

NEWS SECTION

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From the IFLA Secretariat

Invitation to IFLA's 65th Council and General Conference, Bangkok, Thailand, 20-28 August 1999

Sawadee. Greetings from Thailand and a warm welcome to IFLA '99 Bangkok.

The Thai Library Community takes great pleasure in cordially offering you an invitation to participate in the 65th IFLA Council and General Conference 1999 which is to take place in Bangkok, Thailand, 20-28 August 1999.

IFLA's annual conference and exhibition is the largest international event for professionals within the library and information sector. IFLA '99 offers an excellent opportunity for thousands of delegates, experts, and library and information providers from all over the world to exchange ideas and experience as well as to introduce new innovations and products. We are confident that the conference agenda we have crafted will stimulate participants and contribute to debate and cooperation among them. We thus encourage you not to miss such an occasion where you can keep pace with your profession, meet your colleagues from different parts of the world in a pleasant and stimulating atmosphere and experience the beauty and uniqueness of Thailand.

Theme and Sub-Themes

The theme of the meeting, "Libraries as Gateways to an Enlightened World" offers a broad scope for an exchange of experiences. In the information era, the library must transcend its present role as producer and purveyor of knowledge and information by acting as a gateway to a wide range and variety of information resources and services which are in constant flux. This requires recognition that quantity and availability

do not necessarily guarantee quality and desirable information. In this information environment, libraries have to do more than act as hosts. As change agents, they have a role to play in converting data into information, information into knowledge, and knowledge into wisdom by providing the means to seek a better future, an increasingly more enlightened world where such universal aspirations as peace, social and economic justice, intellectual freedom, respect for human dignity and rights, and a healthy social and natural environment, are reinforced, enhanced and converted to reality.

On the threshold of the 21st century when a new and hopefully enlightened era can begin, library and information professionals should take up challenges to provide the means for a better world. The 65th IFLA Conference in Thailand proposes that the international library community commit itself to meet the challenges of building a more enlightened world by focusing on the quality of its collection, contents and services, reaching out to all levels and groups of society, ensuring equitable access to knowledge, and strengthening its position in the dynamic global information market place.

Sub-Themes

- Strengthening the Gateway
 - Legal aspects of information access
 - Library staff education and training
 - Affordable and efficient communication links
 - Education at all levels as a component of the life-long learning process
- Assuring the Quality and Quantity of Information
 - Development of quality information sources

- Development of "search engines" and other means to access information sources
- The changing roles of Universal Bibliographic Control (UBC) and Universal Availability of Publications (UAP)
- Publishing in all media for an enlightened world
- Conservation of documentary heritage and provision of wider access
- Networking for "Quality of Life"
 - Libraries for peace and conflict resolution
 - Libraries for cultural development and aesthetic appreciation
 - Libraries for healthy bodies and wholesome minds
 - Environment and culture information networks
 - Networking services for the disadvantaged and abused

Conference Venue

The 65th IFLA Council and General Conference 1999 will take place at the Bangkok International Trade & Exhibition Centre (BITEC), Bangkok, Thailand, 20-28 August 1999. Bangkok International Trade & Exhibition Centre (BITEC) is the first purpose-built exhibition and convention centre in Thailand. BITEC's complex on a total of 60-acres or 240,000 square-metres of land consists of an 8,000 square metre reception area, a 1,860 square metre multi-purpose grand hall, a total of 15 breakout meeting rooms, a 20,000 square metre exhibition hall, and two outdoor exhibition areas totaling 15,000 square metres. Opened officially to the public in 1997, BITEC responds to the operational needs, requirements and expectations of its clients, providing the

finest service for exhibitions, conventions and special events with a perfect blend of the finest Thai hospitality and the highest international standards.

Conference Papers

In addition to the more than 150 papers selected by IFLA officers for the open sessions of the Sections and Round Tables, the Professional Board has issued a call for papers for the contributed papers sessions. Applications will be available in the next issue of *IFLA Journal*.

Exhibition

An International Trade Exhibition has been arranged at BITEC in connection with the 65th IFLA Conference 1999. The Exhibition will be held for the 3 days during the Conference, from 23-25 August 1999.

Social and Cultural Activities

A varied programme of social and cultural activities is planned for the delegates attending the 65th IFLA Council and General Conference. The delegates will have opportunities to have a glimpse of Thai traditional everyday life, and to meet and talk with their colleagues from other countries in an informal and pleasant atmosphere.

Accommodation

The National Organizing Committee is more than happy to reserve hotel rooms for participants and accompanying persons. A number of selected hotel rooms in different categories and prices have been block reserved from 19-29 August 1999.

Registration Fees

The deadline for advance registration is 15 March 1999 for a fee of USD 350 for delegates and USD 200 for accompanying persons. After 15 March the fee is USD 425 for delegates and USD 250 for accompanying persons.

Contact Addresses

For a copy of the Final Announcement, registration and hotel reservation forms, please contact IFLA '99 Secretariat, c/o SPAFA 81/1 Si Ayattaya Road, Samsen, Theves, Bangkok 10300, Thailand (fax: +(662) 280-4030; e-mail: spafa@ksc.th.com).

For exhibition forms please contact Marc de Vries or Ms Nisarath Adsawapornwasin, IFLA '99 Bangkok Exhibition, Bangkok RAI, Riviera Tower,

3, 226/25 Bond Street, Chaeng Wattana Rd., Muang Thong Thani, Nonthaburi 11120, Thailand (fax +(662) 9600140; e-mail: nisarath@bkkrai.com).

IFLA's Secretary General Visits Bangkok

Sparked by the economic crisis in Asia, Leo Voigt, IFLA's Secretary General, accompanied by Carol Henry, Executive Officer, visited Bangkok from 5-12 March 1998 for in-depth discussions with the hosts of the 1999 IFLA Council and General Conference, scheduled to be held from 19-28 August, with the theme: "Libraries as Gateways to an Enlightened World". The organization of the event itself was proceeding well ahead of schedule: Sub-committees had

column-free exhibition space; completely air conditioned; 15+ meeting rooms of various sizes; large corridors and "sitting out" facilities; and a Food Court with a total of 18 stalls capable of serving 2000 persons at very reasonable prices. On a lighter note, in keeping with the theme of "An Enlightened World", during the tour of BITEC Dr Prasarn led us through a labyrinth of rooms, and by quickly ringing from his mobile phone, the power was switched on. However, in one large room Dr Prasarn initially took out his flashlight/torch to show us the way. Suddenly, all the lights came on to reveal an enormous hall, capable of seating 4000 delegates, with chairs in place just as they would be for the IFLA Opening Ceremony! On the podium, the Thai hosts were assembled in front of a huge banner with the text "Welcome to the 65th Conference of the International



BITEC Welcomes IFLA: A Preview for 1999!

been formed, Chairs of committees had been appointed, and meetings were held on a regular basis. The only major problem was financial, and solutions had to be found. For example, the earlier proposed venue had increased its price to more than six times of what it had quoted our Thai hosts in 1995, and this venue was not affordable. However, when the President and Secretary General had made their site inspection in 1995, BITEC (Bangkok International Trade and Exhibit Center) was still on the drawing board, and it was not completed until September 1997. BITEC would be able to offer excellent facilities for the IFLA Council and General Conference in 1999, and at a price well within the budget of the Thai Organizing Committee. Dr Prasarn Bhiraj Buri, Managing Director of BITEC, proudly showed the IFLA representatives the state-of-the-art facilities, including a total

Federation of Library Associations and Institutions" to give us an instant preview of what IFLA '99 had in store.

With the reduced price for the conference venue, our Thai hosts were able to reduce the registration fees, and agreed that the registration fee would be USD 350 for persons registering before 15 March and USD 425 thereafter. Accompanying persons would pay USD 200 before 15 March and USD 250 thereafter.

Rooms have been blocked in several categories of hotels, ranging from Baht 500 (USD 15.00) to Baht 3000 USD 90.00). Student housing and home hospitality will also be offered. Hotels will offer shuttle bus service to BITEC.

Many attractive social events, as well as pre- and post-conference tours have

been planned for the 1999 IFLA Council and General Conference.

The Final Announcement, registration forms and hotel booking forms will be available at the 1998 Conference in Amsterdam. Please visit the Thai booth in the RAI, Delta Hall 10, for additional information and registration forms.

Plans for IFLA's Conference in the Year 2000 Proceeding on Schedule

From 25-29 May 1998, Christine Deschamps and Leo Voogt visited Israel for a conference planning visit for the IFLA 2000 Conference in Jerusalem. It provided a good opportunity to meet with the new Director of the National and University Library of Hebrew

To have a better understanding of library services to Arab communities in Israel, visits had been planned to Yisafia (a Druze village) and Madgel-Kurum in the north of Israel. Accompanied by "IFLA Old Hands" Shmuel and Irene Sever, the IFLA President and Secretary General met with Ali Maana, who is a member of the Organizing Committee for IFLA 2000 and Director of the Public library of Madgel-Kurum. Mr Maana is in the centre of the photograph below, signing a document accepting a temporary membership of IFLA for his library.

The First Announcement for IFLA 2000 will be ready for distribution during the Amsterdam Conference. You are invited to visit the booth of the IOC in the exhibition hall of IFLA Amsterdam. Israeli colleagues stand ready to answer your

to be the Deputy Director of the National Library of China, initiated the China Society of Library Science, helped to build the bridge between Chinese librarians and those around the world and IFLA in particular, and was actively involved in the organization of the 62nd IFLA General Conference in Beijing.

It is my mission to continue to contribute to international librarianship. One important task is to complete the donation of Mr Xu Dongdong's artwork - an album of his paintings, to over 500 libraries in the world. This is made possible thanks to the generous donation of the artist and the assistance of relevant government departments of China, as well as that of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries and China National Publications Import and Export Corporation.

Xu Dongdong, a first-class nationally renowned modern artist, enjoys tremendous reputation in China. His painting collection "The Inner World of Xu Dongdong" is an octavo luxuriously bound de luxe edition with 258 pages and includes 250 carefully selected paintings from over 1000 of his works over the last 20 years. It is a valuable artwork and a worthy book for libraries to collect. This activity is totally invested by the artist himself and of course a generous and friendly deed of Mr Xu for libraries. I am very proud to be involved in this donation activity and quite happy to introduce Mr. Xu Dongdong to you.



Leo Voogt (left) with Members of the Israeli Organizing Committee, Ali Maana, (left) and Shmuel Sever

University, Ms Sarah Japhet. Ms Japhet is also the new Chair of the Organizing Committee for the 2000 Conference. During the week there were ample opportunities to meet with her and the full membership of the Israel Organizing Committee (IOC).

The Israeli Organizing Committee will contract with Te'um Congress for professional conference services. The venue will be the beautiful ICC Jerusalem International Convention Center complex (ICC).

Meetings were held with the Mayor of Jerusalem, the Speaker of the Knesset, representatives of the Ministries of Education and Tourism, and the Rector of the Hebrew University. All of them showed great enthusiasm for IFLA to come to Israel and all have offered support in various formats.

questions, suggest experts to contribute to the conference programmes in various areas, and offer support in the organization of workshops and satellite events.

Chinese Artist's Donation to Libraries in the World

The following message is from Du Ke, Director, Library Department, Ministry of Culture, China and Vice President, China Society of Library Science.

Dear colleagues,

Librarians easily find friends anywhere in the world, whether or not they have met in person. Being a librarian myself and having worked as the chief administrator of Chinese libraries, I have spent 40 years on the development of China's librarianship. During these years, I used

The artist will personally visit the IFLA General Conference in Amsterdam to meet those who are interested in accepting this book. The artist himself would like to donate this painting album mainly to national libraries, art libraries and libraries concentrating on China studies all over the world. If you are from the above mentioned categories of libraries or you know someone from such libraries who is interested in accepting the donation, please respond to the following contacts and indicate if you/they want to receive this book by post or to receive it at the IFLA Conference in Amsterdam. The artist and the sponsor of this donation activity will pay the international postage. The contacts are: 1) Mr Zhu Puyi, Beijing Book Company, Inc., 701 E. Linden Ave., Linden, New York 07030, USA (fax: +(1-908) 8624201; e-mail: bbookco@worldnet.att.net; 2) Ms He Xiaobin, China National Publications Import and Export Corporation (e-mail: cnpiec@public3.bta.net.cn); 3) Mr He Yang, Library Department, Ministry of

Culture, China (e-mail: libdep@263.net.cn; and 4 Xu Dongdong, 15, Unit 6, Building 9, Liulitun Beili, Chaoyong District, Beijing 100026, China (fax: +(86-10) 65018128).

IFLA's FAIFE Office Operational on 1 July 1998

As of 1 July 1998 IFLA's FAIFE (Freedom of Access to Information and Freedom of Expression) Office in Copenhagen is operational. The Office is hosted in the Copenhagen Department of Culture, Islands Brygge 37,6, DK-2300 Copenhagen, Denmark (fax: +(45) 33667162). IFLA's Secretary General, Leo Voogt, visited Copenhagen in April and took part in the interviews of the two final candidates for the office, and their appointments were made. Jan Ristarp, appointed Head of the FAIFE Office, was the Head of the Main Library of the Stockholm Public Library system since 1993. He has also pursued careers in publishing, consultancy and

management. He has travelled widely, is fluent in English and French, and has also been active as a translator of fiction, particularly from Africa. Carsten Frederiksen, appointed Deputy Head, was most recently employed as consultant and international secretary by the Union of Danish Librarians. Trained as a librarian, his earlier work was within public libraries and for the Danish Library Association. Both Mr Ristarp and Mr Frederiksen will be present at the IFLA Conference in Amsterdam and will be available to answer questions about the office and about FAIFE's programme of activities.

Changes to IFLANET

When you log on to IFLANET, you will notice some slight changes, but not the originally planned major interface design, now scheduled for October this year. The IFLA logo has replaced the IFLANET logo. There is also a "Corporate Documents" area, bringing together the major documents emanating

from IFLA as a whole, which previously had been scattered in various places across the site. In addition, there is a small IFLA logo at the top of each page. It has also been turned into a button to the home page, until such time that the new interface has been designed and implemented. Another change is that every reference to "www.nlc-bnc.ca/ifla/" has now been changed to "www.ifla.org". Further, all e-mail addresses now reflect to @ifla.org aliases established earlier this year (see page 264). What cannot be seen, but what has taken six weeks of hard work, are many things done to make the management of the site more efficient. For example, UDT has begun to include standard administrative metadata in comments fields of the page headers. There were also many changes to the development site which is used to create and test documents before they are uploaded to the public version. This latter set of changes, as an example, will reduce the production time of the CD-ROM from five weeks to about three days.

IFLA Finances in 1997

This table is based upon the Audited Report of the year 1997 compiled by Saver & Oliver Accountants, The Hague, Netherlands and approved by the Executive Board on 28 March 1998.

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES	
INCOME	
membership fees	1,337,247
Association members	644,459
Individual members/affiliates	654,871
Personal affiliates	48,074
Registration fees for sections	108,000
Sponsored Members	2,752
Arrests administrative costs	4,243
	1,411,826
Deduct for doubtful membership fees	-74,279
	NLG 1,337,547
Sponsors	
IFLA-Sponsors (Patron, Sustaining, Life)	84,000
	NLG 14,065
Sales of publications	
Royalties from I.G. Star Verlag	59,200
Other sales	29,203
	AN 174,457
Interest from bank and deposit accounts	NLG 30,252
Miscellaneous	
Percentage of general conference registration fee from previous years	151,259
Members of Education, Culture and Sciences, Netherlands	4,490
Sundries	25,200
	1,792
	NLG 192,006
TOTAL INCOME - MEMBERSHIP SERVICES	
	NLG 1,530,113

EXPENDITURE	
Conferences, meetings	134,483
General Conference	76,193
Steering board/board meetings	28,204
Office president (included travel)	18,196
Other conferences and meetings	12,897
	NLG 114,489
Professional Programmes	
Regional activities	80,000
Divisions	17,264
Sectors	99,528
Round Tables	9,082
	NLG 216,344
Costs of Publications	179,778
Professional Publications and Promotion Material	3,955
Membership and Administrative Publications (free to Members)	175,990
Publications Committee	233
	NLG 179,778
IFLA HQ Staff staff costs and travel	863,844
Secretariat	528,109
Travel secretariat	29,761
Professional programme	268,652
Travel professional programme	17,452
	NLG 863,844
IFLA HQ Office Expenses	277,903
Accountability	3,284
Supplies, printing, duplication	94,283
Equipment, automation	53,182
Postbox, telephone, fax, etc.	152,447
Bank charges	-2,593
Audit	14,800
Accountancy	53,700
Advisors and consultants	15,483
Sundries	22,194
	NLG 277,903
Miscellaneous	
Expenditure previous years	8,860
Sundries	3,179
	6,373
	NLG 8,862
TOTAL EXPENDITURE MEMBERSHIP SERVICES	
	NLG 1,889,991
SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	
	NLG 17,722
(taken to maintain reserves and cost programme fund)	

CAPITAL AND RESERVES		405,488
Total amount at 1 January 1987		NLG 438,149
Add surplus of income over expenditure		79,628
Less: In Core Programme Fund		(8,000)
Total amount at 31 December 1987		NLG 470,488
SUBJECT WILMSTROM FUND FOR REGIONAL LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT		
Balance at 1 December 1987		NLG 78,000
MARK-PETER GREN GRANT FOR CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION		
Balance at 1 December 1987		NLG 18,700
ELISABETH WILHELMINI MEMORIAL FUND		
Balance 1/1	11,000	
	11,000	NLG 22,000

 earmarked grants for research projects and seminars		
INCOME		145,151
NELIS	15,822	
UNESCO contracts (seminars/research)	101,696	
Wilson Foundation	1,033	
Quaker-Huffmann Study Grant	22,491	
Various Grants	3,247	
EXPENDITURE		NLG 145,151
NELIS	15,822	
UNESCO contracts (seminars/research)	86,276	
Wilson Foundation	1,033	
Quaker-Huffmann Study Grant	11,358	
Various Grants	1,378	
		NLG 136,797
Surplus of income over expenditure		NLG 8,404
CORE PROGRAMME FUND		
uncertainties at 1 January 1987	58,237	
Add: Increase in exchange rate	37,274	
	95,511	
National library contributions received	204,866	
IFLA contribution from surplus 1987	35,000	
	239,866	
Income		NLG 249,107
(but transfer supplementary Core Programme monies had elsewhere)	1,024,000	
Contributions of LANET Administration	52,840	
	1,611,290	
Deduct: Expenditure	1,362,184	
Surplus funds at 31 December 1987		NLG 842,353

From the Executive Board

Summary Report of the Meeting of the Executive Board Held in The Hague on 25-26 March 1998

Those attending the meeting were Christine Deschamps, President; Ekaterina Genieva, First Vice-President; Nancy John, Second Vice-President; Derek Law, Treasurer; Klaus-Dieter Lehmann, Sissel Nilsen, Kay Raseroka, Børge Sørensen, Sun Beixin, members; Leo Voogt, Secretary General; and Winston Roberts, Coordinator of Professional Activities. At the relevant agenda items, Alex Byrne, Chair of the FAIFE Committee, was present, and a telephone conference was held with Marianne Scott, Chair of the CLM Committee.

1. FAIFE Committee

Grants were received from the Ministry of Culture, the city of Copenhagen, and the Danish Library Community for the FAIFE Office and staff. The American Library Association has also contributed USD 2,000 in support of the work of the FAIFE Committee and to aid in the establishment of the office in Copenhagen. ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom has offered to host the staff of FAIFE for a visit to Chicago to view materials held by ALA. The FAIFE Office, hosted by the Copenhagen Department of Culture,

will be operational by 1 July 1998. FAIFE plans to hold three meetings during the Amsterdam Conference and at its first business meeting will identify and appoint a network of country rapporteurs via IFLA's national association members for their input.

2. CLM Committee

The Copyright and other Legal Matters Committee was in the process of establishing relationships with other bodies which dealt with these matters. During the Amsterdam Conference it will be prioritizing project proposals and developing its future workplan. The IFLA Office for UAP will serve as the Secretariat for CLM.

3. Financial Matters

The auditor's report for 1997 was officially approved at the meeting. This was the fourth year with a positive balance, in part because of the increase in membership but also because funds received from the Copenhagen Conference Organizers were a record amount, NLG 90,000 more than any other conference organizer. The EB approved provisions made for restructuring publications activities and for restructuring the membership database, for staff development, and for automation equipment.

4. IFLA Conference, Bangkok 1999

The EB approved the decision of the Bangkok Organizing Committee to use another facility, BITEC (Bangkok International Trade and Exhibition Centre) as the conference venue and also approved the registration fee of USD 350 for early registration and USD 425 for registrations received after 15 March 1999. It supported the recommendation of the Secretary General that the Pre-Session Seminar be held in Bangkok rather than in the north of Thailand, in view of economic situation.

5. Selection Criteria, Future Conferences

The EB approved the criteria developed by the Conference Planning Committee for reviewing statements of interest and bidbooks for prospective IFLA Conference hosts. During the Amsterdam IFLA Conference, the site selected to host IFLA in 2003 will be announced, and a call for statements of interest for the year 2004 will be available.

6. New Association Member

Based on a review of the Statutes and Rules of Procedure of ISIS-NIT, the EB approved as new international association member the International Association of CDS/ISIS Systems and New Information Technologies Users and Developers.

From the Professional Board

Summary Report of the Meeting of the Professional Board Held on 23-24 March 1998

Those attending the meeting were Sissel Nilsen, Chair; Winston Tabb (representing the Division of General Research Libraries), Ed Valauskas (Division of Special Libraries), Ilona Glashoff (Division of Libraries Serving the

General Public), Ingrid Parent (Division of Bibliographic Control), Marjorie Bloss (Division of Collections and Services), Ralph Manning (Division of Management and Technology), Lis Byberg (Division of Education and Research), Stan Made (Division of Regional Activities), and Winston Roberts, Coordinator of Professional Activities. Sjoerd Koopman, the newly appointed Coordinator of Professional Activities, effective 1 April 1998, attended the meeting as observer.

1. Copenhagen Conference Follow-Up

Since the Copenhagen Conference Evaluators' report (see IFLA Journal 24(1):49-55(1998)) could be of great benefit to a wider audience, the PB agreed that it should be put up on IFLANET (see <www.ifla.org>). In addition, the methodology developed by the Royal School of Librarianship in

Copenhagen in conducting the evaluation should be continued. Some members of the evaluation team will be present in Amsterdam to carry out the Amsterdam evaluation. The results will again be processed by the Royal School in Copenhagen. It is expected that valuable comparative statistical data will be obtained.

The PB also took action on some of the less-favorably evaluated items. Since simultaneous interpretation services were poorly evaluated, and since the cause could not be determined (technical or quality of the team) a separate evaluation will be carried out on SI services. In addition, there will be a training session scheduled for interpreters just before the conference opens, so that they may become familiar with the equipment.

A second item on which action was taken was to allow more time in meetings for questions and answers. Instructions were sent to all speakers to reduce their speaking times, since their papers will be available in hard

copy in the pre-printed booklets, and to allow more time for dialogue.

2. Amsterdam Conference 1998

The selection panel for contributed papers reviewed more than 70 full-texts and selected six papers for the contributed papers sessions. The PB approved 17 workshops and 35 poster sessions, approved the draft schedule, and assigned simultaneous services to 12 open sessions. The PB, in cooperation with the UDT Core Programme, will hold a training session for IFLA's Information Coordinators. The PB also considered a request for IFLA to add sign language during IFLA Conferences. However, since there was no one single international sign language, the PB agreed that requests should be considered on an individual basis.

3. Literacy Group

The PB reviewed the lack of activity of the Working Group on Literacy and agreed that if progress could not be reported, the group will be

disbanded after the Amsterdam Conference.

4. Regional Activities

Because the Regional Standing Committees will also be having 20 members, and because it has become increasingly difficult for the regional offices, particularly the Regional Office for Asia and Oceania to serve such large areas, the PB commissioned a review of regions and sub-regions and countries which belonged to the different sub-regions (i.e., their coverage). Amelia McKenzie, Chair of the Regional Section for Asia and Oceania has been working on the project. This will help to ensure that a balance is achieved between coverage of sub-regions with Standing Committee members.

5. Officer's Handbook

The Officer's handbook, 1997 edition, was put up on IFLANET early in 1998. Based on comments received, plans are in place for a new edition, to be issued after the Amsterdam Conference.

From the Core Programmes

Annual Report 1997 of the IFLA UDT Core Programme by Leigh Swain, Programme Director and Gary Cleveland, Programme Officer

Introduction

The UDT 1997 work plan centred around four major themes:

- to extend, promote, and integrate the use of IFLANET into the regular activities of IFLA HQ, Divisions, Sections, Round Tables, and Core Programmes
- to continue to expand the content of IFLANET, ensuring that it remains the premier site for library information on the World Wide Web
- to continue the UDT programme of creating, collecting, and making available valuable content on all aspects of information and telecommunications technologies and their impact upon libraries
- to address the needs of less developed countries by providing

Internet training and methods by which libraries without a direct Internet connection can take advantage of IFLANET content and services (e.g., CD-ROM).

A number of activities, derived from the above themes, took place in the 1997 term. These activities are described below.

IFLANET System and Service Maintenance

The 1997 term has been a busy period for IFLANET with reorganization and enhancement of the service taking place on many fronts. Working in close collaboration with the IFLA Secretariat, these activities included:

Registration of IFLA as a Domain Name

As of November of 1997, www.ifla.org has been registered as a domain name on the Internet. This domain name is now to be considered the only address for IFLANET. The site's earlier address, www.nlc-bnc.ca/ifla/, is still in operation, but will be phased out over

the next three months. At that time, all calls to this address will be redirected to www.ifla.org.

As part of the domain name registration, IFLANET has also been moved to its own logical server. That is, up until this time, IFLANET has been a subdirectory of the National Library of Canada's Web server (hence the address www.nlc-bnc.ca/ifla/). All requests to IFLANET are now served by its own dedicated Web server software. However, it still physically resides on the same machine. This move simplifies, among other things, the compilation of usage statistics.

New IFLA E-mail Address Aliases

With the registration of ifla.org, e-mail addresses of IFLA personnel can now reflect the organization to which they belong. This has been done for IFLA HQ staff whose e-mail addresses now follow the pattern, *firstname.lastname@ifla.org*. It has also been done for the UDT Office, following the pattern, *firstname.lastname@udt.ifla.org*.

In operation, a set of aliases has been set up to redirect mail addressed to either @ifla.org or @udt.ifla.org to already established e-mail addresses. Essentially, the mail is first sent to the National Library of Canada's mail server, then forwarded to their actual address.

Current aliases addresses using ifla.org

General

IFLA@ifla.org (General IFLA questions)
IFLANET@ifla.org (Messages regarding IFLANET)

publications@ifla.org (Publications questions)

conference@ifla.org (Conference questions)

membership@ifla.org (Membership questions)

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Please note: e-mail addresses are not case sensitive. Uppercase letters appear in addresses containing acronyms for purposes of clarity only.

Site Reorganization and Enhancement

The very rapid expansion of IFLANET since 1995 has resulted in a number of inconsistencies, historical artifacts, and varying page layouts scattered across the site. With time, these problems have made IFLANET increasingly difficult to manage. Thus, site reorganization and enhancement have been taking place throughout 1997.

The reorganization has two phases. The first phase is a reorganization, standardization, and clean-up of "development" and public copies of site. Modifications include, for example, exclusive use of www.ifla.org when referring to IFLANET; replacement of e-mail addresses with aliases using ifla.org, where appropriate; and the addition of standard administrative metadata (i.e., coder, document owner, creation date, last revised date) to the

HTML headers of all pages. These activities will improve consistency and make the site both easier and more efficient to manage. It will also shorten the production time of the annual "IFLANET Unplugged" CD-ROM.

The second phase is a redesign of certain page layout features and site navigation features. Once the reorganization and standardization is complete, a new look-and-feel will be applied to existing pages that will facilitate end-user navigation of the site. Changes will include, for example, a toolbar at the top of each page.

Automation of IFLA Membership Directory Updates

To improve the currency of the IFLA Membership Directory, the process of updating the Directory has been automated. To initiate an update, an IFLA HQ staff member has only to drop the most current dBase file of the Directory into the IFLANET guest directory. An automated process will then take the file, modify it appropriately, and upload it onto the Web site. This service, which is undergoing testing, will be available during the third quarter of 1998.

Installation of Web Management Software

IFLANET Administration has purchased Coast Webmaster Web site management software. This software will both aid in current reorganization efforts, as well as in ongoing site maintenance.

Operating System Upgrade

The operating system of the Digital computer on which IFLANET resides has been upgraded from Digital Unix 3.2g to Digital Unix 4.0b.

Integration of IFLANET into Regular IFLA Activities

One of UDT's stated goals is to integrate the use of IFLANET into regular IFLA activities, and to promote its use in all areas of IFLA. To this end, UDT has:

- Published IFLANET policies and procedures in the *IFLA Officers Handbook*.
- Initiated an annual IFLANET Information Coordinators' meeting to held at the annual IFLA Conference to provide a forum for feedback and discussion between IFLANET Administration and the Information Coordinators regarding IFLANET issues.

- Established a distribution list for Information Coordinators to help foster communications between IFLANET Administration and the Coordinators.
- Added closed e-mail lists for the EB and PB, as well as an open list for librarians and information scientists in India (India-LIS).

Expand the Content of IFLANET

The content of IFLANET has grown steadily over the last year. Specifically:

- all Core Programme, Division, and Section pages have been updated with new Medium-Term Programmes, objectives, and goals;
- approximately 400 documents (HTML, PDF, and text) have been added to the site, representing an increase of almost 20%;
- approximately 900 links to external resources have been added to the document collection. This represents an increase of almost 30%;
- IFLA membership directory is regularly updated;
- IFLA's *Directory of Union Catalogues*, maintained by PAC, has been added (see <http://www.ifla.org/VI/2/duc/>)

UDT Publications and Information Activities

UDT continues to analyze and make available information on all aspects of information and telecommunications technologies and their impact upon libraries through publications, seminars, and workshops. In this area, UDT has done the following during the last year.

Occasional Papers

UDT published four papers in the UDT Occasional Papers series that address current technological developments, available at <http://www.ifla.org/VI/5/op/index.htm>. The papers include:

- *Digital library technologies and issues* (in press)
- *Practical usage of SGML* (in press)
- *Web site management tools* (in press)
- *Quality of Internet information* (in press)

UDT-sponsored Workshops

ILL Protocol Standard: Interlibrary Loan in an Open Networked Environment. Information Technology joint with Document Delivery and Interlending and

the UDT Core Programme. The objective of this session was to provide delegates with an introduction to the capabilities of this important standard and how it can be used to support automated systems.

Z39.50: Information Retrieval in an Open Network Environment. Information Technology joint with UDT Core Programme. The objective of this session was to provide an introduction to the Z39.50 Information Retrieval Standard: what it is, how it works, who has implemented it. The session included an overview of the Z39.50 standard, a more technical discussion of Z39.50 developments and a review of projects supported by the European Commission.

Z39.50: Vendor Products, Issues and Trends. The UDT Core Programme joint with Information Technology. The objective of this workshop was to illustrate the capabilities of the Z39.50 standard through the demonstration of a variety of Z39.50 products. The session also included a panel discussion on Z39.50 issues, trends and end-user concerns.

Introduction to Internet Metadata. UDT Core Programme: Workshop. The objective of this workshop was to explain the general concept of Internet metadata, and specific activities in this area including the Dublin Core, the Warwick Framework, URNs and URCs.

Other UDT Workshop Participation

In addition to UDT-sponsored workshops, UDT participated in or presented papers at the following workshops:

- Cleveland, Gary. *IFLANET*. IFLA Pre-session workshop for developing countries Aalborg, Denmark, 26 August 1997.
- Cleveland, Gary. *Internet Basics*. IFLA Pre-session workshop for developing countries Aalborg, Denmark, 26 August 1997.
- Cleveland, Gary. *Introduction to IFLANET*. UBCIM Workshop. Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- Kuny, Terry. Workshop delegate. Dublin Core (DC-5) Metadata Workshop. Helsinki, 6-8 October 1997.
- Kuny, Terry. Workshop delegate. UK DESIRE Meeting on Information Quality. Bristol. 8-9 September 1997.
- Kuny, Terry. Workshop delegate. Managing Metadata: Crosswalks or Chaos? Washington, 4-5 May 1998.

UDT Presentations

UDT presented (or will present) papers at the following conferences and meetings:

- Cleveland, Gary. *Introduction to UDT and IFLANET*. Portuguese Library Association Annual Conference, Aveiro, Portugal, 6-8 May 1998.
- Cleveland, Gary. *Selecting Electronic Document Formats*. Portuguese Library Association Annual Conference, Aveiro, Portugal, 6-8 May 1998.
- Kuny, Terry. *A Digital Dark Ages: Challenges in the Preservation of Electronic Information*. 63rd Annual IFLA General Conference. 4 September 1997. Copenhagen, Denmark.
- Kuny, Terry. *Debate on Copyright and Access in a Digital Era*. 63rd Annual IFLA General Conference. 2 September 1997. Copenhagen, Denmark.
- Kuny, Terry. *Building a Sustainable Information Ecology: Views on the Secret Life of Documents, Information Overload, and the Medieval State of Resource Discovery in the Electronic Environment*. International Special Librarian's Day. International Development Research Center. 23 April 1998. Ottawa, Canada.
- Kuny, Terry. *Strategic Planning for Digital Libraries*. Russian-American Digital Libraries Workshop. 16-17 April 1998. Moscow, Russian Federation.
- Kuny, Terry. *The Internet Fleamarket: Information Quality, Metadata and the Challenges of Networked Resource Discovery*. Telus Distinguished Visitor Lecture. 27 May 1997. Calgary.
- Swain, Leigh. *The Canadian Approach to Developing a Digital Library*. 1998 Kanazawa Institute of Technology Roundtable for Library and Information Science. Ohgigaoka, Nonoichi, Ishikawa, Japan. 16-17 July 1998.

Addressing the Needs of Libraries in Less Developed Countries

To address the needs of the libraries in less developed countries, UDT has:

Mirror sites. UDT has created a technical package and questionnaire to be used to solicit interest from libraries in the IFLA regions in becoming regional mirror

sites. Mirror sites will speed up access to IFLANET in countries not proximate to the central site in Canada and the mirror in France.

IFLANET Unplugged. UDT will produce the third edition of the IFLANET Unplugged CD-ROM (1998) with the assistance of Silverplatter, Information, Inc. This disc will be given away free to all attending the IFLA Conference in Amsterdam, as well as upon request to any library anywhere.

The second edition of *IFLANET Unplugged* (1997) was given away at all workshops in which UDT participated during the 1997 term. The 1998 edition will likewise be given away at all workshops in which UDT participates.

Conclusion

The UDT Core Programme had a very successful and productive year. It continues to explore increasingly important telecommunications and information technologies and their impact upon libraries in both the industrialized and developing worlds. It has produced many discussion papers, conference presentations, on-site visits in support of this mandate. It has enhanced IFLANET, both with regard to the information it contains and the technical infrastructure that supports it.

6th International Conference on Interlending and Document Supply, Pretoria, 25-29 October 1999

The Sixth Interlending and Document Supply International Conference is organized jointly by the IFLA Office for International Lending, the University of South Africa and the State Library, Pretoria with the theme: "Empowering Society through the Global Flow of Information".

Sub-themes will range from the utilization of the most up-to-date technology and the challenges this presents, in areas such as copyright, to the sustainability of document delivery projects in less developed countries. The main sub-themes are:

- The globalization of information, the role of information technology in this process and its impact on interlending and document supply; and
- empowerment of the developing world through interlending and document supply.

In the last decades of the 20th century the world's trend-setting nations have taken on the characteristics of an information society, in which information becomes a nation's most critical strategic resource. The development of the information society is dependent on a rapid, copious and reliable flow of information in all media. By utilizing advanced information technology developed countries are able to harness information resources optimally. In the 21st century will this technology empower less developed nations as well, or will lack of access to technology and inability to exploit it widen the gap between the information rich and the information poor?

Papers are invited in line with the theme and sub-themes. Suggestions for additional sub-themes and proposed papers on these themes will also be accepted.

The 1999 Interlending and Document Supply International Conference will consider the role of document delivery and interlending in ensuring the global flow of information for the benefit of developed as well as less developed countries.

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SEDODEL: Secure Document Delivery for Blind and Partially Sighted People

The IFLA UAP Programme, under the banner of the British Library, is involved in a new project to enable libraries to provide secure electronic document delivery services for blind and partially sighted users. The project, SEDODEL (Secure Document Delivery for Blind and Partially Sighted People) is sponsored by the European Commission under the TIDE Programme.

The overwhelmingly dominant form of information, whether for leisure, education or work, is visual in nature. This makes it difficult, if not impossible, for blind and partially sighted people to access. Electronic information can be relatively easily transformed into a range of accessible forms suitable for different groups of print disabled people, and

therefore seems to be the way forward. The SEDODEL project will integrate the CopySmart ERMS (Electronic Rights Management System) technology with technology of accessible documents to create a trusted environment in which electronic documents can flow from authors and publishers, and intermediaries, to blind and partially sighted users. All actors' rights and obligations, including payments will be comprehensively managed.

However, technological solutions are not in themselves sufficient as copyright legislation does not take into account the special needs of the visually impaired. Although the recent European Parliament and Council Proposal for a Directive on Harmonizing Aspects of Copyright and Related Rights in the Information Society did acknowledge the special needs of people with disabilities, the proposal is very limited and is far from an "information for all" ideal. Therefore SEDODEL will also be producing recommendations for appropriate changes to be incorporated into European legislation.

The SEDODEL Project hopes to hold a Special Interest Group meeting at the IFLA Conference to discuss the needs of the visually impaired. For further information about this event or about SEDODEL in general, contact Judy Watkins, IFLA Copyright Office, British Library, Boston Spa, Wetherby, West Yorkshire LS23 7BQ, UK (e-mail: judy.watkins@bl.uk) or access the Web site at <<http://www.arttic.com/projects/sedodel/>>.

IFLA-PAC, ECPA and the Koninklijke Bibliotheek Plan Conference on Preservation Management for April 1999

Preservation management, encompassing such tasks as damage assessment, planning and setting priorities, selection, budgeting, disaster management, training of staff and users, and fundraising has now become of central importance in the struggle of memory institutions to ensure long-term access to the intellectual heritage. However, as formal training in preservation management does not exist and it is still in many ways a pioneering area, exchange of expertise and experience between professionals engaged in preservation activities is vital. Therefore, the Koninklijke Bibliotheek (KB - National Library of the Netherlands), the IFLA Preservation and Conservation Core Programme (IFLA-PAC) and the European

Commission on Preservation and Access (ECPA) are jointly organizing a three-day conference on preservation management with the theme: "Preservation Management: Between Policy and Practice". The conference will be held in The Hague, Netherlands, 19-21 April 1999.

Aims and Scope of the Conference

The conference will focus on organizational, financial and managerial aspects of preservation. The central theme of the conference will be the interaction between theory and practice. In many archives and libraries on a theoretical level some form of agreement has been reached about preservation requirements in general and abstract terms. However, the transition from theory to practice is often fraught with difficulties, and relatively few institutions in Europe have experience with the realization of concrete projects. At this conference, case studies will be presented that are illustrative of efforts at institutions in various European countries and should shed light on such questions as how one plans and costs a large preservation project, and how a preservation programme can be realized step by step. Technical aspects of preservation will only be dealt with in so far as they bear on the general theme. The focus of the conference will be firmly on preservation as a management issue, in a context of planning, costing, staff management and organization.

Topics for Discussion

- the interaction between preservation policy and practice: what comes first? what constitutes a sound preservation policy?
- the role of national policies: how necessary are they?
- selection and priorities: assessments, planning
- choice of methods: prevention or cure? their effects for user groups and the organization
- organizational structures: who is responsible and who should be involved? monitoring quality and progress.
- staff management and training: schools and courses, in-house training, training at the right level
- economic factors: investments, outsourcing, costing and budgeting
- public relations: awareness campaigns and funding.

Speakers and Audience

Speakers will be professionals from the European library and archive world with experience in preservation management. The intended audience of the conference is: directors, administrators and government officials responsible for preservation and cultural heritage issues; preservation managers in libraries and archives; librarians, archivists and conservators with preservation tasks; and

representatives from training institutions for librarians and archivists. The conference language will be English.

Costs and Registration

The conference fee will be ECU 150.00, including coffees, teas, and lunches; in addition, it is planned to send all participants a copy of the proceedings of the conference. Participants will be expected to make their own hotel

arrangements. A detailed programme and registration form will be available from the ECPA as from July 1998. Information and registration forms will also be posted on the Internet at www.konbib.nl/pmc (to be launched July 1998). For further information, please contact ECPA, POB 19121, 1000 GC Amsterdam, Netherlands (fax: +(31-20) 6204941; e-mail: ecpa@bureau.knaw.nl; <<http://www.knaw.nl/ecpa/>>).

From the Divisions, Sections and Round Tables

Public Libraries: Revision of the IFLA Guidelines for Public Libraries

The IFLA Section of Public Libraries is planning to revise the IFLA Guidelines for Public Libraries, last published in 1986. It will hold a Pre-Conference Seminar, "The Public Library as the Gateway to the Information Society: The Revision of the IFLA Guidelines for Public Libraries" on 11-14 August 1998 in Noordwijk, Netherlands. The purpose of the seminar is to discuss with a group of specially invited senior librarians from all over the world the content of the revised document and how it can be made relevant and useful to libraries from different cultures and at different stages of development. The discussions will take place in the context of the rapidly changing information society and the unique role of the public library in providing a gateway for all to this exciting and complex world. The format of the seminar will be several papers on public libraries in different parts of the world, discussion groups on the key issues the committee must resolve in drafting the revised document, and a final session to confirm the outcome of the seminar which will be reported to the Section's open session at the 64th IFLA General Conference in Amsterdam. The Section is grateful to UNESCO for its financial support to the seminar.

Library and Research Services for Parliaments

Parliamentary libraries practice a unique type of librarianship, frequently incorporating research divisions staffed by experienced and highly qualified subject specialists. They form a Section of their own within the IFLA Division of General Research Libraries (Division I).

The purpose of the Section is to apply the general objectives of IFLA to the particular situation of legislative libraries, national legislatures in the case of unitary states, and both national and second-tier legislatures in countries which have a federal structure.

Parliamentary librarianship is a distinctive form of information work, tailoring services to the needs of Members of the Legislature, who work under great pressure, and who both use and create information. For this reason they need adequate information support. In the last 20 to 30 years there has been a great growth in this area, not just in terms of quantity, but for many legislatures, in terms of quality and depth also. One obvious indication of this has been the evolution of research services and associated specialist services such as economic modelling and analysis of proposed and existing legislation. Whether these come under the library or not depends on the administrative structure of the particular legislature, but all forms of information required by legislators and any personal staff they may have, is of interest to the Parliamentary Section.

Objectives of the Section

Specific concerns as set down in the Section's Medium-Term Programme are:

- to assist in the development of parliamentary libraries by providing assistance and support in accordance with the interest, requirements, and stage of development of parliaments in various regions of the world; to encourage bilateral assistance and development programmes; and to act as a clearing house in this regard;
- to encourage programmes which would foster the adaptation of the

latest information technologies to parliamentary library services;

- to examine the relationship of the research work carried out in parliament and by public and private institutions and the needs and work of parliament with special reference to the library and research services of parliaments themselves;
- to examine the administrative arrangements within parliaments with regard to library, information, and research services;
- to strengthen the cooperation between the Inter-Parliamentary Union and parliamentary libraries, and explore possibilities of joint programmes and activities;
- to encourage the establishment of regional groups of parliamentary information centres like the European Centre for Parliamentary Research and Documentation.

A particular aspect of the Section's work is to promote cooperation between legislatures and especially their libraries because of the growing need for legislators to be well informed concerning developments worldwide.

Organization and Activities of the Section

The Section's work is steered by a Standing Committee which, in turn, elects the Section's Executive Committee, i.e., the Chair and the Secretary. An Information Coordinator is appointed to liaise between the Executive Committee, members of the Section, and IFLA Headquarters, to facilitate exchange of information central to its operations.

The Section presents a programme of papers for open sessions at the annual IFLA Conference, sets up a full-day workshop on a particular theme, and

usually holds a pre- or a post-IFLA meeting. This is planned for a two-day period, and is frequently aimed at fostering improved understanding of the information services offered by parliamentary institutions in the region where IFLA is held. These meetings are usually held in conjunction with the legislature of the host country.

This year the Section will be conducting its usual Pre-Conference Meeting of Parliamentary Librarians (the 14th) to discuss new developments and encourage practitioners in the IFLA Conference region. Last year the meeting was in Stockholm, and incorporated the 75th Anniversary of Nordic Parliamentary Library Cooperation. This year meetings will be held in Brussels, at the European Parliament and the Belgian Parliament, and will focus on aspects of the operations of these institutions as well as discussing electronic press cuttings services and the impact of copyright on databases created by parliaments.

One of the databases to be demonstrated is the German Bundestag's electronic version of *The World Directory of Parliamentary Libraries* which has been set up by direction of the Bundestag Librarian, Marga Coing. This work, encompassing both national and sub-national institutions, had previously been published for the Section by the Bundestag, and has been a very important reference work for those interested in the operation of parliamentary libraries. As with many seminal reference works, it has become increasingly difficult and expensive to update, and the advent of an electronic version will be warmly welcomed by its many users. The Section is currently encouraging all listed libraries to update their data, and it is hoped that this will be completed by the end of 1998, with regular amendment on at least an annual basis. The URL for those wishing to check out the site is: <<http://www.bundestag.de/btengerver/library/wd.htm>>.

Publications

In addition to the benefits derived from IFLA membership, Section members receive free of charge:

- *Newsletter* of the Section (biannual - June and November)
- *World Directory of Parliamentary Libraries*. This publication was formerly issued biennially, but is now available online as an electronic publication, located on the German Bundestag Web site: <<http://www.bundestag.de/btengerver/library/wd.htm>>

The Section also has its own home page in four languages which features a great deal of information about its activities including newsletters and conference papers, past and present. <<http://www.citec.com.au/iflaparl/>>.

The Section's Chair is Jennifer Tanfield, Librarian, House of Commons, Westminster, London, SW1A 0AA, UK (fax: +(44-171) 2194285; e-mail: tanfieldjb@parliament.uk). Enquiries about the Section's publications should be addressed to the Secretary: Jan Keukens, Head of Library, Tweede Kamer der Staten-Generaal, POB 30804, 2500 GV The Hague, Netherlands (fax: +(31-70) 3182307; e-mail: jc.keukens@tk.parlement.nl).

IFLA's Working Group on Literacy Undertakes Survey

The IFLA Literacy Working Group on World Literacy needs your help in order to collect data from all parts of the world about existing literacy programmes in libraries. We are asking for your cooperation in obtaining data so that libraries can be assisted in playing their vital role in the eradication of illiteracy. We are interested in obtaining data from librarians about their activities in this field. The information will enable the Working Group to appraise needs, try to assist in the preparation of programmes and materials and help those engaged in literacy programmes. This survey will allow us to capture a worldwide view on the role of libraries with literacy for the very first time and help map out a role for IFLA regarding library initiatives. There are two questionnaires - one for libraries and one for library associations. Both are available in Adobe Acrobat format on the IFLA web site at the following address: <<http://www.ifla.org/ifla/VII/lwg/index.htm>>. Please return your questionnaire by 15 July to me at the following address: Martin Kesselman, Associate Media Librarian, Rutgers University Library Media Services, Kilmer Library, 5 Avenue E, Piscataway, New Jersey 08854-8040, USA (fax: +(1-732) 4450290; e-mail: martyk@rci.rutgers.edu).

Bart Nwafor Staff Development Programme

IFLA's Regional Section for Africa has launched for 1998-1999 a Staff Development Programme in African Libraries. It is called the Bart Nwafor Staff Development Programme and is funded by NORAD and the Norwegian

Library Association. The 4-week training attachments are designed:

- to expose mid-career professional staff to professional experience in a library environment which has well developed infrastructural facilities and/or services;
- to encourage practical competence;
- to foster individually motivated professional growth through exposure to centres of excellence;
- to foster professionally rewarding relationships among peers through professional practice.

The Section is asking African libraries willing to welcome a staff development fellow (SDF) to identify themselves, the name of the institution, address, person responsible and field of expertise, to send this information to the Regional Office Director, Henri Sene, c/o Bibliothèque de l'Université Cheikh Anta Diop de Dakar, BP 2006, Dakar, Senegal (fax: +(221) 8242379; e-mail: hsene@ucad.sn or e-mail: biblicad@ucad.sn).

It is proposed that participants will be sponsored through a scholarship which will cover the following: travel costs (air travel, local travel, visa costs); health insurance; accommodation and subsistence costs; and literature support.

The host institutions will sponsor the participant by: providing practical attachment and in-service training; providing professional support and counselling; assisting in settling the SDF through preparatory activities such as locating suitable and affordable accommodation.

The Staff Development Programme shall be agreed upon by the host library which will indicate to the staff development fellow (SDF) and the parent library the areas in which the SDF will be attached, in keeping with the SDF needs as indicated in the application form. Inputs and expected outputs shall be indicated. The SDF shall, for the duration of the programme, be responsible to the host director of libraries.

INTAMEL Conference in 1998 in Budapest

Eastern Central Europe is the focus of this year's INTAMEL (International Association of Metropolitan City Libraries) Conference in Budapest, 30 August to 4 September 1998. Hosted by the Metropolitan Ervin Szabo Library, the Conference will be characterized by the special features of metropolitan city library services in the region. "This will be the second INTAMEL Conference to be held in Budapest", says City Librarian Jenő Kiss.

"Since the first, in 1981, momentous developments have transformed this part of the world, and the Conference will give INTAMEL participants an insight into this historical process. We extend a special invitation to colleagues in cities of Eastern Central Europe who are not yet members of INTAMEL". INTAMEL is a Round Table of IFLA. It aims to be a platform primarily for libraries of cities serving populations of 400,000 or more, although libraries serving wide and diverse geographical areas with the same or more population may be included. The members, directors of city and metropolitan library services, exchange ideas and information on a range of professional and managerial topics. The two main activities are the production of annual statistics and the annual conference. The strength of INTAMEL lies in its informal contacts often made in the formality of the conference programme. Further information is available from the Information Coordinator: Stuart Brewer, Pat Wressell & Associates, 36 Highbury, Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 3EA, UK (fax: +{44-191} 212146; e-mail: pwa@wressell.demon.co.uk).

Women's Issues

Women librarians attending the IFLA Conference in Paris in 1989, noting the

secondary position of women at the conference, decided to form a women's group. The focus in this early phase was on the position of women in the profession, and the RTWI was placed in the Management and Technology Division. That is, women's issues were defined as career issues to be faced by management. It soon became clear, however, that there was a great interest in service to women, as it was recognized that the status of women librarians is inevitably linked to the status of women in the overall population.

These twin interests, in women in the profession and in service to women, have been evident in programming, in the visits sponsored by the RT, and in issues of our Newsletter. Programmes have included not only reports on the status of women librarians in various countries but also reports on the development of women's studies collections, the need to target women in developing countries, and on service to community women. Visits have included those to such sites of importance in conference cities as the Women's Library and Information Center in Istanbul in 1995 and to the headquarters of the Cuban Women's Federation in 1994. Our newsletter carries news of important resources for the study of women and service to women as well as on women in the profession. It goes to over 300 readers, and

our programmes at conferences attract audiences of over a hundred. To join the RTWI, come to one of our meetings and show your interest.

At the 1998 RTWI programme with the theme: "On Crossroads of Information and Culture: Women's Roles in a Diverse and Dynamic World", Joke Blom of the International Information Centre and Archives for the Women's Movement, located in Amsterdam, and Young Joo Paik of the Korean Women's Development Institute in Seoul will speak about their work at their institutions. Liudmila Glinskich of Ekaterinburg, Russian Federation, will talk about the Center for Women at the Ekaterinburg City Library System. In addition, Obadiah Moyo of the Rural Libraries and Resources Development Program in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, and Mimoune Mokhtari of the Ecole des Sciences de l'Information in Rabat, Morocco, will speak on their perceptions of RTWI's dual interests as concerned librarians.

For more information about IFLA's Round Table for Women's Issues contact: Beth Stafford-Vaughan, Information Coordinator, IFLA Round Table for Women's Issues, Women's Studies/WID Librarian, University of Illinois Library, W. Gregory Drive, Urbana, Illinois 61801, USA (fax: +(1-217) 33322141/408; e-mail: bstaff@uiuc.edu).

Reports of Meetings

Regional Meeting on the UNESCO Public Library Manifesto: Report of the Seminar Held in Salvador, Brazil, 24-27 March 1998

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The Seminar took place in the new central public library "Barris" of Salvador. Countries represented were: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Matinique, Mexico, Netherlands Antilles, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago, and Venezuela.

Philip Gill, Chair of the Section of Public Libraries; Birgitta Bergdahl, ALP Core Programme Director; Elizabet

Ramos de Carvalho, Manager of IFLA Regional Office in Brazil; and Alfredo Rodríguez Gallardo, Chair of the Regional Standing Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean, attended on behalf of IFLA. Most of the members of the Standing Committee also attended the conference. Abdelaziz Abid represented UNESCO. Maria Conceição da Gama, Director of the Barris Library, hosted the seminar.

At the end of the conference more than 50 evaluations were completed: 80% of the participants rated the seminar as good, very good or excellent. The activities considered the best were: the work groups, the poster sessions from the different countries and the country reports.

Sueli do Amaral presented a very interesting summary of the questionnaires sent out before the meeting about to what degree the missions in the UNESCO Public Library Manifesto had been achieved. There had been

responses from 28 public library systems in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC). Among these were Brazil with 3,371 public libraries; Cuba with 379; Mexico with 5,685; and Peru with 1,774.

The results were the following:

- 1 + - creating and strengthening reading habits among children from an early age;
- 2 + - supporting both individual and self conducted education as well as formal education at all levels;
- 3 + - providing opportunities for personal creative development;
- 4 + - stimulating the imagination and creativity of children and young people;
- 5 + promoting awareness of cultural heritage, appreciation of the arts, scientific achievements and innovations;
- 6 + providing access to cultural expressions of all performing arts;



Paulo Gavdenzi (centre), Secretary of Culture and Tourism, State of Bahia



Staff Members of the Public Library "Barris"



Marie Françoise Bernabé (left), Member of the RSC-LAC with Aziz Abid from UNESCO

- 7 + fostering inter-cultural dialogue and favouring cultural diversity;
- 8 + supporting the oral tradition;
- 9 + ensuring access for citizens to all sorts of community information;
- 10 + – providing adequate information services to local enterprises, associations and interest groups;
- 11 – facilitating the development of information and computer literacy skills;
- 12 – supporting and participating in literacy activities and programmes for all age groups, and initiating such activities if necessary.

That is, only missions 5-9 were fulfilled satisfactorily, missions 1-4 and 10 were fulfilled to some extent, whereas missions 11 and 12 had not been fulfilled at all.

Plan of Action

As a result of the questionnaire about the missions defined in the UNESCO Public Library Manifesto the participants worked in groups on the following themes:

- Cooperation and networking
- Community participation
- Use of new technology
- Financial sources for projects
- Public policies to support reading.

Based on the results of the group work, the following regional actions are proposed for the period 1998-2002 to achieve the goals described in the Manifesto.

- Integrate community participation as an essential part of the activities of the public libraries.
- Promote the training of librarians, professionals and paraprofessionals in strategic planning, marketing and formulation and negotiating of projects to improve services and influence decision makers.
- Design and implement methods of accessing local, regional and international information, using new technology and cooperation in networks.
- Support, disseminate and participate in the existing policies of reading promotion in the countries of the region.

Recommendations

1. To the UNESCO PGI office in Venezuela to disseminate the

Manifesto in different forms and in a massive way.

2. To UNESCO to urge the governments in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) to apply the principles of the Manifesto.
3. To the countries of LAC to adhere to the development of the national networks of public libraries adopted by the the Portuguese government as a national policy.
4. To reaffirm the validity of the Caracas declaration of 1982 which "recognizes the public libraries as a development factor and an instrument for social change in LAC".
5. To the public libraries in LAC to adopt the methodology of strategic planning and marketing information.
6. It is recognized that there is a great diversity of valuable experiences as well as the creativity of librarians, who in difficult conditions are trying to accomplish the missions included in the Manifesto. It is recommended that these experiences are spread and shared among the countries in the region.
7. It is recommended that public libraries cooperate with universities and other institutions to improve services. It is also recommended that the libraries in the region should cooperate more.
8. It is recommended that the actions proposed for the period 1998-2002 be disseminated with the aim of accomplishing all the missions in the Manifesto.

The UNESCO Public Library Manifesto had been translated into Brazilian Portuguese by the National Library of Brazil, in Rio de Janeiro. Finally, May Brooking Negrao gave a very good summary of what had taken place at the seminar. IFLA ALP financed this seminar with USD 15,000.

Preservation Training for Anglophone Africa

In April 1998 the IFLA-ICA Joint Committee on Preservation in Africa held a week-long preservation training course for anglophone Africa, drawing 15 participants from 11 countries. The course was held at the University of Natal in Durban, South Africa and was organized by Peter Coates, Chair of the South African National Committee of JICPA. The workshop, intended primarily for practical library and archive workers,

also included professionals and academics. participants were divided into three groups, based on professional level, to allow the most efficient coverage of material. The four course instructors were all experienced conservators working with South African institutions.

The course was organized around five modules that focused on preservation ethics, preservation practice, preventive management, environmental control, and practical simple repairs. Participants' reactions were generally positive, although many felt the course should be longer than one week. Several requested a follow-up course. Many said that the course made them aware that they had been using outdated or discredited methods. Disaster preparedness training was felt to be an especially important part of the course. Everyone wanted top management to take courses to make them more aware of preservation issues.

Based on participants' evaluations and his own observations, Peter Coates had the following recommendations for future workshops in Africa:

- one week is too short, considering the cost and effort involved and the amount of information to be covered;
- organizers should consider holding regional courses, with trainees' employers paying their transport and accommodation costs, and instructors being brought to the regional centres where basic conservation facilities are available. Such regional courses would make better use of available funds than will large Africa-wide courses;
- special courses are needed separately for practical workers, professionals, and managers/academics;
- because regional communications can be difficult, libraries and archives should be encouraged to secure Internet links and e-mail. This would also facilitate the expressed desire for an Internet site serving African conservation needs and could be the means to locate affordable conservation materials and make it possible for consortia of libraries and archives to purchase in bulk at the best possible prices;
- there is an urgent need for an African conservation training centre. The cost of tuition and residence in Europe or the USA is prohibitive for any African student. moreover, overseas training often overlooks matters relevant in the African

context, such as pest control, inadequate housing for collections, and climate control.

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Expert Meeting of Educators from Library and Archives Schools in Africa, Nairobi, Kenya, 23-25 March 1998

IFLA, ICA (the International Council on Archives) and UNESCO have been very concerned about the state of preservation of library and archival materials in Africa. It is the reason why IFLA, with the support of ICA and UNESCO, organized the Pan-African Conference on Preservation and Conservation of Library and Archival Materials in Nairobi, June 1993. One of the most important recommendations of this conference was the following.

"Recognizing the needs for various levels of preservation training and education, this conference recommends the expansion of existing training programmes for librarians and archivists to devote more attention to preservation issues and the underlying sciences...."

For this reason a meeting of experts from library and archives schools in Africa was organized and held 23-25 March 1998. The objective of the meeting was to develop a curriculum on preservation and conservation to be used in library and archival schools in Africa. The emphasis of the curriculum that finally emerged was slanted towards preventive conservation.

Nine African library, archival or information schools from Kenya, Senegal, Ghana, Tunisia, Botswana, Morocco, South Africa, Uganda and Nigeria were represented. Marie-Therese Varlamoff, Director of the PAC Core Programme, represented IFLA and Bjorn

Lindh, Vice-Chair of the Commission on Archival Development, represented ICA. Musila Musembi, Secretary General of JICPA (Joint IFLA/ICA Committee on Preservation in Africa) and Bunmi Alegbeleye, JICPA Coordinator for Training, were among the experts. The procedure followed was first to allow the invited experts to present papers on the current status of the teaching of preservation and conservation in their respective countries. These was followed by the main paper presented by Ms Dale Peters of the University of Natal (South Africa). However, from the papers presented by experts, it was clear that the teaching of preservation and conservation in Africa was highly unsatisfactory. The following problems were identified:

- the curriculum in many schools is out-of-date and needs to be revised;
- the curriculum weighs heavily on the part of theory and has very little practical bent;
- there are very few competent teachers to teach the courses;
- facilities and equipment to support teaching of preservation and conservation are grossly inadequate.

Ms Peters' stimulating paper formed the basis of the recommended curriculum. Although Dale Peters focused on "the kind of education which undergraduate students of library and archives programmes should have", experts found the recommended curriculum comprehensive enough to be applied to postgraduate schools. One other feature of the Peters' recommended curriculum is the fact that it consisted "of a flexible set of modules to accommodate both training and education for various audiences with an academic programme, undergraduate, continuing education programmes and practical training workshops of a more technical nature".

Experts started with establishing the aim of a preservation and conservation curriculum that has a strong component of preventive conservation. Next, experts

derived the objectives of the curriculum and the content divided broadly into: 1) Introduction.; 2) Nature and deterioration of documentary materials; 3) Collections care; 4) Disaster control management; and 5) Preservation planning programmes.

The curriculum which emerged from the deliberations of experts will be presented in the next issue of the PAC newsletter *International Preservation News* No. 18*. Experts were happy at the quality of the curriculum that was the product of their three days of toil. They hope that the curriculum will be turned to great use by the schools. It was argued that if the curriculum were sent to various schools in Africa by IFLA and ICA, it was likely to have greater impact.

There were other residual recommendations namely:

- that a list of the minimum number of facilities and equipment for a preservation workshop should be developed and handed over to schools in Africa;
- that efforts should be made to intensify training programmes for trainers;
- that meaningful research into preservation and conservation problems in Africa should be embarked upon with the support of international organizations.

The Director of the National Archives of Kenya, M. Musembi must be thanked for the remarkable organization of this meeting which was funded by Danida through ALP.

* *International Preservation News*, the newsletter of the IFLA PAC Core Programme is published three times a year and presents articles or summaries in English, French and Spanish. It is distributed free of charge. Orders should be sent to: Marie-Therese Varlamoff, IFLA PAC Director, Bibliothèque nationale de France, 2 rue Vivienne, 75084 Paris Cedex, France (e-mail: marie-therese.varlamoff@bnf.fr).

From other Organizations

New Executive Director for FID

The International Federation for Information and Documentation, FID, recently appointed Stephen Parker, a British national and Fellow of the [British]

Library Association, as its new Executive Director.

Mr Parker has a longstanding commitment to library and information development in developing countries. He has enjoyed a long and varied career in the international library world and has

held a number of key positions all over the world, including British Council Librarian in Bangkok, Thailand, Lecturer in Charge of Overseas Students at the School of Librarianship, Northwestern Polytechnic, London, United Kingdom, and Director of the Botswana National Library Service and Library Adviser to

the governments of Swaziland and Lesotho.

In a brief statement to Council, Mr Parker expressed his pleasure at returning to work in the international information environment, and identified the FID membership, FID publications and the FID Web site as three key areas to which he expected to give priority during the coming months. Martha Stone, President of FID, expressed her extreme pleasure at being able to introduce the new Director to the FID Council meeting, held in The Hague, 14-15 May. She stated that at this critical time in the evolution of FID, she was fully confident that Mr Parker's experience and commitment to the field of information science would contribute significantly to the meeting of FID's important program objectives.

In 1976 he was awarded the International Federation of Library Associations' Sevensma Prize for an essay on "Regional Cooperation in Developing Countries" and his Fellowship thesis on "Unesco and Library Development Planning" was awarded a mark of distinction by the Library Association's Board of Advanced Studies.

In the 1970s Mr Parker set up his own consulting firm, Library Development Consultants and spent the next 18 years carrying out consulting assignments in more than 40 countries in Africa, the Arab States, Asia, Europe and Latin America and the Caribbean. During this time he also spent a year at UNESCO Headquarters as Editor of the *Unesco Journal of Information Science, Librarianship and Archives Administration*. He is currently Editor of the quarterly journal, *Information Development* (Bowker Saur).

CCI Poster in Spanish

The following news item was submitted by Amparo R. de Torres, Special Projects Officer, Conservation Division, LM G 38, Library of Congress, 101 Independence Ave., SE, Washington DC 20540-4500, USA (fax: +(1-202) 7071525).

The Spanish version of the Canadian Conservation Institute (CCI) poster "Framework for the Preservation of Museum Collection - "Plan para la Preservación de Colecciones" - has been printed and delivered to the Library of Congress.

I want to share the good news and thank everyone who has been involved

and has supported this project. It has been almost four years (IIC '94 meeting in Ottawa) since Chuck Gruchy, former Director General of CCI, authorized the translation of the CCI "Framework for Preservation of Museum Collections." With the support of Diane Nester Kresh, Director for Preservation, LOC, we started this long process in 1995. Deborah Robichaud, Director, Information Services CCI, drafted the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between CCI, LOC and the Association for the Conservation of the Cultural Patrimony of the Americas (APOYO), and tirelessly and efficiently pursued the completion of the required paperwork. The MOU was reviewed by CCI lawyers and by Bob Lincoln, Associate General Counsel, LOC. We appreciate the continued support of Bill Peters, Director General and Charlie Constain, Chief, Environment and Deterioration Research, CCI, and of Winston Tabb, Associate Librarian for Library Services, LOC.

APOYO volunteer translators Arianne Vanrel, Conservator, Venezuela, and Isabel Garcia, Conservator, Spain, did a tremendous job translating from the French and English versions of the chart, and other APOYO volunteers and I worked on the final version. We received input and approval from Tom Strang and Stefan Michalski, Conservation Scientists, CCI for accuracy and appropriateness in the translation, and some minor changes to make this poster more relevant to library and archival collections, not just museum collections. Stefan and Tom were the original authors of the idea of "agents of deterioration" that place collections at risk, summarized in this chart. Sophie Georgiev, Publications Production Manager, CCI worked out all the details of the production.

Mike Cafiero, Marketing Service Manager and Brad van Zandt, Customer Service Manager, Yupo Corporation, Chesapeake, Virginia, donated the excellent product "Yupo", a synthetic paper which is uv, water and oil resistant, to print the poster. Jerry Hartman, CEO, Reese Press, Baltimore, Maryland donated a very high quality printing of the posters. Dave Wilmer, Reese Press, coordinated the printing.

We are now in the final stage of the project. We are fortunate to have the support of Virginia Betancourt, Director of the National Library of Venezuela. Ramon Sanchez, Director for IFLA-PAC's Regional Centre, LAC; and Daruich Turupial, Director, Centro Nacional Conservación de Papel, National Library of Venezuela agreed to mail out the

posters to more than 3,000 institutions and individuals in Latin America and the Caribbean on the APOYO mailing list. In addition to the poster, the envelope will contain articles (translated into Spanish) by Charlie Constain, Stefan Michalski and Tom Strang that explain and illustrate with examples the use of the chart. Monica Garcia, Database Manager, International Center for the Study of Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM) will produce the mailing labels. We appreciate the continued support of Marc Laenen, Director General of ICCROM and Lambertus van Zelst, Director, Smithsonian Center for Materials Research and Education, for their continued support of the APOYO network.

Leo Voogt, Secretary General of IFLA, and Marie-Thérèse Varlamoff, Director of IFLA's PAC Focal Point, Bibliotheque nationale de France, have offered to place advertisements in the *IFLA Journal* and *International Preservation News* for Yupo Corporation and for Reese Press as a token of appreciation for their kind donations. This is being coordinated by Theresa Stanton, IFLA Headquarters.

The successful completion of this project has been a great achievement of cooperation and goodwill on the part of numerous individuals in many institutions. There is no doubt that the distribution of this information to so many individuals and institutions in Latin America and the Caribbean will advance preventive conservation concepts and practices immeasurably, and will continue to strengthen the network that serves to protect the cultural patrimony of the American Hemisphere.

Thank you again to all. Mil gracias!

The Consortium of University Research Libraries' Cedars Project

The Consortium of University Research Libraries (CURL) has announced its new "Cedars Project: CURL Exemplars in Digital Archives."

In recent years university libraries have included a growing number of digital information resources in their collections. At present there is no legal obligation nor are there formal mechanisms for ensuring that such digital information is preserved for posterity. As libraries' reliance upon such resources increases, they become stakeholders in ensuring that those resources are maintained over

the longer term. They are responsible for ensuring that these resources may be as accessible to users in 10, 20 or 200 years' time as they are now.

Just as academic libraries have an ongoing responsibility for the preservation and access of paper-based resources, they now have a new and more complex responsibility for digital resources. For digital materials, unlike paper, a library continues to have responsibility

for ensuring long-term access to them irrespective of whether the burden for physically preserving that resource falls directly to the library or to a third party agency. For example in the case of an electronic journal, a publisher might have the ultimate role of preserving the physical digital object but the research library is responsible for providing long term access to this material for its researchers.

The need to devise strategies for digital preservation is both pressing and immediate and these strategies will need to encompass all forms of digital information resources.

Description

With these issues in mind the Cedars project aims to address strategic, methodological and practical issues and will provide guidance for libraries in best practice for digital preservation. In the UK, CURL is uniquely placed to lead this project. Digital preservation is a key issue for all its members. Under the overall direction of the CURL Management Board, Cedars will be based across three lead sites (Oxford, Leeds and Cambridge). Wider involvement from the community will come through focus groups, workshops and discussion lists. CEDARS is a three-year project funded by the Joint Information Systems Committee (JISC) through the Electronic Libraries Programme (eLib).

Project Objectives

The project aims to investigate strategies which will ensure that the digital information resources typically included in library collections may, with other non-digital objects, be preserved over the longer term. In order to achieve this aim the project plans to

- promote awareness about the importance of digital preservation, both amongst university libraries and their users, and amongst the data creating and data supplying

communities upon which they depend;

- identify, document and disseminate strategic frameworks within which individual libraries can develop collection management policies which are appropriate to their needs and which can guide the necessary decision-making to safeguard the long-term viability of any digital resources which are included in their collections;
- investigate, document and promote methods appropriate to the long-term preservation of different classes of digital resources typically included in library collections, and to develop costed and scaleable models. There is an enormous range of digital resources (e.g., text, sound, pictures, moving images). In focusing on the following categories, the project intends to identify techniques which can be generalized and extended to the full range of digital materials: 1) digitized primary resources; 2) electronic journals; 3) large online databases; 4) electronic ephemera; and 5) digital resources in which the intellectual content is bound to structure, form and behavior.

In meeting its objectives, the project intends, wherever possible, to make use of work that has already been done and to build upon existing expertise in digital preservation and digital collection management.

Key Deliverables

Key deliverables of the project include:

- guidelines for developing collection management policies which will ensure the long-term viability of any digital resources included in the collection;
- demonstrator projects to test and promote the technical and organisational feasibility of a chosen strategy for digital preservation;
- methodological guidelines developed by the demonstrator projects providing guidance about how to preserve different classes of digital resources;
- clearly articulated preferences about data formats, content models and compression techniques which are most readily and cost-effectively preserved;
- publications of benefit to the whole higher education community, available on the www.

Web Site

As project work evolves, all Cedars working papers and documentation will be available at the Cedars Web Site: <<http://www.curl.ac.uk>>. General information about the JISC Electronic Libraries Programme, (eLib), can be found at: <<http://www.ukoln.ac.uk/services/elib>>. Information about JISC is available at: <<http://www.jisc.ac.uk>>. Additional information is available from Kelly Russell, Cedars Project Manager, Edward Boyle Library, University of Leeds, Leeds LS2 9JT, UK (fax: +(44-113) 2335539; e-mail: k.l.russell@leeds.ac.uk).

Nordic Conference on Preservation and Access

An international conference, with the theme, "Preservation and Access in Nordic Research Libraries: A Progress Report/State of the Union" will be held at the Royal Library in Stockholm, Sweden, 5-6 October 1998. The seminar is jointly arranged by the Royal Library, Stockholm, and the Royal Library, Copenhagen.

The rapid development of information technology and shifting library use has compelled libraries with historical collections, be they national, research or university libraries, to reassess their policies as regards preservation and access.

The changes in the library world have been twofold. On the one hand, the physical environment and thus document access has undergone substantial development. Not only have a number of leading libraries moved, or are on the threshold of moving, into new or refurbished premises, but information technology has altered the way in which materials can be accessed and preserved. Secondly, more attention is being paid to the library's role as a safeguard of cultural heritage. Libraries are underlining their role as cultural institutions and attracting new user groups.

The organizers hope that this seminar will provide its participants with the opportunity of becoming acquainted with some of the most recent developments in the library world and of assessing how these developments have and will affect library policy as regards preservation and access.

The seminar venue will be the Royal Library, Humlegården, situated in the centre of Stockholm. The fee is SEK

1,500, which covers the sessions, welcome reception, lunches and conference dinner. For information: Steen Bille Larsen, Royal Library, POB 2149,

1016 Copenhagen K, Denmark (e-mail: sbl@kb.dk) or Margareta Torngren, Royal Library, POB 5039, S-102 41 Stockholm, Sweden (e-mail: margareta.torngren@kb.se).

Information on this conference is also available at the Web site of the Royal Library, Stockholm at www.kb.se/eng/preserv.htm.

From Patron Sponsors

Geac Launches a New Generation of Library Software with Vubis 4 Windows

The library is constantly in motion. Therefore, Geac, a Patron Sponsor of IFLA, continually develops new applications for libraries and their users. In Western Europe Geac markets three library systems: Advance, GeacPlus and Vubis 4 Windows. Within this framework Geac contributed an important investment to the development of Vubis. In 1997 a mega project was started in which Geac, Eindhoven University of Technology, and the Free University of Brussels were involved. From May 1997 onward all parties made an all-out effort to achieve a totally new product. After an extensive testing period, Vubis 4 Windows could be presented to the public at the end of September 1997.

Eric Conderaerts, Manager at Vubis Development: "With Vubis 4 Windows, Geac has succeeded in presenting an entirely new generation of software. Vubis 4 Windows is fully graphical and supports all the standard Windows facilities - form input, online help, cut and paste - which ensures that the system can be mastered easily and swiftly. Vubis 4 Windows offers all the modules necessary for optimum management of a modern information environment. The highly detailed functionalities and numerous options of Vubis Original have been fully implemented in Vubis 4 Windows. Add to this the new functionality such as full screen editing and the fully graphical presentation of all modules and you will understand that this new software is more than complete."

The rich functionality already made Vubis Original one of the most frequently sold library systems in Western Europe. Vubis 4 Windows takes it one step further. There is a great interest in Vubis 4 Windows. Meanwhile, the first Vubis Original users have changed to Vubis 4 Windows.

Eric van Lubeek, Division Manager for Libraries at Geac: "Because of the

innovative character and the easy use of Vubis 4 Windows we continually notice the enormous interest in this new product. Our sales department can hardly keep pace with the flood of requests for estimates. We are proud that Vubis 4 Windows is now fully operational in, for example, the public library of Helmond, the Royal Academy of Music in The Hague and the Royal Academy of Visual Arts, also in The Hague".

Mr Hakvoort, Managing Director of the Public Library of Helmond: "Geac demonstrates that they are capable of delivering a top-rate product. We have experienced Geac as a most professional partner making our automation project a great success."

A customer of the public library of Helmond about Vubis 4 Windows: "Bravo to the new search system. Pleasant presentation and brilliant simplicity meet each other. With a few clicks on the mouse, children are able to find what they are looking for. Using the catalogue has been made accessible to everyone this way. The public library of Helmond appears ready for the 21st century to me!" For more information: Geac Benelux BV, Helftheuvelpassage 18, 5224 AP 's-Hertogenbosch, Netherlands (fax: +(31-73) 6243405).

Full Text in H.W. Wilson Select Expanded in FirstSearch

H.W. Wilson and OCLC have signed an agreement to significantly increase the number of journal titles in H.W. Wilson Select - a general reference, full-text database on the OCLC FirstSearch service. All articles from the 800 journals will be available in full text. H.W. Wilson Select is available via per-search and subscription, including the new Base Package with Full Text and General Reference options.

"Combine the value and quality of H.W. Wilson full-text data with the reach of OCLC FirstSearch, and you go a long way in improving the caliber of information available to library users," said Geoff Worton, H.W. Wilson Vice

President, Sales and Marketing. "That's an important part of Wilson's goals - and we're happy to have a partner like OCLC in meeting our goals."

"The publications in Wilson Select are chosen based on the recommendations of an ALA committee of librarians, which means their quality, reference value and subject breadth make Wilson Select the first place to go for information," said Connie Zuga, OCLC Vice President, Reference Services. "OCLC continues to expand FirstSearch's full-text resources. Wilson Select's broad coverage is a tremendous asset for all types of libraries and their users."

Subscriptions to H.W. Wilson Select include full text. Current subscribers to H.W. Wilson Select will receive the additional coverage provided by the new titles at no extra charge. The new FirstSearch packages will become available July 1. OCLC will be adding the new full text to H.W. Wilson Select as the data is received in June and July.

The OCLC FirstSearch service, one of the library community's fastest growing information systems, is designed for people who use libraries and requires no training or online search experience. FirstSearch provides access to more than 70 databases, including OCLC FirstSearch Electronic Collections Online and more than a dozen full-text databases. FirstSearch also links to OCLC's Interlibrary Loan service and can be used via the World Wide Web or a text-based interface. More information about FirstSearch, including a guided tour, can be found at <http://www.oclc.org/oclc/menu/fs.htm>.

OCLC Online Computer Library Center is a nonprofit, international, membership, computer library service and research organization whose computer network and services link more than 27,000 libraries in 64 countries and territories. Both OCLC and the H.W. Wilson Company will be exhibiting at the forthcoming IFLA Conference in Amsterdam, Netherlands, 16-21 August 1998. <http://www.oclc.org/> / <http://www.hwwilson.com/>.

IFLA Welcomes a new Sustaining Sponsor!

A frequent exhibitor at IFLA's annual international exhibition, Hans Neschen A.G. joined IFLA in June 1998 as a Sustaining Sponsor. Neschen has a long-standing reputation in the library world and has been supplying solvent-free adhesive systems since 1948. "Our international reputation for high product proficiency and high quality was built on our aqueous dispersions and extensive product systems for repair, enhancement and conservation. "filmolux" is a by-word for high quality book covers. Supplying strengthening and protective laminations, fabric tape, signature tape, book-wallets in libraries, age resistant cold and hot set adhesive tapes for archives, hinging aids for originals to matting in picture frames, and much more...Our current range is as extensive and developed as one would expect of the market leader, perfectly tuned to the

needs of our customers, and innovative enough for solving the problems of tomorrow." To find out more about Neschen's products, visit their stand at the IFLA '98 exhibition or visit their web site at: <www.neschen.com>.

VTLS Inc. Moves to Its New Corporate Headquarters

VTLS Inc. recently moved to its new headquarters located at 1701 Kraft Drive, Blacksburg, Virginia 24060, USA. The two-story, 32,500 square foot brick building doubles the previous VTLS office space and is equipped with state-of-the-art security, network and phone systems. By far one of the most important and employee-desired features of the new headquarters are the nine sunlit meeting and training rooms that accommodate up to 275 people. In addition VTLS now has two libraries. The library in the lobby will circulate literature and reference

materials from each of the 38 countries where VTLS products are used. The research and development library will house all internal subscriptions, reference materials such as NISO and ISO standards documents, and VTLS product and third-party vendor documentation. Of course, Virtua will be used to automate these libraries.

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 14 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. Learn more about VTLS's products by visiting the VTLS stand at the IFLA '98 Exhibition in Amsterdam, Netherlands, 16-19 August 1998 <www.vtls.com>.

Publications of International Relevance

Library Preservation and Conservation in the '90s

Library Preservation and Conservation in the '90s: Proceedings of the Satellite Meeting of the IFLA Section on Preservation and Conservation, Budapest, August 15-17, 1995, edited by Jean I. Whiffin and John Havermans, has been published in the series, IFLA Publications as No. 84. The goal of the meeting was to draw attention to some of the current issues of library preservation in the '90s with some attempt to outline potential solutions. The 70 participants represented 27 countries, and included librarians, preservation and conservation experts, and scientists concerned with issues related to library preservation and conservation. The 25+ papers are grouped into the five sub-themes of the meeting: 1) national libraries as museums of books and living libraries at the same time, resolving contradictions; 2) preventive conservation and disaster recovery: preservation of collections; 3) mass conservation methods and dilemmas; 4) international and regional efforts in preservation and access; training for preservation and conservation; and; 5) national and local activities in preservation in Central and Eastern Europe. The publication is

available from K.G. Saur Verlag, Postfach 701620, D-81316 Munich, Germany (fax: +(49-89) 76902150; e-mail: 100730.1341@compuserve.com) for DEM 98.00 (IFLA members DEM 73.50). ISBN 3-598-2180-9-5

Diretorio de Asociaciones de Bibliotecarios y Profesionales Afines de América Latina y el Caribe

In 1985, during IFLA's General Conference in Chicago, a proposal was put forward to compile a Directory of Associations in Latin America and the Caribbean in order to be able to rely upon general information in the field. This proposal was approved by IFLA's Professional Board which agreed to its realization in 1991. The project started in 1993 and was coordinated by Rosa María Fernández de Zamora, President of the IFLA-LAC Section from 1991 to 1993. Logistical support for the realization of the Directory was also provided by the University Centre of Librarianship, Investigations of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM). Ms Zamora was assisted by Alberto Castro Thompson and Manuel Avila Uriza. The directory, in Spanish, appears as No. 55 in the series, IFLA Professional Reports, and is

the first directory to be published containing the contact details and statistical information about professional associations in the region. The title is available from IFLA Headquarters, POB 95312, 2509 CH The Hague, Netherlands (fax: +(31-70) 3834827; e-mail: publications@ifla.org) for NLG 45.00. ISBN 90-70916-66-5

Resource Sharing Possibility and Barriers

Resource Sharing Possibilities and Barriers. Proceedings of the Fifth Interlending and Document Supply International Conference Held in Aarhus, Denmark, 24-28 August 1997 is the title of a new publication from the IFLA UAP Core Programme Office. Three days of presented papers considered the theme of the conference, "Resource-sharing: possibilities and barriers", from all angles. The relevance of resource-sharing in the world of networked digital information was questioned, suggesting that traditional resource-sharing networks would be replaced by licensing and consortium agreements. On the other hand digitization could improve resource-sharing of audiovisual documents. The publisher's view of today's challenge to make material available in a variety of formats and to

address the complex payment models of subscription, pay-per-view, or site licences was also presented. Delegates heard about new resource-sharing challenges and developments in a number of countries, including Australia, South Africa and Romania, and some of IFLA's own projects and initiatives, such as the IFLA Voucher Scheme and the Document Delivery in Africa project, were also presented. The complete proceedings of the Conference are now available the IFLA Offices for UAP and International Lending, c/o The British Library, Boston Spa, Wetherby, West Yorkshire LS23 7BQ, UK (fax: +(44-1937) 546478; e-mail: ifla@bl.uk) for GBP 15.00.

Library Systems: Current Developments and Future Directions

The Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR) announces the

publication of a new report by Leigh Watson Healy entitled *Library Systems: Current Developments and Future Directions*. Based on a 6-month data-gathering, investigative study, during which 30 directors and managers from 17 college, research and public libraries and the presidents or senior executives of 12 vendors were interviewed, the report explores how library system vendors are meeting the systems needs of librarians in the emerging digital environment. CLIR commissioned *Library Systems* in response to concerns expressed by librarians about the gap between institutional digital library initiatives and the products offered by the systems vendors. This publication can be ordered for USD 25, including postage and packaging, from: CLIR, 1755 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Suite 500, Washington DC 20036-2188, USA (e-mail: info@clir.org; Web site: clir.stanford.edu).

School Librarianship: International Issues and Perspectives

The International Association of School Librarianship has published *School Librarianship: International Issues and Perspectives*, edited by Ken Haycock and Blanche Woolls. This collection of international papers begins with a survey of the state of the world's school libraries. Papers are then grouped by themes: aspects of information literacy; the means of successfully implementing change; and continuing considerations and new opportunities, particularly connections with teaching and learning and with emerging technologies. The publication is available from IASL, POB 34069, Department 300, Seattle, Washington 98124-1069, USA (fax: +(1-408) 9242476; e-mail: lmcs@pacbell.net) for USD 35. ISBN 1-890861-22-7

Miscellaneous

Social Science Japan Data Archive

The Information Center for Social Science Research on Japan, at the Institute of Social Science, University of Tokyo, has established the SSJDA, or Social Science Japan Data Archive. This archive is a collection of data from social and statistical surveys, which are now offered for secondary use in academic research projects.

In spite of the vast number of statistical surveys carried out by Japanese researchers, Japanese institutions have been slow to establish data archives. As a result, in some cases the data produced by these original surveys has been lost forever. In order to prevent further deterioration of primary data collections, and also to improve social science research on Japan and research from a comparative perspective, we have created the Social Science Japan Data Archive (SSJDA).

At present, our data archive contains data from only about 250 social surveys, but we plan to increase this number over time. This is the first effort to create a data archive in Japan, a country which up until now has not even recognized the importance of having such system. Obviously, the burdens of creating a

large-scale data archive from scratch are enormous, not only in terms of organizational and financial constraints, but also because of the difficulty of collecting and maintaining the data. As a result, we are starting off with the construction of a small-scale data archive, which we plan to expand later.

At the same time, we are hoping that as many researchers and research organizations as possible will open data archives as well. Even if our data archive is, at the beginning, a small-scale one, we might be able to achieve large-scale results if other organizations are willing to carry out data archive projects on their own.

We know that one of the main problems for researchers is not knowing whether certain data exist, and where they can be found. Through the Internet, however, we can build a common index that will link researchers hoping to use secondary data with the researchers and organizations that have collected them originally for social or statistical surveys. We will use our SSJDA home page for precisely this purpose. We are aware, of course, that there will be different methods for offering and using data on these different archives. Part of our project will thus be dedicated to the creation of a singular system (or as close as circumstances allow) of rules and

methods for requesting and using data, as well as getting technical assistance. Please check it out at <<http://www.iss-utokyo.ac.jp/ssjda>>.

APOYO Creates Clearinghouse for Spanish Language Preservation Resources

The Asociación para la Conservación del Patrimonio Cultural de las Americas (APOYO) is creating a bibliographic information database of Spanish language materials on conservation, with an emphasis on preventive conservation. The database includes materials from Latin America, the USA, and Europe that were either written in Spanish or were translated into Spanish from other languages. The database will serve as a clearinghouse of information and will help avoid duplication of translation efforts. APOYO will distribute the list of translated titles as an annotated bibliography. The APOYO newsletter in Spanish, published twice yearly, will announce the availability of the bibliography. The newsletter is co-edited by Amparo R. de Torres and Ann Seibert, in collaboration with volunteers and with the support of the Library of Congress's Preservation Directorate, the Smithsonian Center for Materials Research and Education, and the

International Center for the Study of Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property. For information about APOYO, please contact Amparo R. de Torres or Ann Seibert at the Library of Congress, POB 76932 Washington DC, USA (fax: +1-202) 7071525; e-mail: ator@loc.gov).

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A New List: AFLIB-L: African Libraries

The AFLIB-L Listserv is about African Libraries. AFLIB-L is a new, lightly moderated, discussion list that aims to provide a forum for libraries in Africa and "encourage contact and communication between and among professionals on the continent." The Primary language will be English, but they soon hope to support French and Portuguese as well. Anticipated themes for discussion include professional problems and issues, the application of technology, and notices of major projects. To subscribe send an e-mail message to (leave subject line blank): <listserv@statelib.pwv.gov.za>

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European Commission: Funds for Cultural Heritage

A new pilot web site is being trialled at: <www.btinternet.com/~camangroup/ECwebsite97.html>.

You will find information on a number of different funding programmes run by the European Commission. Not all the programmes are aimed specifically at cultural heritage, many address generic issues (e.g., training). Many of the funding programmes are connected with new information technologies. All have some angle of interest or relevance for cultural heritage. If you find the site useful, please tell your colleagues. If you have comments, criticisms, corrections or additions, please tell us - we welcome your feedback. If there is sufficient demand, we will be able to put the pages onto a more professional and permanent footing.

Footnote: If you have any problems when you click on the above link, go to our home page at www.btinternet.com/~camangroup and then click on "Cultural Heritage Pages".

For more information please contact Wendy Sudbury, Director, Cambridge

Management Group, Ford House, 25 St. Barnabas Road, Cambridge CB1 2BU, UK (fax: + (44-1223) 322994; e-mail: wsudbury.camangroup@btinternet.com) or European Commission on Preservation and Access (ECPA), POB 19121, 1000 GC Amsterdam, Netherlands (fax: +31-20) 6204941; <<http://www.knaw.nl/ecpa/>>.

Resource Lists for Standards and Digital Preservation

Two particularly fruitful resource pages have been announced by the British Arts and Humanities Data Service (AHDS).

The first, "Standards for the Interchange of Digital Information," is an initial presentation of organizations that are working on relevant standards for the interchange of cultural resource material. These standards cover

- technical standards for data interchange (e.g., encoding and compression)
- data documentation standards (e.g., MARC, Dublin Core, CIMI)
- controlled vocabularies (e.g., Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules (AACR2), Art and Architecture Thesaurus).

This exercise is the preliminary step to gathering and considering actual "best practices" in implementing and using particular standards for networking particular bodies of information and for maximizing their usefulness.

The second resource page is a revised set of references to resources and initiatives on the preservation of digital resources.

The sites are: Standards for the Interchange of Digital Information at <<http://ahds.ac.uk/resource/standards.html>> and Digital Preservation at <<http://ahds.ac.uk/resource/preserve.html>>.

For more information: David L. Green, National Initiative for a Networked Cultural Heritage, 21 Dupont Circle, NW, Washington DC 20036, USA (fax: +1-202) 8720886; e-mail: david@ninch.org).

Finalization of the First Phase of the Biblos Project

The first phase of the Biblos Project of reconvertng manual catalogues, which the Biblioteca de Catalunya began in October 1997 under the patronage of the telephone company, Telefónica, has

now been completed. As a result of this first phase of the project, files from the subject and author catalogues in alphabetical order, which amount to more than one million items, can now be consulted on Internet. The electronic catalogue may be consulted from the Biblioteca de Catalunya Web page at <<http://www.gencat.es/bc>>. Consultation is possible by alphabetical indexes linking in with the database which continues with the image of each catalogue card. The availability of this information on Internet will permit the circulation and consultation at a distance of the bequeathed collections conserved by the Biblioteca de Catalunya, while at the same time making it easier internally to select collections and process documents.

Josephine Fang Receives Award

The Director of the University of Graz, Dr Sigrid Reinitzer and the Austrian Library Association sponsored a two-day symposium on the occasion of the Renewal of the Doctorate for Josephine Riss Fang and the 75th birthday of Dr Franz Kroller from June 4th to 5th, 1998. The themes of the symposium were "Preservation of Our Cultural Heritage", and "Education for the Information Fields". The festive reception was sponsored by the mayor of Graz and attended by the Rector of the University and many colleagues of friends of the honored colleagues. Both have many years of association with IFLA as officers and authors. Dr Fang has authored many IFLA publications, including *The World Guide to Library, Archive and Information Science Associations* and more recently *The World Guide to Library, Archive and Information Science Education*, and Dr Kroller was also President of LIBER.

International Technology Awards go to School Librarians in Azerbaijan and the USA

IASL President, Sigrun Hannesdottir (Iceland) recently announced that Inna

Groudskaya, Director of the Center for Education and Information Studies at Khazar University in Baku, Azerbaijan and Peter Genco, Library Media Specialist and technology team leader at Fairview High School in Erie, Pennsylvania, USA have been awarded the Progressive School Library Media Award for the implementation of innovative ideas to enhance the lifelong learning skills of students. The International Association of School Librarianship (IASL) has two awards, one for developing nations and one for developed nations. The award consists of a plaque for the recipient's school and USD 400. The cash award will be used to purchase technology that will enhance students' access to information. Funded through the generosity of the Winnebago Software Company, the awards were offered for the first time in 1998 and will be presented at the IASL annual conference in Ramat-Gan, Israel in July 1998.

Jean E. Lowrie Leadership Development Award

Suzie Gamba of the National Primary Education Commission in Kaduna, Nigeria and Anaba Alemna of the Department of Library and Archival Studies at the University of Ghana in Lagon have been awarded the Jean E. Lowrie Leadership Development Award for 1998 by the International Association of School Librarianship (IASL) in order to attend the 27th annual conference of the association in Ramat-Gan, Israel. The grant provides complimentary conference registration and a cash award of USD 1000.

1998 A.R. Zipf Fellow

Deanna Marcum, President of the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR) announced that the 1998 A.R. Zipf Fellowship in Information Management has been awarded to Maureen L. Mackenzie of Long Island University. Ms Mackenzie is the second recipient of the Zipf Fellowship, which was established to recognize a graduate

student who shows exceptional promise for leadership and technical achievement in information management. The fellowship reflects A.R. Zipf's longstanding interest in assisting students and young professionals who pursue education and training that relate to library science. Ms Mackenzie is a Ph.D. candidate in the Palmer School of Library and Information Science at the C.W. Post campus of Long Island University. Her research interests include the information-seeking behaviour of middle- and top-level managers and the effects of information on business.

Obituary

Orlando García, Director of the Matanzas Public Library, Cuba, and Cuban Chair of the 1994 Pre-Session Seminar 1994 on "Libraries for Literacy in Socially and Geographically Isolated Communities" died in May 1998 while returning to Cuba from a mission in Mexico. In Leo Voogt's message to our Cuban colleagues, he wrote: "The message about Orlandito has really brought us shock and grief here at IFLA Headquarters. Orlando was such a vibrant and strong personality, it is indeed difficult imagining Cuban librarianship without him. I am so happy that Orlandito was able to join us in Copenhagen last year. It was good to tell him in person, again, how much we had appreciated his support from Matanzas for IFLA's Cuban Conference, most notably for the very successful Pre-Conference Seminar. Yes, he was Mr Matanzas for us - proud of the Provincial Library, proud of the printed products of his province, and proud of the libraries in the sugar mills in his province. I will never forget my visits there, nor will I ever forget his warmth, his commitment and his friendship. Communication with Orlandito for me has proven once and for all that it is possible to work together representing different cultures, even without knowing each other's languages. He will be greatly missed, in IFLA and in Cuba. Please send our personal wishes for strength and comfort to his family and friends."

International Calendar

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 23-26, 1998. Eldoret, Kenya. Standing Conference of African National and University Libraries in Eastern, Central and Southern Africa (SCANULECS). Theme: "Survival in a Changing Environment". For information: Tirong arap Tanui, Moi University, Margaret Thatcher Library, POB 3900, Eldoret, Kenya (fax: +(254-321) 43047; e-mail: tanui@moiuniversity.ac.ke)
- 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, Coventry 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: Asbjørn Langeland, Statens Bibliotekstilsyn, POB 8145, N-0033 Oslo, Norway (fax: +(47-22) 831552; e-mail: asbjorn.langeland@bibtils.no)
- 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. Amsterdam, Netherlands. Satellite meeting organized by the IFLA Section on Information Technology. "Convergence in the Digital Age: Challenges for Libraries, Museums and Archives". For information: Johan van der Walle, TNO Project Manager-STB, POB 80544, 2508 GM The Hague, Netherlands (fax: +(31-70) 3615011; e-mail: jvdwalle@bart.nl)
- August 16-21, 1998. Amsterdam, Netherlands. 64th IFLA General Conference. Theme: "On Crossroads of Information and Culture"
- August 22-26, 1998. Amsterdam, Netherlands. Know How Conference on the World of Women's Information hosted by IIAV (International Information Centre and Archives for the Women's Movement). For information: IIAV, Obiplein 4, 1094 RB Amsterdam, Netherlands (fax: +(31-20) 6655812; e-mail: knowhow@iiav.nl)
- August 23-26, 1998. Riga, Latvia. International Conference on "The Construction of New National Libraries: A Phenomenon of the End of the 20th Century Europe" organized by the National Library of Latvia and the Library Association of Latvia as an official IFLA satellite meeting. For information: Janis Amols, National Library of Latvia, K Barona iela 14, Riga, LV 1424 Latvia (fax: +(371) 7280851; e-mail: inb@com.latnet.lv or j.amols@parks.lv)
- 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.ucl.gr or ecdl@cc.ucl.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. Theme: "Towards the New Information Society of Tomorrow: Innovations, Challenges and Impact". 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@

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- 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, Co-ordinator 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: savardr@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"
- October 25-29, 1999. Pretoria, South Africa. 6th International Conference on Interlending and Document Supply.
- For information: Hester van der Walt, Corporate Communication, State Library, POB 397, 0001 Pretoria, South Africa (fax: +(27-12) 3255984; e-mail: hvdwalt@statelib.pwv.gov.za)
- 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