

NEWS SECTION

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From the IFLA Secretariat

Message from Winston Roberts, Coordinator of Professional Activities, 1990-1998

I will soon be leaving the service of IFLA, as many of you may have heard.

After eight years intensive and absorbing work in The Hague, not to mention three years at the UBCIM Programme in London in 87-90, and many years of occasional interpreting work at IFLA conferences before that, it



seems it is time for a change, fresh air and pastures new.

It has been a great experience for me, learning about the different cultures that go to make up the IFLA family, about the mechanisms that make this 'serene republic' work. I have learned a lot about the real world of social challenges and economic upheavals far away from a desk in a comfortable office - though sometimes when travelling it seemed I was carrying a desk in my bag, and when back in the office the problems faced by colleagues in the real world outside continued to clamour for attention. I learned to appreciate the dedication and optimism of colleagues

fighting to run library services in developing countries, and the skills and equal dedication of colleagues in more favoured countries who also must continually defend the place of libraries.

Sometimes the obstacles seemed huge, but together we found a way around them: a putsch in the middle of the IFLA conference, a conference in the middle of a blockade, and other circumstances we had to deal with: a sudden devaluation that consumed half the funds we had just transferred, a virus that laid low half an audience, an airline that went into liquidation though our student was only halfway home, hyperinflation (we carried envelopes of dollars.), and more minor things: luggage and working papers that got lost, computers that seized up, heat and dust, run of the mill things all, generally manageable with good humour and a bit of luck.

And the rewards were great: the satisfaction of bringing specialists together for working sessions that produced documents with a meaning (the 'Unimarc family', the Public Library Manifesto, training manuals in preservation, so many IFLA reports for UNESCO - most of them still in great demand); the pleasure of seeing a carefully-planned workshop or seminar 'gel' and begin to create new ideas. I have been involved in so many such seminars over the years (in the fray with sleeves rolled up, or organising from a distance) that I have lost count; but what I remember them for was not that they produced yet more paper but rather that they sparked exchanges of ideas across cultures that - I like to think - enriched the later professional work of many persons who took part in those meetings. They certainly enriched my understanding of the whole spectrum of professional work.

A lot of the work was invisible routine, but essential: sending bank transfers to IFLA officers for projects that constitute

the ordinary work of Sections, advising on the minutiae of conference organization, and explaining financial procedures, negotiating sponsorship funding for projects, making travel arrangements for hundreds of colleagues over the years, encouraging professionals of many countries to overcome misunderstandings and join IFLA. I want to thank all the colleagues I have met 'out there', in person or 'virtually', and the friends I have made: they have all helped me, and I hope I have managed to help them. Now Laura and I are going to take a break, and then move on. For the moment my email address is <wroberts@antenna.nl> - if you are interested to know our future plans, please keep in touch.

All the best, maybe we'll meet again, haere mai.

Winston Roberts

IFLA Headquarters Welcomes a New Coordinator of Professional Activities, Sjoerd Koopman

It is with great pleasure that we announce the appointment of Mr Sjoerd M.J. Koopman as IFLA's new Coordinator of Professional Activities, commencing 1 April 1998.

Upon announcing the appointment of Mr Koopman to the Professional Board, Sissel Nilsen, Chair of IFLA's Professional Board stated: "I am delighted to be able to welcome Mr Koopman on behalf of IFLA's Professional Board, and am certain that his knowledge of the library world, overall experience, and international connections will add a new dimension to IFLA's professional programme."

Mr Koopman comes to IFLA from the PICA Library Automation Centre where he has been Head of Marketing since 1995. He originally joined PICA in 1991 as coordinator of the RAPDOC Electronic Delivery project, before his promotion to his present position. Undoubtedly, his extensive theoretical and empirical knowledge of the automation, marketing and managerial aspects of the IT sector will stand him in good stead to advise IFLA's Professional Board and Headquarters staff on new ways in which we can develop our professional programme to best meet the demands of our members.



Throughout the 1980s Mr Koopman held a number of increasingly demanding positions within the Royal Library of the Netherlands. His skills as a manager, communicator and above all mediator were carefully honed during this 11-year period. Starting as Reference Librarian in Political Science (1979-1982) he graduated to Management Assistant (1982-1988) and was eventually promoted to the position of Assistant to the Director ad interim (1988-1989). From 1988-1991 he was Secretary of the Governing Board of the Royal Library and, ultimately, Head of Policy Development at the Royal Library from 1990 until he left to join PICA in 1991.

Mr Koopman embarked upon his challenging and varied career within the Dutch library and information sector in 1980, having received a number of distinguished academic awards. Following a degree course in Business Economics at the Erasmus University of Rotterdam he went on to read Political Science at the University of Amsterdam. In 1979 he successfully completed a 3-year course in Library and Information Science (OWB-B) and obtained an MA in Political Science in 1981 from the University of Amsterdam.

A frequent attendee of IFLA's annual international conferences and former

member of the Standing Committee of the IFLA Section for Document Delivery and Interlending, Mr Koopman is already well-versed with the aims and activities of IFLA. He is also in the unique position of being able to view IFLA objectively from a member's point of view and we hope that he will now translate his "impressions" of IFLA into tangible recommendations so that we might further improve our services to our ever-growing worldwide membership.

Alongside his solid background in library automation, Mr Koopman also possesses excellent linguistic skills: an essential quality for the position of Coordinator of Professional Activities. He has published extensively in both Dutch and English, is proficient in French and German, and has also reached a high conversational level in Italian and Spanish. We therefore feel most fortunate to be able to count Mr Koopman as one of our newest staff members and are confident that he will make a valuable contribution to IFLA's international team. We certainly look forward to working more closely with him in the near future and it is our hope that he too will find his years with IFLA to be refreshing, informative and inspiring.

Introducing Karin Passchier, IFLA's Administrative Assistant

Writing a short story about myself is not my strongest point - I prefer talking to people on a one-to-one basis. However, with a bit of thought it should be possible...

During my studies I never once considered a job in a library or in any business connected to libraries for that matter. The only contact I had with libraries was when I borrowed books. During my school years it was already very clear to me that I wanted to become an administrative assistant or secretary and work in an office. The first time I heard about the opening at IFLA I didn't think too much about it. However, after I found out more about IFLA and the kind of job that was offered, I knew that I really wanted the position, and after my interview I was even more certain! I was very happy when I received a telephone call later that evening informing me that I had indeed been chosen for the position.

Before joining IFLA as Administrative Assistant in September 1997, I had worked for IBM in its administration department and developed a good feel

for office routine, also learning Word and WordPerfect 5.1 while there.

Here at IFLA Headquarters one of my tasks is taking care of publication claims, checking first to see whether they are



indeed IFLA publications, and then taking the required action. A new form has recently been developed at Headquarters which should make it easier for me to respond to claims for missing publications or newsletters. I am also responsible for publications orders, prepare invoices, and then send the publications to members and clients once payment has been received.

I also maintain the databases for IFLA Officers and Standing Committee members and have taken courses in Access and DBase III, which stand me in good stead for this task.

Another part of my office responsibilities is to support the IFLA Secretariat whenever necessary and to process the incoming and outgoing mail. Alongside this, I answer the telephone, type letters and take care of a million-and-one other things which are necessary for the day-to-day running of the office. (When the staff found out that I was reasonably fluent in German, they immediately renamed my office "the German Desk"!)

In my spare time I take long walks with the family dog, an English cocker spaniel. After playing for quite a long time with a tennis ball, I have to order him to go back home because, if left to his own devices, he would stay out all day! I, on the other hand, want to go home and start on a good detective novel by my favorite writer - Agatha Christie.

Another hobby is making things with my hands: for example, creating something out of plaster or clay and then painting it. I am also a collector of clowns - all kinds of them - figurines, pictures, in fact anything remotely

connected with clowns! Whenever I see that a circus is in town I have a front row seat mainly for the clowns!

Since I started work at IFLA in September 1997, I go to work with great pleasure from Monday to Friday, and beginning with the arrival of spring it will be with even more pleasure, since I will be travelling by motorbike! It is sometimes very hard work, but it is certainly great fun to work at IFLA Headquarters with everybody and I hope to go on working for IFLA for a very long time to come.

Karin Passchier
Administrative Assistant

New Membership Officer at IFLA Headquarters, Anne Telkers

Accustomed as I am as a journalist as the one to ask other people about their lives and interests, it is somehow strange to be my own interviewer writing down a story with some "facts and figures" about myself.

During my first two weeks at IFLA Headquarters, Daphne Vlot, my predecessor, showed me around. She tried to give me in brief(!) an overview of the worldwide network of librarians and institutions called IFLA. I think she succeeded in giving me an accurate impression of this fascinating organization with a great potential, but to be honest it dazzled me too. How would I ever feel comfortable and at ease in this huge world of specific knowledge of which I know so little? And all the librarians in the world and other members - how would I ever be able to relate to all of them and remember all their names? The Secretary General, Leo Voogt told me to calm down and I obeyed!

The real reason that prevented me from running away from this paper world of books and libraries, however, is a personal one. I'm curious. It was once the reason for starting my education as a journalist and my working as such and I feel it again here at IFLA. The little I know about the themes of the various Sections already makes me want to join all of them, and to meet the interesting librarians and members who are active in them. Another reason is that I am rather easily inspired by the enthusiasm of others. It is somehow contagious. I sense this positive drive around me at

Headquarters and maybe even more in the e-mails, letters and other communications I receive from the IFLA members from all over the world with requests and demands. I think that a passionate interest in people and culture, in the broadest sense possible, is what keeps me ticking both in my professional and personal life. Passion is somehow a keyword in the activities I explore. But don't get me wrong. I am not always the one singing out loud on top of a mountain as I am quite sensitive to bad vibes too, including my own!

Talking about singing brings me to my own leisure activities. Singing jazz is one of them. I am constantly building on my technique and repertoire. It takes a lot of practice and patience but it's such great fun to make music.



Rowing is my other ruling passion. I row in an eight. Together with my seven row mates we participate in national competitions so a great deal of time is spent training on the Amstel river, which is easy to reach since I live in Amsterdam. I also prefer to work on the river rather than on the ergometer, a rowing machine. Sometimes I suspect that I am a "movement addict". When there is natural ice in the winter you can find me skating in the polders. In spring and summer I like to tour on my racing bike. My family nickname is "water rat" so you can understand how I feel about swimming. All year around I am in search of silence and the true beauty of nature on long walks together with my main man and best friend, Hans Elger. I live close to the dunes and the sea, but the woods and the heathlands attract me equally.

But what about books? First of all I love reading them and collecting my favorite ones for my own personal library at home. Furthermore libraries and bookshops in general evoke a great attraction for me and nosing around in there is another favorite pastime.

For years I worked in a bookshop. The nicest thing about that job I guess was the possibility to share reading experiences with clients and to recommend new or other books that might interest them.

I'm also working on a publication myself, my thesis, which is a conclusion to my two academic studies at the University of Amsterdam: Italian Language and Literature, and Cultural Studies. The theme is: "La sensorialità nella narrativa Calviniana". I am writing it in Italian. In this thesis I try to explore the use of the five senses in four novels of Italo Calvino, an Italian contemporary writer who passed away in 1985. I very much hope to have it finished just before the IFLA Conference in August. I am looking forward to meeting you there personally. In the meantime you can trace me in the office at Headquarters ready to inform, help and exchange ideas about any aspects of IFLA membership.

Anne Telkers
Membership Officer

Major IFLA Membership Mailing

On 12 March 1998, 1600 parcels containing *IFLA Directory 1998-1999* and the *IFLA Medium-Term Programme 1998-2001* were mailed to all IFLA Officers and Members in more than 150 countries around the world.

Both the IFLA Directory and the Medium-Term Programme mark a new era within IFLA, ushered in by the elections of the new IFLA President, Ms Christine Deschamps, and the new IFLA Board Members and Officers during the 1997 IFLA Conference in Copenhagen, Denmark. The IFLA Directory serves as an easy-reference manual, providing the names and addresses of all newly elected and current Board Members and Officers, and an overview of the broad range of programmes and groups that together realize the objectives of IFLA's professional programme. Following the outline of IFLA's organizational structure, the IFLA Directory also offers a complete list of all IFLA Members, Consultative Bodies and Sponsors, who represent IFLA's international network of information professionals.

The scope and activities of the various IFLA Core Programmes, Divisions, Sections and Round Tables, formulated

for the period 1998 to 2001, are set out in the IFLA Medium Term Programme. The advancement of the many aspects of library and information services serves as the general thread of IFLA's professional programme; however, the way in which this goal is to be achieved varies from group to group.

An electronic and interactive version of the *IFLA Directory 1998-1999* will be available on IFLA's World Wide Web site, IFLANET, at <<http://www.ifla.org>>. The professional programmes, as described in the Medium-Term Programme, will be directly linked to the appropriate Core Programme, Division, Section and Round Table pages on IFLANET.

As part of the IFLA Membership benefits, both the *IFLA Directory 1998-*

1999 and the *IFLA Medium-Term Programme 1998-2001* are sent to all IFLA Officers and Members free of charge. Additional copies of the *IFLA Directory 1998-1999* are available at a special price of NLG 35 from the Publications Department at IFLA Headquarters. Non-Members may purchase the *IFLA Directory 1998-1999* for NLG 95 and the *IFLA Medium-Term Programme 1998-2001* for NLG 40.

This announcement will be my last service to the IFLA Membership. As of 16 March 1998 my position at IFLA Headquarters will be taken over by my successor, Anne Telkers. Ms Telkers will be ready to inform you on all membership matters, and looks forward to welcoming many new organizations and individual information professionals to IFLA.

Partaking in the impressive international network of information professionals that IFLA represents has given me many wonderful opportunities to develop my abilities. However, I think that the time has come to move on and explore new skills! I would like to express my appreciation and say "thanks" to the many people I have come to know and assist in the past three years. I am confident that you will offer the same enthusiasm and support to Anne Telkers, as you did to me! Best wishes to you all.

Daphne Vlot
IFLA Membership Officer

From the Divisions, Sections and Round Tables

The Section on Reading

Adele Fasick, Secretary of the Section on Reading, has submitted the report below. Ms Fasick may be contacted for additional information at 1386 28th Avenue, San Francisco, California 94122, USA (fax: +(1-415) 5643096; e-mail: amfasick@crl.com).

Although the Section on Reading is one of IFLA's newest Sections, it deals with one of IFLA's oldest concerns: reading and its benefits for individuals and society. The Section cuts across boundary lines of type-of-library and activity to focus on a subject of concern to all information professionals.

The Section on Reading came into existence following the IFLA Istanbul Conference in 1995. It grew out of the Round Table on Research in Reading, which had been a part of IFLA since 1985. At the same time that the Professional Board authorized the new Section, it formally disbanded the Round Table of Children's Literature Documentation Centres and incorporated its work into that of the new Section. These two research groups joined forces to concentrate on the issues of reading and literacy for all segments of society.

The goals of the Section on Reading are to:

- assume a leadership role in outlining strategies for international campaigns that support reading development;
- monitor the dissemination of knowledge about reading, readers, and library patrons;
- promote the understanding of reading patterns and literacy problems among librarians and other cultural agents;
- explore various ways of promoting reading and literacy in specific cultural milieus;
- carry out research on the problems of reading and literacy;
- emphasize the role of reading in children's development and to outline various methods that have been used in different countries;
- promote its goals and membership in the section in order to increase effectiveness within IFLA and within the profession.

Seminar

The Section has embarked on several projects to help it meet its goals. On 11-12 June 1998, it will co-sponsor, with the Library History Round Table, an international conference in Paris on "Libraries, Reading and Publishing in the Cold War: Livre, Edition, Bibliothèque, Lecture Durant La Guerre Froide".

Amsterdam Programme

The Section has planned both a programme and a workshop for the Amsterdam Conference. The programme theme is "Book and Reading Promotion in the Low Countries". Papers and speakers for this programme include:

- "Creating an Optimal Reading Culture in the Low Countries: The Role of Stichting Lezen", Marieke Sanders-ten Holte, Stichting Lezen
- "Bringing Publishers and Readers Together: the Stichting CPNB", Henk Kraima, Director, Stichting CPNB
- "Bringing Writers and Schools Together: the Stichting Schrijvers School Samenleving", Margreet Ruardi, Director, Stichting Schrijvers School Samenleving

Amsterdam Workshop

The Reading Section Workshop, co-sponsored by the Section on Service to Multicultural Populations and with ALP, is entitled "Literacy and Reading Services to Cultural and Linguistic Minorities." The goal of the workshop is to bring together experts from several countries and regions to explore the kinds of programmes being used to encourage literacy and promote reading among children and newly literate adults. Papers

will focus on such issues as the factors which make for a successful reading promotion programme; the publication of materials in indigenous languages; the transition from mother-tongue reading to majority language texts; and the feasibility of publishing multilanguage editions of reading materials. Papers scheduled to be given include:

- "From Literacy to Orality through Local Culture", Rebecca Knuth, Department of Information and Computer Sciences, University of Hawaii, USA
- "Electronic Publishing and Minority Languages: the Contribution to Reading", Geraint Evans and Jane Del-Pizzo, Department of Information and Library Studies, University of Wales, Aberystwyth, UK
- "Expanding the Literacy of Linguistic Minorities: Coping Skills and Successful Transition Across Discourse Communities", Clara Chu, University of California, Los Angeles, USA
- "Professionalism Is the Condition for Success", Silva Novljan, National and University Library, Slovenia
- "Provision and Promotion of Minority Language Reading Material for Children and Young People: Case Study from Wales", Gwilym Huws, Department of Information and Library Studies, University of Wales, Aberystwyth, UK
- "Two-Way Bilingual Immersion Program", Maureen White, School Library and Information Science Program, University of Houston, Clear Lake, USA

Future Plans

The Reading Section plans to work with other groups both within IFLA and outside to promote its goals of understanding and developing reading. The Section will cooperate with the International Reading Association on various projects, including the 11th European Conference on Reading in 1999. It will also work with the IFLA Section of Libraries Serving Children and Young Adults in planning a pre-conference seminar in Bangkok on reading development. The Section also hopes to continue the programme, initiated by the Round Table on Research in Reading, of conducting and publishing research on reading.

One of the major goals of the Section for the next several years is to increase

membership among institutional and association members of IFLA. University, public, school, and special libraries have a commitment to encourage research in reading and the promotion of books and reading. The Standing Committee of the Section on Reading invites all interested members of IFLA from other Sections to attend the programmes and the committee meetings of the Section and to help develop the future direction of its work.

IFLA Section and Round Table Projects Initiated in 1998

More information on the projects described below can be obtained from the Information Coordinators, listed on pages 126 - 128

University Libraries and other General Research Libraries. The Section for University Libraries and General Libraries is currently supervising the French translation of *Measuring Quality: International Guidelines for Performance Measurement in Academic Libraries* (published in English in the series, IFLA Publications as No. 76). This project is expected to take one year and is under the supervision of Marie-Dominique Heusse.

Science and Technology Libraries. The Section of Science and Technology Libraries is conducting a needs assessment of science and technology libraries in less developed countries. A survey will be carried out, over a period of one year, of science and technology libraries in developing countries in conjunction with the Library Research Center at the University of Illinois Graduate school of Library and Information Science. This survey will be conducted by Nancy Anderson and Martin Kesselman and will assist the Section in working with libraries in developing countries, and encourage links to libraries in the more developed parts of the world.

Biological and Medical Sciences Libraries. Under the auspices of IFLA's Section of Biological and Medical Sciences Libraries, Ysabel Bertolucci has begun preparing an *Online Directory of Health Sciences Libraries*. This project is expected to take four years. The Section feels that a revision of the directory of worldwide medical libraries is needed to make information available about the many new libraries in eastern Europe and in the developing world. The project will take advantage of the Internet by making the directory dynamic and

available on the World Wide Web, in a fashion similar to the process developed by the Art Libraries Section for its successful new directory. The aim is to develop in 1998 a preliminary database structure, create a Web interface, and load a minimal number of entries (100-1000) to test the design. In subsequent years, the database will be expanded and revised to meet the demands of medical and special libraries and librarians.

Public Libraries. Under the auspices of the Section of Public Libraries, Philip Gill is currently revising and updating IFLA's *Guidelines for Public Libraries*, last issued in 1986. The project will take two years.

Libraries Serving Disadvantaged Persons. Under the auspices of the Section for Libraries Serving Disadvantaged Persons, over a two-year period, Vibeke Lehmann and Bror Tronbacke will supervise translations into Spanish, German, Russian and French of IFLA Professional Report No. 54, *Guidelines for Easy-to-Read Materials*. John Day will also supervise the revision of IFLA Professional Report No. 24, *Guidelines for Library Service to Deaf People*. The existing text will be updated, especially with regard to the latest developments in the field of information technology.

Children's Libraries. Within one year the publication, *Teenage Guidelines*, will be translated into IFLA's five languages under the supervision of John Dunne. The IFLA/UNESCO Project "Books for All", which celebrates its silver jubilee in 1998, will be evaluated under the supervision of Ms Susanne Kruger over the next two years.

Mobile Libraries. Robert Pestell has been charged with the responsibility of overseeing a project entitled "Native Peoples Bookmobile". The aim of the year-long project is to sponsor the attendance of the Summi mobile library at the Norwegian Aboriginal and Native Peoples Conference in Norway in 1998. An illustrated booklet on international best practice in mobile libraries, either in hard-copy or electronic format, called the *Best Practice Booklet*, will also be prepared by the Section under the supervision of Thelma Tate over the next two years.

Cataloguing. Under the supervision of Dorothy McGarry, a two-year project to prepare Guidelines for OPAC Displays will set out to make recommendations for good practice. A review and update the current ISBD(S) in the light of new definitions and new technologies will

also be carried out over the next two years. A supervisor for this project has yet to be determined.

Acquisition and Collection Development. Tatiana Afanasieva will conduct a project for one year to prepare a Bibliography on Acquisition and Collection Development.

Document Delivery and Interlending. Under the supervision of Graham P. Cornish, a one-year project entitled ILL response codes has been launched. The intention of the project is to prepare a list of codes to reply to ILL requests without using natural language. A second project, scheduled to last for two years, is entitled "ISO ILL". No supervisor has been selected for this project as yet.

Information Technology. During the next year, Yakov Shraiberg and Yuri Hohlov will supervise a project called "The design and implementation of a unified standard of Cyrillic information representation in the electronic form, stage A". The project aims to develop recommendations on the selection of basic Cyrillic coding for information in electronic form; and the elaboration of public domain software.

Statistics. John Sumsion will conduct a project for one year entitled "International Benchmarking statistics: Feasibility". The project will explore the feasibility of collecting and developing statistical comparisons using the LIBECON database to be developed by IPF for the European Commission.

Management and Marketing. An *International Glossary on Marketing* will be prepared under the supervision of Christie Koontz. This project is expected to take one year. A workshop on strategic planning and modernization issues is also being prepared by Alice Calabrese. It will track the success of a marketing mini course to determine the effect on participants and will take one year to execute. A third project being carried out by this Section entitled "Strategic Planning and Modernization" will take one year and will be conducted under the supervision of Tatiana V. Ershova. The aim of this project is to prepare a workshop for the IFLA 1998 Conference in Amsterdam, Netherlands.

Library Theory and Research. A 12-month project called "International LIS II Research: Comparison of National Trends" will expand on a 1997 project by examining the social and cognitive institutionalization of the research field of LIS. It will be supervised by Ms Maxine Rochester.

Library History. Constructing the Heritage of Cultures: A World History of Librarianship is a three-year project to prepare a one-volume, 625-page textbook for use in library schools worldwide, demonstrating the relationship between indigenous patterns of knowledge organization and techniques imported from other areas. Pamela Spence Richards will be responsible for its progress. A second project by this Section entitled "Conference on Libraries, Reading and Publishing in the Cold War" aims to launch the first international invitational conference to address this issue. The conference will be held in Paris from 10 to 12 June 1998 and will be hosted by the French national library school, ENSSIB. Martine Poulain will supervise the project.

Reading. Adele Fasick is preparing for a workshop on Reading Services to Cultural and Linguistic Minorities scheduled to take place during the IFLA 1998 Conference in Amsterdam. The workshop will help to prepare guidelines for reading services to these groups.

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Reports of Meetings**IFLA-ALP Funded Workshop on Library Advocacy, Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia, November 1997**

The following report was submitted by Arlene Cohen, Circulation/Outreach Services Librarian, RFK Library, University of Guam, UOG Station, Mangilao, Guam 96923, USA (fax: +1-671) 7346882; e-mail: acohen@uog9.uog.edu) Ms Cohen was elected the Secretary of the Round Table for the Management of Library Associations during the IFLA Council and General Conference, Copenhagen, Denmark, 1997.

The IFLA Advancement of Librarianship Programme (ALP) recently sponsored a "Workshop to Train Library Association Leaders in Micronesia in Library Advocacy and Policy Development," presented at the Pacific Islands Association of Libraries and Archives (PIALA) annual meeting, November 1997 in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia. The proposal was approved by the Standing Committee of the IFLA Regional Section for Asia and Oceania in May 1997 and provided funding to cover the participation of 11 library association leaders from Micronesia and Tuula Haavisto, the workshop presenter from the IFLA Round Table for the Management of Library Associations and currently on leave as Secretary General of the Finnish Library Association.

The Pacific Islands Association of Libraries and Archives (PIALA) was formed in 1991 to address the needs of librarians and archivists in the Pacific, with a special focus on the Micronesian

islands. One of the strongest areas of need is education and training. This workshop was designed to look at issues in library advocacy within the context of Micronesia and provide new skills to library association leaders and librarians in the region. It was held in conjunction with the PIALA '97 Conference during the first week of November 1997 in Pohnpei, an island in the Federated States of Micronesia.

Prior to the actual workshop, the workshop participants were asked to read two very recent papers: Jennifer Joseph's "LATT's response to the National Library Issue in Trinidad and Tobago"; and Kay Raseroka's "How Do We Raise Awareness about Ourselves as Library Associations?". These papers had just been presented at the 63rd IFLA Council and General Conference, Copenhagen, Denmark, 31 August-5 September 1997 during the meeting of the Round Table on the Management of Library Associations.

The project was planned to take place at the end of the PIALA '97 meeting. Ms Haavisto arrived with the grant participants at the beginning of the meeting, which allowed her and the conference participants to meet informally and to take part in the meeting. Prior to the workshop, Ms Haavisto spent many hours discussing the unique issues and challenges of librarianship within the context of Micronesia.

The PIALA '97 meeting drew 86 participants. Along with the participation of the grant funded attendees, the workshop was open to anyone registered for the PIALA '97 Conference. Over 20 people preregistered for the workshop prior to the actual PIALA meeting. By the

time the workshop had begun, the registration had gone up to 43 people, due in no small part to Ms Haavisto's earlier presence.

During the workshop, several handouts were distributed including the "Library Advocates' Handbook," and the "Libraries: Global Reach, Local Touch" poster, both published by the American Library Association; the "UNESCO Public Library Manifesto" poster and brochure; the IFLA-ALP listing of Project Reports and a variety of other IFLA promotional materials.

The goal of the workshop was to have participants:

- understand the role of library associations as pressure groups for political action and policy development;
- understand the importance of policies and standards, and how to formulate them;
- learn methods to implement policies and standards, including ways of communicating them to governing agencies and the public at large;
- see the value of lobbying, how it can be effectively accomplished and the relationship between library advocacy and funding.

At future PIALA conferences, participants will be encouraged to share and critique their library advocacy efforts. Sessions will be planned where participants share their experiences about advocating library services to governing agencies and the public at large, based on the information and skills they gained from this very successful workshop.

EBLIDA Meeting on the Draft Directive on Reproduction and Related Rights, Copenhagen, 12-13 February 1998

The report which follows was submitted by Graham Cornish, Director of the IFLA UAP Core Programme, British Library, Boston Spa, Wetherby, West Yorkshire LS23 7BQ, UK (fax: +{44-1937} 546478; e-mail: ifla@bl.uk).

The two-day meeting was a very intensive discussion of the draft directive and was attended by over 100 delegates from most European Union countries plus Norway and Iceland.

The conference was opened by Frode Bakken, President of the Norwegian Library Association, who spoke about the future of libraries in the digital environment. He pointed out that copyright is part of the whole electronic commerce environment and cultural items are now becoming economic objects throughout the European Union. Globalization requires a system which deals with all products, sellers and buyers. It is important to distinguish between libraries and librarians. Librarians have skills which will still be needed whereas the physical concept of a library may change out of all recognition. Libraries will become part of the economic and commercial distribution of materials but publicly funded libraries should not be seen as a threat to commercial exploitation.

Harald Müller from the Max-Planck Institute for Intellectual Property Law in Heidelberg then looked at the whole question of legal deposit as a support for basic human rights in the area of expression, freedom of information and development of the person. Legal deposit also supports commercial products as it provides an archive which is uneconomic and unattractive for commercial publishers.

Emanuela Giavarra from ECUP worked through the draft directive in detail and pointed out many anomalies and areas of considerable concern for the library information community. Essentially the Draft Directive deals with the following areas:

- (a) Reproduction Right
- (b) Right of Communication to the Public
- (c) Exceptions to (a) and (b)
- (d) Distribution Right
- (e) Protection of Technological

Processing and Rights Management Devices.

The exceptions will be very limited and only one - the making of temporary or transient copies in the paper environment to carry out a legitimate copying action - is mandatory. All others will be optional. There will be no "fair dealing" in an electronic context at all except for illustration or teaching of a scientific nature. Copying for library purposes including users, preservation or interlibrary cooperation will also be limited to copying from and on to paper. The provisions for those with handicaps is limited to the visually and hearing-impaired in a non-commercial context and only in so far as it is necessary to meet the needs of the specific handicap.

Thomas Vinje then expounded the three elements that would be crucial in the electronic environment, namely copyright, contract and technology. It was quite likely that contract and technology may extend the protection given by copyright and further limit the defenses available to copyright users. Technical systems can prevent copying and use even where a work is now out of copyright. He felt that there should be a much greater focus on actions which are carried out for infringing purposes whereas the EU directive focuses on technology which should not be circumvented.

Charles Clark of the Federation of European Publishers then expounded the view that fair use could seriously undermine economic exploitation and cited the case of a database which has been put together at considerable expense but from which the search engine allows the user to extract exactly the information required at almost no effort. This, he contended, was unlike browsing which required considerable effort on the part of the user in both physical and intellectual terms. He felt that zero licensing could be part of a contract or agreement. He accepted that the whole question of private communication within the EU directive needs careful clarification as it is referred to differently in different places. Whoever creates databases in electronic information stores needs to be recompensed for the effort and investment they have made in the software which enables it to be searched by the user. He also pointed out that as the EU directive stands it might be possible to create course packs for teaching without any recompense to the copyright owner or seeking of permission.

Ursula Pachl from the European Consumers Association emphasized the fact that consumers need to be considered and this is a requirement of the Maastricht Treaty which requires that the consumer be examined in every piece of legislation. This was plainly not the case with the draft directive and it needed to be rethought for these reasons.

Graham Cornish outlined the aims and purposes of project IMPRIMATUR. He explained that it is primarily a consensus building exercise between many different partners including creators, authors, publishers, recording companies, broadcasters, libraries and users. Technological devices are part of the solution but essentially the project aims at taking the conflict out of the situation and replacing it with a consensus building exercise. The specific measure proposed would make it an infringement to try to circumvent any electronic copyright management system legitimately installed by the owner. Users and information intermediaries are worried that these devices could inhibit the use of works which is sanctioned by law and circumventing them to achieve this purpose would not be permitted.

The papers presented were followed by a panel discussion during which several people questioned the concept of an electronic management system which could deal with fair dealing and library privilege exceptions. There was also some discussion about removing large parts of the specific exceptions put into the European directive and replacing them with a general clause about fair use on the American style, looking at the four tests normally applied in this situation. These, coupled with the "three step test" would ensure reasonable access but at the same time assure copyright owners of their economic rights. In discussion it appeared that the Americans are taking a very different approach and have far more possibility of lobbying governments to achieve success on the library side. This is partly because of the different American traditions and institutions and partly because it is difficult for Europeans to speak with one voice in a culturally and legally divided situation. The second day was primarily devoted to detailed discussion of the draft directive and the way in which various countries would react to it. There was a presentation from the Italian Library Association and also the Swedish Association of Archives followed by one from Fred Friend who spoke primarily about SCONUL. This

was a particularly disappointing presentation as that he painted a very black picture of UK librarians and their attitude to copyright and understanding of it. The impression he gave was that most UK librarians are entirely ignorant in this area is far from accurate.

This was followed by a presentation by the secretary of EBLIDA, Barbara Schleihaugen who outlined the procedures by which a draft directive becomes community law. This was very helpful and useful. It was accompanied by a complete list of MEPs and their specific interests and the committees on which they serve, together with the key players in each country in the field of intellectual property.

Emanuela Giavarra then worked through the EBLIDA response to the draft directive in detail and there was considerable debate and discussion about many of the different clauses. The view was expressed that the directive is unnecessary and unworkable. The point was also made that it is of considerable importance and that some sort of preamble outlining the significance of it should be included. Otherwise, it was felt, people would treat it as a minor piece of legislation and rather boring and would therefore not perceive the true nature of it which is quite fundamental to the provision of information within the community. Some discussion also took place about the rather badly worded provision for people with handicaps

which prevent them from using material in the normal format. Graham Cornish has undertaken to draft a revision to this which is rather more all encompassing and also deals with the criticisms made of this by publishers.

This was a very useful meeting but one which will need to be followed by concerted lobbying, frequent discussion with colleagues and a sharp eye kept on all the drafts and revisions which will come out of Brussels as a result of lobbying by various partners in the information chain. Anyone with any interest in this subject should watch developments with a keen eye.

From other Organizations

Thesaurus Maintenance System THESmain

THESmain is a software system to manage and maintain the environment thesauri in Europe. At present, a General European Multilingual Environment Thesaurus (GEMET) in all the languages of the EEA-member states is being developed within the working programme of the "European Topic Centre for Catalogue of Data Sources & Thesaurus" (ETC/CDS&T). GEMET is meant to support indexing of metadata within the CDS system.

At the same time emphasis is being placed on an environmental thesaurus based on the UBA-Berlin Thesaurus (Umweltbundesamt Berlin) established in cooperation between Germany and Austria for their common meta information system "Environmental Data Catalogue" (Umweltdatenkatalog, UDK) at <<http://udk.bmu.gv.at>>. To manage and maintain both the CDS-Thesaurus and the UDK-Thesaurus a THESaurus MAINTenance (THESmain) system had been constructed by the ETC/CDS and the UDK-team Germany/Austria.

General information about THESmain:

- THESmain is used for visualization and maintenance of thesaurus data according to DIN 1462 /ISO 2788 and DIN /ISO 5964
- The programme is being developed under Visual Basic 4.0 and may be used under WfW3.11, Windows

95, Windows NT 3.51, Windows NT 4.0 and OS/2. The programme incorporates the Microsoft Access 2.5/3.0 Database core which is contained within the programming language.

- The maximum number of entries for descriptors, nondescriptors and relations is limited by the available mass storage space only.
- Several (theoretically unlimited) thesauri can be handled simultaneously with the possibility to exchange data between thesauri.
- Each thesaurus may contain terms in up to 30 languages. It is possible to extend the number of languages to approximately 100 by changing code.
- At several user levels the application is password protected. A separate utility to create and maintain users is included for system administration.
- It is possible to associate each term of the thesaurus with external databases. Thus the incorporation of microthesauri is easy. The connection to external databases is done by DDE-links. Examples are provided for Microsoft Access, Microsoft Excel and Microsoft Word.
- Versatile configuration to meet the demands of external DDE-connections is provided.
- THESmain by itself may be a target to external DDE-requests. It is possible to show every term in every

way of visualization by external commands. By this feature two authorities using THESmain with different thesauri can be synchronized.

- With the DDE-features described above, the attachment of microthesauri is easy.

THESmain has been fully operational since May 1997 for both levels (CDS and UDK). Both GEMET and UDK-Thesaurus will be maintained in Vienna.

THESmain is free of charge for all European Authorities. For users in industrial and business areas special license agreements will be set up.

For further information please contact the Thesaurus Co-ordination Office for UDK at the Federal Environment Agency (Umweltbundesamt) in Vienna, Austria directed to the attention of K. L. Zirm or R. Legat (fax: +(43-1) 313045400; (e-mail: [zirm, legat]@ubavie.gv.at).

National Library of Australia's PURL Resolver Service

What Is a PURL?

PURL stands for Persistent Uniform Resource Locator. A PURL is an special kind of URL which, instead of pointing directly to an Internet document, points to an intermediate resolver service. This service then redirects the search to the current URL for the document. Once a PURL is allocated to an Internet document

it remains constant even if the document is moved to another location or another server. It is similar to a see reference in library catalogues.

Why Use PURLs?

PURLs allow you to manage access to your World Wide Web documents as they are moved on your system. Currently, when a document's location is changed, organizations create a redirect page to let searchers know about the new location. PURLs can do this in a similar way. When a document is moved to another area of your site or another organization's site, all you need to do is change the URL associated with the PURL. This means

that provided you maintain the PURL by changing the associated URL, anyone pointing to your document's PURL will always find it. Internet users can bookmark a PURL with the confidence that it will not change.

The PURL Resolver Service?

The Australian PURL Resolver Service uses software developed by the OCLC Online Computer Library Centre. The service is available to any Australian organization which adds content to the Internet. It allows users to register themselves, create PURLs and modify them, as the resource location changes. There are no charges associated with using this service.

Who Should Consider the PURL Service?

Anyone who is interested in providing persistent access to important information on the World Wide Web and who is willing to maintain the online links.

Who to Contact for More Information?

If you would like additional information you can contact the ABN/Ozline Help Desk by e-mail at <networks@nla.gov.au> or visit our homepage: <<http://purl.nla.gov.au/>>.

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In the largest sense, one can view the Internet as a vast electronic library that has resources located on many different shelves (servers). However, unlike a traditional library, one cannot physically go to a shelf and inspect a resource because resources on the Internet are distributed throughout the world. Also unlike a traditional library, information contained on the Internet is not well organized so it is difficult to find or use information maintained there.

Blue Angel's MetaStar Product Suite does for the Internet what a card catalogue does for a library (and then some!). It provides a framework for organizing information on an electronic network so that it's easy for anyone to electronically find and use. This is accomplished through a combination of innovative technology and the use of metadata. Metadata is information that describes a resource. In the library environment, a card catalogue contains information (metadata) such as title, author, date of publication and stack location of resources maintained in the library. The card catalogue's metadata is used to organize a library's resources in a standard way. This structure allows everyone to know where the resources

are located so they can be quickly found and used.

Blue Angel's tools provide the same functions in an electronic world. They not only provide the user with the ability to maintain the metadata that describes their resources (the electronic card catalogue), but they use advanced technology to provide a host of powerful options for publishing, maintaining, finding and using information on a network.

For example, the tools make it possible to simultaneously search any number of servers located around the world with one query. Also, because metadata is used to describe a resource in a standard way, users can ask much more sophisticated questions than is possible with existing products. For example, a student could request a list of all colleges in the United States that offered a major in physical therapy and that had a tuition fee of under USD 15,000 per year, or a researcher could request all articles on lung cancer published in the state of New York by a specific doctor during the last six months.

The library community has employed many of the concepts employed in Blue Angel's tools for many years. We are pleased to be a sponsor of IFLA.

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MCB UP supports scholarly research work, for example, by making an annual research award to one of its journal editors for projects which add to the body of knowledge on the process of scholarly communication; providing awards for Best Papers at the American Academy of Management annual conference; and supporting several conferences a year.

Agreements were recently signed by MCB UP Limited with four major agents to provide content electronically via their electronic journal delivery services. These agreements include: Blackwells' Navigator; Swets' SwetsNet; Faxon/Dawson's Information Quest; and Ebsco Online Subscriptions.

These services are accessible over the Internet using a World Wide Web browser and are distributed via a global network of servers. The services provide

librarians and end-users with instantaneous access to full text and abstracts regardless of their physical format, location or publisher. They provide libraries and their users with a single point for accessing and managing all their electronic serials. Librarians wishing to offer a full service to their users for these electronic serials are faced with new administration and access procedures, for example in terms of password distribution, license administration, arranging end user access and printing, as well as policy issues such as archiving, recording use of titles and optimum acquisitions methods. In general all of the four agents offer:

- access to full text articles by authorized subscribers
- a single catalogue of all serials titles within the service
- full searching of TOCs (table of contents) information and abstracts
- TOCs and abstracts in HTML and full text generally in Adobe PDF
- regular reports on title usage
- access to earlier years (MCB's archives)
- searching of the library's own subscriptions, individual/departmental
- collections, or the full service database
- information and advice on electronic serials
- technical support.

As the number of electronic serials grows, greater demands are being placed on library systems and procedures. Arranging access to all the e-journals through these particular services offer significant benefits to the libraries, including:

- a single point of electronic access for library users

- a single source for electronic serials: access, ordering, invoicing, support, information
- integrations into the library catalogue
- greatly improved acquisition procedures and administration
- links to existing print subscription services
- all the service benefits traditionally offered by the agents.

IFLA is delighted to welcome MCB University Press as one of its most recent sponsors and looks forward to establishing a long and mutually rewarding relationship with the company.

VTLS97 Installed at Universidad Catolica de Avila Library in Avila, Spain

The Universidad Catolica de Avila Library, (UCA) has selected VTLS97 as its automation solution with the intention of upgrading to Virtua, VTLS's 3rd generation system, upon its completion. The UCA is a new university offering degrees including philosophy, history, literature, law, political and social sciences, computer science and theology. Ms Veerle Minner, Director of the library stated, "The Universidad Catolica de Avila decided to purchase VTLS after carefully comparing it with other products that were at first sight equally attractive, and after being convinced of its superior performance in an academic setting."

The UCA library project includes the implementation of an automation system for the new library which is currently being constructed. When completed the library will house a state-of-the-art computer system for allowing UCA students and faculty to access books and bibliographic sources from around the world. The library will provide document delivery services, an introduction to the

software research systems available for researchers and general reference services.

"Our goal is to deliver the VTLS solution to all libraries in Spain, but especially to those libraries wishing to implement a global vision," said Charles Lynch, Director of VTLS Europe, S.L. "We are very pleased to welcome the forward-thinking Universidad Catolica de Avila, our 23rd customer in Spain, to the community of university libraries using VTLS."

VTLS experts completed the entire installation at UCA within 30 days of signing the contract. The library is using the USMARC format and running the VTLS97 system on the Sun Ultra 1 platform with the Oracle RDBMS. In addition to the VTLS97 base system consisting of OPAC, cataloguing, authority control, reporting and statistics, the library also purchased VTLS97 acquisitions, serials and circulation software. The VTLS-Web Gateway was also purchased and will be a key to fulfilling their objective of providing access to the Universities catalog via the World Wide Web.

VTLS Inc. is an international software company with corporate offices in Blacksburg, Virginia, subsidiaries and offices in India, Poland, Finland and Spain, and representation through authorized partners in 18 countries. The company specializes in library automation and in information management and provides an integrated solution to all aspects of library and archival operations for more than 430 customers in 38 countries. For more information, contact: Charles Lynch, VTLS Europe, S.L., Pau Claris, 162-164, 82 08037 Barcelona, Spain; or Barbara Scheid, VTLS Inc., 1800 Kraft Drive, Blacksburg, Virginia 24060, USA (fax: +(1-540) 5571200)

Miscellaneous

New Director at the ISSN International Centres in Paris

Per Morten Bryhn, President of the ISSN Governing Board to the ISSN National Centres, has announced the appointment of a new Director at the ISSN International Centres following the resignation of Suzanne Santiago, who is

now Head of the Agencé Bibliographique de l'Enseignement Supérieur (Bibliographic Agency for Higher Education, the French Union Catalogue of University Libraries) in Montpellier, France. The new director is Ms Françoise Pellé. Françoise Pellé has been working at the Ministère de l'Education nationale, de la recherche et

de la technologie, at the office for modernization of libraries where she was responsible for the planning process of the network of libraries serving higher education since 1991. She has also participated in the work of AFNOR (the French agency of ISO) and ISO. She has earlier experience from the Bibliothèque Publique d'Information (Centre Georges

Pompidou), Paris and from 1983 to 1990 she worked at the Bibliothèque interuniversitaire scientifique at the University of Jussieu, Paris. The process of change of director has been prepared by the French authorities in collaboration with the ISSN Governing Board. According to the ISSN Statutes, the director is appointed by France with the agreement of UNESCO.

Vicki Whitmell Appointed Executive Director of CLA

Paul Whitney, President of the Canadian Library Association (CLA), announced the appointment of Vicki Whitmell as Executive Director of the Association. Ms Whitmell will be assuming her duties in the Ottawa office in April 1998. Mr Whitney says the search committee unanimously recommended Ms Whitmell's appointment to the CLA Council. Ms Whitmell comes to the CLA from the Joseph L. Rotman School of Management at the University of Toronto. Since 1990 she has held the position of Chief Librarian, where she oversaw a successful outsourcing and fee-based programme. While there, she acted as a consultant to librarians, associations and the government, published a quarterly newsletter on fee-based information services and organized the international Fee For Service Conference. Just recently, Ms. Whitmell presented a series of workshops throughout Eastern Ontario designed to help public libraries prepare successful CAP applications. Prior to her years at the University of Toronto, Ms Whitmell held management positions at two large law firms and was the director of Legal Library Resources at the Manitoba Department of the Attorney General. She received her MLS from the University of Toronto in 1984. She served on the CLA Task Force on

Credentialism, held several executive positions, including that of President, with the Toronto Association of Law Librarians and edited the Canadian Association of Law Librarians Newsletter.

Position Vacant

A full-time position of indexer/abstracter/editor is available at Public Affairs Information Service (PAIS), publisher of a public policy database in New York City.

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Fellowships to geoscience librarians from developing countries are available for a six-week programme in the USA and Canada, from 9 September through 29 October 1998. Sponsored by the Geoscience Information Society (GIS), the fellowships will enable recipients to

participate in the Sixth International Conference on Geoscience Information in Washington DC, 10-14 September, and the GIS Annual Conference in Toronto, Canada, 26-29 October, and to enhance their professional skills through hands-on educational opportunities in American and Canadian earth science libraries. Fellowships will cover travel expenses to the Washington and Toronto conferences and to host libraries, meeting registration fees, housing (including placements with host librarians), and a small per diem.

As part of the selection process, finalists may also be asked to participate in a pre-arranged telephone interview (paid for by GIS). Fellowship recipients will be expected to take part in an open discussion at each of the conferences and to present a paper on their particular library programmes. Six months after their participation, recipients will be asked to evaluate the experience of their training and how their libraries have benefited from it.

Requirements

- Full-time employment in a professional position in an academic or governmental geoscience library in a developing country;
- English language proficiency, written and verbal;
- Submission of a completed application form, including a letter of institutional support from your supervisor, by postal mail, fax, or e-mail by 15 April 1998 to Claren Kidd, L.S. Youngblood Energy Library, University of Oklahoma, 100 E. Boyd R220, Norman, Oklahoma 73019-0628, USA (fax: +1-405) 3253180; e-mail: ckidd@ou.edu).

International Calendar

March 24-26, 1998. Hanoi, Vietnam. 10th International Conference on New Information Technologies. For information: Ching-chih Chen, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, Simmons College, 300 The Fenway, Boston, Massachusetts 02115-5898, USA (fax: +1-617) 5273431; e-mail: cchen@simmons.edu)

March 25-27, 1998. Rotterdam, Netherlands. ETHICOMP98. Fourth International Conference on Ethical Issues of Information Technology. Overall theme: "Computing and the Workplace: The Potential Tension between Financial Goals, Politics and Social and Professional Responsibility". For information: Centre for Computing and Social

Responsibility, School of Computing Sciences, De Montfort University, The Gateway, Leicester LE1 9BH, UK (fax: +44-116) 2541891; e-mail: ccsr@dmu.ac.uk; <<http://www.ccsr.cms.dmu.ac.uk/conf/ethicomp/eth98-anmt.html>>).

March 26-29, 1998. Leipzig, Germany. Leipzig Book Fair. For information:

- Leipziger Messe GmbH, PF 100720, D-04007, Leipzig, Germany (fax: +(49-341) 6788342; e-mail: info@leipziger-messe.de; <<http://www.leipziger-messe.de>>
- April 2-5, 1998. Bologna, Italy. Children's Book Fair. For information: Loretta Marchesini, Giere, Viale della Fiera 20, 40128 Bologna, Italy (fax: +(39-51) 282333; e-mail: dir.com@bolognafiere.it)
- April 8-9, 1998. Tokyo, Japan. 12th International Unicode/ISO 10646 Conference and Global Computing Showcase. For information: Twelfth International Unicode Conference, c/o Global Meeting Services, 6160 Charae Street, San Diego, California 92122, USA (fax: +(1-619) 6380504; e-mail: info@global-conference.com; <<http://www.unicode.org>> or <<http://www.reuters.com/unicode/iuc12>>
- April 20-22, 1998. Budapest, Hungary. Second ICCC/IFIP Conference on Electronic Publishing. Theme: "Towards the Information-Rich Society". For information: Fytton Rowland, Second ICCC/IFIP Conference on Electronic Publishing, Department of Information and Library Studies, Loughborough University, Loughborough, Leicestershire LE11 3TU, UK (fax: +(44-1509) 223053; e-mail: j.f.rowland@lboro.ac.uk)
- April 27-30, 1998. Edinburgh, Scotland, UK. 4th International Records Management Conference. Theme: "The Global Perspective". For information: Jude Awdry, Records Management Society of Great Britain, Woodside, Coleheath Bottom, Speen, Princes Risborough, Buckinghamshire HP27 0SZ, UK (fax: +(44-1494) 488490; e-mail: rms@awdry.demon.uk)
- April 26-29, Beijing, China. Second International Conference and Exhibition on Information Infrastructure. For information: Jian Geng, Secretariat of ICII'98, Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications, Beijing 100088, China (fax: +(86-10) 62285008; e-mail: zyx@bupt.edu.cn)
- June 1-7, 1998. Pretoria, South Africa. IATUL (International Association of Technological University Libraries) Annual Conference. Theme: "The Challenge to be Relevant in the 21st Century". For information: Monica Hammes, Academic Information Services, University of Pretoria, Pretoria, South Africa (fax: +(27-12) 3422453; e-mail: hammes@acinfo.up.ac.za) or Ria van der Spuy, Academic Library Services, University of Pretoria, Pretoria, South Africa (fax: +(27-12) 4203792; e-mail: iatul@acinfo.up.ac.za) <<http://educate.lib.chalmers.se/IATUL/conf98.html>>
- June 6-14, 1998. Sudak, Republic of Crimea, Ukraine. Fifth International Conference Crimea '98. Theme: "Libraries and Associations in a Transient World: New Technologies and New Forms of Cooperation". For information: Vladimir Sokoko, Belarusian Librarian Association (fax: +(7-097) 9219862; e-mail: crimea98@gbntb.msk.su; <<http://gbntb.iitp.ru/crimea98/>>
- June 16-17, 1998. Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. ASM (Advanced Strategic Management Consultants) in cooperation with the IFLA/UAP Core Programme, Industry Canada, Canadian Librarian Association, and the National Library of Canada International Conference. Theme: "Libraries as Leaders in Community Economic Development". For information: Stan Skrzyszewski, ASM, 411 Rippleton Place, London, Ontario, Canada N6G 1L4 (fax: +(1-519) 4719945; e-mail: sskrzysz@lon.hookup.net (or) sskrzysz@julian.uwo.ca) or Maureen Cubberley, ASM, 2182 Chetwynd Road, Chetwynd R.R. #2, Burk's Falls, Ontario, Canada POA 1C0 (fax: +(1-705) 3821056; e-mail: cubberly@onlink.net (or) asm@asm-consultants.net)
- June 22-27, 1998. Utrecht, Netherlands. Sixth European Conference of Medical and Health Librarians. Theme: "Libraries without Limits: Changing Needs - Changing Roles". For information: EAHIL '98, FBU Congress Bureau, Utrecht University, POB 80125, 3508 TC Utrecht, Netherlands (fax: +(31-30) 2535851; e-mail: ldo@fbu.ruu.nl)
- June 23-26, 1998. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA. Third ACM Conference on Digital Libraries. For information: Robert M. Akscyn, RD2 213A Evans Road, Export, Pennsylvania, USA (e-mail: rma@ks.com)
- July 5-9, 1998. Ramat Gan, Israel. 27th Annual Conference of the International Association of School Libraries. For information: Conference Secretariat - IASL 1998, Dan Knassim Ltd., POB 1931, Ramat Gan 52118, Israel (fax: +(972-3) 6133341; e-mail: congress@mail.inter.net.il) or Amalia Brand, Department of Library and Information Studies, Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan, Israel 52900 (fax: +(972-3) 6352306; e-mail: shohas@ashur.cc.biu.ac.il)
- July 27-31, 1998. Nairobi, Kenya. 13th Standing Conference for Eastern, Central, and Southern African Librarians (SCECSAL). Theme: "Information for Sustainable Development in the 21st Century". For information: Jacinta Were Kenya Library Association, POB 46031, Nairobi, Kenya (fax +(254-2) 214917; e-mail: uonjkm@ken.healthnet.org)
- August 2-14, 1998. Tilburg, Netherlands. International Summer School on the Digital Library. Organized by Ticer (Tilburg Innovation Centre for Economic Resources) in cooperation with Tilburg University. For information: Ticer, Warandelaan 2, POB 4191, 5004 JD Tilburg, Netherlands (fax: +(31-13) 4668383; e-mail: ticer@kub.nl; <<http://cwis.kub.nl/~ticer/>>
- August 12-13, 1998. Brussels, Belgium. Satellite meeting organized by the IFLA Section of Library and Research Services to Parliaments. Theme: "European Parliamentary Libraries". For information: Jennifer Tanfield, House of Commons Library, London SW1A 0AA, UK (fax: +(44-171) 2194285; e-mail: tanfieldjb@parliament.uk)
- August 12-14, 1998. Amsterdam, Netherlands. Satellite meeting organized by the IFLA Section of Public Libraries. Theme: "The Public Library as the Gateway to the Information Society: The Revision of the IFLA Guidelines for Public Libraries". For information: Philip Gill, 13 Stoneleigh Close, Stoneleigh, Conventry CV8 3DE, UK (fax: +(44-1203) 414030; e-mail: philip_gill@compuserve.com)
- August 12-14, 1998. Tromsø, Norway. Satellite meeting organized by the Section on Library Services to Multicultural Populations. Theme: "Library Services to Indigenous People: Serving National Minorities with Distinct Ethnic, Cultural and Linguistic Identities". For information:

- Asbjorn Langeland, Director General, Norwegian Directorate for Public Libraries, POB 8145, N-0033 Oslo, Norway (fax: +(47-22) 831552)
- August 13-15, 1998. Sheffield, UK. 2nd ISIC (Information Seeking in Context) Conference. Theme: "Information Needs: Seeking and Use in Different Countries". For information: ISIC/98, Department of Information Studies, Sheffield University, Regent Court, Portobello Street, Sheffield S1 4DP, UK (fax: +(44-114) 2222630; e-mail: m.x.walker@sheffield.ac.uk); <http://panizzi.shef.ac.uk/david_allen/ISIC/isic.html>
- August 13-15, 1998 (to be confirmed). Netherlands (venue to be confirmed). Satellite meeting organized by the IFLA Section on Information Technology. "The Convergence of Libraries, Archives and Museums under the Influence of Networking Technologies". For information: Johan van der Walle, TNO Project Manager-STB, POB 80544, 2508 GM The Hague, Netherlands (fax: +(31-70) 3615011)
- August 16-21, 1998. Amsterdam, Netherlands. 64th IFLA General Conference. Theme: "On Crossroads of Information and Culture"
- August 23-28, 1988. Study tour to Dutch and Belgian Libraries organized by the IFLA Section on Library Buildings and Equipment. For information: Maija Berndtson, Helsinki City Library, Rautielaisenkatur 8, FIN-00520 Helsinki, Finland (fax: +(358-9) 31085517; e-mail: maija.berndtson@lib.hel.fi) or Marie-Françoise Bisbrouck, ministere de l'Enseignement Superieur et de la Recherche, DISTNB, Sous-Direction des Bibliothèques, 1 rue d'Ulm, 75005 Paris, France (fax: +(33-1) 49552578; e-mail: bisbrouc@distb.mesr.fr)
- August 30-September 4, 1998. Budapest, Hungary. INTAMEL 98. Theme: INTAMEL and the Metropolises in Eastern and Central Europe". For information: Jenő Kiss, Metropolitan Ervin Szabó Library, 1088 Budapest, Hungary (fax: +(36-1) 1185815; e-mail: kissje@helka.iif.hu)
- August 31-September 4, 1998. Vienna, Austria and Budapest, Hungary. 15th IFIP World Computer Conference. Theme: "The Global Information Society on the Way to the Next Millennium". For information: 1) Austrian Computer Society, Wollzeile 1-3, A-1010 Vienna, Austria (fax: +(43-1) 512-02359; e-mail: ifip98@ocg.or.at; <<http://www.ocg.or.at/ifip98.htm>>) or 2) Hohn v. Neumann Computer Society, Bathori u. 16, H-1054 Budapest, Hungary (fax: +(36-1) 1318140; e-mail: ifip98@neumann.hu); <<http://www.njszt.iif.hu/ifip98.html>>
- September 19-23, 1998. Heraklion, Crete, Greece. Second European Conference on Research and Advanced Technology for Digital Libraries. For information: Christos Nikolau, University of Crete, Leoforos Knossou, GR-711110 Heraklion, Crete, Greece (fax: +(30-81) 210106; e-mail: nikolau@cc.uoh.gr)
- September 20-24, 1998. New Delhi, India. 26th IBBY Conference. Theme: "Peace through Children's Books". For information: Association of Writers and Illustrators for Children, Nehru House, 4 Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi 110 002, India (fax: +(91-11) 3721090).
- October 11-17, 1998. New Delhi, India. 49th FID General Assembly, Conference and Congress. For information: FID Secretariat, POB 90402, 2509 LK The Hague, Netherlands (fax: +(31-70) 3140667; e-mail: fid@python.konbib.nl)
- October 25-28, 1998. Beijing, China. International Conference sponsored by Peking University. Theme: "New Missions of Academic Libraries in the 21st Century". For information: Bessie Hahn, Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts, USA (fax: +(1-617) 7364700; e-mail: bhahn@brandeis.edu)
- November 4-7, 1998. Carazdin, Croatia. International Conference on "Public Libraries in European Towns in the 21st Century". For information: Vesna Turcin, Public Library Varazdin, Z. Rogoza 10, 10000 Zagreb, Croatia (fax: +(385-1) 6155367 or +(385-4) 2212767); e-mail: gknjizmo@vz.tel.hr (or) vesna.turcin@cyport.tel.hr; <<http://www.inet-images.com/somware/P/coni>>
- November 25-27, 1998. Copenhagen, Denmark. International Conference on Bibliographic Services
- January 6-8. 1999. Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. Colloquium on "Management and Marketing of Information Services". Organized by the PanAfrican Institute for Development West Africa and the School of Library and Information Science, University of Montreal. For information: Amadou Diop, Coordinator of the project MMSI, Institut Panafricain pour le Developpement, Afrique de l'Ouest/Sahel, 01 BP 1756, Ouagadougou 01, Burkina Faso (fax: +(226-30) 1296; e-mail: ipd-aos@endadak.gn.apc.org) or Rejean Savard, EBSI, Universite de Montreal, Case Postale 6128, Succursale Centreville, Montreal H3C 3J7, Canada (fax: +(1-514) 3435753; e-mail: savard@ere.umontreal.ca)
- August 19-28, 1999. Bangkok, Thailand. 65th IFLA Council and General Conference. Theme: "On the Threshold of a New Century: Libraries as Gateways to an Enlightened World"
- July 9-12, 2000. London, UK. 8th International Congress on Medical Librarianship
- August 2000. Jerusalem, Israel. 66th IFLA General Conference. Theme: "Information for Cooperation: Creating the Global Library of the Future"
- August 2001. Boston, Massachusetts, USA. 67th IFLA Council and General Conference
- August 2002. Glasgow, Scotland, UK. 68th IFLA General Conference