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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

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Dear Colleagues,

in August 2015 the **81th IFLA World Library and Information Congress** and the **31st Annual Pre-conference of the IFLA Section on Library and Research Services for Parliaments** will take place in **Cape Town, South Africa**. These meetings will provide an excellent opportunity for librarians and researchers from around the world to meet with peers, share knowledge and concerns, establish long-lasting working relationships, identify common challenges, and make plans for the Section's future.

The Section Standing Committee has worked hard to make the most out of this opportunity, by planning a rich number of activities, different in content and formats, capable of raising the interest of a wide and diversified audience through workshops, conference sessions, training events, and small working groups. Our aim has been to ensure that every parliamentary librarian or researcher, no matter his or her country of nationality, institutional context and background, could find a reason of interest, something to learn and something to share.

Our gatherings will start with a two-day **capacity building activity, on 10 and 11 August**, which will provide a forum for Parliamentary Library and Research Services staff from developing parliaments to inform each other of their work and to learn from each other and from international specialists.

The activity will address the challenges of providing Information Services in the context of resource constraints in a developing Parliament. The Section is able to carry out this activity thanks to the generosity of the South African Parliament, the commitment of a few colleagues and Section members who will share their knowledge and skills, and parliaments that have agreed to authorize their library and research personnel to attend this activity.

In the evening of 11 August, the **Pre-Conference on Library and Research Services for Parliaments** will officially open its doors for all delegates. Two full days of intense work will follow, on **12 and 13 August**, under the overall theme "*Development, Transformation and Cooperation in Library and Research Services in Parliaments*".

The first day will include **presentations by the Parliament of South Africa**: we will learn about the achievements of the Parliamentary Information Centre in managing, preserving, and delivering knowledge and information, as well as on **networking and cooperation in the African region**. There is a strong complementarity between the IFLA global network and the various regional networks and associations that are being developed in all continents. The partnership with African networks represents a major opportunity for investigating the concrete needs of parliamentary library, research and information services from the region. My hope is that by taking place in Africa this Congress will see the attendance of a large number of parliaments from the region, and that they will provide substantive inputs and a lively participation throughout all meetings and deliberations.

The second day of the Pre-Conference, the so called "**international day**", will allow participants to listen to presentations on how parliamentary library, research and information services have evolved, are innovating, and widen their mission to respond to the needs of Parliament and, in many cases, the public.

A highlight of the meeting will be the address of **Donna Scheeder, President-elect of IFLA** - and former Chair of the Section (2005 - 2007). She will focus on IFLA strategies and goals at the highest international level, especially on development issues, and on the role that parliamentary libraries can play in this context. Her awareness of the strengths, capabilities, and commitments of parliamentary library and research services is an important factor as it will enable IFLA to easily underscore this key role in the policy framework of the Presidency term 2015-2017. She will have to count on the support and inputs of us all to make sure that parliamentary library, research

Message from the Chair, cont'd

and information services from all continents will deliver a strong contribution in supporting democracy by realizing informed legislation, knowledge-based institutions and transparent parliaments.

The Pre-Conference will also provide an opportunity to hear news about the activities of the **Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)**, with whom the Section has a long-standing partnership. IPU represents our stakeholders, the decision makers and the users of our libraries. IPU can help us reach them, understand their information needs, make our voice heard, and promote our profession. Over the years, this partnership led to joint activities and publications, and to broader cooperation with other organizations, namely the United Nations and the Association of Secretaries General of Parliaments (ASGP).

One important result of this partnership is the **Guidelines for Parliamentary Research Services** that will be launched at the Pre-Conference in Cape Town, on 13 August. A **Joint IFLA/IPU publication**, the Guidelines were developed, following a mandate of the Section Standing Committee, to respond to the increasing interest expressed by Section's members who wished to build or expand their parliamentary research services.

The Guidelines have been drafted by a Working Group of Section members and experts from around the world chaired by Ms. Sonia L'Heureux, Section SC member and Librarian of the Parliament of Canada. To benefit most from this collective effort and widely share its content among colleagues, the Section will hold a **workshop on research services on 14 August**, in the framework of the Pre-Conference and as closure of the first week of gatherings.

After the intense week of the Pre-Conference, the Section will play an important part in the programme of the **main IFLA 2015 Congress**, whose main theme is "Dynamic Libraries: Access, Development and Transformation". We have organized an individual session of the Section on the theme *Parliamentary Libraries – Evolving to Meet the Challenges of the 21st Century* and five joint sessions with a number of other IFLA Sections, some long-standing partners and some new. With Law Libraries and Africa Section, on *Access to legal information and legislative data in Africa: the role of libraries and librarians*; with Information Technology and Public Libraries, on *Technology facilitating access to information: libraries for development*; with Knowledge Management Section, on *Continuous innovation and trans-formation of libraries and their communities*; with Preservation and Conservation Section and Government Information and Official Publication Section, on *Preservation and Access Challenges (PACS) for Government and Parliamentary Information*; with Social Sciences Libraries Section on *How parliamentary libraries and social science libraries support social – economic policy and programme development for societal improvements: products, marketing and access, and assessment*. A full list of the papers, with more details and reference to the Section's sessions at the IFLA Congress, can be found inside this issue of the newsletter.

Months of intense preparation were required to be ready for this event. I wish to thank all those colleagues and Section members who contributed their time and commitment to make this possible. Many of these colleagues are currently ending their second and last term as members of the **Standing Committee of the Section on Library and Research Services for Parliaments**. During the annual Standing Committee meetings that will take place in Cape Town there will be time to take stock of the work done by the Section in this past year, and address future strategies for action and for the development of the Section's objectives and goals. The **outgoing Standing Committee members will hand over roles and responsibilities to the new members**, who will take office at the end of the 2015 Congress. During this Congress these new members are encouraged to start sharing ideas on how to develop the future of the Section with continuing members, and to build on the collective knowledge developed by the membership throughout the years. I congratulate all new or continuing Standing Committee members on their election, and wish them a successful tenure. Being a Standing Committee member represents a great opportunity to contribute from the inside to the work of the Section, the only global network meant to encourage mutual engagement and support among parliamentary library and research services from every part of the world, in their effort to remain relevant in the contemporary world and in its complex information environment.

At the end of the 2015 Congress my term as Section Chair and as SC member will come to an end. These years have been for me very rewarding, also thanks to the great cooperation experienced with colleagues aimed at making the Section a real learning environment for all parliaments involved. I would like to warmly thank Ms Lillian Gassie, who held the office of Section Secretary during my term as Chair. Her support, commitment and hard work has been essential for realizing the projects and activities we had planned. My involvement in IFLA will continue for the next two years as Chair of IFLA Division I and Governing Board member. I will share this task with another outgoing SC member of the Section, Ms Christine Welles. I look forward to working with her at our new engagement.

Message from the Chair, cont'd

Finally, I am aware that continuous participation to the annual activities, held every year in a different continent, may represent a challenge for us all. However there are opportunities to be involved in the work of the Section also when one cannot personally attend the annual IFLA events, for example by remaining engaged with the Section's projects and activities through various means, including mailing lists and opportunities for remote communication provided by traditional and newest technologies and tools.

I encourage everyone to actively participate in our work, in the spirit of inter-parliamentary cooperation and parliamentary development.

Raissa Teodori
Chair, IFLA Section
Library and Research Services for Parliaments

CHANGES IN THE SECTION

August 2015 brings quite a lot of changes for the Section. Chair *Raissa Teodori* (Italy), Information Coordinator *Cecilia Stadius* (Sweden), and SC members *Alim Garga* (Cameroon) and *Christine Wellems* (Germany) finish their second terms and will leave the section after the second SC meeting August 15th. SC members *Susan Mansfield*, *Junko Hirose* and *Jarle Skjørestad* will also leave.

The incoming Standing Committee, entering into office at the end of the 2015 Congress, will comprise 12 new SC members and 6 continuing members and 2 members elected for a second term. Many new faces and hopefully a lot of new energy for the Section's work.

At the end of the 2015 Cape Town conference three members of the Section will serve IFLA at the governing level: *Donna Scheeder* will take over the presidency from *Sinikka Sipila*, *Raissa Teodori* has been elected as Chair of Division 1 "Library Types" and will be a member of the Governing Board, and *Christine Wellems* has been directly elected as Governing Board Member. All three will serve during the term 2015 to 2017. Best wishes to them!

IFLA Parliamentary Section SC taking office at the end of the 2015 Congress (alphabetical order by country):

Argentina, **Cecilia Izquierdo**
Australia, **Dianne Heriot**
European Parliament, **Karin Finer**
Brazil, **Adolfo Furtado**
Canada, **Sonia L'Heureux**
Chile, **Eduardo Goldstein**
Chile, **Alfonso Perez**
China, **Haiyan Lu**
Cote d'Ivoire, **Adama Kone**
Hungary, **Ida Barlangjine Kelemen**
Italy, **Paola Mandillo**
Japan, **Hiroyuki Okuyama**
Korea, **Eunhee Hyun**
Netherlands, **Gert-Jan Lodder**
Norway, **Havard Tvedte**
Uganda, **Innocent Rugambwa**
United Kingdom, **Steve Wise**
United States, **Lillian Gassie**
United States, **Ellie Valentine**
Zambia, **Chama Mpundy Mfula**

Connect and Share

- Check out the Section's website
<http://www.ifla.org/services-for-parliaments>
- Sign up for the IFLA PARI2 discussion list which is open to all members as well as others interested in the Section
<http://www.ifla.org/services-for-parliaments/mailling-lists>
- Contribute news about your library and/or research service: email Raissa Teodori, Chair, raissa.teodori@senato.it or Lillian Gassie, Secretary, lgassie@gmail.com

How to join the Section

If you already are an IFLA member, but not a Section member, please go <http://archive.ifla.org/III/members/form2a.htm> to register as a member of the Section on Library and Research Services for Parliaments.

If you are NOT an IFLA member you have to become an IFLA member before joining any Section, <http://www.ifla.org/membership/new-members>.

2015 PRE-CONFERENCE, CAPE TOWN



The South African Parliament Pre-Conference Organizing Committee is completing arrangements to host the Section's 31st Annual Pre-Conference in Cape Town, August 12-14. On the [pre-conference website](#), Mr. Albert Ntunja, Manager of the Parliamentary Information Centre, invited members to "join us to share knowledge, expertise and most importantly, network ..." at the pre-conference.

The Organizing Committee, in partnership with the Section on Library and Research Services for Parliaments, has organized a packed three-day programme with the theme "Development, Transformation and Co-Operation in Library and Research Services in Parliaments". In addition, the 120 delegates who have registered so far can expect warm hospi-

tality from the South African hosts who have also arranged two post conference tours.

The **Guidelines for Research Services**, a joint publication of the Section and the Inter-Parliamentary Union, will be launched at the Pre-Conference. In connection to this, a workshop to discuss the guidelines will be held on the morning of August 14.



Staff of the South African Parliamentary Information Centre ready to welcome delegates to the pre-conference



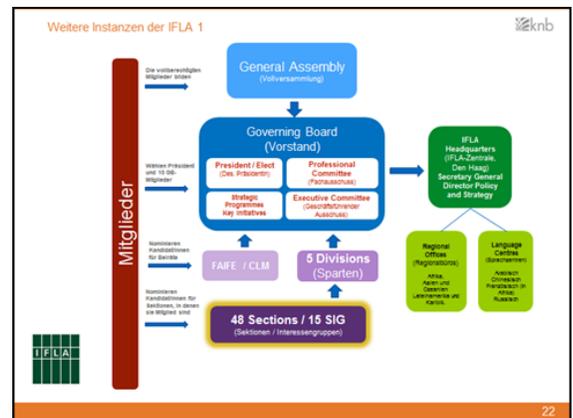
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German IFLA National Committee offers webinar on IFLA structures

By Guido Jansen and Christine Wellem's

In 2003 the World Library and Information Congress was held in Berlin, Germany. Like all other host countries, the German Library Association created a National Committee beforehand to organise the Berlin event. Since then an "IFLA National Committee Germany" acts as a catalyst between the German professional community and IFLA, supporting and communicating the activities of German members in different IFLA functions and sections. Currently – July 2015 – the committee offers a webinar on IFLA structures for all active members and those who are interested in IFLA work. New members in Sections or in Standing Committees found it useful to get such information before they leave for the Cape Town Conference 2015. July 13th, 22nd and 24th were the dates for the webinar.

German IFLA members Barbara Schleihagen, (Standing Committee Member), Barbara Lison (outgoing Governing Board Member) and Christine Wellem's (incoming Governing Board Member) contribute practical insights to the webinar's facts & figures by sharing their concrete experiences accumulated during their IFLA work. The webinar is in German and free of charge. The PowerPoint presentation is offered for download at <https://www.edudip.com/academy/dbw>



2015 IFLA WLIC

The following lists the IFLA World Library and Information Congress (WLIC) sessions and presentations where the Section is either the main organizer or is partnering with other sessions. If you will be attending the WLIC in Cape Town, please come to these sessions.

Technology facilitating access to information : libraries supporting development

Monday 17 August 2015, 16:00 - 18:00 (Session 102)

Sections: *Information Technology, Library and Research Services for Parliaments, Public Libraries, Asia and Oceania*

[1. Web-based Information Literacy Campaign for Transforming Agricultural Research and Technology to Indian Farmers: A model.](#)

Sunil Gorla (Deputy Librarian at G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, India)

Sanjay K. Bihani (Library and Information Officer in the Ministry of External Affairs, India)

[2. On sustainable improvements in public efforts for digital inclusion in civil society--](#)

Angela Zetterlund (Linneaus University, Sweden)

[3. Bridging the information gap for disadvantaged and marginalized communities: Experiences of the Namibia Regional Mobile Libraries--](#)

David Matsveru (Ministry of Education, Government of Namibia, Namibia)

Jean Kanengoni (Ministry of Education, Government of Namibia, Namibia)

[4. The App library: technology and media education for teens--](#)

Marius Stoica (Biblioteca Judeteana "Alexandru D. Xenopol", Romania)

[5. Digitized Contents Transmission Service for Libraries in Japan--](#)

Yoriko Sato (Director, Branch Libraries and Cooperation Division Administrative Department, National Diet Library, Japan)

[6. Indonesian National Digital Library: A national collaboration for preserving national heritage and information access](#)

Chaerul Umam (National Library of Indonesia, Indonesia)

Joko Santoso (National Library of Indonesia, Indonesia)

Access to legal information and legislative data in Africa: the role of libraries and librarians

Tuesday 18 August 2015, 9:30 - 12:45 (Session 114)

Sections: *Library and Research Services for Parliaments, Law Libraries, Africa Section*

[1. Enabling Legislation for Access to Information in Cameroon-](#)

Rosemary Shafack (University of Buea Library, Cameroon)

[2. Ignorance of the Law is no excuse: making Ghana's Legal and Legislative information accessible to all-](#)

Eric Apeadu Yeboah (University of Ghana Balme Library, Ghana)

[3. Accessing Government Information in Africa through the Right to know: the role of the Library-](#)

Oludayo John Bamgbose (Nigerian Law School, Adamawa State, Nigeria)

Etim Imaobong (University of Uyo, Nigeria)

[4. L'offre en TIC de l'information juridique et legale au Cameroun: le role des bibliothèques et des bibliothécaires-](#)

Monique Marguerite Bekolle (ABADCAM, Cameroon)

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[5. Dynamic Law Libraries: Access, Development and Transformation in Africa and the United States-](#)

Caroline Ilako (Makarere University, Uganda)

Yolanda Jones (Florida A&M University College of Law, United States)

[6. AfricanLII: Facilitating Free and Open Access to Legal and Legislative Information from Africa\)](#)

Mariya Badeva-Bright (Project Director, African Legal Information Institute (AfricanLII))

Knowledge Café "Continuous innovation and transformation of libraries and their communities" Tuesday 18 August 2015, 13:45 - 15:45 (Session 142)

Sections: Library and Research Services for Parliaments, Knowledge management

Preservation and Access Challenges (PACS) for Government and Parliamentary Information (knowledge cafe) Wednesday 19 August 2015, 9:30 - 12:45 (Session 167)

Sections: Government Information and Official Publications, Preservation and Conservation, Library and Research Services for Parliaments, Information Technology

How libraries support social – economic policy and programme development for societal improvements: assessment, products, marketing and access (Knowledge cafe with speakers) Thursday 20 August 2015, 10:45 - 12:45 (Session 211)

Sections: Library and Research Services for Parliaments, Social Science Libraries

Parliamentary Libraries – Evolving to Meet the Challenges of the 21st Century Thursday 20 August 2015, 13:45 - 15:45 (Session 220)

Section: Library and Research Services for Parliaments

[1. From a Reactive Research Section to a Robust Monitoring and Evaluation Legislative Oversight Data Centre: The Transformation of Uganda Parliament Research Service to Meet the Challenges of the 21st Century–](#)

John Bagonza-Mugabi (Director of Research Services, Parliament of Uganda, Uganda)

Francis Kintu (Assistant Director of Research Services, Parliament of Uganda, Uganda)

[2. Georeferenced Libraries: Expansion of Services in the Cloud for Congress and Community–](#)

Francisco Mardones (Biblioteca del Congreso Nacional de Chile, Chile)

[3. What are the Successes and Failures of Parliamentary Constituency Information Centres in Communicating Parliamentary Information to Zimbabwe's Citizens?–](#)

Isaiah Munyoro (Parliament of Zimbabwe, Zimbabwe)

[4. Making Information from the Diet Available to the Public: The History and Development as well as Current Issues in Enhancing Access to Parliamentary Documentation–](#)

Hiroyuki Okuyama (National Diet Library, Japan)

[5. Accessibilité du Droit: Vers la Redéfinition du Rôle des Bibliothèques Parlementaires-](#)

Natacha Bonnal (Biblioteca del Congreso Nacional de Chile, Chile)

[6. Library 2.0 @ Parliamentary Libraries–](#)

Munazza Abidi (Provincial Assembly of Sindh Pakistan, Pakistan)

IFLAPARL Quick Guide to the 2015 Pre-Conference and IFLA WLIC

Training & Pre-Conference, Parliament of the Republic of South Africa, Good Hope Building

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| 10 August | 8:45-17:15, Training Day 1 (invitation only) |
| 11 August | 8:45-16:00, Training Day 2 (invitation only) |
| | 16:00 – 19:30, Pre-Conference registration, tour and welcome reception |
| 12 August | 09:00-17:30, First full day of pre-conference |
| 13 August | 09:00-17:30, Second full day of pre-conference |
| 14 August | 09:00 – 13:00, Workshop: Guidelines for Research Services |
| | 14:00, Tours to Robben Island or Table Mountain |
| | 18:00, Dinner |

IFLA World Library and Information Congress, Cape Town International Convention Centre

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| 15 August | 15:15-17:45, Standing Committee Meeting I, Session 043, Vasco da Gama, Westin Hotel |
| 17 August | 16:00-18:00, Technology facilitating access to information: libraries supporting development, Session 102, Auditorium 1 |
| 18 August | 09:30-11:30, Access to legal information and legislative data in Africa: the role of libraries and librarians, Session 114, Auditorium 1 |
| | 13:45-15:45, Knowledge Café :Continuous innovation and transformation of libraries and their communities, Session 142, Ballroom East |
| | 16:45-18:15, Standing Committee Meeting II, Session 155, Room 2.44-2.46 |
| | 18:00-24:00, Cultural evening, Session 156, Exhibit Hall 1 |
| 19 August | 09:30-12:45, Preservation and Access Challenges (PACS) for Government and Parliamentary Information - A Knowledge Café , Session 167, Ballroom East |
| 20 August | 10:45-12:45, How libraries support social-economic policy and programme development for societal improvements: assessment, products, marketing and access, Session 211, Ballroom West |
| | 13:45-15:45, Parliamentary libraries—evolving to meet the challenges of the 21st century, Session 220, Auditorium 1 |