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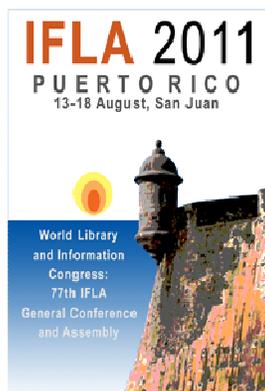
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Conference Programs and Events

GL Section at WLIC San Juan

August 2011

- Saturday 13, 14:45 - 17:15, Room 202b: **1st Meeting of the Standing Committee of the Government Libraries Section**
- Monday 15, 13:45 - 15:45, Exhibition Hall A: ***Political and constitutional status of Puerto Rico: a continuing challenge*** (with Law Libraries)
- Tuesday 16, 9:30 - 11:30, Room 104: ***e-Government: the role of librarians*** (with Government Information and Official Publications Section)
- Wednesday 17, 11:30 - 13:00, Room 102b: **2nd Meeting of the Standing Committee of the Government Libraries Section**
- Thursday 18, 8:30 - 10:30, Grand Salon B: ***Promoting global access to law: developing an open access index for official, authenticated legal information*** (with Government Information and Official Publications Section and Law Libraries Section)



Chair's Column

By **Jerry W. Mansfield**

Chair 2009-2011



Greetings!

In a very short time we will be in San Juan, Puerto Rico for the World Library and Information Congress: 77th IFLA General Conference and Assembly. We are looking forward to an educational and lively conference. You are invited to join our business meetings as well as our three co-sponsored programs.

Our first two business meetings will be held on Saturday, August 13 from 14:45 – 17:15 in room 202b and on Wednesday, August 17 from 11:30 – 13:00 in room 102b.

Our conference programs are as follows:

Monday, August 15, 13:45 – 15:45
Session 105 - *Political and Constitutional Status of Puerto Rico: a Continuing Challenge* co-sponsored with the Law Libraries Section – Exhibition Hall A;

Tuesday, August 16, 9:30 – 11:30
Session 124 – *e-Government: the Role of the Librarians* co-sponsored with Government Information and Official Publications Section – Room 104; and

Thursday, August 18, 8:30 – 10:30
Session 194 – *Promoting Global Access to Law: Developing an Open Access Index for Official, Authenticated Legal Information* co-sponsored with the Law Libraries, the Government Information and Official Publications, and the Knowledge Management Sections – Grand Salon B.

Online Publication

The Government Libraries Section's online publication, "Mission and/or Vision Statements of Government Libraries" is available from our IFLA website at

<http://www.ifla.org/en/publications/mission-and-or-vision-statements-of-government-libraries-worldwide>. This publication is an outgrowth of some research completed in 2009 for libraries that made an inquiry to the Government Libraries Section for some examples of mission statements for government libraries. The real mission and/or vision statements that we have collected can serve as models for ideas and adaptation to other

libraries worldwide. The publication is not intended to be an up-to-date collection of mission and/or vision statements but, rather, examples of those that were posted on a library's website at the time we viewed the statements. Even though they may be dated, there is language that can be adapted for the creation or update of your own mission and/or vision statement. The publication continues to be updated as we locate or are provided with statements from libraries worldwide.

Information Coordinator's Report

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Renewing the Standing Committee

During this IFLA World Library Information Congress in San Juan, Puerto Rico, our Standing Committee will go through some changes.

The following members are leaving:

- Rebecca Davies (GB)
- Laurie Atkinson (AU)
- Gundula Felten (DE)
- Maija Jussilainen (FI)
- Fonkam Azu'u Samuel (CM)

We want to thank them for their valuable contribution for the last years.

The following people become new members:

- Elina Kähö (FI)
- Guillermo García Capcha (PE)
- Margarita García Moreno (ES)
- Beacher Wiggins (US)

And there are also 2 new corresponding members:

- Hannah Fischer (US)
- Magdalena Biota (AR)

We give them our warm welcome!

The officers election has been celebrated and these will be the new people commanding the Standing Committee from September 2011 until August 2013:

- Miguel Navas-Fernández (ES), new CHAIR
- Sanjay K. Bihani (IN), new SECRETARY / TREASURER
- Guillermo García Capcha (PE), new INFORMATION COORDINATOR / WEB

EDITOR

The new officers team would like to express their gratitude to the rest of the Standing Committee members. This is an exciting challenge for us, and we will do our best in the following 2 years!

London Book Fair

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The London Book Fair 2011, held from 11th – 13th March 2011 at Earls Court, London, is among the top international trade book fairs.

The London Book Fair is the global marketplace for rights negotiation and for the sale and distribution of content across print, audio, TV, film and digital channels. It is a unique opportunity to explore, understand and capitalise on the innovations shaping the publishing world of the future. The London Book Fair brings direct access to customers, content and emerging markets.

The London Book Fair this year celebrated its 40th anniversary. The first Fair was held in the basement of the Berners Hotel, off Oxford Street in 1971, with 22 exhibiting publishers. The London Book Fair annually attracts over 23,000 attendees – 58% are domestic and 42% are from overseas. This year the Fair featured 1,696 exhibiting companies from 58 countries including Turkey, Iran and Kuwait - all new for 2011. The Russia Market Focus 2011 placed a spotlight on contemporary Russian authors and Russia as an important publishing arena in the international community. The Russia Pavilion is the largest Market Focus Pavilion to date, and featured over 60 major publishers from Russia.

The London Book Fair also hosted a bigger and better digital offering than ever before. Over 14 countries were represented and its number of exhibitors increased from 22 in 2010 to 46 in 2011.

Seminar and event highlights: A diverse programme of nearly 300 seminars and events addressing key industry issues took place during the three days of the Fair, with over 500 speakers taking part.

Children's Zone: The Children's & Young Adult Publishing Zone was one of the Fair's largest zones featuring 150 exhibitors with a further 450 general exhibitors offering children's content. There was an increase in emphasis in children's events in 2011.

Digital seminars: Due to high demand for digital seminars at last year's Fair, there were more digital seminars in 2011. Included were *The Book is Dead: Long Live the Global Book*, *Going Digital*, *How Independent Publishers Can Achieve the Full Works*, and *The Great Debate: Will Publishers Soon Become Irrelevant?*

Cook Book Corner: International chefs from France to Romania and Denmark to Dubai, took part in live cookery demonstrations throughout the show in a dedicated Cook Book Corner.

Authors of the Day: Best-selling authors Claire Tomalin, Boris Akunin and Julia Donaldson with illustrator Axel Scheffler, were Authors of the Day for 2011. This popular initiative, Author of the Day, was introduced in 2006. Each selected author spent one day at the Fair, where they showcased their work across a programme of seminars, book signings, events and photo opportunities.

And looking forward...: The London Book Fair 2012 takes place 16-18 April 2012, Earls Court, London. The Market Focus country for the 2012 Fair will be China.

The 100th German Library Day in Berlin – The Emerging German Library Landscape

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Under the motto "Libraries for the future – the future of libraries" more than 4000 participants of the German library and information landscape came together in Berlin from June 7 – 10, 2011. This was an outstanding jubilee starting with a great party in the Berlin Konzerthaus and opened by the president of the German Parliament, the German Library Associations and with Ellen Tise from South Africa (the current IFLA President) as

special guest.

A demonstration of about 100 cyclists (“cycling for libraries”) which had started in Copenhagen and which went all the way to Berlin only to draw attention to the importance of libraries to society.



“Cycling for libraries”

The figure of more than 4700 registered librarians and information professionals was probably a record and it might have been the biggest event of this kind in Europe. The fabulous success history of the German Library Day started with the first meeting in 1900 in the city of Marburg with merely a handful of participants attending. Since 1900 the German Libraries Day takes place every year and it is the biggest opportunity for continuing education and meeting library suppliers and colleagues. The respective venue is a city with a university, often in congress centres or in remarkable buildings. The topics of the library day range from library-related to social issues. The view at a changed information landscape gave some information on the social importance of libraries when it comes to offering information.

The Arbeitsgemeinschaft der Parlaments- und Behördenbibliotheken (The German Association of Parliament and Government Libraries) offered a panel discussion with representatives from different government libraries in Germany and Switzerland. People using government libraries had the opportunity to give their opinions.



The representatives

Under the unifying theme “the future of administrative libraries – administrative libraries for the future” some sub-topics were discussed such as “continuity or realignment”, “small is beautiful versus a centralized administrative library” and “the ideal way towards the user – can the big academic libraries serve as a role model?”. The discussion ended with a look into the future of parliament and government libraries taking demand and reality into consideration.



Exhibition

Many participants contributed their comments during this event and demonstrated their dedication to this topic. After the discussion a new executive committee was elected.

More information about the German Association of Parliament and Government Libraries can be found here:

<http://www.apbb.de/>

<http://www.apbbib.wordpress.com/>

Apart from more than the 100 library visits there was a “long night of the libraries” organized by the Berlin librarians.



Concert Hall

This year's library day finished with a highly political panel discussion under the motto "internet and digital society" attended by members of the committee of enquiry of the German Parliament.

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Argentina

- Biblioteca Nacional de Maestros

Australia

- National Library of Australia
- State Library of New South Wales

Azerbaijan

- Presidential Library

Bosnia and Herzegovina

- Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Belgium

- European Parliament
- Vlaams Parlement, Informatheek

Cameroon

- National Assembly

Canada

- Association of Parliamentary Libraries in Canada
- Canadian International Development Agency
- Canadian Library Association
- Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly
- Canadian Space Agency

China

- National School of Administration
- Shanghai Administrative Institute

Croatia

- Croatian Information Documentation Referral Agency

Cuba

- Instituto de Información Científica y Tecnológica

Cyprus

- Cyprus Health Sciences Library

Denmark

- The Administrative Library

Egypt

- Central Bank of Egypt

Finland

- Library of Parliament
- Ministry of Finance
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs

France

- Association des Bibliothécaires de France
- Bibliothèque administrative de la Ville de Paris

Germany

- Deutsche Zentralbibliothek für Wirtschaftswissenschaften
- Deutscher Bundestag Bibliothek

Hungary

- Central Statistical Office

Iceland

- Upplysing Icelandic Library and Information Science Association

India

- Ministry of External Affairs
- Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation

Ireland

- Houses of the Oireachtas, Library and Research Service
- Library Association of Ireland

Italy

- Biblioteca del Consiglio Regionale del Veneto
- Biblioteca del Senato della Repubblica "G. Spadolini"
- Italian Library Association

Japan

- National Diet Library

Korea

- Korean Library Association

Madagascar

- Bibliothèque Nationale de Madagascar

Netherlands

- Min. van Volksgezondheid, Welzijn en Sport, Kennis-en Info. Centru, voor Kennisontwikkeling
- Nederlandse Vereniging van Beroepsbeoefenaren in de Bibliotheek
- Tweede Kamer der Staten-Generaal, Dienst Informatievoorziening

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- Government Administration Services,
- Information Management
- Statistics Norway

Portugal

- Departamento de Arquivo, Documentação e Informação
- Associação Portuguesa de Bibliotecários, Arquivistas e Documentalistas

Russian Federation

- Republican Medical Library
- Russian State Library

Saudi Arabia

- King Fahad National Library

Slovenia

- National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia

Spain

- Biblioteca de Andalucía
- Biblioteca de les Corts Valencianes

Swaziland

- Swaziland National Library Service

Sweden

- Swedish Library Association
- Swedish Association for Information Specialists

Switzerland

- Bibliothek am Guisanplatz

Tanzania

- East African Community Secretariat

United Kingdom

- Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals
- International Association of Law Libraries
- Welsh Assembly Government

United States

- American Library Association
 - Chief Officers of Library Agencies
 - Special Libraries Association
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