

NEWS SECTION

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From the Secretariat

Kay Raseroka Wins Presidential Election

Kay Raseroka, Director of Library Services at the University of Botswana, has been voted President-elect by IFLA members. She will begin her two-year term as President-Elect during the IFLA conference in Boston this August. She will succeed Christine Deschamps as President in August 2003 for a two-year term. This is the first time an IFLA President has been elected by postal ballot, under the new Statutes adopted by Council in Jerusalem last year.



On hearing the news, Kay said: "I am honoured and deeply appreciative of the confidence that my colleagues in IFLA have shown in me. Above all I believe the IFLA Membership has demonstrated its belief in the global nature of our profession by electing a candidate from Africa. I pledge to give of my best in all of my responsibilities".

Kay Raseroka was born in Kwazulu-Natal in South Africa. She is a citizen of Botswana, is married and has children. She has been in librarianship for over two decades during which she made

tremendous contributions to the profession. She is currently the Director, University of Botswana Library Services.

She has served IFLA in many different capacities:

- Corresponding Member of various Sections and Round Tables
- Member of different Discussion Groups
- Member of the IFLA Mission to South Africa 1993
- Standing Committee of the Section of University Libraries and other General Research Libraries: Member 1993 - 1995
- Standing Committee of the Section of Regional Activities - Africa:
 - Member 1987 - 1991
 - Secretary 1991 - 1993
 - Chair 1993 - 1997
- Coordinating Board for the Division of Regional Activities: Secretary 1995 - 1997
- Member IFLA Executive Board 1997 - date
- Chair IFLA Membership Development Committee 1997 - date
- Member IFLA Publications Committee 1998 - date.

New Governing Board Elected

In the elections for the new Governing Board, the following candidates were successful: Derek Law (UK), Sissel Nilsen (Norway), Alex Byrne (Australia), Ana Maria Zimmerman (Argentina), Jianzhong Wu (China), Sally McCallum (USA) and Ellen Tise (South Africa).

They will serve a two-year term on the Governing Board, beginning at the end of the Boston conference in August. This was also the first time that members of IFLA's primary board were elected by postal ballot under the new Statutes.

Derek Law has served for four years as IFLA's Treasurer. Alex Byrne has

served for four years as Chair of the IFLA Freedom of Access to Information and Freedom of Expression (FAIFE) Committee. Both Sally McCallum and Sissel Nilsen have previously served as chairs of the Profession Board. Alex Byrne, Ellen Tise, Jianzhong Wu and Ana Maria Zimmerman will be serving on IFLA's primary board for the first time.

Overall Election Results

A total of 626 valid ballot papers were received, a return rate of 48.68 percent. The total number of votes cast was 1447, representing 57.44 percent of the possible total.

The full results were:

President-Elect

Kay Raseroka (Botswana)	672	elected
Nancy John (USA)	484	not elected
Børge Sørensen (Denmark)	258	not elected

Governing Board

Derek Law (United Kingdom)	1037	elected
Sissel Nilsen (Norway)	880	elected
Alex Byrne (Australia)	875	elected
Ana Maria Peruchena Zimmerman (Argentina)	839	elected
Jianzhong Wu (China)	829	elected
Sally McCallum (USA)	701	elected
Ellen Tise (South Africa)	675	elected
Ekaterina Genieva (Russian Federation)	671	not elected
Gary Strong (USA)	535	not elected

Françoise Lemelle
(France) 523 not elected
Moon-Hyu Choi (Korea) 377 not elected

Three members of staff of the Royal Library of the Netherlands, P.J. Moree, J.J.M. Bos and G.M. van Trier, acted as scrutineers.

Ross Shimmon
Secretary General

New Members

We have just one month of new members to report in this issue, but it has been a busy month again for IFLA mem-

bership. The following fourteen members have joined the IFLA community from 1-30 May. We wish them all a very warm welcome!

National Associations

L'Association des Spécialistes Nigériens de l'Information Documentaire, Niger.

Institutions

Association pour la Promotion du Tourisme Social et Culturel en Afrique et en France, Benin
Okanagan University College, Canada
Biblioteca Alexandrina, Egypt
Provinciale en Buma Bibliotheek Friesland, Netherlands

Lviv Theological Academy Library, Ukraine
Dar Al Hikma, United Arab Emirates
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, United States.

Personal Affiliates

Ms Maria Magdalena Welschen, Argentina
Greg Bak, United States
Tom Glynn, United States
James L. Farrell Jr., United States
Ms Nancy Stewart, United States.

Student Affiliates

Donny Smith, United States.

From the Core Programmes

From the UAP Programme

7th International Interlending and Document Supply Conference.

The 7th Interlending and Document Supply International Conference, organized jointly by the National and University Library, Ljubljana and the IFLA Office for International Lending, will be held from 1-5 October 2001 at the Conference Centre, Ljubljana, Slovenia. The conference continues the tradition started in 1988. Each of the previous conferences has attracted almost 200 delegates from forty different countries. The theme of this year's conference is: Providing Access Through Cooperation.

Cooperation with other players has always been crucial to effective interlibrary loan and document supply. Traditional partners in resource sharing have always been other libraries, and more recently, commercial document suppliers. Increasingly, however, the boundaries between traditional interlibrary loan and commercial electronic access are becoming less defined, and the work of the ILL department brings it into contact with a range of other players: publishers, of course, but also rights organizations, library consortia, and developers of technical systems and services. In other areas, the services offered by the ILL department may overlap with those offered by archives, book distributors or repository libraries. As well as providing an update on emerging ILL trends and challenges and taking a look at current practice, this conference aims to look

beyond traditional document suppliers to include services offered by other resource providers.

The Provisional Programme and Registration Form can be accessed from the conference web page at IFLA UAP home page at <http://www.ifla.org/VI/2/p6/oct01.htm>, or obtained from: Pauline Connolly, Research Officer, IFLA Office, c/o British Library, Boston Spa, Wetherby, West Yorkshire LS23 7BQ, UK. Tel: +44 (1937) 546254. Fax: +44 (1937) 546478. E-mail: pauline.connolly@bl.uk.

Two new UBCIM Publications

UNIMARC Manual - Authorities Format. 2nd revised enlarged edition. München: K.G. Saur, 2001. UBCIM Publications - New Series vol.22. ISBN 3-598-11503-2. Price: DEM 98.00.

The IFLA UBCIM Programme and the Permanent UNIMARC Committee are pleased to announce the publication by K.G. Saur of the second revised and enlarged edition of the *UNIMARC Manual - Authorities Format*. This revision reflects developments in telecommunications and information technology and incorporates the recommendations of the IFLA Working Group on the Minimal Level Authority Records. The revision was undertaken by the Permanent UNIMARC Committee of the IFLA UBCIM Programme which has responsibility for maintaining the UNIMARC formats. The 1991 version of the format and the Con-

cise Web UNIMARC Authorities, now obsolete, have been deleted from the UBCIM web page.

Guidelines for Authority Records and References, 2nd ed., revised by the IFLA Working Group on GARE Revision. München: K. G. Saur, 2001. UBCIM Publications-New Series vol.23. ISBN 3-598-11504-0. Price: DEM 68.00. (Formerly *Guidelines for Authority and Reference Entries - GARE*)

During the IFLA Conference held in Copenhagen in 1997, the IFLA Section on Cataloguing stated its goal to "develop approaches, standards, rules, lists for information that provide access to bibliographic data in all languages and in all scripts." In its Action Plan for 1998-1999 the Section intended to finalize the review and publish a second edition of the *Guidelines for Authority and Reference Entries*. The revision was undertaken within the Section on Cataloguing by the IFLA Working Group on GARE Revision, formed by eleven members from seven countries. The Working Group continued the analysis already initiated by Tom Delsey and Inger Cathrine Spangen and completed the revision of the *Guidelines* in January 2001. Since the 1984 edition of the *Guidelines for Authority and Reference Entries (GARE)* there have been many advances in the technological capabilities of libraries.

The Working Group focussed its action on

a) the key recommendations for long term policy put forward in the pro-

gramme for Universal Bibliographic Control at the UNESCO Intergovernmental Conference in 1974, where national bibliographic agencies are confirmed in their responsibility "for establishing the authoritative form of name for its country's authors, both personal and corporate, and authoritative lists of its country's authors, personal and corporate"; and

- b) the need of broadening the range of materials the Guidelines are directed to.

This has been done incorporating in the new version recommendations and principles stated in the Mandatory Data Elements for internationally Shared

Resource Authority Records of the IFLA UBCIM Working Group on Minimal Level Authority Records and ISADN (International Standard Authority Data Number); and in the IFLA Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records.

The second edition of these *Guidelines* is therefore intended to provide the specifications for authority and reference entries for names and uniform titles to be shared in print, microprint, and machine-readable form. They have been updated to govern the display of authority information and references for all types of materials to be included in catalogues, including legal and religious works, musical compositions and performances, manifestations/works by indi-

vidual and multiple authors known under one or more titles, as well as serial publications.

From the PAC Committee

New Director PAC Regional Center Asia

As per 1 April 2001, Masashi Murakami has been appointed as the new Director of the IFLA/PAC Regional Center for Asia, which is hosted by the National Diet Library in Tokyo, Japan. PAC is IFLA's Programme for Preservation and Conservation. Other regional centres are established in Washington DC, Caracas, Paris, Moscow, and Canberra.

Other IFLA News

Colombian Winner of Guust van Wesemael Literacy Prize 2001

IFLA is pleased to announce that the Culture and Libraries Department of COMFENALCO at Medellín, Colombia, is the winner of the Guust van Wesemael Literacy Prize 2001.

The objective of this award of NLG 6,000 is to sponsor a public or school library in a developing country to perform activities in the field of literacy: collection development, promotion, training, policy development or otherwise.

In Colombia there are currently more than fifty Family Compensation Bureaux: private social security entities that work in different fields to improve the quality of life of the people. These bureaux own 120 public libraries throughout the country. Although they belong to the private sector, these libraries serve the whole community and work hand in hand with the country's other public libraries, coordinated by the Ministry of Culture.

Comfenalco is one of these Family Compensation Bureaux; its Culture and Libraries Department was set up in 1979. Reading promotion is high on its list of objectives. The programmes in this field are in two main areas: teacher training and increased access possibilities to

books. On hearing the news of the Prize, Gloria Rodriguez, Head of the Comfenalco Culture and Libraries Department, was very gladly surprised. She stated that the money will be used for writing and publishing two booklets. One would be directed to people in charge of children's collections, the other would be aimed at activities for adults responsible for book collections in factories and companies.

The Jury of the Guust van Wesemael Literacy Prize 2001 consisted of Adèle Fasick (Chair), Kay Raseroka and Glenys Willars. They were unanimous in their choice of the proposal submitted by the Colombian colleagues.

This Prize was established in 1991 by IFLA's Executive Board to commemorate the late Guust van Wesemael, Coordinator of IFLA's Professional Activities from 1979 to 1990 and Deputy Secretary General of IFLA from 1979 to 1991. Funded by donations, the Guust van Wesemael Literacy Prize has been awarded biennially since 1997.

Libraries in Times of Utopian Thoughts and Social Protest

This was the title of a conference about the libraries of the late 1960s and the 1970s which was held 27-29 May 2001 at

the Swedish School of Library and Information Studies, University College of Borås. The conference was organized by IFLA's Round Table on Library History, together with the IFLA Section on Library Theory and Research.

More than forty participants enjoyed an interesting programme, which included accounts of the political backgrounds, economical and social circumstances that influenced the library scenes in a range of countries during the indicated period. The focus was on the situation of (public) libraries, library associations and library schools, as well as special collections in the UK, South Africa, the USA, Australia, Canada and in a range of European countries: Romania, Denmark, Sweden, the Netherlands, Finland and West Germany.

One of the most extraordinary stories was told by Elisa Jeremiassen, of the National Library of Greenland. A terrible fire destroyed this library completely in 1968, leaving not much left of the complete collection of Greenlandica. With the help of the Danish 'motherland' the library system in Greenland (currently seventeen libraries; seven trained librarians) is recovering from this national cultural disaster.

The proceedings of this conference will be published by the conference organizers.

News from Corporate Partners

Blackwell Synergy Launches New Search Engine

Synergy, the online journals service from Blackwell Science, Munksgaard, and Blackwell Publishers now has a new search engine which enables registered users to search throughout 70,000 full-text articles from 280 leading peer-reviewed science, technical and medical journals. The system enables users to conduct simple or advanced searches using natural language, standard search notation, or Boolean operators across all journals or a defined sub-set. Search results can be ranked by relevancy or date. A key feature of the new system is that readers can drill down further to refine their search results by narrowing their search criteria. This is a very effective way of conducting research and identifying a manageable list of highly relevant articles. Readers can also save search results on their own Synergy Homepage, and then run the same search

again at a later date or further refine it as their research needs change. They can then link straight through from the result to the journal abstract or full text article.

Blackwell Synergy holds 70,000 full text HTML articles which enable readers to link from references straight through to other databases, like *MEDLINE*, *ISI* and *ADS*, and to other journal articles within the CrossRef scheme. These features are aimed at increasing the efficiency of academic research and driving readers to relevant material. Blackwell Synergy uses Inktomi Search Software, which has received broad acclaim for delivering comprehensive and highly accurate web search results.

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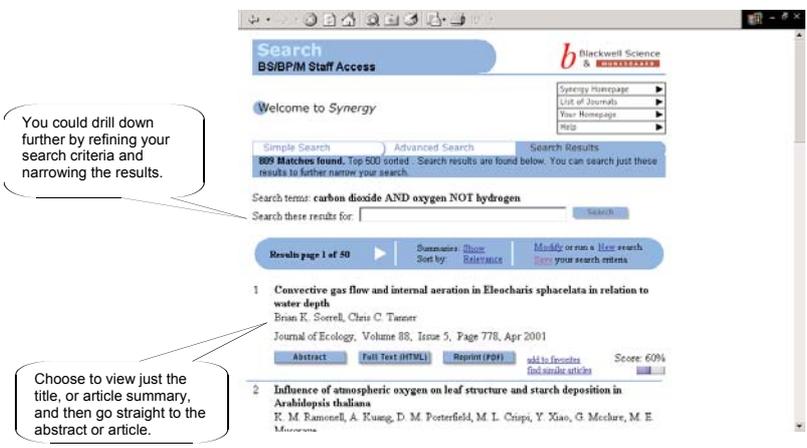
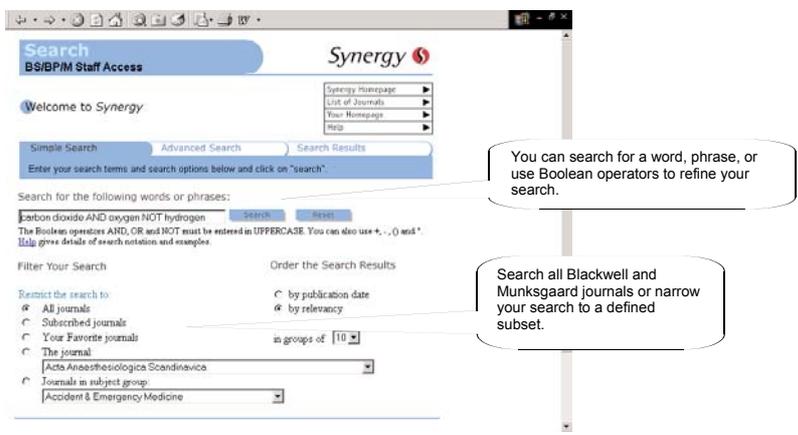
Emerald, the New Name and Vision for MCB University Press Ltd.

June 2001 saw the worldwide re-launch of Emerald into the academic market. It was the first time that academic librarians, faculty members and academic users were able to formally experience the new face and trading name of MCB University Press.

Emerald will develop the strongest elements of MCB, a successful and independent United Kingdom-based publisher, that has always been amongst the world leaders in embracing technology to increase the dissemination of academic material. This new positioning will enable the company to build on the success of its market leading Emerald Full-text database, whose usage and popularity continues to grow rapidly. Approximately 250,000 Emerald articles are downloaded every week and research shows that this is five times the academic publishing average. In moving to Emerald as a trading name, MCB is now ready to achieve its end aim of inspiring its readers and authors.

Emerald paper journals will be redesigned to incorporate the new logo in 2002, however the look and feel of the Emerald databases will change during the summer of 2001. *Emerald Fulltext* will build on the standards set by previous versions of the database, by offering a host of additional features as well as improved functionality. *Emerald Fulltext* is a growing database of over 100 leading management journals, covering the disciplines of marketing and logistics, operations and production management, human resource management and library information management.

Emerald Management Reviews (formerly known as the *Anbar International Management Database*) will benefit from being part of the Emerald family, as it will have a similar look and feel to *Emerald Fulltext*, making it easier to use. This database brings together a collection of independently written article reviews drawn from a selection of the world's best management titles. Alongside these products you will also find *Emerald Abstracts*, the world's leading abstracting service encompassing the following specialist databases; Computer Abstracts International Database, *Computer & Communications Security*



Abstracts, International Civil Engineering Abstracts.

Emerald has also recently introduced an additional free service called *ManagementFirst*. The service provides easy-to-digest key management information and is targeted at students and faculty members focusing on the management disciplines. *ManagementFirst* goes behind the headlines and hot topics in business news to explain the management challenges in today's workplace, drawing upon literature published in Emerald.

To experience the new face and vision of Emerald, visit www.emeraldinsight.com.

Emerald will also be exhibiting at the forthcoming IFLA Conference, 19-22 August 2001, Boston, USA. Visit booth 2301 for more information and a demonstration of the new services available.

OCLC--Your Global Partner in Cooperative Librarianship

Visit OCLC stand 2204 at IFLA Boston 2001 and discover why nearly 40,000 libraries worldwide depend on OCLC services. The OCLC Cooperative Online Resource Cataloging (CORC) helps libraries around the globe cooperatively select, describe, maintain and provide enhanced access to the universe of local and web-based electronic resources. The OCLC FirstSearch service provides users with streamlined access to your library's holdings, the OCLC ILL service and the collections of libraries worldwide, and full-text articles. Use PiCarta International to give users access to an international integrated database containing millions of bibliographical records completed with holding information, tables of content and abstracts. Get direct access to high-quality information including e-journals and dissertations, online

resources and bibliographical collections. Visit stand 2108 and discover how Preservation Resources, a division of OCLC, can help you meet your preservation needs. See how we can transform your collections into digital or micrographic images.

Join us for the OCLC Industry Update on 19 August at 13.00-15.50. Learn more about the OCLC Global Strategy and hear about new services coming from OCLC, including digital archiving and the Library of Congress/OCLC Collaborative Digital Reference Service with 24/7 access. OCLC is a nonprofit, membership organization that promotes cooperation among libraries throughout the world.

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News from Other Organizations

News from ICSU and UNESCO

The Second ICSU-UNESCO International Conference on Electronic Publishing in Science, convened at UNESCO Headquarters, Paris on 20-23 February 2001, determined a number of recommendations aimed to varying degrees at all the stakeholders involved in the scientific information chain: governments, funding agencies, scientific organizations, publishers, librarians and individual scientists themselves. In particular, the sponsoring organizations, ICSU and UNESCO, were encouraged to carry forward a programme to follow-up many of the issues raised. The recommendations of the Conference are set out below, broadly grouped under a number of headings.

I. General Issues

1. At this stage in the evolution of electronic publishing, serious experimentation is needed. Models should be developed that allow for the continued expansion and enhancement of scholarly communication. Governments and others involved must avoid setting unduly restrictive rules that make such experimentation more difficult.

- 2. The wide availability of electronic journals and ease of access for browsing and searching is essential.
- 3. Publishers and librarians should collaborate to use the new medium to obtain information that allows them to improve the management of scientific publications and facilities for scientific use.
- 4. ICSU and UNESCO should recognize the value of broad meetings of this type for enhancing the scientific information chain. In the light of rapid changes in technology, such meetings might take place at shorter intervals than the five years between the first and second Conferences.

II. ELECTRONIC PUBLISHING ISSUES

Archiving

1. The digital archiving of electronic publications is essential in order that unique results are not lost to posterity. A cross-disciplinary body should be created to propose guidelines that assure such archiving at an (inter)national level, including the possible involvement of trusted third parties.

Peer Review

2. Peer review is essential to ensure the quality of scientific information. A standardized approach across all disciplines for peer review would be inappropriate. There should be further study of alternative approaches to peer review (including more open variants) in order to assess the impact of such processes and associated behaviour. The results of this experimentation should be widely communicated.

Pre-prints

3. When pre-print servers are used as part of the continuum of communication, an ongoing bibliographic record of the publication history must be maintained in association with the document. Authors should be educated in the importance of providing such information, but the responsibility for maintaining this record requires an organizational framework.

4. When citing pre-prints, authors should be encouraged to identify the version referred to. The bibliographic record (see recommendation 3 above) should provide a reference to any subsequent published version.

5. When technically feasible, publicly available and particularly peer-reviewed versions of articles should be authenticated to guarantee that they are the correct version.

Citation Linking

6. Rights holders and publishers should facilitate linking for all references. It is desirable that systems for reference linking be bi-directional, interoperable, and open to all authors and publishers.

Ethical Standards

7. Ethical considerations in publishing are of considerable importance. When the code of conduct of scientific and professional societies has been apparently violated, it is incumbent on the journal editor to follow up the case, and take appropriate action.

III. ECONOMIC ISSUES

1. In order to maximize the dissemination of high-quality scientific information worldwide it is essential that a continually improving level of infrastructure (hardware, bandwidth, etc.) be in place.
2. Funding agencies should take some responsibility for funding the publication of the results of the research they have supported.
3. Experimentation to test transitional methods of funding the publication should be encouraged and the results of such experimentation widely communicated.
4. Differential pricing using the minimal marginal costs of the Web should be encouraged in relation to the ability to pay, while pricing and terms of use should be simplified as far as possible.
5. Scholarly information should be tax neutral with respect to the medium used, and there should be more consistency at an (inter)national level.

IV. INITIATIVES AND DEVELOPMENTS IN DEVELOPING AND TRANSITIONAL COUNTRIES

1. ICSU, UNESCO and all those concerned with the dissemination of scientific information should take action to facilitate information access to developing and transitional country scientists through improved infrastructure, including the rapid setting up of Internet facilities, connectivity and networking, where needed.
2. Equally, the skills of scientists, publishers and librarians in the publish-

ing chain should be enhanced, in terms of writing, editing, publishing, disseminating and marketing and archiving.

3. National, regional and international cooperation and partnership should be fostered through the sharing of resources, knowledge and experience, and the creation of consortia and alliances, to achieve more affordable economic models.

4. An enabling policy environment should be encouraged at the national level, including dialogue with local communities, and participatory initiatives at regional and international levels should be promoted.

5. A global commitment to support and sustain these initiatives needs to be secured.

V. LEGAL ISSUES

1. The principles of copyright, together with its traditional balances and exceptions, should be maintained in the electronic environment.

2. Science advances through access to, and the unfettered use of, factual information. Scientific, non-commercial use should not be constrained by legal restrictions on the use of data or information derived from databases.

3. For scientific databases there is often only a sole supplier, with the potential to block markets, or not serve them adequately. National and intergovernmental organizations should therefore promote a policy to assure the availability of database information at reasonable cost.

4. Additionally, if the rights holder cannot assure long-term archiving of the content of scientific databases, this policy should be extended in order that appropriate arrangements can be made for long-term preservation.

5. ICSU should establish a policy of prompt, full and open access to scientific data and information acquired within ICSU-sponsored programmes. Such a policy would be consistent with the ICSU principle of the universality of science and could parallel the existing ICSU statement on the Free Circulation of Scientists.

6. ICSU and UNESCO should endorse a policy of prompt, full and open availability of publicly funded data. Such a policy would enhance research effectiveness and output, as well as benefiting society as a whole through a

better-informed public and economic growth.

VI. ISSUES RELATING TO PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN SCIENTIFIC MATTERS

Within their particular domains, all stakeholders in the scientific information chain, including ICSU, UNESCO, IFLA, learned societies, and individual groups of scientists, should assume greater responsibility for designing ways to help readers distinguish credible from questionable scientific information on the World Wide Web.

News from the International Coalition of Library Consortia

At a recent meeting of the International Coalition Of Library Consortia (ICOLC), representatives of consortia of libraries from around the world expressed concern at the news of yet another information industry merger which is further concentrating control of access to publicly-used information into a few commercial hands. The acquisition in question is the purchase of SilverPlatter Information by Wolters Kluwer, a multinational publishing company. Wolters Kluwer already own Ovid Technologies, which provides an alternative to SilverPlatter for library users to move from bibliographic information to the full-text of scientific and medical literature. SilverPlatter is widely-used as a 'front-end' to numerous databases. The ownership of two major access-routes by the same company presents a potential threat to users of information, particularly as the new owner may consider consolidating software platforms and also owns substantial numbers of the full-text journals accessed. Monopolistic control can lead to unjustified price increases and limited service options for users.

The acquisition of SilverPlatter by Wolters Kluwer is part of a wider concentration of access to information into the hands of a few giant multi-national companies. The acquisition of Harcourt General Inc. by Reed Elsevier Inc. is currently being examined by regulatory authorities in several countries. Library organizations across the world have been vociferous in pointing to the danger for society in such mergers. Open and unrestricted access to information is one of the corner-stones of democracy, and control of access to the world's information by a few powerful commercial interests is developing rapidly.

The ICOLC is an informal international group comprising over 100 library

consortia in North America, Europe, Australia, Israel, China, and South Africa. The ICOLC conducts meetings throughout the year dedicated to keeping its members informed about new electronic information resources, pricing practices of electronic providers and vendors, and other issues of importance to consortia directors and governing boards. It also meets with the information provider community, creating a forum for discussion about product offerings and issues of mutual concern. Further information about the ICOLC and its participating consortia can be found at: <http://www.library.yale.edu/consortia>.

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Canadian Help for Chile

Chile's National Library suffered censorship and intimidation during seventeen years of military dictatorship. But its doors never closed, and it survived as a window on freedom of thought and a repository of Chilean culture. That standing was recognized recently when Canada and Chile signed an unusual agree-

ment designed to gather material from Chilean writers and artists who sought refuge in Canada after the 1973 coup d'état led by General Augusto Pinochet. The National Library of Canada in Ottawa will gather books written by exiled writers as well as manuscripts and private papers for shipment to Chile, where they will be part of a permanent special collection in the library in Santiago. Chilean writers in Canada included poet Gonzalo Millan, whose work was influenced by Canada's Alden Nowlan; short-story writer Leandro Urbina; poets Carmen Rodriguez of Vancouver and Jorge Etcheverry of Ottawa; and poet Nain Nomez, who edited an anthology of Chilean-Canadian writers several years after the Pinochet coup.

Miscellaneous

Call for Free E-Research

More than 20,000 scientists have signed a demand that journal publishers grant them free online access to research papers. Nearly 800 UK scientists have signed up to the Public Library of Science, which advocates an online public library for research in medicine and the life sciences. An open letter states that from September signatories will only

publish in, edit or review articles for journals that grant free distribution rights 6 months after publication. The model is supported by Toby Bainton of SCONUL who said it would give journal publishers business while opening access to the literature. Robert Campbell, president of Blackwell Science, dismissed the model as short-sighted and said free access could undermine journal finances

and lead to lower standards and even their demise. University librarians have continued to veto Nature online because the licence costs twenty times the paper subscription with a three-month delay for news and analysis. Nature has decided to supply all sections immediately on publication from 1 May 2001.

(Source: Times Higher Education Supplement, London, 4 May 2001)

Obituaries

Birgitta Bergdahl, 13-11-1937 - 20-3-2001. A Tribute by H. Kay Raseroka

Birgitta Bergdahl, fondly known as BB among her colleagues in the Division of Regional Activities, was the 'wind under the wings' of the IFLA/ALP Core Programme, launched by the IFLA Executive Board in 1990. The aim of the Programme was and is to assist less developed countries, world-wide, in their efforts to improve library services and to better serve local users.

Birgitta Bergdahl, a former chief librarian of Linköping University Library, was appointed in 1989 as the project manager of the then IFLA Pilot Project on the Advancement of Librarianship in the Third World (ALP) and became the founding Director of the

IFLA ALP. The varied activities undertaken by BB from the time of appointment in July 1989 to the official launch of the new ALP Core Programme at the IFLA Stockholm Conference, in August 1990, laid the foundation for the ALP way of life: fast and relentless schedules with clear time lines and outcomes for BB as well as for the teams of regional collaborators. As a result the Division of Regional Activities has developed a high rate of project completion over the years.

The ALP programme was initiated at a time when communication within and among the less developed world was extremely difficult, but less so between a developed country and any of the sub-regions. It was thus not unusual for the ALP office to be the fastest conduit and communication channel among standing

committee members. BB facilitated and was the 'last resort' communication channel on librarianship issues and concerns where the sub-region concerned was inaccessible for one reason or other. BB tirelessly traversed distances across continents to attend sub-regional standing committees, and participate in ALP project-based conferences and seminars. In time these punishing travel schedules and long distances, sometimes on unreliable intercontinental flight schedules, contributed to a strain on her health.

These engagements provided her with unique opportunities to visit libraries, observe projects on the ground and consult extensively with librarians and officials. Birgitta always kept a record of observations through her camera and notes, as reminders to herself on follow-

up activities to be undertaken both by the ALP and collaborators. The collection of notebooks she kept is an invaluable archive on the activities of IFLA ALP and the development of library projects in the various sub-regions.

BB's strengths were her listening skills, openness towards asking for interpretation of cultural contexts of issues and a transparent, consultative approach to ALP work. She was supported by her good linguistic skills and sensitivity towards strengths derived from the various cultural contexts of librarianship in which she operated. She believed in the capabilities of colleagues from the less developed countries, not only to define their own needs, but also to plan and implement their programmes effectively.

An outcome-focussed approach was the basis of her success as Director of IFLA/ALP. Through it she convinced donor agencies to commit funds in support of ALP regional projects. We treasure her contributions. She left no stone unturned as she marketed the Regional Activities projects to IFLA HQ, the Scandinavian Donor Agencies and other international organizations such as UNESCO. One appreciated her excellent marketing skills particularly when, unexpectedly, questions about the role of IFLA/ALP in developing countries were raised by donor agents visiting one's country or at professional seminars and conferences.

She developed the ALP publications series which not only encapsulated project products for dissemination and use by librarians within and among regions, but was also evidence of funding well spent. It is this area of product focus that sometimes was a source of difficulty. Recognizing the fact that in developing countries the "scarcest resource seems to be human" (IFLA ALP MTP 1992-1997) BB facilitated publications of some reports and proceedings through the outsourcing of editorial work. Capacity building for regional members in this area conflicted with timely delivery of required/agreed performance outcomes. She took necessary decisions and actions, even though these were unpopular for those of us who wished to be availed the opportunity to produce these reports in between our regular jobs though, inevitably, we would take a longer period of time.

Publications as evidence of ALP success are not only essential for the short term but also for the long term goals of ALP; i.e. they contribute to access of relevant professional literature to less

developed library environments, and they are also a basis for sub-regional self-affirmation. They have the potential for being used in collaborative activities on common professional issues and concerns.

Through the Regional Advisory Committee, BB contributed to inter-regional communication in the form of recognition of similarities in professional challenges, opportunities for establishing professional networks across continents as well as learning from each others sub-regional projects and achievements. From these evaluation and strategic advisory committee meetings successful programmes in one sub-region were adopted for replication and adaptation elsewhere. One of these projects which has been replicated is the in-service training 'attachments' for junior or senior staff in libraries which have a state of the art knowledge in special areas within a sub-region. It is notable because it is a South-South assistance programme; a sign of growing maturity on the part of the members of the members of the Division of Regional Activities.

Birgitta Bergdahl contributed to our aspirations and efforts at confidence building as library professionals with ability and commitment to demonstrating the relevance of libraries to our communities, yet lacking adequate financial support for library development projects from our Governments.

As we achieved our objectives through completion of projects, we learnt from our mistakes, developed team work and gained courage and skills to develop project proposals independently of IFLA/ALP and thus sustain what was initiated with the funding attained through BB's helping hand. Birgitta Bergdahl's contribution to IFLA's developing country communities is epitomized by this Chinese proverb:

Tell me and I will forget
Show me and I will remember
Involve me and I will understand
Step back and I will act.

She lives in our memories. She will be remembered for her warmth, friendship and, above all, for the library developments achieved through her facilitation, faith and commitment to the goals of the IFLA/ALP Core Programme. Thank you, Birgitta Bergdahl. Rest in Peace.

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Birgitta Bergdahl (1937-2001). A Tribute by Ulf Göranson

The first Programme Director of IFLA's Core Programme ALP (Advancement of Librarianship Programme) Ms Birgitta Bergdahl died in March after a period of serious illness. She took an active part in the initiation of the programme and the decision to make Uppsala University Library its focal point. Sweden's politically neutral position in world politics and the country's interest in support of developing countries contributed to the localization.

In 1990 ALP started its activities and Birgitta Bergdahl left permanently her directorship of Linköping University Library. Before that she had held senior positions in the libraries of Stockholm School of Economics and Stockholm University and at the Royal Library.

In a short period of time Birgitta Bergdahl managed to create networks and organize cooperation between libraries and library associations in the developing countries of Africa, Asia and Oceania, and Latin America and the Caribbean. With an active and inventive creativity she worked ceaselessly to fulfil the main mission of ALP: to support the establishment and development of library and information services, to introduce new technology into library services, and to further the library profession and support continuing education of librarians.

Through the years, ALP has organized workshops and seminars in all parts of the world on many central issues within its broad mission and MTP goals. Birgitta Bergdahl was always prepared to travel around the globe like a modern explorer. She felt equally comfortable in a distant African village as in a hectic Latin American metropolis. The reception of local librarians was always as warm as her genuine interest of their often difficult problems merited. She was also a very skilled fund-raiser to get the financial support needed for the programme. Her good contacts with, among others, the Nordic development agencies gave a solid basis for the activities and for the successful results, many of them reported in the project series and other publications of ALP.

Birgitta Bergdahl always took an active part in IFLA's General Conferences, introducing and promoting what ALP stands for. She received warm acceptance for her work both from her many friends and colleagues in the developing and developed countries. At

the Jerusalem Conference in 2000 IFLA sent her an address of gratitude. In a unique way Birgitta Bergdahl made Uppsala University and its Library known throughout the world due to her efforts in furthering librarianship in other countries.

A slowly progressing disease caught Birgitta Bergdahl a few years ago and forced her, ultimately, to take early retirement. By then, she had generously shared her vast experiences with her staff members in ALP and the activities of the programme were possible to continue without suspension. The happy memories of Birgitta Bergdahl as a powerful, inspiring, and result-oriented force in the international library cooperation will long remain.

Ulf Göranson
Director, Uppsala University Library

Maria Skepastianu

It is with deep regret that we note the death in April 2001 of Maria Skepastianu, Secretary of the Section on Preservation and Conservation from 1997 to 2000. She was only 39 and had been determinedly struggling with cancer for the last two years.

For almost the whole of her professional life she was dedicated to the cause of promoting conservation issues, particularly in her home country Greece. Following her first degree at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, she took her MA at the School of Library, Archive and Information Studies, University College London in 1987/88. Her MA dissertation was on 'Problems of conservation in Greek libraries and the development of a national conservation policy'. She

returned briefly to Greece, secured a lectureship in library studies at the TEI (Technological and Educational Institution) Thessaloniki where she taught a course in preservation and then came back to University College London to work on her PhD. Completed in 1993 this was a massive study 'Promotion of preservation and conservation in Greek libraries with special reference to the education of Greek librarians'. It contained a great deal of data on the special problems faced by collections in libraries of all kinds in Greece, most of it gathered from condition surveys carried about by Maria and her Thessaloniki students, and numerous recommendations for improving the situation which she devoted herself to attempting to implement.

She continued to teach: both at Thessaloniki and simultaneously in a part-time appointment in the newly founded Ionian University in Corfu where she also taught preservation management in the Library School. She published: one of her main concerns was to enlarge the range of sources of preservation available to Greek librarians in their own language. Her main works included *Lexico oron diatirisis kai syntyrisis entypou ylikou* [Dictionary of terms for the preservation and conservation of printed material] Thessaloniki, Typofilia, 1995; *Diatirisi tekmirion vivliothikon kai arxeion* [Preservation of library and archive documents] Thessaloniki, Typofilia, 1998; and with B. Peltikoglou et al. *Diatirisi kai syntyrisi ton vivliakon kai arxiakon sylligon: odigos gia bibliothikonous kai arxeionous* [Preservation and conservation of library and archive collections: a guide for librarians and archivists] Nafpaktos: Papaharalambeios Public Central Library of Nafpaktos, 2000. Despite her

overriding enthusiasm for preservation, she was also active in other professional areas. She wrote articles on school libraries in Greece and on cataloguing. Her last published work, co-authored, which appeared a few weeks before her death was *Elliniki vivliothikonomiki vivliografia 1973-1999: mia proti katagrafi* [Greek librarianship bibliography 1973-1999] Thessaloniki: Typofilia, 2001, and she had been working with colleagues on two other works: one on cataloguing with Greek examples for the implementation of AACR2, the other an English-Greek Dictionary of Library Terms. Both were well advanced and her many friends and colleagues in Greece hope that both will eventually reach publication.

On the international scene, Maria was a regular conference attender from the early 1990s. She was nominated to the Committee of the IFLA Section on Preservation and Conservation in 1994, co-authored with Jean Whiffin the Section's pamphlet on Library Disaster Planning (1995) which she later translated into Greek, and became the Secretary of the Committee in 1997. Despite deteriorating health she fought on in this post until the Bangkok Conference of 1999, finally being forced to resign in the Spring of 2000. All those with whom she worked valued the quiet but intense passion that she had for her chosen field, and her brisk, no-nonsense attitude to getting things done rather than spending too much time talking about them. She leaves a legacy of enthusiasm and documentation on which her Greek colleagues can hope to build.

John McIlwaine,
Chair IFLA Section on Preservation and Conservation

International Calendar

August 16-25, 2001. Boston, Massachusetts, USA. 67th IFLA General Conference and Council. Theme: "Libraries and Librarians: Making a Difference in the Knowledge Age". For information: Conference Secretariat, CONGREX HOLLAND BV, PO Box 302, 1000 AH Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Tel: +31 20 50 40 206. Fax: +31 20 50 40 225. E-mail: ifla2001@congrex.nl. Website: www.congrex.com.

August 12-16, 2001. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA. 4th Northumbria International Conference on Performance Measurement in Libraries and Information Services. Satellite meeting organized by IFLA Section Statistics in collaboration with the Association of Research Libraries. For more information: Martha Kyriellidou, Senior Program Officer for Statistics and Measurement, Association of Research

Libraries, 21 Dupont Circle, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20036, USA. Tel: +1 202 296-2296. Fax: +1 202 872-0884. E-mail: martha@arl.org. URL: <http://www.arl.org/stats/newmeas/northumb.html>.

August 13-15, 2001. Washington, DC, USA. "Digital Libraries for the Blind and the Culture of Learning in the Information Age". Satellite meeting

organized by IFLA Section Libraries for the Blind in collaboration with the Library of Congress, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Toronto, Canada. Information and registration: Owenv@lib.cnib.ca or paterss@lib.cnib.ca. Exhibitors' information: barbara.mates@cpl.org.

August 14-16, 2001. Québec City, Québec, Canada. Satellite meeting organized by the Sections on Management and Marketing and on Education and Training. Theme: "Education and Research for Marketing and Quality Management in Libraries". For information: Réjean Savard, Ecole de bibliothéconomie et des sciences de l'information, Université de Montréal, Case postale 6128, Succursale Centre-ville, Montreal H3C, Canada.

August 14-16, 2001. Dublin, Ohio, USA. Joint Pre-Conference organized by IFLA Sections on Classification and Indexing and Information Technology, in collaboration with OCLC.

August 14-16, 2001. Buffalo, New York, USA. "Technology, Globalization, and Multicultural Services". Satellite meeting organized by IFLA Sections Library Services to Multicultural Populations and Information Technology. Information and registration: bvw@buffalo.edu.

August 15-17, 2001. Chester, Vermont, USA. 4th World Conference on Continuing Professional Education for the Library and Information Professions; organized by IFLA Round Table on Continuing Professional Education. More information from: bwools@wahoo.sjsu.edu. URL: <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla65/papers/097-104e.htm>.

August 16-17, 2001. Boston, Massachusetts, USA. "How Do I Find a Picture of ? : the Changing Nature of Image Research". Satellite meeting organized by IFLA Section Art Libraries in collaboration with ARLIS/New England.

September 4-8, 2001. Darmstadt, Germany. 5th European Conference on Research and Advanced Technology for Digital Libraries. For more information: URL www.ecdl2001.org.

September 11-13, 2001. Petrozavodsk, Russian Federation. Digital Libraries: Advanced Methods and Technologies, Digital Collections (RCDL2001). For

more information: URL <http://rcdl2001/krc.karelia.ru>.

September 19-21, 2001. Geneva, Switzerland. WIPO Second International Conference on Electronic Commerce and Intellectual Property. Further information: Office of Legal and Organization Affairs, World Intellectual Property Organization, 34, chemin des Colombettes, 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland. Tel: +41 (22) 338 9164. Fax: +41 (22) 740 3700. E-mail: ecommerce@wipo.int. Website: <http://ecommerce.wipo.int/meetings/2001/conference/>.

September 19-21, 2001. Rabat, Morocco. African/Arab Conference on Public and School Librarianship. Organized jointly by IFLA, UNESCO and the Rabat School of Information Science. For more information: IFLA, PO Box 95312, 2509 CH The Hague, Netherlands. Fax: +31 (70) 3834827. E-mail: ifla@ifla.org.

September 23-27, 2001. London, United Kingdom. Association for Recorded Sound Collections and International Association of Sound and Audio-visual Archives (IASA). Joint Annual Conference. 'Why collect? - The purpose of audio-visual archives.' Further information: The British Library National Sound Archive, 96 Euston Road, London NW1 2DB, United Kingdom. Tel: +44 (0) 20 7412 7440. Fax: +44 (0) 20 7412 7441. E-mail: NSA@bl.uk.

October 1-5, 2001. Ljubljana, Slovenia. 7th International Conference on Interlending and Document Supply. Theme: "Providing Access Through Cooperation". For information: IFLA Office for UAP and International Lending, c/o The British Library, Boston Spa, Wetherby, W Yorkshire LS23 7BQ, United Kingdom. Tel: 44 1937 546254. Fax: 44 1937 546478. E-mail: ifla@bl.uk.

October 12-14, 2001. Melbourne, Australia. Revelling in Reference. Reference and Information Services Section (RAISS) Symposium. For information: E-mail: conplus@ozemail.com.au.

October 18-21, 2001. Memphis, USA. EEI21 Memphis: The Ethics of Electronic Information in the 21st Century. An Annual Scholarly Symposium at the University of Memphis. For more information: Mr. Tom Mendina, Chairman, EEI21-MEMPHIS, 126 Ned R. McWherter Library, Memphis, TN 38152-3250, USA. Tel. +1 901 678-

4310. E-mail: tmendina@memphis.edu. URL: <http://www.memphis.edu/ethics21/01eei>.

October 22-26, 2001. Tokyo, Japan. International Conference on Dublin Core and Metadata Applications 2001. For information: E-mail: sugimoto@ulis.ac.jp. URL: <http://www.DL.ulis.ac.jp/DC2001/>.

October 24, 2001. Johor Bahru, Johor, Malaysia. Knowledge Management in the Digital World. For information: Secretariat, PPM/PSZ Conference on Knowledge Management in the Digital World, Perpustakaan Sultanah Zanariah, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, 81310 UTM Skudai, Johor Bahru, Johor, Malaysia. Tel. +60 (7) 550-2102/2107/2104. Fax: +60 (7) 557-2555. E-mail: km2001@ppc.psz.utm.my. Website: <http://ekspres.psz.utm.my/km2001/>.

November 2-3, 2001. University of Maryland, USA. Library Research Seminar II: Partners and Connections: Research Applied to Practice. For information: Dr. Lynn Westbrook, General Conference Chair, School of Library and Information Studies, Texas Woman's University, PO Box 425432, Denton, Texas 76204, USA. Tel. +1 940-898-2609. Fax: +1 940-898-2611. E-mail: jwestbrook@twu.edu. URL: www.dpo.uab.edu/~folive/LRSII/.

November 3-8, 2001. Washington DC, USA. Information in a Networked World: Harnessing the Flow: ASIST 2001 Annual Meeting. For more information: American Society for Information Science and Technology, 1320 Fenwick Lane, Suite 510, Silver Spring, MD 20910, USA. Tel. +1 301 495-0900. Fax: +1 301 495-0810. E-mail: asis@asis.org. URL: <http://www.asis.org/Conferences>.

November 12-13, 2001. Orlando, Florida, USA. The Virtual Reference Desk, 3rd Annual Digital Reference Conference. For more information: E-mail: vrd-conf@vrd.org.

December 3-5, 2001. Delray Beach, Florida, USA. School for Scanning: Creating, Managing, and Preserving Digital Assets. Further information: Northeast Document Conservation Center, 100 Brickstone Square, Andover, MA 01810-1494, USA. Tel. +1 (978) 470-1010. Fax: +1 (978) 475-6021. E-mail: nedcc@nedcc.org. Website: <http://www.nedcc.org/sfsfl1.htm>.

- January 18-23, 2002. New Orleans, USA. American Library Association. Mid-winter Meeting. For more information: American Library Association, 50 E. Huron, Chicago, IL 60611, USA. Tel. +1-800-545-2433. Fax: +1 312 440-9374. E-mail: ala@ala.org. URL: www.ala.org.
- January 28-30, 2002. BOBCATSSS 2002 Symposium - HUM@N BEINGS and Information Specialists. Portoroz, Slovenia. For more information: <http://www.bobcatsss.de/home.htm>.
- April 17-20, 2002. Miami, Florida, USA. IFLA/SEFLIN International Summit on Library Cooperation. Theme: 'Models of Cooperation'. For information: Bruce E. Massis, Associate Director, SEFLIN, 100 South Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301-1830, USA. Tel: +1 954 357 7780. Fax: 1+954 357 6998. E-mail: massis@email.seflin.org. URL: <http://www.seflin.org/seflink/IFLA-SEFLIN.html>.
- April 22-26, 2002. INFO 2002: International Information Conference. Havana, Cuba. For more information: Lic. Nicolas Garriga Mendez, President of the Organizing Committee, Apartado Postal 2019, La Habana 10200 Cuba. Tel. +53 (7) 635500. Fax +53 (7) 338237. E-mail: info@idict.cu. Website: <http://www.idict.cu/info2002/venglish.htm>.
- May 29-31, 2002. Bangalore, India. IFIP WG9.4 Conference. ICTs and development: new opportunities, perspectives and challenges. Further information from Conference and Programme Chairpersons: S. Krishna, Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore. E-mail: skrishna@iimb.ernet.in. Shirin Madon, London School of Economics and Political Science. E-mail: S.Madon@lse.ac.uk. Website: <http://is.lse.ac.uk/ifipwg94/Conference2002/>.
- June 13-19, 2002. Atlanta, USA. American Library Association. Annual Conference. For more information: American Library Association, 50 E. Huron, Chicago, IL 60611, USA. Tel. +1-800-545-2433. Fax: +1 312 440-9374. E-mail: ala@ala.org. URL: www.ala.org.
- July 21-25, 2002. Göteborg, Sweden. Vision 2002: Activity and Participation. For more information: E-mail: vision2002@gbg.congrex.se.
- August 18-24, 2002. Glasgow, Scotland. 68th IFLA General Conference and Council. Theme: "Libraries for Life: Democracy, Diversity, Delivery". For more information: Conference Department, Library Association Enterprises, The Library Association, 7 Ridgmount Street, London WC1E 7AE, United Kingdom. Tel: +44 20 7255 0543. Fax: +44 20 7255 0541. E-mail: ifla@lahq.org.uk. URL: <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla68/>.
- August 25-30, 2002. Montreal, Canada. IFIP Congress 2002 - 17th World Computer Congress. "Information Technology for our Times: ideas, research, and application in an inclusive world." Further information: George H. Boynton, Chair, Organizing Committee. Tel: +1 (514) 894-0882. Fax: +1 (514) 861-5800. E-mail: george@cips.ca. Website: www.wcc2002.org.
- September 29-October 3, 2002. Basel, Switzerland. 28th IBBY Congress. For more information: E-mail: ibby@eye.ch.
- August 1-8, 2003. Berlin, Germany. 69th IFLA General Conference and Council. Theme: "Access Point Library: Media - Information - Culture." For more information: Ms Barbara Schleihagen, Secretary General, or Mr Christoph Albers, Conference Coordinator, IFLA 2003 Berlin Secretariat, c/o Berlin State Library - Prussian Cultural Heritage, Potsdamer Str. 33, D-10785 Berlin, Germany. Tel: +49-30-26 55 88-52, and -74. Fax: +49-30-26 55 88-53, and -75. E-mail: ifla2003secr@sbb.spk-berlin.de. URL: <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla69/>.
- August 2004. Buenos Aires, Argentina. 70th IFLA General Conference and Council. For more information: IFLA Headquarters, POB 95312, 2509 CH, The Hague, The Netherlands. Tel. +31 70 314-0884. Fax: + 31 70 383-4827.
- August 20-26, 2005. Oslo, Norway. 71st IFLA General Conference and Council. For more information: Mr Frode Bakken, Norwegian Library Association, Malerhaugv. 20, N-0661 Oslo, Norway. Tel. +47-90660423. Fax: +47-22672368. E-mail: mrfrodebakken@hotmail.com. URL: <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla71/71intro.htm>.
- August 22-28, 2006. Seoul, Korea. 72nd IFLA General Conference and Council. For more information: IFLA Headquarters, POB 95312, 2509 CH, The Hague, The Netherlands. Tel. +31 70 314-0884. Fax: + 31 70 383-4827.

