



**IFLA - Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania
(IFLA - RSCAO): Sub-Regional Report
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Sub-region: Central Asia Convenor: Irina Shuhina

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I. Achievements in the key roles and responsibilities as sub-regional convenor:

- A. Promotion of IFLA and IFLA-RSCAO and its programs and activities in the sub-region (Please provide details):

- B. Encourage professional colleagues in the sub-region to join IFLA and its activities (Please provide details):

- C. Work closely with the Regional Office and organizers, if a country in the sub-region has been selected to host the mid-term meeting (Please provide details):

- D. Arrange and upload photos and short write ups of activities for the RSCAO Facebook page (Please Provide details):

- E. Other activities, if any (Please provide details):

II. Brief details with links to information where available, of **two (2) most impactful activities in each country** in the sub-region, for example, activities of: library association/s; different types of libraries; library studies programs; any conferences, workshops or seminars and so on. Please add more rows, etc. as required.

III. For impact, please state the **related IFLA Strategy 2019-2024**

- SD 1 – strengthen the global voice of libraries
- SD 2 – inspire and enhance professional practice
- SD 3 – connect and empower the field
- SD 4 – optimise our organisation

Country	Activities	Impact
<p>1. Kazakhstan</p>	<p>#1 Name and Date: “Contemporary Trends in Information Organization in the Academic Library Environment” (Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan). 29-30 June 2021 at Nazarbayev University.</p> <p>Details: This year’s conference aims to be a platform to share best practices and experiences from various academic libraries around the world on how they implement principles and standards in organizing information as well as describing some recent developments in the field. Moreover, the conference serves as a venue to share knowledge on how libraries and librarians deal with data with the utilization of technology as a tool.</p> <p>https://nu.kz.libguides.com/EALC-2021</p>	<p>SD 1 – strengthen the global voice of libraries SD 2 – inspire and enhance professional practice SD 3 – connect and empower the field SD 4 – optimise our organisation</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlighting Best Practices • Acquaintance with Cataloging and Classification Policies and Practices • Acquaintance with Metadata Librarianship • Advance professional networks and international cooperation • Digital Collections and Curation introduction • Digital Humanities Analytics • Innovative Resources (includes Personnel, Funding, and Software) • Inspire research ideas • Introduce international experts • Ensure constructive exchange of information, and lessons • Establish conversation between researchers and practitioners
	<p>#2 Name and Date: The International Seminar "Bio-damage of books: detection, treatment and protection methods, prevention", organized by the IFLA/PAC Centers in Central Asia and in the CIS and Eastern Europe held on May 25, 2021.</p> <p>Details: Within the framework of the event, the main principles of ensuring the safety of fonds were considered, in particular, the problems of preventing and eliminating biological damage; the main methods of determining and detecting biological damage were demonstrated; standard methods of disinfection treatment of books and their impact on human health and the environment were analyzed; the question of the relevance of special treatment for the destruction of microorganisms was studied.</p> <p>https://www.nlrk.kz/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=3253:the-international-seminar-bio-damage-of-books-detection-</p>	<p>SD 1 – strengthen the global voice of libraries SD 2 – inspire and enhance professional practice SD 3 – connect and empower the field SD 4 – optimise our organisation</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study the problems of books preventing and eliminating biological damage • Identifying the Priorities areas for collaboration • Advance professional networks and international cooperation • Inspire research ideas • Introduce international experts • Ensure constructive exchange of information, best practices, and lessons

	<p>treatment-and-protection-methods-prevention-organized-by-the-ifla-pac-centers-in-central-asia-and-in-the-cis-and-eastern-europe-was-held&catid=125&lang=en&Itemid=127</p>	
<p>2. Kyrgyzstan</p>	<p>#1 Name and Date: The II International Conference "Book and Reading in Digital Epoch" was held in sanatorium "Aurora" (Bulan-Sogotu village) of the Issyk-Kul region June 21 – 22, 2021</p> <p>Details: The conference was organized by the Interstate Fund for Humanitarian Cooperation of the CIS Member States, the Ministry of Culture, Information, Sports and Youth Policy of the Kyrgyz Republic, the Interregional Center for Library Cooperation of the Russian Committee of UNESCO Information for all Program, A. Osmonov National Library of the Kyrgyz Republic, the Kyrgyz Association of Libraries. The Conference was attended by directors of the largest national libraries of the CIS countries from Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Molodov, Russia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Ukraine, heads of ministries and departments of the republic, scientists, specialists from research and educational institutions, as well as publishing houses of the CIS countries.</p> <p>The plenary sessions were held in 4 sections: Section 1 "Written culture and communication: past, present and future"; Section 2 "Reading and Education"; Section 3 "Book, Reading and Library"; Section 4 "Library and IT Technology".</p> <p>http://nlkr.gov.kg/news/v-sanatorii-avrora-s-bulan-sogotu-issyk-kulskoj-oblasti-s-21-po-22-iyunya-sostoyalas-ii-mezhdunarodnaya-konferentsiya-kniga-i-chtenie-v-tsifrovuyu-epohu/</p>	<p>SD 2 – inspire and enhance professional practice SD 3 – connect and empower the field SD 4 – optimise our organisation</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of the digitization in the libraries • Advance professional networks and international cooperation • Fostering reading among the young generation • Ensure constructive exchange of information, best practices, and lessons, • Establish conversation between researchers and practitioners • Enhancing International Partnership
	<p>#2 Name and Date: National Library of the Kyrgyz Republic named after A. Osmonova took part in the Expert Session "Best Practices - 2020 and Landmarks - 2021", which was held online within the framework of the International Forum "Commonwealth of Libraries: Achievements and Prospects for Long-Term Partnership" held from March 11 — 12, 2021.</p> <p>Details: The organizers of the event were the Library Assembly of Eurasia, Russian State Library, National Library of Belarus, National Library of</p>	<p>SD 1 – strengthen the global voice of libraries SD 2 – inspire and enhance professional practice SD 3 – connect and empower the field SD 4 – optimise our organisation</p> <p>Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To share features of the organization of user services in a pandemic time

	<p>Uzbekistan named after I. A. Navoi. The main goal of the Forum was to summarize the activities of the national libraries of the Commonwealth in 2020, present best practices, projects and ideas, as well as exchange views and plans for the development of international library cooperation in 2021</p> <p>The session was attended by heads and representatives of national and regional libraries - Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan</p> <p>http://nlkr.gov.kg/news/11-12-marta-2021-g-natsionalnaya-biblioteka-kr-im-a-osmonova-prinyala-uchastie-v-ekspertnoj-sessii-luchshie-praktiki-2020-i-orientiry-2021-kotoraya-proshla-v-onlajn-formate-v-ramkah-mezhdunarodnogo/Details</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To acquaint with new joint projects between the libraries of the Commonwealth Independent States • To acquaint with new formats of socio-cultural activities • To share best practices
<p>3. Tajikistan</p>	<p>#1 Name and Date: At the initiative of the National Library of Tajikistan and the Federation of Independent Trade Unions of the Republic of Tajikistan, a cultural and political event entitled "National Unity is a Basis of Independence" was held on June 23, 2021</p> <p>Details: Salima Rajabzoda, First Deputy Director of the National Library of Tajikistan, noted in her speech that 2021 for the Tajik people is in many ways a memorable and historical year, because this year marks a significant and bright holiday - the 30th anniversary of the country's independence. The people meet this glorious date with great achievements both in the political, socio-economic, and in the cultural and scientific fields.</p> <p>It was in an atmosphere of unity, harmony, stability that our people managed to turn Tajikistan into one of the most calm and developed countries where there are favorable living conditions - into a country of which all Tajiks of the planet Earth can be proud.</p> <p>Chairman of the Federation of Independent Trade Unions of Tajikistan Maliksho Nematzoda in his speech spoke about the important role of national unity in creating the modern history of Tajikistan, assessing national unity and cohesion as a reliable shield of state independence.</p> <p>Further, the famous poet Hairandesh recited his new poems on patriotic themes. Art masters Chilakhon Khol, Fakhriddin Malik and Shukhrat</p>	<p>SD 2 – inspire and enhance professional practice SD 3 – connect and empower the field SD 4 – optimise our organisation</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tajikistan History Promotion • Patriotism promotion • Library Advocacy • Enhancing Partnership

	<p>Sainakov performed their new songs on the same themes and were warmly received by the participants of the ceremony http://kmt.tj/ru/3035/</p>	
	<p>#2 Name and Date: The 5th online meeting of directors of national libraries of the member countries of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) was held at the initiative of the ECO Institute of Culture and the inviting party - the National Library of the Islamic Republic of Iran was held on June 15, 2021.</p> <p>Details: A welcoming speeches were made by Sarvar Bakhti - Director of the ECO Cultural Institution and Mrs. Ashrafi Burucherdi - Director of the National Library of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Continuing the meeting, the directors of the National Libraries of the ECO member countries made reports and provided information on the activities of national libraries, exchanged experience during the COVID-19 pandemic. The meeting consisted of 3 parts.</p> <p>Dr. Christina Mackenzie, President of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), and Stan Stokowski, Head of the UNESCO Regional Division, were invited to the online meeting.</p> <p>During the online meeting, the director of the National Library of Tajikistan, Professor Fayzalizoda D.Kh. made a presentation. http://kmt.tj/ru/2983/</p>	<p>SD 1 – strengthen the global voice of libraries SD 2 – inspire and enhance professional practice SD 3 – connect and empower the field SD 4 – optimise our organisation</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best practices and knowledge exchange in the library and information field • Establishment international professional contacts • Handwritten monuments of the Tajik people promotion • Acquaintance with national projects in the field of librarianship of the Republic of Tajikistan
<p>4. Turkmenistan</p>	<p>#1 Name and Date: An online scientific conference entitled "Achievements in the Age of Independence in the Books of Our Hero Friend" was held on June 23, 2021.</p> <p>Details: The conference focused on the modernization of the library system through the efforts of Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedow, the esteemed President during the prosperous period of sovereign state, the creation of high-quality workshops on the dissemination of books and scientific papers from the wisdom of Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedow, the esteemed President during the period of Independence. The participants were briefed on the work being done in various sections of the libraries and the services provided to the readers. The participants – all state libraries - exchanged questions and</p>	<p>SD 2 – inspire and enhance professional practice SD 3 – connect and empower the field SD 4 – optimise our organisation</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advance professional networks • Ensure constructive exchange of information, best practices, and lessons • Turkmenistan history and culture promotion

	<p>answers.</p> <p>https://dovletkitaphana.gov.tm/tazelik.html</p>	
	<p>#2 Name and Date: Improving Library Work - an online scientific conference held on April 27,2021.</p> <p>Details: The Central Scientific Library of the Academy of Sciences of Turkmenistan, the Library of the Turkmen National Institute of World Languages named after Dovlet-Mammet Azady and the State Library of the State Cultural Center of Turkmenistan held an online scientific conference entitled "Improving Library Work". During the meeting there was a wide-ranging discussion between librarians on the work being done on improving the library system, improving the quality of modern services for readers, thanks to the efforts of Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedow, esteemed President</p> <p>https://dovletkitaphana.gov.tm/tazelik.html</p>	<p>SD 2 – inspire and enhance professional practice SD 3 – connect and empower the field SD 4 – optimise our organisation</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advance professional networks • Ensure constructive exchange of information, best practices, and lessons • Turkmenistan history and culture promotion
<p>5. Uzbekistan</p>	<p>#1 Name and Date: XIV International Conference of the National Library of Uzbekistan, Forum on Humanitarian Cooperation of the Commonwealth of Independent States "Books and reading - a strategic resource for the development of society", the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the National Library of Uzbekistan was held in Tashkent from May 19 – 21, 2021.</p> <p>Details: The purpose of the conference is to expand the long-term fruitful cooperation of information and library institutions, educational institutions, archives, museums and other organizations in the development and use of electronic information resources in science, education, culture and business. problems are the search for ways of their innovative development.</p> <p>Experts from Russia, Armenia, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Azerbaijan and Belarus were taking part in the international conference. The conference program included online and offline workshops on reading issues, future library challenges, and pending issues in the field.</p> <p>The event consisted of 6 sections. Section 1 - Culture of reading in the digital age, Section 2 - Current issues of development of archives and museums in the age of information technology, Section</p>	<p>SD 1 – strengthen the global voice of libraries SD 2 – inspire and enhance professional practice SD 3 – connect and empower the field SD 4 – optimise our organisation</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uzbekistan History and Culture Promotion • Identification of information and library institutions current state in the country • The implementation of normative and legal acts in the field, • Analysis of Experiences, Problems • Implementation of the most successful methodological developments in the activities of information and library institutions to involve children and youth in reading • Creation a single platform for methodological developments to promote and encourage books and reading • The organization of joint international projects between the two countries

	<p>3 - Innovative methods in information and library services, Section 4 - Modern library management, Section 5 - electronic scientific and educational information resources, Section 6 - issues of training, retraining and advanced training of library staff, problems and prospects</p> <p>https://www.natlib.uz/bbs/content/1_542873?os=desc&pn=6&oi=insert_date&</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The promotion of books and the intensification of cooperation through reading publications
	<p>#2 Name and Date: The National Library of Uzbekistan named after Alisher Navoi launched the project "Ramble Your City" held on June 22, 2021.</p> <p>Details: The purpose is to visit the interesting sights and sacred places as well as to study profoundly the history of the country. On the occasion of the 30th anniversary of Independence of the Republic of Uzbekistan, there was an idea of "Free and prosperous life in new Uzbekistan" in order to promote a healthy lifestyle for the nation.</p> <p>https://www.natlib.uz/bbs/content/1_542989?os=desc&pn=1&oi=insert_date&</p>	<p>SD 2 – inspire and enhance professional practice SD 4 – optimise our organisation</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uzbekistan history and culture promotion • patriotism promotion