

NEWS SECTION

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From the Secretariat

New Members

IFLA Headquarters is thrilled to announce that we now have over 1700 members of the Federation. As of 1 February 2001, a total of 1705 associations, institutions, individuals and corporations are members of our global library and information community. We have had twenty-six members join in the period from 1 December 2000 to 1 February 2001. We are especially pleased to see the Norwegian libraries showing their support for Oslo 2005! Welcome to our new members:

Gold Corporate Partner

Netlibrary, Boulder, Colorado, United States

National Associations

East-Kazakhstan Librarians' Association, Kazakhstan

Indian Library Association, India

Institutions

NORDINFO Nordic Council for Scientific Information, Finland

University of Art and Design Library, Finland

Hochschulbibliothek der FHTW-Berlin, Germany

Oslo University College Library, Norway

Statoil Library, Norway

BIBSYS, Norway

Hordaland County Library, Norway

Norwegian School of Economics & Business Administration, Library, Norway

Nevis Public Library Service, Saint Kitts and Nevis

University of California, San Diego, Geisel Library, United States

Personal Affiliates

Ms Rehana Islam, Bangladesh

Abdulkarim Radfar, Islamic Republic of Iran

Ms Lia Koffler, Israel

Corrado Di Tillio, Italy

Ms Yasuyo Inouye, Japan

Adolfo Rodriguez, Mexico

Fadele Adekunle Olusola, Nigeria

Ms Felina D. Ferro, Philippines

Ms Malgorzata Kisilowska, Poland

Ron Davies, Switzerland

Ms Joyce Pellerano Ludmer, United States

Ms Cheryl Alyce Sanderlin, United States

Ms Mary Gay Anderson, United States

New Student Affiliate Membership

IFLA is pleased to introduce a new special category of membership for students. This new category provides the opportunity for students who are interested in issues facing the international library and information community to receive the latest information and to support the activities and objectives of the Federation.

The Student Affiliate benefits include:

- a subscription to the IFLA Journal
- free registration in one of IFLA's thirty-five professional Sections
- a discount on the purchase of publications
- standard member discount on registration fees for the Annual General Conference.

The annual membership fee is only NLG 110 (EUR 50) per year. The offer is open to students in full- or part-time education. Proof of registration must be provided with application. This may be in the form of a photocopy of an institution student card or an International Student Identity (ISIC) Card. Students may belong to this category for a maximum of two years; after this period they can transfer to Personal Affiliate membership.

Kay Raseroka, Chair of IFLA's Membership Development Committee commented: "I am thrilled that we are now able to offer students the opportunity to join IFLA. They can become involved in the library and information community at the beginning of their professional lives. Student participation will also provide IFLA with stability and continuity by having members involved at all stages of their careers."

The IFLA Student Affiliate offer is being run on a four-year trial basis, to determine the level of interest in student involvement in the Federation.

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H.-P. Geh Grant Awarded

Andrei Masevitch from Russia has been granted the Hans-Peter Geh Grant 2001. At the IFLA Conference in Moscow, August 1991, Dr. Hans-Peter Geh, IFLA President 1985-1991, donated DEM 20,000 to IFLA to be used to sponsor annually a librarian from the geographic region previously called the Soviet Union, including the Baltic States, to attend the IFLA General Conference or another international library and information-related conference to become acquainted with new international developments in the field of library and information.

Andrei Masevitch is Head of the Section of Library Automation at the Russian Academy of Sciences Library, St Petersburg. The library is one of the oldest libraries in Russia and the collection is of great historical and cultural value. Mr. Masevitch intends to attend sessions

and workshops focusing on library automation, cataloguing, UNIMARC and electronic cataloguing of old printed books.

For more information on the Hans-Peter Geh Grant or the IFLA General Conference, please contact IFLA Headquarters, POB 95312, 2509 CH, The

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From the Core Programmes

2000 Annual Report of the ALP Programme by Gunilla Natvig, Administrative Officer

Background

The mission of the Advancement of Librarianship Programme (ALP) is to further the library profession, library institutions and library and information services in the developing countries of Africa, Asia and Oceania, and Latin America and the Caribbean.

Within the special ALP areas, the Medium-Term Programme (MTP) goals are to assist in continuing education and training; to support the development of library associations; to promote the establishment and development of library and information services to the general public, including the promotion of literacy; and to promote the introduction of new technology into library services.

The scope of ALP is wide. Cooperation with relevant IFLA professional bodies and with regional and international organizations is therefore essential for the implementation of the programme.

ALP achieves its goals through a carefully planned programme of different activities in close cooperation with IFLA's Regional Offices, IFLA's Regional Division and its three sections, and other partners. This cooperation includes activities such as fund-raising, scholarships and attachment programmes, conferences, seminars and workshops, pilot projects, publications and databases.

Staff and Finance

IFLA, Uppsala University and twenty-four Nordic library associations and institutions fund the International Focal Point (IFP) for ALP at Uppsala University Library. DANIDA pays for one half-time position and for translations and publications. SIDA funds are also used for the secretariat. To this should be added contributions in kind from Uppsala University Library.

Birgitta Bergdahl, Core Programme Director was granted an early retirement as from August and Birgitta Sandell was appointed new Director of the Programme. Gunilla Natvig, Administrative Officer, worked at 50 percent throughout the year. Peter Borg was working as Administrative Assistant at 40 percent from February to June. In December Karin Lindblom took up the same duty.

Professional Activities

The sponsors in 2000 were SIDA, DANIDA, FINNIDA, the Finnish Library Association, NORAD and two Swedish library associations. In addition, those responsible for projects in the regions contributed with their own resources and raised considerable funds from external sources.

ALP Meetings and Seminars

There was money left from the DANIDA contribution towards JICPA (Joint IFLA/ICA Committee on Preservation in Africa) for the period 1997-1999, which made a fifth meeting of the JICPA Committee possible. This meeting took place in Rabat, Morocco January 31-February 2.

Regional workshop on the evaluation for the provision of school libraries in the SCECSAL Region. The workshop was organized by Enoch Chipunza, Zimbabwe Library Association and took place in Harare, Zimbabwe in November. The objectives of the workshop were to share information on the current situation in school libraries in the region of Eastern, Central and Southern Africa with the intention to come up with recommendations for the improvement of school libraries. SIDA funded the workshop. A final report from the workshop is expected shortly.

Networking for library development in the Arab states. The seminar was held from 2-4 March in Beirut, Lebanon. Over 100 participants from Lebanon and the Middle East region attended. Several papers dealt with the possibilities and prospects for cooperation between

libraries in the region. Question sessions during the seminar were lively with debate on topics such as censorship of the Internet in some Arab countries, the role of the private sector in developing networks and the need to attain regional self-sufficiency in document supply. Amelia McKenzie and Hilda Nasser organized the seminar and the majority of funding support was received from SIDA.

Workshop to design a para-professional programme for distance education in the Caribbean region. The workshop took place in Puerto Rico, March 13-15. Twenty representatives from fourteen countries in the Caribbean and Latin American region participated in the workshop. It was organized by Blanca Hodge and Marie-Françoise Bernabé and held at the Graduate School of Library and Information Science, University of Puerto Rico. The idea of the workshop emerged from a previous seminar entitled "Tools for Library Development" held in Martinique 1997. This workshop identified the need to strengthen collaborative ties in the region was, in order to support distance education for the working personnel in the different libraries and documentation centres. At the end of the workshop a committee was selected to develop the specific content of the various modules and select learning strategies and this committee met in Puerto Rico, November 23-30. Another committee was designated to develop the project to be presented to different funding agencies. SIDA funded the workshops.

Tools for the professional development of library workers in the information age. This workshop took place in Viña del Mar, Chile, 17-21 July. It was designed along the same lines as the event in Martinique in 1997, "Tools for library development", and its objective was to carry out a regional diagnostic of the situation of libraries and librarians in the region, analysing the necessities and proposing area of future regional cooperation. Three delegates were invited from each of the countries in the southern cone region of Latin America: Peru, Bolivia, Argentina, Uruguay and Chile.

The proceedings were published in the IFLA ALP Project Report Series (No 19), and can be requested from the ALP secretariat in Uppsala. The workshop was funded by SIDA.

Latin American meeting on the attention to indigenous communities through library services, 15-17 November in Mexico. Sixty people representing different institutions with an interest in indigenous issues attended the first two days, which were open. Fourteen participants from Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Mexico and Venezuela participated in the closed session. A working group was formed and a declaration with proposed guidelines for library service to indigenous communities in Latin America was adopted. Each group member were responsible for disseminating the declaration amongst libraries and institutions. The workshop was funded by SIDA.

Meeting of ALP Advisory Committee. The ALP Advisory Committee, consisting of the chairs and secretaries of the three regional sections and of IFLA's regional office managers, met at Uppsala University Library, 12-17 October to discuss the future of Division 8, to evaluate the ALP projects and plan the activities for the coming two years. Ross Shimmom, Secretary General of IFLA participated on one day during the discussions about Division 8. The evaluation of the projects was presented at a meeting with ALP Nordic Support Group. SIDA funded the meeting.

Birgitta Sandell participated in the meeting "Donors Briefing on the Revitalization of Public Libraries in Africa" organized by the Carnegie Corporation, 11-12 May in New York.

IFLA General Conference in Jerusalem

DANIDA Travel Grants

In 1998 DANIDA allocated a yearly sum of DKK 900,000, for the setting up of a Conference Travel Grant to enable librarians from developing countries to attend the IFLA General Conferences. To start with, the grant runs for a three-year period and the IFLA Jerusalem Conference 2000 was the second conference to which the grant could be applied. The sponsorship covered registration, travel, accommodation and a daily allowance. Twenty-five people from the regions were supported to attend the conference.

Nine of the DANIDA grantees were selected and invited to attend the satel-

lite workshop in Haifa: "Marketing and Communication for Libraries", in addition to the general conference. Two persons were also selected to attend the "Preservation of Newspapers' Symposium" in Paris.

Speakers Grants

With money from SIDA ALP could support three people who had been selected to present papers at the Conference in the Open Sessions of the Regional Sections. Ms Nurilya Davletyarova, National Library of Kyrgyz Republic presented her paper "Integration of Central Asian Libraries into the International Library Society". Ms Ana Lorena Echavarría Solís, University of Costa Rica presented her and Alice Miranda's paper "La Biblioteca Global y la Identidad Centroamericana". Unfortunately, Kenneth Nwalo, Nigeria was not granted a visa, and his paper "Managing Information for Development in the 21st Century: Prospects for African Libraries, Challenges to the World" was presented by Gabriel Alegbeye.

Birgitta Sandell and Gunilla Natvig participated in the Jerusalem Conference and took part in the Regional Standing Committee meetings.

IFLA Regional Standing Committee Meetings

The annual meeting of the Regional Standing Committees in their own regions are most important for the development of ALP.

Birgitta Sandell participated in the meeting of the Section for Asia and Oceania in Beirut, Lebanon and in the Africa Section meeting in Rabat, Morocco. Gunilla Natvig participated in the Latin American and the Caribbean Section meeting in Puerto Rico.

Scholarships and Attachments

Scholarships in Information Technology to the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Bangkok, Thailand

Two scholarships were awarded for the three-month training course in Modern Information Technology in 2000 at the AIT, namely to Ms Lilia F. Echiverri, Philippines and Ms Zhang Jingbo, China. Unfortunately, Ms Echiverri could not take up her scholarship and Ms Maliwan Noibuatip, Thailand replaced her. The recipients of the 1999 awards, Ms Oyuntulga Mandshir, Mongolia and Ms Nguyen Hong Hanh, Vietnam, also

attended the course in 2000. These scholarships are funded by SIDA.

In Service Training, Attachments for Middle or Senior Staff

Three persons were selected for attachments in 2000 at institutions in the region: Shivayogi Bhusaraddi, India, Ms Mary Warus, Papua New Guinea and Md. Nasiruddin, Bangladesh. Host institutions were: Thai Library Association, Bangkok and the Srinakarinwirot University, Bangkok This project is funded by two Swedish library associations and by the Finnish Library Association with additional money from FINNIDA.

The candidates for both programmes were selected by the Advisory and Appraisal Committee of the Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania.

The Bart Nwafor Staff Development Programme in Africa started in 1997 with funding from NORAD. The Regional Office for Africa is responsible for the programme and ALP IFP holds and disburses the funds and gives a statement of accounts to NORAD. Selected for 2000 were: Getaw Smumye, Ethiopia, Viscount Buer, Ghana, Hauwa K. Ismaila, Nigeria and Walter Omona, Uganda. Host institutions were East African Community Secretariat, Tanzania and University of Nairobi Library, Kenya.

Other Ongoing Projects

In cooperation with the IFLA Africa Regional Section and IFLA's Regional Office for Africa, ALP participated at the *Zimbabwe International Book Fair*, in Harare, 4-7 August. Stan Made, Chair of the IFLA Regional Standing Committee for Africa, was responsible for the stand and the exhibition. The stand was paid for by money from SIDA.

Establishment of a centre collecting and distributing school material in the Ivory Coast. The objective of this three-year project is to develop young people's reading skills, to make books accessible through reading centres and try to make the use of libraries indispensable in the educational system. The target group is school children and teachers.

The project is partly funded by SIDA.

Educational kit for para-professionals to promote reading. This educational kit is meant for distributing in Colombia and the neighbouring countries. ALP is partly supporting the project, with money from SIDA.

Minor Field Studies (MFS). SIDA has a cooperation programme with Swedish universities, Minor Field Studies (MFS), and the ALP secretariat is administering this programme within the library field. The programme aims at giving Swedish students the opportunity to carry out a two months study in a developing country. In 2000 one student carried out a study on "The use and development of information technology at two university libraries in Costa Rica". Host institution was the Library School, Universidad Nacional in Costa Rica. Another student carried out a study in Hanoi Vietnam, "Developing Press Ethics: a study of the creation of an ethic code in Vietnamese Media".

Publications

ALP Project Report Series (ISSN 1023-8212)

The following issues were published in 2000:

18. *Programmes de formation pour la diffusion de l'information dans les Communautés rurales en Afrique/Model Curriculum for Rural Community Information Studies. Final report from the Expert meeting on training for rural community information services in Africa, Dakar, Senegal, May 1998.* Edited by Kingo Mchombu, Antoinette Fall Corréa and Djibril Ndiaye. B.L.D. Bibliothèque-Lecture-Développement, Dakar, 2000.
19. *Herramientas para el desarrollo profesional de los trabajadores de bibliotecas en la era de la sociedad de la información. Memorias del seminario en Viña del Mar, Chile, 18-20 julio, 2000.* Editada por Amanda Jolly. Uppsala University Library, 2000. ISBN 91-85092-59-2.

The following titles are under preparation:

20. Proceedings of the regional meeting on UNESCO Public Library Manifesto held in Bahía, Brazil, 24-27 March, 1998.
21. Proceedings of the workshop on Networking for effective libraries and information services held in Colombo, Sri Lanka, 17-23 October 1999.

DANIDA Travel Grant Report Year 2000

Introduction

In October 1998, the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, DANIDA, allocated a

generous grant, DKK 900,000 per year, for the purpose of setting up a Conference Travel Fund to be used by librarians from developing countries to attend the IFLA General Conferences. The grant runs for a three-year period to start with and the IFLA Bangkok Conference 1999 was the first conference to which the DANIDA Travel Grant (DTG) was applied and the IFLA Jerusalem Conference 2000 would be the second. As in the previous year the sponsorship covered registration, travel from the nearest international airport to Jerusalem, accommodation and a daily allowance. The grantee was responsible for the costs of personal arrangements, for health and travel insurance, and for expenses en route. The ALP-secretariat in Uppsala, Sweden had the administrative responsibility.

Announcement

At the end of October the grant was announced through IFLA's listserv IFLA-L and other lists in the regions. Calls for applications were also made in the IFLA Regional Newsletters, *IFLA Journal* and on the IFLA web site. Application forms were available in English, French and Spanish at the web site and distributed on demand, both in printed and an e-mail version.

Criteria

Criteria for the allocation of the DANIDA Travel Grant to participate in IFLA's General Conference were the same as the previous year. Priority was given to younger professionals; applicants who are not regular IFLA conference attendees; wide geographical distribution, good general quality of application, evidence of dynamism and commitment, professional background and experience, and commitment shown in letter of application and a well presented CV.

Selection

The deadline for applications was 1 February 2000. As the Committee is operating in close cooperation with IFLA's Regional Offices and the Standing Committees of the Regional Sections, valid applications were sent to the appropriate IFLA Regional Offices (Bangkok, Dakar, São Paulo). The first selection was done at the Regional meetings in Africa and Asia and Oceania. In Latin America and The Caribbean the manager of the regional office and the chair and secretary of the section were requested to make recommendations regarding selection and prioritization of the applicants

as their standing committee meeting was to be held later in March.

The same DANIDA Grant Selection Committee met this year 7-8 March for an orderly final selection. The committee consists of the following members:

Børge Sørensen (Copenhagen City Library), Member of IFLA's Executive Board

Beatrice Christensen Sköld (Swedish Library of Talking Books and Braille), Standing Committee Member of IFLA's Section of Libraries for the Blind

Birgitta Sandell, IFLA/ALP Office, Uppsala

Gunilla Natvig, IFLA/ALP Office, Uppsala

Sjoerd Koopman, IFLA HQ, The Hague

Only candidates mastering one or more of IFLA's working languages were considered.

The candidates should not have received earlier DANIDA or similar support for attending the IFLA conferences of 1997 (Copenhagen) and/or 1998 (Amsterdam). Applicants who might have other possibilities of support for participating were not considered. The committee also looked for a balance between sectors of library and information work and a geographical balance. Anticipated ripple effects were also considered.

Two hundred and sixty-three valid applications were received by the deadline. Of these applications, twenty-seven candidates were selected for support: eleven from Africa, nine from Asia and Oceania and seven from Latin America and the Caribbean. The selected candidates came from twenty-seven different countries. The number of grants was determined by calculations based on estimated prices of accommodation, flight tickets, conference fees and also a per diem. The amount for each of the three regions is about the same.

This year we had no applicants from the Arab world. We had some applicants from Muslim countries and one was awarded a grant but in the end he declined to come even if he had been granted a visa. Another grantee could not come because of no diplomatic relations between the countries.

Administration

All the applications were registered and basic personal data extracted from the applications. Immediately after the

process of selection, letters of regret were e-mailed, faxed and/or mailed to the applicants who were not selected for a grant, and successful grantees were informed in a letter of approval, likewise e-mailed or faxed and in all cases also informed by airmail. Most of the candidates had e-mail connections which facilitated communications. We had asked the candidates to reply to the invitation as soon as possible, but not later than 10 April. By this date only one candidate had not been reached even after repeated efforts.

The ticketing and accommodation were handled in Jerusalem by the Peltours-Te'um Congress Organizers, headed by Ms Hanna Barragh and Ms Evaline Soussan. They spent a lot of time and energy on getting good prices and finding reasonable travel routes for each grantee. The ALP office had also contacted agencies in Sweden to compare the prices. The best option was to use Galaxy Tours in Jerusalem. Eight persons arranged for their own tickets and were reimbursed in Jerusalem. There was intensive communication between the Peltours Secretariat in Jerusalem, the ALP office in Uppsala and the participants, concerning flight tickets; date of arrival and departure, route of travel, number of stopovers, availability of tickets, and visas etc. In some cases we had to ask the grantee again to buy his/her own ticket and get reimbursed in Jerusalem as the difference was quite considerable. It could be USD 3200 for a PTA ticket and only USD 1400 if the ticket was bought in the country. Normally there is no big difference, but sending tickets to some countries is for some reasons very expensive, to some others it is not even possible.

Many people had expressed their concern about getting visas this year and therefore ALP contacted the Israeli Embassy in Stockholm. They suggested that the local administrator should turn to the Ministry of Interior and ask for visas for the grantees. Peltours Organizers agreed to do so. A list of the grantees had already been sent to Peltours for the registration. The Foreign and Interior Ministries needed supplementary information, passport information and a message was sent to the grantees, asking those who wanted help with arranging visas to send this information to Peltours. All grantees on this first list who had given the information were required to get the visa and those who had a passport, did get a visa. Some other grantees who were not on the first list were not granted any visa.

Nine of the DANIDA grantees were selected and invited to attend the satellite workshop in Haifa: "Marketing and Communication for Libraries", in addition to the general conference. Two persons were also selected to attend the "Preservation of Newspapers" symposium in Paris.

As volunteers are not used in Israel, the grantees could not be met at the airport as in Thailand, and the ALP staff and other colleagues had meetings and could therefore not be there. Information had been sent out, explaining how to get to Jerusalem and the hotel but in a few cases the information had not reached the grantees. Everybody arrived safely in Jerusalem.

Handing out per diems was also different this year. Usually they are handed out to the grantees by volunteers when they are met, or when they arrive to the hotel, This time ALP staff had to try to

catch them at the hotel during spare moments when they were free from meetings. At the end of the 'Newcomers Session' it was announced where the DANIDA Grantees could meet the ALP staff to receive their per diems and get help with different matters. In Haifa Christina Tovoté, member of the section of Management and Marketing, distributed the per diems.

A reception was organized at Hotel Mercure where the grantees stayed. We wanted to meet them all and have more time to talk and give them the opportunity to ask questions, and for the grantees to get to know each other. A smaller delegation from the Danish community was also invited. Some practical matters were also handled such as reimbursing those who had bought their own tickets.

Conclusion

Events like this are of great importance as they give young professionals the opportunity to take part in international librarianship. During the conference and after, many acknowledgements and expressions of gratitude were received. For many grantees it was the first time they were outside their country and they were very keen to learn and make new contacts. Many of the grantees said that they had made new friends that had become friends for life. In a report a grantee tells us about a meeting she had organized for librarians in her institutional network, to talk about her experience as being a DANIDA grantee and sharing information from Jerusalem. She says: "The experience is definitely a way to enhance our professional lives and ways of cooperation." It was a worthwhile venture for the grantees.

From the Divisions, Sections and Round Tables

Round Table of the International Association of Metropolitan Libraries (INTAMEL)

St. Louis County Library and St. Louis Public Library 17 - 22 September 2000. INTAMEL's latest Annual Conference, in September 2000, was based on the neighbouring host libraries of St. Louis County Library and St. Louis Public Library, Missouri. Library Directors attended from twenty cities and metro-

politan areas in twelve countries, including Amman, Brasov, Budapest, Minsk and Singapore. Two of these were financially supported by INTAMEL scholarships. In all there were forty attendees, half of whom moved on for the optional weekend programme in New Orleans.

The conurbation region of St. Louis, with a population of 2,520,000 spread over 6,397 square miles, is served by what seems a complex network comprising several public library systems. St. Louis County Library (SLCL) is the

largest circulating library in the State of Missouri, while St. Louis Public Library (SLPL) has one of the finest archival collections in the USA. Jefferson and St. Charles counties have separate library systems and, in the State of Illinois, across the Mississippi River, the Lewis and Clark Regional Library System supports township libraries in two counties.

Of the eighty-five municipalities within St. Louis County, nine maintain public libraries independent of SLCL which, with nineteen branches and a large fleet

of mobiles, serves a population of 843,000, while SLPL, with sixteen libraries, serves 334,000 residents in a city which has suffered massive population loss over the last twenty years.

Many current issues were raised through papers and presentations from several delegates and host colleagues. Delegates also enjoyed talks by the Missouri and Illinois State Librarians, Sara Parker and Jean Wilkins, who outlined the vision and programs of their respective services.

From Toledo-Lucas, Ohio, Clyde Scoles discussed public libraries and the political process, referring not to partisan politics but to the more generic art of influencing government policy. "Whether we work in large or small libraries, we are all part of the political environment of funding issues, governance issues, personnel limitations and press relations. We operate in a world of challenging constraints and relationships ... [which] can be managed productively."

Role definition and the communication of adequate and appropriate information are two important factors to the development and maintenance of a productive working relationship with a board or other governing body. Many of the problems that arise between directors and boards may be the result of a confusion of roles. "Vision, courage, stamina and the ability to communicate are essential in the political process" was Clyde's conclusion: "Working with trustees, elected officials, the press and so many others in our communities is simply to find a shared path to the public good."

Leslie Holt (SLPL) described Project REAL (Read and Learn), a two-year program that had been funded by the US Department of Education. The goal was to develop a public library based family literacy program to serve people who are at risk of not developing effective literacy skills. Project activities included: homework helpers; volunteers to help with special programs and storytelling to children; 'research families' who agreed to be part of in-depth research and received invitations to library programs; parent training, workshops and a 'parent's club' program for parents of young children; teacher training and workshops; pre-school caregivers' training; a home reading kit to encourage families to read and use the library regularly; special family programs to encourage and improve home reading; school and pre-school visits, delivering deposit collections, storytelling and reading; improve-

ments to toy and book collections; publicizing library services to at-risk families and recruiting users for Project REAL; setting improved standards of service; research and dissemination.

Project REAL came up with these findings:

- Of parents, 100 percent valued the library's services, 83 percent valued reading and read to their children on a regular basis, and 95 percent had library cards and stayed active library users for two years. Parents identified library materials, staff helpfulness, family friendly programs and library facilities as having value to them.
- Of teachers, 84 percent actively used Project REAL materials three or more times a week, 66 percent reported children used project materials for more than 30 minutes a week, 80 percent reported children became better readers because of Project REAL, 75 percent reported children enjoyed reading more, and 83 percent reported that it improved their teaching. Teachers reported quality of materials available, interaction with library staff and teacher training as values of the project.
- Of pre-school/care providers, 82 percent reported enhanced learning in their classroom because of Project REAL, and 77 percent reported that children read or looked at books more often and enjoyed reading more. Care providers identified the quality and variety of materials available, interaction with library staff and professional training as values of the project.

Frans Meijer (Rotterdam) updated colleagues on Transformation 2000+, a continuous process of adaptation and renewal involving a strategic investment in restyling and redesigning the layout of the Central Library and branch libraries, staff training to effect a change of culture, ICT infrastructure, and marketing through research into customers' needs, query profiles, and target group policy.

The objectives are to improve public accessibility (in physical and psychological terms of image), enable the public to cope for themselves and promote a self-service concept, strengthen the library's information, cultural and educational functions, concentrate on core business, outsource other functions, and modernize the library's image. Strategic objectives for the period to year 2004 cover measured increases in sixteen areas, including visitors and users, customer satisfaction, accuracy of information provided, self-service, usage in deprived

areas, budget for new activities, staff training, and productivity.

George Durnell, David Marjamaa and other colleagues gave detailed and impressive presentations on SLCL's Technology Development 1997-2000, covering project management, system administration, networking, staff help desk, Internet and telecommunication services, materials management, cost savings, statistical improvements, and a major staff development programme. This includes the Cybermobile, a converted bookmobile with network capabilities, travelling around the County with hands-on computer training sessions for staff.

At SLPL, Waller McGuire introduced the library website's "Electronic City Hall" (City Charter, Board Minutes, city information etc.), and the Gates Lab at Central West Library. Glenn Holt summarized the Value of Public Library Services project, which researched and calculated a conservative lower bound of the monetary benefits that users get from using library services, and developed a communications mechanism that conveys the monetary value of library services to officials and civic leaders.

Glen also introduced published work on the importance of library partnerships, e.g. for training, development, research and funding, and the management of such partnerships (Glen Holt. *Public Library Partnerships: Mission-Driven Tools for 21st Century Success*. Bertelsmann Foundation, Gütersloh, 1999. <http://www.stiftung.bertelsmann.de/english/publika/download/index.htm>).

Visits included SLPL's impressively restored Carnegie Central Library, Buder Branch (1998, a major redevelopment of a former bank), SLCL's HQ library and Florissant Valley Branch, Lewis and Clark Library System (which provides support and service for 150 member libraries in eleven county areas in Illinois), DRA (Data Research Associates, leading library automation company), research libraries of the Missouri Botanical Garden and Missouri Historical Society; and in New Orleans the Main Library, the expansive East Bank Regional Library of neighbouring Jefferson Parish, and the wonderful Hogan Jazz Archive at Tulane University in New Orleans.

The Annual Business Meeting agreed a number of changes to the Statute, or constitution. Among them was an amendment to the association's name: INTAMEL is now the International Asso-

ciation of Metropolitan Libraries (instead of Metropolitan City Libraries). Members agreed that the population size for membership eligibility should be retained at 400,000 but that exceptions could continue to be made. It was also agreed that, because of the workloads involved, a separation of the Secretary and Treasurer roles should be discussed at the 2001 meeting. The dues for 2001 will be increased to USD 125 after several years at USD 75. Two scholarships of up to USD 2000 each should be the aim for the 2001 Conference in Amman, and more if possible.

For most INTAMEL members, communications are being transformed by the widespread use of e-mail, the setting up of the listserv INTLIB, and the reactivation of the INTAMEL web pages on IFLANET. INTLIB was set up in July 2000 and is already proving its value. The aim is to encourage communication between members and to enable exchange of experience. Of INTAMEL's ninety-plus membership, eighty are subscribers to INTLIB. The implications of increased use of electronic communications for the publication in printed form of Metro, the INTAMEL newsletter, were

also raised at the Business Meeting and will be further discussed this year.

Future INTAMEL Conferences will be held:

- 2001 Amman, Jordan
- 2002 Stockholm, Sweden
- 2003 Singapore
- 2004 Brasov/Bucharest, Romania.

For information: <http://www.ifla.org/VII/rt3/rtiamcl.htm>.

Reports of Meetings

BOBCATSSS 2001

From 29-31 January 2001 the 9th BOBCATSSS symposium was held at Vilnius, Lithuania. The symposium, entitled "Knowledge, Information and Democracy in the Open Society: the Role of the Library and Information Sector" was aiming at students (and staff) of library and information sciences faculties throughout Europe.

The special characteristic of the BOBCATSSS concept has always been that the complete organization of the conference (preparation, programme develop-

ment, publicity, sponsoring, registration, reservations, room allocation, reporting etc.) is being done by students. They have always operated in teams of two groups: one from of an Eastern and one from a Western European faculty, this year the 'library schools' of Oslo and Vilnius.

Approximately 250 participants from twenty-five different countries had registered. Taken into account a number of 'no shows', the actual number of participants was certainly more than 200. The programme consisted of three plenary sessions (including Opening and Closing), approximately sixteen slots of four parallel sessions, including five work-

shops. Most of the 'open sessions' were presentations by groups of students of their own 'research' or 'best practice'.

The keynote address of Marianna Tax Choldin (Mortensen Center, USA): "What Every Librarian Should Know About Intellectual Freedom", will be published in a forthcoming issue of *IFLA Journal*. IFLA's Professional Board had agreed to support the symposium with a modest sum, which was used for the production of the Proceedings.

The 10th BOBCATSSS symposium will be held 28-30 January 2002 at Portoroz, Slovenia.

From other Organizations

LIBER Licensing Principles for Electronic Information

In 1997 the university libraries of the UKB (the Dutch Association of University Libraries, the Royal Library and the Library of the Royal Dutch Academy of Sciences) and the GBV (Gemeinsamer BibliotheksVerbund: the German Association of Research and University Libraries in North and Middle Germany) published licensing principles in order to define a common policy and formulate some general principles to meet the publishers' strategy with respect to access to electronic journals and license agreements. These principles were broadly acknowledged by research libraries inside and outside the Netherlands and

Germany. They played an important part in the drafting of the Licensing Principles of the International Coalition of Library Consortia (*Statement of Current Perspective and Preferred Practices for the Selection and Purchase of Electronic Information*).

Because the situation of research libraries in Europe strongly resembles the Dutch and German situation, the Ligue des Bibliothèques Européennes de Recherche (LIBER) decided to draft a European version of the Dutch-German Licensing Principles. at its Annual General Conference in Paris, July 1998. This draft was endorsed by LIBER at its General Assembly in Prague on 9 July 1999. LIBER requests all its members to follow

these principles and to make them widely known in their own working environment and their own countries.

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LIBER Licensing Principles

Guidelines and checklist for university, research and national libraries in Europe formulated by LIBER, the Ligue des Bibliothèques de Recherche Européenne.

Current situation

For many years now, libraries have been suffering under the "journals crisis", facing not only a constant increase in the number of journal titles but also a structural increase in the prices of journals varying from 7 percent to 15 percent a year.

In order to deal with this development, libraries have:

- tried to increase their budgets in various ways
- developed a policy of cancellation of titles; and
- decreased their budgets for new books, which has caused severe impoverishment of the collections of many libraries.

It is clear that this is actually a dead-end street since limited increases in library budgets can in no way keep pace with the price developments of scholarly and scientific information.

Opportunities

Libraries welcome the developments that are made possible by information technologies, in particular the accessibility of electronic information through the Internet.

They perceive this development as an important opportunity

- to improve international communication between researchers
- to provide efficient end-user access to relevant products of scientific work in electronic form
- to create more cost-effective access to scholarly and scientific journals.

Obstacles

In addition to the structural problems, mentioned above, libraries are noticing significant trends as some publishers try to erect barriers to the storage and access of information, and present license agreements for the electronic access to journal titles in which additional fees are requested, document delivery is hindered, and non-cancellation clauses are introduced.

The library position in copyright law in the digital age is being threatened. The rights libraries have in the printed

environment are being challenged by the publishers.

Some publishers are building large databases with 'their' materials. A possible scenario is the provision of direct end-user access to this information, at prices that go far beyond the current Inter Library Loan prices. This could endanger the free flow of information, scientific communication, and public education.

In many cases, the technical concepts of publishers (and their intermediaries) are not (yet) compatible with each other and neglect the need for an integrated, homogeneous and supplier-independent access to information.

Preamble

Libraries recognize the role of publishers in printed and electronic publishing, and expect in their turn that the role of the libraries will be recognized by the publishers.

Both in the printed and in the digital environment, there is a need to maintain a balance between the rights of authors, of copyright holders and the larger public interest, particularly education, research and access to information, as reflected in the Berne Convention (WIPO Copyright Treaty).

The use of electronic information can reduce publication costs, facilitate distribution, and improve scientific communication.

Currently libraries and publishers are in a transition phase that requires considerable investments, both by libraries/universities and by publishers. Libraries are willing to cooperate with publishers to develop electronic publishing.

Cooperation between libraries and publishers should be encouraged in order to stimulate optimal dissemination of scientific information in the electronic age and to develop acceptable conditions and arrangements for electronic publishing with long-term application.

The Library Approach

LIBER wishes to define a common policy and formulate some general principles for the European university, research and national libraries in order to meet the publishers' strategy with respect to access to electronic journals and license agreements. This policy and these principles are fully in accordance with the ICOLC principles, which LIBER

fully supports. The policy and principles formulated by LIBER especially meet the European situation.

I. General Principles

1. Libraries in Europe will act on a national or an international level and in changing compositions act as consortia / closed user groups in negotiation with the publishers and intermediaries.

The members of the consortia will only enter into new bilateral or multilateral agreements with publishers in line with these principles.

2. The consortia/closed user groups aim at providing electronic access to the scholarly journals they currently subscribe to.

For that purpose, they are prepared to make license agreements with publishers.

3. Priority will be given to the digital format acquisition of those resources which offer economies of scale by benefiting the largest number of faculty and students.
4. Libraries intend to keep as many (printed and/or electronic) subscriptions as possible, but will from now on not accept non-cancellation clauses or comparable conditions.

II. Access and Use

5. Libraries should be able to provide access to their students, faculty and supporting staff, irrespective of where they are located, and to their other regular and registered users on-site.
6. Licenses should permit the "fair use" of all information for non-commercial, educational, instructional, and scientific purposes by authorized users, including unlimited viewing, downloading and printing, in agreement with the provisions in current copyright law.
7. Libraries should be allowed to make print, fax or e-mail copies of the data delivered by the publisher for non-commercial interlibrary lending purposes, within the fair-use guidelines/the legal copyright regulations. They are prepared to discuss specific conditions for interlibrary lending in the electronic environment.
8. The libraries will not provide external users, not being members of the licensee's institution, off-site with

open access to full-text materials delivered by publishers.

9. The license agreement should include permanent rights to information that has been paid for, including reimbursement if a journal that initially was included in the agreement is subsequently cancelled.

One copy of the files may be preserved by the licensee for archiving and for use in perpetuity.

III. Storage, Formats and Integration

10. Publishers are asked to deliver the electronic files of the full text journal articles/journals to which the participating libraries of the consortium subscribe. The data will be stored according to the preference of the individual library: locally, distributed at servers of the consortium partners, centrally at a server designated by the consortium partners or at a publisher's server, or in a combination of these possibilities.
11. The licensed content should be accessible from all currently supported computing platforms and networked environments; this access must be based on current standards as used by libraries (e.g., Z39.50).
12. The electronic data (bibliographic data, abstracts, and full text) should be delivered in formats: e.g., real PDF, HTML, or SGML, according to the preference of the libraries.
13. Licenses should not limit the libraries' right to integrate the data into their local infrastructure and information services.
14. Libraries are not in favour of proprietary solutions by publishers or intermediaries. They emphasize a distinction between content and presentation, a separation of data and applications, in order to have full opportunities to integrate the electronic data with current library services both at a central level and at a local level.

IV. Services and Costs

15. Libraries expect publishers and intermediaries to deliver the bibliographic data and abstracts of the journals they subscribe to the libraries/the consortium of

libraries/the libraries of the closed user group in electronic form.

In the information age, the electronic delivery of these data can be considered as an integral part of a regular "journal subscription/electronic license".

These data should, in principle, be provided without additional costs.

16. The electronic data (bibliographic data, abstracts, and full-text) should preferably become available prior to the printed edition but at least simultaneously.
 17. If the electronic files are required in addition to the printed version, the consortium members are prepared to temporarily pay a modest additional fee for the electronic files of the journals they subscribe to, if the electronic version contains information with a clear added value compared with the printed version.
 18. If libraries only want to have an electronic license and give up the paper subscription to the journal, the maximum price should in general not exceed 80 percent of the printed subscription price.
 19. In addition to electronic license agreements, the consortium libraries/the libraries of the closed user group are prepared to discuss other possible service levels such as
 - the flat-fee purchasing of a pre-selected number of articles from an identified list of less frequently used journal titles, and
 - transactional (pay-per-view) delivery of articles from infrequently used journals.
- ### V. Information on Use
20. The anonymity of individual users and the confidentiality of their searches must be fully protected.
 21. It is imperative that a license agreement with publishers guarantees individual libraries the right and the opportunity to monitor the use and to gather the relevant management information needed for collection development.
 22. The libraries of the consortium are prepared to share this management information on a global level with publishers.

VI. Others

23. A license agreement should require the publishers to defend and indemnify the libraries, not holding them liable for any action based on a claim that use of the resource in accordance with the license infringes any patent or copyright of any third party.
24. License agreements based on these consortium principles should be governed by appropriate national law.

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New Swedish LA Initiatives

The Swedish Library Association is proud to announce two new pilot initiatives. For the next year, the participation of officers of the IFLA Roundtable for the Management of Library Associations who are unable to financially support attendance to meetings will be funded by the Swedish Library Association. This initiative speaks to affording people without the financial resources or institutional support the opportunity to take on the duties of elected offices. It is hoped that this is the first of other initiatives to financially support the participation of officers in all Divisions, Sections and Roundtables who are unable to obtain their own funding.

The Swedish Library Association is also funding a one-year IFLA membership for the Pacific Islands Association of Libraries and Archives (PIALA) in an effort to bring an international library association with some members from developing countries into IFLA. Although IFLA membership costs have been significantly reduced in many categories, there is still work to be done for international library associations.

With the Swedish Library Association funding PIALA for this year, it is hoped that IFLA will recognize the need for work on this category of IFLA membership, so that other international library associations with members from developing countries can enjoy the same reduced rates in the future.

Library Buildings in a Changing Environment

In August 1999, the 11th Seminar of the Section on Library Buildings and Equipment took place in Shanghai, China. The proceedings of this Seminar have now been published in the IFLA Publications Series as: *Library Buildings in a Changing Environment: Proceedings of the 11th Seminar of the IFLA Section on Library Buildings and Equipment*, edited by Marie-Françoise Bisbrouck. München, Saur, 2001, IV, 236 p. 21 cm. (IFLA Publications 94). ISBN 3-598-21819-2.

Brian Lang, former Chief Executive, The British Library, speaking at the Opening Ceremony, said:

"At the close of the 20th Century and as we stand in the entrance of a new age of electronic information, library buildings are being constructed on a very large scale. In Shanghai and in Paris, in Frankfurt, in Copenhagen and in London, are brand new library buildings. All these new libraries, when it is claimed that the book as we know it is dying and being replaced by discs and the Internet. So why bother with libraries? On the contrary, the new British Library is the largest public building to have been constructed in the United Kingdom in during the 20th century. That a national library should have that status is reassuring. For libraries represent, and celebrate, the achievements of humanity. The buildings that house libraries should reflect their role and the futures they help create. They should excite the eye as well as the mind. Libraries deserve great buildings."

Apart from the full text of Mr. Lang's speech, this publication will give you a range of stories telling the tale of library buildings all over the world, from China to Warsaw to Catalonia. Anyone planning a new library building must read this book.

This publication can be ordered for DEM 98.00 (IFLA Members DEM 73.50), from:

K.G. Saur Verlag GmbH. Postfach 70 16 20, 81316 Munich, Germany. Tel. +49-89-76902-232. Fax +48-89-79602-

150/250. E-mail: CustomerService_Saur@csi.com.

Interlending and Document Supply

The IFLA Offices for UAP and International Lending have published the papers of three recent meetings, held in Pretoria, South Africa, and Bangkok, Thailand.

The Sixth International Conference on Interlending and Document Supply brought leading experts from all over the world to South Africa, to discuss latest developments in the field and common concerns. Almost 200 librarians from twenty-five different countries, including Africa and the developing world, met to consider all aspects of document delivery and interlending, under the theme, 'Empowering Society Through the Global Flow of Information'.

The globalization of information is a trend which seemingly threatens to disempower the developing world. Yet, properly harnessed, it could be the gateway to the information superhighway, even for disadvantaged countries. The recent developments in information technologies are also having a profound impact on interlending and document supply (ILDS) services. Although some maintain that old style library services have been superseded by new technology, it is clear that an extensive need for traditional services still exists and has to be addressed.

The Conference provided a sounding board for these issues with opportunities to be informed and learn from others and, with good representation from most parts of the world, it provided a comprehensive overview of the major developments and best practice in this field at this stage. The challenge to the delegates and readers of the proceedings is to find from these developments those that will contribute best to the improvement of their own interlending and document supply, as a means for excellent service to their users.

The proceedings of the conference, which include thirty-two papers, with abstracts and index, have been published as: *Interlending and Document Supply. Proceedings of the Sixth International*

Conference held in Pretoria, South Africa, 25-29 October 1999. Edited by Sara Gould. ISBN 0 9532439 9 0. Price: GBP 20.00.

Two related workshops were held during the IFLA Conference in 1999. The first, sponsored by the Section on Document Delivery and Interlending, took as its theme 'The Role of Document Delivery and Interlending in South East Asia'. Three speakers, from Thailand, Malaysia and Hong Kong, gave presentations on the state of interlending in their own countries, and these were followed by a discussion of interlending in libraries in South East Asia.

The second, run by the IFLA Core Programme for UAP (Universal Availability of Publications) was organized as a follow-up to an earlier seminar which took place in 1995, also in Bangkok. Representatives from seven South East Asian countries were able to present an overview of resource sharing and library development in their own countries, and participants were encouraged to consider how these developments might be improved. The papers from the 1995 workshop were published under the title: *From Palm Leaves to PCs: library development in South East Asia*, edited by Sara Gould and Judy Watkins, 1995.

The UAP Workshop held in 1999, and reported on in this publication, was able to build on that earlier seminar. Where possible, the same speakers returned in order to report on progress since 1995, and once again, presentations are included from seven countries, together with an overview of the UAP Programme and some information about the IFLA Regional Section for Asia and Oceania.

The proceedings of the two meetings are recorded in: *Parabaik and Megabyte: Measuring Progress in Library Development in South East Asia. Papers from two seminars held during the 65th IFLA General Conference, August 20-28 1999, Bangkok*. Edited by Sara Gould. ISBN 0 9532439 8 2. Price: GBP 5.00.

Both publications may be ordered from: IFLA Offices for UAP and International Lending, c/o The British Library, Boston Spa, Wetherby, West Yorkshire LS23 7BQ, United Kingdom.

Gates Foundation Activities

Public Library Network in Chile

The Government of Chile, through the Directorate of Public Libraries, Archives and Museums (DIBAM) and the Sub-Directorate of Public Libraries, coordinates a network of public libraries that spreads from Putre as far as Porto Williams, including Easter Island. Most of these libraries are municipal, holding agreements with the DIBAM (delivery of material, skill-building and network coordination).

Seventy-six percent of the communities in the country have libraries connected to this network, while 10 percent have libraries without such an agreement with the DIBAM, and 14 percent are lacking in libraries. The institution is eager to achieve integration with the network, in the middle term, of all the communities in the country so that each community has at least one library. During the last ten years the DIBAM, through the Sub-Directorate of Public Libraries, has made a sustained effort to incorporate all the communities in the country to the network that it coordinates, based on a definition of the public library as a space for the community to find culture, education, information and recreation. In this sense, and in keeping with the basic principles set down by UNESCO, the public library is converted into one of the pillars of the community's development and contributes towards creating conditions for greater equality, freedom, participation and democratization of Chilean society.

The 'Network of Public Libraries for the New Millennium' project, which enjoys the contribution of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, will further the concept of the library as a space for encounter, develop with the very tools of the new technologies of information and communication spaces for all the country's inhabitants to engage in virtual encounters without any distinction between "age, race, sex, religion, nationality, language or social status", according to the UNESCO Manifesto on Public Libraries.

This initiative will be made possible thanks to a contribution by the Gates Foundation of USD 5 million, and a donation by Microsoft Chile of USD 1.2 million.

The success of this project depends to a great extent on the pledges of various agencies to collaborate, among them the regional and local governments, and above all the citizens themselves, since they are the ones called to lend sense and continuity to the efforts made by DIBAM and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for equipping all the libraries with the modern technological tools that are part of the new reality faced by culture, information, education and leisure.

Statistical information on public libraries and the project:

- number of public libraries on the DIBAM network: 287
- number of peripheral libraries (local libraries associated to public libraries): 25
- number of libraries with services for the blind: 8
- number of libraries in penitentiaries: 13
- number of libraries in hospitals: 17
- number of "bibliometro" modules (Santiago): 7
- number of "bibliobuses": 11
- number of cultural buses: 4
- number of "biblioboats" services: 3
- number of lending kiosks (Valparaíso): 3.

Source: IFLA Section for Latin America and the Caribbean. *Newsletter*, No. 37, December 2000. <http://www.ifla.org/VII/s27/news/0700-e.pdf>.

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation 2001 Access to Learning Award

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will announce the recipient of the 2001 Access to Learning Award at 0900 on Tuesday, August 21, 2001 at the Boston Public Library in the United States. The award recognizes a library, organization, or country that is providing the general public with public access to computers and the Internet in useful and innovative ways. In 2000 the first award recipient, the Helsinki Public Library, received a statue of recognition and a USD 1 million cash award to continue and expand the innovative work already being accomplished in its public libraries. The 2001 award announcement is open to all IFLA attendees; however those planning to attend are asked to RSVP to: iflarsvp@gatesfoundation.org. The announcement will be made in the Abbey Room, Historic McKim Building,

Copley Square, 700 Boylston Street (use Dartmouth Street entrance of the McKim Building).

African Libraries to Receive Encyclopaedia Donations

Hundreds of libraries in underserved communities across Sub-Saharan Africa are to receive donated copies of *Africana: the Encyclopedia of the African and African-American Experience*, a comprehensive encyclopaedia on black history and culture co-edited by Harvard University professors Dr. Kwame Anthony Appiah and Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Jr. This donation is being made possible by a USD 150,000 grant from Citigroup working in partnership with *Africana.com*, Books For Africa and Sabre Foundation. The distribution of 2400 books will continue over the next several months to libraries in countries including: Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia.

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Help Rescue the Biblioteca Gallardo in El Salvador

The following message has been received at IFLA Headquarters:

A week after the earthquake in El Salvador you must be familiar with the dimensions of this latest tragedy suffered by the Salvadoran people. As members of the academic community of Central Americans and Central Americanists we write to request your help to rescue the Biblioteca Gallardo whose structure has suffered serious damage.

As you may know, the library's collection includes volumes published as far back as the XVI, XVII and XVIII centuries, miniature books, autographs, ex-libris, and manuscripts. The collection has no less than 80,000 volumes, making it one of the two most important libraries in the country alongside the National Library of El Salvador. The Biblioteca Gallardo, a private institution unique in its kind in El Salvador, is one of the key centres that protect the historical documents of El Salvador and, there-

fore, of Central America. Its destruction would be a loss to the heritage of all Central Americans and structural damage has put its collection in serious danger.

This is an emergency, the aftershocks could bring the building down which would represent the end of many irreplaceable books and documents. The first priority is to stabilize the structure so that the staff can safely enter the building to put the books in boxes for their removal. A suitable storage place has already been identified to keep the books safe during the building's reconstruction. It is urgent to raise funds to begin the stabilization work which is scheduled to begin in a few days. The next steps will be to repair the books damaged by roof debris and fallen walls, and the development and implementation of a reconstruction plan.

When confronted with misfortunes like this earthquake, it is difficult to find a balance between human needs and cultural heritage, but we beg you to keep in mind that there are very few institutions

in El Salvador that pay attention to these kinds of problems. If people in academic life do not take action, no one will do so. The support of people like yourselves will be crucial to take the steps necessary to repair the facilities of the library.

We suggest a contribution of USD 50.00 per person, but any amount will be welcome. In addition, we would also be grateful if you could forward this message to at least five people in your electronic address book. To this end we are sending Spanish and English versions.

At the request of the Gallardo Foundation, whose staff is dedicated full time to the emergency, the Centro de Investigaciones Regionales de Mesoamérica (CIRMA) will help with accounting and raising funds (CIRMA's accounts are audited yearly). It will not charge overhead.

Please make checks payable to: CIRMA - Fondo Gallardo and mail checks to: CIRMA - Fondo Gallardo, CIRMA A-0022, Box 669004, Miami FL 33266-9004, USA.

Signed by a Group of Academics in South America.

Movie Premiere for the Blind

On November 26th the film "Stardom" starring Dan Ackroyd was premiered in Toronto, Ontario Canada with a described version for both blind and visually impaired audiences. Hosted by Alliance Atlantis, the CNIB Library for the Blind, and Audiovision Canada, Marc Rosen of Audiovision Canada noted it was a historic moment with several firsts - first for a described movie aired in a theatre and a first described movie for a premiere. Toronto's blind community turned out in full support to mark this historic event. Rosemary Kavanagh, the Chair of IFLA's Section of Libraries for the Blind, emphasized the importance of making the event a social statement on the inclusion of blind and visually impaired people in their culture and as well the arts and entertainment in the communities in which they live.

(Source: *SLB Newsletter*, Autumn 2000)

International Calendar

April 23-24, 2001. Malmö, Sweden. 2nd International Creating Knowledge Conference. For more information: E-mail: christina.tovote@mah.se.

April 25-27, 2001. Havana, Cuba. CRICS V: Knowledge to Change: Information and Knowledge for Health Equity. 5th Regional Congress on Health Science Information. Central Theme: "The Virtual Health: Improving the Health Knowledge Base in Latin America and the Caribbean". For information: BIREME: Latin American and Caribbean Center on Health Sciences Information/ Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization. Phone: +55 11 5576-9800. Fax: +55 11 5575-8868. E-mail: crics5@bireme.br. URL: <http://www.bireme.br/crics5> or Pedro Urra González, Secretariat, National Organizing Committee, Vice-Director Centro Nacional de Información de Ciencias Médicas, Ministerio de Salud Pública de Cuba. Phone: 537 324402. E-mail: crics5@infomed.sld.cu. URL: www.sld.cu/crics5.

May 29-31, 2001. Beijing, China. 12th International Conference on New

Information Technology. Theme: "Global Library Development in the New Millennium: Fertile Ground for Distributed Cross-Disciplinary Collaboration". For information: Ching-chih Chen, GSLIS, Simmons College, 300 The Fenway, Boston, Massachusetts 02115, USA. Fax: +1-617-521-3192. E-mail: chen@simmons.edu.

June 7-9, 2001. Alghero, Sardinia, Italy. EAHIL Workshop. 2001: Cyberspace Odyssey. For information: Valentina Comba, President, of the Local Organizing Committee, Biblioteca Centralizzata di Medicina e Chirurgia, Corso A.M. Dogliotti 14, I-10126 Torino, Italy. Phone: +39 011 696-2798. Fax: +39 011 663-8190. E-mail: comba@molinetto.unito.it. URL: <http://medicina.unica.it/alghero2001/main.htm>.

June 9-17, 2001. Crimea, Ukraine. "Crimea 2001". Theme: "Libraries and Associations in the Transient World: New Technologies and New Forms of Cooperation". For information: Crimea Organizing Committee. Tel: +7 95 924-9458; +7 95 923-9998. Fax: +7 95 921-9862; +7(095) 925-9750. E-mail:

crimea2001@gpntb.ru. URL: <http://www.iliac.org/crimea2001>.

June 14-20, 2001. San Francisco, California, USA. American Library Association Annual Conference. Theme: "Libraries Build Community." In addition to hundreds of programs on topics covering all aspects of librarianship that you can attend, ALA has created special programs to assist international visitors, including orientation sessions, one-to one matching with mentors, preconferences, receptions, and more. For more information: American Library Association, 50 E. Huron, Chicago, IL 60611, USA. Tel. +1-800-545-2433. Fax: +1 312 440-9374. E-mail: ala@ala.org. URL: www.ala.org.

June 25-30, 2001. Tampere, Finland. Association for the Advancement of Computing in Education. ED-MEDIA 2001: World Conference on Educational Multimedia, Hypermedia and Telecommunications. For more information: E-mail: info@acee.org. URL: www.acee.org/conf/edmedia.

July 5-7, 2001. Canterbury, UK. International Council for Computer Commu-

nication and International Federation for Information Processing. ELPUB2001: 2001 in the Digital Publishing Odyssey. 5th International Conference on Electronic Publishing. For information: Programme Committee, Institute for Print and Media Technology at Technical University, Chemnitz, Germany. Tel: +49 371 531 8091. Fax: +49 371 531 3780. E-mail: elpub2001@th-chemnitz.de. URL: www.tu-chemnitz.de/pm/elpub2001.

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

August 12-16, 2001. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA. 4th Northumbria International Conference on Performance Measurement in Libraries and Information Services. Satellite meeting organized by IFLA Section Statistics in collaboration with the Association of Research Libraries. For more information: Martha Kyrillidou, Senior Program Officer for Statistics and Measurement, Association of Research Libraries, 21 Dupont Circle, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20036, USA. Tel: +1 202 296-2296. Fax: +1 202 872-0884. E-mail: martha@arl.org. URL: http://www.arl.org/stats/newmeas/northumb.html.

August 13-15, 2001. Washington, DC, USA. "Digital Libraries for the Blind and the Culture of Learning in the Information Age". Satellite meeting organized by IFLA Section Libraries for the Blind in collaboration with the Library of Congress, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Toronto, Canada. Information and registration: Owenv@lib.cnib.ca or paterss@lib.cnib.ca. Exhibitors information: barbara.mates@cpl.org.

August 14-16, 2001. Québec City, Québec, Canada. Satellite meeting organized by the Sections on Management and Marketing and on Education and Training. Theme: "Education and Research for Marketing and Quality Management in Libraries". For information: Réjean Savard, Ecole de bib-

liothéconomie et des sciences de l'information, Université de Montréal, Case postale 6128, Succursale Centre-ville, Montreal H3C, Canada.

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

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

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

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

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

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