



IFLA Green Library Award 2016

Press Release

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IFLA's Environmental Sustainability and Libraries Special Interest Group (ENSULIB) is pleased to announce the winner of the

IFLA Green Library Award 2016

sponsored by IFLA ENSULIB and De Gruyter

IFLA Green Library Award was established 2016 by ENSULIB (SIG) and generously sponsored by De Gruyter publishing. The award is 500 Euros for the first place winner.

Objectives of the IFLA Green Library Award are:

- to reward the best Green Library submission that communicates the library's commitment to environmental sustainability;
- to create awareness of libraries' social responsibility and leadership in environmental education.

The top three submissions are:

1st Place: *El Pequeño Sol ecological library* (The Little Sun Ecological Library), Germinalia A.C., San Cristobal de las Casas, Chiapas, Mexico, which was found to be "a project where sustainability was in the soul of the project from the first starting of the idea until to the new library"¹

2nd Place: *City of Cockburn, Australia*, which was characterized as an "excellent green building with sustainable projects"²

3rd Place: *La Tierra para quien la siembra* (The Land is for those who sow), Columbia, which was found to be "Good working for sustainability with the community!"³

The awards will be presented at the IFLA World Library and Information Congress in Columbus, Ohio, Session 140, Special Presentation of Awards Session, held on Tuesday, 16 Aug 2016, 12:45–13:45, Expo Pavilion / Tech Lab.

The winners of the IFLA Green Library Award 2016 were selected by the ENSULIB reviewing committee of 15 librarians from different countries and continents. It was encouraging there were 30 submissions for the Award in this first year. These came from all around the world including

¹ <https://youtu.be/OProiYPkCDw>

² <https://youtu.be/x9Qg0r5E9ys>

³ <http://www.bibliotecasmedellin.gov.co>

Columbia, Germany, Australia, the USA, India, Ghana and Taiwan, to name a few. The reviewing committee found the evaluation challenging due to the high quality of submissions. The reviewing committee also noted submissions were diverse, with green buildings, green services, green information and other aspects of sustainability all represented.

The reviewing committee evaluated the submissions by using the following criteria:

- The applicability to the goals and the scope of ENSULIB
- The applicability to the goals and the scope of the IFLA WLIC conference theme 2016: “Connections. Collaboration. Community.”
- The relevant discussion of current issues in the topic field (including novelty)
- Remarkable results of the project (= new information is gained, information is shared better, environmental awareness, social results like improved equality or literacy)
- The quality of the overall presentation

Please find the winner submission at our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ensulib/>. All participants in the completion are invited to share their projects through also publishing them via the ENSULIB Facebook page.

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Congratulations to this year’s winner! Many thanks to the generous sponsor De Gruyter!

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