

Presidential Newsletter

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Dear IFLA Members,



In February, I stayed in Berlin most of the time; nevertheless there were quite a few IFLA activities. On February 6, a small group of the IFLA GB met in the Central- and Regional Library of Berlin to work on the new IFLA Statutes. Nancy Gwinn, Bob McKee, Barbara Schleihagen and I sat together and worked on a new version of the statutes to present to our lawyers. Our aim was to have a clear distinction between the IFLA Statutes and the Rules of Procedure. In March, Peter and I were busy in completing the statutes according to Dutch law before we could send the final version. I think the exercise worked out quite well and I hope you agree with [the new statutes \[//III/statute-rev.htm\]](#) .

On February 21 – 22, the second presidential meeting took part in Berlin. The Presidential meeting is a conference sponsored by the Foreign Ministry of Germany during the years of my presidency. This meeting is held on the premises of the Federal Foreign Ministry – very close to one part of my library. This year the German Research Foundation, DFG, was a Co-Sponsor along with the German Library umbrella organisation BID – Bibliothek Information Deutschland and its committee Bibliothek – Information – International. Besides the main topic, Putting 'Libraries on the Agenda', the need to put the Digital Library on the Agenda was expressed by many speakers. Most of the papers are in English, even when the title is in German: www.ifla-deutschland.de/de/ifla_praesidentschaft/programm_2008.html [http://www.ifla-deutschland.de/de/ifla_praesidentschaft/programm_2008.html]

I attended the Medium-Term meeting and Seminar of the IFLA Library of the Blind Section "Taking advantage of co-operation Introducing DAISY and IFLA" [[VII/s31/conf/DAISY2008.htm](#)] , held in Zagreb on February, 27 – 28. I was very impressed by the quality of the reports from the different East European Countries and the achievements made. Many of our blind colleagues took part in the meeting and gave speeches at this conference about the future developments through high technical standards for the blind. My talk was about 'Putting libraries for the blind and print disabled on the political agenda'. The visit to a very modern [library for the blind in Zagreb](#) [<http://www.hkzasl.hr>] was another highlight of the meeting. You will find here a [short report on the meeting](#) [<http://www.daisy.org/news/newsletters/planet-2008-03.shtml#a3>] .

With best wishes to all of you

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