libraries and policy makers and I'm ready to offer all my experience and knowledge in this field.

If elected, I would like to address the following policy areas in the Governing Board:

- International partnership and cooperation of libraries and library associations, in particular, in the implementation of national projects under the auspices of IFLA;
- Transformation of libraries into welcoming 'third places', intellectual knowledge centres for personal development;
- Development of a Roadmap and Strategic plan for a more powerful IFLA;
- Acknowledgment of the libraries' role in the implementation of the UN SDGs.

As a dedicated IFLA member, I believe we should continue to pay particular attention to the Strategic initiatives of IFLA: libraries in society, information and knowledge, cultural heritage and capacity building, as all these areas are key to our success as a united library field.

I ask for your support and look forward to working with you for the benefit of IFLA and the global library community.

Career Summary

Vadim Duda was born in 1964 and is married with two children.

In 1991, he received a degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Moscow Aviation Institute after having defended his thesis in English. In 2005, he earned an MBA in Corporate Finance from the American Institute of Business and Economics.

In 1984, he got his first job as a library assistant at the Moscow Aviation Institute Library, which was a decisive experience for his professional development. In 1991, Vadim Duda started his career in the private sector, as a consultant for the Russian Engineering Association. For over two decades, he held various senior positions, including CEO and Chairman of Board in both Russian and international companies with the focus on international relations, culture, IT, and new media.

In 2012, he switched to the public sector, and got a job at the Ministry of Culture as Director of Information Policy and International Relations Department, and advisor to the Federal Minister. His responsibilities included advancing international cooperation in the field of culture, and launching federal state Internet projects, like the Culture Portal and the National Digital Library. He was also actively involved in the Library network management.

In 2013 - 2015, he worked as Rector of Academy for Retraining in Arts, Culture and Tourism (APRIKT), putting a special emphasis on developing programmes to train librarians in building new competencies and skills. Duda designed a project aimed at providing federal support for Russian municipal libraries.

From 2015 to 2018 Vadim Duda served as Director General of Rudomino All-Russia State Library for Foreign Literature. Under his leadership, the Library doubled the number of its active users becoming a modern community and cultural centre. He has initiated the development and furthered the successful implementation of a Model Library Standard for modernization of municipal libraries in partnership with local authorities and regional Russian libraries, which became the National Programme by Decree of the Russian President Vladimir Putin in 2018.

Vadim Duda was appointed Director General of the Russian State Library on 28 August 2018. He also serves as the Vice-President of the National Association 'Libraries of the Future', Chair of the International Cooperation Section of the Russian Library Association, Co-Chair of the German-Russian Library Dialogue, Co-Chair of the American-Russian Library Dialogue, IFLA MLAS Corresponding Member, member of the Interdepartmental Council for National Digital Library project, and coordinator of the Federal project of the Ministry of Culture for development of municipal (model) libraries in Russian regions.



Marwa El Sahn (Egypt) 2nd Term

*Director, Center of Francophone Activities
Bibliotheca Alexandrina*

Being an IFLA Governing Board (GB) member for the 2017-2019 term was an honor and real challenge: to be exposed to the management side of the association which allowed me to discover, learn, explore and exchange a lot of information, projects, initiatives for IFLA and its members. During this time, I represented the GB as the chair of Cultural Heritage Programme Advisory Committee.

Therefore, I am looking forward to continuing my efforts supporting this international association and its professionals around the world, especially in the Middle East and Africa regions; as well as relaying the voice of librarians to the decisions makers.

Through my professional background, including my experience as a lecturer and trainer in many countries with multilingual skills (Arabic, French & English), I can play a dynamic role serving IFLA objectives and its members in different parts of the world.

Based on my 22 years of LIS experience and my strong international network, the following objectives will be implemented if I get the opportunity to be re-elected:

- Encourage professionals from MENA (Middle East and North Africa) region and Africa to become members of IFLA, considering revising the membership fees.
- Ensure the acknowledgement of the important role of libraries as democratic institutions that promote dialog for those in need of libraries everywhere.
- Ensure that libraries are recognized and supported as critical community assets essential to achieving development agendas.
- Strengthen the Global Voice of Libraries through advocating for libraries and their values on global and regional level.

I am a firm believer in the advocacy role of IFLA, as a leading international organization representing the interests of library and information professionals. IFLA is the vehicle representing and speaking on behalf of librarians and information specialists, as the success of IFLA is based on the contributions of active members worldwide.

Career Summary

Marwa El Sahn has 22 years of experience working in libraries, especially public and university libraries in Alexandria, Egypt. This professional experience flourished at the Library of Alexandria “Bibliotheca Alexandrina” (BA), where she succeeded to establish the “Arts and Multimedia Library”, the “Studio Archive System” and lately the “Center of Francophone Activities”. BA is a great Egyptian Library with international dimensions and standards, and a leading institution in the digital age, and a center for learning, tolerance, dialogue and understanding. This gave Marwa the opportunity to work with other libraries and information organizations in Egypt, Africa, Mediterranean Region and the whole world while coordinating efforts to provide the best possible framework for the institutions and organizations which BA serves.

She received her M.A. and PhD in Information and Communication Sciences from France. Her research was about the creation of the “Egyptian Cinémathèque” and it allowed her to study and compare different international film management systems. She is a library and information sciences doctor and she has been teaching at government and private Egyptian universities since 2012. Her teaching experience helped her share her practical knowledge and the theoretical aspects with her students.

El Sahn was elected to IFLA Governing Board in 2017, but her story with IFLA started in 2003 when she started as an observer at the Audiovisual and Multimedia Section, then she served as Information Coordinator and Chair of the section. Between 2015 and 2017, she was the “Information Coordinator” of the Preservation and Conservation Section where she continues working as a member representing the board in the cultural heritage programs and projects. Moreover, she succeeded to connect the Preservation and Conservation section and PAC centers and to make them meet and collaborate. During her sixteen years in IFLA, she volunteered in translating many documents to Arabic and French and she worked in many projects related to audiovisual contents and preservation & conservation techniques.

She is a member of the Egyptian Library Association (ELA), and also a dynamic member of the Association International Francophones des Bibliothécaires et Documentalistes (AIFBD), and she always strives to connect and build networks among its members. In 2015, she was elected to AIFBD board and then President of this Francophone Association.

Marwa loves being a librarian and loves her work at national or international levels, doing professional advocacy or working with librarians from different communities globally. She is passionate about libraries and always feels proud of being a librarian. She fully understands that IFLA can not achieve its goals without strong professional librarians from all over the world.



Janet Fletcher (New Zealand)

*University Librarian
Victoria University of Wellington*

I am standing for Governing Board as it's an exciting time to take a leadership role with IFLA's strategic, governance and financial work. Like the libraries it serves, IFLA is very much about people and how the collective can achieve positive outcomes

for our communities. In these times of uncertainty, IFLA is needed more than ever. IFLA's Global Vision is well underway and I am prepared to work very hard over the next few years to bring this vision to life. I am particularly interested in developing strategies for our 10 Opportunities – actions that we all can do with vigour and which will provide real results at local, national and global levels. I also would like to further develop our programme to support the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including building relationships with other organisations involved with this Agenda. As well as the work of IFLA, I am committed to ensuring that the organisation operates effectively and remains fiscally viable. I am also happy to attend the Board's meetings and actively participate in all activities and programmes in order to be a well-informed ambassador for the organisation.

I have been part of the Academic & Libraries Standing Committee for almost ten years and I am an incoming member for the Library Buildings and Equipment SC. IFLA gets in your blood; becoming involved in activities and events where relationships are created and strengthened and where you know you can make a difference to librarians and their communities, is truly a wonderful and fulfilling experience. As a Governing Board member I would use my knowledge and networks to further develop IFLA's reach and engagement to ensure that the organisation continues to flourish well into the 21st century.

Career Summary

Professional Memberships and Roles

- Associate, Library and Information Association New Zealand Aotearoa, 2016 - Associate, Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA), 1993-2016; Co-convenor ALIA 2012 Biennial Conference Committee, Chair of technical papers program.
- Member of Standing Committee of IFLA Academic & Research Libraries Section (ARL), 2009; ARL Information Coordinator 2012-2017. Joint winner for the 2017 Professional Unit Communication Award.
- Incoming member for the Standing Committee Library Buildings and Equipment 2019-
- Member of Council of New Zealand University Librarians (CONZUL), a sub-committee of Universities New Zealand, 2015; CONZUL's representative on the Council of Australian University Librarians (CAUL) Electronic Information Advisory Committee (CEIRAC), 2016-
- Member of the Asia-Pacific Library Advisory Board, Institute of Physics, 2018-2020
- Member on CAUL's FAIR program – Review of Australian Repository Infrastructure, 2018; Member of CAUL's Collection Sharing Advisory Committee, Australia 2011-2013
- Member of CAVAL's CARM Shared Collection Advisory Committee, Australia 2007-2015

University Librarian at Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand, 2015-

Responsible for developing the Library's vision, strategic plan and implementation strategies to ensure that the Library provides high quality library resources, excellent client centred services and a supportive learning environment. Responsible for policy development, collections, monitoring of performance indicators, risk management, and building planning

Director Information Services and Director Information Resources, UNSW, Sydney Australia, 2007-2015

Previous senior roles at Macquarie University, Southern Cross University, James Cook University

Recent Conference Papers

Fletcher, J & Missingham R (2019). Dark clouds and silver linings: what disasters teach us in the digital age. ALIA Information Online, Sydney, Australia, 11-15 Feb.

Fletcher, J & Sadeh, T (2016). A global and institutional resource-list repository: a treasure trove for deriving new sights and providing innovative service. VALA2016 Proceedings, Melbourne, Australia, 9-11 Feb.



Tomasz Gruszkowski (Poland)

*Deputy Head of Digital Collections Department
National Library of Poland*

I ask for your vote to serve at IFLA Governing Board to work on the following:

IFLA's support will be indispensable for libraries to face the future. I took part in shaping the outcome of IFLA Global Vision discussion on the European level during continental workshops and facilitating a country workshop in Poland. I also disseminated discussion outcomes with the librarians of my region as a keynote speaker at conferences in Poland and Slovakia. Strengthening the role of IFLA by supporting the strategy for the 2019-2024 will be of great importance for the mission of libraries worldwide.

At a conference in Hangzhou, China, where 17 countries established China-CEEC Libraries Union, I had a privilege of highlighting importance of preservation of cultural heritage. Librarians are particularly good in not only bridging past and future but also furthering international cooperation. As member of IFLA Governing Board I wish to contribute to cooperation between libraries for the preservation of humanity's cultural heritage and providing access to it.

Competences in computer science and my experience in making the cultural heritage accessible digitally authorize me to stress the importance of providing libraries and librarians with tools and skills needed to keep up with technological changes. The libraries traditionally enjoyed a special position in dissemination of information. Legal framework for open access and copyright exceptions are crucial now. Within IFLA I intend to commit myself to advocate adequate funding and to contribute to spreading the knowledge of digital matters – also by digital means.

Summing up: addressing the global issues requires adequate communication and multilateral cooperation at all levels. Transmission of cultural heritage and digital inclusion will be crucial for the next generation's participation in literate, informed and participative societies.

Do support my contribution to these issues in the role of a member of IFLA Governing Board.

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I see my experiences as a flow that has let me ingest knowledge and different experiences. It has provided me with skills (both soft and hard) allowing for aiming to reach various goals – I believe they will be useful when I become a member of IFLA Governing Board.

Library years:

Deputy Head of Digital Collections Department at the National Library of Poland, responsible for Digitization Workshop of around 50 people (March 2016-March 2018), introducing digital preservation and conservation standards at the National Library, conducting a public tender for digitization equipment with value of Euro 1.34 million.

Director of IFLA Preservation and Conservation Centre for digital preservation at the National Library of Poland since 2016. Participation in Global Vision European workshops run by IFLA Headquarters. Speeches and lectures on IFLA Global Vision project, digitization, standards, cultural heritage, digital preservation at conferences and congresses in Germany, China, Serbia, Slovakia, Poland, UAE. Participation in IFLA WLIC Congresses since Wrocław 2017, with a poster presentation at 2018 IFLA WLIC “Getting it right – How to start digitizing on a shoestring”.

Cultural heritage years:

Author of the script, curator and executive producer of a museum exhibition “Godmothers and their Ships” at the National Maritime Museum in Gdansk, Poland (open June 2015-October 2017). Author and producer of an Internet exhibit “City Rising – Gdańsk” on the rebuilding of the city of Gdansk in years 1945-2014.

Communication and language years:

Since 1993 copywriter, creative director for McCann Erickson WorldGroup companies. In 2002 move from full-time job to freelance copywriting; translated two books on advertising and marketing from English to Polish.

Computer years:

Users support, cooperation in preparing a programming course at Computer Centre of University of Amsterdam between 1989 and 1992. After the move to Poland in 1993, DTP operator. Volunteered for Amnesty International Poland as a press spokesman.

Study years:

Sociology at Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan (Poland) and University of Amsterdam (the Netherlands) between 1981 and 1990.

Languages:

Native Polish, fluent English and Dutch, basic German, Russian.



Renaldas Gudauskas (Lithuania)

*Director General
National Library of Lithuania*

All changes in the key areas of progress – society, economy, science and management – are related to the creation and use of knowledge. Libraries are key players in building people-centred, inclusive and development-oriented knowledge societies.

IFLA undertook a massive effort and first worldwide conversation to form Global Vision that addresses the challenges and opportunities for the library field. The increasingly stronger currents of globalisation are changing established principles of library activity and posing new professional challenges. A unifying global network of libraries could help libraries overcome these challenges successfully and find suitable responses to a changing environment.

Deciding to run for the Governing Board, I'll take my energy and knowledge to expand opportunities for the libraries to be a reliable strategic partner of knowledge and information access development, to involve the libraries in digital innovation activities and strengthen the essential role of libraries in safeguarding and promoting documentary heritage.

Libraries play a significant role in the fields of safeguarding and promoting documentary heritage, its mainstreaming and integration into the areas of the cultural heritage. The importance of protecting the society's cultural and national identity is increasing – not only for the sake of the public creative potential, but also for national security.

Libraries have to be a reliable strategic partner of knowledge and information access development and contribute to accelerating the progress of the country knowledge society and the increase of international competitive ability. Moreover, libraries should more efficiently plan and manage the institutions their resources, more promptly react to dynamic changes of the national and international environment and encourage technological and social innovations.

Also, the future belongs to Big Data analytics. Libraries related to perspective Big Data model for intellectual activity will become a new, supplemented reality. Furthermore it will significantly contribute to the implementation of the innovation policy of the country, the enhancement its competitive advantage and creation of the country's knowledge society.

As a member of Governing Board it is my wish to serve and support the incoming IFLA Global Vision, powering literate, informed and participative societies.

Career Summary

Education/Qualifications/Expertise

- 2019 – Member of the Lithuanian Commission for Science Prizes
- 2018 – Professor at Vilnius Gediminas Technical University
- 2018 – Member of the Board of Bibliotheca Baltica
- 2016 – Expert at the European Science Foundation
- 2015 – Member of IFLA Management and Marketing Committee
- 2014–2017 Member of the Lithuanian Higher Education Board
- 2014 – Representative of Lithuania in the UNESCO Information for All intergovernmental programme, Council Member
- 2013 – Professor at Mykolas Romeris University
- 2012–2018 President of Bibliotheca Baltica
- 2012–2013 Member of the European Library Board
- 2012 – Chairman of the Lithuanian Libraries Board
- 2010 – Expert of the Lithuanian Research council
- 2009–2013 Expert of the European Science Foundation
- 2008 – Member of the Board of HERITY International, Italy
- 2008 – Certified Knowledge Manager for the International Knowledge Management Professional Society (KMPro), USA
- 2002–2007 Professor of Vilnius University
- 1982–1985 St. Petersburg Institute of Culture, doctoral dissertation in Social Sciences
- 1975–1980 Vilnius University, Faculty of History, diploma in Library and Information Sciences

Current work experience

- 2010 – Director-General of the Martynas Mazvydas National Library of Lithuania.
- 2001 – 2005 Advisor to Prime Minister of Lithuania for Information society and Knowledge Economy.
- 2003 – 2007 Director of UNESCO International Centre of Knowledge Economy & Management of Vilnius University.
- 2001 – 2006 Member of European Union committee for Information Society technologies. Delegate of Lithuania.
- 1998 – 2000 Vice-minister for Information and informatics, Ministry of Public Administration.
- 1996 – 1998 Advisor for Information and Communication to the President of Lithuania.
- 1991–2002 Dean of Faculty of Communication of Vilnius University.

Competencies

Knowledge Management; Information Management; Innovation Management; Public Relations; Strategic Information System Management

Languages

English, German, Russian.



Jonathan Hernández-Pérez (Mexico)

*Associate Researcher Library and Information Institute
National Autonomous University of Mexico*

IFLA is transforming into a more open and inclusive federation, a truly global organization. I would like to contribute to this exciting phase of IFLA, advocating for libraries and librarians as well as bringing new generations of librarians into the association.

Over the last years, I have been actively working as a permanent member of the Committee for Free Access to Information and Freedom of Expression (FAIFE) and as an associate in the International Leadership Program, which allowed me to take part in different sections and divisions at IFLA, as well as join many of the association's activities. I have had the honor to represent IFLA in national and international forums on aspects of Access to Information, Public Internet access in libraries, Internet Governance, Copyright, among others. These opportunities have encouraged me to continue working closely with IFLA with strong convictions; connecting and empowering the library field, contributing globally but especially with the Latin American and Caribbean region for the benefit of libraries, and building strong relationships with strategic allies. Besides, as the president of the National College of Librarians of Mexico (CNB), I am deeply committed to achieving a united library field.

It is this experience and the diverse perspectives gained from all these opportunities what I would bring to the Governing Board.

I fully recognize myself working in IFLA's Strategic Directions, particularly in the field of Information & Knowledge, promoting our professional skills and ability within the digital age, especially in a world of misinformation and fake news where libraries and librarians become more relevant than ever.

If elected, I will use my energy and passion for the success of IFLA's initiatives, while encouraging new ideas and projects to rise up for the benefit of libraries, IFLA, and its members.

Career Summary

- Associate researcher in the Library and Information Institute (IIBI) at National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM).
- President of the National College of Librarians of Mexico (CNB).
- Member of the IFLA Freedom of Access to Information and Freedom of Expression (FAIFE) Advisory Committee.

I have participated in conferences, seminars and workshops advocating for access to information, libraries in the 2030 Agenda, internet governance and related fields. I have been a Professor of the graduate and undergraduate program in Library and Information Studies at UNAM in the field of Information Resources. My recent publications focus primarily on information diversity on the internet, the digital forgotten and internet misinformation from a library perspective.

IFLA Participation and Representation

- 2018 IFLA Delegate at the Global Alliance for Literacy Policy Forum. www.ifla.org/node/91755
- 2018 IFLA Global Vision Workshop
- 2018 IFLA Delegate at CEPAL panel The importance of access to information to achieve sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean. www.ifla.org/node/37053
- 2018 IFLA International Advocacy Programme (IAP) Global Convening. www.ifla.org/node/57718
- 2017 IFLA Delegate at the Meeting of the Washington Principles on Copyright Balance. www.ifla.org/node/18575
- 2017 IFLA Global Vision Workshop
- 2017 IFLA Delegate at the High Level Political Forum – United Nations. blogs.ifla.org/lpa/2017/07/18/iflahlpf-leaders-perspective-day-3-motorsforchange-even-on-a-saturday/
- 2016 IFLA Delegate at the Internet Governance Forum. www.ifla.org/ES/node/11031
- 2016 IFLA International Leaders Programme Associate 2016 -2018. www.ifla.org/node/10801
- 2010 Keynote speaker at FAIFE session IFLA WLIC Gothenburg. www.ifla.org/files/assets/faife/news/faife-editorial-1.pdf



Lisa Hinchliffe (United States)

*Professor/Coordinator for
Information Literacy Services
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*

I am honored to be a candidate for IFLA Governing Board. I attended my first IFLA WLIC in Boston in 2001 and have been an active participant in IFLA ever since. I have learned so much from so many

colleagues and am inspired by the ways that we collaborate across boundaries and cultures. I am a better librarian for my experiences in IFLA and it would be a privilege to give back to the field by serving in this role.

I am excited by the new IFLA Strategic Framework and the inspiring mission and vision that it calls us to. In the coming years, our challenge will be to transition from the process that engaged thousands of us in developing the Strategic Framework to a process that engages the entire global library community in implementation of the activities and achievement of the goals.

As a member of the Governing Board, my mission would be to enable all IFLA units to achieve their maximum potential by supporting strong governance processes and solid financial standing for the association. I want to remove barriers to participation and catalyze collaboration across the global library community.

I have an aptitude for the work that is required of Board members. I was President of the Association of College and Research Libraries (2010-2011) and led processes resulting in a new strategic plan, organizational restructuring, and flipping its flagship journal, *College & Research Libraries*, to open access. My presidential initiative, the Value of Academic Libraries, continues to be transformative for the field. Within IFLA, I have served as member and now Chair of the Information Literacy Section Standing Committee. I am an active member of the Division III leadership group as well as current member of the Committee on Standards.

For a summary of my international engagement: <https://lisahinchliffe.com/2016/03/14/international-and-global/>

Career Summary

Education

- University of St. Thomas, Minnesota, Philosophy, Bachelor of Arts, 1993
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Master of Library and Information Science, 1994
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Master of Educational Psychology, 1998
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, PhD in Global Studies in Education, in progress

Professional Employment

- Coordinator of Information Literacy Services and Instruction. University Library University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. (Associate Professor, 2002-2012; Professor, 2012-present)
- Affiliate Professor, School of Information Sciences (2015-present)
- Library Instruction Coordinator. Milner Library. Illinois State University. Normal, Illinois. (Assistant Professor; 1998-2001; Associate Professor, 2001-2002)
- Reference Librarian. Parkland College. Champaign, Illinois. (1995-1998)

Grants

Saunders, L., Hinchliffe, L.J., & Gans-Boriskin, R. (2017). Know News: Understanding and Engaging with Mis- and Disinformation. IMLS National Leadership Grant. \$72,220; Craig, A., & Hinchliffe, L.J. (2018). CARLI Counts: Analytics and Advocacy for Service Development. IMLS National Leadership Grant. \$243,885

Publications and Presentations

An extensive publishing record including authoring or co-authoring 1 book, 3 monographs/white papers, 17 book chapters, 21 journal articles, 27 short reports. More than 150 invited lectures, workshops, and conference presentations.

Selected Service Roles

American Library Association

International Relations Committee, 2014-2016; International Relations Roundtable, Reception Committee, 2013-2015; School Library Think Tank, 2013; External Review Panelist, Office of Accreditation, 2006-present

Association of College and Research Libraries

President, 2010-2011; Instruction Section, Chair, 2005-2006; Information Literacy Immersion Program, Faculty, 2003-present

International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions

- Information Literacy Section, Standing Committee, Corresponding Member, 2010-2011; Elected Member, 2011-2017; Chair, 2017-present
- Standards Committee, 2017-present; Working Group on Standards Manual, 2013-2014



Franck Hurinville (France)

*International Cooperation Officer
Bibliothèque nationale de France*

I'm standing for election as an IFLA Governing Board Member.

I LOVE BEING A LIBRARIAN. I love being a librarian because it is a vocation. As president of the French

umbrella association dedicated to international cooperation, through leadership in two sections and involvement on hosting an IFLA conference and an European Global Vision Workshop, I love supporting IFLA because it is a high value resource to discuss, share and shape new ideas and to improve lives.

CHANGE IS THE ONLY CONSTANT. Change is threatening because it's associated with uncertainty. But it can also mean improvement. As I have interacted with colleagues around the world, it is clear to me that IFLA is about to take a radical leap and adopt a whole different set of management principles and practices. Our Federation is reinventing itself.

TOWARD A UNITED LIBRARY FIELD AND A MORE POWERFUL FEDERATION. At a time of environmental degradation, digital divides, economic strains and geopolitical tensions, the urgency of facing up to systemic challenges has intensified. These challenges can only be met and overcome by a global response from a united library field serving by a more innovative, more multilingual and more focused IFLA.

With your support, based on my expertise in the governance issues of library associations:

I WILL campaign for IFLA as a powerful united voice and leadership to further professional development, cultural diversity, fair copyright and access to information.

I WILL fight for IFLA to occupy a seat at the table where shift happens.

I WILL do my best to help IFLA implement and develop its new Strategic Framework 2019-2024.

I WILL support any initiative to keep IFLA activating the library field in advancement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

I thank you for your support.

Career Summary

Franck Hurinville is the President of CFIBD, the French umbrella dedicated to international librarianship and he is International Cooperation Officer in the French National Library (Bibliothèque nationale de France). Previously Franck served in several academic libraries (including University Paris 1 Panthéon – Sorbonne).

Like many librarians throughout the world, Franck was a voracious reader as a child, spending many hours poring over reference books. He graduated from Sciences-Po Paris in 1998 and the LIS National School in 2000.

Franck has been an active member of the profession on a national level throughout this career and is a regular speaker and writer. He has been an adviser on library matters to the European Commission for the past three years.

Franck has been active in IFLA for the past 15 years.

In 2014, he joined the National Committee in charge of the 80th WLIC in Lyon, France. He is currently Chair of the Evaluation and Statistics Section. Recently, under his supervision, CFBD hosted the 2018 European IFLA Global Vision Regional Workshop. In 2018, Cfibd invited 300 participants to actively exchange with IFLA President Gloria Perez Salmeron along a two-day conference about New Librarians in a Changing World. The association took the lead of an advocacy campaign showing how much French Libraries are contributing to the achievement of the SDGs. Franck continues to devote much of his time and energy to collect funds to maintain Cfibd grants programs initiated in the early 90's. Over the years, more than 400 attendees to IFLA annual conferences, from France and abroad, benefited from this fellowship initiative.

Franck's work with CFIBD gives him experience in managing a major professional association. His work with government and private sector gives him experience of library policy and advocacy.



Ayub Khan (United Kingdom)

*Director Libraries and Face to Face Services
Warwickshire County Council*

I have been an active member of IFLA for many years. I attended my first annual conference back in 2000, in Jerusalem. I have served on various standing committees, including Multicultural and Library Buildings and Equipment. Election to the IFLA Board

would be both an honour - and a chance to contribute to the organisation's further development and future goals.

I am Head of Library Services in Warwickshire, England. I am also immediate past President of CILIP (2018) - the UK's Library and Information Association. I took 'international' as the theme of my Presidential year. I am also a Trustee and former Digital Lead of Libraries Connected, and have worked with the British Council on library development projects in several countries.

Throughout my career I have determinedly looked forward, working towards a new generation of libraries serving all sectors of today's 24/7 on-demand society. My focus is on libraries' future potential, as well as their proud traditions, and on promoting diversity and inclusion.

If elected to the Board I would work to make IFLA an even more powerful voice. I believe there is more we can do in terms of advocacy, and that IFLA has a pivotal role to play in providing a positive narrative for libraries - and pressing for positive action - as the leading voice of a vibrant and forward-thinking profession. I have championed the development of IFLA's Global Vision and Library Map in my own country and am committed to taking these projects forward as key advocacy tools for our sector.

The global recession put library services under pressure almost everywhere - but we are stronger together. As a profession, and an organisation, we need to grasp the opportunities of a changing world, and make sure the power and importance of libraries are never underestimated.

Career Summary

Ayub started his career as a Saturday Library Assistant 25 years ago. He rose through the ranks to become Head of Warwickshire Library and Information Service in 2008, and was awarded an MBE for his services to libraries in 2013. Ayub now performs a much wider role as Head of Warwickshire's Face to Face Services - and effectively runs a multi-million-pound business with a workforce of more than 400 multi-disciplined staff.

Ayub has been at the cutting edge of service provision and has gained an international reputation through close partnerships with learning and cultural agencies worldwide. He is involved with a number of professional bodies providing impartial advice on policy and practice to the UK Government.

Ayub has been actively involved with IFLA for nearly 20 years. He is the immediate past President of CILIP - the UK's Library and Information Association, a Trustee of Libraries Connected - and their Board's Digital Lead. He is a board member of Arts Council England (Midlands), and of the British Library's Public Lending Right Committee. He is also a council member of the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust, and a former member of the UK UNESCO Culture Committee.

He has worked on library development projects for the British Council in several countries and is currently helping the British Council to develop a new digital strategy for South East Asia.

Employment History

Head of Face to Face Services Warwickshire County Council 2013 -

Principal professional lead for Libraries and other universal public-facing services including Registration, Nationality, Family Information and Brokerage, Historic Records and Family History. Responsible for management, strategy, policy development and service delivery.

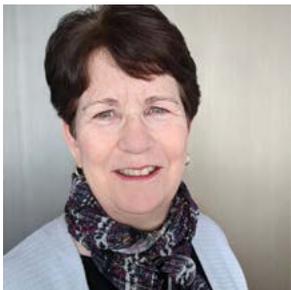
Head of Libraries and Information Service Warwickshire County Council 2008 - 2013

Responsible for a network of 32 libraries, five mobiles, archives and special collections, heritage and local studies, and outreach services. Strategic responsibility for library policy and service development.

Core Services Manager - Libraries, Learning and Culture Warwickshire County Council 2006 - 2008

Quality and Operations Manager Libraries, Heritage and Trading Standards Warwickshire County Council 2004 - 2006

Principal Project Officer Library of Birmingham 2001 - 2004



Diane B. Koen (Canada)

*Senior Director, Planning and Resources
McGill University Library*

Experienced leadership and an inclusive and strategic Governing Board will be a key to success.

IFLA is poised to move into a new era, building upon the remarkable Global Vision initiative. I embrace the

IFLA goal of creating “a strong and united library field powering literate, informed and participative societies” and am committed to ensuring IFLA is responsive to the needs of the regions, improving access to information, eliminating the digital divide, developing strong leadership and advocacy skills and effective governance.

I am responsible for strategic planning, financial oversight and the built environment in support of research and learning at McGill Library. Prior to joining McGill I had an extensive global career in the delivery of library technology, retrieval software and scholarly publishing. Involvement in the dynamic Library Buildings and Equipment Section has been very rewarding. My years as Chair (2015-present) have been some of the most satisfying of my professional career. LBES is dedicated to outreach—through yearly seminars, multiple monograph publications, blogging and a vibrant social media presence. My commitment to an inclusive approach has ensured deep and broad participation from our members, increased member engagement and global representation, and effective outreach to the global library community through collaboration within our Division and across IFLA. Collaboration is at the heart of all successful enterprises.

If given the chance to bring my national and international leadership expertise to the IFLA Governing Board, I will bring energy and commitment to:

1. Delivering on current strategic directions especially in the key initiatives of Capacity Building and Information and Knowledge;
2. Improve the transparency and inclusivity of the Governing Board;
3. Take action on strengthening interactions with our sister Divisions and Sections.
4. Assist in moving our Global Vision forward in real and meaningful ways.

Thank you for the opportunity and support.

Career Summary

BA (Honours) Queen’s University, MLS University of Western Ontario

My entire career has been dedicated to libraries, either as a senior librarian for the last 15 years at McGill University, Canada’s global university, or as a member of two information technology companies, Geac Computers and Ovid Technologies. I have had the privilege of working with an outstanding team at McGill to constantly improve the Library environment and services and found my work with students extremely rewarding. With the influx of new Library colleagues my role became increasingly one of mentoring and of providing continuity, experience, and new directions in librarianship. Furthermore, I worked around the world providing technology and information solutions to libraries from headquarters in Toronto (Canada), New York (USA), Sydney (Australia) and London (England). This global experience has been extremely satisfying since it introduced me to the strengths and challenges of the various regions, the importance of working collaboratively with library leaders (CAUL in Australia, JULAC in Hong Kong, JISC in the UK, consortia of every type across North America, Australia, Asia Pacific and Europe), listening to their needs and tailoring solutions to address those needs. I joined IFLA because I am deeply committed to the mission of libraries around the globe.

McGill University Library - 2003 to present

Senior Director, Planning and Resources since 2011 to present

As the Senior Director, I am responsible for strategic planning, space planning and financial oversight of our \$40M USD annual budget. I am a member of the core team responsible for the multi-year Fiat Lux project, an exciting \$140M USD new building project and I represent the Dean of Libraries when away from the University, including representing McGill at CARL (Canadian Association of Research Libraries) and ARL meetings and initiatives. I was the Interim Director of Libraries in 2010 and held Associate Director Positions in Planning and Resources and Information Technology/Collection Services since 2003.

Ovid Technologies - 1991 – 2003

I contributed to Ovid’s worldwide growth, from its early days as an information aggregator startup (CD Plus) to a global presence. I championed the delivery model of full text Regional Data Centers in Australia, Hong Kong and Britain and collaborated with librarians and consortia across the globe. I opened a regional office in Sydney Australia and expanded our service into the Asia Pacific region, headed up Europe and was promoted to Vice President of Global Sales in 2000.

GEAC Computer Corporation - 1983 – 1990

Queen’s University, Kingston, Ont. – 1982 – 1983.

I recently contributed to and co-edited two notable IFLA Publications: “Library design for the 21st century, 2019” and “Space and collections earning their keep, 2016”.



Torbjörn Nilsson (Sweden) 2nd Term

*Library Director
Malmö City Library*

I want libraries to collaborate for social sustainability and I want to represent all the world's libraries in these matters. For me, the expression freedom of speech is not enough, but rather I want the library to be a place where the concept of opinion equality

is tested and practised. This means libraries actively contributing to removing the obstacles that stand in the way of people's natural right to express their own opinions. Such barriers can be made up of a digital exclusion just as much as never having had the chance to learn to read and write. It can be poverty and it can be social exclusion on the basis of sexuality, age or cultural background.

The role of libraries as free, including, multicultural, multilingual and educational learning centres is therefore very close to my heart.

Libraries must be free from commercial interests. Instead, the library should be a resource that provides everyone free access to information, knowledge and culture. This gives people the opportunity to use their democratic right to develop, think, speak and write freely.

I want to contribute to those in positions of power, authorities and individuals getting increased knowledge about the tasks and functions of the libraries. I want to contribute to strengthening the libraries' circumstances and opportunities. This can be done by promoting appropriate legislation and funding and by spreading knowledge about the activities and effects of the libraries. It can be done, for example, by producing factual material, surveys and reports, as well as by the awarding of library prizes. To increase library-related research, research initiating funds are allocated for the production of research applications.

I want to professionalise and develop communication efforts about IFLA and its importance to libraries, librarians and ultimately to human knowledge. I want to contribute in IFLA by strengthening the role of libraries in society and highlight and promote the importance of libraries for cultural heritage, innovation and societal impact.

Finally, if I will be elected to the IFLA Governing Board, I will work for bringing a user-driven Nordic Public Library perspective in to the international library field.

Career Summary

My name is Torbjörn Nilsson. I have been the head of Malmö City Library for six years and, from 1 May 2017, am also the head of all the public libraries in Malmö. I am also former Vice-President of the Swedish Library Association, on whose board I was a member 2012-2017. In 2017 I was elected as a member of the IFLA Governing Board.

I am an academic with graduate qualifications in both library science and cultural sciences. I have many years' experience of being the head of various public cultural organisations in Sweden.

The most important part of my career is that which is going on now and I would therefore like to describe my library in the following way: For a week in May 2015, Malmö welcomed 40 unaccompanied refugee children, mostly from Syria and Afghanistan. A little later, a week in October of the same year, 1,709 unaccompanied refugee children were welcomed. That year, 162,877 asylum seekers arrived in Sweden, most of them coming to Malmö over the Oresund Bridge.

Though all this was happening a while ago, I am proud to say that my city, Malmö, and our libraries still has the ability to reset and adapt our activities and prioritise people who most need our services. An example from the libraries in Malmö; we were the first in Sweden to lend out books to migrants without documentation.

Our philosophy at Malmö City Library is to get more visitors to stay in our library longer -to work, learn, create and experience culture. This requires a wide range of facilities, multi skilled staff and a welcoming environment. Over the last few years, we at Malmö City Library have built up a new digital learning environment, 3 new ultra-modern departments for children and young people. We have also created an e-book app for children with Stockholm Public Library. We work in learning teams and are known for working internally with a system to help each other with skill development.

Since over 178 countries from all over the world are represented in the population of Malmö, the construction of the communicative library is the next big challenge for me and the libraries in Malmö.



Rocky Ralebipi-Simela (South Africa)

*National Librarian and CEO
National Library of South Africa*

As a member of the IFLA Governing Board, I will be a champion of libraries in Africa and the world. I will not only be a voice to share the African experience, heritage and knowledge, but also learn from other libraries and librarians to influence and improve the state of libraries in Africa and the world.

I am committed to engaging and implementing the ethos of the IFLA Global Vision in which I participated extensively. My support of the 10 opportunities highlighted in the Global Report Summary will be strengthened by the experience I gained in the implementation of the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals based projects at the NLSA.

Firstly, the Global Libraries supported programme called Mzansi Libraries On-Line (MLO). This programme put technology in almost 700 libraries in South Africa, changing the lives of the communities accessing them. Secondly, the Durban Communique (2018) and its predecessor the Cape Town Declaration (2015). This initiative of the South African Government involves all Ministers responsible for libraries in the AU community working together to improve public libraries in support of the AU Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want.

The NLSA, through my leadership, has created programmes that support young library leaders to learn, connect, innovate, adapt and build on the foundations of existing leaders. I will continue to support such programmes and will encourage my peers to do the same in their institutions, countries and regions.

African libraries, in particular, have been under represented on many platforms and their stories of impact have not been shared enough. I endeavor to influence more representation of African libraries and other less represented communities in the IFLA family. I have learned, first hand, the power of collaborative partnerships and I will support and enhance platforms and opportunities for collaborative work for our library community.

Career Summary

Prof Rocky Ralebipi-Simela is the National Librarian and CEO of the National Library of South Africa (NLSA). She is the Vice Chair of the Conference of Directors of National Libraries (CDNL). Prof Ralebipi-Simela served as the convener of IFLA's National Information and Library Policy (NLIP) special interest group from 2016 to 2017. She organised and chaired among others, a session on The role of National Libraries in contributing towards the achievement of sustainable development goals. She serves as the Chairperson of African Library and Information Associations and Institutions (AfLIA) Section on National Libraries and is a member of OCLC (EMEA Region).

Prof Ralebipi-Simela leads the NLSA's voice in the conversation around the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals and the role played by libraries. She has led conversations and presentations around this topic at the International Association for University Libraries (IATUL) Annual Conference in Norway; the CDNL Annual Conference in Kuala Lumpur; Library and Information Association of South Africa (LIASA) Annual Conference in Cape Town; and LIASA's Executive Team meeting in Johannesburg.

Prof Ralebipi-Simela's 38-year career profile includes leadership positions including: Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic at the Central University of Technology, Free State; Regional Director at the University of South Africa (UNISA), North Eastern Region; Executive Dean: Faculty of Humanities, Management Sciences and Law at the University of Venda; Head of Department of Information Studies, University of the North and Campus Librarian at the University of St. Catherine, Minneapolis, MN, USA.

She holds a Masters Degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Pittsburgh and a PhD in the same field from the University of Minnesota, USA. Prof Ralebipi-Simela has published books, book chapters and journal articles in the Library and Information Science and Services field.

She served, and continues to serve, on many national and international councils, boards and committees including OCLC, Higher Education Quality Committee (HEQC), National Council on Library and Information Services (NCLIS), Sabinet and the National Skills Authority Board.

Prof Ralebipi-Simela is a Fulbright Scholar, a Hubert Humphrey Policy Fellow, a Minnesota Lawyers for Human Rights Award recipient, the CSIR Advanced Leadership Award of Outstanding Merit holder and American Council on Education (ACE) Fellow.



Knud Schulz (Denmark) 2nd Term

*Former Manager
Public Libraries in Aarhus (DOKK1)*

Strong libraries support citizens in transforming their lives

Strong libraries need support from strong organizations like IFLA. The support must be strategic to meet future societal and individual expectations to the libraries and need to include local community conditions as a key factor. The work in IFLA on the new global vision is an important and challenging project. Involving the library community and all IFLA groups is decisive both in developing the vision and in implementing it on a regional level in accordance to IFLA's goal about being more supportive regionally.

More than ever libraries are needed to provide access to valid knowledge and to assist and train people in being active citizens in their community and taking part in the society. Citizens need competencies to master the digital society and transform their own lives.

From 1987 till 2017 I was Manager of the Main Library in Aarhus. Thirty years of management and around 100 projects, building on staff motivation and commitment, ensured the organization with the experience needed for the design and realization of Dokk1 – the new public library in Aarhus.

Colleagues from everywhere in the world have generously shared their experiences and ideas by participating in our meetings, masterclasses, study groups and by engaging in the Next Library Conferences and thereby contributing to today's successful Dokk1.

I firmly believe in international cooperation and will as GB-member also build on personal experiences as a mentor and sponsor for INELI and cooperation with Chicago Public Libraries in developing "Design Thinking Toolkit" to support libraries globally to a faster change.

Working for IFLA Governing Board is one of my ways to give a little back to the international library community.

My candidacy is supported by the Danish Library Association.

Career Summary

Former Manager of Public Libraries in Aarhus (DOKK1, Main Library, 18 branches)

Formal education:

- 2003, Master of Public Management, University of Southern Denmark
- 1977, Librarian DB, The Royal School of Library and information Science

Positions:

- 2017 – member of IFLA Governing Board and Professional Committee
- Since 2016, Manager of the Public Libraries in Aarhus (DOKK1, Main Library, and 18 branches)
- 1987-2016, Manager of the Main Library in Aarhus and member of the Client Group Dokk1/Urban Mediaspace (opened 2015).
- 1978-1987, Librarian in Aarhus. Tasks in many different part of the library field from service to elderly homes to daycares, in branches as well in the main library and as planning officer.
- 1977-1978, Teacher at The Royal School of Library and Information Science

Networks and memberships

- Member of the Halmstad (Scandinavian) Conference Group for 25 years; Initiator of several Nordic camps involving staffs members from Scandinavian libraries,
- Initiator of 'The Next Library Conference' in Aarhus,
- Member of the Advisory Board of the Danish National Library Authority,
- Chair of Litteratursiden.dk, a fiction website in DK (a joint Library Service, developed and run by the Danish Public Libraries) for 15 years.

Outside of Scandinavia:

- 2011-2015, Mentor and Sponsor of the International Network of Emerging Library Innovators (INELI) founded by Global Libraries,
- 2013, Prepared together with Chicago Public Libraries "The Design Thinking Toolkit for Libraries"

Presentations and publications etc:

Have since 1985 given numerous presentations in and outside Denmark, including presentations to participants at the annual meetings of the Danish Library Association, IFLA Standing Committee meetings and IFLA Conference Sessions

Co-editor of "Library Space: Inspiration for Buildings and Design", published in 2009 by the Danish Library Association (Danish edition, 2008).

Space for Change. Dokk1 – Aarhus' New Meeting Place. Aarhus, 2015.

Articles on international matters and library development in the periodical "Danmarks Biblioteker" since 2005.



Sueli Mara Soares Pinto Ferreira (Brazil) 2nd Term

*Professor Information Science and Documentation
University of São Paulo*

For the last 19 years, I have actively committed myself to IFLA's work, in different relevant positions: a) Member of team projects developed by the Standing Committee of the Marketing and Management Section, as well

as hosting its 2004 Satellite Meeting in Brazil, b) Member of the Latin American and Caribbean Section Standing Committee 2011-2019, c) Chair of the Latin American and the Caribbean Section 2015-2017, d) Chair of Division V, 2017-2019 e) Member of the Professional Committee, 2017- 2019 f) Member of the Library Development Advisory Committee, 2017- 2019 g) IFLA Governing Board, 2017- 2019

Today, I am honored to be nominated for a place at the Governing Board for a second term. Based on my experience especially in the last two years, I would like to run for the next GB term, specifically now that is time to build the new Strategic Framework and Strategic Plan based on IFLA Global Vision.

A very important point in those IFLA reform processes that have been constantly discussed at GB meetings is to make sure that IFLA will have an equitable presence of professionals from all over the world. So, I have worked to increase the active participation of members from developing countries in all places, positions, and events promoted by IFLA. So, with support of members from IFLA Regional Sections, IFLA is getting geographically distant ideas and actions to increase its presence, reaffirming its cultural diversity, vision, and characteristics.

Finally, as President of the Copyright and Open Access Brazilian Committee, coordinated by FEBAB, I will pay particular attention to the growth of the IFLA Library Development Advisory Programme and to improve leadership and advocacy skills in Brazilian library associations.

My professional experience in academic libraries, as a professor in a LIS graduate and undergraduate school and as speaker in conferences and trainer in workshops worldwide has given me enough ability to continue to advocate and develop strong libraries for equal and innovative societies, and to prepare strong librarians to guarantee the increase citizen access to information. So, I am counting on your vote to have the opportunity to dedicate my energy and passion to work tirelessly with national associations, LIS schools, students and professionals of different types of libraries from developing countries, and building a very special and permanent communication bridge between them and IFLA.

Career Summary

Active contributor in the area of information science and communication with papers, conferences, and workshops in different countries inside and outside of Latin America.

Professor of graduate and undergraduate level in Information Science and Documentation at the University of São Paulo, Brazil for 30 years. Also, she had been Director of the Integrated Library System at the University of São Paulo with 54 academic libraries and more than 1200 staff. Today, she is a Senior Professor with a focus specifically on graduate students and postdoc researchers. She has a Ph.D. in Communication Sciences from USP. Her research areas are scientific communication, open access, scientific journals, and copyright.

Her contribution in publications is high with more than 15 books as author or editor, 40 papers and hundred of conferences papers. She has participated in several scientific and academic projects, developed with researchers from Brazil and outside. She is currently a member of more than 10 editorial boards of scientific journals from Brazil, the United States, Mexico, Portugal, Spain, Peru among others. As part of her professional work, she has visited more than 70 countries, including most of Latin America, training professionals, offering workshops, classes and developing researches.

Referring to national institutions in Brazil such as IBICT, FAPESP, CNPq, INTERCOM, and ABCIBER, she has been also an active member. The same happens in other countries: RedAlyc, IAP Group of IFLA and Office of Evaluation of Research in the PUCP of Peru. Member of several Brazilian Associations for researchers and librarians in Information Science, Communication Science and Cyberculture Science fields for almost 20 years now. In those associations, She has been occupied positions such as Information Coordinator, Secretary, Chair of different Sections and Commissions and Governing Board Member. For 10 years she had been the President of the Information Network on Communication of Portuguese Speaking Countries (PORTCOM).

Nowadays, she is the President of the Copyright and Open Access Brazilian Committee that is one of the strategic Committee coordinated by the Brazilian Federation of Associations of Librarians, Scientists of the Information and Institutions (FEBAB).

On the other hand, she has been in IFLA since 2000. First acting with members from the Marketing and Management Section, included hosting its Satellite Meeting 2004 and publishing the conference papers book. In 2011 she has become a member at the Standing Committee of Latin American and the Caribbean Section (until 2019). Then, she acted as IFLA LAC Secretary in 2015, and from 2015-2017 she was Chair of the IFLA LAC Section and Secretary of the Division V. From 2017-2019, she has been Division V Chair and also a member of the Governing Board, at the Professional Committee and also at the Library Development Advisory Committee.



Silvia Stasselová (Slovakia)

*Director General
University Library in Bratislava*

IFLA represents equal opportunities for all. Although I come from a small country in the heart of Europe, I believe that my experience, viewpoint and desire to work for the global library community give me much to offer as a fresh vision for IFLA.

I began building a positive relationship to IFLA when I first attended IFLA WLIC in 1997 and I have been an active member of IFLA's standing committees continuously since 2007. I believe that the most important ways in which I can contribute to the IFLA GB are as follows:

- A quarter century's experience of working for our national library association, where I have served as elected president for 5 terms lasting nearly 20 years. Since my youth, I have worked to motivate the national library community, engaging in volunteer work as an example to others and encouraging a new generation of librarians to recognise the importance of community organisation. I would like to help IFLA develop in the same way on the global level.
- A decade's active service on the IFLA Management of Library Associations Standing Committee (2007 – 2017). As MLAS SC Secretary (2009 – 2013) for two terms, I acquired detailed knowledge of all types of librarians' associations and various levels of development in librarianship in individual countries of the world. I would like to be of active assistance to IFLA in reducing these global differences.
- In 2015, it was my pleasant duty as director general of University Library in Bratislava to welcome the UN Secretary-General, Ban Ki-moon, to our library in person, which was a unique experience. Helping IFLA to raise the profile of libraries as a major instrument of cultural diplomacy is another of my ambitions.
- In 2018, I was elected to chair the Slovak Committee for the UNESCO Memory of the World and the Slovak Minister of Foreign Affairs appointed me to the Slovak Commission for UNESCO. I believe I can help IFLA to develop joint activities with UNESCO in caring for our world's cultural heritage, developing culture and promoting education through the library network, an area in which there is a great deal of potential.

IFLA has made a great contribution to my professional development. I would like to repay my debt to IFLA by contributing to the transformation of libraries and motivating librarians of every generation who are not yet members to see IFLA as a chance to support global librarianship because "no man is an island, entire of itself" – we are all part of one great continent of librarianship.

Career Summary

Silvia Stasselová has been the director general of University Library in Bratislava since 2015 and is the first woman to hold this post since the library was established in 1919. In August 2017 she was co-organiser of the IFLA WIL SIG Satellite Conference on the theme "LIS Professionals Supporting Women Living in Conflict Situations" as an off-site event of IFLA WLIC 2017. In 2019, she is organising an international colloquium of library and information experts from the V4 countries and cooperating countries, and celebrations of ULIB's centenary.

In Slovakia she has held and holds positions on important national committees and bodies (the Central Library Council - an advisory body to the Minister of Culture of the Slovak Republic, the Slovak Arts Council, the Government Council for Culture). She publishes regularly, with 120 publications, speaks at conferences and is a member of the editorial boards of several library journals. She authored an article on "Historical Milestones of Slovak Librarianship, 1989 - 2014" commissioned by the US journal *Library Trends* to mark the 25th anniversary of the major social and political changes in Central Europe. She took part in the "International Visitor Leadership Programme" in the USA (2006) and the Salzburg Global Seminar workshop "Library and Museums in Era of Participatory Culture" (2011). She worked in the Slovak University of Technology (SUT) for 25 years (1990 - 2015), out of which she managed the academic library for 22 years. She became a head librarian at the age of 26 years and dedicated the energy of her youth to promoting its development. After 10 years of tireless negotiations with decision-makers, she accomplished a comprehensive modernisation of the library in 2003, creating a functional and representative space that is now the pride of the university. This shows that librarians can achieve their goals as long they stand firm.

She has been an individual member of the Slovak Librarians and Libraries Association. She has been actively involved in the preparation of 15 editions of the INFOS international conference. She was elected president of the Slovak Librarians and Libraries Association for five terms between 1999 and 2018. She was the national coordinator for the international projects CULTIVATE and CALIMERA. Since 2006 she has been the national coordinator for Night with Andersen, an international event through which more than 100,000 children in Slovakia have been motivated to visit libraries and read more. Regular participant in IFLA WLIC since 1997. Member of the IFLA Standing Committees from 2007 to the present. IFLA Management of Library Associations Standing Committee for 10 years (2007 - 2017). MLAS SC Secretary for two terms (2009 - 2013). IFLA Academic and Research Libraries Section Standing Committee 2017 - 2021. Active translator of over 40 various IFLA Manifestos, Guidelines and Recommendations from English to Slovak. Chair Slovak Committee for the UNESCO Memory of the World.

In 2011 she was awarded the Medal of the Association of Hungarian Librarians.



Ai Cheng Tay (Singapore)

*Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Librarian
National Library Board, Singapore*

As a member of the IFLA Governing Board, I will work with my fellow Board members to carry out IFLA's aims so that together we can:

- Encourage greater INTEGRATION between the IFLA Regional Offices by identifying ways to enhance the sharing of know-how and promote collaboration between librarians and libraries;
- Create more opportunities for SHARING through the sharing and transfer of knowledge between libraries in Southeast Asia and the wider Asia region, with a particular focus on the key areas of emerging technologies and social innovations; and the other regions in the world;
- Cultivate a FLEXIBLE and transdisciplinary culture within the profession through promoting immersion programmes and exchange of knowledge across sectors (whether public, national, academic, archives and business organisations) and greater cross cultural awareness between IFLA member countries;
- ADVANCE the professional skills and standards of all members of our profession and those of our libraries so that we, and the places that we work in, continue to remain relevant and adaptable in the twenty-first century and beyond. These will include the issues identified in IFLA's Trend Report launched at the IFLA WLIC 2013 in Singapore and updated each year.

I would welcome your support so that we can make all of this happen together.

Thank you.

Career Summary

Current Position

I am currently the Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Librarian at the National Library Board, Singapore. As Deputy Chief Executive, my responsibilities include overseeing the National Library, the National Archives, the Resource Discovery and Management Division, the Technology and Digital Services Division, the Volunteer Management and Corporate and Social Responsibility (CSR) Programmes.

Previous responsibilities include running the public libraries, Human Resource and Corporate Services functions (Finance and Admin) within the National Library Board. Advocacy is an important area of work where I collaborate with many stakeholders such as the Ministry of Communications and Information (NLB's parent Ministry) and other relevant Ministries, and public, private, non-profit and social service organisations. Some examples of these are the lifelong learning journey and drive towards digital readiness across the nation where NLB collaborates with corporations to engage working adults (Professionals, Managers, Executives, Technical Officers/PMETs) to reconnect with the NLB network through CSR and volunteerism initiatives; and the ongoing co-creation effort to mind the digital gap among the community.

National Representation

I am a member of the Library Association of Singapore and have held the positions of Secretary and Treasurer. I have mentored many Singaporean Librarians, some of whom have grown to become leaders at local and international levels. For the last ten years I have been mentoring colleagues from the Suzhou Dushu Lake Library, China.

International Representation

I was a Lead member of the National Committee organizing IFLA WLIC 2013 (Singapore). In addition, I was also the lead for organizing the Satellite Meetings and the 2nd International Summit of the Book held together with the IFLA WLIC 2013.

I have made many presentations during the course of my career at both local and overseas conferences. At these presentations, I always made it a point to advocate for the library and the profession by sharing best practices and learnings. I work closely with the IFLA Regional Office for Asia and Oceania team which comes under my area of job responsibility.

I have also served for many years as a Treasurer, Secretary and then Chair of the Metlib Section of IFLA. I was a Panel Member for the Global Libraries Access To Learning Award for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for two terms. I was also a Member of the inaugural International Network of Emerging Library Innovators (INELI) initiated by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Global Libraries.



Minna von Zansen (Finland)

*Director, User Relations
Celia Library*

My objectives as a member of the IFLA Governing Board

As IFLA's Governing Board is responsible for the governance and financial and professional directions of IFLA, I strongly believe in its supporting role for the IFLA and international library community as a whole. I have actively served as a standing committee member and have IFLA experience from the grass root level. Since then, I've also been serving on the board of the National Repository Library and well as the Finnish Library Association. I have come to understand how important effective, capacity building, trustworthy and transparent governance is for the members to carry forward the actual work and mission of the organisation.

What we see around us is a world in a constant change: changes offering us new opportunities as well as posing wicked problems, questions that the library profession and libraries could help solve. We need a stronger voice, and a stronger and more outreaching organization to make that happen.

To be able to reach out more effectively, we need to be even more open to the world outside libraries and librarianship as well as more transparent to our current members. We seriously need to plan how to involve and encourage participation in our activities and make people feel their voice is heard in every action we take.

Career Summary

Work Experience

Director, User Relations Celia Library, 2012 – current
leading user strategy and user experience; product and service policies; managing the service portfolio; communications and marketing; cooperation with partners and stakeholders; accessible publishing; Marrakesh Treaty; various professional affiliations.

Service Manager, Library Services Celia Library, 2006 – 2012
organisation and managing library services; development of online services

Positions held

- The DAISY Consortium, Board Member, 2018-
- Finnish Library Association, Board Member, 2017-
- National Repository Library, Finland, Board Member, 2016-
- IFLA Libraries Serving Persons with Print Disabilities Section, Standing Committee Member, Information Coordinator, Newsletter Editor, 2007-2015

Key Skills

Managing and developing user experience; Development of user strategy and user relationship management in the public sector; Development of digital services in the public sector; Developing and managing networks; Accessibility and inclusive library services; Strategic planning; Leading change.

More About Me

I am quite interested in everything that moves. At the moment, I focus mostly on:

- Digitalisation, bridging the digital divide
- Promotion of accessible reading
- Leading people in change

When I'm not working, I like to travel, read non-fiction, hike in the wild, do pilates and recycle.

Education

- Aalto University Executive Education, 2012-2013
- AaltoJOKO; Training program for strategic management
- Library Science; Åbo Akademi University, 1999-2000
- Master of Arts; University of Turku, 1992-2000
- Translation studies, anthropology, comparative literature, environmental studies



Maja Žumer (Slovenia) 2nd Term

*Professor of Information Science
University of Ljubljana*

Over the years I have been involved in IFLA activities in many ways: as a working group member and/or chair, as Standing Committee member, as Officer and finally, for the last two years, as Division III Chair and, consequently, Professional Committee and Governing

Board member. I was therefore part of the exciting process of charting the new IFLA strategic directions.

IFLA is building on the sound foundations of its political power and unique ability to connect information professionals from all over the world and at the same time preparing for the future, also embracing the new developments such as AI and Big Data. The Global Vision process brought together the positive energy of information professionals and in the next phase the ideas need to be transformed into plans and actions. The PC has already started the discussion of the internal professional structure of IFLA as well as the way the WLIC conference is planned and organised. Understanding the background and the big picture, I believe I can contribute to this work when these discussions are aligned with the new strategic directions.

Taking into account my long-standing involvement in (bibliographic) standards development, I am a passionate advocate of IFLA's role in supporting and developing the profession. So much expertise exists in IFLA and I would like to foster collaboration in a way that results in coordinated development of standards and guidelines, the backbone of IFLA activities.

As an educator, I have always been committed to motivating bright young people to become librarians and information specialists of the future and crucial for the development of our society. As a researcher I am very proud of my group of current and former PhD students (some also involved in IFLA activities) and looking forward to seeing them lead exciting projects in the future.

Career Summary

Maja Žumer is Professor of Information Science at University of Ljubljana (Slovenia).

After her degree in Mathematics, she continued her career as a software developer and systems analyst, including developing an information retrieval system. Her collaboration with librarians motivated her to obtain the M.L.S. degree from Kent State University, USA, which later led to her PhD in Information Science from University of Zagreb, Croatia.

In 1990's she was the systems librarian and Head of Research and Development Department at the National and University Library of Slovenia. In 2000 she moved to the Department of Library and Information Science of University of Ljubljana and she became full Professor in 2010. She is teaching courses on digital libraries and information retrieval and has advised 11 PhD students. Her research interests include design and evaluation of information retrieval systems, end user interfaces, and conceptual modelling. She has received numerous international and national research grants and has been involved in NISO committees and several EU projects. She was engaged as expert to review projects funded by Open Society Institute. She serves as member of Programme Committees of major international conferences (ISKO, ASIST, MTSR, TPD, COLOS (Conference Chair in 2019), JCDL, ICADL (co-chair in 2018),...), has been invited and keynote speaker and is reviewing for international journals such as Journal of Documentation, JASIST, CCQ, Program, Journal of Information Science, Knowledge Organisation, ...).

She has been involved in many IFLA working groups:

- FRBR Review Group
- Working Group on Guidelines for National Bibliographies in the Digital Age (chair)
- Working Group on the Functional Requirements for Subject Authority Records (FRSAR) (co-chair)
- Consolidation Editorial Group – developing IFLA LRM

She was member of Bibliography Section and Subject Analysis and Access Standing Committees and served for two term as Chair of the latter. Currently she is Chair of IFLA Division III and member of Professional Committee and Governing Board.

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