From the Chair:

After a successful program in Gothenburg, Sweden last August, we are looking forward to Puerto Rico this coming summer. We are also sponsoring a satellite program in Havana, Cuba, 8—10 August 2011. The title of the program is *Social Science Libraries: A Bridge to Information for Sustainable Development* and it revolves around use and best practices for digital libraries and information technology. I am working closely with members of the standing committee, especially Maria Elena Dorte-Duque, to see to it that this is as successful as our Toronto conference. We will include paper presentations and workshops as part of this event which will be held at the National Library of Cuba José Martí. You can read more about this satellite program in this newsletter. We are also lining up speakers for our IFLA/WLIC conference program. The theme of this program follows from our 2008 satellite conference in Toronto on interdisciplinarity and is entitled *Libraries beyond Libraries; Integration, Innovation and Information for All.* The program is scheduled for Tuesday, 16 August 2011, 13.45-15.45 (1:45-3:45 p.m. AST). Please check your IFLA conference program for location.

A new initiative from IFLA headquarters involves developing Section Action Plans that reflect the recently approved IFLA Strategic Directions. The Social Science Libraries Section chose to hone in on the aspects of “transforming the profile and standing of the profession.” This involves the specific efforts listed under 3.1 of the Strategic Directions – *Assert credibility through endorsed up-to-date policies and standards and through wider evidence-based research that validates its policy position.* We hope to emphasize the credibility of digital libraries and expose attendees to best practices and provide examples of these practices through open access and digital libraries.

Section membership is always a concern. This year we have increased our number and have been working to fill available positions on our Standing Committee. We depend on member institutions and associations a great deal to provide individuals who are able and willing to work with us to advance the ideals of IFLA and the social sciences. The current round of nominations ends February 8 and it will be two years before new names can be added to the membership of the Standing Committee. We have also been in discussions with individuals who are interested in having the Section sponsor a new Special Interest Group. Keep an eye out for more on this after we meet in San Juan.

I hope that you, your association members, and your libraries are prospering as the world economy slowly recovers. It is not easy to be involved in organizations such as IFLA during times of budgetary constraints, but I would argue that the benefits to the profession and the world of librarianship derived from these interactions is not only beneficial, but essential as we move forward in this information age.

The Standing Committee hopes to see you in Havana and San Juan this summer! Lynne, Chair, Social Science Libraries Standing Committee
Satellite Conference – Havana, Cuba, 8—10 August 2011

Social Science Libraries: A Bridge to Knowledge for Sustainable Development

The Social Science Libraries Section of IFLA will hold a satellite conference from 8—10 August, 2011 in Havana, Cuba. The theme of the conference, Social Science Libraries: A Bridge to Knowledge for Sustainable Development will provide librarians and library workers with an opportunity to share and develop best practices relating to the digital library of the future and better understand the digital library’s place as a driver for sustainable development.

The disciplines of the social sciences have made fundamental contributions to the understanding of the economic, political and social life of nations in the past century. Social sciences now have an important role to play in the context of the information society as significant sources of academic and social knowledge, and more importantly, for their contribution in defining and guiding strategies for change in public policy and in citizen participation. The proliferation of digital information supports and strengthens economic, social, and political development providing the tools needed by citizens and policymakers to understand the problems they must address and the possible solutions to those problems.

Papers and workshops will relate to the following topics:
- Digital Libraries
- Repositories – Subject and Institutional
- Open Access
- Collaboration and networking

The conference venue is the National Library of Cuba José Martí. More information on registration, travel and accommodations is available. Please send inquiries to rudasill@illinois.edu. We are very excited about this conference and hope to see many of you there. Although the program is not yet fixed, it will be an informative conference in a beautiful and exciting country of the world. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Registration and Travel: The conference venue is the National Library of Cuba José Martí. For more information on registration, travel and accommodations please contact eventos1@paradis.artex.cu - lillian.snczh.monerde@gmail.com or yolandan@bnjm.cu for details.

Useful websites for information purposes only; you are responsible for interpretation!
More information concerning travel to Cuba for residents of the USA can be found at:

http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1097.html#entry_requirements
http://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/Programs/pages/cuba.aspx
NOTICE TO USA RESIDENTS: (in preparation for travel to Cuba for the Social Science Libraries pre-IFLA WLIC satellite conference) Recent OFAC (Office of Foreign Assets Control) Actions 1/28/2011

The Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC") today is amending the Cuban Assets Control Regulations, 31 C.F.R. part 515 (the "CACR"), to implement policy changes announced by the President on January 14, 2011, to allow, among other things, for greater licensing of travel to Cuba for educational, cultural, religious, and journalistic activities and to expand licensing of remittances to Cuba. Among other changes, OFAC has issued new general licenses authorizing travel-related transactions incident to certain educational or religious activities to replace the former statements of specific licensing policy for such transactions. OFAC has restored to the CACR a statement of specific licensing policy for "people-to-people" exchanges. This travel category provides for licenses authorizing educational exchanges not involving academic study pursuant to a degree program when those exchanges take place under the auspices of an organization that sponsors and organizes such programs to promote people-to-people contact. OFAC has increased the scope of the statement of specific licensing policy for journalistic activities in Cuba to include free-lance journalistic projects other than "articles." OFAC also has issued new general licenses authorizing remittances of up to $500 per quarter to any Cuban national, as well as unlimited remittances to religious organizations in Cuba in support of religious activities there. These amendments also authorize certain transactions with Cuban national individuals who have taken up permanent residence outside of Cuba, as well as implement certain technical and conforming changes.

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LIBRARIES IN OLD HAVANA

Está integrado por el Archivo Histórico de la Ciudad, la Biblioteca Histórica Cubana y Americana Francisco González del Valle, la Fototeca y las Bibliotecas Asociadas, además de contar con un Departamento de Informática. **Archivo Histórico de la Ciudad:** Atesora documentos cubanos, especialmente relativos a la Guerra por la Independencia y de Familias Cubanas, grabados y planos, además de las Actas Capitulares de la Ciudad desde 1550 hasta nuestros días. Brinda servicios en horario laboral a investigadores y estudiosos acreditados. Entre esos servicios sobresalen: carné de asociado, servicio de referencia, fotocopias, reproducciones fotográficas y de diapositivas, derecho a reproducción de originales y fondos comerciales, scanner, información en forma de texto o imagen, certificaciones, envío de información a través de correo electrónico y correo ordinario, y otros productos ya elaborados como son los indices de algunas colecciones. **Biblioteca Histórica Cubana y Americana Francisco González del Valle:** Cuenta con más de 30 000 volúmenes con selecta información, especialmente habanera y sobre La Habana. Se agrupa en cuatro colecciones: Rara, Cubana, General y Hemeroteca. Brinda servicios de sala, búsquedas, préstamo externo, referencia, fotocopia y escaneo. **Fototeca:** Cuenta con más de 10 000 imágenes fotográficas (ferrotipos, ambrotipos, imágenes sobre cristal, albúmina y papel, diapositivas y vídeos) referentes a la vida habanera en distintas etapas, familias, obras constructivas, figuras históricas y la memoria gráfica de la Oficina del Historiador en su quehacer cotidiano. Brinda servicios en horario laboral a investigadores y estudiosos acreditados. Bibliotecas Asociadas: Se trata de las bibliotecas pertenecientes a los museos y casas del Centro Histórico: (Associated libraries: These are the libraries belonging to the museums and the historic center houses.)

Biblioteca Fermín Valdés Domínguez (Museo Casa Natal de José Martí)
Museo de Arqueología
Museo Numismático
Biblioteca Ibn Jaldún (Casa de los Árabes)
Casa de Asia
Biblioteca Ada Elba Pérez (Casa de la Poesía)
Biblioteca Dora Alonso (Centro Estudiantil José de la Luz y Caballero)
Biblioteca Alfonso Reyes (Casa del Benemérito de las Américas Benito Juárez)
Biblioteca Simón Rodríguez (Casa Simón Bolívar)
Biblioteca especializada en lengua alemana (Casa Alejandro de Humboldt)
Biblioteca Pedagógica Félix Varela

- Library Fermín Valdés Domínguez (Birthplace Museum of José Martí)
- Museum of archaeology
- Numismatic Museum
- Library Ibn Khaldun (Arab House)
- Asia home
- Library Ada Elba Pérez (House of poetry)
- Library Dora Alonso (Center Student José de la Luz and Knight)
- Library Alfonso Reyes (home of the Benemérito de the Americas Benito Juarez)
- Library Simón Rodríguez (House Simón Bolívar)
- Library specializing in German language (Casa Alejandro de Humboldt)
- Pedagogical library Felix Varela
New Book *edited by Ingeborg Verheul, Anna Maria Tammaro and Steve Witt*

Published in 2010, Digital Library Futures: User perspectives and strategies is currently available from De Gruyter Saur as No. 146 in the IFLA publication series. The work takes a cross-cultural view of libraries, museums and archives working together to create digital libraries that allow all of us to understand and enjoy the treasures of other societies. It focuses on the user of digital collections, what they want, how they use it, and what we can do to provide a seamless access in the research process. The material is drawn from the conference Digital Library Futures that occurred during the 2009 IFLA/WLIC conference in Milan, Italy.

Also available and as an eBook, Social Science Libraries Section, IFLA Publication No. 144

Social Science Libraries: Interdisciplinary Collections, Services, Networks edited by Steve Witt and Lynne Rudasill is now available in print and as an ebook from De Gruyter Saur as No. 144 of IFLA Publications series. The work explores the growing multi-disciplinary and interdisciplinary aspects of working in the social science library. Changing disciplinary paradigms, approaches to service delivery, and the effects of the Web 2.0 technologies are explored in the chapters. The book is the result of the Social Science Libraries Section satellite conference in Toronto in 2008 and brings contributors from around the world to discuss the topic.
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World Library and Information Congress: 78th IFLA General Conference and Assembly

Theme: "Libraries Now! - Inspiring, Surprising, Empowering"
Helsinki, Finland; 11-16 August 2012
The 76th IFLA General Conference succeeded in spite of world economics. This World Library and information Congress convened in Gothenburg, Sweden at the Swedish Exhibition and Congress Centre. By the numbers, we didn’t reach as high as some previous meetings but over 3300 participated, including 2359 delegates, and 977 of those were first time attendees.

President, Ellen Tise chose as her theme this year, Libraries driving access to knowledge, and is presented in full online. Ms. Tise is Senior Director, Library and Information Services, J S Gericke Library, University of Stellenbosch, South Africa.

For the full program and available papers Click on the Gothenburg icon above and “see” the Experience.

“Making It Count, Social Science Data Literacy as an Information Fluency”

Social Science Libraries Section Program presented on Congress track 3: Users driving access and services, 12 August 2010, Gothenburg, Sweden, papers available online.

- Overview - the importance of understanding statistics
  LISA J. HINCHLIFFE (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, Illinois, USA)

- Training undergraduate students to search and use statistical information: a cooperation between professors and librarians
  Translations: [Español]
  RAÚL AGUILERA, TONY HERNÁNDEZ-PÉREZ, MAYTE RAMOS and MARINA VIANELLO (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Madrid, Spain)

- Using web-based software to promote data literacy in a large enrollment undergraduate course
  HARRISON DEKKER (UC Berkeley Libraries, Berkeley, California, USA)

- Respect, trust and engagement: creating an Australian indigenous data archive
  GABRIELLE GARDINER, JEMIMA MCDONALD, ALEX BYRNE and KIRSTEN THORPE (University of Technology, Sydney, NSW, Australia)

- Skills development to assist data usage for policymaking in Africa
  LYNN WOOLFREY (DataFirst Resource Unit, University of Cape Town, Cape Town, South Africa)

- Adding it all up
  LYNNE M. RUDASILL (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, Illinois, USA)
ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Social Science Libraries Establishes Blog**

IFLA Social Science Libraries Blog – “IFLA Standing Committee Members connecting Social Science Libraries & YOU” @ http://blogs.ifla.org/social-science/

Current standing committee members have access as blog authors. Those people will receive an email to which they must respond in order to activate their use of the blog. Our former Chair, Steve Witt posted an item and your responses are welcome. Also, you may write your own post on a different subject if you choose. Happy blogging! Let’s hear from you!

**Publications of the Social Science Libraries Standing Committee are published and available online at the IFLA Social Science Libraries Website**

**Emerald announces first open access articles through special partnership with IFLA**

United Kingdom, November 2010 - Emerald Group Publishing Limited is delighted to unveil the first articles in open access as part of its ‘special partnership’ with the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA). Available from November 1, 2010, the fourteen articles are published in four different Emerald journals: Interlending & Document Supply, Library Hi Tech News, Performance Measurement and Metrics, and Program.

Under this agreement, papers that have their origins in an IFLA conference or project, have the opportunity to be published in one of Emerald’s LIS journals and become open access nine months after publication. This special partnership takes advantage of the Emerald platform to increase the discoverability of research presented at IFLA events. (Read more)

Those Congress papers which have been published by Emerald, are now highlighted in the IFLA proceedings http://www.ifla.org/annual-conference/ifla75/programme2009-en.php using the Emerald company logo.

**For Your Information:** (email provided by Dr. Sharon L. Bostick, Dean of Libraries, University of Missouri-Kansas City:

Helen Fallon, Deputy Librarian at the National University of Ireland Maynooth has established an academic writing blog, which aims-in addition to publicizing calls for conference papers etc.-to promote collaborative writing among librarians nationally and internationally. Collaborative writing and presenting offers a really good opportunity to build new writing relationships and to explore professional practice and issues in different contexts. The blog also has a range of resources which Helen has developed to support people writing for publication. You are free to use and adapt these resources. You can view the blog at: academicwritinglibrarian.blogspot.com

<http://academicwritinglibrarian.blogspot.com>

If you wish to post to the blog, which you are encouraged to do, send Helen an e-mail at: helen.b.fallon@nuim.ie

She will then generate an e-mail via the blog which you should respond to in order to post. Collaborative writing and presenting offers a really good opportunity to build new writing relationships and to explore professional practice and issues in different contexts. Comments and suggestions are welcome.
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