

WORLD LIBRARY AND INFORMATION CONGRESS: 76TH IFLA GENERAL CONFERENCE AND ASSEMBLY, 10-15 AUGUST, 2010, GOTHENBURG, SWEDEN.

THEME: OPEN ACCESS TO KNOWLEDGE/PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE PROGRESS



GRANTEE'S REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

The Cultural Center of Suriname foundation was established on 30 august 1948 with the objective to serve the cultural needs of all Surinamese people.

This center provides the Surinamese community with various cultural-education facilities, namely:

- a. The main and largest Suriname public library with 7 branches in various districts. The head office was renovated in 2008, which include the building, the interior, the collection and it's organization (automation and human resources training and management). The embassy of Holland in Paramaribo was the main financier of this renovation, with a total budget of Euro.500.000,-. Several Surinamese and multi-national companies also supported this renovation project.
- b. The Eddie Wessels auditorium. With a capacity of 350 people, this auditorium is the second largest in Paramaribo.
- c. The CCS Volksmuziekschool (the CCS public music school established in 1956 as a separate CCS foundation)
- d. Facilities for drama, dance and creative art education and activities

The CCS is partly subsidized by the Suriname Ministry of Education, which provides for the salaries of 55% of the employees. A board of directors manages CCS, and its members are

Mrs. Nadia L. Becker	President
Mrs. Elviera L. Sandie	Vice-president
Mrs. Mavis Demon	Treasurer
Mr. John Krishnadath	Secretary

Furthermore the foundation employs 63 personal of which 75% on full-time and 25% on part-timers base.

CCS –IFLA RELATION

CCS became member of IFLA in 1996 as a national association. CCS membership fee is sponsored by the Nederlandse Vereniging van Openbare Bibliotheken.

Due to financial constrains, CCS library management finally participated in IFLA's general conference in Gothenburg 2010. This was realized after close consultation with Sjoerd Koopmans of IFLA head office in Den Haag, Netherlands from may,2009. Thanks

to his efforts, two grants were realized in april 2010, from NBD-BIBLION, Leidschedam, Netherlands.

The CCS director, mrs. Elviera Sandie and the director of the Suriname University Library, mrs. Jane Smith were selected and participated in Gothenburg. Finally Suriname's active link with IFLA was established.

CCS PARTICIPATION IN CONGRESS PROGRAMME

Via email intense communication was established between CCS (Elviera Sandie) en IFLA headquarters (Sjoerd Koopman and Josche Ouwerkerk).

Through their guidance, all necessary preparations were made for a successful travel, accommodation and participation of the CCS representative.

Because of a unfortunate mistake by CCS, the IFLA 2010 satellite meeting 'the global librarian' in Boras on august 9th, was not attended.

Mrs. Sandie arrived in Sweden on the evening of Monday 9th.

Since there were only two representatives from Suriname, the various activities during the congress were attended in close collaboration with each other. The following sessions were attended by the CCS representative.

Date	Time	Activity/Session	Result
Tuesday 10 august	10.00	Registration	Registration/congress badge,bag and grant tuition received
	17.00	Session 53: Caucus: Africa, Oceania and Latin America and the Caribbean	Introduction to people and activities
	18.00	Session 56:Caucus: Nederlands speaking participants	Introduction to people and activities

<p>Wednesday august 11th.</p>	<p>11.00 12.30 13.45 14.50 16.00</p>	<p>Session 66: Opening session, Jan Eliasson Session 67: IFLA president's lunch Session 69: Newcomers session Session 77: Lat. Am. En Caribbean SC Exhibition opening</p>	<p>Informal networking Great introduction to IFLA Encouragement to become more active in IFLA via standing committee membership and regional committee</p>
<p>Thursday, august 12th.</p>	<p>9.00 13.00 14.00 16.00</p>	<p>Session 82: Libraries for children and young adults (field-trip) Session 92: Poster sessions Session 94: ALP with FAIFE Session 101: BM Gates ATLA-award program</p>	<p>Invitation by Ingrid Bon. Very fruitful Visited # 46,50,84,89,123,134,154,155 Very interesting, Possible submit CCS proposal Very interesting, great opportunity Possible submit CCS proposal/project</p>
<p>Friday august 13th.</p>	<p>8.30 9.30 13.00 14.00 16.00</p>	<p>Session 103: Plenary session by Hans Rosling Session 104: Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Session 108: Libraries for children and young adults with school libraries etc. Session 113: Poster session Session 121: Latin America and the Caribbean</p>	<p>Very interesting analyses of the world system Possible submittance of CCS proposal/project Not very interesting</p>

Saturday august 14 th .	9.30	Session 130: IFLA publications	Very interesting
	11.30	Session 134: ALP	Opportunities for small and big project proposals
	13.45	Session 141: Library and research services for Parliaments	
	16.15	General Assembly	CCS Voted
Sunday august 15 th .	9.00	Session 147: libraries for children and young adults etc.	
	10.45	Session 152: LIS education in Developing countries SIG	Important homework in the preparation of the Puerto Rico General Congress that orally based communities are given the opportunity to develop that part of their cultural heritage. Important that special focus is put at this aspect, maybe organize a special seminar for practitioners and possible development of a curriculum for these communities.
	16.15	Closing session	Enjoyed the great closing session with 'ABBA'

Conclusion:

- The introduction to IFLA's world congress was a great eye-opener for CCS. The international library community greatly supports educational activities which are mostly influenced by various cultural aspects. Since CCS is a cultural center, it was very pleasant to learn that nowadays libraries are developed into mini-cultural centers around the world. This has proven to serve the customer needs more effectively.
- Various collaborations with congress colleagues can be recognized as a starting point for closer communication and potential joined activities on bilateral or multi-lateral base. For example it is important for CCS to link with the regional IFLA office in Brazil, and become a member of the American Library Association ALA.
- There is also a great opportunity to submit project proposals to IFLA related programs (International Marketing Award, ICLAM, Sister Libraries Program) but also to programs awarded by for instance the Elsevier Foundation, The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the Price Claus Fund for Culture and Development.
- It is important for Suriname, especially CCS to take part in future IFLA activities at both regional and international level, for ongoing development of the Suriname Library personal and services and also to push the Suriname Library to international standard.