

Your benefits as an IFLA member

Voting Rights

The highest forum within IFLA is the General Assembly, the supreme governing body consisting of delegates of members. IFLA Association and Institutional members have voting rights in Council and by postal ballot. They are entitled to elect candidates for the post of IFLA President-Elect and for the Governing Board, as well as for members of the Section Standing Committees. All members and affiliates are entitled to nominate and vote for members of the Section Standing Committees.

Section Registrations

All IFLA members and affiliates are entitled to participate in the programmes of the professional groups specializing in various areas of library activities and information service, **the Sections**. Different Section registration entitlements apply to the various membership categories.

For members located in Africa, Asia & Oceania, and Latin America & the Caribbean, participation in the appropriate Section for Regional Activities will automatically be included in the membership benefits.

Conference Discount

All members and affiliates are entitled to a discount on registration fees for the annual IFLA World Library and Information Congress. The reduction applies to both early and late registration fees. For Associations and Institutions, the discount applies to any of your members or employees who will be attending the conference.

Publications

When you join IFLA, you will be sent a number of publications free of charge.

These include:

- IFLA Journal (4 issues per year) which features articles from library and information science professionals of international standing, and IFLA News and Reports
- IFLA Annual Report which provides reports on resolutions, projects and meetings, and summaries about IFLA's conferences, finances, membership objectives and activities of its professional groups
- IFLA members may subscribe to the IFLA Publications series (De Gruyter Saur) for a substantial discount. This series issues six titles each year. Members also receive discount on individual volumes.

Discounts for members are also available on the IFLA Professional Reports Series and the IFLA Series on Bibliographic Control.

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International Federation of
Library Associations and Institutions

IFLA is the global voice of library and information services. Come and join us!

IFLA represents the large and growing number of library and information professionals from every corner of the globe.

Why Join IFLA?

Because you can...

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

As an IFLA member you can participate in professional discussions, dialogues, information exchange and other activities through our many professional groups – on a broad variety of topics.

Currently over 1500 IFLA members work together under the IFLA umbrella to help to define the agenda of the international library and information community.

IFLA Membership gives you the opportunity to:

- Link to IFLA's worldwide network of library and information professionals
- Participate in one or more IFLA professional groups specializing in various areas of library activities and information service
- Share your views, concerns and expertise with other LIS professionals and organizations working in the field and, in turn, learn from their experiences
- Enjoy substantial discounts on IFLA publications
- Receive a member discount on the registration fee for the annual IFLA World Library and Information Congress

Categories of membership

For Associations:

National Association membership is limited to associations with a national focus, which means that they have members from anywhere in their country and that they support the profession throughout their country. This category also includes subject-specialist associations which operate nationally.

Each of the 12 fee bands has corresponding voting rights and section allocations. All National Association members receive free registration in the Management of Library Associations Section (MLAS) and if applicable registration in the appropriate regional section.

International Association members must function within the framework of multinational or international library and information services.

International Association membership fees are divided into three bands, dependent on the country of residence of the majority of members of the association.

International Association members may register free of charge for four professional Sections, in addition to automatic registration in the Management of Library Associations Section. They are entitled to exercise five votes.

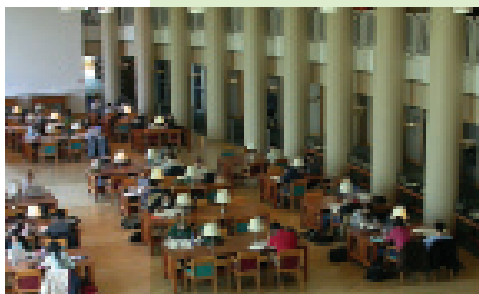
Other Association members include any associations which do not fit either the International Associations or National Associations category. It is mainly intended to allow sub-national (ie. provincial/state) associations to join IFLA.

Other Associations are entitled to two votes. They may join two Sections free of charge, in addition to automatic registration in the Management of Library Associations Section.

Association Affiliates is a category open for library associations who have not been an IFLA member in the last three years, and who work with operating expenses of less than EUR 10,000.

Association Affiliates will receive free registration in the Management of Library Associations Section (MLAS) and if applicable registration in the appropriate regional section.

Association Affiliates have no voting rights. Joining IFLA in this category is possible for two consecutive years, after which the membership will be upgraded to the appropriate category, with the corresponding costs and benefits.



Grainger Engineering Library, UIUC by Kurt Groetsch

For Individuals:

Personal Affiliates are individuals who wish to mark their interest in and support for the purposes and professional activities of IFLA.

Student Affiliates are individuals who are able to provide proof of current enrolment in a course of study leading to entry-level professional qualifications in librarianship or information work.

New Graduates Incentive

Graduates in library and information science are eligible for an IFLA membership at the students' rate for the first two years after graduating. Proof of diploma is necessary to apply for membership under this incentive.

All 3 categories are entitled to register free of charge for one Section. Affiliates have no voting rights, but may nominate individuals for the positions of President-elect and Governing Board member.

For Institutions:

Institutional Members include library and information centres, library schools, bibliographic and research institutes, and other institutions or bodies that would like to contribute professionally to the activities of the Federation.

Fees are based on the country in which the institution is located. All Institutional Members are entitled to one vote. Institutional Members are entitled to register for two Sections free of charge.

The following are sub-categories of Institutional membership. Members in these categories may register free of charge for one Section. They have no voting rights, except in the election of Standing Committee members for the Sections in which they are registered. The membership fee is based on the country in which the institution is located.

Institutional Sub-unit membership is intended for libraries in faculties and departments of universities. The university must be a full Institutional member of IFLA to enable other campus libraries to join sub-unit membership.

One-person resource centre membership is limited to those libraries or information centres with no more than one full-time equivalent (FTE) staff member.

School library membership is open to libraries within primary and secondary level schools (or their equivalents). There is no limit to the number of staff.