The Library Services to People with Special Needs Section

Original and subsequent names
Sub-Committee on Hospital Libraries (1931)
Committee on Hospital Libraries (1952)
Hospital Libraries Sub-Section (1962)
Libraries in Hospitals Sub-Section (1966)
Section of Library Services to Hospital Patients and Handicapped Readers (1977)
Section of Libraries Serving Disadvantaged Persons (1984)
Library Services to People with Special Needs Section (2008)

Presidents / Rapporteur Généraux / Chairs
Henri Lemaître (France): 1931 - 1946
Paul Poindron (France): 1946 - 1953
Irmgard Schmid-Schädelin (Switzerland): 1953 - 1963
Frank Gardner (UK): 1963 - 1969
M. Joy Lewis (UK): 1969 - 1972
Petra Leeuwenburgh (The Netherlands): 1972 - 1977
Phyllis Noaks (UK): 1981 - 1985
Gunilla Malmgren-Neale (Sweden): 1985 - 1989
Anne M. Galler (Canada): 1989 - 1993
Kjerstin Thulin (Sweden): 1993 - 1995
Sue Lithgow (UK): 1995 - 1997
Vibeke Lehmann (USA): 2003 - 2004
Joanne Locke (Canada): 2004 – 2007
Tone Moseid (Norway): 2007 – 20--

Papers, reports and poster sessions presented at annual conference meetings (1932-2009)

1932 (Berne)
1 – Reports from the international survey of library services to hospital patients:
  Germany, Austria, Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, China, Denmark, Spain, United
  States and Canada, Finland, France, Great Britain, Italy, India, Norway, New
  Zealand, The Netherlands, Poland, Sweden, Czechoslovakia - Henri Lemaître

1933 (Chicago; Avignon)
1 – Report of the Sub-committee on hospital libraries - Henri Lemaître
2 – Croce Rossa Italiana e biblioteche degli ospedali – Gr. Cr. F. Caremonesi
3 – La lecture publique et les hôpitaux dans les département de la Seine – Gabriel Henriot

1934 (Madrid)
1. Report on hospital libraries (international) – Henri Lemaître
2. Les bibliothèques d’ hôpitaux en Espagne – J. Capdevielle

1936 (Varsovie)
2. The International Congress of Hospital Libraries – Henri Lemaître

1937 (Paris)
1. Report (international) of the Sub-committee on hospital libraries

1938 (Brussels)

1939 (The Hague - Amsterdam)

1947 (Oslo)
1. Report or the Sub-committee on hospital libraries – Paul Poindron
2. Report on the present position of hospital libraries in Great Britain – G. Turner

1948 (London)
1. Sub-committee on hospital libraries – preliminary report – P. Poindron
3. Preliminary report (courses and practicums for training in hospital / sanitarium library work) – P. Poindron
4. Preliminary report on relationships between hospital libraries and public libraries – P. Poindron
5. Central libraries to serve tuberculous patients – P. Poindron
6. Library for the tuberculous patients in Denmark – E. Ostenfeld
7. Project for an international bibliography – P. Poindron
8. Preliminary report on promotion (of hospital libraries) – P. Poindron

1949 (Bâle)
1 – Sub-committee on Hospital Libraries – P. Poindron
2 – Guild of Hospital Librarians (Great Britain) annual report 1948-49

1950 (London)
1 – Hospital libraries in Denmark – H. Nielsen
2 – Hospital library work in Norway – I.V. Berset
3 – Hospital libraries in Sweden – K. Munck af Rosenchold

1952 (Copenhagen)
1 – Sub-committee on hospital libraries – P. Poindron

1953 (Vienna)
1 – Conseil national des bibliothèques d’hôpitaux et des sanatoriums (Belgique)
2 – St. John and Red Cross hospital libraries

1954 (Zagreb)
1 – National council of hospital and sanatorium libraries in Belgium

1963 (Sophia)
1 – Regulations for patients’ libraries in in-patient health institutions. (Decree of the Czechoslovak Ministry of Public Health of the 1st of June, 1953)

1965 (Helsinki)
Joint session with the Children's Sub-section.

Papers on book provision for children in hospitals, by:
1 - M. Joy Lewis
2 - Mrs. Barbro Boldt.

Other papers:
3 - Finish Hospital Library Provision - Ms. M. Nyberg
4 - Hospital Library Services in the German Federal Republic - Dr. G. Gelderblom

1967 (Toronto)
Joint meeting with the Public Libraries Section.

Papers focused on public library services to hospital patients in:
Canada – H.C. Campbell
the United States - E. M. Barker
Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland – Bengt Holmström

Beginning this year, many of the sub-committees annual conference papers were to appear in the new journal, International Library Review.

1968 (Frankfurt)
1 - Hospital libraries in Denmark and the training of hospital librarians- Helga Nielsen
2 - Education and training for hospital librarians in Belgium - I.G. Du Monceau De Bergendal
3 - The training of hospital librarians in the US - Henry Gartland
4 - Hospital libraries in the Federal Republic of Germany, 1960-1968 - Hannelore Schmidt

1969 (Copenhagen)
1 - Library service to old people's homes in Finland – Mirjam Nyberg
2 - The visually handicapped reader - Print for partial sight - Alison Shaw
3 - Library service to housebound readers - Kjerstin Thulin
4 - Hospital library services in Denmark - Aase Bjerre

1970 (Moscow)
1 - Libraries in hospital institutions and sanatoriums in the U.S.S.R. - A.M. Miller
2 - The development of patients' libraries in the German Democratic Republic – Anita Rimkeit
3 - The organization of hospital libraries in Hungary - Anne Toma

1971 (Liverpool)
1 - Psychiatric hospitals and their need for library services - David Boorer
2 - Statement on the Hospital Libraries and Handicapped Readers Group of the Library Association (UK) – Wylva W. Partington
3 - Current developments in hospital libraries in the United Kingdom - Lorna. V. Paulin
4 - A voluntary librarian organisation: the Hospital Librarian Association of Lyon ("A.B.H.") - Jacqueline Peillon
5 - Hospital librarianship in New Zealand, the professional and the volunteer - Mary A. Ronnie

1972 (Budapest)
1 - Directives to the organization of Hungarian hospital library supply - Eva Bereczky
2 - Library surveys: their application and value to hospital libraries - Eileen Cumming
3 - The Stockholm Public Library: patients’ libraries and work with the disabled – Lisbet Höök

1973 (Grenoble)
1 - Report of hospital libraries in France - Genevieve Bourdin
2 - Relations between hospital libraries and public libraries - Jacqueline Guenbaud
3 - Reading and hospital libraries - M. Ballandras

1974 (Washington, D.C.)
1 - Bibliotherapy: trends in the United States - Margaret E. Monroe and Rhea Rubin
2 - Use of bibliotherapy in the recreational therapy programme of Saint Elizabeth's Hospital – Judith Lombard
3 - Poetry therapy in psychiatric nursing - Catherine J. Anderson
4 - Bibliotherapy in the circulating library at Saint Elizabeth's Hospital - Arleen Hynes
5 - Great literature as a teaching tool in the education of mental health professionals – Kenneth Gorelith
1975  (Oslo)
1 - Outreach library service in Norway - Bjørg Heie

1976  (Lausanne)
1 - Hospital libraries in Switzerland and the service offered to the District Hospital in Geneva - Carine Hoffmann
Joint meeting with the Sub-section on Library Work with Children:
2 - Bibliotherapy by means of picture books for speech-handicapped children – Gisela Freytag
3 - The children's librarian and the handicapped child - Margaret Marshall
4 - Work with children by the Italian library for the blind at Monza - Dr. Amaris Ammannato

1977  (Brussels)
1 - Coordinated library services for the blind - Dr. Heleen Rosskopf
2 - A proposal for international co-ordination of library service for blind and physically handicapped individuals – Frank Kurt Cylke
3 - Staffing and management of hospital and welfare libraries - M. Joy Lewis
4 - Reading for the senior citizen - psychology of the reader, psychology of the Librarian - Dr. H. Bain

1978  (Strbské Pleso)
1 - International standards - a discussion paper on the need for their possible expansion and revision - Jean M. Clarke
Joint Session with the Children's Section:
2 - Report of the committee Books for mentally handicapped people, of the Dutch Centre for Public Libraries and Literature (NBLC) - Sancia Simone-Rupert and F. Hersch-van-der-Stoel
3 - Provision of books for the mentally handicapped child - some points for possible discussion - Margaret Marshall

1979  (Copenhagen)
1 - Music lending and listening in hospitals, with particular reference to the services offered at Herlev Hospital, Copenhagen - Birgitte Goldberg and Merete Sorensen
2 - Library service to the handicapped in reading - Jes Petersen

1980  (Manila)
No papers were read at the annual conference. (None of the Standing Committee members were able to attend as was the case with several SCs that year.)

1981  (Leipzig)
1 - Libraries and the deaf - the hidden society - William Anderson
2 - Development and activities of hospital libraries and library services to patients on the basis of the regulations of the Ministry of Health of the German Democratic Republic - Anita Rimkeit

At the Joint meeting with the Public Libraries Section:

3 - Libraries and the International Year of the Disabled – Jes Peterson

A composite article consisting of papers presented at the 1981 conference meetings of the Section and the Round Table of Libraries for the Blind (seven articles) was scheduled for publication in IFLA Journal, vol. 8, no. 3.

1982 (Montreal)
1 - The hospital library networks of Paris: organization and future prospects – Georgette Rappaport (paper read by Ms. Peillon)
2 - The deaf patron and the library - Karen Hopkins
3 - From hospital to home: perspectives in healthy living - M. Flower
4 - Patient information: implications for library service - J. Marshall

1983 (Munich)
1 - Education and training for health care librarianship - Antonia J. Bunch
2 - Mobile library home services in the Federal Republic of Germany in general and in Munich in particular – Beate Dräger
3 - Hospital libraries in the Federal Republic of Germany and in Munich in particular – Hannelore Schmidt

1984 (Nairobi)
Joint meeting with the Round Table on National Centres for Library Services
1 - Public library service to the disabled: their information needs and special materials - Ongare Owino and Edward W. Muya
2 - Central library service to the disabled - Dick Reumer
3 - Guidelines for libraries serving hospital patients and disabled people in the community - a tool to improve library services - Gunnar Westgård and Bjorg Heie

1985 (Chicago)
1 - Prison library services - a responsibility for the public libraries - B. Heie
2 - Library services in prisons/correctional institutions – Phyllis Dalton

Joint meeting with the Section of Libraries for the Blind
3 - A foot in both camps - a librarian's experience in publishing - Tom D. F. Barnard
4 - The legibility of large print - Linda Jansen and Paulli Thomsen
5 - Commercial large print - the international scene – Bruce Massis

1986 (Tokyo)
1 - Hospital libraries in Poland - Francizek Czajkowski
2 - On bibliotherapy - Masamoto Higuchi
3 - How to publish easy reader books: a model - B. Lundstrom and E. Bellander (the
Chair’s summary).
4 - The information needs of inmates and the prison library - S. M. Mallinger
5 - The hearing impaired persons and libraries: the status quo in Japan – Shuuichi Matsunobu
6 - A production system of captioned videotapes using Japanese word processors – Satoshi Nishikawa
Joint meeting with the Round Table on Audiovisual Media
7 - The use of audio-visual materials in library services to people with handicaps – Catherine Pinion
At the Libraries for the Blind session
8 - Library services to visually handicapped in Norway - Else Granheim and Ka-Jo Carlsen

1987  (Brighton)
1 - Libraries at the crossroads: how library services for disadvantaged people can stimulate services for everyone - William Anderson
2 - Health information and the community - Robert Gann
3 - "All you ever wanted to know about medicine but never dared to ask:" health information services for patients - Sally Knight
4 - Matched texts for children - John Wheeler
5 - Library education in Canadian prisons: a model - Anne M. Galler and Joanne Locke
6 - The use of audiovisual materials in prisons - B. C. Wright
7 - The development and future of easy readers for adults in the U.K. - Stephen A. Hoy
Pre-conference seminar on Prison Library Services
8 - A rationale for library services in today’s prison - M. Albert

1988  (Sydney)
1 - How to develop and maintain library services in hospitals on a professional basis – Gunilla Malmgren-Neale
2 - Multi-type library networks - is there a need? - Frances Bluhdorn
At the prison library working groups open meeting:
3 - Prison library services and standards in Australia - P. J. Roberts
4 - Library education in Canadian prisons: a model - Anne M. Galler
At the workshop on standards for prison library services:
5 - Canadian library association standards for prison library services – Donna Duncan
6 - Current trends on prison library services in New Zealand - Anna Chalmers
7 - Gaining community support - V. Young

1989  (Paris)
1 - Library and school for young children and handicapped children: an original cooperation - Myriam Lott-Deschamps
2 - Television and visiophonie - therapy and mass media - Jean-Pierre Seguin
3 - Inmates adopt-a-scholar: a case study in New York State prison library programming to develop critical thinking skills - Myra Albert
4 - Library services in Dutch custodial institutions; description, standards, prospects for the future - Frances E. Kaiser

1990 (Stockholm)
1 - How to provide elderly and disabled persons with library service through health care staff and associations for disabled: examples from the County of Örebro and Ostergötland – Brita Molin
2 - Services to the elderly: at home and in the library – Heleen Wagenaar
3 - The evolution of library and information services for special groups: the role of performance review and the user - William Anderson

At the Open Forum, Division of Libraries Serving the General Public
4 - IFLA’s Section for Libraries Serving Disadvantaged Persons, A presentation - Gunilla Malmgren-Neale

1991 (Moscow)
1 - Guidelines for library services to deaf people: developments and interpretation – John M. Day
2 - Library services to multicultural groups in Dutch prisons – Frances E. Kaiser
3 - Soviet book lovers for disadvantaged persons - Sergei Shuvalov

1992 (New Dehli)
1 - An introduction to the International Guidelines for Library Services to Prisoners – Francis E. Kaiser
2 - An overview of library services in an ageing society: emphasis on new trends in Scandinavian countries - Ka Jo Carlsen; Kjerstin Thulin
3 - The importance of library and reading in the rehabilitation process of disabled people - Franciszek Czajkowski

1993 (Barcelona)
Workshop on Specialized Library Services:
1 - Services to the blind patron - Marie-Jose Poitevin
2 - Services to the deaf patron - Anne Feiler
3 - En France: le profil l'un bibliothécaire en milieu hospitalier - Geneviève Chavanis
4 - Profile of a prison librarian - Lise Van Ruler
5 - Services to the disadvantaged in Spain - Aurora Rodriguez Alonso

Workshop on the interaction between library schools and specialized library services, joint with the sections on Education and Training and Libraries for the blind:
6 - Education for outreach activities: the Swedish experience - Inga Laloo
7 - The Australian scene: serving people with all kinds of disabilities: what has been achieved and what is still necessary - Susanne Bruhn
8 - The Canadian scene: serving people with all kinds of disabilities: what has been achieved and what is still necessary - Beth Hovius
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2. L’émancipation par l'information: le rôle du bibliothécaire d'hôpital et le droit du patient à l'information - Jean-Philippe Accart  
3. A rewarding encounter - mentally handicapped adults make acquaintance with the Easy-to-Read and newspapers - Lisbeth Rosenschöld; Lotta Rosenström  
4. Prisoner's right of access to the courts: law libraries in US prisons – Vibeke Lehmann  
5. Empowerment through information: the transfer of control of library services to first nation government in Ontario - Maureen Cubberley |
| 1995 | Istanbul | 1. Portuguese public libraries network - Luis Oliveria Machado  
2. The library of the future: public libraries and the Internet - Chris Batt  
3. Vom Bibliothekar zum Cybarian - die Zukunft des Berufs in der virtuellen Bibliothek - Claudia Lux  
4. Strategies to educate librarians to introduce new technologies to users, especially disadvantaged ones - Anne Galler  
5. New technologies - new opportunities? The virtual library in a prison situation – Frances Kaiser  
6. Electronic books for the visually impaired: the Norwegian project - Grete Knudson, Eivind Knudsen  
7. The Canadian information highway: special needs addressed - Mary Frances Laughton  
8. Extra large: large print on demand - Marij Schols  
9. The information highway and the print handicapped - Norman Coombs |
| 1996 | Beijing  | 1. The investigation and consideration about reading conditions of juvenile offenders – Xiong Zhongqi  
2. East-to-read: an important part in reading promotion and in the fight against illiteracy - Bror Tronbacke  
3. Talking newspapers and magazines for visually impaired and other people with print disabilities: an international perspective - Peter Craddock  
Open Forum, Division of Libraries Serving the General Public  
4. New roles, new skills: library and information services to disadvantaged users – Sue D. Lithgow |
| 1997 | Copenhagen | Joint with Reading, the European Dyslexia Association, and the Professional Group of Outreach Library Services (Denmark): |

9 - Profiles of librarians serving the disadvantaged: a summary - Anne M. Galler
1 - Introduction of European Dyslexia Association, EDA and dyslexia - Robin Salter
2 - Dsylexia: recent research - Carsten Elbro
3 - Library service and materials for weak readers – Gyda Skat Nielsen
4 - The Swedish Dyslexia campaign 1996/97 - Birgitta Irvall
5 - Multimedia for dyslexic persons - Keld Lund Jensen

Joint with Libraries for the Blind:
6 - Global greying: successful strategies for bridging information gaps with the elderly population - Allan M. Kleiman
7 - Bulgarian libraries bridging information gaps to disadvantaged persons – Dimitriika Stefanova
8 - The WWW as an information resource for the deaf community - John Day
9 - The Danish model of library services to the print-handicapped - Johannes Balslev
10 - Share the vision - Peter Craddock
11 - VISUNET: a vision of virtual library service for the blind - Rosemary Kavanagh, Barbara Freeze

1998 (Amsterdam)
1 - New information technologies and disabilities – Teresa Pages
2 - The contribution of public libraries to higher education opportunities for the socially and economically deprived in rural societies - Joe Hendry

Joint with the Libraries for the Blind section:
3 - The implications for a public library service of the Disability Discrimination Act and the needs of special users – Cathy Evans
4 - The information needs of the deaf blind reader – Satoshi Fukushina
5 - Large print in the Netherlands - Marij Schols
6 - Les lecteurs déficients visuels dans les bibliothèques publiques - Marie-Pierre Tallec
7 - Reading representatives: a model which creates reading opportunities despite severe reading disabilities – Lotta Rosenstrom
8 - Current situations and issues of the deaf-blind community in Japan – Shin Kadokawa

1999 (Bangkok)
1 - Prison librarians needed: a challenging career for those with the right professional and human skills – Vibeke Lehmann
2 - Enhancing the skills of school library staff to cater for individual student needs – Janet Murray
3 - Information services to the disadvantaged person: a challenge for information professionals in Thailand - Sujin Butdisuwan
4 - Voice of India's disabled: demanding equality in library services – Rangashri Kishore

Open Forum, Division of Libraries Serving the General Public
5 - Library and information services to disadvantaged users: the way forward - Sue D. Lithgow (read by Vibeke Lehmann)
2000 (Jerusalem)
1 - Current trends in developing contemporary public library service to deaf and hard of hearing persons in Denmark – Miette Van Der Leith, Anita Otte Clausen
2 - Hospital libraries and the public library system in France: how can they work together? - Claudie Guerin
3 - Library services to deaf and hard of hearing people in Denmark – Anita Clausen

Audio-visual presentation:
Guidelines for hospital patients and the elderly and disabled in long-term care institutions – Nancy Panella

2001 (Boston)
1 - Guidelines for library services to persons with dyslexia – Gyda Skat Nielsen
2 - New technologies for people with print disabilities - Bart Pisha
3 - Advocating for the millions – protecting the rights of people with dyslexia – Thomas Viall

2002 (Glasgow)
1 - Library services to the homebound in Denmark – Gyda Skat Nielsen
2 - Library services in institutions for the elderly in Sweden – Birgitta Irvall
3 - Aging and verbal creativity – creative writing for elderly in the library – Oddgeir Synnes

2003 (Berlin)
1 - Prison libraries in Italy – Maria Angela Barlotti
2 - Planning and implementing prison libraries: strategies and resources – Vibeke Lehman
3 - ABC and the Italian prison libraries – Emanuela Costanzo
4 - Library services to prisoners in the state of Janeiro – Ludmila da Costa
5 - Peschers, Gerhard: “Bibliotheksarbeit im Justizvollzug in Deutschland am Beisplel Nordrhein-Westfalens – Gefangenenbibliotheken als Portale begrenzter Freiheit zur sinnvollen Freizeitgestaltung für inhaftierte – Gerhard Pescers

Open Session, Libraries Serving the General Public
6 – Supporting human culture and values – John Michael Day

2004 (Buenos Aires)
1 - Copyright: how can barriers to access be removed? An action plan for the removal of some copyright barriers that prevent equitable access to information by people with print disabilities – Stephen King
2 - Towards the ideal: steps toward improved access – Victoria Owen
3 - Copyright exceptions for the visually impaired: international perspective – Geidy Lung
4 - Copyright protection as access barrier for people who read differently: the case for an international approach – Johan Roos
5 - Perspectives from publishers and users in South America – Ana Maria Cabanellas de las Cuevas
6 - The Tifolibros model: international cooperation for delivery of digital books to blind people – Pablo Lecuona

2005 (Oslo):
1 - Access to libraries for disabled persons checklist: a practical tool – Gyda Skat Nielsen, Birgitta Irvall
2 - Towards an accessible academic library: using the IFLA checklist – Margaret Forrest
3 - National accessibility strategies for persons with disabilities – Mogens Wiederholt
Poster Session:
The Accessible Library - a voyage of discovery - For all? – Tone Moseid
4 - Universal Design for cultural institutions – Tone Moseid
5 - Accessibility check list by IFLA’s Libraries Serving [the] Disadvantaged Section – Gyda Skat Nielsen

2006 (Seoul):
1 - Knowledge sharing also for disabled readers – Helle Arendrup. Mortensen
2 - Library services to persons with dyslexia – Gyda Skat Nielsen
3 - Development of information and library services to persons with dyslexia – Asian experiences – Misako Nomura
4 - Asian library practices of serving persons with dyslexia: survey findings – Youngsook Lee
5 - Knowledge sharing also for disabled readers – Sungdo Hong
Poster Session:
“Hospital patient’s libraries” – Yu Kikuchi
“Library services for the persons with special needs - determining the problem of reading and writing causing the changes in the behaviour of juvenile in the young offenders in Croatia” – Dunja Marijia Gabriel.
“LSDP’s 75th Anniversary” – Joanne Locke

2007 (Durban)
1 - Task force team for the establishment of the National Support Center for Library Services to People with Disabilities – Youngsook Lee
Poster Session:
“The right to literacy and knowledge” – Dunja Marijia Gabriel, Ljiljana Sabljak
“Prison libraries” – Vibeke Lehmann
“Library services to persons with dementia” – Gyda Skat Nielsen, Helle Arendrup
2008 (Quebec City)
1 – Senior spaces – Allan M. Kleimann
2 – Downloads by the busloads – the way forward for talking books – Ian Stringer and Paul Stringer
3 – Hanging out in the library – old school – Christina Pottie
4 – E-reading for disabled persons: the French Digital Library for the Disabled – Monique Pujol
5 – Reading in hospitals and ICT – Claudie Guerin
6 – E-learning to support the development of disability awareness skills – a case study – Margaret Forrest

2009 (Milan)
1 – Les bibliothèques des établissements pénitentiaires en France: l’exemple de la région Rhône-Alpes – Odile Cramard
2 – Les bibliothèques communales en prison à Rome – Fabio de Grossi
3 – Modelos y programas de promoción de la lectura y alfabetización en los penitenciarios de España – Margarita Perez Pulido
4 – Breaking barriers with books: connecting incarcerated fathers with their children – Vibeke Lehmann

Poster Session:
“Dinner is served: adults with intellectual disabilities run successful library cafes in Public Libraries” - Helle Arendrup Mortensen