

Kay Raseroka wins Presidential election



Kay Raseroka, Director of Library Services at the University of Botswana, has been voted President-elect by IFLA members.

She will begin her two-year term as President-elect during the IFLA conference in Boston this August. She will succeed Christine Deschamps as President in August 2003 for a two-year term.

This is the first time an IFLA President has been elected by postal ballot, under the new Statutes adopted by Council in Jerusalem last year.

On hearing the news, Kay said:

I am honoured and deeply appreciative of the confidence that my colleagues in IFLA have shown in me. Above all I believe the IFLA Membership has demonstrated its belief in the global nature of our profession by electing a candidate from Africa. I pledge to give of my best in all of my responsibilities.

626 valid ballot papers were received, a return rate of 48.68%. 1447 votes were cast, representing 57.44% of the possible total.

The full results were:

President-elect:

- Kay Raseroka (Botswana) 672 elected — *see her CV further down*
- Nancy John (USA) 484 not elected
- Børge Sørensen (Denmark) 258 not elected

Three members of staff of the Royal Library of the Netherlands, P.J. Moree, J.J.M.Bos and G.M. van Trier, acted as scrutineers.

Ross Shimmon
Secretary General

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Curriculum Vitae of Kay Raseroka

Kay Raseroka was born in Kwazulu-Natal in South Africa. She is a citizen of Botswana, is married and has children. She has been in librarianship for over two decades during which she made tremendous contributions to the profession. She is currently the Director, University of Botswana Library Services.

She has served IFLA in many different capacities:

- Corresponding Member of various Sections and Round Tables
- Member of different Discussion Groups
- Member of the IFLA Mission to South Africa 1993
- Standing Committee of the Section of University Libraries and other General Research Libraries: Member 1993 - 1995
- Standing Committee of the Section of Regional Activities - Africa:
 - Member 1987 - 1991
 - Secretary 1991 - 1993
 - Chair 1993 - 1997
- Coordinating Board for the Division of Regional Activities: Secretary 1995 - 1997
- Member IFLA Executive Board 1997 - date
- Chair IFLA Membership Development Committee 1997 - date
- Member IFLA Publications Committee 1998 - date

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