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I hope that 2017 finds you well and in good spirits to meet the work challenges ahead. It seems that no sooner had the participants at the 2016 satellite meeting/pre-conference said goodbye to Washington D.C., we are already planning for the 2017 pre-conference in Warsaw. Our colleagues in the Parliament of the Republic of Poland has just opened the [2017 pre-conference website](#) for registration. We listened to the feedback received from the last year's event, and hope to have an interesting and interactive programme at this pre-conference.

Most of us have very busy schedules, and I appreciate that you took the time to connect with each other, and to keep alive the relationships established as members of the IFLAPARL Section. This is reflected by the number of responses we received from the IFLAPARL Secretary's call for contributions to this newsletter. Look out for calls for your input and opinions in weeks to come, as we work on details of the Section's pre-conference and WLIC sessions.

Finally, I have posted the [minutes of the Standing Committee's meetings](#) in August 2016 during the WLIC in Columbus, Ohio, as well as the [2015/16 annual report](#) of our activities. Drafting the annual report made me realize how much we have accomplished as an IFLA Section, despite the fact that we work in different continents and time zones. What unifies us, whether we work in a library or a research service, is that we have the same mission, to facilitate the work of our parliamentarians. I look forward to seeing you, whether in person or virtually, in [IFLAPARL activities this year!](#)

Sincerely,
Lillian Gassie

How to join the Section

If you already are an IFLA member, but not a Section member, please go to <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>.

Share and connect

- Check out the Section's website: <http://www.ifla.org/services-for-parliaments>
- Sign up for the IFLAPARL discussion list, which is open to all members as well as others interested in the Section; <http://www.ifla.org/services-for-parliaments>
- Contribute news about your library and/or research service: email Lillian Gassie, Chair, iflaparl.chair@gmail.com or Karin Finer, Secretary, karin.finer@europarl.europa.eu

IFLA CONFERENCES 2016



Preconference 2016

The IFLAPARL Section held its 32nd pre-conference in Washington, D.C, 10-12 August 2016, hosted by the U.S. Library of Congress. The theme of the event was "Delivering parliamentary library and research services in an interconnected world". It was preceded by an invitation-only capacity building programme, 8-9 August, sponsored by the US House Democracy Partnership and the US Agency for International Development.

143 delegates from 49 countries and 8 affiliated institutions/regional parliaments attended the event. Collected feedback showed that participants found the two-day programme very interesting and informative, with its mix of keynote speeches, panel discussions and interactive elements.

The sessions with news and updates from partner organisations like IPU and the regional networks were highly appreciated, as were the study visits organised by the Library of Congress after the preconference. Delegates stated that

the top three benefits they gained were: learning from the experience of others, making new contacts, and knowing more about the US legislative system. Many participants wanted to have even more time for interactive discussions and questions. This has been taken into consideration when planning for IFLAPARL's conferences in 2017.

You can find more information, the presentations and photos [here](#).

WLIC 2016

The 2016 World Library and Information Congress (WLIC) took place in Columbus, Ohio from 13-19 August. The conference attracted over 3,500 participants from 145 countries this year. Its 220 sessions ranged over issues of copyright, copyright exemptions for libraries, data protection, semantic web and linked data, professional development, new uses of library space and equipment, and adapting libraries to a new role.

It was a very busy week for the IFLAPARL Section! The Standing Committee reviewed its [past and future activities](#) during the two business meetings and organised its own open session, several joint sessions (with Law libraries, Governmental libraries, Knowledge management and CPDWL sections) and a much appreciated visit to the [Ohio Statehouse](#).

The Section convened an open session entitled "Meeting the needs of parliamentary clients: a knowledge sharing session". Based on feedback from members, the Section organised a more interactive session, with six short presentations followed by group discussions. The presentations were highly engaging and the group discussions lively and informative. You can find more information, presentations and photos [here](#).

Also of great interest is the [report by the Knowledge Management Section](#) on the discussions during the joint Knowledge Cafe session on continuous learning in libraries and their communities.



PLANNING FOR THE IFLA CONFERENCES 2017

Preparations for this year's IFLA conferences are in full swing! Feedback from participants who attended the 2016 conferences was incorporated when designing the interactive programmes for both events. There will be more detailed information in the next newsletter, closer to the dates.

Pre-conference 2017

The website of [IFLAPARL 33rd pre-conference](#) (Warsaw, 15-18 August 2017) is now available. You will find the registration form, the draft programme and information about all other activities there. Registration is open until 31 May. Congratulations and many thanks to our Polish colleagues on the launch of this attractive website!

You will find the **Call for presentations** for the pre-conference [here](#). The focus will be on sharing practical experience on how parliamentary libraries, research and information services develop new products and services according to ever-changing requirements, and its impact on strategic planning. The format is partly new, with a mix of keynote speeches, shorter presentations and interactive discussions, see more details in the Call for presentations. We are looking forward to receiving your contributions (before 31 March)!



WLIC 2017

The Section will convene its own knowledge sharing session in Wrocław, "Parliament and the People: Transparency, Openness, Engagement". Presentations and group discussions will be mixed to fully enable sharing knowledge and practical experience. The session will focus on how parliamentary libraries and research services facilitate open and transparent communication between legislators, parliaments and the public, as well as ways to cooperate to gain knowledge and the technical expertise needed to develop innovative library and research services. If you have a project or service to share with colleagues, please consider responding to the [Call for presentations](#) (before 15 March).



We are also planning the following joint sessions:

- with Government Libraries and Law Libraries Sections, on "[Government and Parliamentary libraries: supporting UN Sustainable Development Goals](#)"
- with Knowledge Management and Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning, a Knowledge Cafè on "Continuous Learning in Libraries and their Communities".

The IFLAPARL Chair and Secretary wish to **express their thanks to the Standing Committee and other members of the Section** who helped in organizing the events and sessions at the 2016 pre-conference and WLIC. We look forward to your continued support and participation in the 2017 pre-conference and WLIC in Warsaw and Wrocław, Poland,

RECENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

ECPRD SEMINAR, NORWAY

The ECPRD (European Centre for Parliamentary Research & Documentation) seminar, "Innovative services for Parliamentary Libraries, Research Services and Archives", took place in Oslo on 7 to 9 September 2016. It was organised by the Storting (the Norwegian Parliament) in the framework of the ECPRD Area of Interest "Parliamentary Libraries, Research Services and Archives" (LRA).

The aim of the seminar was to present and discuss developments related to knowledge services, publications, openness, and working methods to learn and share experience;

Interesting topics for discussion included:

- information about the various publications and research products produced by LRA services, as well as dissemination/marketing of such products;
- discussions on openness, especially concerning research papers;
- information on developments in the use and creation of infographics in publications and research products.



MEXICAN PUBLIC LIBRARY OF CONGRESS 80TH ANNIVERSARY

"The Chamber of Deputies' Library performs an important role in dignifying Mexico's Legislative Branch, as it offers better tools for the formation and knowledge of legislators".

Deputy Fernando Rodríguez Doval, President of the Joint Committee for Congressional Libraries System (2014).

On August 16th 2016, the Mexican Library of Congress celebrated its 80th Anniversary. Chamber of Deputies Speaker Jesús Zambrano Grijalva and Chairman of Politic Coordination Board César Camacho Quiroz lead the festivity and unveiled a commemorative plaque to honor the Library. Two miniature copies of the plaque were given as presents to the Spanish Embassy and to the British Embassy, in appreciation to their donation for the library's founding collection, in 1936.

Indeed, Mexican Library of Congress was founded in 1822, and since then it has been benefited by the, nowadays called, legal deposit. Although the library was established in the 19th Century, this celebration was based on the ideal raised in 1936, when the deputies decided to "share their library with the people".

In 1935 the Chamber of Deputies invited the Senate and the audit office of Congress to donate their collections in order to create a public library. This new parliamentary and public library was installed in a former church, a temple dedicated to Saint Clare that had been nationalized in the 19th Century. The former temple was now administered by the Executive Branch, who donated it in order to establish a library for the MPs, as well as for the Mexican people. In 1936, this ancient building was halfway between the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate in the Historical Center of Mexico City.

Opened as a Public Library of Congress, on September 4th, 1936, this institution laid two missions for itself: one mission was linked to parliamentary library functions and the other, to public library functions.

Currently the functions of the parliamentary library are offered by the General Directorate of Documentation Information and Analysis Services (SEDIVA as in Spanish) whose offices are located in San Lazaro's Legislative Palace, the actual site of Mexican Congress. SEDIVA is in charge of: two libraries, the archives, the museum and the investigation and analysis services of the Chamber of Deputies.

In the framework of this anniversary's festivities an agreement was settled with the Historical Center of Mexico City Trust, in order to engage the Mexican Library of Congress in the "Great Library of the Historical Center" project. One of the objectives of this project is to turn viral the collections, services and events offered by libraries located at the heart of the Mexican capital.

By Lic. Fabiola Elena Rosales Salinas. Dirección de los Servicios de Investigación y Análisis. Cámara de Diputados, Mexico



RECENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS, CONTINUED**"PEACE BUILDING FUNDS" FOR MADAGASCAR**

Our IFLAPARL colleague, Mr Alim Garga, participated in a workshop for Malagasy librarians, "Peace Building Funds" for Madagascar - organised by UNESCO at United Nations System's program - on the 25 to 27 January 2017. The workshop raised awareness on the UN's Sustainable Development Goals, especially libraries' and librarians' role in the development and contribution to the SDGs. Participants also had meetings with Malagasy Authorities from the Parliaments (Congress and National Assembly) on 25 January 2017 to inform on libraries' contribution to the UN 2030 agenda.

Informing about the work of IFLA and AFLIA

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY LIBRARY OF KOREA TO HOST 2017 APLAP CONFERENCE**

The National Assembly Library of the Republic of Korea (Chief Librarian Eunchul Lee) is hosting the 11th Biennial Conference of the Association of Parliamentary Librarians of Asia and the Pacific (AP LAP) on April 26-28, 2017. To be held at the National Assembly Library in Seoul, Korea, the conference's theme is "Moving towards a Big Data Era: the Roles of Parliamentary Libraries and Research Services".

AP LAP was founded in 1990 to encourage cooperation and knowledge-sharing amongst institutions that provide library and research services to parliaments in Asia and the Pacific. Currently it has 39 member nations, including Australia, China, Japan, and New Zealand. Any related organizations who are not AP LAP members are all welcome. For those interested, please check out AP LAP's official website <http://asiapacificparllibs.org/> for more updates.

By Anna Lee, National Assembly Library, Republic of Korea



RECENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS, CONTINUED

OPEN ACCESS TO LEGAL KNOWLEDGE WORKSHOP UGANDA

Open access to legal knowledge was held in Kampala, Uganda on December 6 & 7, 2016 for law librarians in Anglophone Africa.

More than 30 participants came from the following countries (excluding organizers): Uganda, Ghana, Kenya, Côte d'Ivoire, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Tanzania and South Africa. The workshop was organized by the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) Law Libraries Section, in cooperation with the International Association of Law Libraries (IALL).

The workshop aimed to increase awareness of the value of legal information in societies and the importance of law libraries in African countries, and to promote communication, collaboration, fundraising and library advocacy practice in this region, thus increasing regional capacity and leadership.



A. The intended outcomes and impact of the workshop were the following:

1. Access to legal information on regional basis through databases, repositories, digital publications etc.
2. Support and encourage the development of national and regional legal information policies and intellectual freedom.
3. Support and promote educational and professional opportunities for legal information professionals.
4. Promote interests of law libraries, legal collections, information services and users.

B. The intended output:

1. The development of a training package that can be customized, including materials and activities, to meet the needs of various law librarian communities.

The programme sought to empower participants to utilize the potential of open access legal sources in legal research. The workshop offered a method to build a network of law librarians across Africa in order to share knowledge and assist each other in solving practical legal research questions. In addition, it provided an overview of open access legal sources worldwide, the practical skills required to benefit from them, and an opportunity to establish contact with colleagues from different countries.

Program

Organizers spoke from 15 minutes to 45 minutes on various topics (Open Access, Collection Development, African Legal Materials, Legal Research Skills, Public Legal Education and Information and International Professional Networking) with Q&A sessions afterward. One essential component of the workshop was for every participant to give a presentation. Every participant was expected to have prepared a 5 minute presentation on a chosen topic related to law or law librarianship. In addition to this, each participant was asked to answer questions on their field of expertise and otherwise contribute actively and constructively to all discussions during the workshop. The reasons behind having every participant present were several; first, it encouraged each participant to plan for the workshop and guaranteed active participation. Second, each participant shared information on the legal research environment in their jurisdiction, which allowed for other participants to learn more about jurisdictions outside their own. It also assisted with networking, as each presentation allowed participants to better acquaint themselves with one another. Getting up in front of their peers gave each participant a chance to exercise skills in public speaking that they may not have otherwise used. The schedule below indicates in what order participants presented, what topics they presented on, and other activities conducted in the workshop.

RECENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS, CONTINUED

OPEN ACCESS TO LEGAL KNOWLEDGE, cont'd

During the three breakout sessions, participants were gathered into small groups to foster discussion. Organizers joined in at each group table to act as facilitators for the small group discussions. After 45 minutes to an hour of discussion, the entire workshop group would come together and people from each group would relay their group's findings. Groups were selected to make sure that each participant would meet with different participants for the breakout sessions. Participants took turns being speakers and note-takers for their groups so that the same people were not always presenting findings or taking notes. Organizers, while free to take their own notes, abstained from being note takers or presenters for the breakout sessions. The role of the organizer at each table was rather to ensure the small group stayed on topic and to prompt discussion if need be. Summaries from each group by topics and group numbers can be found in Appendix I of this report. A lead was assigned for each topic and will follow up on the set recommendations provided by each group.

Long-term goals

The organizers hope that participants contribute to a network for African Law Librarians that has been established since this workshop and engage in virtual and practical collaboration with international colleagues in the future. The network consists of several facets:

1. an e-mail group hosted through Google Groups (african-law-librarians-group@googlegroups.com)
2. a website hosted through Google Sites (<https://sites.google.com/view/africanlawlibrarians/home>), where slides and paper presentations from the workshop have been uploaded, and ..
3. a WhatsApp group for commentary and discussion amongst participants on topics tangentially related to librarianship.

So far the email chain and WhatsApp groups have been very vibrant. Participants continue to reach out to one another to discuss resources and let one another know what is happening in their jurisdictions. The website has been good for exchanging slides from the workshop and members have discussed what they would like to do further with the website. In addition to those who attended the workshop, we added anyone who had applied to attend the workshop to the email chain and website. This has allowed for a broader group to benefit from the work done within the workshop.

By Adama Kone, Documentation and Archives Services, National Assembly of the Ivory Coast

NEWS FROM PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARIES & RESEARCH SERVICES

GERMAN BUNDESTAG: PUBLICATION PRACTICE OF THE RESEARCH SERVICE HAS FUNDAMENTALLY CHANGED

In reaction to a judgment of the German Federal Administrative Court from June 2015, obliging the Research Services to provide the public unrestricted access to their analyses and studies the Bundestag decided to publish the research papers on the Web. The online archive went online at 18 February 2016 (www.bundestag.de/analysen). It contains more than 3.600 items now. All research papers from 2016 and subsequent years are put automatically online at the end of a four-week exclusion period during which the paper is at the sole disposal of the Member who had requested it. Papers appearing in 2015 or previous years are always to be put online if a request is made for their release under the German Freedom of Information Act. Ninety per cent of the papers are published in exactly the same form in which they were made available to the requesting Member. Only in cases where a paper contains confidential information held, for example, by government ministries or business enterprises, are the relevant passages blacked out. That is permitted under the German Freedom of Information Act. Moreover, items which are classified as 'restricted' under the Bundestag Rules on Document Security are not published at all. The annual number of restricted research papers is in the low two-digit range.

By Holger Scheerer, Library of the German Bundestag



NEWS FROM PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARIES & RESEARCH SERVICE, CONTINUED

THE INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION CENTER OF THE BRAZILIAN CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES— TRENDING TOPICS

The Chamber of Deputies in Brazil has provided citizens with a new way of requesting inquiries to the House via its institutional website. Now, citizens create a profile on the website and they send multiple messages using a username or email and a password.

Within the philosophy of customer relationship management (CRM), the new system has the function of providing the House of Parliament with information on the citizens' profile, such as the frequency at which each person needs information, the kind of subject is more often requested, and so on. In addition, the CRM platform plays an important role in managing Members of Parliament and staff informational demands.

Thus, the Chamber of Deputies should be able to offer better services and products for the citizens, staff and MP according to their interests. The CRM platform was designed by a Relationship Management Committee and by IT programmers from the Informatics Center of the Brazilian Chamber of Deputies. One should note that the Relationship Management Committee is led by The Information and Documentation Center (CEDI) and is composed of over 10 different departments in the institution.

The Information and Documentation Center of the Brazilian Chamber of Deputies (CEDI) launched, in 2016, a new service entitled "knowledge Community" (KC). The service was designed to supply the Legislative Consultants needs for information in their working process. It provides central access to library resources, news, legislation, bills and other tools selected according to the profile and specialization of groups of consultants. The Legislative Consulting Body is divided into specialized fields and each one of them has different needs. The service resulted from the use of Design Thinking methods, that looks for understanding needs and desires of information users to ensure solutions that will fit in their daily activities, providing for their demands. It focus on the human aspects and the ideas for new solutions come from the insights generated by empathy built between designers and users. The first KC already in use deals with Public Health issues. For 2017, Cedi aims to develop other five KC.

By Janice Silveira. Brazilian Chamber of Deputies Library



APLIC HAS A NEW WEBSITE

The Association of Parliamentary Libraries in Canada (APLIC) is pleased to announce its new website. Completely redesigned, visitors can learn more about the Association and its members. The *Member Vignettes* highlight interesting facts and historical notes about each jurisdiction. The Government and Legislative Libraries Online Publications Portal (GALLOP Portal) provides access to over 475,000 fulltext documents from contributing jurisdictions as well as the federal Depository Services Program. In addition, member libraries post available positions under *Job Opportunities*. Please visit:

<http://aplic-abpac.ca/>

L'Association des bibliothèques parlementaires au Canada (ABPAC) est heureuse d'annoncer son nouveau site Internet, qui a été revu de fond en comble. Les visiteurs pourront en apprendre plus sur l'Association et ses membres. Les *Vignettes des membres* présentent des faits intéressants et des notes d'information historique sur chaque assemblée législative. Le Portail des publications gouvernementales et parlementaires électroniques (Portail PGPE) donne accès au texte complet de plus de 475 000 documents des parlements participants et du Programme des services de dépôt du gouvernement fédéral. De plus, les bibliothèques membres affichent leurs postes à doter dans la section Offres d'emploi. Pour en savoir davantage, visitez notre site à l'adresse suivante : <http://aplic-abpac.ca/>

By Sonia L'Heureux. Library of Parliament, Canada

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Welcome to The Association of Parliamentary Libraries in Canada (APLIC)

The Association of Parliamentary Libraries in Canada was founded in 1975.

The principal objectives of the Association are to improve parliamentary library service in Canada, foster communication among members concerning matters of mutual interest, identify issues requiring research, and encourage cooperation with related parliamentary officials and organizations.

As diverse as the jurisdictions they serve, Canada's parliamentary libraries today are as much about connections as collections. Traditionally housed in beautiful historic settings, these libraries have evolved as premier information centres that provide easy access to specialized resources not only for political representatives, but also for the public in some cases.

GALLOP Portal
Government and Legislative Libraries Online Publications Portal

Search the Portal

News and Updates

- APLIC/ABPAC unveils new website (December 2, 2016)
- Alberta – New Online Resource Provides Historical Member Profiles (December 2, 2016)

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