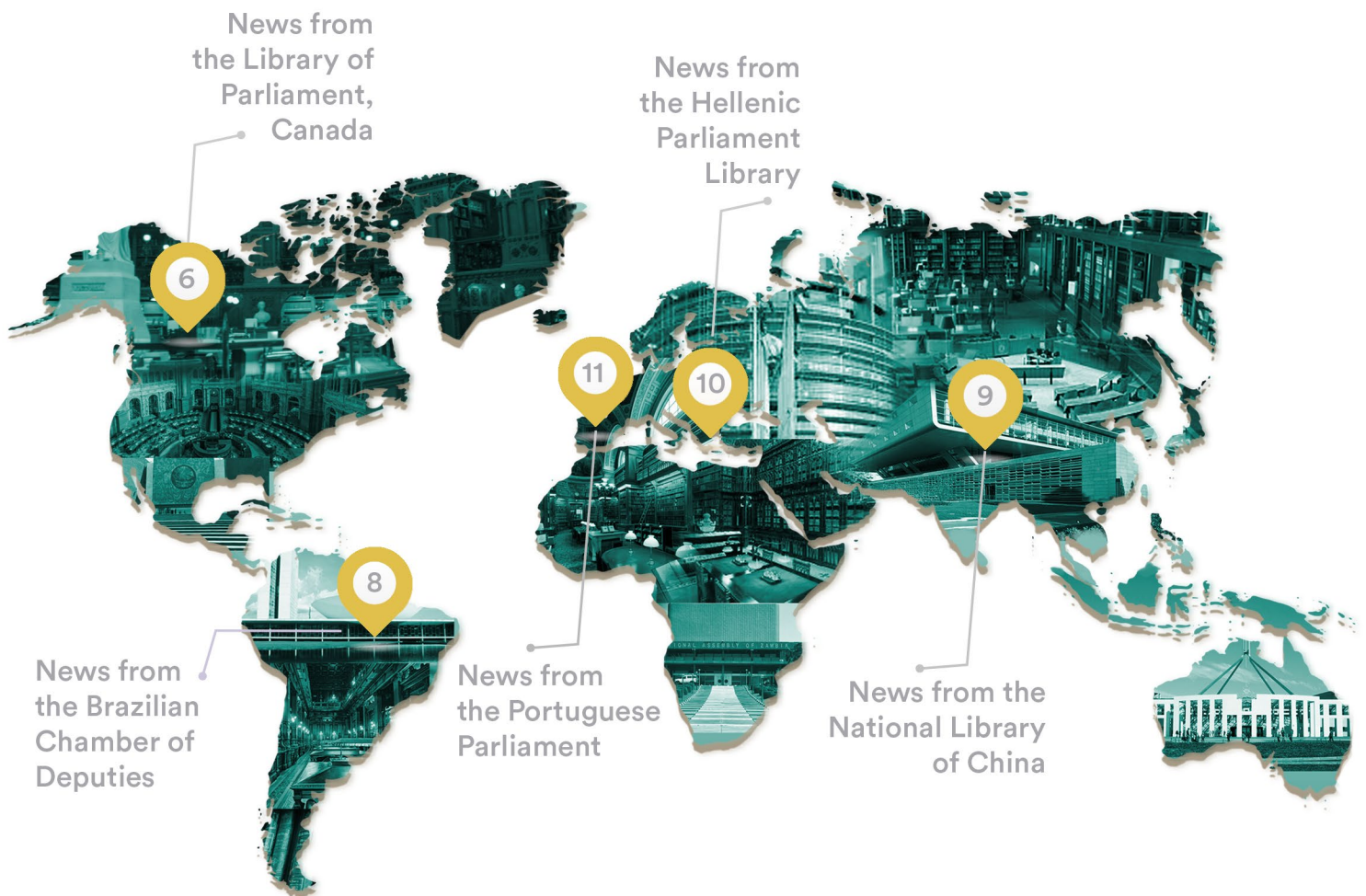


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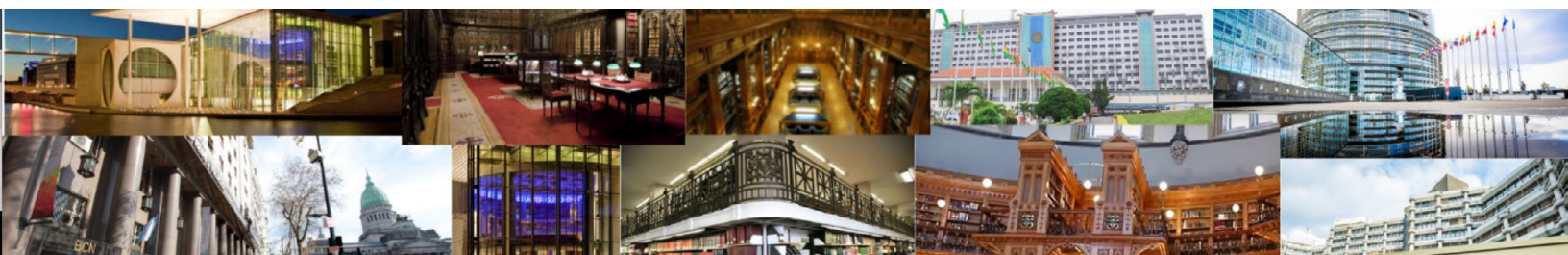
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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



By Josefa Fuentes
IFLAPARL Chair

Dear Colleagues:

I welcome readers to the IFLAPARL Newsletter. Although I have contributed to this publication before, for example, giving news and sharing the conclusions of the ECPRD Professional Seminar held in the Spanish Senate in June 2019, this is my first appearance in the Newsletter as Chair of the IFLAPARL Section.

This Newsletter is one of the most followed products of the Section; its popularity is matched with the celebration of the annual Conferences. That is why we want to update its format and this issue has a renewed look. Our current plan is to add a novelty: contributions will be accepted in the language with which you are most familiar. The electronic support of this publication and the automated translation tools provided by the Internet will allow us to be as inclusive as possible. Thanks in advance for your comments, dear readers.

The economic crisis, the pandemic and geopolitical events create a challenging environment for libraries and parliamentary services. We need to take advantage of our work - including sharing best practices - benefit from the new technologies, and contact and promote regional

networks in the parliamentary sphere, as these networks provide the optimal method of coordination in times of unexpected change.

Recently, prior to my election as Chair of IFLAPARL, I was invited to the ECPRD webinar broadcast from Brussels in June 2021 and I delivered a virtual presentation, on how parliamentary libraries can strengthen cooperation during the pandemic and in the future. My professional experience has led me to the conviction that the work of parliamentary libraries and research services can be strengthened, made visible and valued if we feel part of a network that supports us, in which we can, and must, cooperate. In this sense, IFLA is the key worldwide. I would like to recall a sentence from my predecessor in the position of Chair, Iain Watt: "Without IFLA there is no IFLAPARL, this great lever that gives us so much with its work on professional orientation and standards, its network and its conferences". Therefore, it is essential to recognize and promote the benefits of IFLA, in order to maintain and increase our network.

In the Section, we have established a two-year Action Plan that follows those of previous years but adds some emphasis on the points that I mentioned above: being inclusive and co-responsible.

IFLA understands our sector and its needs, and has shown interest in some of our planned actions, such as the launch of specialized courses on parliamentary libraries and research services. It is vitally important to promote our specialization and attract new professionals. The two major world organizations closest to us (IFLA and [IPU](#)) are each looking into establishing a formalized academic content.

I encourage you to take a look at the [2021-23 Action Plan](#) and let yourself be driven with enthusiasm and desire to work together to propel the actions that are most attractive or close to you, so that we take responsibility with IFLAPARL, that is, feel part of a network that welcomes our concerns. I can already mention the actions that begin to take shape:

- **Comparative Law database:** We are in discussion to create a database that will benefit the member

parliaments, and the parliamentary libraries and research services

- **[World Directory of Library and Research Services for Parliaments](#)**: We listened to your feedback and are now working hard to enact the changes you requested. Think: By filling in your contact details and mentioning the page where your research service publishes its dossiers and reports, you will become more visible. Let's take advantage of this one-stop shop!
- ***Guidelines for Legislative Libraries***: We are very close to publishing the new edition of this classic guide. It is currently undergoing peer review and is expected to be the core of the professional standards to support IFLAPARL's goal to establish educational support for our profession
- **Webinars**: The virtual event "[Library and Research Services for Parliaments: innovation and inspiration during a global pandemic](#)", held on December 2 and 9, 2020 was a first for us, in offering remote contact. Offering online content, for example, webinars etc., is something we consider worth investing in, especially in the form of shorter and thematically focused content.
- **Videos and social networks**: We are planning to share brief videos, created and submitted by you on various subjects such as: the tools we use to disseminate information, unique works in our parliamentary libraries, a tour of library highlighting its special features, and progress of IFLAPARL's initiatives, to suggest a few. These videos will be shared on our YouTube Channel, which is under development.
- **Network of requests or exchange of information**: Our [IFLAPARL Mailing list](#) is the perfect channel for us to request information from each other to support our work and to gather data to better understand our professional activities. It can be as simple as including a Google form with questions in the request and setting a deadline for reply. Please use the Mailing List to connect with each other and ask questions, all IFLAPARL colleagues can post to it.
- **Contacts with global regional associations of parliamentary research services and libraries**: We have already made contact with the Network of Latin American and Caribbean Parliamentary Libraries. They are open to IFLAPARL's aforementioned proposals for coordinated actions. We will continue with the North America, Asia-Pacific, Europe and Middle-East/Africa

areas.

Due to the pandemic, WLIC 2021 was held virtually and the IFLAPARL Pre-Conference was suspended. Nevertheless, the IFLAPARL Section gave its professional and intellectual input during the WLIC, through the session guided by the former IFLAPARL Secretary and now member of the Standing Committee, Sonia Bebbington.

Still, the IFLAPARL Section did not want 2021 to end without a professional meeting--We combined forces and energy with the IPU, and with their tech support the IFLA-IPU Conference "Parliamentary library & research services: towards an agenda for the next decade", was held virtually in October 2021. The virtual format proved to be an optimal vehicle for the attendance of an unprecedented number of librarians and fellow parliamentary research professionals: 175 was the average number of attendees for the three-day event. The survey ([in English](#); [in Spanish](#)) that was launched at the end to obtain feedback from the attendees gave great importance to certain objectives, and to our delight, all these objectives are included in our aforementioned 2021-2023 IFLAPARL Action Plan.

Planning for the 2022 Pre-Conference is well advanced with the generous cooperation of the Houses of the Oireachtas. Calls for contributions will be issued shortly. The work for the implementation of the registration to the Pre-conference is underway. Our goal is to give all IFLAPARL subscribed members the opportunity for at least one place, then the remaining places will be distributed. Also, we're looking into organizing a hybrid pre-conference (face-to-face and simultaneous online broadcasting), to best deal with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and reach out to as many of our audience as possible. More news on this will follow shortly.

"Inspire, Engage, Enable, Connect" is the motto that IFLA has chosen for the 87th World Library and Information Congress. IFLAPARL is working enthusiastically on all four approaches with the aim of increasing the effectiveness of parliaments through knowledge, a goal that also drives UN Sustainable Development Goal 16. Best regards,

Josefa Fuentes
IFLAPARL Chair

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If you are already an IFLA Member and would like to join our Section, please go to Member Online Service to manage your membership account and join our Section:

<https://members.ifla.org/membersarea/login/login.asp?type=EXTRANET>

If you are not an IFLA Member, you must become one before joining any section. More information is available at

<https://www.ifla.org/membership/new-members>

STAY CONNECTED

Visit the Section's website:

<https://www.ifla.org/services-for-parliaments>, which includes links to our Action Plan, previous Newsletters, publications, meeting minutes, and more.

Join our mailing list:

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Inspire, Engage, Enable, Connect

87th World Library and Information Congress
26-29 July 2022, Dublin, Ireland

37th Pre-Conference of the Library and Research Services for Parliaments Section of IFLA: Call for Presentations



The [Library and Research Services for Parliaments Section](#) invites proposals for presentations at the Pre-Conference to be hosted by [The Houses of the Oireachtas](#) (Irish Parliament), in Dublin, Ireland, on Friday July 22, 2022.

THEME

The parliamentary life of information: how library & research services provide value for parliaments, Members and citizens

Date: Friday July 22, 2022

May 30: Deadline to submit proposals

VENUE

The 2022 IFLAPARL pre-conference is hosted by The Houses of the Oireachtas. The pre-conference will be held at The Royal College of Physicians in Ireland building at Number Six Kildare Street.

At the end of the pre-conference sessions, a tour of Leinster House, the seat of The Houses of the Oireachtas, will be provided followed by a dinner later in the evening.

CONFERENCE FOCUS

The parliamentary life of information: how library & research services provide value for parliaments, Members and citizens

We invite proposals for short and inspiring presentations to support the following topics related to our theme. Presentations need to be focused on practical experience in the following areas.

Library and Information services:

- Managing the information marketplace: professional and client perspectives
- Strengthening information literacy
- Preserving and making use of parliament's memory and historic collections

Research, evidence and quality:

- Library & research services in support of evidence-based policy work and parliamentary scrutiny
- Quality: ensuring library & research services that are fit for parliamentary purpose

Connecting and innovating:

- Kaleidoscope: lightning talks/knowledge café on trends and innovations from individual services

Highly engaging presentations with a knowledge sharing and practical focus, as well as encouraging innovative thinking in parliamentary libraries, research and information services, will be selected.

Please note, presentations need to be delivered in-person.

How to submit a proposal: Please send an abstract (1 page or about 300 words), in English, to:

Josefa Fuentes - IFLAPARL Chair: iflaparl.chair@senado.es

and **Fabiola Elena Rosales Salinas** - IFLAPARL Information Coordinator: infoiflaparl@gmail.com

Please use as subject heading of your email “IFLAPARLPre-Conference-2022” followed by your name.

PROPOSALS SHOULD INCLUDE:

- Title of proposed presentation
 - Abstract of proposed presentation (no more than 300 words)
 - Name(s) of presenter(s) and position or title
 - Employer / Institution
 - Contact information including e-mail address, telephone number
 - Short biographical statement of presenter(s)
- Presenters will have 10 minutes each to deliver their presentations
LANGUAGE OF THE SESSION: English

IMPORTANT DATES

- **May 30:** Deadline to submit proposals
- **June 10:** Successful presentations will be identified by members of the IFLAPARL Standing Committee
- **July 1:** Deadline for selected presenters to submit final presentations

IMPORTANT LINKS

Visa required nationalities: <https://bit.ly/35Su24S>

Information regarding travelling to Ireland in the context of COVID-19: <https://bit.ly/3jayPBP>

NEWS

Brazilian Chamber of Deputies



By Janice Silveira
Brazilian Chamber of Deputies

DIGITAL PRESERVATION

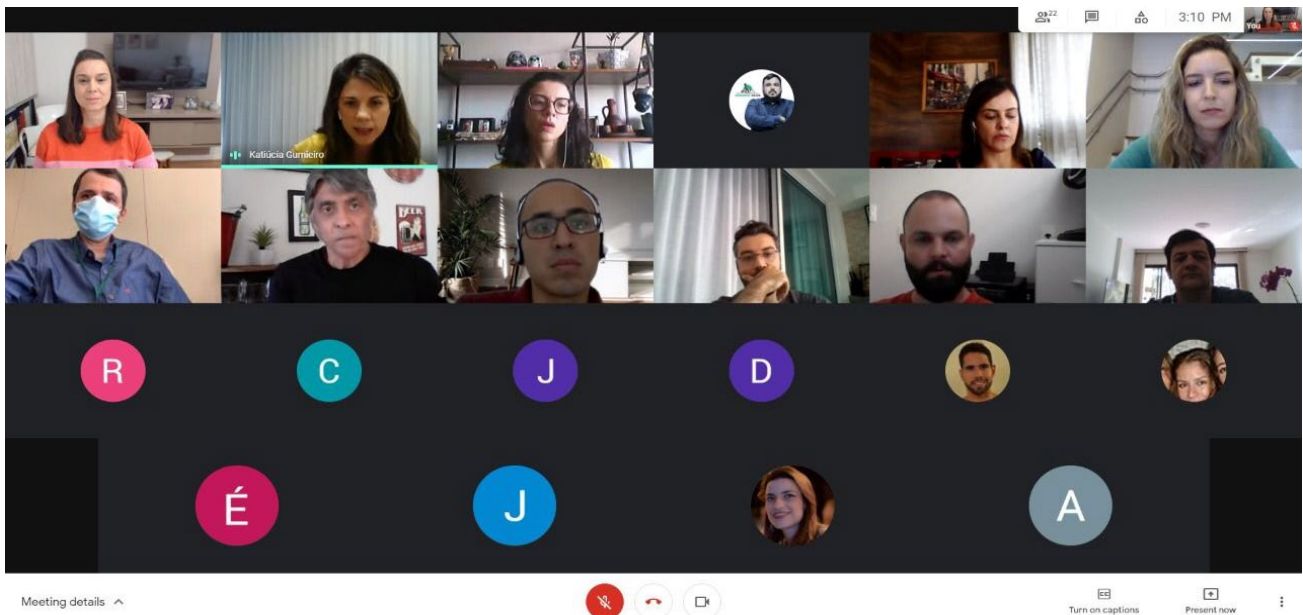
The Documentation and Information Center of the Brazilian Chamber of Deputies – trending topics.

The Brazilian Chamber of Deputies is one of the pioneer institutions in the implementation of digital preservation in Brazil. Since 2003, it has carried out studies and published rules to regulate the activity. Digital preservation is a multidisciplinary activity in which several units from the Chamber participate. The Archives Coordination (Coarq) and the Information Content Preservation Coordination (Cobec), members of the Documentation and Information Center (Cedi), created methodologies and workflows that allow for the preservation of digital born documents and digitized documents. Digital preservation in the Parliament was instituted by [House Act nº 48, of July 16, 2012](#).

The house preserves and provides access to its digital collection to any interested audience.

Research Service of the Documentation and Information Center

The Research Service of the Documentation and Information Center intensified actions to strengthen the relationship with the MPs. In partnership with the Library of the Chamber, several virtual training sessions were conducted for MPs staff about the sources and services available. The MPs' offices were contacted by telephone and offered the research services which generated an increase in the demand for such service, mainly through the WhatsApp channel.



The Thesaurus of the Chamber of Deputies (TECAD)

The Thesaurus of the Chamber of Deputies (TECAD) is multidisciplinary and has 30 thematic areas of relevance to the Chamber of Deputies. In 2021, terminology studies were conducted on approximately 2.800 candidate terms. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the high demand for terms in the areas of Health and Public Policies deserves to be highlighted.

TECAD is already used for indexing administrative documents, parliamentary speeches, legislative proposals, and federal legislation.

In 2021, it began to be used to index news, photographs, and audiovisuals produced by the house that are available in the Chamber of Deputies' Portal, promoting the integration the TECAD with all information produced by the Brazilian Parliament.

In February 2022, the TECAD totaled 60,000 (sixty thousand) terms, consisting of 41,500 preferred terms and authorized for use and 18,500 synonymous terms.

Furthermore, general elections will be held in 2022 impacting the information management of the Documentation and Information Center (CEDI), including indexation activity and the development of TECAD.

The Library and Cultural Center of the Chamber of Deputies – Author Talks

The Library and Cultural Center of the Chamber of Deputies, in view of the social distance necessary to combat the transmission of Covid-19, adapted the monthly event “Author Talks” for social media.

As of 2020, the interview with authors that took place only in the physical space of the Library began to have a much wider scope as it gained space on the social networks of the Chamber of Deputies.

The new format allowed established authors from different parts of Brazil to talk to the Parliament's audience. In addition to the positive exposure for authors, the initiative demonstrated the importance of supporting reading incentives, allowing more people to learn about literary works.

Among the invited authors, the Chamber of Deputies had the honour of receiving the last two laureates of the Jabuti Award for Best Literary Novel, the most prestigious award in Brazilian literature:

- Jefferson Tenório, author of “The reverse of the skin”, winner of the Prize in 2021; and
- Itamar Vieira Júnior, author of “Torto arado”, winner of the Prize in 2020.

Both books focus on the racial discrimination debate.



NEWS

Library of Parliament, Canada



By Sonia Bebbington

Director General, Information and Document
Resource Service

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT, CANADA

Parliamentary Poet Laureate Louise Bernice Halfe – Sky Dancer

During the first year of her mandate as Canada's ninth Parliamentary Poet Laureate, Louise Bernice Halfe – Sky Dancer participated in several events, most notably the Canadian Broadcast Corporation's Canada Day programming and a national broadcast on the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. She also wrote 16 poems for parliamentarians, organizations and for special events, such as the installation ceremony for the 30th Governor General of Canada. In October 2021, the Poet Laureate travelled to Germany with Her Excellency the Right Honourable Mary Simon and several other delegates on the Governor General's first state visit.

New and improved LEGISinfo website

The Library of Parliament collaborated closely with the Senate of Canada and the House of Commons of Canada, to launch a more accessible and mobile-friendly [LEGISinfo site](#). The site offers improved navigation and enhanced search functionality, including full-text search of bills.

Welcoming the 44th Parliament

On November 22, 2021, the opening session of Canada's 44th Parliament began. As the Library welcomed new and returning parliamentarians and their staff this fall, we worked to build awareness of the many ways we can support their work through our services, products and spaces. We provided briefing sessions by our Library ambassadors and updated our [About Parliament](#) research publication series. Notably, we were pleased to resume on-site service at two of our five library branches, which had all closed in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

An enhanced digital presence

The renewal of our digital presence was another major focus leading up to the beginning of the 44th Parliament. The homepage of the Library of Parliament's intranet for parliamentarians was rebranded and reworked to put key tools at our clients' fingertips. The Library also launched a new corporate Twitter account, [@LibraryParlCA](#) | [@BiblioParlCA](#).

Expanding Indigenous collections

The Library of Parliament has been assessing the Indigenous language content in our collections with an eye to building an Indigenous language learning and reference collection, as well as increasing access to independent Indigenous news sources. An acquisitions strategy is underway and content for the new collection is being acquired from Indigenous vendors whenever possible. The Library also recently launched a subject guide to provide parliamentary clients with information about Indigenous resources, including federal department websites, legislation, national Indigenous organizations, and statistics.

Strengthening search power

The Library of Parliament has continued progress on its search project. In addition to the [Research Publications](#) functionality which was released some months ago, we have recently added new search capabilities to the [Parlinfo](#) site and improved the general search functionality of the [Library's public web site](#). Similar search functionality has been added to our intranet site for Parliamentarians.

NEWS

National Library of China



By Zhang Shuguang

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National Library of China.



By Chen Ning

Senior Reference Librarian,
Legislative Reference Service
National Library of China.

China National Database of Laws and Regulations Launched

A national database of laws and regulations was launched in Beijing on February 24, 2021. The database is established and operated by the National Legislature in collaboration with relevant state agencies. It is the “National Database” and “Basic Database” of laws and regulations, which is highly authoritative and standardized. The database will make legal services more accessible to the general public. Users can access the database by visiting the website <https://flk.npc.gov.cn> or logging into the WeChat mini-program designed for the database.

The National Library of China establishes 19 branch libraries for state organizations.

In cooperation with the Central Government, Ministries and Commissions of the State Council, the National Library of China (NLC, <http://www.nlc.cn/newen/>) created a branch library model in order to effectively perform its functions of serving national legislation and decision-making. By the end of 2021, 19 branch libraries of the NLC have been established. The services provided include document delivery, special reports, a customized information platform, digital library service, physical library planning, as well as organizing lectures and workshops, etc.

The National Library of China selected as one of the pilot units of think tanks in the cultural and tourism industry.

On August 19, 2021, the Ministry of Culture and Tourism officially released the list of the first pilot think-tank units

for the cultural and tourism industry. Being one of the selected pilot units of this program, the National Library of China mainly focuses on research related to services for national legislation and decision-making, overseas China studies, and smart library development.

National Library of China announces Development Plan for the 14th Five-Year (2021-2025) Period

In September 2021, the National Library of China announced their *Development Plan for the 14th Five-Year (2021-2025) Period*. According to the Plan, by 2025, the National Library of China will become a world-class national library that offers smarter, higher quality and more easily accessible services.

In terms of serving national legislative decision-making, the Plan proposes to enhance the ability of rapid knowledge response and decision-making support for national legislature and decision-making institutions, build a national law library, and develop a national legal information resources support system.

Additionally, the Overseas China Studies Center of the NLC will further enhance services in resources collection, research, decision support and cultural exchanges related to China Studies, to effectively provide information support for major decision-makings of the Communist Party of China and the central government.

The National Library of China signs a strategic cooperation agreement with the Institute of Modern History of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

On 22 December, 2021, the National Library of China and the Institute of Modern History of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences signed a strategic cooperation agreement.

Xiong Yuanming, Director of the NLC, pointed out that the establishment of a strategic cooperative relationship between the two institutions offers an important platform for making full use of the advantages of literature resources and talents of both sides to carry out practical cooperation. This is conducive to further promoting the collation, preservation, development, and utilization of materials of Chinese modern history at a higher level and in a wider scope.

The two sides have a long history of cooperation, especially in the collation and publication of documents, with more than 2,000 volumes on special subjects already published. In the future, there will be additional cooperation in document cataloguing, collation, research, and digital resources development.

NEWS

Hellenic Parliament Library Directorate



By Dr Maria Kamilaki
Linguist, Head of the Hellenic Parliament
Library Directorate

“IN ORDER FOR THEM TO LISTEN WITH OUR EYES AND READ WITH OUR VOICE”: OPENING UP THE HELLENIC PARLIAMENT LIBRARY TO PRINT DISABLED CITIZENS

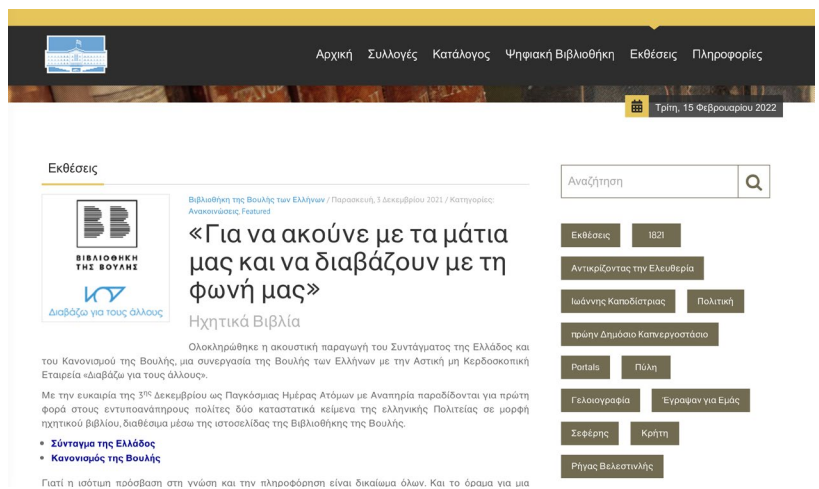
Apart from its main missions, i.e., to assist the parliamentary work of MPs and to safeguard its rich historical heritage, the Hellenic Parliament Library is strongly dedicated to offering equitable access to its collections and services to the general public. Along the same line, its multi-fold outreach program, including exhibitions, editions, educational activities, reading groups etc., is inextricably linked to central values of parliamentarism, such as democratisation of knowledge and information, institutional transparency and social inclusion, as fundamental rights, especially where users who are traditionally underserved are concerned (e.g. financially vulnerable families, ethnically diverse people, older adults, non-readers, people with disabilities, members of rural and geographically isolated communities).

In this light, on the occasion of December 3 as International Day of Persons with Disabilities, the Hellenic Parliament Library handed over to print disabled citizens an audio version of

the Constitution of Greece and the Standing Orders of the Hellenic Parliament, two constitutional texts linked to the very essence and function of contemporary Greek democracy. The audio books, available through the [Hellenic Parliament Library webpage](#), are the outcome of the fruitful cooperation with the voluntary, non-profit organization “Reading for the Others”, whose aim is to read to people who belong to vulnerable social groups and can’t do this by themselves (e.g., children of typical and atypical development, elderly in nursing homes, illiterate prisoners, cancer patients in hospitals, and people who live socially secluded in their homes due to health issues). We hope that the voices of volunteers, who willingly took on the reading, will guide the beneficiaries through the paths of democracy and openness.

Within the same framework, an audio production of 13 literature books for children and adolescents was funded by the Hellenic Parliament, enriching the depository of the Panhellenic Association of the Blind, called “[Omiros](#)” (Homer) an acoustic library designated for blind and sight impaired people, offering them a wide range of talking books. The books recorded were chosen out of the “goodreads” of the respective recent literary production, in order to stimulate bibliophilia among young print disabled citizens.

Aligning with the United Nations “Sustainable Development Goals” (SDGs) agenda, the Hellenic Parliament Library fosters the vision of a more inclusive society, realised step-by-step, through novel and innovative practices, which aim at the abolition of all sorts of exclusions, posed by physical, sociocultural, ethnic, political and/or economic barriers.



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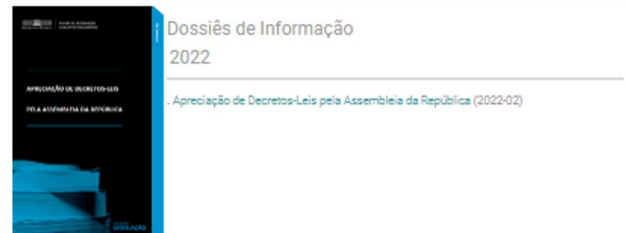
Legislative and Parliamentary Information Division of the Portuguese Parliament



By Leonor C. Borges
Parliamentary Adviser

THE LEGISLATIVE AND PARLIAMENTARY INFORMATION DIVISION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CREATING A NUMBER OF PRODUCTS THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO ALERT YOU TO:

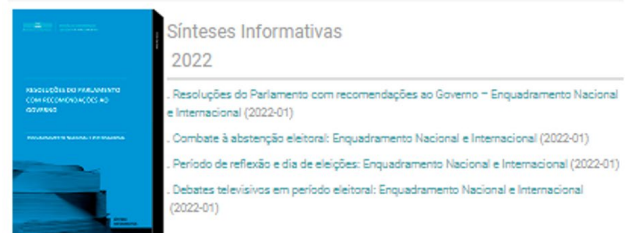
1. Studies on the national, international and European Union legal framework on various topics;
2. Informative products related to parliamentary matters (e.g., composition of Standing Committees, eventual Committees, Constitutional revisions, etc.);
3. Statistics on parliamentary matters (e.g., the percentage of deputies per inhabitant, the average age of deputies, etc.); and,
4. Infographics on parliamentary matters (e.g., legislative production, votes, resolutions).



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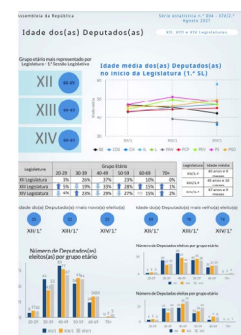
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· Legislativas e Sessões Legislativas na Assembleia da República (2021-09)
· Conceito de Violência Económica dentro do Conceito de Violência Doméstica: Convenção de Istambul (2021-03)



These products are only available in Portuguese and are publicly available on the Portuguese Parliament website at the following link:

<https://www.parlamento.pt/ArquivoDocumentacao/Paginas/Dossies-e-folhas-de-informacao.aspx>

KALEIDOSCOPE

REDE DE BIBLIOTECAS PARLAMENTARES DA AMÉRICA LATINA E CARIBE

RED DE BIBLIOTECAS PARLAMENTARIAS DE AMÉRICA LATINA Y EL CARIBE

Por Camila Pereira y Evangelina Portillo



Camila Pereira



Evangelina Portillo

A **Rede de Bibliotecas Parlamentares da América Latina e Caribe (Red Biparlac)** tem por objetivo fortalecer os vínculos de cooperação das bibliotecas parlamentares nestes países, com a clara intenção de manter um crescente intercâmbio de experiências e conhecimento.

Neste sentido, as redes sociais da Red Biparlac apresentarão informações sobre a Red, seu funcionamento, quais são as bibliotecas membros, além de destacar as atividades realizadas pelas mesmas e conteúdos de interesse geral.

Siga nossas redes sociais e saiba mais sobre a Red.

La **Red de Bibliotecas Parlamentarias de América Latina y el Caribe (Red Biparlac)** tiene como objetivo fortalecer los vínculos de cooperación de las bibliotecas parlamentarias en estos países, con la clara intención de mantener un creciente intercambio de experiencias y conocimientos.

En este sentido, las redes sociales de la Red Biparlac presentarán información sobre la Red, su funcionamiento, cuáles son las bibliotecas miembros, además de destacar las actividades que realizan y contenidos de interés general.

Síguenos en nuestras redes sociales y entérate más sobre la Red.



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LA BIBLIOTECA DEL CONGRESO DE LA NACIÓN ARGENTINA Y LA UNIVERSIDAD NACIONAL DE MAR DEL PLATA LANZARÁN LA “DIPLOMATURA EN BIBLIOTECAS PARLAMENTARIAS”



La Biblioteca del Congreso de la Nación Argentina y el Departamento de Ciencia de la Información de la Facultad de Humanidades de la Universidad Nacional de Mar del Plata firmaron un convenio para lanzar, en forma conjunta, la “**Diplomatura en Bibliotecas Parlamentarias**”.

Este trayecto **comenzará en el mes de abril del año 2022**, y estará orientado a la actualización profesional de bibliotecarios y bibliotecarias de todo el país que quieran profundizar sus saberes en servicios bibliotecarios parlamentarios y temas de actualidad. **La modalidad de las clases será virtual y tendrá una duración de seis meses.**

El trayecto prevé un enfoque latinoamericano entre sus módulos y, además de expertos en el campo, contará con la presencia de referentes destacados de las bibliotecas parlamentarias de la región.

Esta primera convocatoria tendrá un **cupo máximo de inscripción** y se privilegiarán trabajadores que ya se estén desempeñando en bibliotecas legislativas.

NEW BOOKS ARTICLES AND REPORTS

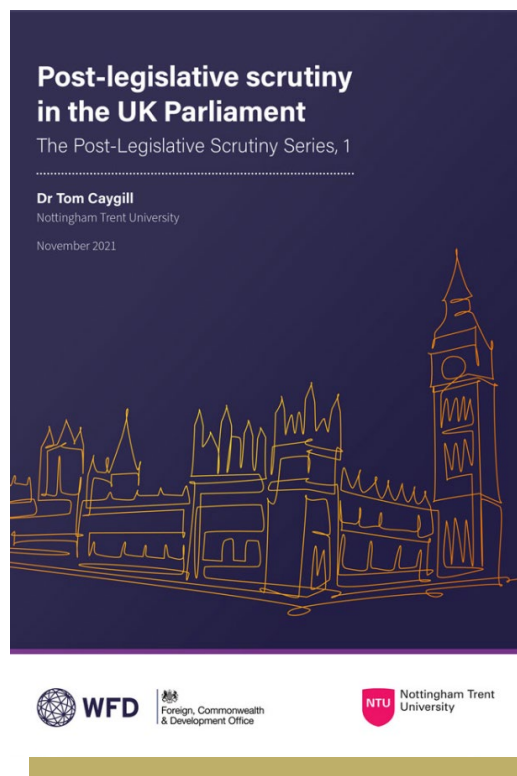


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Westminster Foundation for Democracy (WFD)

THREE NEW PUBLICATIONS BY WESTMINSTER FOUNDATION FOR DEMOCRACY



Post-Legislative Scrutiny in the UK Parliament

This study by Dr Tom Caygill of Nottingham Trent University analyses the frequency and the outcomes of Post-Legislative Scrutiny (PLS) that has taken place in the UK Parliament between 2008 and 2019, in order to provide an insight into how this form of scrutiny is being undertaken.

The report identifies the main aims of PLS as: 1/ Assessing whether legislation is functioning as intended and to offer solutions if not; 2/ Increasing focus on the implementation of legislation within government; 3/ Producing better legislation.

Findings from the research show that PLS is being undertaken in UK Parliament, and is possible, even when legislatures have capacity limitations. However, there are some challenges which need to be acknowledged, such as a bias in legislation which was selected to receive PLS. To overcome such challenges, the report outlines key recommendations for the UK Parliament, which will be insightful for other parliaments worldwide as well.



Comparative analysis of the UK Bribery Act 2010 and anti-bribery legislation in Ukraine, Indonesia and Kenya

Analysing anti-bribery legislation is important to identify weaknesses and areas of improvement in existing laws. In the third publication of WFD's anti-bribery and integrity series, a comparative analysis is carried out of the UK Bribery Act (2010) and anti-corruption legislation in Ukraine, Indonesia and Kenya.

These three jurisdictions were selected on the basis that they exercise a degree of influence over their respective regions and encompass a broad political interest in anti-corruption policies within. They also operate under a parliamentary democracy and operate a sufficiently detailed body of relevant legislation.

This study indicates that the UK Bribery Act (2010) is not without its faults in terms of definitions and scope. In spite of this, the other jurisdictions hosting an arguably more complex and often multi-legislative framework are, in most instances, replicating, or at least attempting to mirror, the main components and drivers of the UK Bribery Act.

The study finds that, apart from the similarity of other jurisdictions' legislation, several issues need to be addressed if anti-bribery and anti-corruption efforts steered through legislation are to succeed.



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In memoriam

By Eleni Droulia, Library of the Hellenic Parliament



Jennifer Tanfield **(1941-2022)**

It was a nice summer day in Brussels at the European Parliament in 1998. I am there from Athens, Greece to participate for the first time at the Pre-conference of the Library and Research Services for Parliaments Section of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions, or better known to all IFLAPARL. Everything is new, everything seems of grand proportions while I approach the desk to find my way. I see Jennifer's gracious figure standing at the side, wearing her smile scanning for newcomers. Registration and introductions follow and from then on "Jennie" is guiding, explaining, making things easy for me. She introduces me to all the members during coffee breaks, at lunch tables and after the sessions at dinner or other outings. She insists on giving me a role, to make me participate, to contribute to the group, to speak about how things are done at the Hellenic Parliament and its Library. She makes my adjustment to the Section's modus operandi her business. And Jennifer treated all newcomers from all over the globe the same way; I was not an exception and that is the reason why I am recollecting this old story, so vivid still in my memory.

Jennifer Tanfield had started attending IFLA Conferences in the 1990's. Demonstrating consistent interest in the international aspect of parliamentary libraries, she was elected Secretary of the Section in 1995 while Bill Robinson (U.S.A.) acted as Chair and undertook the organization of the next two Pre-conferences (Beijing China 1996, Stockholm 1997) and the Section's participation in the main Conference.

Her paper "The role of assessment of services in planning future developments in Parliamentary Libraries", discusses some of the feedback techniques that parliamentary libraries can use to assess and evaluate the services they provide and to understand the needs and priorities of their users, namely parliament members, their assistants and parliament employees.¹

In 1997 Jennifer Tanfield was elected Chair while Jan Keukens (The Netherlands) was elected Secretary and Nick Bannenberg (Queensland, Australia), the Information Coordinator of the Section. They organized the 1998 Pre-conference at the European Parliament, the Section's programme for the General Conference in Amsterdam and the workshop in the Hague. She served as Chair during the 1999 General Conference in Bangkok Thailand and during the years 1998 and 1999 was a member of the Coordinating Board of IFLA.

It is only fair to underline that new practices and structures followed to effectively manage the Section's workshops were proposed and established by Jennifer. To make workshops meaningful for all and substantial in essence, she introduced several innovations. In 1999, to entice all to participate actively, Jennifer suggested workshops ought to be held in small groups of 10-12, members of the Section propose the topics to be discussed, the topics should focus on pragmatic issues and, finally, members should chose to attend

¹ Jennifer Tanfield, "The role of assessment of services in planning future developments in Parliamentary Libraries", *IFLANET*, Annual Conference 61st IFLA General Conference-Conference Proceeding-August 20-25, 1995.

the workshops of interest. Additionally, she structured the workshops relying on the roles of moderators and rapporteurs for each workshop.

Moderators introduced the selected themes and coordinated the discussion, making sure that all had the opportunity to speak their mind and express their opinion. They also encouraged members to participate and acted as translators to break language barriers or diminish shyness.

Rapporteurs kept notes throughout workshops and presented a summary during the final closing session of workshops. In that way, the essence of everything said and argued was shared amongst all members. These summaries were published in the Section's *Newsletter* allowing participants to communicate information, good practices, discussions, common difficulties, conclusions, and possible solutions and set an example for other IFLA Sections.

She introduced the concept of "twinning" more established institutions with smaller organisations with fewer resources and less expertise. SWOT, brainstorming and other useful interactive management tools were introduced. Participants were encouraged to apply them at home and report the results. New practices then, rooted today in the Section's history and still used, should be attributed to Jennifer Tanfield. She honestly believed that parliamentary libraries have an important role to play to support parliamentary institutions, effectively and efficiently, being at the service of democracy. As such, she edited a most useful bilingual guide to parliamentary library, research, and information services of Western Europe.²

Finally, Jennifer also helped implement the change from the previous Library focussed Section to one encompassing Research elements of Legislatures.

Jennifer Tanfield created lifelong bonds with IFLA colleagues and after her retirement, along with her husband Nick Bannenberg, they travelled to the United States, Canada, and other places to meet befriended colleagues like Bill Robinson, Richard Pare, and Eric Spicer.

² Jennifer Tanfield ed., *Parliamentary Library, Research and Information Services of Western Europe/Bibliothèques et services et d'information parlementaires de l'Europe Occidentale*, Brussels; Strasbourg: European Centre for Parliamentary Research Documentation, 2000, 295 p.

Born in Dudley, England in 1941, Jennifer Tanfield graduated from the London School of Economics and soon after joined the House of Commons Library. Author of *In Parliament 1939-50: The Effect of the War on the Palace of Westminster* (1991). This 70 page report demonstrates her interest in parliamentary prewar, WW II and afterwar issues concerning the function of governance. She acted as Deputy Librarian in 1991-1992 and then succeeded Dermot Englefield,³ a very prominent librarian, to assume the position of Head of the House of Commons Library from 1993 to 1999.

Jennifer was also a caring daughter. She looked after her mother affectionately and only after her passing away did Jennifer decide to close her London home, where in 2002 she and Nick had graciously received Section members for high tea; I recall that sunny afternoon in the well cared for back yard! Then they settled in Brisbane, Australia.

Jennifer, "Jennie", worked with dedication for the Section and left her mark in many ways; she left her mark on me as, since I met her in 1998, she was a kind friend and an inspiring example to follow as she was patient and kind, strong and righteous, had a charming and discreet personality, was elegant and at the same time a firm leader with the goal to serve justice and democracy. And she had all the British flair! She had a strong impact on my professional life, my mind and my heart, and I strived to follow her footsteps.

Jennifer Tanfield passed away peacefully on 11th February 2022 in Brisbane with Nick at her side, after being diagnosed in 2010 with Picks's Disease. Jan Keukens was the one who told me the sad news. She deserves to be remembered.

³ The classic to be found in all parliament libraries: Dermot Englefield ed., *Guidelines for legislative libraries*, IFLA A3/64, München; New Providence: Saur, 1993, 123 p.

In memoriam

By Ellie Valentine



Donna Scheeder (1947-2022)

The Loss of A Dear Friend and Leader in our field - Donna Scheeder rests in peace.

On a day when many of us are celebrating the strength and empowerment of women across the world, I have learned that we have lost one of the strongest and most empowered women I know.

Today, we lost Donna Scheeder, a long-time member of our IFLA PARL community, past Section Chair, past IFLA President, and friend to all who had the privilege to work with her.

Whether Donna was leading a workshop of her parliamentary libraries colleagues or advocating for recognition of the contribution of libraries and librarians to global development, she was creative, energetic, committed, and generous. I know that her smile, her creativity, her energy, and her love and respect for our profession will remain an inspiration for me and for many others for many years to come. And Donna was ALWAYS the best dancer among us!

Dance on, Dear Donna!

<https://www.ifla.org/news/vale-donna-scheeder-1947-2022/>

In memoriam

By Ondřej Tikovský

**Director, Parliamentary Library of Chambers of
Deputies Archive, Prague, Czechia**



Karel Sosna (1941-2022)

Czech Parliamentary Librarian Passed Away

In February, sad news reached Czech librarian circles about the death of their long-time member Karel Sosna. Acclaimed in the international librarian context, he was born to become librarian, as he himself liked to note on many occasions.

Karel Sosna is perceived and appreciated namely as a parliamentary librarian. We owe him the rehabilitation of the Parliamentary Library in Prague after the Velvet Revolution in 1989 so that it could serve the public as a reservoir of wisdom with a broad spectrum of views. As a director, he always cared that the service delivered by information specialists within all parliamentary administrations was highly expert and the Library therefore maintained its outstanding, over 150 year-reputation.

He strived to re-integrate the library in the world-wide network of librarians within IFLA and he soon became one of the Federation's prominent members. His ambition was to create access to parliamentary resources with the aid of modern technologies. His efforts resulted in the establishment of the Common Digital Parliamentary Library of Visegrad Group and Austria.

Karel Sosna's will be remembered by his former colleagues, regardless of their culture and origin, as a person of wit and an excellent debater. As our German colleague once put it: He was an artist of life.

I therefore propose a toast in Karel Sosna honour; with wine he appreciated. He will be greatly missed and fondly remembered.

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