

## NEWS SECTION

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### From the IFLA Secretariat

#### IFLA Annual Report 1997

This report reflects only the major items of IFLA's activities in 1997. Fuller reports on the activities of IFLA's professional groups can be found in the reports of the Core Programmes in this issue of *IFLA Journal*, or in IFLA's biennial Council Reports, the first being issued in July 1997 as *IFLA Council Report 1995-1997*. Annual reports of the Sections and Round Tables can be found on IFLANET ([www.ifla.org](http://www.ifla.org)), in their Newsletters, or throughout the year in *IFLA Journal*.

1. Membership	1997	1996
1 Members/Affiliates		
1.1 Association Members/ Bodies with Consultative Status	0169	0166
1.2 Institutional Members	1078	1068
1.3 Personal Affiliates	0284	0258
1.4 Sponsors	0035	0028
2. Countries Covered	0146	0144
2.1 Industrialized countries	0061	0060
2.2 Third World	0085	0084
3. Sponsored Members	0019	0019
4. Permanent Professional Groups (Core Programmes, Divisions, Sections, Round Tables)	0058	0058
5. Staff under contract		
5.1 IFLA Headquarters (7 full-time, 3 part-time)	8.6	8.3
5.2 Core Programmes (supporting administrative staff at focal points)	6.0	6.0

#### 2. Executive Board

Before the elections held in Copenhagen, the Executive Board was composed as follows:

- Robert Wedgeworth (USA), President
- Marta Terry (Cuba), First Vice-President
- Ekaterina Genieva (Russian Federation), Second Vice-President
- Warren Horton (Australia), Treasurer
- Christine Deschamps (France)
- Børge Sørensen (Denmark)
- Robert D. Steuart (USA)
- Sun Beixin (China)
- Sally McCallum (USA) ex officio, Chair of the Professional Board.

After the Copenhagen elections, the Executive Board had the following composition:

- Christine Deschamps (France), President
- Ekaterina Genieva (Russian Federation), First Vice-President
- Nancy John (USA), Second Vice-President
- Derek Law (UK), Treasurer
- Klaus-Dieter Lehmann (Germany)
- Kay Raseroka (Botswana)
- Børge Sørensen (Denmark)
- Sun Beixin (China)
- Sissel Nilsen (Norway), ex officio, Chair of the Professional Board.
- *Appointed members to EB committees* to help strengthen the involvement and cooperation of EB members between meetings and to sharpen the focus on various topics. The committees are the Conference Planning Committee, chaired by Nancy John, with Sissel Nilsen and Børge Sørensen as members; the Membership Development and Services Committee with Kay Raseroka as chair and Klaus-Dieter Lehmann and Sun Beixin as members; and the Executive Committee with Christine Deschamps, Ekaterina Genieva and Derek Law. Members of the committees continue

to communicate by e-mail between meetings on a regular basis to carry out work more efficiently.

- *Assigned portfolios to EB members:* Ekaterina Genieva, Official Liaison to ICA; Derek Law and Sissel Nilsen, Working Group on the Revision of the Statutes and Rules of Procedure; Klaus-Dieter Lehmann, Chair of the Publications Committee and Official Liaison to FID; Børge Sørensen, Official Liaison to the FAIFE Committee; Nancy John, Official Liaison to the CLM Committee.
- *Accepted as new Association Members:* Association des Amis de la Lecture (ASSOCLE) (Benin); Association des Bibliothécaires, Archivistes, Documentalistes et Museographes du Cameroun (Cameroun); Fédération Française de Coopération entre Bibliothèques Publiques (France); Library and Information Association of South Africa (LIASA) (South Africa); and Stichting Cultureel Centrum Suriname (Suriname).
- *Met with representatives of Core Programme hosts and the Core Programme Directors* during the Copenhagen Conference to discuss closer cooperation among Core Programmes and the development of joint projects with Sections and Round Tables. As major funder of the Core Programmes, CDNL's Chair, Peter Lor, also met with the Executive Board.
- *Invited bids from potential hosts for the IFLA Council and General Conference 2003.* The EB decided to take a more proactive role in selecting sites for IFLA Conferences, and to invite, through IFLA's association members, competitive bids from potential hosts for IFLA Conferences. During the Copen-

hagen Conference questionnaires were distributed to all association members and those interested in hosting the 2003 conference sent in their responses, which were reviewed at the December meeting. Based on the recommendation of the Conference Planning Committee the EB invited two countries to submit detailed bid books, to be followed up by site visits. The EB will take a decision for the 2003 host during the 1998 Amsterdam Conference, at which time the cycle will repeat itself and bids will be requested for the 2004 conference.

- *Accepted the CAIFE Report for presentation to Council 1997.* The report, prepared by the ad hoc Committee on Access to Information and Freedom of Expression, was accepted by the EB. Council 1997 approved a resolution for follow-up action.
- *FAIFE.* The establishment of the EB Committee on Freedom of Access to Information and Freedom of Expression resulted from the follow-up of the CAIFE Report. The Report clearly demonstrated the need for IFLA to establish a broad-based committee to advise IFLA on policy and other matters related to these topics. Nominations for the new committee were sought from IFLA's association members. The Danish Library Community supported FAIFE by funding an office and staff in Copenhagen for two years. Alex Byrne (Australia) was appointed by the EB to chair the Committee. The EB also appointed members to the Committee.
- *CLM.* Council 1997 also approved a resolution for the establishment of the Committee on Copyright and other Legal Matters, as a follow-up to the work of the Copyright Committee (1991-1993), the Copyright Advisor (1994-1997), and as a result of IFLA's experience at the WIPO Conference in December 1996. Association members were invited to nominate members for the committee, which would assist in developing the policy of the EB. The UAP Core Programme Office in Boston Spa would function as Secretariat. Marianne Scott (Canada) was appointed by the EB to serve as Chair. The EB also appointed members to the Committee.
- As a follow-up to the resolution on adding Chinese as an IFLA language, the EB reviewed detailed

documentation on costs and benefits of meeting this request in the wider contexts of services to members and services to potential members.

- *Reviewed the state-of-the-art of the budget for 1997* and congratulated the Secretary General for the preliminary results and for controlling expenses so carefully in 1997. This was the 5th year in succession that there had been a positive outcome. The record outcome was in part due to the great success of the Copenhagen Conference, which contributed more than twice the amount of any other conference host to IFLA's income.
- *Differentiated dues.* The EB considered at great length several different models for differentiating the dues of institutional members but agreed that a move toward various systems could present additional problems when determining the voting structure for IFLA institutional members. It agreed that the present dues structure was most closely linked to the cost of servicing an IFLA member and the most democratic in essence.
- *Approved the logo* for the 2001 IFLA Council and General Conference to be held in Boston, USA during the 3rd or 4th week of August.
- Approved Glasgow as the site for the 2002 IFLA General Conference.
- *Continued its guest lecture series.* During the 1997 IFLA Council and General Conference in Copenhagen, three Guest Lectures were given. Sir Roger Elliott, Chair of the International Council of Scientific Unions Press, spoke on "The Impact of Electronic Publishing on the Scientific Information Chain". Ursula Owen, Editor and Chief Executive of *Index on Censorship* delivered a lecture on "Gateways to Freedom: Libraries and the Next Millennium". Esther Sibanyoni, South African Woman of the Year '97 and Librarian at the State Library in Pretoria spoke on "A Library for Community Development in Soshanguve" for which her award had been given.
- *PAC Regional Centre in Moscow.* Following site visits by Marie-Thérèse Varlamoff, and Beatrix Kastaly, Chair of the Section on Preservation and Conservation, and based on their recommendation, the EB accepted the offer of the M.I. Rudomino All State Library for Foreign Literature in

Moscow to host the PAC Regional Centre.

- *Reviewed and approved IFLANET's Policy and Procedures Document*, developed by the UDT staff. The document contains instructions for mirroring of the IFLANET site on other continents, centralization of IFLA electronic resources; multilingual documents, IFLANET document formats, mailing list policies and procedures, and instructions to authors for submitting publications electronically.
- *Met with Presidents and CEOs of library associations* during the Copenhagen Conference. The meeting was attended by 30+ representatives from 24 countries and offered a forum for an exchange of views on a variety of matters, but in particular on the radical change to IFLA's publications programme and the newly established procedure for national association members to submit applications to host IFLA's Conferences.

### 3. Professional Board

Before the elections held in Copenhagen, the composition of the Professional Board, made up of the Chairs of each of the Divisions (or a designated representative), plus a Chair elected from the outgoing PB members was:

- Sally McCallum (USA), Chair
- John Willemsse (South Africa), General Research Libraries
- Edward Valauskas (USA), Special Libraries
- Sissel Nilsen (Norway), Libraries Serving the General Public
- Ross Bourne (UK), Bibliographic Control
- Marjorie Bloss (USA), Collections and Services
- Ralph Manning (Canada), Management and Technology
- Steffen Rückl (Germany), Education and Research
- A.P. Gakhar (India), Regional Activities.

After the elections, the PB was composed as follows:

- Sissel Nilsen (Norway), Chair
- Winston Tabb (USA), General Research Libraries
- Ed Valauskas (USA), Special Libraries
- Ilona Glashoff (Germany), Libraries Serving the General Public
- Ingrid Parent (Canada), Bibliographic Control

- Marjorie Bloss (USA), Collections and Services
- Ralph Manning (Canada), Management and Technology
- Lis Byberg (Norway), Education and Training
- Stan Made (Zimbabwe), Regional Activities.

During the report period the Professional Board:

- *Assigned portfolios* to PB members as follows: Ralph Manning, Vice-Chair and Financial Officer, and Chair of the 1999 Pre-Session Seminar Planning Committee; Marjorie Bloss, Publications Committee and PB representative to the Working Group on Statutes and Rules of Procedure; Ed Valauskas, Liaison to the CLM Committee, and responsible for conference planning; Stan Made, member of the 1999 Pre-Session Seminar Planning Committee; Lis Byberg, Liaison to the FAIFE Committee; Ingrid Parent, Member of the Committee for Follow-up on Beijing Agenda with ICA; Ilona Glashoff, Liaison to the Working Group on Literacy; Winston Tabb, member of the Selection Committee for Contributed Papers; Sissel Nilsen, Member of the Working Group on the Revision of Statutes and Rules of Procedure; Member of the 1999 Pre-Session Planning Committee; Member of the Selection Committee for Contributed Papers
- *Approved the name change of ALP* from the Advancement of Librarianship Programme for the Third World to the Advancement of Librarianship Programme.
- *Continued to hold a yearly meeting with Core Programme Directors* following the three very successful "Trends/Agenda Setting" meetings held in 1993, 1994, and 1996. These meetings are always held in The Hague in December of each year. During the 1997 meeting, greater cooperation among the Core Programmes was discussed in detail, and the PB noted that many joint projects and seminars were being planned for 1998.
- *Approved the themes* for the 2000 IFLA General Conference to be held in Jerusalem, Israel: "Information for Cooperation: Creating the Global Library of the Future"; and for the 2001 IFLA Council and General Conference to be held in Boston, Massachusetts, USA: "Libraries and Librarians: Making a Difference in the Knowledge Age";
- *Approved the theme* for the 1999 Pre-Session Seminar: "Collecting and Safeguarding the Oral Heritage"
- *Continued the development of JICPA* (Joint IFLA/ICA Committee on Preservation in Africa). Through the ALP Core Programme funding was obtained to set up national commissions in African countries that will increase local awareness of preservation issues and develop training programmes.
- *Developed the professional programme for the Copenhagen Conference*. Reviewed 54 full-text papers and selected 8 papers for presentation at the contributed papers session for the conference; approved workshops, satellite meetings and the professional content of the conference.
- *Undertook a detailed evaluation of the Copenhagen Conference*, both professionally and logistically, in cooperation with the Royal School of Librarianship in Copenhagen. The results of the evaluation will help IFLA HQ and future conference organizers make more detailed arrangements for areas where participants felt improvement was needed.
- *Prioritized and allocated project funds* to IFLA's professional units; reviewed projects undertaken by the professional units for the past three years, and if progress had not been made, agreed to abandon them and request the return of monies advanced.
- *Continued discussion on a revision to IFLA's Statutes and Rules of Procedure*, following the 1996 evaluation of the work and performance of the Sections and Round Tables.
- *Finalized the Medium-Term Programme 1998-2001*, which was edited by Sally H. McCallum and published in January 1998. All IFLA language versions will be completed within the first quarter of 1998 and will be put up on IFLANET. Each professional group developed Scope statements describing the nature and purpose of their activities, and the goals which will effect improvements to the relevant aspects of library service specified in their Scope. Two-year action plans were also presented. In two years the professional groups will have the opportunity to shape the supporting actions for the remainder of the work plan, 2000-2001
- *Reviewed progress made on UNESCO contracts* and made proposals for contracts for the next biennium.
- *Noted with satisfaction the acceptance of the UNESCO Resolution on Permanent Paper*, at the UNESCO General Conference in 1997, and developed plans to continue working with UNESCO for the upcoming "Questionnaire on Statistics of Book Production" for questions dealing with permanent paper.
- *Continued to develop mechanisms for cooperation* with other international bodies working in related fields.
- *Approved as new Sections* the Section on Management and Marketing and the Section on Reading.
- *Approved the name change* for the Section of Children's Libraries to the Section of Libraries for Children and Young Adults to reflect its broader scope of activities and interest groups.
- *Approved the establishment of six Discussion Groups*, to taking effect in September 1997. Discussion Groups are officially sponsored and affiliated with a Section, have a convenor, and are established for two-year renewable terms. They may then be dissolved or will become Sections. Those approved are: Performance Measurement in Academic Libraries; Reference Work; Social Responsibilities; Friends and Advocates of Libraries; Corporate and For Profit Libraries and the Internet Discussion Group.
- *Approved the plenary speaker for Amsterdam 1997*, Mr J. Pronk, Minister for Development Cooperation.
- *Issued the first edition of the IFLA Officers Handbook*, a 101-page publication, which gives detailed instructions to assist officers with all types of activities, both administrative and programmatic, ranging from responsibilities of Standing Committee members, to planning meetings and workshops at IFLA Conferences to budgeting for professional activities. The Handbook was distributed to all officers during the Copenhagen Conference, and has also been put up on IFLANET. It will be revised biennially.

#### 4. IFLA Headquarters Staff

IFLA Headquarters staff during the report period were Leo Voogt, Secretary General; Winston Roberts, Professional Coordinator; Carol Henry, Executive Officer; Jos de Block, Secretary to the Professional Coordinator; Hanny Duijvestijn, Administrative Assistant (until 15 September); Karin Passchier (after 15 September); Sophie Felföldi, Office Manager; Theresa Stanton, Communications Officer; Dini Verschoor, Financial Assistant; and Daphne Vlot, Membership Officer. Marieke van Buytene, the first IFLA Paul Nauta Residential Fellow, left IFLA Headquarters on 15 August and was replaced by Natalie Visser, who will also have a one-year appointment.

#### 5. 63rd IFLA Council and General Conference, Copenhagen, Denmark, 31 August-5 September 1997

The theme, "Libraries and Information for Human Development" reflected the wider impact which today's information revolution is set to have on society as a whole, and not just on librarians and information professionals. The conference attracted an attendance of 2976 delegates from 141 countries. One hundred and seventy papers (not including the 112 translations) on a wide range of themes were delivered in 72 open sessions and 22 workshops. The full text of all IFLA '97 Conference papers can be accessed on IFLA's Website at <www.ifla.org>. Ms Lone Dybkaer, Member of the European Union Parliament, the Plenary Speaker, explored the possibilities offered by new information technologies to create an open democracy, and cited proposals made by the Danish government. In his Presidential Address, "Reaffirming Professional Values", Robert Wedgeworth spoke of today's "legal barriers and political pressures which are very real threats to the concept of service that libraries and librarians espouse." IFLA's response was to pass two major Council resolutions: the first formally establishing IFLA's Committee on Freedom of Access to Information and Freedom of Expression (FAIFE); and the second formally establishing IFLA's Committee on Copyright and other Legal Matters (CLM). Council also made Robert Wedgeworth an Honorary President of IFLA.

The Pre-Session Seminar on the theme, "Bridging the Gap - Implementation of Information Technology in Developing Countries" was held at the Royal School of Librarianship in Aalborg, Denmark, 25-29 August 1997. It brought together 34 participants from Africa, Asia, and Latin America and the Caribbean who communicated in French, Spanish and English with the help of interpreters. The seminar resulted in the development of personal and regional action plans, the latter to be considered by the Regional Standing Committees for implementation during the MTP 1998-2001.

#### 6. Future Conferences

During the Copenhagen Conference, Mr Wedgeworth and Mr Voogt met with delegations from Amsterdam, 1998; Bangkok, 1999; and Jerusalem, 2000; and from other countries which were interested in hosting IFLA in the year 2003 and onward. Ms Deschamps and Mr Voogt travelled to Edinburgh and Glasgow in preparation for the 2002 IFLA Conference. Invitations to host IFLA Conferences have been accepted for Boston 2001, and Glasgow 2002.

#### 7. Projects

Reports of the 60+ projects undertaken by the Sections and Round Tables and funded by the Professional Board can be found in their Newsletters and are posted on IFLANET or reported in *IFLA Journal* throughout the year. Other funded activities include seminars and meetings, and UNESCO projects and are recorded elsewhere in this report or in those of the Core Programmes. NCLIS (National Commission for Library and Information Science) supported a feasibility study for a survey of documents on ethnic groups in Central America and a UAP (Universal Availability of Publications) seminar in Latin America.

#### 8. Publications

In addition to the newsletters issued by the majority of IFLA's Core Programmes, Divisions, Sections and Round Tables and the promotional brochures of the professional groups, many in two or more languages, the following periodicals and monographs were published by IFLA (for ALP, PAC, UAP, UBCIM, and UDT, see their annual reports

elsewhere in this issue of *IFLA Journal*).

#### 8.1 Publications Committee

The members of the Publications Committee were Christine Deschamps, Chair and Executive Board representative; and Steffen Rückl, Professional Board representative. Leo Voogt was an ex officio member. Other members will be coopted when necessary. The Committee meetings are scheduled to coincide with Board meetings held at Headquarters. After the elections in Copenhagen, the Publications Committee was composed of Klaus-Dieter Lehmann, Executive Board representative and Chair of the Committee; and Marjorie Bloss, Professional Board representative.

#### 8.2 Editorial Committee

Before the Copenhagen Conference members of the Editorial Committee were Catherine Pinion (London), Chair; Christine Deschamps (Paris), Mercedes Dexeus (Madrid); Heinz Fuchs (Göttingen), Alma Jefferson (Kingston), Ludmila Kozlova (Moscow), Martine Poulain (Paris), and Barbro Thomas (Stockholm). Because the term of some members expired in 1997, those newly appointed by the EB during its meeting in Copenhagen are: Barbro Thomas (Stockholm (Chair); Ramón Abad Hiraldo (New York), Heinz Fuchs (Göttingen), Isabelle Giannattasio (Paris), Nancy John (Chicago), Ludmila Kozlova (Moscow), Klaus-Dieter Lehmann (Frankfurt am Main), and Estela Morales Campos (Mexico).

#### 8.3 Periodical Publications

- *IFLA Journal*, Vol. 23, was issued for the first time in 1997 as a biennial journal, with issues appearing in January, March, May, July, and a double issue in October/November. Issue No. 3 is traditionally a special theme issue. In 1997 the theme was "Copyright" with Graham Cornish, Director of the

UAP Core Programme serving as Guest Editor.

- IFLA Council Report 1995-1997 was published in June 1997. This was a synthesis of information that previously appeared in IFLA Annual. IFLA's activities were grouped under the major headings of:

- Access to information
- The electronic environment
- Preservation and conservation
- Services and standards
- Professional development

The report featured a timeline documenting IFLA achievements over the preceding two years, and included annexes on publications, finances, conferences, and membership development. The report was mounted on IFLANET in all IFLA language versions in September 1997.

#### 8.4 Monographs in the series, IFLA Publications

- *Survey and Analysis of the Major Ethical and Legal Issues Facing Library and Information Services*, by Thomas J. Froehlich, under contract with UNESCO, No. 78

- *Ressources pour les bibliothèques et centres documentaires scolaires/Resourcebook for School Libraries and Resource Centers*, compiled and edited by Paulette Bernhard under the auspices of the Section on School Libraries and Resource Centres, No. 79

- *Human Development: Competencies for the 21st Century: Papers from the IFLA CPERT Third International Conference on Continuing Professional Education for the Library and Information Professions*, edited by Patricia Layzell Ward and Darlene E. Weingand, No. 80/81

- *International Directory of Art Libraries*, 2nd edition, compiled and edited by Thomas E. Hill, No. 82

- *Parliamentary Libraries and Information Services of Asia and the South Pacific: Papers Prepared for the 62nd IFLA Conference, Beijing, China, August 25-31 1996*, edited by Rob Brian, No. 83.

#### 8.5 The series, IFLA Professional Reports

- *Bartholomew Udemmadu Nwafor 1939-1991: An Appreciation and an Annotated Bibliography of his Writings*, edited by Michael Wise, No. 50

- *Guide pratique à l'usage des bibliothèques législatives*. Par Dermot Englefield. Rédigés par Ernst Kohl. Traduit par Guy Archambault, No. 51

- *Proceedings of the IFLA Pre-Session Seminar on School Libraries, Caldes de Montbui (Barcelona), Spain, 16-20 August 1993*, compiled and edited under the auspices of the Section of School Libraries, No. 52

- *Lineaminetos para bibliotecas legislativas*, traducción a cargo de Dulce María Liahut Baldomar, No. 53

- *Guidelines for Easy-to-Read Publications*, compiled and edited by Bror I. Tronbacke, No. 54.

#### 9. Grants and Prizes

The juries appointed by the Executive Board selected the recipients of the Hans-Peter Geh Grant for Conference Participation, the Gustav Hofmann Study Grant, and the Dr Shawky Salem Training Grant. The Hans-Peter Geh Grant for Conference Participation, sponsored by Mr Geh, was awarded to Sirje Virkus of Tallinn Pedagogical University, Estonia, to attend the Copenhagen Conference. Ms Virkus presented papers at the 3rd World Conference on Continuing Professional Education, and at the open session of the Section on Education and Training. The Gustav Hofmann Study Grant, sponsored by K.G. Saur Verlag, was awarded to Ms Wala Hasan Musnad, a librarian at the National Centre for Research in Sudan. Ms Musnad studied the use of CDS/ISIS for future implementation in Sudan. The Dr Shawky Salem Training Grant, established by Shawky Salem, is also

under the auspices of FID. The Grant was awarded to Mohammed Saleh Alyss, Information Officer at the Islamic Development Bank in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Mr Alyss attended the IFLA Conference in Copenhagen, followed by a week-long study visit at the Royal School of Librarianship in Copenhagen. The Guust van Wesemael Literacy Prize, which is awarded biennially, was awarded to the Public Library Service of Piura, Peru. The prize money was used for a project to organize and execute a literacy and post-literacy programme to promote the formation of microenterprises using local goods.

#### 10. Relations with other Organizations

##### 10.1 UNESCO

During the report period the following contracts were signed with UNESCO and will be executed by the Core Programmes or IFLA Sections and Round Tables under the close supervision of the Professional Coordinator:

401.505.7. Under the terms of the contact, IFLA organized an Internet Awareness Seminar in Pretoria, South Africa on 10-13 July 1997 designed to promote the potential for use of telematics by libraries in Africa, particularly in the southern African sub-region. The seminar included a survey of issues for libraries in the Information Age, demonstrations of Internet use by libraries, and discussions for future action at the national, regional and international levels, including elements for a library component of Africa's Information Society initiative and the Harnessing Information Technology for Development priority of the UN Systemwide Special Initiative on Africa.

402.714.7. Within the framework of the "Memory of the World" Programme and in cooperation with the University of Colima, Mexico, IFLA prepared a CD-ROM containing 3000-5000 photographs from the 19th century illustrating in great detail the history of 10 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean. From these photographs, UNESCO selected 500 to mount on its Web site.

402.713.7. Under the terms of this contract, UNESCO supported the attendance of several experts at the 1997 Pre-Session Seminar, held in Aalborg, Denmark from 25-29 August 1997. The theme of the

Seminar was: "Bridging the Gap: Implementation of Information Technology in Developing Countries"

402.712.6. The contract for the preparation of guidelines for new services in libraries and increasing the efficiency and quality of traditional services through the use of the Internet was carried out in two parts. The National Szechenyi Library in Budapest developed a model of an online service on the Web to help the user in finding Patriotica material (e.g., Hungarica) in libraries outside the country (Hungary). Linked to the home page of the National Library the Patriotica WWW as a virtual resource centre provides direct access to library catalogues of libraries holding Patriotica material of the given culture and/or information about the Patriotica material of the selected libraries for researchers interested in the given culture (e.g., Hungarian culture). The second part of the contract was carried out by NORDINFO, which, through its various centres, has produced guidelines for designing Web pages for libraries; has presented a proposal for a search engine for the identification of relevant Web pages in a region; has prepared guidelines for putting electronic journals on the Web; and has produced guidelines for the establishment of digitization services.

#### 10.2 FID, ICA, IPA

During the Copenhagen Conference representatives of FID, ICA, and IPA met with the Executive Board and UNESCO representatives. Consultations with FID and ICA are held on a regular basis and plans are in place for additional joint projects in 1998 and 1999. IFLA and FID agreed to establish a small committee to discuss programme cooperation, in which each organization would preserve its own integrity and independence. This strategy was already being pursued with ICA, and would be intensified in the follow-up of the Beijing Agenda. Other forms of cooperation with ICA included the International Committee of the Blue Shield, which cooperated with UNESCO, ICOM (International Committee on Museums), and ICOMOS (International Council on Museums and Monuments) in helping libraries survive the results of armed conflicts and natural disasters. Discussion continued on the

development of cooperative projects with IPA, particularly in the field of archiving of electronic documents and Digital Object Identifiers.

#### 10.3 Representation at Meetings of other Organizations

January 27-30

Budapest, Hungary. 5th BOBCATSSS International Symposium under the auspices of the Council of Europe and EUCLID. Ekaterina Genieva, Leo Voogt and Marieke van Buytene

February 25-26

Paris, France. Unesco/NGO Meeting, Françoise Danset, Standing Committee member, Section of Public Libraries

28 February-1 March

Paris, France. Annual meeting of the International Round Table on Audiovisual Archives, Isabelle Giannattasio and Winston Roberts

March 10-12

Monaco. "INFO-ETHICS" International Congress on Ethical, Legal and Societal Aspects of Digital Information organized by UNESCO and the French National Commission for UNESCO, Ekaterina Genieva

March 20-22

The Hague, Netherlands. European Meeting on Paper Preservation, Marie-Therese Varlamoff

April 1-4

Graz, Austria. International Colloquium: "Storage Libraries - Digital Libraries", Christine Deschamps

April 9

Stuttgart, Germany. Retirement of Hans-Peter Geh, Honorary President of IFLA, Wim Koops, Honorary Fellow

May 14

Frankfurt, Germany. Opening of the new building of Die Deutsche Bibliothek, Robert Wedgeworth and Leo Voogt

May 15-17

Tunis, Tunisia. Information Society/Information Sciences: New Challenges, New Requirements. Abderrazak Alli, member of the Regional Standing Committee for Africa

May 16

London, UK. 27th Plenary Meeting of ISO TC/46, Christine Deschamps, Sally McCallum and Marie-France Plassard

May 31-June 2

Stockholm, Sweden. Official opening of the refurbished and expanded Royal Library, National Library of Sweden, Børge Sørensen

June 7-15

Sudak, Ukraine. Fourth International Conference "Libraries and Associations in the Transient World; New Technologies and New Forms of Cooperation" (Crimea '97), Ekaterina Genieva

June 26-27

Paris, France. 24th Meeting of the Intergovernmental Council of the Bureau of PGI, Christine Deschamps and Winston Roberts

June 27-29

Manchester, UK. Library Association's Umbrella Conference, Robert Wedgeworth

July 6-11

Vancouver, Canada. IASL Annual Conference, Paulette Bernhard, Chair of the Section of School Libraries and Resource Centres

July 8-10

Pretoria, South Africa. "Unity and New Beginnings": Constituent Conference for a new South African Library Association, Robert Wedgeworth and Leo Voogt

July 14-18

Hamburg, Germany. Fifth International Conference on Adult Education. Brit-Marie Haggstrom, member of the Standing Committee of Public Libraries

August 2-9

Harare, Zimbabwe. Zimbabwe International Book Fair, Stan Made, Chair of Africa Section.

Sept. 21-26

Perth, Australia. INTAMEL Conference, Børge Sørensen

Sept. 24-27

Edinburgh, Scotland, UK. 32nd International Conference of the Round Table on Archives, Bruce Royan, Chair of the Section on Information Technology

Sept.29-Oct.1

Tashkent. Third Meeting of the International Advisory Committee for the "Memory of the World" Programme, Marie-Thérèse Varlamoff

October 31

Moscow, Russian Federation. 75th anniversary of the All-Russia State Library for Foreign Literature, Leo Voogt

November 10-12

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Regional Conference on Public Libraries: Planning for Future Needs, Sissel Nilsen, Birgitta Bergdahl, and Philip Gill, Chair of the Section of Public Libraries

November 13-14  
Luxembourg. Third International Conference on Grey Literature. Theme: "Perspectives on the Design and Transfer of Scientific and Technical Information", Graham Cornish

November 13-14  
London, UK. COPEARMS (Coordinating Project for Electronic Authors' Rights Management Systems) Conference. Theme: "ECMS: The Way Forward", organized by the UAP Office

November 21  
Paris, France. UNESCO General Conference and Extraordinary Conference of Non-governmental Organizations at UNESCO HQ, Christine Deschamps and Winston Roberts

November 24-25  
Cairo, Egypt. First meeting of International Panel of International Reading for All Programme. Sponsored by UNESCO, John Cole, Chair, IFLA Section on Reading

November 25-26  
Paris, France. UNESCO/NGO consultation meeting, Françoise Danset, member of the Standing Committee of the Section of Public Libraries

December 5  
Paris, France. Meeting of the International Committee of the Blue Shield, Marie-Thérèse Varlamoff

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#### **Jan Pronk - Minister for Development Cooperation - Keynote Speaker at IFLA '98**

Jan Pronk, Dutch Minister for Development Cooperation, has graciously accepted the IFLA '98 Organizing Committee's invitation to deliver the keynote speech at the forthcoming IFLA Conference in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. The invitation was overwhelmingly endorsed by IFLA's Professional Board.

Well known in both Dutch and international circles for his drive and determination and sincere commitment to development issues, Mr Pronk enjoys a long and varied career in international politics as well as a distinguished career in the academic world.

After graduating in Economics in 1964, Mr Pronk went on to lecture at the School of Economics Development Programme Centre and the Netherlands Economic Institute in Rotterdam from 1965 to 1971. He later became a member of the Lower House of Parliament for the Labour party (PvdA) from 1971 to 1973, from 1978 to 1980 and from 1986 to 1989.

Under the Den Uyl Government in the 1970s, Mr Pronk was Minister for Development Cooperation from 11 May 1973 to 1977.

From 1980-1985 he was Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD and from 1985 to 1986 Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations. From 1986 to 1989 he was the first Deputy Chairman of the Labour Party.

Mr Pronk continued in the academic world in his capacity as extraordinary professor of the theory and practice of

international development policy at the Institute of Social Studies in The Hague from 1979 to 1980 and in 1989 he occupied the Den Uyl Chair (endowed by the Wiardi Beckman Foundation) at the University of Amsterdam. Among his many positions, Mr Pronk has been secretary to the Mansholt Committee, a member of the editorial boards of the *International Spectator*, *Wending*, and *Socialisme en Democratie* as well as Treasurer of the Brandt Commission.

He was appointed Minister for Development Cooperation in the third Lubbers Government on 7 November 1989 and, for the third time, in the Kok Government on 22 August 1994.

### **IFLA Pre-Session Seminar in 1999 to Deal with Oral Tradition**

Before the annual general conference of IFLA in Bangkok in August 1999, a 5-day seminar will be held on the theme of Collecting and Safeguarding the Oral Tradition. This is the next in the series of biennial Pre-Session Seminars for developing countries, held under the auspices of the IFLA Professional Board. Working languages at the Seminar will be English, French and Spanish. The Seminar will deal with various aspects of collecting and safeguarding oral heritage, including the socio-cultural context; collection methodologies and selection criteria; care, handling, storage and preservation issues and technical questions.

Candidates will be selected from the developing world and funded to attend both the Pre-Session and the 1999 General Conference of IFLA. Preference will be given to individuals who would gain the most from the session and who would be in a position to pass on the benefits of attendance to colleagues in their home countries.

Additional information may be obtained from IFLA Headquarters (POB 95312, 2509 CH The Hague, Netherlands (fax: +31-70) 3834827; e-mail: ifla.hq@ifla.org); or from the Chair of the Pre-Session Planning Committee: Ralph W. Manning, National Library of Canada, Ottawa K1A 0N4, Canada (fax: +(1-613) 9472916; email: ralph.manning@nlc-bnc.ca).

## **From the Core Programmes**

### **Annual Report 1997 of the IFLA ALP Core Programme by Birgitta Bergdahl, Programme Director**

#### **Background**

ALP's name was changed in 1997 to the Advancement of Librarianship Programme. The new Medium-Term Programme of ALP for 1998-2001 is quite brief, but very ambitious in terms of activities.

The mission of ALP is to further the library profession, library institutions and library and information services in the developing countries of Africa, Asia and Oceania, and Latin America and the Caribbean.

Within the special ALP areas the MTP goals are to assist in continuing education and training; to support the development of library associations; to promote the establishment and development of library and information services to the general public, including the promotion of literacy; and to promote the introduction of new technology into library services. ALP also has a function as catalyst within IFLA for the organization's activities in Third World countries.

The scope of ALP is wide. Cooperation with relevant IFLA professional bodies as well as with regional and international organizations is therefore essential to the implementation of the programme.

ALP achieves its goals through a carefully planned programme of different activities in close cooperation with IFLA's Regional Offices, IFLA's Regional Division and its three Sections, as well as other partners. This cooperation includes actions such as fund-raising, scholarships and attachment programmes, conferences, seminars and workshops, pilot projects, publications and databases.

#### **Staff and Finance**

The International Focal Point (IFP) for ALP at Uppsala University Library is funded by IFLA and by no less than 25 Nordic library associations and institutions, as well as by Uppsala University. Danida pays for one half-time position and since 1996 has paid for translations and publications. Sida funds were also used for the secretariat. The cost for the IFP in 1997 was SEK 1,170,000, which included staff, travel, material and equipment, the database project, as well as all the expenses for participation at the Book Fair in Gothenburg, and the money for Sida's Minor Field Study Programme, MFS. To this should be added contributions in kind from Uppsala University Library (office space, mail and communications). ALP also reduced its debt to Uppsala University Library by SEK 152,597.

The ALP IFP was staffed by the same three people as in previous years, Birgitta Bergdahl, Core Programme

Director, Birgitta Sandell, Programme Officer (half-time) and Gunilla Natvig, Administrative Officer (80%). The University Librarian, Ulf Göranson, devotes considerable time and effort to supporting the programme.

#### **Professional Activities**

The professional activities continued in full during the year. The total amount of money which ALP paid for projects and other programme activities was around SEK 1,830,000. (Since 1992, when the programme became fully operational, we have been able to spend around SEK 8,340,000 on programme activities.) The founders in 1997 were: Sida, Danida, FINNIDA and the Finnish Library Association, NORAD and three Swedish library associations, as well as the Swedish Institute. In addition, those responsible for projects in the regions contributed their own resources but also raised considerable external funds from other sources.

#### **ALP Meetings and Seminars**

*The 5th Microcomputer Workshop*, supported by ALP, took place in Cape Town, South Africa, 19-24 January. Unlike previous workshops, it was aimed at librarians or information workers at middle level who have a limited experience with computers. The workshop was attended by 27 participants, representing six of the nine

new South African Provincial Legislatures. No responses to invitations to the workshop were received from Mpumalanga and the Northern Cape Provinces. The workshop was also attended by Gboyega Banjo, former Chair of the Africa Section and Birgitta Sandell, Programme Officer, IFLA ALP. Birgitta Sandell's costs in attending the meeting were paid for by the Swedish Institute. ALP received a report from the workshop, "Microcomputer Applications for Library Managers". It can be requested from the ALP secretariat at Uppsala.

*JICPA (Joint IFLA/ICA Committee on Preservation in Africa).* JICPA met for the second time in Dakar, Senegal, 21-22 February. The members represent the four ICA chapters in Africa, and the five sub-regions of IFLA's Regional Section for Africa. The Chair is the Chief Librarian of Benin University Library in Togo, F.K. Afanou, and the Secretary General is the Director of the National Archives of Kenya, M. Musembi. There are also five members ex officio: the Chair of IFLA's Regional Standing Committee for Africa; Bjorn Lindh, representing ICA's Commission on Archival Development; Henri Sene, the IFLA Africa Regional Office Manager; Marie-Thérèse Varlamoff, the Core Programme Director of IFLA's PAC Programme; and Birgitta Bergdahl, the Core Programme Director of ALP. There was simultaneous interpretation between French and English. A report of this meeting was published in *International Preservation News* 14(14):29(1997). With money from Danida, ALP has been able to supply the JICPA members with e-mail equipment and to pay for the secretariat in Nairobi as well as for this meeting. Danida has granted more than USD 220,000 towards JICPA for the period 1997-1999. There was also a meeting in connection with the Copenhagen IFLA Conference, also financed by Danida.

*Training of Trainers in the Exploitation of Scientific Documentation Resources.* A Regional Seminar funded by FINNIDA on Training of Trainers in the Exploitation of Scientific Documentation Resources in Primary Schools took place in Dakar, 24-28 February. The seminar was arranged by Antoinette Correa, Secretary General, and Oumou Mobido Sissoko, responsible for training in "Bibliothèque, Lecture, Développement" (BLD), and led by Marie Girod from the "Comité à fond la Science", the municipal library in Ballacourt-sur-Essonne, France. There were 23 participants, eight representing Burkina Faso, Cameroon, the Ivory Coast and Guinea, the rest from Senegal. The

seminar was conducted entirely in French. Birgitta Bergdahl represented ALP. Bookshelves, tables, chairs and microcomputers were donated by Sida to this second newly built school library in the Pikine area. This was the final activity of the Pilot Project on twin circuit libraries, a project which tries to combine school libraries with public libraries. A final report from this project is expected in 1998.

*Workshop on Tools for Library Development.* A Workshop on Tools for Library Development took place in Schoelcher, Martinique, on 10-13 March for 29 participants from 29 different Caribbean countries. There were also resource persons, representing ACCT, IFLA, UNESCO and IFLA's Regional Standing Committee and two observers from France and Reunion. The workshop was financed by BIEF and by ALP with money from Sida. There was simultaneous interpretation between English, French and Spanish. ALP was represented by Birgitta Bergdahl. The proceedings were published in the IFLA ALP Project Report Series (No 10), and can be requested from the ALP secretariat in Uppsala.

*JICPA Workshop on Preservation for Francophone Africa.* The JICPA Workshop on Preservation for Francophone Africa took place in Dakar, Senegal, 7-11 April. There were 13 participants from 12 French-speaking African countries. The trainers were Bunmi Alegbeleye, Mr Tendeng from EBAD and Fatty Sally, National Archives, Senegal. The workshop was financed entirely by BIEF, through IFLA's PAC Programme. The report from the workshop can be requested from IFLA ALP.

*EADI Conference.* Birgitta Sandell participated in the EADI Conference, the Information and Documentation Group, "Information Exchange without Borders, Myth or Reality?", 24-26 September in Paris.

Birgitta Bergdahl participated in the 40th anniversary of the Africana Librarians' Council, 13-14 November.

## **IFLA's General Conference in Copenhagen**

### *Workshops*

Birgitta Bergdahl participated in the Pre-Session Seminar in Aalborg, "Bridging the Gap: Implementation of Information Technology in Developing Countries". We have been sharing the work of

administering the Pre-Session Seminars with IFLA HQ since 1994. ALP also funded part of this seminar.

All IFLA ALP staff members participated in the Copenhagen Conference. In Copenhagen we also had a chance to meet with IFLA's Executive Board and with representatives of several other IFLA bodies to plan for future cooperation. ALP also had a Poster Session at the stand of IFLA HQ.

## **IFLA Regional Standing Committee Meetings**

ALP IFP cooperates closely with IFLA's Regional Offices and Standing Committees in the planning, development and execution of projects and activities.

The annual meetings of the Regional Standing Committees in their own regions are most important for the development of ALP. During recent years these meetings have been organized in conjunction with workshops or seminars so that part of the travel and other costs have been shared. As of 1995 IFLA has been financing a substantial part of the meetings.

Birgitta Bergdahl participated in the Africa Section meeting in Dakar, Senegal, in February. ALP IFP was represented by Gunilla Natvig at the meeting of the Section for Asia and Oceania in Bangkok, Thailand, in March. In March Birgitta Bergdahl participated in the Latin American and the Caribbean Committee meeting at Schoelcher, Martinique.

Birgitta Bergdahl, Gunilla Natvig and Birgitta Sandell took part in the Regional Standing Committee meetings in Copenhagen.

## **Scholarships and Attachments**

*Scholarships in Information Technology to the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Bangkok, Thailand.* Two scholarships were awarded for the three-months' training course in modern information technology in 1997 at the AIT, namely to Mohammad Ali, Indonesia and Ester Sanculi Gapas, Philippines.

*Scholarships in Information Technology to INSDOC, New Delhi, India.* Two scholarships were awarded to Dilip Man Sthapit, Nepal; and Hafiz Khubaib Ahmad, Pakistan. Unfortunately, Mr Kubaib Ahmad notified us at a late stage that he could not take up his scholarship.

The scholarship programme is funded by Sida and FINNIDA.

*In Service Training, Attachments, for Middle or Senior Staff.* Four persons were selected for attachments in 1997 at institutions in the region: Ms M. Palemia, Fiji; R. Che Pee, Malaysia; G.D. Amarasiri, Sri Lanka; and Nguyen Hoang, Vietnam. Host institutions were: Mahidol University Library, Thailand, Monash University Library, Australia and the National Library of Malaysia. This project is funded by three Swedish library associations and by the Finnish Library Association with additional money from FINNIDA.

The candidates for both programmes were selected by the Advisory and Appraisal Committee of the Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania and the decisions were approved by the ALP Core Programme Director. The Newsletter for Asia and Oceania publishes the reports from the awardees annually, and also presents the host organizations. Both the AIT and INSDOC report annually to ALP.

In Africa the Bart Nwafor Staff Development Programme started this year with funding from NORAD. The Regional Office for Africa is responsible for the programme and ALP IFP holds and disburses the funds and gives a statement of accounts to NORAD. Selected for 1997 were: Massamba Cisse, Senegal; Ibrahim Abdul Kadiri, Ghana; and Malamine Diouf, Senegal. Host institutions were: the Library, University of Zimbabwe; the Library, University of South Africa (UNISA); and the Centre de Documentation Nationale de Tunis.

NCLIS funded an attachment programme for Latin America and the Caribbean, "Attachments in Information, Bibliographic Control and Information Technology". Elsa Ramirez Leyva at CIUB, UNAM, Mexico was responsible.

## Other Ongoing Projects

### Africa

ALP participated in cooperation with the IFLA Africa Regional Section and IFLA's Regional Office for Africa at the Zimbabwe International Book Fair, 4-8 August in Harare. Stan Made, Secretary of the IFLA Regional Standing Committee for Africa was responsible for the stand and the exhibition. The small stand was paid for by money from Sida.

### Asia and Oceania

*The National Bibliography of the Lao PDR (1975-1990).* This project was

completed in 1997, having been funded by ALP with money from Sida.

*Thai-Lao-Hmong project on books for young people.* This project was started in 1997. It is paid for entirely by Sida.

*A workshop to train library association managers in Micronesia in library advocacy and policy development.* This workshop took place on Guam, in connection with the PIALA Conference. Forty-three persons registered, coming from many islands in Micronesia. The workshop was paid for by Sida.

*Regional Conference on Public Libraries: Planning for Future Needs.* The conference took place in Kuala Lumpur, 10-12 November. It was organized by the National Library of Malaysia, in cooperation with IFLA's Section on Public Libraries and the IFLA Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania, the directors of the Malaysian Public Libraries Council and the Library Association of Malaysia. Most of the 138 participants were from Malaysia, but there were also delegates from Singapore, Sri Lanka, Brunei, India, Indonesia, Nepal and Laos. It was to a large extent funded by ALP, with money from Sida. A brief report has been received. The proceedings will be published in the IFLA ALP Project Report Series.

*A Union Catalogue of Mongolian Ancient Materials in China* was started in December 1997, also with money from Sida.

### Latin America and the Caribbean

*INFOBILA:* the Latin American database in the library and information area. ALP is supporting the database with money from Sida. The project timetable is 1995-1997.

*Study of the feasibility of improving access to document collections about ethnic groups in Central America.* Money from Sida was sent to this project in the autumn. It is also financed by UNESCO.

### Intra-regional project

*Standards for the evaluation of information provision to rural communities in developing countries.* For this project a contract was signed with UNESCO PGI in 1996. It is also financed by Sida and the person responsible is Diana Rosenberg, International African Institute, London, UK. ALP received the final report, Rural Information Provision in Developing Countries - Measuring Performance and Impact from UNESCO in February 1998. A French version will be

published by UNESCO, and a Spanish version by ALP.

## Publications and other Dissemination Activities

*ALP Project Report Series (ISSN 1023-8212)*

Three issues were published in 1997: *Guidelines for Library Services to Deaf People*, by John Michael Day. Translated into Arabic by Ahmad Al-Khalifah. Uppsala University Library, 1997 (No. 9)

*Tools for Library Development. Proceedings of the Workshop Held in Martinique, 10-13 March, 1997.* Edited by Gunilla Natvig. Uppsala University Library, 1997 (No. 10)

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## Representation at other Meetings

During the year ALP was represented and information was presented about the programme at the following conferences, which were organized by other bodies:

- March 22-23. The Hague, Netherlands. Working Group on Literacy, Birgitta Sandell
- October 20. Stockholm, Sweden. ALP Nordic Support Group Meeting
- October 30-November 2. Gothenburg, Sweden. Swedish Book

Fair, An ALP exhibition which concentrated on Antoinette Correa's pilot project on twin circuit libraries. Gunilla Natvig, Birgitta Sandell, Birgitta Bergdahl and Antoinette Correa participated. Antoinette Correa's participation was paid for by the Swedish Institute.

- December 7-8. The Hague, Netherlands. Pre-Session 97 Committee Meeting and PB Meeting, Birgitta Bergdahl

### Visitors to the International Focal Point

Visitors to the ALP IFP in 1997 were:

- Paul Sturges, Loughborough University, 9 March
- Marta Cruz Coke, Director of Libraries, Archives and Museums, Santiago de Chile, 9 April
- Hiroshi Kawamura, IFLA SLB, 15 April
- Hilde Sperrevik, CMI, Norway; Alison Frayne, SSD, University of Namibia and Chedza Molefe, Botswana Institute for Development Policy Analysis, 22 April
- Iaguba Djalo, Guinea Bissau, 10 September
- Upali Amarasiri, National Librarian of Sri Lanka, 22 October

### Annual Report 1997 of the IFLA PAC Programme by Marie-Thérèse Varlamoff, Programme Director, and Virginie Kremp, Programme Officer

#### Reorganization and Management

The year 1997 was a year of reorganization for the PAC Programme with an emphasis on the development of preservation issues and activities in Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Africa.

*Creation of a new PAC Centre for Eastern Europe and the CIS (Commonwealth of Independent States)*

After the closing down of the Leipzig Regional Centre in January 1997 a call for tenders was distributed among Eastern European libraries. Three libraries in Russia sent back proposals to host the new PAC Centre: the Russian State Library in Moscow (former Lenin

Library), the National Library of Russia in St Petersburg and the M.I. Rudomino All-Russia State Library for Foreign Literature (LFL) in Moscow. In July, the PAC Director visited the three libraries, their premises and preservation facilities. She was accompanied by the chair of the Section on Preservation and Conservation, Beatrix Kastaly. The results of their meeting with the three library directors and preservation teams, as well as the results of a detailed questionnaire that had been distributed were summed up in a report presented to the IFLA Executive Board in Copenhagen. The decision was then taken to establish the new Centre at the Library for Foreign Literature in Moscow and Galina Kislovskaya, the Deputy Director, was appointed Director of the Regional PAC Centre for Eastern Europe and the CIS.

#### *PAC in Africa*

The International PAC Centre in Paris serves as Regional Centre for Western Europe, the Middle East and Africa. With the creation of the JICPA (Joint IFLA/ICA Committee for Preservation in Africa) in 1996, the role of the International Centre has increased. Though PAC is no longer the only preservation authority for libraries in Africa, it is very much involved in the development of JICPA and has been very active throughout 1997 in raising funds, organizing a preservation workshop in Dakar and assisting JICPA Secretary General with translations. PAC has been more often than expected the indispensable "go-between" for communicating information between the different African countries. Two JICPA meetings were held in 1997: one in Dakar in February and another one in Copenhagen in August to which observers from the CPA (Commission on Preservation and Access) were invited. Discussions mostly dealt with the creation of National Preservation Commissions and with the organization of preservation workshops.

#### *Appointment of new PAC Directors*

Three new Directors have been appointed:

- Yoshitaka Nishimiya in Tokyo to succeed Takao Shimamura
- Galina Kislovskaya in Moscow
- Cliff Law in Canberra to succeed Jan Lyall.

In Washington, Amparo de Torres, though not having any official position within the PAC Regional Centre, has

shown her commitment and has been an efficient partner throughout the year.

#### *Meeting of the PAC Directors in Copenhagen*

As usual the IFLA Annual Conference gave the PAC Directors the opportunity to meet. All of them were present except Diane Kresh (Washington) who was represented by Winston Tabb, the Deputy Director of the Library of Congress. Beatrix Kastaly and Ralph Manning, officers of the Section on Preservation and Conservation, were invited.

Most of the discussion ran on the Medium-Term Programme 1998-2001, the use of permanent paper, the updating of the *Guidelines on the Care and Handling of Photographs* written by Mark Roosa in 1992 and the lack of visibility of the PAC Programme in some areas of the world, particularly in the Middle East. The creation of new PAC Regional Centres was considered but not actually discussed.

#### Activities

PAC activities covered five major fields in 1997: publications, permanent paper, training in Africa, photography, and the preparation of the Medium-Term Programme.

#### *Publications*

- Three leaflets were distributed during the IFLA Conference: a French-English bilingual one on permanent paper and two on the PAC Programme and its activities: one in English, the other in French.
- Three posters were presented at the booth of the BNF during the conference exhibition.
- *IPN (International Preservation News)*, the PAC newsletter, has developed considerably during the last two years. It has increased in size, most issues having now more than 30 pages. An effort has been made to include summaries of the main articles or even translations of whole articles into French and Spanish. Three issues a year are now being published. We try to publish them on a regular basis but we are very dependent on the availability of the printing team of the BNF. No. 14 - May 1997 was mainly devoted to the preservation of audiovisual carriers. No. 15 - August 1997 dealt with permanent paper and No. 16 - printed in January 1998, is devoted

to Eastern Europe. IPN is distributed free of charge through the various Regional Centres which are progressively updating their mailing lists. New requests for subscriptions are arriving regularly at the International PAC Centre, proving the growing interest of the library community for the publication. More than 7500 copies are published and distributed yearly.

- *The IFLA Principles for the Preservation and Conservation of Library Materials* by Clements and Dureau have been under revision for two years and entirely rewritten by Edward Adcock, from the Bodleian Library, with the assistance of the PAC Director and Programme Officer. Edward Adcock twice visited the PAC Centre to discuss editorial issues and corrections to be brought to the draft. The new edition of those Principles deals with the care and handling of library materials, whether traditional or audiovisual and digital. It is much enlarged and more practical than the previous one. It has been purposely written to fit the needs and expectations of libraries and colleagues that have a limited knowledge of preservation. Thanks to the generosity of the Commission on Preservation and Access, PAC will be able to distribute those Principles on a wide scale. They represent No. 1 of a new series on preservation issues: IPI (International Preservation Issues). The Regional Centres have been approached to decide how many copies they will distribute free of charge. PAC is conscious that this kind of publication is usually being sold, but raising awareness on preservation issues stands as its major goal, and most of the colleagues for whose benefit it is written could not afford to buy it.

#### *Permanent Paper*

Strong emphasis has been put throughout the year on permanent paper with two major events and active publicity.

- European Meeting on Paper Preservation, The Hague, Koninklijke Bibliotheek, 20-22 March 1997. Some 40 participants from 15 European countries attended this conference organized by the Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture and Sciences, the Koninklijke Bibliotheek and the State General Archives of the Netherlands. The Conference issued a series of recommendations:

to develop and implement a broad promotional campaign across Europe in order to enhance awareness of the risks threatening the memory of Europe; develop a concerted action of different parties from the private and public sector in order to stimulate innovative and competitive solutions to ensure the permanence and accessibility of information preserved in archives and libraries. Ms Varlamoff attended and participated in the conference, both as a representative of IFLA and of France.

- Adoption of the resolution on the use of permanent paper by UNESCO General Conference, November 1997. An active campaign to support this resolution was led by the different PAC Regional Centres and resulted in the adoption in November 1997 by the UNESCO General Conference. Leaflets and posters denouncing the dangers threatening the very important number of acidic paper collections held by libraries all over the world were distributed and exhibited. To implement a larger and more global use of permanent paper, further steps are being considered, such as the organization of a travelling exhibition in the main European libraries. PAC has been looking for sponsors and has started to draw up the main parts of the exhibition which should be available in 1998.

#### *Training in Africa*

A first JICPA conservation workshop took place in Dakar, Senegal, 7-11 April 1997. Organized thanks to a grant from BIEF the workshop gathered 13 participants from 12 French-speaking African countries. The workshop was held both in the premises of EBAD (Ecole des Bibliothécaires, Archivistes et Documentalistes) at Dakar University and in the conservation premises of the National Archives. In spite of the selection, the participants did not form an homogeneous group and there was some criticism concerning the contents of the workshop, which was considered to be too theoretical and not practical enough. These comments will be taken into consideration for the organization of future workshops.

During the JICPA Meeting in Dakar, it was decided to organize a conservation workshop for Arabic-speaking colleagues in Tunis, May 1998, generously hosted by the National Archives of Tunisia. Moncef Fakhfakh, the National Archivist,

is in charge of the organization and funds are granted by Danida through ALP.

As a follow up of the Pan-African Meeting on Preservation, Nairobi, 1993, Musila Musembi, JICPA Secretary General and National Archivist of Kenya proposed holding an expert meeting on preservation training in library and archive schools. With the support of ALP and PAC he has been organizing the meeting which is to take place in March 1998.

Two workshops for English-speakers will take place in early 1998 in South Africa.

A workshop for Portuguese-speakers is also being organized by Björn Lindh (ICA) and Ms Varlamoff, to be held late in 1998.

The main problem related to the organization of these workshops is the difficulty in communicating with B. Alegbeleye from Nigeria, who is the coordinator for training activities. Though B. Alegbeleye's knowledge and experience in the preservation field is acknowledged throughout in Africa, it has proved very difficult to work with him on a stable basis due to communication impediments. A solution to this problem should be found quickly if we do not want to put training in Africa at a disadvantage.

#### *Photography*

*CD-ROM of Latin American Photographs.* In the framework of UNESCO's "Memory of the World" Programme a contract was signed between IFLA and UNESCO to produce a CD-ROM presenting 3,000 photographs of the 19th century featuring the construction of Latin America. The contract was signed late in April 1997 and the CD-ROM was expected to be produced before the end of the year. With some 10 countries participating in the project and with the difficulties in communication inherent to Latin America, only two-thirds of the project was completed by December 1997. Nevertheless PAC hopes to have the CD produced by April 1998.

The project, initiated by the PAC International Centre, has been regionally handled by the Regional Centre in Caracas. The coordinating team (including Ramón Sanchez, the Director and Sagrario Berti who were in charge of the photographic collections) gathered the photographs and their bibliographic descriptions from other foreign libraries. They completed missing items with photographs from the rich collection of

the National Library in Caracas. They also had to settle technical issues with the University of Colima, Mexico, which was in charge of producing the CD-ROM.

The purpose of this CD-ROM is less to give access to so far unaccessible collections than to raise awareness among governments, decision-makers and library managers, of the importance, interest and fragility of the photographic collections held in libraries and of the necessity to take preservation measures to safeguard them.

*Second International Seminar on the Preservation of Photographs. Rio de Janeiro, 20-24 October 1997.* Ms Varlamoff attended the seminar and presented two papers. Participants came mainly from Latin America but many speakers came from the USA or Europe. Preventive preservation and digitization were at the core of the discussions. The presentation of the CD-ROM project encouraged colleagues to participate. PAC has now enough contacts throughout Latin America to consider developing, in the framework of "Memory of the World", a much larger project on the preservation of photographic collections involving the whole region. Latin American photographs from the 19th Century have been put on the World Register of the "Memory of the World" by the International Advisory Committee in Tashkent, 1 October 1997.

#### *Elaboration of the Medium-Term Programme*

The MTP was developed jointly by the PAC International Centre and the Regional Centres after consultation with the Section on Preservation and Conservation, to ensure that the MTPs of both the Programme and the Section complement and do not overlap each other.

## Cooperation

Considering that cooperation is the keyword for efficiency and success, PAC has long led activities in collaboration with other structures within IFLA and external associations, institutions or organizations.

#### *Within IFLA*

*Section on Preservation and Conservation.* The Section is PAC's main partner on joint activities. Consequently, PAC published in *IPN* two of the Section's leaflets: on library disaster planning, *IPN* No. 13, and on

permanent paper, *IPN* No. 15. PAC and the Section developed their respective MTP in concert and contacts between the Chair and the Secretary of the Section and the PAC Director are numerous and frequent.

*Other Core Programmes.* Except for ALP with which PAC has long been cooperating, especially in Africa, collaboration with the other Core Programmes is restricted to specific activities: producing information for UDT for IFLANET; a project of entering preservation data in the bibliographic description with UBCIM; or a project on the safeguarding and the accessibility of digitized publications with UAP.

#### *Outside IFLA*

*ALA: American Library Association.* Ms Varlamoff was invited to participate in the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Washington, 12-16 February 1997 where she delivered a paper.

*BIEF: Banque d'information des Etats francophones.* BIEF supported the expenses of the Conservation Workshop in Dakar and took all the practical initiatives concerning the travel and accommodation of the participants.

*CPA: Commission on Preservation and Access.* CPA recently merged with the Council on Library Resources and became one of the four programme areas of CLIR (Council on Library and Information Resources). The cooperation between CPA and PAC is twofold. There is a concrete editorial cooperation and funding for the publication of the Principles.

*ECPA: European Commission on Preservation and Access.* The European sister of the CPA is presently co-organizing with the Koninklijke Bibliotheek in The Hague and PAC an International Conference on Preservation Management, to be held in The Hague, 19-21 April 1999. Three meetings of the organizing committee have already taken place in the Netherlands and Denmark (March, August, December).

*ICA: International Council on Archives.* In 1997 cooperation between IFLA PAC and ICA essentially concerned joint activities in Africa (JICPA) and active participation in the International Committee for the Blue Shield (ICBS) a UNESCO Programme for the protection of cultural property in the event of armed conflict or natural disaster. ICBS includes ICA, IFLA, ICOM and ICOMOS. IFLA is represented by the Secretary General and, when unable to attend, by the PAC Director. Ms Varlamoff attended two

meetings in November and December 1997.

*OAS: Organization of American States.* Contacts were established with Susan Benson to support projects in Latin America.

*UNESCO.* Unesco is a privileged partner of IFLA PAC, especially the PGI and the "Memory of the World" Programme whose aims, activities and publications complement those of the IFLA PAC Programme. In 1997 cooperation essentially concerned the project of the CD-ROM of Latin American Photographs. Ms Varlamoff also attended three important meetings: 1) a meeting on the Subcommittee on Technology of the "Memory of the World" Programme, London, 15-17 May; 2) a Regional Meeting in Tashkent, Ouzbekistan, September 25-26 on the Conservation, Preservation and Promotion of the Documentary Heritage of Central Asia; and 3) the Third Meeting of the International Advisory Committee of the "Memory of the World" Programme. Tashkent, 29 September-1 October 1997. A number of joint projects are actually pending and contracts should be signed soon.

*Other.* IFLA PAC also maintains links with organizations like the NDCC (Northeast Document Conservation Centre) USA, and the NPO (National Preservation Office) UK.

#### *Financing and Funding*

Expenses for the management of the programme are shared between IFLA and the Bibliothèque nationale de France. Each library hosting a Regional Centre supports its own management expenses and activities. Complementary funding must be found for special projects or activities. During the report period BIEF supported a training conservation workshop in Dakar (USD 20,000); CPA signed a contract to support the publication of the "Principles" (USD 10,000), USD 4,000 of which were paid in 1997; and UNESCO signed a contract to produce a CD-ROM of Latin American photographs (USD 46,000). In 1997, USD 35,000 were effectively sent to IFLA.

## Visits and Participation in Conferences and Meetings by the Programme Director

- February 12-16. Washington DC. ALA Mid-winter Meeting; meeting with CPA
- February 19-23. Dakar, Senegal. JICPA Meeting

- March 20-22. The Hague and Amsterdam. European Meeting on Paper Preservation and meeting with ECPA
- April 21-25. Paris. Third Arsag International Symposium on "Conservation: A Developing Theme"
- May 15-17. London. Meeting of the MOW Subcommittee on Technology
- July 9-16. Moscow and St. Petersburg. Visits to libraries wishing to host a PAC Centre
- July 18-21. Arles and Montpellier. Round Tables on Conservation
- August 28-September 7. Copenhagen. IFLA Conference
- September 25- October 1. Tashkent. Regional Consultation on the Conservation, Preservation and Promotion of the Documentary Heritage of Central Asia; Third Meeting of the International Advisory Committee of the MOW Programme
- October 20-24. Rio de Janeiro. 2nd International Seminar on the Preservation of Photographs
- November 13. Paris. UNESCO Blue Shield Meeting
- December 5. Paris. International Committee for the Blue Shield
- December 7-9. The Hague. Joint meeting of the PB and Core Programmes; preparatory meeting for the International Conference on Preservation Management (The Hague, 1999); meeting of the organizing committee of the pre-Session Seminar (Bangkok, 1999)
- December 16-17. Paris. Symposium on the Future of Acidic Paper.

### Courses Followed by Staff

In 1997, the Programme Officer attended the following courses: Technical course on paper, including a week on raising awareness of scientific methods for testing papers, at the Laboratory of the BNF at the Technical Centre, Marne-la-Vallée; and training sessions on the preservation of library collections, at the Technical Centre of the BNF.

### Visits

Visitors from various countries and professional backgrounds came to visit the PAC International Centre and asked for information on the programme and publications. But most requests are now made through the Internet.

### Activities of the Regional Centres

#### *Training and Raising Awareness*

All the centres have continued to provide assistance on a regular basis to foreign

institutions in their regions, either through expertise or by training conservators. Proper training performed by the regional centres can be divided into two kinds:

- Practical training for conservators from abroad, such as the Centre of Tokyo that welcomed two trainees from Taipei, Taiwan, China or the Centre in Moscow that welcomed 35 conservators and binders from other Republics.
- Educational courses, be it either in-house or external. Thanks to funds from UNESCO, the Centre of Caracas has been able to resume its annual course on paper conservation and set up a second level. Ten students from Colombia, Cuba, Uruguay, Nicaragua and Venezuela have begun the September 1997 session. The Centre in Washington has continued to team-teach "the Preservation of Library and Archival Materials", a course in the graduate curriculum of the school of Library and Information Science at the Catholic University, Washington. Amparo de Torres was one of the instructors in a week long seminar "Conservación Preventiva para Entidades Científicas y Culturales" taught in collaboration with professionals from the Northeast Document Conservation Centre and the Canadian Conservation Institute at the National Archives in Cuba. Two new distance education courses have commenced in August 1997 at the University of New South Wales in Audiovisual Management and Library Preservation Administration. This latter was developed by Wendy Smith from the Centre in Canberra and will rely mostly on the Internet as a delivery mechanism. In this respect the National Library of Australia provided sponsorship to enable trainees from the Philippines to participate in the courses. Wendy Smith presented a two-week workshop on conservation in Western Samoa, last August. In-house training took place at the Centre in Tokyo where staff was taught the principles of conservation and how to do small repairs.

Raising awareness is one of the top activities of the Centre in Moscow, which organized many seminars and conferences. The Centre in Washington held its second Preservation Awareness Workshop intended for the public which received a very enthusiastic response. In Tokyo the Centre held its annual

Preservation Forum. This year the topic dealt with the use of recycled paper and the preservation of library materials.

#### *Publications, Translations and Dissemination*

The rate of publications issued by the centres certainly depends on the number of preservation-related publications offered by other institutions in the same area. The needs in terms of publications in Northern America are obviously less than in the Southern part.

This explains why the Centre in Caracas is the most efficient partner for *International Preservation News* as information in Spanish is usually scarce. For this reason, it is now issued in three languages, English, French and Spanish and the Centre of Caracas has provided the translations of whole texts or summaries in Spanish.

The Centre in Australia continued to produce a flyer with each issue of *IPN* with local information. This is an initiative which will be adopted by the newly created Centre in Moscow which intends to issue a flyer in Russian.

Efforts by other Centres must not be overlooked. For the first time, the Centre in Tokyo published an English-Japanese version of the proceedings of its 1996 Annual Forum on Preservation, dealing with environment and disaster preparedness.

In Moscow many articles have been translated into Russian amongst which, the paper by Alan Howell on the digitization of newspapers; the IFLA brochures on disaster preparedness and permanent paper; and leaflets on reformatting, issued by the Northeast Documentation Conservation Centre. The Centre in Moscow has also copied the tape *Slow Fires*. In order to meet the great demand, the video is lent to institutions on request.

Two articles were written by staff of the Centre of Canberra, one dealing with the preservation of polymers, the other with the properties of paper in naturally aged books.

Washington published a report on digitization and pursued, thanks to Amparo de Torres' initiative, negotiations to have the printing of the Canadian Conservation Institute's poster funded by a papermaker.

Although the Centre of Caracas has encountered several difficulties in having issues of *Conservaplan* printed, this did not prevent the Centre from continuing to

translate important papers in view of prospective printings.

#### *Coordination and Cooperation*

On a national basis the Centre in Australia has been working with Australian Paper, the sole large producer of office and fine paper in the country, to promote the 1996 Australian standards for permanent paper. Papers have been tested for compliance with the standard and all those which comply will soon be labelled as such. A list of Australian made permanent paper is being compiled and will be disseminated in the next few months.

On an institutional level, the National Library of Australia has been coordinating the development of the "Statement of Principles for the Preservation of Digital Objects" since 1995. These statements were finalized in 1997 and the full text is available at: <<http://www.nla.gov.au/archive/npo/natco/princ.html>>.

The Centre in Moscow was actively involved in the working out of a National Preservation Programme at the request of the Ministry of Culture. It has also contributed to the EROMM base with 77 records on Russian microform masters. Import and export procedures are under discussion. Searching ways of storing microform masters filmed by and for Russian libraries is another issue that the centre has started addressing in 1997.

On a regional/international basis the Centres in Moscow, Caracas and Canberra have all begun the setting up of regional directories which should be very useful for all professionals in their respective regions, and also for different reasons.

In Russia and the CIS, such a directory has never been done before and there is a high need to gather professionals and help them communicate. A database will be developed once the compiling process is over.

This task has already been performed for Spanish-speaking professionals but the directory issued by ICCROM, CAL and APOYO is incomplete. However, this directory will serve as a basis for the one compiled at the Biblioteca Nacional de Venezuela, and hopefully the new one will be mounted on the Internet.

In South East Asia and the Pacific, communication through the Internet is increasing significantly because of the great distances between islands. Such a directory will be welcomed to help professionals communicate. This is

especially relevant because the APACA group (Australian Preservation and Conservation Abroad) which was established to provide a forum for information exchange on Australian preservation and conservation activities in the Asia Pacific region, has ceased meeting. Communication is now established electronically which saves time and money.

The Centre in Washington sent several bibliographical references and other pieces of information relevant to disasters to libraries in Poland at the request of the National Library. Assistance from the Preservation Directorate was also provided to the Morgan Library at Colorado State University where some 425,000 books were damaged by the flood.

#### *Research*

The Centre of the Biblioteca Nacional de Venezuela started the development of an Emergency Management and Recovery Plan for three different buildings of the Library. Once it is finished it will serve as an example to the National Library System which will develop its own.

Much work and effort have been put in the creation of the CD-ROM of 19th century Latin American photographs by Caracas (see above).

The pH survey of current Japanese monographs and periodicals was conducted by the Centre in Tokyo in August. Acid-free paper was found to be used in 50.2% of official publications, which is 14.8% higher than the preceding year.

Several research projects have been carried out by the Centre in Washington. In November 1997, the Library awarded to Preservation Technologies, Pittsburgh, USA a contract to provide book preservation service to the Library of Congress for the next four years. The company will deacidify about 250,000 books with its patented Bookkeeper process.

Specifications for pressure-sensitive labels have been developed and should be read on the Preservation Directorate's Web page. Accelerated aging tests for binding adhesives were carried out. The Centre has also set up an unified strategy for the preservation of audio and video collections of the Library of Congress.

#### *Fund-raising*

Fund raising is becoming a full-time activity for carrying out specific projects

that fall within the scope of the Centres.

Finding the sponsor which could both print and supply the paper for the CCI's poster translated into Spanish thanks to Amparo de Torres' enthusiasm, has been difficult and strenuous.

However, patience and persistency are usually rewarded but belated answers delay the execution of projects. For instance, after two years of expectation, the Centre in Caracas has been able to resume its course when UNESCO finally granted the money to finance it.

There is no recipe in this respect and each Centre has to find its own strategy according to private or public funds available. For instance, the Centre in Moscow has launched an appeal to the State Duma (a lower chamber of the Russian Parliament) to support preservation microfilming activities.

### **Annual Report 1997 of the IFLA UAP Core Programme and the Office for International Lending by Graham P. Cornish, Programme Director**

#### **Introduction**

As always, this has been a busy year for the Universal Availability of Publications Core Programme. Involvement in project work has continued to be a major feature of our work; the voucher scheme has now become a permanent part of the library cooperation scene and partnerships with other organizations continue to flourish. These words are very like those which opened the report last year and the satisfactory nature of their content means that little change is needed!

#### **Interlending News**

Work has begun on editing the papers from the Fifth Interlending and Document Supply Conference held in Århus in August 1997. They should be ready for publication early in 1998.

In May Sara Gould organized a basic training course in ILL, which was attended by a group of Ghanaian librarians as part of the "Document Delivery in Africa" project being run by the Document Delivery and Interlending Section. The week-long course was held in Manchester, and trainers were Sara Gould, together with David Orman and

Stephen Prowse from the UK Forum for Interlending (FIL).

Later in the year, a workshop on international lending was run by Sara Gould at the FIL Annual Conference, at which she was able to highlight the benefits of the IFLA Voucher Scheme, many of the Office's publications, as well as exploring other problems specific to international lending.

## Projects

Projects continue to be funded by outside organizations and we are constantly looking for other organizations with which to work. As some of our major projects enter their final phase the finding and funding of new work will become essential.

### *The IFLA Voucher Scheme*

It is with great pride that the programme can report that the Voucher Scheme is now a permanent part of the international library cooperation scene. At its meeting in Copenhagen in August the Conference of Directors of National Libraries (CDNL) approved a proposal that the scheme cease to be experimental and become permanent. The support of CDNL has been crucial in this development phase and its trust in the Office has been fully justified. The Scheme continues to go from strength to strength, with now almost 200 libraries listed as participants. The true number of participating libraries is likely to be much higher because many libraries new to the Scheme do not automatically inform us of their acceptance of the Vouchers, and many names are probably missing from our list which remains accessible on IFLANET.

The administrative work involved in the Scheme has been absorbed into the day-to-day work of the Office, but we continue to look at ways in which the Scheme can be improved, when time and resources allow. The Scheme now has brochures available in English, French, German, Russian, Italian and Spanish and looks set to remain an effective way to pay for postal ILL requests. We have now begun to explore ways in which the Voucher Scheme can be transferred to an electronic system, to help overcome the same payment difficulties for requests which are made in a variety of electronic ways.

With this in mind, we recently announced a trial arrangement whereby the Library of Congress will accept IFLA

Vouchers in the usual way, but will have the value of the Vouchers reimbursed in the form of OCLC credits, rather than by means of a postal cheque. This arrangement, established after discussions between OCLC, the Library of Congress and IFLA represents a small step in our efforts to introduce an "electronic voucher scheme".

### *World Directory of Union Catalogues*

This is a project which has been very slow to get going, but is at last showing some signs of results. A joint project with the IFLA Sections on Serial Publications, Bibliography, Document Delivery and Interlending and with the ISBN and ISSN International Centres, it aims to compile a worldwide directory of national and international union catalogues. The results will be accessible on IFLANET, and will provide direct links to any catalogue which is available on the WWW. Full access information will be provided for union catalogues published in other formats, and the Directory itself will be available in hard copy for those without Internet access.

A half-day workshop will be dedicated to the subject of union catalogues during the 1998 IFLA Conference in Amsterdam.

### *IFLA Twinning Project*

With the help of generous funding from outside sources, an international twinning database is being developed and maintained by the Office. The system acts as a kind of dating agency aiming to match libraries as closely as possible, based on the benefits they are seeking from the partnership and the benefits they can offer to the partner. The IFLA UAP Office is the first established focal point to which all libraries can turn when seeking twinning partners.

Initially set up in October 1996, questionnaires have been sent to a large number of different types of libraries who have expressed an interest in the concept of twinning. Due to the diversity in the libraries, matching them with a suitable partner has not always been possible but as the database expands this difficulty should be overcome. Staffing levels and lack of resources have proved to be further obstacles but an additional amount of funding has recently been awarded by UNESCO.

### *MURIEL*

The MURIEL (Multimedia Education System for Librarians Introducing Remote Interactive Processing of Electronic Documents) Project finally came to a satisfactory conclusion at the end of

October. Although partly overtaken by technological developments, the project highlighted many important issues in building an interactive distance learning training module. The European Commission gave the project a final stamp of approval at its final review.

### *COPEARMS*

The IFLA UAP Office on behalf of the COPEARMS (Coordinating Project for Electronic Authors' Right Management System) held two Special Interest Group Meetings. One as part of EVA Florence to promote interoperability of ERMS (Electronic Rights Management Systems), the second as part of the IFFRO AGM in Athens where information about current state of the art ERMS development was discussed and the COPEARMS Services were promoted. The COPEARMS services, which includes advice on technical, business, legal and security issues, are to be offered on a commercial basis during the final year of the project.

The IFLA UAP office arranged an international conference on ERMS issues. Unfortunately, due to a large number of similar events being held, the conference did not attract the number of delegates required to make it a success and was therefore cancelled. It was later decided that a conference might not be the best way to promote the project and interoperability issues and resources should be diverted into upgrading the Web site based at <http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/ifla/copearms>.

### *IMPRIMATUR*

The COPEARMS Project will continue to work closely with the IMPRIMATUR (Intellectual Multimedia Property Rights Model and Terminology for Universal Reference) project which is also co-financed by the European Commission. The IFLA Office for UAP is part of the COPEARMS /IMPRIMATUR Joint Liaison Committee, and is also involved in the IMPRIMATUR project as the British Library Copyright Office.

A major international conference was held at the end of October in Amsterdam to discuss the variety of rights, limitations and exceptions to copyright legislation and the effect on these of data in electronic formats. Delegates attended from all areas of business (publishing, broadcasting, libraries, author groups, performing, record industry, etc.) in an attempt to reach some agreement over the degree to which rights and exceptions should be retained in the electronic environment. Although it would

be optimistic to say that consensus was reached, the stimulating discussions were undoubtedly a step forward. The conference took the form of a keynote speech, followed by the dispersal of delegates into workshop groups, a format which ensured a stimulating discussion.

The proceedings were recorded and printed copies are available from Sarah Keates at the UAP Office. An electronic version can be accessed from the IMPRIMATUR web-site: <<http://www.imprimatur.alcs.co.uk>>.

The IFLA UAP Office held a very successful Special Interest Group meeting at IFLA '97. The meeting gave IFLA members the chance to discuss the future of the library in the electronic world and to have their views on how rights should be managed fed back into the IMPRIMATUR consensus building process.

#### SEDODEL

Under the British Library Copyright Office banner, the IFLA UAP staff has been involved in setting up a project that will increase the availability and accessibility of information for blind and partially sighted people. SEDODEL (Secure Document Delivery for Blind and Partially Sighted People) will combine ERMS with access technology to create a secure environment for the transmission of electronic documents which can be converted to a useable format. The project will receive funding from the European Commission and will begin in April 1998.

## Conferences and Meetings

### Conferences

A major event in the year was the conference on the Role of Libraries in Economic Development held in Ljubljana in cooperation with the Central Technical Library and with the support of the Slovenian Government, the Soros Foundation, the British Council and others. There will be a follow-up to this meeting in North America in 1998 and hopefully another in Eastern Europe in 1999. The 5th Interlending & Document Supply International Conference held in Århus, Denmark, was declared a huge success last August, and the Office was involved both with the organization and with presentation of several papers. The conference proceedings are now in production. Participation in conferences of different kinds is still seen as a major part of the UAP work. This year staff have made presentations at a number of meetings including the Role of Libraries

in Economic Development (Ljubljana); Digital Library Conference (London); Under One Umbrella (Manchester); Ethics of Electronic Information in the 21st Century (Memphis, USA); Spanish Library Association Conference (Barcelona); Electronic Libraries Conference (Cologne); and the Electronic Imaging Group meeting in Wellingborough (UK).

The Office had a heavy programme during the Copenhagen Conference and participated in the Workshop on Document Delivery, the Open Forum, the work of the Standing Committee for Document Delivery and Interlending, the Coordinating Board for Division V and maintained a constant presence during the many poster sessions. The work of the Publishers Liaison Committee also produced very considerable discussion and pointers for future developments in this important area.

### Conference Planning

Considerable effort was devoted during the year to organizing the conference on the Role of Libraries in Economic Growth which was held in Ljubljana in April and the 5th Interlending & Document Supply International Conference held in Århus in August. Planning for further events including a further Conference on Libraries and Economic Renewal in Victoria, British Columbia and the 6th Interlending & Document Supply International Conference in Pretoria in 1999 is already well in hand.

## Representation

The Share the Vision project, to improve public library services for visually impaired people in the UK, is also linked to project TESTLAB which aims to design a workstation for visually impaired people. Funded by the European Union, it also has plans for a National Union Catalogue of Alternative Formats and a Pilot Interlending Project (PIP) for these materials. Such a catalogue has already been established in the UK. The Office is now officially represented on the TESTLAB Expert Users Group.

The Office has continued to play an active role in the "Opportunities in Europe Group", a group of library and information professionals seeking to participate in the development of library and information services throughout Europe. Pauline Connolly is Secretary of the Group and Judy Watkins is Treasurer.

The Office is still a member of the Information for Development Coordinating Committee (IDCC).

Representation still continues on various copyright committees, particularly in the UK, and a careful watch is kept on legal trends which may limit availability and access.

The General Conference in Copenhagen agreed to establish an IFLA Committee on Copyright and other Legal Matters (CLM) for which the Secretariat will be provided by the UAP Programme. A Committee has been established and work continues to build up a team of specialists who will support the work of the Committee in various areas (both geographically and by topic).

## Publications

The *UAP Newsletter* can be received electronically. Contact the general address at the end of this report. It is also published twice a year in paper form.

Several new titles were published by the Office during 1997. They are:

- *Charging for Document Delivery and Interlending - Papers from the IFLA Workshop on Charging*, held during the IFLA Conference, August 1996. Edited by Sara Gould
- *Copyright in Libraries: Global Concerns, Local Solutions - Papers from a Pre-Conference Seminar held in Tianjin*, and those presented at a Conference session of the Section on Document Delivery and Interlending, August 1996. Edited by Judy Watkins
- *The Role of Libraries in Economic Development - Papers from the Conference held in Ljubljana, April 1997*. Edited by Judy Watkins and Pauline Connolly

*National Libraries of the World: An Address List* is updated regularly and is available free of charge. It can be accessed through the Programme's Web site at the National Library of Canada

A complete list of publications is available from the Office on request.

The Office has also continued to be represented on the Editorial Board, and to publish semi-annual reviews and bibliographies in Interlending and Document Supply. It has also continued to compile the Miscellany section of the journal. This contract funds one of the part-time posts in the Office.

Staff have also contributed a number of articles to professional journals in many countries on UAP, copyright law, electronic management systems, payment

mechanisms and document delivery generally.

## Personnel and Communications

Sarah Keates is now established on a 50% basis and is primarily responsible for IFLA matters generally. Judy Watkins is now responsible for much of the Office's work on EC electronic copyright projects and Pauline Connolly is working in both areas. Sara Gould has spent much of her time on COPYSMART but is now concentrating on the Voucher Scheme, Twinning, Union Catalogues and writing reviews and preparing bibliographies. Louise Huddleston has settled in as Office Administrator. Graham Cornish is Director of the UAP Programme and Head of IFLA Office for International Lending; Sarah Keates, Judy Watkins, Sara Gould, Pauline Connolly are Research Officers.

The Office is fully linked to the Internet system. All staff can be reached on a general e-mail address: IFLA@bl.uk and individual members of the team can be reached by using the formula: *firstname.lastname@bl.uk*. The General Office telephone number is +(44-1937) 546255 (which is also the number for Judy Watkins). Other numbers are: 546123 (Graham Cornish); 546465 (Louise Huddleston); 546124 (Sarah Keates) and 546254 (Sara Gould and Pauline Connolly).

The UAP Office has a home page on the WWW at <http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/ifla/VI/2/uap.htm>

## Annual Report 1997 of the IFLA UBCIM Core Programme by Marie-France Plassard, Programme Officer

### Introduction

1997 was a year of change for the IFLA UBCIM Programme which moved, as did all the staff and services of the Deutsche Bibliothek, into the new building in January 1997. In May, the new building was officially inaugurated by Chancellor Kohl. The President and the Secretary General of IFLA had been invited to attend the ceremony, as well as several Directors of National Libraries. Robert Wedgeworth and Leo Voogt thus had the opportunity to visit the impressive new UBCIM offices.

A decisive move towards worldwide access to information was achieved in the summer when Concise Web UNIMARC Bibliographic and Authorities

were made accessible on the IFLANET thanks to the kind cooperation of the UDT Programme.

## Medium-Term Programme 1998-2001

The Medium-Term Programme, finalized in 1997, retains the same scope as the former, but special consideration will be given (where appropriate) to developments in electronic and networked environments. Indeed, the Goals refer to the development of bibliographic standards and guidelines, with particular attention to new technology. The promotion of authority control at the international level, the maintenance and promotion of the UNIMARC format, the publication programme and the clearinghouse role, all aspects of the 1997 activities, remain goals for 1998-2001. The role of "clearinghouse" for information on all IFLA endeavors in the field of bibliographic control has considerably increased since the Programme is connected and has a Web Home Page.

## UBC Activities in Cooperation with the Division of Bibliographic Control

*International Conference on National Bibliographic Services (ICNBS), Copenhagen, 25-27 November 1998*

Plans moved ahead for the organization of this Conference which will commemorate the 1977 Paris Conference on National Bibliographies. The ICNBS Planning Committee, chaired by Ross Bourne (British Library), former Chair of the Division of Bibliographic Control, is comprised of the new Chair of the Division, Ingrid Parent (National Library of Canada), three members of the Standing Committee on Bibliography, Barbara Bell (College of Wooster, Ohio), Marcelle Beaudiquez, Honorary Adviser and Françoise Bourdon, Secretary/Treasurer of the Section (both at BNF), a member of the SC on Cataloguing, Mona Madsen (Royal School of Librarianship, Copenhagen) and the UBCIM Programme Officer. The Committee met during the IFLA Conference in Copenhagen.

The Conference, on invitation only, will take place in the Royal School of Librarianship on 25-27 November 1998. Around 200 letters of invitation (to all CDNL members and relevant international organizations) were issued

by the IFLA UBCIM Programme. The Director of the Royal Library, Erland Kolding Nielsen, has been most active and successful in approaching sponsors to enable participation by developing countries. Additional funds are being sought by Planning Committee members.

*IFLA Working Group on Minimal Level Authority Record (MLAR) and the ISADN*

This Working Group, created in 1996, produced a matrix of essential elements to be included for internationally accessed/shared data in various formats. The draft was circulated to commentators, subsequently revised and discussed at a meeting of the Working Group held on 28 April in the National and University Library of Helsinki, Finland. The Library funded a great part of the travel expenses of the Chair of the Working Group, Barbara Tillet (Library of Congress). All other travel expenses, as well as subsistence for the whole WG and the IFLA UBCIM Programme Officer, were funded by the IFLA UBCIM Programme. The new revised document was sent for worldwide review in December.

### Seminars and Workshops

A Seminar on Bibliographic Control was due to take place in Mexico in November 1997. However, it had to be postponed and is now scheduled for September 1998. Preparations for the Regional Seminar on Bibliographic Control in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia progressed very well. Ross Bourne and Marie-France Plassard met with the Director of the National Library of Malaysia and a member of her staff during the IFLA Conference in Copenhagen. Funding for participation from developing countries at both seminars has been secured by the ALP Programme. The Seminar in Malaysia will take place in Kuala Lumpur on 9-12 March 1998. It is a very good example of cooperation between various entities of IFLA as, apart from UBCIM, Division IV (Ingrid Parent), the ALP Programme (Birgitta Bergdahl) and the UDT Programme (Gary Cleveland) will be represented, as well as the RSCAO.

During the IFLA Conference, the Programme Officer was asked by the National Library of Lithuania to help organize an International Seminar on "The Function of Bibliographic Control in the Global Information Infrastructure" which will take place in Vilnius on 17-19 June 1998.

Three workshops were held during the IFLA Conference: one entirely sponsored by UBCIM, titled "EDI and Beyond: Electronic Commerce and Libraries"; one joint with the Division of Bibliographic Control, "Authority Control: Developments and Prospects"; and one joint with the Section on Cataloguing, "Future of Communication Formats".

#### *Other Projects*

The UBCIM Programme is naturally involved in projects of relevant Sections, circulating drafts for worldwide review or for balloting and publishing reports and studies from various working groups. In addition to the MLAR report, the Programme circulated in the spring "Principles Underlying Subject Headings Languages" (a Section on Classification and Indexing draft) for worldwide review.

## **UNIMARC**

The UBCIM Office continued to act as secretariat to the Permanent UNIMARC Committee and as clearing house for all UNIMARC queries. The Programme Officer organizes meetings in collaboration with hosts, takes minutes of all meetings and maintains the file of change and addition proposals from the Users community.

#### *Permanent UNIMARC Committee (PUC)*

The usual two-year term of members expired and the following experts were elected or re-elected: Elisabeth Freyre, Bibliothèque Nationale de France; Rosa Galvao, Biblioteca Nacional, Portugal; Volker Henze, Die Deutsche Bibliothek; Brian Holt, British Library; Christina Magliano, ICCU, Italy; Sally McCallum, Library of Congress; Yakov Shraiberg, Russian National Public Library for Science and Technology; Kiyoko Tamura, National Diet Library; and Mirna Willer, National & University Library, Zagreb, Croatia.

Eleven corresponding members represent the National Libraries of Canada, China, Greece, and India, the Royal Libraries of Belgium and the Netherlands, the State Library of South Africa and the following organizations: Book Industry Communication (London), the ISSN International Centre, the Secretariat of ISO TC 46 and OCLC.

The 8th meeting of the Committee took place on 20-21 March in the National and University Library in Zagreb. Members elected a new Chair and a new Vice Chair, respectively Mirna

Willer and Brian Holt. Items on the agenda included the linking block 4xx, new fields for electronic resources, for the International Standard Music and Report Numbers (ISMN and ISRN) as well as the revision of UNIMARC/Authorities and the creation of a Working Group for a UNIMARC Classification Format. This Group was officially formed at a meeting held during the IFLA Conference in Copenhagen which was followed by an open session of "questions and answers".

The PUC continues to prepare guidelines for special kinds of materials. Joining the first three Guidelines, Component Parts, Microforms and Antiquarian, Guideline No.4: Minimal Level Record was published in early 1998. Guidelines for Multi-level Description and Electronic resources are in preparation. Guidelines are available free of charge from the UBCIM Office, whereas the UNIMARC Manual and its updates are distributed by Saur. It is planned to make them all accessible on the Web. Guideline 2: Microforms is already available on the IFLANET at: <http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/ifla/VI/3/p1996-1/guid2.htm>.

#### *UNIMARC on the Web*

The highlight of 1997 was, as already mentioned, a Concise Web UNIMARC Bibliographic (prepared by the main editor of the UNIMARC Manual, Brian Holt) made accessible on the Web just before the IFLA Conference:

<http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/ifla/VI/3/p1996-1/concise.htm>

It was followed by a Concise Web Authorities:

<http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/ifla/VI/3/p1996-1/ucaf.htm>

One block of the UNIMARC Manual is currently on a test site for comments from the PUC members. It is planned to make the whole Manual available on the IFLANET by the end of 1998. Meanwhile the second update to the Manual is scheduled to be published in March 1998.

#### *UNIMARC Consultancy and Seminars in Russia, March*

A UNIMARC consultancy and UNIMARC seminars were organized during the first week of March under the auspices of the UBCIM Programme in collaboration with the Russian National Library in St. Petersburg and the National Public Library for Science and Technology in Moscow. The Permanent UNIMARC

Committee was represented by Mirna Willer and Brian Holt as well as Yakov Shraiberg (in Moscow). The Programme Officer represented IFLA UBCIM.

In St. Petersburg a seminar the first day was attended by some 50 participants from the region, during which PUC members and the UBCIM Officer presented the main activities of the Programme, UNIMARC-based projects of the European Commission, the UNIMARC Manual, latest update and developments to the UNIMARC format, as well as UNIMARC/Authorities and IFLA actions in the field of international exchange of authority records. The second day was entirely devoted to consultations with specialists of the Russian National Library and developers of the Russian national communication format based on UNIMARC.

In Moscow, the seminar was attended by around 80 participants from major libraries in Moscow but also from institutions in Belarus, Lithuania and the Ukraine. Presentations were the same as in St. Petersburg with the addition of reports from host library specialists on UNIMARC and CDS/ISIS, the development of a USMARC-UNIMARC converter and others.

#### *List of UNIMARC Users*

The UBCIM Programme is in the process of updating its International List of UNIMARC Users published in *International Cataloguing and Bibliographic Control (ICBC)* 24(4)(1995). For this purpose respondents to the first inquiries (1993 and 1995) were asked in December to update the information they had provided. Some 20 new institutions were also contacted by the Programme Secretary, Kent Stuart, who also sent a different questionnaire to 53 firms and utilities. The new list will be published and made accessible on the IFLANET in summer 1998.

## **Publications**

The publications programme continued to represent an important part of UBCIM activities. More than a third of staff time is devoted to it. The Programme publishes relevant reports and proceedings of meetings, fosters the translation and, therefore, the dissemination of IFLA standards in other languages (although not directly involved in this activity). *International Cataloguing and Bibliographic Control (ICBC)* continues to be recognized as one of the main professional journals in the field.

## Monographs

The Programme Officer is editor of the UBCIM Publications-New Series, launched in 1990, and comprising 19 volumes so far. The following appeared in 1997:

- *ISBD (ER), International Standard Bibliographic Description for Electronic Resources, revised from ISBD (CF)*, (volume 17)
- *An Annotated Guide to Current National Bibliographies, 2nd revised edition by Barbara Bell*, (volume 18)

Scheduled for 1998:

- *Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records*, (already in print at the time of writing)
- *UNIMARC Manual, Update 2*

Those are distributed by K.G.Saur. The UBCIM Office distributes other reports, including publications on demand. The list is available on the IFLANET as well as from the Office.

## Translations of UBCIM Publications

These are not published by Saur; translations are carried out by coordinating centres in the countries concerned working in liaison with the UBCIM Office. For each translation planned, the centre should apply to UBCIM for permission. All information is available from the Office. The following requests for permission were received in 1997:

- *Guidelines for the Applications of the ISBDs to the Description of Component Parts* in Latvian
- *Guidelines for Authority and Reference Entries* in Macedonian
- *UNIMARC Guideline No.3: Older Monographic Publications* in Lithuanian
- *ISBD (ER)* in Italian
- *ISBD (G)* in Latvian
- *ISBD (NBM)* in Macedonian
- *ISBD (S)* in Latvian

The following translations were received in 1997:

- *Guidelines for the Application of the ISBDs to the Description of Component Parts* in Czech and in Lithuanian
- *ISBD (A)* in Slovenian
- *ISBD (CM)* in Czech
- *ISBD (M)* in Slovenian

- *ISBD (NBM)* in Slovenian
- *UNIMARC Manual: Bibliographic in Czech*
- *UNIMARC: An Introduction* in Lithuanian

*International Cataloguing and Bibliographic Control (ICBC)*

The journal continued to publish IFLA reports and conference papers, commissioned papers, news and events and book reviews. In 1997 the amount of unsolicited papers increased substantially and the contributions were generally of a very good quality, furthering the scope of the journal.

As is the case every year, a paper devoted to the country hosting the IFLA Conference appeared in the second 1997 issue, titled "Bibliographic Control in Denmark". A selection of papers presented at the IFLA Conference in Beijing was published. We also published articles on :

- National Bibliographies and the Book Trade
- The Role of Character Sets in Library Automation
- A Comparison Between the Anglo-American Cataloguing Code and Russian Bibliographic Standards
- Reports on European UNIMARC related projects
- The Iranian Adaptation of UNIMARC
- Polish Bibliographies in Electronic Format
- Retrospective Conversion of Croatian Older Books

to quote only a few.

**Attendance at other Meetings**

Apart from the IFLA Conference, IFLA UBCIM was represented by the Programme Officer at the following meetings (IFLA acts as liaison to some of these organizations):

- UNIMARC Workshops in St. Petersburg and Moscow, March
- Permanent UNIMARC Committee, Zagreb, March
- ISADN Working Group, Helsinki, April
- CB Division IV, Washington, May
- ISO TC/46, London, May
- Seminar on the Future of the National Bibliography, London, June

- ISBN Panel Meeting, Stockholm, October
- CERL, Munich, November
- IFLA Professional Board Meeting, The Hague, December

Brian Holt, Vice Chair of the PUC, represented UBCIM at Crimea 97 in June, where a UNIMARC Workshop was held.

**Coordination and Clearing-house Role**

UBCIM continued to serve as clearinghouse for information on IFLA activities in the field of bibliographic control and for UNIMARC queries. Since the Programme is covered in the IFLANET, this role increased substantially, and numerous orders for publications were received through e-mail. These are usually handled by the Programme Secretary. The roles of secretariat to the PUC and cooperation with the Division of Bibliographic Control have already been mentioned, as well as liaison with other international organizations.

Promotion is accomplished by advertising on the Web and ICBC, by mailing brochures (e.g., UNIMARC: Aan Introduction) by writing articles or reports, by presenting the Programme at other meetings and by visits to other institutions.

**A Look Towards the Future**

Apart from the UBC seminars and the ICNBS Conference previously mentioned, the Programme is organizing a workshop on UNIMARC in European projects and applications which will take place during the German Librarians' Conference in Frankfurt in June 1998 and a workshop titled "UNIMARC in Transition" scheduled during the IFLA Conference in Amsterdam.

Cooperation with other entities of IFLA will continue, one of the most important joint projects being the International Conference on National Bibliographic Services (ICNBS). The Division of Bibliographic Control and UBCIM will continue to work very closely. The next meeting of the Coordinating Board of the Division is scheduled in Frankfurt at the end of May. Cooperation will also continue with the Section on Information Technology, which was consulted and asked to recommend speakers for the Seminar in Vilnius and for the Amsterdam UNIMARC Workshop. Cooperation with the ALP and UDT

Programmes, which was reinforced in 1997 in view of the Seminar in Malaysia (which both Birgitta Bergdahl, ALP Programme Director and Gary Cleveland, UDT Programme Officer attended), is expected to continue as the same Programmes are involved in the preparation of the Seminar in Mexico.

UNIMARC will continue to be maintained and promoted according to new developments and proposals from users. 1999 is a year of election for the PUC. Countries automating or developing their systems have already asked for assistance in the next two years, e.g., Georgia which is

considering holding a regional seminar/consultancy. It is hoped that a new UNIMARC Classification Format will be ready in 1998.

The publications programme will continue to include new publications in the Saur UBCIM series (e.g., if agreed with the publisher the proceedings of the Vilnius Workshop) and publications on demand, e.g., the revision of *Anonymous Classics*.

To face its numerous activities, the Programme is understaffed: the Programme Officer is the only full time staff member while the Secretary is part

time (75%). The Director continues to devote 10% of his time to UBCIM activities, mainly for administrative and financial matters connected with the Deutsche Bibliothek. It is hoped that the Programme Director and Programme Officer, who intend to discuss ways to improve the situation, will come to some solution. Meanwhile grateful acknowledgment is expressed to all colleagues, especially but not exclusively, the members of the PUC and of the CB of Division IV, who generously give their time and expertise to contribute to UBCIM. Their invaluable help is very much appreciated.

## From other Organizations

### International Committee of the Blue Shield

The International Committee of the Blue Shield was founded by four non-governmental organizations in 1996: ICA (International Council on Archives); ICOM (International Council of Museums); ICOMOS (International Council on Museums and Sites) and IFLA.

The mission of the International Committee of the Blue Shield (ICBS), which has taken up the emblem of the Hague Convention of 1954 for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict, is to collect and disseminate information and to coordinate action in emergency situations.

The four non-governmental organizations within ICBS are joining together to provide authorities and professionals with expertise and networks in the case of armed conflict or natural disasters that could affect cultural heritage. The four organizations are also working together to organize risk preparedness at an international level and to encourage it at a local level.

The members of ICBS are the chief executives of each of the four organizations or their nominated substitutes.

#### Objectives of ICBS

The objectives of ICBS are as follows:

- to act in an advisory capacity for the protection of endangered heritage

- to facilitate international response to threats or emergencies through cooperation between ICBS and national organizations
- to propose its services in terms of expertise in cases arising under the Hague Convention of 1954
- to encourage safeguarding and respect for cultural property, and particularly to promote standards of risk preparedness
- to train experts at a national or regional level to prevent, control and recovery from disasters
- to consult and cooperate with other bodies with appropriate expertise and interest including (but not excluding others): UNESCO, ICCROM, and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)
- providing expertise, on behalf of the organizations, as far as human resources and documentation are concerned, so as to meet emergency situations
- identifying resources for prevention and rapid intervention in emergency situations.

#### Local ICBS Action

There is no sense in the action of ICBS unless it is taken up and supported by local initiatives. These alone can significantly improve conditions for protecting and safeguarding cultural heritage. Several countries, for instance, have set up their own Blue Shield National Committee, complying with the criteria that governed the birth of the Blue Shield. The criteria have been adapted to local conditions:

#### Six Main Areas for Action

There are six main areas for action:

- providing information for one's own network and for other networks on actual or likely damage
- raising public awareness about damage to cultural heritage
- promoting appropriate standards for risk management amongst decision-makers
- raising awareness amongst decision-makers and professionals to implement programmes for preventing and managing disasters and for rebuilding afterwards
- to bring together committees or institutions from the four fields of archives, libraries, museums, monuments and sites
- to form ties between the Blue Shield National Committees and civilian defense units, the army, the police, the fire brigade, etc. The aim is that these bodies share their respective experiences and work together to integrate protecting cultural heritage in emergency plans.
- to raise awareness amongst government bodies or local authorities about protecting cultural heritage and integrating this in emergency measures

- to promote ratification and implementation of the Hague Convention.

### **IIAV International Conference, Amsterdam, 22-26 August '98**

The Know How Conference on the World of Women's Information, hosted by the IIAV (International Information Centre and Archives for the Women's Movement) will be held in Amsterdam at the Royal Tropical Institute and at IIAV Headquarters from 22 to 26 August 1998. The IIAV was founded in 1935 as a private initiative, then as now an international resource and research centre. For the past 20 years the IIAV has enjoyed national government funding and has grown to become the Dutch focal point for the international exchange of information. The Know How Conference will offer presentations, hands-on information communications technology workshops, a preliminary meeting of indigenous women, a social programme and a working programme. One hundred and forty-two persons representing 62 countries responded to the initial announcement of the conference, and their proposals form the basis of the working programme, which is organized along four tracks. Keynote speakers will address the topics of the tracks and participant will work together in a workshop environment. The programme will highlight women's information services, will look at future perspectives, and will develop strategies, alliances and coalitions. The tracks to be followed are:

- the professional development of women's libraries, archives, documentation centres and information centres
- policy decisions within the collections
- women's information as an instrument for policy-making

- developing the policy of women's information and positioning ourselves in the world of information services.

The meeting will be limited to 300 participants, a large meeting but small enough for effective communication. Two hundred and fifty people will be from women's information services, representing local, national, grassroots, and university level activities. Fifty participants will be from "the second circle": information technology experts, politicians and policy makers. At the Know How Conference, delegates will represent their world of women's information. There will be a limit to three delegates per country, except where this conflicts with the representation of migrant women, indigenous women and lesbian women. If more than three women from any one homogenous community register, the conference organizers will contact each woman to pass on the names of the other women. It will be the responsibility of these women to decide who will attend the conference.

For more information, contact IIAV, Obiplein 4, 1094 RB Amsterdam, Netherlands (fax: +(31-20) 6655812; e-mail: knowhow@iiav.nl). <<http://www.iiav.nl/knowhow/index/html>>

### **ECPA Presents "The Preservation Map of Europe"**

The European Commission on Preservation and Access (ECPA) has compiled "The Preservation Map of Europe", a virtual directory of organizations working in the preservation field within Europe, containing detailed information such as addresses, including e-mail and telephone numbers of relevant organizations. In addition to this factual information, it also gives a short description of the organization and its preservation policy and activities. The

map also lists important preservation projects and training courses for staff. This map includes detailed information about preservation practice in European countries and can be found at EPIC, the internet site of the ECPA at <[www.knaw.nl/ecpa/ecpatex/map](http://www.knaw.nl/ecpa/ecpatex/map)>.

The project was funded by DG X of the European Commission and aims to map preservation policy and practice in Europe with the intent to stimulate the flow of information. With this survey a better picture will emerge of what is being done and in which areas cooperation is possible and necessary. Eventually, this will stimulate the development of joint projects and more targeted research.

At present, information from most countries in Europe is available on the Internet. The map now includes: Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Estonia, Lithuania, Germany, Netherlands, United Kingdom, Ireland, Belgium, Luxembourg, France, Spain, Portugal, Andorra, Italy, Switzerland, Slovenia, Croatia, Albania, Bulgaria, Macedonia, Hungary and the Czech Republic. Work on the project continues and missing countries will be included as soon as possible. With a special search mode viewers can get answers to their specific questions about preservation in Europe. To make a directory of all large organizations in the field throughout Europe has proved to be an extensive project that cannot be done without the input of others. Work on the project continues and the ECPA asks for your help in completing the survey. Please send us information or updates about your country, organization, projects and training facilities to: Mariska Herweijer, European Commission on Preservation and Access (ECPA), POB 19121, 1000 GC Amsterdam, Netherlands (e-mail: [ecpa@bureau.knaw.nl](mailto:ecpa@bureau.knaw.nl)).

## **Publications of International Relevance**

### **Guidelines for Easy-to-Read Materials**

*Guidelines for Easy-to-Read Materials*, compiled and edited by Bror I. Tronbacke under the auspices of the IFLA Section of Libraries Serving Disadvantaged Persons, has been issued as No. 54 in the series, IFLA Professional

Reports. The Guidelines have two main purposes: 1) to describe the nature of and the need for easy-to-read products and to identify some of the main target groups; and 2) to offer suggestions for publishers of easy-to-read materials and those organizations and agencies that serve reading disabled persons. Contents include a definition of easy-to-read; work done by organizations promoting such

materials; target groups; genres and media; editorial work; design and layout; the publications process; and information and marketing. The publication is available from IFLA Headquarters, POB 95312, 2509 CH The Hague, Netherlands (fax: +(31-70) 3834827; e-mail: [ifla.hq@ifla.org](mailto:ifla.hq@ifla.org)) for NLG 22.00. ISBN 90-70916-64-9

## An Annotated Guide to Current National Bibliographies

*An Annotated Guide to Current National Bibliographies*, 2nd completely revised edition by Barbara L. Bell, has been issued as No. 18 in the series, UBCIM Publications - New Series. It substantially updates, adds new categories and information, and completely revises the first edition by the same title published by Chadyck-Healey in 1986. The Guide also includes an extensively updated, though selective, bibliography on national bibliographies. The Guide attempts to gather into a single source current information about national bibliographies. To these ends, the information for each current national bibliography is organized under a systematic format that includes the following areas: Title, Compiler, Scope and Coverage, Contents, Cataloguing Rules and Classification Schemes Used, Entry Information, Arrangement, Indexes, Notes and Comments, Automation, Format and Services Available, Latest Issue Examined, Currency, Current Legal Deposit Laws, Available From, Selected Articles, and Verifier. Additional categories (such as OCLC numbers, automation, electronic formats, etc.), updated information (e.g., new legal deposit laws, new enhancements in the national bibliography, future plans within a country's bibliographic world) and new countries established since 1986 are included. In the countries entries of the Guide, 181 countries are listed of which there are 133 current national bibliographies or suitable substitutes, 12 regional bibliographies and Accessions Lists. The publication is available from K.G. Saur Verlag, Postfach 701620, D-81316 Munich, Germany (fax: +(49-89) 76902150) for DEM 168. ISBN: 3-598-11376-5

## Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records: Final Report

The Study Group for the IFLA Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records was appointed by the Standing Committee of the Section on Cataloguing in September 1992. The driving force behind the study was the need to look at methods to reduce the cost of cataloguing by defining the functional requirements of bibliographic records

and furthering international sharing of bibliographic records through standardized basic data requirements for records created by national bibliographic agencies. This force remains as valid today as it was earlier. In May 1996 the draft report was sent for worldwide review and also made available through the WWW. The report was presented to the Section on Cataloguing during the IFLA Conference in Conference 1997 and approved there. Interest in the study is centred both on the study's findings, recommendations and methodology. First, the actual recommendations regarding the functional requirements for bibliographic records are timely in a number of initiatives related to re-examining the bibliographic records, the conventions by which library materials are catalogued, and the interest in revising the ISBDs. This study has major implications for all of these initiatives. Second, the study's methodology, which is based on the entity analysis technique that is used in the development of conceptual models for relational database systems, is of interest to those interested in pursuing similar studies or those interested in a complex case study. The title has been issued in the series, UBCIM Publications: New Series as No. 19 and is available from K.G. Saur Verlag, Postfach 701620, D-81316 Munich, Germany (fax: +(49-89) 76902150) for DEM 128. ISBN 3-598-11382-X

## Performance Measurement and Quality Management in Public Libraries

The title, *Performance Measurement and Quality Management in Public Libraries; IFLA Satellite Meeting, Berlin, 25-28 August 1997: Proceedings*, edited by Peter Borchardt and Ulla Wimmer has been published by the Deutsches Bibliotheksinstitut. The meeting was organized by the IFLA Section of Public Libraries; Zentral- und Landesbibliothek Berlin, Deutsches Bibliotheksinstitut, and Stadtbüchereien Düsseldorf. Before the meeting began, the organizers wrote to 11 different national experts for reports on what was being done in their country on performance measurement and quality management. These national reports, forming the first part of the publication, were the basis for conference discussion, and were distributed to the 50+ participants well before the meeting. The second part of the publication contains conference

papers on political perspectives; the customer's perspective; the staff perspective; methodological aspects; and quality management. The publication is available from the Deutsches Bibliotheksinstitut, Alt-Moabit 101A, 10559 Berlin, Germany as No. 168 in the series, dbi-materialien. ISBN: 3-87068-968-4

## Rural Information Provision in Developing Countries: Measuring Performance and Impact

*Rural Information Provision in Developing Countries: Measuring Performance and Impact* was prepared for UNESCO under an IFLA contract by a working group coordinated by Diana Rosenberg (UK) with team members: Antoinette Correa and Djibril Ndiaye (Senegal); Kingo J. Mchombu (Namibia); Gloria M. Rodriguez (Columbia) and Neil Upali Yapa (Sri Lanka). The main objective of the publication is to serve as a reference tool for rural library and information professionals mainly in developing countries. The main chapters are: 1) rural information provision: context and development; 2) expectations; 3) indicators (information availability, use, user satisfaction, local control, economic and social impact, knowledge base, participation in government and its programmes); and 4) application and interpretation of results. The document suggests ways in which the performance and impact of rural resource centres might be measured. Qualitative and quantitative standards are developed together with technical guidelines and performance measures of all sorts of rural libraries and information services. By drawing on the experiences of those working in Africa, Asia and Latin America, it is intended that the measures will be applicable throughout the developing world. These indicators need to be tested in the field. Any reports on how useful the process has been in evaluating and improving strategies for rural information provision would be gratefully received. Readers are invited to send comments, suggestions or requests for additional copies to the Division of Information and Informatics, UNESCO, 1 rue Miollis, 75732 Paris, Cedex 15, France. The document has been issued as CII-97/WS/11 and is also available on the UNESCO Web site under <[www.unesco.org/webworld](http://www.unesco.org/webworld)>.

## Miscellaneous

### Hebraïca and Judaïca Collections in Holland

On Sunday, 16 August 1998 day excursions will be organized by Art Travel on behalf of the Overleg Hebraïca and Judaïca Collections in Holland. The first excursion, "In the Footsteps of Spinoza", will include visits to Amsterdam, Rijnsburg, Leiden and The Hague. Excursion two, "Jewish Suburban and Academic Life in the North of Holland" will visit Amsterdam, Elburg, Kampen, Zwolle, Leeuwarden, and Franeker. Excursion three, "In the Footsteps on Menasse Ben Israel, the First Jewish Printer of Amsterdam" will visit Amsterdam, Bergen op Zoom and Middleburg. All tours will depart by bus from the Mozes and Aaron Church in Amsterdam at 08:00 a.m. The cost for each tour is NLG 95.00, based on a minimum of 40 participants per excursion, including transportation, coffee, tea, lunch, entry fees, and guides. For information please contact Art Travel, POB 74084, 1070 BB Amsterdam, Netherlands (fax: +(31-20) 4040732; e-mail: arttrav@xs.4all.nl).

### Open Society Institute Network Library Programme

The Open Society Institute Network Library Programme welcomes proposals from libraries, information centres, and schools of library and information science to host librarians and information professionals from the following countries: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Moldova, Mongolia, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Tajikistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, and Yugoslavia. The Fellowships should last from three to six months. Hosts may be in English-speaking, French-speaking, German-speaking, Italian-speaking, or Russian-speaking countries. The aim of the programme is to familiarize Fellows with the practice of librarianship in other countries, and to give them some work experience in libraries or information centres, or to help teachers in the LIS

field to broaden their knowledge and upgrade their skills. Proposals that focus on helping Fellows to develop skills and strategies for sharing their new knowledge with colleagues upon their return home will receive top priority.

Please address the following points in your application:

- Why are you interested in hosting Fellows?
- What do you hope to accomplish?
- What does your institution have to offer NLP Fellows?
- What is your institution's experience in LIS education and/or continuing professional development for librarians? If you have had any experience with international activities in this area, please describe it.
- What programme will you offer Fellows? Describe how you plan to orient them to your institution and community; what kinds of work experience you can provide.
- How many Fellows are you prepared to host? How will you recruit and select Fellows? (Note that recruitment must be done in conjunction with the Soros Foundations Network.)
- What in-kind contributions is your institution prepared to contribute?
- What are the benefits to Fellows? What are the benefits to your institution? What are the living conditions for Fellows you host? Describe housing, community.
- What is your plan for evaluating the success of your Fellows Programme?

The application must be submitted in English, and the budget must be in US dollars. Budget should include accommodation, stipend for the Fellow, health insurance, local transportation, airport transportation, attendance at additional training workshops, conferences that could be part of the Fellowship, package of training material. Please note that the NLP does not pay overhead costs. Please note that this programme is for working professionals, not for students. If you are interested in an exchange or twinning programme, please apply under the NLP Matching Funds Grants Training Programme.

Applications must be received by the NLP office in Budapest by 1 August 1998. Decisions will be made in the middle of September. Mailing address: Open Society Institute Network Library Program, Oktober 6 utca 12, 1051 Budapest, Hungary (fax: +(361) 3273101; e-mail: kupryter@osi.hu).

### ARIADNE Educational Metadata Recommendation Summary

The ARIADNE project, supported by the European Union Telematics for Applications Program, has recently published its recommendations for educational metadata <<http://ariadne.unil.ch>>.

ARIADNE's primary goal is to foster the share and reuse of electronic pedagogical material, both by universities and corporations. For this purpose, a distributed database of reusable pedagogical documents has been set up called the Knowledge Pool System. Currently, eight nodes of this system are operational throughout Europe and many more will be set up in the near future. The Knowledge Pool System holds both the pedagogical documents and detailed descriptions of these documents. The metadata are grouped in mandatory and optional categories. They cover:

- general information: title, author, date, language
- semantics: discipline, main and other concepts
- pedagogical characteristics: didactical context, course level
- technical characteristics: file media types, size
- conditions for use: rights of use, price code
- meta-metadata: creation date, language
- annotations: annotator, date, etc.

The ARIADNE metadata set explicitly refers to the Dublin core elements and adds additional elements to this base set, based on experience in practical experiments during the last two years. A software tool has been developed for

insertion of metadata by end users. The same tool, developed as a Java application, can also be used to query the Knowledge Pool System. Courses can be built that reuse the documents stored in the Knowledge Pool System and, from the course description, a course Web site for student access is generated automatically.

The metadata specification, the Knowledge Pool System and the associated tools have been experimented with extensively over the past two years, both in academic and in corporate environments. A user group community is actively involved in these experiments and influences further developments. Interested parties can join the user group to gain access to the results of the ARIADNE project. Further details are available on the Web site.

The ARIADNE team is deeply involved in an IEEE standardization process regarding educational metadata, and has agreed on a memorandum of understanding with the U.S. Educom sponsored Instructional Management Systems (IMS) project. Comments and reactions by the Dublin core community are most welcome and can be sent to: Erik Duval, ARIADNE Knowledge Pool System Development Coordinator, Department Computerwetenschappen, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Celestijnenlaan 200 A, B-3001 Heverlee, Belgium (fax: +(32-16) 327996; e-mail: erik.duval@cs.kuleuven.ac.be; <<http://www.cs.kuleuven.ac.be/~erikd>>).

### Secretary General of ICA

George Mackenzie, appointed Secretary General of the International Council on Archives to succeed Charles Kecskemeti upon his retirement, has withdrawn for personal reasons. Therefore ICA has issued the following notice:

The post of the Secretary General of the International Council on Archives will

become vacant in September 1998. For further information, please contact the Secretariat of the International Council on Archives, 60 rue des Francs-Bourgeois, 75003 PARIS, France (fax: +(33-1) 40276306; e-mail : 100640.54@compuserve.com).

### Personal News

The National Diet Library, which hosts the PAC (Preservation and Conservation) Core Programme Regional Centre for Central and East Asia has announced the appointment of Ryuji Yonemura as Director of the Centre, effective 1 April 1998. Dr Yonemura succeeds Dr Yoshitaka Nishimiya.

The ICOM (International Council of Museums) Executive Council has confirmed the nomination of Manus Brinkman (Netherlands) as Secretary General of ICOM. Mr Brinkman previously worked in Amsterdam's Tropen Museum where he was Director of the Children's Museum and was closely involved with its highly innovative work in relation to developing countries, racial minorities and disadvantaged communities within the Netherlands. As Director of the Dutch Museums Association since 1990, Mr Brinkman has managed a national association, which, like ICOM, covers both museum institutions and museum professionals. He has been an active member of the Network of European Museum Organizations (NEMO), which brings together the museum organizations of the Council of Europe member countries, and has been its Chair since 1995.

The Board of Trustees of OCLC (Online Computer Library Center) has named Robert L. Jordan as President and Chief Executive Officer. Mr Jordan will become the fourth president in OCLC's 31-year history in May 1998, succeeding K. Wayne Smith, who is stepping down after nearly 10 years. Mr Jordan is currently President of the Information

Handling Services Group in Englewood, Colorado, USA.

Marta Terry, former First Vice-President of IFLA and member of the Executive Board 1991-1997, has retired as National Librarian of Cuba. She is currently working for the Cuban Ministry of Culture as President of the Comision Nacional para el Fomento de la Lectura and can be contacted by e-mail at: [prolibro@artsoft.cult.cuifla](mailto:prolibro@artsoft.cult.cuifla)

Winston Tabb, member of the Professional Board of IFLA and Associate Librarian for Library Services at the Library of Congress, Washington DC, USA, will receive the Melvil Dewey Medal from the American Library Association at its annual conference in Washington in June 1998. The award is for his "distinguished service to the [library] profession; [his] high order of creative leadership to the Library of Congress and the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions; and for [his] vision, leadership and determination in establishing the program for Cooperative Cataloging which resulted in significant improvement to global bibliographic control worthy of our benefactor, Melvil Dewey".

John Byrum, member of the IFLA Standing Committee on Bibliography and Chief of the Library of Congress's Regional and Cooperative Cataloging Division, will receive the 1998 Margaret Mann Citation from the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services, a division of the American Library Association, during its annual meeting in June 1998. Internationally, Mr Byrum's notable contributions have been through his work on the Joint Steering Committee for Revision of the Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules; through IFLA committees on various international standard bibliographic descriptions; and other IFLA/UBCIM committees.

## International Calendar

June 1-7, 1998. Pretoria, South Africa. IATUL (International Association of Technological University Libraries) Annual Conference. Theme: "The Challenge to be Relevant in the 21st Century". For information: Monica Hammes, Academic Information Services, University of Pretoria, Pretoria, South Africa (fax: +(27-12)

3422453; e-mail: [hammes@acinfo.up.ac.za](mailto:hammes@acinfo.up.ac.za)) or Ria van der Spuy, Academic Library Services, University of Pretoria, Pretoria, South Africa (fax: +(27-12) 4203792; e-mail: [iatul@acinfo.up.ac.za](mailto:iatul@acinfo.up.ac.za)) <<http://educate.lib.chalmers.se/IATUL/conf98.html>>

June 6-14, 1998. Sudak, Republic of Crimea, Ukraine. Fifth International Conference Crimea '98. Theme: "Libraries and Associations in a Transient World: New Technologies and New Forms of Cooperation". For information: Vladimir Sokoko, Belarusian Librarian Association (fax: +(7-097) 9219862; e-mail:

- crimea98@gbntb.msk.su;  
<http://gbntb.iitp.ru/crimea98/
- June 16-17, 1998. Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. ASM (Advanced Strategic Management Consultants) in cooperation with the IFLA/UAP Core Programme, Industry Canada, Canadian Librarian Association, and the National Library of Canada International Conference. Theme: "Libraries as Leaders in Community Economic Development". For information: Stan Skrzyszewski, ASM, 411 Rippleton Place, London, Ontario, Canada N6G 1L4 (fax: +(1-519) 4719945; e-mail: sskrzysz@lon.hookup.net (or) sskrzysz@julian.uwo.ca) or Maureen Cubberley, ASM, 2182 Chetwynd Road, Chetwynd R.R. #2, Burk's Falls, Ontario, Canada POA 1C0 (fax: +(1-705) 3821056; e-mail: cubberly@onlink.net (or) asm@asm-consultants.net)
- June 22-27, 1998. Utrecht, Netherlands. Sixth European Conference of Medical and Health Librarians. Theme: "Libraries without Limits: Changing Needs - Changing Roles". For information: EAHIL '98, FBU Congress Bureau, Utrecht University, POB 80125, 3508 TC Utrecht, Netherlands (fax: +(31-30) 2535851; e-mail: ldo@fbu.ruu.nl)
- June 23-26, 1998. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA. Third ACM Conference on Digital Libraries. For information: Robert M. Akscyn, RD2 213A Evans Road, Export, Pennsylvania, USA (e-mail: rma@ks.com)
- July 5-9, 1998. Ramat Gan, Israel. 27th Annual Conference of the International Association of School Libraries. For information: Conference Secretariat - IASL 1998, Dan Knassim Ltd., POB 1931, Ramat Gan 52118, Israel (fax: +(972-3) 6133341; e-mail: congress@mail.inter.net.il) or Amalia Brand, Department of Library and Information Studies, Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan, Israel 52900 (fax: +(972-3) 6352306; e-mail: shohas@ashur.cc.biu.ac.il)
- July 23-26, 1998. Eldoret, Kenya. Standing Conference of African National and University Libraries in Eastern, Central and Southern Africa (SCANULECS). Theme: "Survival in a Changing Environment". For information: Tirong arap Tanui, Moi University, Margaret Thatcher Library, POB 3900, Eldoret, Kenya (fax: +(254-321) 43047; e-mail: tanui@moiuniversity.ac.ke)
- July 27-31, 1998. Nairobi, Kenya. 13th Standing Conference for Eastern, Central, and Southern African Librarians (SCECSAL). Theme: "Information for Sustainable Development in the 21st Century". For information: Jacinta Were Kenya Library Association, POB 46031, Nairobi, Kenya (fax +(254-2) 214917; e-mail: uonjkm@ken.healthnet.org)
- August 2-14, 1998. Tilburg, Netherlands. International Summer School on the Digital Library. Organized by Ticer (Tilburg Innovation Centre for Economic Resources) in cooperation with Tilburg University. For information: Ticer, Warandelaan 2, POB 4191, 5004 JD Tilburg, Netherlands (fax: +(31-13) 4668383; e-mail: ticer@kub.nl; <http://cwis.kub.nl/~ticer/>
- August 12-13, 1998. Brussels, Belgium. Satellite meeting organized by the IFLA Section of Library and Research Services to Parliaments. Theme: "European Parliamentary Libraries". For information: Jennifer Tanfield, House of Commons Library, London SW1A 0AA, UK (fax: +(44-171) 2194285; e-mail: tanfieldjb@parliament.uk)
- August 12-14, 1998. Amsterdam, Netherlands. Satellite meeting organized by the IFLA Section of Public Libraries. Theme: "The Public Library as the Gateway to the Information Society: The Revision of the IFLA Guidelines for Public Libraries". For information: Philip Gill, 13 Stoneleigh Close, Stoneleigh, Conventry CV8 3DE, UK (fax: +(44-1203) 414030; e-mail: philip\_gill@compuserve.com)
- August 12-14, 1998. Tromsø, Norway. Satellite meeting organized by the Section on Library Services to Multicultural Populations. Theme: "Library Services to Indigenous People: Serving National Minorities with Distinct Ethnic, Cultural and Linguistic Identities". For information: Asbjørn Langeland, Statens Bibliotekstilsyn, POB 8145, N-0033 Oslo, Norway (fax: +(47-22) 831552; e-mail: asbjoern.langeland@bibtils.no)
- August 13-15, 1998. Sheffield, UK. 2nd ISIC (Information Seeking in Context) Conference. Theme: "Information Needs: Seeking and Use in Different Countries". For information: ISIC/98, Department of Information Studies, Sheffield University, Regent Court, Portobello Street, Sheffield S1 4DP, UK (fax: +(44-114) 2222630; e-mail: m.x.walker@sheffield.ac.uk); <http://panizzi.shef.ac.uk/david\_alle n/ISIC/isis.html>
- August 13-15, 1998. Amsterdam, Netherlands. Satellite meeting organized by the IFLA Section on Information Technology. "Convergence in the Digital Age: Challenges for Libraries, Museums and Archives". For information: Johan van der Walle, TNO Project Manager-STB, POB 80544, 2508 GM The Hague, Netherlands (fax: +(31-70) 3615011; e-mail: jvdwalle@bart.nl)
- August 16-21, 1998. Amsterdam, Netherlands. 64th IFLA General Conference. Theme: "On Crossroads of Information and Culture"
- August 22-26, 1998. Amsterdam, Netherlands. Know How Conference on the World of Women's Information hosted by IIAV (International Information Centre and Archives for the Women's Movement). For information: IIAV, Obiplein 4, 1094 RB Amsterdam, Netherlands (fax: +(31-20) 6655812; e-mail: knowhow@iiaiv.nl).
- August 23-26, 1998. Riga, Latvia. International Conference on "The Construction of New National Libraries: A Phenomenon of the End of the 20th Century Europe" organized by the National Library of Latvia and the Library Association of Latvia as an official IFLA satellite meeting. For information: Janis Amols, National Library of Latvia, K Barona iela 14, Riga, LV 1424 Latvia (fax: +(371) 7280851; e-mail: inb@com.latnet.lv or j.amols@parks.lv)
- August 30-September 4, 1998. Budapest, Hungary. INTAMEL 98. Theme: INTAMEL and the Metropolises in Eastern and Central Europe". For information: Jenő Kiss, Metropolitan Ervin Szabó Library, 1088 Budapest, Hungary (fax: +(36-1) 1185815; e-mail: kissje@helka.iif.hu)
- August 31-September 4, 1998. Vienna, Austria and Budapest, Hungary. 15th

- IFIP World Computer Conference. Theme: "The Global Information Society on the Way to the Next Millennium". For information: 1) Austrian Computer Society, Wollzeile 1-3, A-1010 Vienna, Austria (fax: +(43-1) 512-02359; e-mail: ifip98@ocg.or.at; <<http://www.ocg.or.at/ifip98.htm>>) or 2) Hohn v. Neumann Computer Society, Bathori u. 16, H-1054 Budapest, Hungary (fax: +(36-1) 1318140; e-mail: ifip98@neumann.hu); <<http://www.njszt.iif.hu/ifip98.html>>
- September 19-23, 1998. Heraklion, Crete, Greece. Second European Conference on Research and Advanced Technology for Digital Libraries. For information: Christos Nikolau, University of Crete, Leoforos Knossou, GR-711110 Heraklion, Crete, Greece (fax: +(30-81) 210106; e-mail: nikolau@cc.uch.gr or eccl@cc.uch.gr)
- September 20-24, 1998. New Delhi, India. 26th IBBY Conference. Theme: "Peace through Children's Books". For information: Association of Writers and Illustrators for Children, Nehru House, 4 Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi 110 002, India (fax: +(91-11) 3721090).
- October 11-17, 1998. New Delhi, India. 49th FID General Assembly, Conference and Congress. Theme: "Towards the New Information Society of Tomorrow: Innovations, Challenges and Impact". For information: FID Secretariat, POB 90402, 2509 LK The Hague, Netherlands (fax: +(31-70) 3140667; e-mail: fid@python.konbib.nl)
- October 25-28, 1998. Beijing, China. International Conference sponsored by Peking University. Theme: "New Missions of Academic Libraries in the 21st Century". For information: Bessie Hahn, Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts, USA (fax: +(1-617) 7364700; e-mail: bhahn@brandeis.edu)
- November 4-7, 1998. Carazdin, Croatia. International Conference on "Public Libraries in European Towns in the 21st Century". For information: Vesna Turcin, Public Library Varazdin, Z. Rogoza 10, 10000 Zagreb, Croatia (fax: +(385-1) 6155367 or +(385-4) 2212767); e-mail: gknjizmo@vz.tel.hr (or) vesna.turcin@cyport.tel.hr; <<http://www.inet-images.com/somware/P/coni>>
- November 25-27, 1998. Copenhagen, Denmark. International Conference on Bibliographic Services
- January 6-8, 1999. Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. Colloquium on "Management and Marketing of Information Services". Organized by the PanAfrican Institute for Development West Africa and the School of Library and Information Science, University of Montreal. For information: Amadou Diop, Coordinator of the project MMSI, Institut Panafricain pour le Developpement, Afrique de l'Ouest/Sahel, 01 BP 1756, Ouagadougou 01, Burkina Faso (fax: +(226-30) 1296; e-mail: ipd-aos@endadak.gn.apc.org) or Rejean Savard, EBSI, Universite de Montreal, Case Postale 6128, Succursale Centreville, Montreal H3C 3J7, Canada (fax: +(1-514) 3435753; e-mail: savardr@ere.umontreal.ca)
- August 19-28, 1999. Bangkok, Thailand. 65th IFLA Council and General Conference. Theme: "On the Threshold of a New Century: Libraries as Gateways to an Enlightened World"
- July 9-12, 2000. London, UK. 8th International Congress on Medical Librarianship
- August 2000. Jerusalem, Israel. 66th IFLA General Conference. Theme: "Information for Cooperation: Creating the Global Library of the Future"
- August 2001. Boston, Massachusetts, USA. 67th IFLA Council and General Conference
- August 2002. Glasgow, Scotland, UK. 68th IFLA General Conference