The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) is the leading international body representing the interests of library and information services and their users. It is the global voice of the library and information profession.

IFLA’s professional work is done mainly by our Sections, of which there are currently more than 45; IFLA members are members of the sections of their choice.

SCOPE

The Preservation and Conservation Section [http://www.ifla.org/en/preservation-and-conservation](http://www.ifla.org/en/preservation-and-conservation) is concerned with the preservation of the world's documentary heritage. It provides an international forum for all types of libraries to exchange, develop and share knowledge and experience dealing with theories, policies and practices for the preservation of all recorded knowledge, regardless of the storage medium. The Section maintains a close working relationship with the IFLA PAC Core Programme. [http://www.ifla.org/en/pac](http://www.ifla.org/en/pac).

The section also sponsors the Environmental Sustainability and Libraries Special Interest Group (SIG)

This SIG is concerned with the role of humanity in climate change and the concerns of society and libraries for sustainable development. This Special Interest Group has been in existence since 2009 and works closely with the section on programming. To join: [http://www.ifla.org/en/environmental-sustainability-and-libraries](http://www.ifla.org/en/environmental-sustainability-and-libraries).

ACTIVITIES

The Preservation and Conservation Section works to provide useful information to the section members and others on all aspects of preservation and conservation through programs at conference, satellite meetings, publications, and outreach through the website & blog. Disaster planning and recovery is a strong focus of the section.

Section members work with the Blue Shield organizations [http://www.blueshield-international.org/](http://www.blueshield-international.org/) and with the PAC Core Programme in developing strategies for assistance when natural or manmade disasters strike libraries.

INFORMATION SHARING

The section distributes information and shares information via:

- Conference programs
- Satellite programs
- Section Blog
- Section Newsletter
- Publications such as
  - *First, do no harm- A Register of Standards, Codes of Practice, Guidelines...* Compiled by John McIlwaine
  - *Preparing for the Worst, Planning for the Best: Protecting our Cultural Heritage from Disaster* Edited by Nancy Gwinn and Johanna Wellheiser
- Guidelines such as
  - Guidelines for Digitization Projects for collections and holdings in the public domain
COLLABORATION

The Preservation and Conservation Section collaborates with other IFLA sections which have commonly held agendas through a variety of means including:

- Cosponsoring
  - conference programs
  - Satellite meetings
- Sharing information by sharing Newsletter distribution across section memberships.
- Collaborating sections include:
  - Rare Books and Manuscripts
  - Newspapers
  - Audiovisual and Multimedia

How to Join:

For more Section information:
www.ifla.org/preservation-and-conservation
http://blogs.ifla.org/preservation-and-conservation