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IFLA WLIC 2009, MILAN, ITALY



World Library and Information Congress: 75th IFLA General Conference and Assembly

“Libraries create futures: building on cultural Heritage”, 23 - 27 August 2009

INVITATION

The President of the Italian National Committee and on behalf of all Italian organizations represented, has a great pleasure to invite you to Milan in August 2009 to join them at the 75th IFLA Congress.

In 2009 they will celebrate the 75th anniversary of the IFLA Conference which first took place in Rome in 1928. This represented the first meeting for the newborn International Foundation of Library Associations. It has been 75 years since that remarkable and fundamental event and 45 years since the IFLA congress was last held in Rome. The World Library and Information Congress will once more come back to Italy, this time, in Milan from 23 to 27 August 2009 at the Milan Convention Centre which is the largest

and best equipped congress centre located in “Fiera Milano City”.

THE CONFERENCE VENUE

Milan Convention Centre is the largest and best equipped congress centre located in “Fiera Milano City”, opened in 2002 by Pierluigi Nicolini, and doubled in size in 2005. Today MIC is the newest and largest in Italy with capacity for up to 25,000 people. Fully equipped with fibre optic connections, its conference rooms have every kind of state-of-the-art AV equipment.

Located in the heart of Milan - just a few minutes from the Fashion District and Leonardo's Last Supper - is surrounded, within a 1 km radius, by over 2,000 hotel rooms and efficiently served by public transportation.

IFLA EXPRESS 2009

Now available from the IFLA Website: IFLA Express No 2.

<http://www.ifla.org/annual-conference/ifla75/xpress2-en-2009.pdf>

Read it to get the latest information on the IFLA World Library and Information Congress in Milan!

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Africa Section Open Forum

The IFLA annual congress offers an opportunity to present library research outcomes and innovations in a multi-disciplinary international forum. In keeping with the theme of the 75th WLIC 2009, Africa Section has chosen as its theme: **"Building on cultural heritage from the African"** scheduled thus:

Thursday 27 August 2009

08.30 – 10.30

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- Preserving library collections for the future: [initiatives from Makerere University](#)
MARGARET NAKIGANDA and MIRIAM KAKAI (Makerere University Library, Kampala, Uganda)
- Content development in an Indigenous Digital Library: a case study in community participation
ELIZABETH GREYLING and SIPHO ZULU (eThekweni Municipal Heritage Department, Durban, South Africa)
- Museum, library and archives: collaborating for preservation of heritage materials in Nigeria
YETUNDE ZAID and ABIOLA ABIOYE (University of Lagos, Lagos, Nigeria)
- Numérisation de manuscrits au Maroc: aspects culturels
ABDELHAMID BOUDJDAD MKADEM (Université Abdelmalek Essaadi, Tanger, Morocco) and PAUL NIEUWENHUYSEN (Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Brussels, Belgium)

Division for Regional Activities (Div. VIII) Open Session

The Division for Regional Activities (Division VIII) of IFLA is comprised of Regional Sections covering developing countries in three major regions of the world, the African continent, Asia and Oceania, Latin America and the Caribbean. Division VIII will host an open session at the IFLA Conference in Milan, Italy.

The division will have an open session on the topic, **"Libraries on the cultural agenda: regional comparisons"**. The topic will examine the extent to which libraries embrace the notion of cultural heritage in developing countries, and are storehouses of culture in developing countries.

Papers will be presented during the Conference in any IFLA working language (English, French, German, Russian, and Spanish)

Kay Raseroka, past president of IFLA will deliver the keynote address of Div. VIII.

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Hello Africa!



Lindy Nhlapo, Regional Manager

It is never late to wish Africa LIS Community well for 2009 as a way of motivation, keeping connected. As you can see the membership tree from HQ, it needs nurturing to stay green. Africa, call for all to join IFLA is an ongoing exercise and I am grateful to IFLA HQ for presenting us with the tree as part of membership recruitment drive. This is true of the working travel I had engaged in since the beginning of 2009. The most exhilarating travel was to Angola for the Africa Section midterm meeting in February 2009. After a very fruitful meeting we all headed for the Round Table meeting that saw the revival interim committee of the Angolan Library Association, it was a quantum leap towards nurturing the tree. I am hopeful that through the Angola National Librarian, Maria Ramos who is an active SC Member, very soon we would be welcoming them in one of the IFLA World Congress.

In Milan, Africa will resume a prestigious leadership role of IFLA. The African community pledge its support to Ms Tise and pride itself with such a role. Ms Tise is the present Senior Director, Library and Information Services of Stellenbosch University, Cape Town. South Africa

Once again, **Joining is easy!**



Come and join us!



Dr B Mbambo-Thata, Africa Section Chair

The 2009 mid-term meeting held in Luanda, Angola on 10/11 February 09 followed by the Round Table Meeting had all of us elated with the outcome of the Round Table on the theme “**The Role of LIS Associations in the Development and Valorisation of the Profession in Africa**” Angola Library Association, DABA was being revived. Speaking in one voice is the most important thing that Africa can retain its active participation in the global LIS arena.

Part of achieving its strategic plan for 2009, the following projects were lined up, see also the diary of events:

- Séminaire sur les curricula en science de l'information dans les écoles francophones d'Afrique: EBAD, Senegal
- Follow-up Seminar on Capacity Building Interventions on the Millennium Development Goals: Ghana Library Association, Ghana

These projects has already been held

ELECTIONS & VOLUNTEERING OUTCOMES

2008/2009 was the election year; a glimpse of how Africa Section performed. Before that, I hope this find you all well. Warm greetings for a rather, cold Pretoria. We have now received a list of new, old and renewed members of the section. A warm welcome to new members: Shawky Salem, Rosemary Gitachu, Kathy Matsika, Margaret Tarpley, Valentina Bannerman, and Ayanda Lebele.

Thank you for choosing to be members of our section. We trust that you will find your membership to the Sections Standing Committee meaningful and fulfilling to your career. Africa section and Africa in general needs you. Welcome!

A warm welcome to colleagues who have just renewed their membership for a four year term, these are Naomi Hassbroek and James Daniel. Thank you colleagues for renewing your membership. It was very conscientious of you to do so. Africa needs leaders like you. We look forward to working with you in your new term.

For the rest us who are have remained faithful and active in the section **Thank you!** Let me take this opportunity to introduce you to James Daniel, the Secretary of the Africa Section, and Lindy Nhlapo, the Regional Manager of the IFLA Regional Office for Africa.!

The section is also proud to have in its ranks a member of the IFLA Governing Board, who has recently been re-elected to the Governing Board. **Congratulation Helena!**

In the new IFLA structure when become Division V, I will become Chair of Division V (current Div. VIII).

Ellen Ndeshi Namhila, University Librarian of University of Namibia Library, Windhoek, Namibia volunteered to join IFLA Editorial Committee

In conclusion, I would like to inform you that 2010 Africa Section Midterm Meeting will be held in Yaoundé, Cameroun with the support of National Assembly of Cameroun. Alim Garga will be our host. Africa, I wish you all well in your endeavors for the rest of 2009

**Dr. Buhle Mbambo – Thata
Chair, Africa Section
Unisa Library Services**

From Ooutgoing SC Member...

It was indeed a great meeting we had in Luanda, Angola and we did a great job in pulling everything together to ensure our smooth arrival and an excellent meeting. I am glad I came.

The theme for the round table was relevant and timely. The presentations and discussions were brilliant. Resolutions taken were practical. In fact I felt so good to see participants volunteering for task to get the Angola Library Associations off the ground and/or its revival. The hosting of the SC meeting resulted in the establishment of the revival committee of volunteers to revive and establish the Library Associations and the understanding of the role of Library Associations; IFLA, its organisational structure and role. I think we are all very happy about the outcome. Congratulations to Maria Ramos! Keep up the excellent work.

As this was my last meeting as SC member, may I wish the continuing colleagues strength and wisdom to take the SC to greater heights.

**Ellen Ndeshi Namhila
Windhoek**

Dear Colleagues,
I'd like to congratulate and to welcome all the new Africa Section SC members.

I'm very proud that this SC Committee could reach this year the number of 18 members.

I'd like to wish all the SC members a very good job during your mandates putting all the efforts and strength for the development of our profession in our Continent.

For me it was an honour and a pleasure to serve as SC member during 2001-1009.

Best Regards,

Maria José, Angola

A Glimpse of New SC Member

Hi Colleagues, Hi Buhle,

Thanks so much for the great welcome. I can see we are going to have a pleasant experience with plenty of hard work at the Africa section.

I am the University Librarian of the University of Education, Winneba and also the President of the Ghana Library Association, the Chairperson of the Electronic Resources Group of the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Ghana (CARLIGH) and the Ghana Copyright representative of the Electronic Information for Libraries-Intellectual Property (eIFL-IP).

I was for 4 years the Secretary of the Standing Conference of Africa University Libraries, Western Area (SCAULWA) and the immediate past Chairperson, Committee of University Librarians and their Deputies (CULD). It is wonderful getting to know you all.

Valentina Bannerman, Ghana

Dear Colleagues

I think most of you knew me, as I am former IFLA Governing Board 2003-2007, and I am the organizer of IFLA: Africa, Latin America, & Asia & Oceania CAUCUS... I have many international and regional activities and work as a professor for several universities... it is better to go to this link to know more about me:

http://www.acml-egypt.com/ACML%20Information/ACML%20Team/brief_cv_English.php

I think Africa Standing committee with its new formation will lead in our profession and will result in more development in our infrastructure. and I believe this combination will have its fingerprint on other IFLA activities in our region.

Best regards

Dr. Shawky Salem , Egypt

Dear All

I join others in welcoming all the new members of the SC to the African Section. I am confident that together we can take the Africa Section to a greater height.

By way of introduction, I am Victoria Okojie and was elected into the Africa Section SC in 2007 in Durban. I am the current President of the Nigerian Library Association. I am also the Secretary of the West African Library Association, Acting Registrar of the Librarians' Registration Council of Nigeria, a Board Member of the National Library of Nigeria as well as an SC member of IFLA Public Libraries Section.

I have been privileged to meet many of you in previous meetings and look forward to meeting you all in Milan.

Warm regards

Victoria Okojie, Nigeria

PRESIDENT ELECT



Ellen R Tise

Her Diary...

Greetings from an unusually early, wet winter in the Cape. We should survive though. I have had a busy year so far with various IFLA activities. Some of you may have read about it in the IFLA Presidential Letter published monthly on IFLANET and distributed via IFLA-L. For those who have missed it, in February I participated in the 3rd IFLA Presidential Meeting held in Berlin and thereafter I went to Singapore where Winston Tabb and I represented IFLA at the 28th Intellectual Property Expert Group (IPEG) of APEC (Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation) in Singapore on 26 February. IFLA was invited to address IPEG on "Exceptions and Limitations for Libraries" within the broader context of Copyright and IP. In March I was invited to the Annual Meeting of the Danish Library Association where I did a keynote address on my Presidential theme, "Libraries Driving Access to Knowledge" and visited various libraries in Aalborg and Copenhagen. In April I attended the IFLA Governing Board meeting in The Hague and, in May I was one of the facilitators at the Hong Kong University Library Leadership Institute which was held in Shenzhen, China. Afterwards I also had an opportunity to go to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia where I participated in more activities. On my way back to South Africa, I went to Geneva where I participated in a high level panel at the 2009 WSIS Forum in front of an audience of representatives from governments, business and civil society. In July I will be attending ALA in Chicago where I will also present a paper and participate in a panel discussion. All this is of course leading up to what will no doubt be a great and special IFLA congress in Milan in August. I hope to see many of your there to come and share the beginning of my presidential term.

With best wishes

Ellen R. Tise
South Africa

On the 10/11 February 2009 I attended the Africa Section midterm meeting in Luanda, Angola. Three papers in English were selected and one in French for Milan Conference. On day three, 12 February, I presented at the Round Table in Luanda on the theme “**The Role of LIS Associations in the Development and Valorisation of the Profession in Africa**”

My topic was “*The Role of IFLA Africa Section; Regional Office for Africa and the benefits of IFLA Membership*”

Out of Angola meetings, I completed the “**Hosting SC Midterm Meeting: a guide**” which African LIS community can use to bid to host Africa Section meeting.

March 25th 2009, I attended the LIASA Meeting at the University of Johannesburg on the theme “Gaining stakeholder buy-in for your library” Two presentations were made by Joseph Mangadi; Deputy Chief Librarian at Monash S.A and Ms Julia Paris; Campus Librarian at University of Johannesburg, South Africa

On the 24 April 2009, I attended a meeting in Nairobi, Kenya hosted by [CI-A2K] Consumers International, Africa Chapter. The meeting discussed country reports on Intellectual Property issues. Countries represented were: South Africa, Nairobi, Nigeria, Malawi, Senegal, and Uganda

In May 25, 2009 I did a presentation on The Role and Benefits of Partnerships: UNISA/IFLA Partnership; IFLA/Library Associations and partnerships in LIS. The occasion was the celebration of 46th **Africa Day** hosted by UNISA Library.

End May 30th, 2009 I travelled to Ghana for a **Follow up Seminar on Capacity Building Interventions on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), 1 – 3 June 2009**, a IFLA/ALP funded project for West Africa. The following countries were represented: Ghana, Nigeria, South Africa, Kenya, Gambia, Cameroon, Senegal, Malawi and Liberia. At the end of the workshop, a guideline was compiled on what practical interventions each library sector can do to realise MDG's.

In support of IFLA/ALP funded projects, we are the process of organising 1st International Conference on African Digital Libraries and Archives. The main theme is “**Connecting Africans to Their Own Resources/Developing Policies and Strategies for Africa's Digital Future**, 1 -3 July 2009, Ethiopia. Read the diary of events for more details and if you happen to be around the area, please attend the registration is free.

I would like also like to join the African LIS Community in congratulating new Africa Section SC Members. On the same breath I would like to congratulate Helena Asamouh – Hassan for making the 2nd term on the GB. Another word of appreciation and congratulations goes to Ellen Ndeshi Namhila for volunteering to the Editorial Committee.

I am looking forward to working with all of you to keep Africa on the centre stage.

End of July 29th, 2009 I will be hosting the 2nd UNISA/IFLA Regional Office for Africa Public Lecture Series on African Librarianship. The theme is “African Librarianship in the 21st Century”. The speaker is Prof. Peter Underwood of University of Cape Town, South Africa. If you happen to be around Pretoria, please pass by as attendance is free.

Best wishes!

Lindy Nhlapo
Regional Office for Africa
South Africa

IFLA HQ NEWS

DID YOU KNOW

1. Addresses of all IFLA members can be found by typing in their names or places or countries in the search bar of the Membership Directory
<http://www.ifla.org/database/directy.htm>
2. Addresses of Library Associations are available at
<http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/iro/intlassocorgconf/libraryassociations.cfm>
3. You may want to check out the African references on UNESCO's Library Portal at
<http://www.unesco-ci.org/cgi-bin/portals/libraries/search.cgi?query=Africa;d=1>
It seems to me that this source is not really updated, but in search of addresses you need to use a variety!
4. We have an IFLA list of National Libraries at
<http://www.ifla.org/V1/2/p2/national-libraries.htm>
This address list is shortly to be replaced by a Directory of national libraries on Wikipedia:
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_national_libraries
5. Do not hesitate to ask the Academic Libraries Section or the Public Libraries Section when you are looking for addresses of libraries in these categories.
6. You may want to use the Country Reports in the recent FAIFE World Report for finding addresses:
http://www.ifla.org/faife/report/ifla-faife_world_report_2007-reports.htm
7. And last but not least: do not forget to use the (printed) :
<http://www.ifla.org/V/pr/saur128-129.htm>
and
<http://www.ifla.org/V/pr/saur112.htm>

IFLA Special Interest Groups

Groups of IFLA Members, or representatives of IFLA Members, may establish Special Interest Groups (SIGs) to address emerging issues or trends or issues of continuing interest to a relatively small number of IFLA members. Special Interest Groups bring together IFLA members with common and continuing interests that they wish to discuss or explore, but which are not included in the Mission and Goals of an existing Section. Interests may cut across the concerns of multiple Sections, identify and follow an emerging issue or trend, be very specialized or narrow and be relevant to a small number of members.

During its meeting in December 2008 IFLA's Professional Committee approved the following SIGs:

- E-Metrics
- Libraries and Web 2.0
- Indigenous Matters
- Environmental Sustainability and Libraries
- Library History Section
- LIS Education in Developing Countries
- Agricultural Libraries
- New Professionals
- E-Learning
- National Organizations and International Relations
- ATINA: Access to Information Network - Africa

All of these SIG have been granted two hour slots during our upcoming World Library and Information Congresses in August 2009-2012.

For more details on each of them please visit <http://www.ifla.org/act-serv.htm#SIGs>

Sjoerd Koopman
Professional Programmes Director

IFLA Chinese Language Centre established at the National Library of China, Beijing



In February

2009 the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) and the National Library of China (NLC) in Beijing signed a cooperation agreement by which NLC received a status of IFLA Chinese Language Centre. It can now be seen as a permanent representative of IFLA/HQ for the Chinese speaking community, as well as the other way around: it is hoped that IFLA/HQ will get improved access to Chinese speaking library and information professionals.

The IFLA Chinese Language Centre will promote IFLA, support IFLA's Asia and Oceania Section as well as other relevant IFLA professional bodies and liaise with IFLA/HQ. Among the priorities of the Centre are:

1. **Membership recruitment.**
2. **(Co-) organising regional IFLA events.**
3. **Involvement in local or regional professional events.**
4. **More effective communication** within the Chinese language community
5. **Representing IFLA** in the Chinese language community.
6. **Translation** of key IFLA documents

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The Hague/Beijing, March 2009



Action for Development through Libraries Programme Core Activity (ALP) in Africa

The ALP Programme was launched in 1984 at the IFLA Conference I Nairobi, Kenya, and was the subject of intensive discussion between 1987 and 1989. It was further developed and defined during 1990 and 1991 as a special project and is fully operational ever since.

The name of the Programme was originally "Advancement of Librarianship Programme", but was in 2004 changed to "Action for Development through Libraries Programme", however, the acronym still remains as "ALP".

Priorities

- + Human resources development
- + Library association development
- + Libraries and literacy
- + Information technology in developing countries
- + *Information to the community with a special attention to marginalized groups*

Project Areas

- + The five special programme areas of ALP are:
- + Continuing education and training;
- + Development of library associations;
- + Libraries as promoters of information literacy and lifelong learning, and combating functional illiteracy;
- + The use of ICT and cration of local electronic resources;
- + Increase of publishing activities and the dissemination of information to the communities, with special attention to marginalized groups

Thus far 50 projects completed from 1994 to 2008, is 53. There are 3 ongoing projects planned excluding some which could not be carried due to shrinking funds of ALP. 2009 did not see the call for project proposal due to process of reviewing the ALP and its hunt for new sources of funding.

The New Dispensation

Since its inception, the ALP Secretariat was based in Sweden, Uppsala University Library and Sida as its source of funding. By the end of 2009, ALP office will be moving to IFLA HQ, The Hague.

The only difference so far is that ALP does not have the usual Sida funding for project for 2010. The Secretariat will remain at Uppsala office until the completion of reporting to Sida and IFLA envisaged for February/March 2010.



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WLIC 2010 MOVES FROM BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA

In 2007 IFLA announced Brisbane, Australia as the location for the IFLA World Library and Information Congress (WLIC) for 2010. It is our great regret to advise that the 2010 IFLA WLIC will not be held in Brisbane. With the uncertainty around the world economic crisis combined with very limited opportunity for government and local financial support the Governing Board has agreed that it cannot risk a potential significant financial loss for IFLA. This is a great disappointment for the Governing Board members, the National Committee members, our Australian colleagues, and I'm sure all of you looking forward to the 2010 WLIC in Brisbane. We will be announcing separately the new location for the 2010 IFLA WLIC.

The IFLA Governing Board very much appreciates the hard work of our Australian National Committee colleagues in their efforts to secure government and local industry funding support. At the time of the selection of Brisbane the bid committee advised Governing Board that there would be very limited opportunity for this funding support. The Governing Board was optimistic that this situation would change and that enough support would be identified to make the WLIC financially viable.

A significant contribution to the WLIC by local government and industry is required for IFLA to offer its members and delegates, sponsors and exhibitors the services and quality they expect in our flagship congress. This contribution, in funds and in kind, assists us in the provision of features such as audio visual support, simultaneous interpretation, IFLA Express in our seven languages, the cultural evening and services for our exhibitors.

The Governing Board members thank the Brisbane National Committee members for alerting them to the impact of limited local funding and possible reduced delegate numbers due to the world economic crisis and restrictions on travel budgets.

Claudia Lux
IFLA President 2007 - 2009

Ellen Tise
IFLA President-Elect
IFLA President 2009 - 2011

A Library ABC

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is for
Auburn Public Library.
Auburn is a tiny hamlet
in the Clare Valley,
South Australia. We couldn't
look inside because we came
at the wrong time.



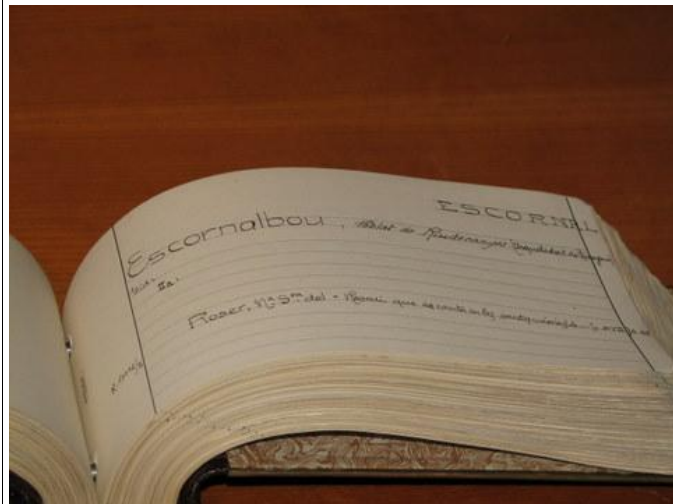
B

is for
Barrydale, a village in the Little
Karoo, Western Cape, South Africa,
where we found this public library.
It was open when we visited and
we were warmly welcomed.



C

is for
Catalunya (Catalonia),
where this antique catalogue
with its fine example of a
"library hand", has been
preserved in the Biblioteca de
Catalunya (Barcelona)



Dear Colleagues and Friends

This "Library ABC" comes to you with my best wishes for peace and prosperity in 2009. I've chosen some pictures that I've taken during the past few years, mostly illustrating the quaint and traditional side of libraries. On my Picasa site (<http://picasaweb.google.com/PeterJLor/LibraryABC#>)

you can find the three pictures in higher resolution, along with a few others of the same libraries. The pictures for the letters A and B show that libraries serve even very small and isolated communities and the pictures for the letter C show a wonderful example of a high-tech modern library housed in an old, historical building.

During this coming year I shall look out for some libraries to illustrate the letters D, E and F. I shall not be travelling quite as much as during the past few years since, as many of you will know, I left IFLA at the beginning of September 2008.

Currently Monika and I are taking a long break in Sedgefield, a small coastal town in the heart of the Garden Route, in the eastern coastal strip of South Africa's Western Cape Province. On 10 January we fly to Milwaukee where I will take up a position of visiting professor in the School of Information Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. I have accepted a contract there lasting, in principle, until May 2012. I say "in principle" as we are somewhat apprehensive about the climate. It appears that we will be in for a rude shock, as daytime temperatures in January are well below zero, compared to our lovely sunny days of 22-26 degrees Celsius here in Sedgefield. But millions of people there so we should survive too.

I'm looking forward to this new challenge, most likely my last formal position before real retirement, and hope to be able to utilise the excellent facilities and some of my time while there to write my long-planned book on international librarianship. We also hope to use the opportunity to see more of the USA and Canada. On our wish list for the next few years (apart from weekends in Chicago, with its marvelous art galleries), are a train trip across the Rockies to San Francisco, and a voyage by boat up the coast of British Columbia to Alaska.

I intend to remain active in IFLA. I am optimistic about being able to attend the IFLA Congresses over the next four years, so I look forward to seeing many of you in Milan, Brisbane, or Puerto Rico...

In the interim I can be reached at PeterJLor@gmail.com. My postal address at SOIS will be:

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It has been a great pleasure working with you during the past year and during my stint at IFLA. Thank you for your cooperation and friendship.

Peter Lor
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E_LIS : A global repository for Librarians by Librarians

E-LIS is an acronym for Eprints in Library and Information Science. It is an international open [archive](#) for electronic [preprints](#) of [scientific papers](#) in the library and information science. It is accessible to anyone with [Internet](#) access at <http://eprints.rclis.org>

Background

E-LIS is the first international e-server in this subject area and resulted from the RCLIS (Research in Computing, Library and Information Science) project and the DoIS (Documents in Information Science), promoted by the Spanish Ministry of Culture and hosted by AEPIC team on machines of the Italian Consorzio Interuniversitario Lombardo per Elaborazione Automatica (CILEA). It is a non-commercial repository. There is neither funding nor interest in profiting from the initiative.

E-LIS was originally founded by Jose' Manuel Barrueco, Antonella De Robbio, Thomas Krichel and Imma Subirats Coll and started in 2003. E-LIS relies on the voluntary work of individuals from a wide range of backgrounds. Currently, there are 64 editors from 42 countries across the world. The regional editor for Africa is Fatima Darries, who is also the country editor for South Africa, along with Wynand van der Walt.

The quality of the metadata of the submission is controlled by country editors.

Why a repository for Librarians

The purpose of the E-LIS archive is to make full texts documents visible, accessible, harvestable, searchable and useable by any potential user with access to the Internet. Librarians can search and archive their own publications and presentations in E-LIS free of charge.

E-LIS puts at the disposal of the LIS community not only metadata, but also full text documents which are freely accessible and retrievable using the full potential of the Internet.

E-LIS is for librarians. It is librarians who use it. By working practically in the field within the framework of Open Digital Libraries, it improves the knowledge of the building and management of open archives amongst librarians. It provides a platform to test and see how an open archive works and what its capabilities are.

Not only does it promote open archives in various disciplinary environments, but also create a valid and credible model in our own discipline for the building of a world LIS archive. E-LIS promotes self-archiving in LIS (not only in E-LIS) and offer an open archive to authors without access to an institutional repository. For those who do have an institutional repository it offers the added advantage of an archive that is discipline specific to LIS and increases the visibility for authors, as the increased citations indicate.

E-LIS allows for the establish of a base for communal work between librarians information technology professionals, and to enhance the Open Access movement

In addition to traditional Library Science subjects, E-LIS also includes all technical and applied disciplines relating to the Librarianship and Information Science world. Most arguments regarding the building of digital libraries, tools and scope, electronic publishing items, techniques and methodologies from metadata description to preservation, archiving to copyright, have place into E-LIS.

The repository now boasts almost 8000 eprints (research, articles and presentations) in the E-LIS archive! It makes it significantly large resource to search for information from across the world on LIS. You can also subscribe to the RSS Feed for alerts on new submission to E-LIS.

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EVENTS

United Nations Information Centre Workshop

The United Nations Dag Hammarskjöld Library, NY, in Cooperation with the United Nations Information Centre (UNIC) Pretoria, South Africa, hosted a workshop for the UN depository librarians from 17-20th March 2009. The theme of the workshop was "Creating Partnerships with Libraries in Africa: Regional work to promote Knowledge Sharing.

Participants were drawn from UNIC libraries and UN depository libraries working in the Namibia, Mauritius, South Africa, Malawi, Lesotho, Zimbabwe and Zambia.

The main purpose of the workshop was to enlighten participants on developments and impact of information and communication technology and new ways of



disseminating information as opposed to traditional library functions, services and reliance on paper - based collections.

The workshop focused on how to search, retrieve and use of UN documents and publications. This was deemed important to enable librarians to provide the public and UN interest groups with direct access to UN documents and publications through e-resources and websites. The workshop also served as a forum to:

- Promote UN priority issues at the national level
- Prepare and disseminate UN related materials in local languages
- Promote active involvement in outreach activities
- Contribute to maintaining a positive public image of the UN organisation

Participants covered the following topics and were offered opportunities for hands-on training on:

- Official document system of the UN (ODS), (Searching and retrieving the ODS).
- UNBISnet (Search catalogue of the UN documents and publications)
- Web search: Human rights, UN treaty series, UN International law resources
- E-resources and other subscription databases (e.g. Economist Intelligence unit, Economic Cooperation Development)

Other areas that were covered included the following:

- UN Depository libraries (high costs of maintaining libraries)
- Problems in storage, organisation and dissemination of UN documents and publications
- Distribution of printed documents and publications (efficiency and effectiveness)
- Dissemination and marketing of information on the UN: Outreach activities
- Producing UN Materials in local languages
- Audio-visual services

Outreach Activities: future action plan

- Launching book exhibits
- Posting information on the UN collection on the internet/intranet sites
- Giving briefings on the UN collection during student orientation sessions for UNICs.
- Preparing brochures and user guides about the UN collection
- Organising round-table meetings and seminars on United Nations-related issues
- Conducting training on the use of UN websites and UN databases
- Promoting the use of UN materials for teaching and encouraging students on the use of CyberSchoolBus

Conclusion

Although the main focus of the workshop was on the use of IT as a medium of disseminating information, it was also noted that, for various reasons, some countries cannot easily get away from the traditional library services. In this regard some of the challenges observed were as follows:

- Low literacy rate in most developing countries
- Internet connectivity issues
- High costs of printing and photocopying services

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Genocide by Denial: How Profiteering from HIV/AIDS Killed Millions - an open access book from Uganda

The National Book Trust of Uganda (NABOTU) is part of the IDRC funded Publishing and Alternative Licensing Models for Africa (PALM Africa) project currently researching how the application of licenses such as creative commons in a commercial context would improve access to learning materials while ensuring profitability. We are pleased to announce the first open access book under the project, " Genocide by Denial: How Profiteering from HIV/AIDS Killed Millions" Read the blog about the book at <http://blogs.uct.ac.za/blog/palm-africa>

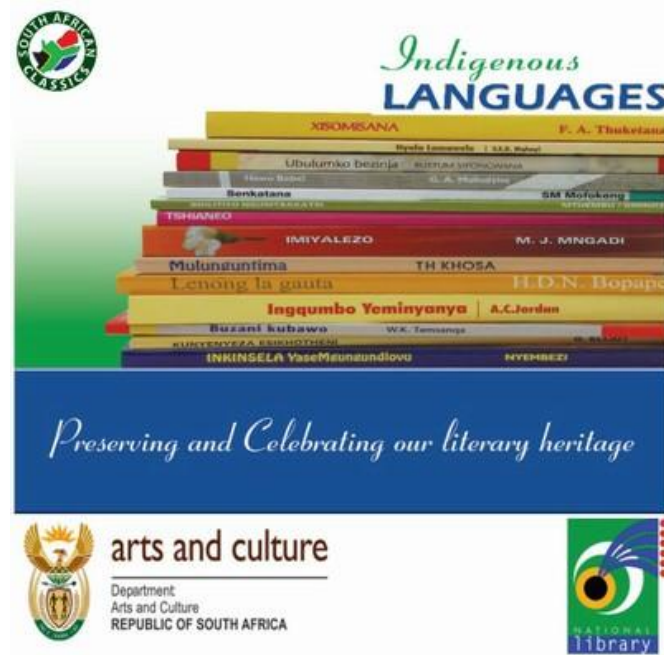
The book can be downloaded from http://www.fountainpublishers.co.ug/index.php?manufacturers_id=407&osCsid=bapdm1fm3876prjta8f345qe3

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Kampala, Uganda

Preserving and Celebrating Our Literary Heritage

Source: National Library of South Africa, Projects lists

On Tuesday, 17 February 2009, the Department of Arts & Culture and the National Library celebrated with guests the launch of the Reprint of African Indigenous Languages Classics Project at the NLSA Pretoria campus. This project is a perfect match to IFLA WLIC 2009



“Working team for the revival of the Angolan Documentalists, Archivists, and Librarians association (DABA)”

Subsequent to the Round Table Meeting held the 12 February 2009 on The Role of the LIS Associations in the Valorization and the Development of the Profession in Africa”, the working team for the revival of the Angolan Documentalists, Archivists, and Librarians association DABA, had its meeting on the 12th March 2009, at the National Library of Angola.

At this meeting the group discusses issues pertaining to the legal status of DABA, the review of the statutes and the way for the effective procedure for the revival of the association.

Maria Ramos, Angola

Report on CI's African regional meeting on A2K

Consumers International's African regional meeting on A2K¹ was held in Nairobi, Kenya on 23 April. It was attended by sixteen African members and partners, including the President of CI¹, Samuel Ochieng, all of whom participated actively. The meeting succeeded in raising important issues for consumers that even the previous two regional meetings had not covered. These will be consolidated with ideas raised at the previous two regional meetings in CI's strategic plan on IP¹ and A2K for the global consumer movement, to be presented at CI's Council meeting in June. The [meeting agenda](#) contains links to the presentations that were given. [Jeremy Malcom](#)



Rachel More

LIASA President, Rachel More joined the National Library of South Africa, Pretoria at the beginning of March 2008 as Deputy National Librarian. Ms was the University Librarian for the Medical University of SA (MEDUNSA) for the past 26 years.

Behind her name, Ms More received the following awards in her career:

- British Council Award (1990) - To Study Management and leadership at University of Wales, Aberystwyth
- USA International Visitors Award (1997) – Information Technology in Libraries
- Best MBA Achiever Award (1999) – Final year MBA Award, University of Pretoria
- LIASA/SALLP Award (2003) To attend - Leadership program for six weeks at University of Illinois. USA
- Academic Librarian of the Year (2003) – For outstanding leadership and contribution to the profession: Month in London to study virtual library services for Health Sciences.
- Wheel Award (2006) One Year Training for Women in Higher Education Executive Leadership. Wits University
- Alumnus of the Year –(2007) Department of Information Science, UNISA. For Outstanding leadership and contribution to the profession

She is very passionate about growing the young talent within the profession and her interests are in training and development, Leadership and Women Advancement.

We wish her well in her new position and we pledge our support.

Lindy Nhlapo
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New End-user Interface for SACat

Sabinet has launched a new version of the South African Union Catalogue (SACat) database on the WorldCat.org interface.

Sabinet on WorldCat.org allows **all** Internet users to search for items that are available in South African libraries. No subscription is required to be able to access the service.

Features include:

- Easy end-user interface
- A search box which can be incorporated into libraries' catalogues or websites
- Faceted browsing
- Jacket covers
- Saved lists and searching of lists
- Exporting of citations
- Web 2.0 functionality, including profiles, tagging, sharing, etc.
- Saved searching
- Links to WorldCat identities
- Links to Google Book preview where available
- Links to TOCs
- Links to local catalogues and item availability via holdings
- Link to WorldCat Resource Sharing for IP-authenticated users of WorldCat Resource Sharing (and ReQuest from September 2009)

Who can access Sabinet on WorldCat.org?

Anyone. No subscription is necessary.

Who can make their holdings information available on Sabinet on WorldCat.org?

Any library with a SabiCat subscription.

Are all South African holdings visible?

All holdings are visible to IP-authenticated users of SACat on FirstSearch.

Only the holdings of libraries with a SabiCat subscription (and who have agreed to have these holdings displayed) will be seen by non-authenticated users. (Initially all South African holdings currently on WorldCat will be displayed for a period of 6 months for evaluation purposes).

Where can Sabinet on Worldcat.org be accessed?

<http://sabinet.worldcat.org>

The searchbox can be downloaded from:

<http://sabinet.worldcat.org/tools/searchboxHTML>

Help is to be found at:

<http://www.oclc.org/worldcatgroup/help/default.htm>

A modified searchbox has been placed on the Sabinet homepage as well as on the Client Access page ('Search Sabinet Libraries').

The SACat on the Online Reference and FirstSearch interfaces will be retained.

We would welcome your feedback or questions. Please contact Client Services at info@sabinet.co.za or 012 643 9500.

Unisa Library Always One Step Ahead

The Unisa Library has notched up another first. It is the first library in South Africa to offer its clients access to AirPAC, a wireless catalogue. This means that from now on users will be able to view and access the Library's catalogue and documents via their cellphones. This new service, a dedicated research space and the Unisa institutional repository were introduced to distinguished guests and members of the media at a function hosted by the Unisa Library on Monday 11 May 2009.

AirPAC is a wireless e-catalogue that allows users to view documents on alternative devices such as mobile phones and personal data assistants (PDAs). Users can search the catalogue, read full text articles and books, renew their loans and request books from their mobile phones.

In her welcome address, Prof Rita Maré, Vice-Principal: Academic and Research, said the new innovation was an important step in establishing service-oriented technology-enhanced learner support. She said that while access to a computer or access to the internet remains a challenge for many students in South Africa, access to a cellphone is more universal.

At the event, the Library also introduced the dedicated research space on level 4 with wireless access to internet facilities, access to a comprehensive journal collection, computers, a reading room and professional information services. Prof Maré remarked that this space had the potential to attract researchers back to the Library, to increase their productivity, and to improve the research output and research standing of the university.

The Unisa institutional research repository was another exciting project introduced at the event. The research repository is a digital repository of the research and intellectual output of the Unisa community, and includes articles, working papers, speeches, conference papers, books, newspaper articles and even video files. "The benefits of the institutional repository are many," Prof Maré explained, "as the central archive of all Unisa's research will increase the visibility usage and impact of Unisa's research, facilitate sharing of new knowledge and contribute to the visibility of African scholarship. The repository will in itself also be a researcher web page that is user friendly and convenient to use."

The Executive Director: Research, Prof Tinyiko Maluleke, praised the Library for this development and emphasised the value it had in terms of the rating of researchers for the university and the National Research Foundation. "Researchers are very excited about the opportunity to publish intellectual output on the repository and to enhance their profile in the research community."

Dr Mbambo-Thata, Executive Director of the Library and Chair, IFLA Africa Section, and Dr Judy Henning, Deputy-Executive Director of the Library, indicated how grateful they were that so many guests had joined them in celebrating the innovative services of the Library. "The main objective is to enhance access to services and the resources of the Library in an open and distance learning environment," they said.



AirPAC being demonstrated



Prof Maluleke, Prof Maré & Dr Mbambo-Thata



Prof Tinyiko Maluleke testing the new system

IFLA Presidential Newsletter - no 4 (April 2009)

For the web version—which includes photos—please visit:
<http://www.ifla.org/en/news/ifla-presidential-newsletter-no-4-april-2009>

The World Report 2009

The IFLA/FAIFE World Report is a series of reports on freedom of access to information and freedom of expression that IFLA has been publishing since 2001. For details see <http://www.ifla.org/faife/index.htm> and <http://www.ifla.org/faife/report/intro.htm>

Materials for holding workshops on HIV/AIDS, the Internet Manifesto and libraries and transparency and corruption are now available on IFLANET:

http://www.ifla.org/faife/news/learning_materials_workshop_s.htm

IFLA blog, we invite you to check out posts at:

<http://blogs.prodigio.nl/stuart/>

IFLA Express No 2.

<http://www.ifla.org/annual-conference/ifla75/xpress2-en-2009.pdf>

Read it to get the latest information on the IFLA World Library and Information Congress in Milan!

Lubuto Library Project News Flash

www.Lubuto.org

The E-Journal of Solidarity, Sustainability, and Nonviolence (SSNV) is launching a new series on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD).

A *preliminary test version* of the consultation form is online:

<http://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=cDNoNGlfcDh6NmQ0WTVPNllqRINSVVE6MA..>

Participants can view the results in spreadsheet format:

http://spreadsheets.google.com/ccc?key=p3h4i_p8z6d4Y5O6YjFSRUQ&hl=en

The survey includes questions on each of the eight key themes that UNESCO recommends to include in ESD programs:

http://portal.unesco.org/education/en/ev.php-URL_ID=27234&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html

For further background on this project:

<http://www.pelicanweb.org/solisustv05n04page1.html>

<http://www.pelicanweb.org/solisust.html>

This is a monthly, free subscription, open access e-journal.

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PC Projects 2008

An overview of the PC projects 2008 can be found here:
<http://www.ifla.org/files/hq/professional-committee/ifla-pc-projects-2008.pdf>

DIARY OF EVENTS**Second Conference**

Towards Opening Access to Information & Knowledge in the Agricultural Sciences and Technology in Africa

13 - 17 July 2009, Accra, Ghana

<http://www.iaald-africa.org/ghana/2009.html>

UNISA/IFLA Regional Office for Africa Public Lecture Series

2nd Public Lecture with the theme "African Librarianship in the 21st Century" will be held on 29 July 2009, Unisa. South Africa.

11th Annual LIASA Conference

Theme: Library and Information Services on the Move



Dates: 28 September - 2

October 2009

Venue: Bloemfontein

SEMINAR ON LIBRARY CAPACITY BUILDING INTERVENTIONS FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS (MDGs) IN WEST AFRICA

1ST - 3RD JUNE 2009

ERATA HOTEL, ACCRA, GHANA

The 1st International Conference on African Digital Libraries and Archives (ICADLA-1) was held from **1 to 3 July 2009** at the United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC), **Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**. The main theme was **Connecting Africans to Their Own Resources/Developing Policies and Strategies for Africa's Digital**.

<http://www.uneca.org/icadla1/index.htm>

NIGERIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

'PACESETTER 2009'

47TH NATIONAL CONFERENCE & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Theme: Libraries Create Futures: Building on Cultural Heritage

Date: 26th - 31st July, 2009

Venue: Jogor Centre, off Ring Road, Opposite Liberty Stadium, Ibadan, Oyo State

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Is your country on the diary or on events, if no you stand a chance to be on the map in the December 2009 newsletter. Don't miss out, start composing and send to: Inhlapo@unisa.ac.za

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