The Researcher-Librarian Partnership was a new initiative of IFLA’s Library Theory and Research Section for 2010.

Research skill and knowledge are the essential tool kit for ensuring that libraries and librarians continue to effectively and efficiently meet the evolving needs of the clients and communities they serve.

The Researcher-Librarian Partnership was a mentoring Program that provided the opportunity for new professionals to develop and refine their skill, knowledge and confidence in conducting research.

Six library and information professionals were selected through a competitive process to take part in the program:

1. Tamara Braithwaite, Trinidad and Tobago. Topic: Women’s Studies in International Relations of the Caribbean. [Mentor: Fay Durrant].
2. Pegge Cabrera, USA. Topic: A Gateway for Learning: The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library and the high school student experience. (Mentor: Sandy Hirsch)
4. Victoria O Etoromi, Nigeria. Topic: Librarians’ role in the educational and informational development of the Nigerian Society. [Mentor: Lenrie Aina]. Final report is now available.
5. Gwen Mar, Fiji. Topic: Understanding the level of contribution made by teaching faculty to promote information literacy amongst their students. [Mentor: Liviana Tabalaia]. Final report is now available.

Congratulations to the protégés for their wonderful efforts during the 12 month program and thank you to the mentors who generously denoted their time to provide critical advice and guidance.

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