IFLA Social Science Libraries Section Celebrates Successful Program Sessions in Milan! 23-27 August 2009

“Libraries create futures: Building on cultural heritage”

Although the city was quiet—holidays, for most people in Italy—and the heat was consistent, IFLA and the Social Science Section celebrated a very successful program in Milan!

The theme was appropriate to the city and the country—both exuding cultural heritage—and IFLA’s return to ITALY, with its first meeting in Rome in 1928.

Social Science Libraries Chair, Steve Witt, represented the Division of Special Libraries (our Section was within this Division), in a day long program, “From Cultures to Sacred Books: Modern functions of Libraries in the religious traditions of Mediterranean Civilizations.” (Or, as promoted at ABEI, “Babel, Bible and Kor’an from Texts to Contexts”) The program was convened at the Biblioteca Ambrosiana. The esteemed panel included: Presiding, Mons. Franco Buzzi, Prefect of the Biblioteca Ambrosiana; Greeting, Dionigi Tettamanzi, Archbishop of Milan; and Steve Witt, Introductions. The program began with Speeches/reports by Prof. Beit-Arie Malachi, Professor emeritus of Codicology and Paleography and Mons. Cesare Pasini, Prefect of the Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana. Libraries of Islamic Area followed and then a debate was scheduled, more like a discussion.

This session ended with a break for lunch (on your own) and if you chose food for the soul as opposed to the body, you could take a guided tour of the Biblioteca Ambrosiana with the Prefect.

The program continued with Presiding, Mons. Pier Francesco Fumagalli, Vice Prefect of the Biblioteca Ambrosiana. Reports included BETH—Bibliotheques Europeennes de Theologie; CEI – Conferenza Episcopale
Italiana. Ufficio Nazionale per I beni culturali ecclesiastici; CDEC - Centro di Documentazione Ebraica Contemporanea; ABEI – Associazione dei Bibliotecari Ecclesiastici Italiani; URBE – Unione Romana Biblioteche Ecclesiastiche, and Debate (discussion). The speaker from ABEI (Italian Catholic Librarian Association) spoke in Italian but used slides in English. He indicated that there were 1,469 libraries and those could be identified at their website and that an authority list, ACOLIT, would be published.

This was an amazing program even if it suffered, from my perspective, because of the beautiful, old room we were in—not well suited for seeing or hearing, especially with most people, although not all, speaking English with heavy accents. None of the papers or talks was available. In the concluding remarks, however, Mauro Guerrini, President of the Italian Organizing Committee, IFLA 2009, Milan, said consideration will be given to publishing a short proceeding. This session was considered to be the first of its kind and people agreed it would be good to continue. Hopefully, too, a proceeding will in fact become available.

The primary program for the Social Science Libraries Section “The convergence of the social science libraries with libraries, archives and museums in preserving cultural heritage,” addressed the role of social science knowledge and libraries, the world digital library, conservation of heritage and cultural development of Latin America and the Caribbean, and the European perspective.

In collaboration with the IFLA Geography and Map Libraries, Science and Technology Libraries, and Division1, Special Libraries, a program was also presented on “Cultural heritage preserved: the role of digital maps.” After clicking, continue to program item 121 for all of the papers presented at this session.

Social Science Libraries Standing Committee Meetings 22 August and 27 August 2009

The Social Science Libraries Standing Committee held its business meetings on Saturday prior to the 75th IFLA General Conference and Council in Milan, Italy and on Thursday, following the conference. The pre-conference meeting discussed the programs for the main conference for Milan, and IFLA business matters relating to the Standing Committees in general. The second meeting continued discussion and planning for future projects and conference programs, and feedback from the group to IFLA leadership. See Minutes 2009.
L'Oasis in Milan and it was...

The Social Science Libraries Standing Committee met for their traditional gathering, this year with Wilda Newman, Information Coordinator and Editor, and her husband Edward, at Hotel Raffaello for drinks and snacks before walking to a “local” restaurant, L’Oasis that Edward discovered. Lots of places were closed for holiday and this neighborhood find provided good food with reasonable prices and al fresco dining. We were the hit of the evening’s entertainment as well, since this neighborhood restaurant doesn’t typically see tourists.

Photos at Hotel Raffaello and L’Oasis provided by W. Newman

The IFLA World Library and information Congress 2010, 76th IFLA General Conference and Assembly will take place at the Swedish Exhibition and Congress Centre (Svenska Mässan) in Gothenburg, Sweden.

The theme chosen for the 2010 Congress energizes and supports the Presidential Theme of IFLA President, Ellen Tise: Libraries driving access to knowledge.

Welcome to Sweden and to Gothenburg 2010!

“On behalf of the 2010 World Library and Information Congress’ National Committee and the Swedish Library Association, we are honoured and happy to welcome you all to Sweden and Gothenburg. Thank you for entrusting us with the challenge of organising the 2010 World Library and Information Congress: the 76th IFLA Conference and General Assembly. The National Committee and the Swedish Library Association are working with great enthusiasm and with wonderful support from all over the world. We are sure we will offer you a conference and a visit you’ll remember for a long time….”

See you in Sweden and Gothenburg 2010!

Inga Lundén
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Chair of the 2010 WLIC National Committee

http://www.ifla.org/Div I / Library Types
World Library and Information Congress: 77th IFLA General Conference and Assembly

"Libraries beyond libraries: Integration, Innovation and Information for all"

13-18 August 2011, San Juan, Puerto Rico

Congress Information

The World Library and Information Congress 2011, 77th IFLA General Conference and Assembly, will take place at the Puerto Rico Convention Center, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

For a short video introduction to San Juan and Puerto Rico, please visit this YouTube link:

Helsinki (listen (help-info); Swedish: Helsingfors, listen (help-info)) is the capital and largest city in Finland. It is in the southern part of Finland, on the shore of the Gulf of Finland, by the Baltic Sea. The population of the city of Helsinki is 584,420 (31 March 2010), making it the most populous municipality in Finland by a wide margin. Helsinki is located some 400 kilometres (250 mi) east of Stockholm, Sweden, 300 kilometres (190 mi) west of St. Petersburg, Russia and 80 kilometres (50 mi) north of Tallinn, Estonia. Helsinki has close connections with these three cities.

Helsinki is Finland's major political, educational, financial, cultural and research center. Helsinki is also an important regional city on the Baltic Sea and northern Europe. Approximately 70% of foreign companies operating in Finland have settled in the Helsinki region.

In 2009, Helsinki was chosen to be the World Design Capital for 2012 by the International Council of Societies of Industrial Design. Helsinki narrowly beat Eindhoven for the title.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Helsinki
**Milan Continued!**

**The main event:** Milan outdid itself with the “Social Evening at the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II.” At first note one could be skeptical of how well this would be pulled off. A major center of the city completely open to everyone, and IFLA delegates finding their way to restaurants, listed in the invitation, for dinner. Additionally, there were events open for delegates, including a concert for piano and Stradivari violin, at Duomo, Milan (“Stradivari instrument” ‘Marechal Berthier 1716 ex Napoleon’ with kind permission of Pro Canale Foundation’); Palazzo Reale offered Monet, the Water-Lily period, and more; Piazza Scala – Palazzo Marino, included an interactive exhibition on Leonardo da Vinci’s Codex Atlanticus and on display in the Galleria “1497 De Divina Proportione,” illustrated by Leonardo da Vinci; and, at Castello Sforzesco, “…six centuries of book binding.”

![Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II](image)

![Typical street for al fresco dining](image)

![Inside Duomo, Milan](image)

![Concert for IFLA, Duomo, Milan](image)

![Divina Proportione, illustrated by Leonardo da Vinci](image)

![Sign on Piazza Del Duomo for IFLA](image)

One of several signs flashed on the screen in the Piazzo del Duomo announcing IFLA. And, if there was any doubt of the influence libraries and culture play in Italy, this evening would surely have persuaded them differently.

**Thank you Milan!**

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