

NEWS SECTION

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From the Governing Board

Governing Board Meeting March 2002

The Governing Board of IFLA held its second meeting in The Hague on 27–28 March under the chairmanship of the President, Christine Deschamps. The main points discussed, and the main decisions made, are summarized below. The summary does not necessarily follow the order of the official minutes of the meeting, which may be consulted online at: <http://www.ifla.org/III/gb/gbm0302.htm>.

British Guests

Ian McGowan and Bob McKee, Co-Chairs of the National Organizing Committee for the Glasgow Conference, and Janet Liebster of LA Enterprises (the Professional Conference Organizers), were present for part of the proceedings to report on progress in Glasgow. It was reported that extremely good support was being received from both local and national authorities; the Scottish Executive had recently granted financial support for approximately 100 Scottish librarians to attend the conference.

The Board noted that on 1 April 2002 the (British) Library Association would unify with the (British) Institute of Information Scientists, to form the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (CILIP). The President offered the LA congratulations on behalf of the Board on the unification of the profession in the UK in its 125th year.

Core Activities

The strategic plans of ALP, CLM, FAIFE and PAC were approved in principle. There was no strategic plan for UAP because of current uncertainties following

the retirement of the Director, Graham Cornish, nor for Universal Dataflow and Telecommunications (UDT), following withdrawal of support by the host, the National Library of Canada.

It was acknowledged that the UAP programme had been very successful during a long period of years, but that now it had to be closed. However, the IFLA Voucher Scheme and the Interlending and Document Supply Conferences were highly appreciated and deserved an extended life. The Professional Committee had installed a task force to find out the best way to transfer the Voucher Scheme. The President concluded that IFLA was extremely grateful to the British Library for its many years of support, and that the UAP programme could not possibly have accomplished what it had without all the hard work of Graham Cornish in particular. It was also decided to thank the National Library of Canada for its support for UDT during a long period of years.

With regard to the Universal Bibliographic Control and International MARC (UBCIM) programme, it was reported that the unbundling of UBC and UNIMARC was in progress. It was decided that the Advisory Board for UBCIM should draw up a programme for UBC in the future. The Director of UBCIM, Marie-France Plassard, recommended that a new name be adopted for UBC, to reflect the new remit. The President commented that the Board should recognize the great achievements of UBCIM over a long period of years. The standards issued have been of decisive influence in international librarianship.

With reference to the Preservation and Conservation (PAC) programme, it was suggested that more attention needed to

be paid to preservation and conservation activities in Asia. One Board member warned against the possibility of setting up a new core activity for digital preservation separate from PAC and noted that one of the regional PAC-centres (Canberra) already had a 'field of excellence' in this area.

As regards the Core Activities Fund, it was noted that, despite all the efforts in 2001, the overall level of contributions was largely unchanged. However, there were no plans to run a fund raising campaign this year, similar to the one of last year. A meeting of the Core Activities Directors was being planned to take place in The Hague in October 2002 to coincide with the meeting of the Advisory Committee of ALP.

IFLANET

It was reported that the transfer of IFLANET from the National Library of Canada to INIST (France) had been accomplished according to plan thanks to the cooperation of INIST and the support received from the National Library of Canada. The President thanked the Web Manager, Sophie Felföldi, for her dedication and her commitment and the hard work she had invested in the transfer of the IFLANET website from Canada to France.

'Glasgow Declaration' and IFLA Internet Manifesto

Both these documents were approved by the Board after some alterations. The Board agreed that the text of the Internet Manifesto could go for approval by the Intergovernmental Council of the UNESCO Information for All Programme and then to IFLA Council for formal adoption.

FAIFE: Libraries and Conflicts

It was agreed to set up a working party of representatives from FAIFE and PAC (Blue Shield) to come up with a proposal as to how IFLA could respond to the increasing number of catastrophes affecting the provision of libraries in various countries. FAIFE had been confronted with various requests to take action – for example there had recently been a challenging request from UNESCO regarding Afghanistan, but it was felt that basically this was not the business of FAIFE. It was also decided that requests for help on hurricane damage to libraries in Cuba should be referred to the FAIFE/PAC working group.

FAIFE Network Centres

The Board approved proposals to set up a number of regional FAIFE centres, at no cost to IFLA. One such centre, the Library for Foreign Literature in Moscow, was already in existence, and the IFLA Regional Offices should also be included in the proposed network.

Budapest Open Access Initiative

The question of whether or not IFLA endorse the Budapest Initiative on Open Access, which had been started by the Open Society Institute (OSI) and was supported by SPARC, was discussed at length. It was decided to defer signing of the Budapest Initiative and to develop instead an IFLA statement concerning the issues raised by the Initiative and strongly addressing the needs of developing countries in respect of open access.

International Alliance on Information for All (IAIA)

The initiative to create an International Alliance on Information for All (IAIA) had been taken by a group of which Graham Cornish had been a member. Since he had retired, new IFLA representation was being solicited. Alex Byrne stated that FAIFE was happy to take this on board, but suggested that the action plan had many deficiencies. He hoped that FAIFE would be able to come up with improvements. However, neither IFLA nor FAIFE was committed to joining the alliance at this stage.

Accounts 2001

The representative of the auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers (PWC), summarized the financial year by stating that in 2001

IFLA for the first time had accounts which exceeded NLG 2 million. The balance sheet showed a healthy, but not excessive, balance. The provision for doubtful debtors, amounting to NLG 145,000 represented a large loss and more successful chasing of debtors would generate immediate positive results. IFLA's general reserves amounted to 1.1 million guilders. The objective remained to establish a reserve equalling one year's operating expenses.

The statement of Income and Expenditure showed an increase in membership fees and a decrease in sales of publications. Conference income had increased, thanks to a very successful conference in Boston and a change in the registration fee structure. Staff expenditures showed a considerable increase, due to an extra staff member during most of 2001.

The Board approved the draft Accounts unanimously.

Conference Planning

On the recommendation of the Conference Planning Committee (CPC), the Board decided unanimously to authorize the Secretary General to enter into negotiations with Congrex Holland to become IFLA's Core Professional Conference Organizer (PCO).

Membership Fees

The Board unanimously approved a proposal by the Treasurer to keep income from membership fees in line with inflation. The Treasurer reported that the present document did not yet include proposals regarding association members. Some of these were now institutional members, but there also was the growing group of consortia and a proposal would be forthcoming to cater for these by the enlargement of the category of national association members.

The Treasurer reported that a proposal on National Association Membership Fees would be put forward to the meeting of association members during the Glasgow conference (August 2002).

Administration

At its meeting in December 2001, the Professional Committee had approved the transformation of eight Round Tables into Sections. This would come into effect by the end of the Glasgow conference. The Round Tables, and later the new Sections, could start recruiting new members di-

rectly. It was decided that when the Round Table for the Management of Library Associations (RTMLA) became a Section, all IFLA association members would become members automatically, at no extra charge.

It was decided that the Governing Board will in future hold four meetings annually: one in March/April, two during the annual conference, and one in November/December.

Professional Committee

It was reported that the Professional Committee had approved all seventeen satellite meetings proposed for IFLA 2003 Berlin, under three conditions: a modest fee would be charged to all satellite organizers, so as to start developing an IFLA brand and also to cover administrative and handling by IFLA/HQ; any satellite websites should be linked to IFLANET; and participants' lists would have to be submitted to IFLA/HQ, in order to enable analyses of overlaps with attendance at the General Conference.

Publications Committee

The Publications Committee had approved a proposal regarding the relation between *IFLA Journal*, IFLANET and the News section of the *Journal*, which was also to be distributed as an electronic newsletter. The committee had also discussed the revision of IFLA's existing contract with K.G. Saur Publishers.

UN Accreditation

The Board approved the proposal to nominate Gary Strong (Director Public Library, New York Brooklyn) as IFLA's representative at the United Nations, with Winston Tabb as deputy representative.

UN World Summit on the Information Society: UNESCO consultations

It was reported that IFLA had been represented in all four consultation meetings held by UNESCO in Paris in February 2002, and would also be represented at a fifth meeting to be held on 22–23 April 2002. It was considered very important that IFLA continue to be involved at a high level in these consultations and that the Sections and Regions also be involved in the process, which eventually would lead up to the World Summit in December 2003 (Geneva) and 2005 (Tunis).

From the Secretariat

Call for Nominations

This is advance notice that a call for nominations for:

- President-Elect 2003–2005 (to serve as President 2005–2007)
- Vacancies for places on the Governing Board to serve 2003–2005

Vacancies on Section Standing Committees to serve 2003–2007 will be issued in October this year.

The closing date for nominations will be set for February 2003.

Elections will be held by postal ballot during March and April 2003.

Those elected will take up their positions during the IFLA conference to be held in Berlin in August 2003.

Ross Shimmon, Secretary General

Access to the *IFLA Journal*

As noted in this issue's Editorial, we want to ensure that the *IFLA Journal* is read as widely as possible by all IFLA members and those associated with them. To help us assess the views of IFLA members on this topic, participants in the Glasgow Conference will be asked to complete a short questionnaire containing four simple questions about access to the *Journal* in print and online. If you are not planning to come to Glasgow you can still participate in this survey by sending your answers to the following four questions by e-mail, fax or regular mail to the Editorial Offices at IFLA Headquarters by the end of August 2002.

1. Are you a member of IFLA, or associated with a member (e.g. as an employee of a member or a member of a professional association)? YES/NO

2. Do you see the print edition of *IFLA Journal*: Regularly/Occasionally/Never

3. Do you have access to the Internet? YES/NO

4. If YES, do you access the PDF edition of *IFLA Journal* on IFLANET: Regularly/Occasionally/Never.

Please add your name and your country. If you have any comments or suggestions on access to the *IFLA Journal*, please feel free to include them in your message.

Please mark your message 'Access to the *IFLA Journal*' and address it to: IFLA Headquarters, POB 95312, 2509 CH The Hague, Netherlands. Tel. +31 (70) 3140884. Fax: +31 (70) 3834827. E-mail: ifla@ifla.org.

Future IFLA Conferences and Meetings

Glasgow 2002

The Model Children's Library

The UK has a tremendous history of providing high quality, innovative library services for children and young people. To celebrate this and to share ideas with colleagues internationally, IFLA 2002 in Glasgow will house a model children's library as part of the main conference exhibition area.

This is only the second time in the 75-year history of IFLA conferences that this has been attempted. The library is being planned by the Youth Libraries Group in collaboration with IFLA's Children's, School and Reading Groups, The British Council and the City of Glasgow.

The model children's library, through imaginative layout and design, will showcase high quality books from the UK, the latest IT programmes and the British Council's touring Magic Pencil Exhibition, representing the work of thirteen illustrators/authors. It will celebrate the diversity of young people's needs and demonstrate how libraries deliver knowledge,

information and culture to children. It will also offer storytelling and reader development activities to local children as well as to delegates and will be a focus for high level discussion for people from throughout the world interested in working with children.

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Start IFLA 2002 At A Run!

After advertising a false start (if you'll pardon the pun) by giving publicity to the (now postponed) Glasgow-based Great Scottish Run, local Athletic Club librarian Dawn Vallance has rallied her troops to organize our very own IFLA 5K in aid of IFLA's charity – Books for All, a UNESCO-supported venture to supply schools in developing countries with desperately needed materials. Open to 175 runners – with reserved places for

100 IFLA delegates – this Sunday morning 'stroll' for serious and not so serious runners and walkers will take place at 11.00 on Sunday 18 August. The course will be around the traffic-free paths of lovely Bellahouston Park – just a short coach journey from the Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre (SECC).

A complimentary coach will take both runners and supporters. Race entry will be free and changing facilities, water, first aid and finishing medals organized by Course Marshals from the Club. A T-shirt will award the effort of each finisher, courtesy of sponsor Cambridge Scientific Abstracts (CSA).

Register your interest by sending in the Entry Form – available in pdf format on the IFLA 2002 conference web site at <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla68/culture.htm> – to:

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Membership

New Members

We are very pleased to welcome the following thirteen new members who joined IFLA in the period from 28 May to 15 July.

National Associations

Library and Information Association of Eritrea, Eritrea

Library Association of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Kazakhstan

International Association

International Association of Audio Information Services, United States

Institutions

Chong Wen District Library, Nanjing Normal University Library, China

Regione Lombardia – Direzione Generale Culture, Identità e Autonomie della Lombardia – U.O. Beni Librari, Biblioteche e Sistemi Documentari, Italy

Universidad de Monterrey Biblioteca, Mexico

Technikon Witwatersrand, South Africa
Centre for Documentation and Research (Gulf Library), United Arab Emirates
Colorado State Library, United States

Personal Affiliates

Ms Regine Schmolling, Germany

Student Affiliates

Ms Niamh Walker, Ireland

Ms Jenel Farrell, United States

Have You Paid Your IFLA Membership Fees Yet?

Due to recent changes in the IFLA Statutes and Rules of Procedure, members who are one year in arrears with fee payments may be scheduled for deletion from membership. As a result, any member who has not yet paid fees for 2001

will be removed from our current members listing in September. Members were reminded of this action when reminder invoices were sent in April. If you have not paid fees for 2001, but wish to continue in membership, please contact the IFLA membership office as soon as possible to make payment arrangements.

If you have not yet paid your 2002 fees, please be reminded that your membership benefits, including voting rights and receipt of publications, have now been suspended. Benefits will be reinstated as soon as payment is received. If you wish to vote at Council in Glasgow, you will need to make payment before or at the conference.

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From the Core Programmes

Corine Koch joins PAC



Corine Koch, new PAC Programme Officer, sends the following message:

Two months ago, I had the pleasure of joining the PAC team as the new Programme Officer, replacing Virginie Kremp. I'm very glad to introduce myself to *IFLA Journal* readers; actually, we may have

the chance to meet in Glasgow this summer.

So I have been working at the National Library of France for nearly seven years. I've studied English but, at the same time, I have always been very interested in Information and Library Science. As a matter of fact, I was first appointed to a summer job which consisted in welcoming people and providing them with information. This allowed me to become familiar with the interworkings of the library and meet various types of readers, which was quite enriching. As summer passed by, I wanted to continue and I decided to stay in Paris (I was coming from the centre of France).

A few months later, I was employed to lead groups of librarians, architects, VIPs in guided tours of the new site (Tolbiac/François-Mitterrand), and then to become the head of the team working at the information desk. This was very interesting in so far as human relationships were concerned; on the other hand, I was responsible for answering readers' letters and requests which was a real pleasure since I am fond of writing.

Later on, I joined the press service and got acquainted with a new public, i.e. journalists for whom I used to write press releases and handouts.

Eventually, I was appointed as the assistant of the Chief Executive.

In a few words, the jobs I held gave me the opportunity to meet different types of professionals and to grasp library matters from a wider point of view. Little by little, I was also confirmed in my desire to deal with editorial matters. As a result, I wish to focus now on technical aspects of Information and Library Science and dedicate myself to editorial duties.

I'm finalizing the next issue of *International Preservation News* and will do my best to publish it in August.

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From IFLA Newsletters

Most of the Sections and Round Tables, all the Core Programmes and one or two of the Divisions within IFLA publish newsletters; one or two publish journals. Most of the newsletters are concerned mainly with their own activities, and contain lists of Standing Committee members, reports on their own meetings and those of related bodies, plans for future activities, and so on. Many also include new items already issued by the IFLA Secretariat or by other Sections. Some, however, occasionally publish articles of wider interest, as do the journals. The aim of this new section is to draw the attention of readers of the IFLA Journal to articles of this kind, which have been published in recent issues of some of these publications. News items, reports on meetings, etc. are not included.

Many IFLA newsletters appear on IFLANET in full text; for some, only the contents appear on IFLANET (<http://www.ifla.org>). Contact addresses for the editors and other officers of the Divisions, Sections, Round Tables and Core Programmes are also available on IFLANET and were published in *IFLA Journal* Vol. 27 no. 5/6 and Vol. 28, no. 1.

Core Programme on Universal Bibliographic Control and International MARC (UBCIM)

International Cataloguing and Bibliographic Control (ICBC). Quarterly. ISSN: 1011-8829. Vol. 31, no. 2, April/June 2002. 20p.

Bibliographic Control in Scotland: Providing a Specialized National Bibliography Within a Wider National Context. Cate Newton.

The FRBR Model Application to Italian Cataloguing Practices: Problems and Use. The RICA Standing Commission.

Progress on the Multilingual Dictionary of Cataloging Terms and Concepts. Monika Münnich.

Cataloguing and European Collaboration in the European eContent Programme: a Challenge for Bibliographers. Theodora Stathoulia.

Section on Document Delivery and Interlending

Newsletter of the IFLA Section on Document Delivery and Interlending. ISSN 1016-281X. July 2002. 16p.

The IFLA Voucher Scheme: Results of a Survey. Sara Gould and Pauline Connolly.

Round Table on Newspapers

News from the IFLA Round Table Newspapers. No. 10, June 2002. ISSN 1350-2670. 4p.

Newspapers at the National Library of Norway. Jonny Edvardsen.

Cuba: a new preservation project: cataloguing, restoration and reproduction of 19th century newspapers. Else De-launay.

Section on Regional Activities: Asia and Oceania

IFLA Section for Asia and Oceania Newsletter. ISSN 0858-2815. 14: 1, June 2002. 32p.

Reports on 'Happenings in the Region' from: Cambodia, China, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Laos, Nepal, Singapore and Sri Lanka.

Section on Regional Activities: Latin America and the Caribbean

Newsletter: Section for Latin America and the Caribbean. ISSN 1022-9868. No. 40, June 2002. 38p.

Reports on 'News of the Region' from: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Peru, Puerto Rico, St. Martin and Trinidad and Tobago.

Reports on Meetings

IFLA/ACURIL Preconference Report

Accommodating All: libraries and education in the digital age serving people who are blind and print disabled in the Caribbean and Latin America. Ocho Rios, Jamaica, 25–26 May 2002. Organizers: Association of Caribbean University Research and Institutional Libraries (ACURIL) and IFLA Section of Libraries for the Blind.

Edited version of a report by Rosemary Kavanagh, Chair, IFLA Section of Libraries for the Blind (IFLA/SLB).

This event was promoted as including blind consumers, librarians, educators and

government leaders and indeed this is exactly as it turned out to be. The Conference papers and programme will later be available on the web; this report addresses impressions, feedback and highlights only.

In many respects this event was a first for the Section. The Conference was the largest of its kind ever to be held in the region, and brought together stakeholders, people who are blind, librarians, government leaders, educators and key decision makers to improve or develop library service for blind and visually impaired people in the Caribbean and Latin America. It was the first time that so many were gathered to deliberate service in the Caribbean and Latin America with consumers,

government leaders, an IFLA President-Elect and librarians. It was the first time also that IFLA/SLB secured funding for the Section to do this through the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). It is not common for these gatherings to have such strong user representation as they are usually targeted to professionals in the field. This was also the first time that the key language groups of the area, English, Spanish and French, were so well represented.

Over 80 people from 22 countries attended. Jim Sanders, primarily in his capacity as President World Blind Union, North American-Caribbean Region reminded participants in his keynote address of the importance of building

inclusive libraries as talent can come from anywhere. He spoke of the opportunities technology had brought him at a personal level and urge librarians to provide leadership. In a passionate speech, Floyd Morris, Minister of State in the Ministry of Labour of the Government of Jamaica, detailed the challenges and barriers he faced while forcing inclusiveness in education as a blind student determined to achieve. Madame Gosselin from UNESCO explained their strategy on inclusiveness. The conference was unique in the range of outside expertise brought in – a mix of speakers from developing and developed countries to share their experience and stories. On the final day Kay Raseroka summarized the discussions and introduced the panel to discuss future strategies. Panellists had been carefully chosen – they were required to be directors of their respective institutions and both John Aarons and Stephney Ferguson, Directors of the National Library of Jamaica and the University of the West Indies Libraries respectively, gave their honest appraisal of their current situation and what they had learned and would improve in the future.

We primarily chose blind consumers as the convenors of several sessions to open a dialogue between librarians and users. Consequently, Gloria Goffe, President of the Disabled People's Organizations of the Caribbean, Jamaica and Gloria Peniza, President of the Latin American Region, Unión Latinoamericana de Ciegos (ULAC), World Blind Union Committee, Venezuela, both visually impaired, were examples of strong advocates for consumers.

In addition to those mentioned there was an array of wonderful speakers and I urge you all to reflect on their papers, some of which we were able to publish and distribute prior to the event. We had simultaneous translation in three languages and to our surprise someone from Haiti turned up as well. We gave the last word to the Canadian High Commissioner in Jamaica since the Canadian government was primarily responsible for funding all the delegates from developing countries in the region.

My presentation took the form of a videography based on footage I gathered last year in the Caribbean and Morocco (you never know where your faces end up). Its theme emphasized the cooperation between agencies and the users' expectation that libraries will include them in their service.

When we reflect on the outcomes there are so many positive and interesting re-

sults. The Conference demonstrated the integratedness of the work of librarians in public and national institutions, blindness agencies and consumers. Approximately 300 staff at the resort were sensitized to the needs of blind people as the CNIB brought along a rehabilitation and mobility instructor to train them to respond to their blind guests. This response was heart warming, not necessarily an easy exercise in a third world country where conditions are desperate at best and hardest on the disadvantaged, but the staff rose to the occasion and several new advocates were created. Next an episode at the Conference brought home the importance of an integrated approach to delivering the service. A blind woman appeared at the Conference and when she left knew how to use her cane and adjust a magnifier to use the remaining sight she had. It brought home the research in the UK that said visually impaired users, in addition to library service, want help with technical aids to read better. Several exhibitors participated, allowing us to introduce the next generation of digital talking books and explain the role of DAISY and the Library of Congress in developing standards for digital audio as well as describing videos and radio reading services, among other issues.

Not only did we train hotel staff and librarians on how to accommodate blind people and about the technical aids that support their access to information, but we actually resulted in a major development in Trinidad. Based on work in preparing for this Conference and in presenting to the Trinidad and Tobago Library Association Conference in November 2002, we were able with Victoria Owen (CNIB) to facilitate cooperation between a blindness agency, Persons Associated with Vision Impairment (PAVI) in helping the transformation of the new National Library Information System (NALIS) to include library service to blind and print-disabled people as part of their program. When Ms Benson, the Director, spoke she talked about her success in accommodating space and workstations appropriate to supporting readers as part of this public service. We drafted and forwarded a resolution to ACURIL to include library service to the disabled on its annual agenda. I include the draft resolution and await comments from President Elizabeth Watson on its adoption.

We could not have done this without the cooperation of the many people and agencies who put their heart into it. As Elizabeth Watson, President of ACURIL, remarked, the result could have been dif-

ferent with different players, so it is important to give credit and remember that without her enthusiastic endorsement it would not have been an ACURIL pre-conference. The CNIB contributed its organization and resources from both the rehabilitation and library sides. Its staff went over and beyond the call of duty and the team could write a book on getting people to the Conference through rain, a cricket match, USA bureaucracy for in transit passengers and everything else, including lost delegates. The Local Organizing Committee led by Gloria Salmon greeted delegates at the airport and coordinated all the details for a successful event; the World Blind Union gave presence to consumers; the FORCE Foundation assisted with the funding and supplied the Master of Ceremonies, the participant from Malaysia, and funded Kay Raseroka's presence. We now have an IFLA President who will be very sensitized to the issues. The Library of Congress supported the speaker from Puerto Rico and participated in this work all the way. IFLA/ALP funded Grace Mothosologane from South Africa, UNESCO and the Government of France.

It rained throughout but no one had any time for the reefs, the beach or the surrounding gardens in the mountains. Kay Raseroka reminded us that in Botswana rain is regarded as a blessing and all greetings begin by wishing for rain. It therefore was a blessing since the Conference went so well. We have received nothing but expressions of gratitude from participants. I take this opportunity to thank all who made it such a success particularly on behalf of those who would not have thought that libraries had the power to change their lives.

Without a doubt our Section has a lot to be proud of. It was one of our finest moments. Please see the attached resolution for our next meeting.

IFLA/ACURIL Pre-conference, Ocho Rios, Jamaica W.I., May 25–26, 2002

Resolution from the Conference Organizers

Whereas the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions Section of Libraries for the Blind with the support of ACURIL, The Association of Caribbean Universities and Research Institution Libraries concluded a successful pre-conference of blind and visually impaired consumers, librarians and educators May 25–26th 2002 in Ocho Rios, Jamaica with over 80 participants:

And Whereas this marked the first occasion in which blind and visually impaired consumers participated in assisting librarians with the development of appropriate library services;

And Whereas this conference informed consumers and librarians that:

- Freedom of access to information and social inclusiveness are fundamental human rights;
- Publicly funded institutions are required to provide equitable services to the print disabled;
- Professional librarians and their Associations are required to champion and develop equitable services for print disabled users:

Be it resolved that ACURIL Mandate the following:

- That all future conferences include two workshops or two sessions or one workshop and one session dedicated to serving the needs of those who through a handicap are unable to read print;
- Projects endorsed or initiated by ACURIL include considerations of those unable to use print;

And further that:

- ACURIL and IFLA Section of Libraries for the Blind endorse the need to train future graduates of library school programs in the needs of print disabled populations;
- ACURIL promotes the importance of library training and/or experience in the management of libraries or the development of library collections and service to blindness organizations, governments and potential funders of similar services to blind and visually impaired people.

Submitted on behalf of IFLA Section of Libraries for the Blind by Rosemary Kavanagh, Chair IFLA Section of Libraries for the Blind.

May 27, 2002



IFLA/SEFLIN International Summit on Library Cooperation in the Americas. L. to R.: Ruth Urregode Ashton (Puerto Rico); K.C. Nabaraj (Nepal); Mary Giraldo Rengifo (Columbia); Dr. Adolfo Rodriguez (Mexico); Cornelia Williams (Dominica); Ernesta Greenidge (Trinidad and Tobago); Nelly Rodriguez Sierra (Honduras); Stephney Ferguson (Jamaica).

Library Cooperation in the Americas

More than 150 librarians from eight countries participated in the first-ever IFLA/ SEFLIN International Summit on Library Cooperation in the Americas, held from 17–20 April 2002 in Miami, Florida, USA. The Summit was co-sponsored by the Southeast Florida Library Information Network (SEFLIN), in cooperation with IFLA.

The professional program included papers and presentations from library leaders working in the US, Latin America and the Caribbean. Professional papers and presenters were:

- Nicholas Cop (Ohio) – OCLC and Cooperation with Latin America and Caribbean Libraries
- Ernesta Greenidge (Trinidad and Tobago) – An Overview of the Pan American Health Organization Virtual Health Library
- Dr. Adolfo Rodriguez (Mexico) – Models of Cooperation

Laura Ramirez (Florida) – Nova Southeastern University Partnership with Libraries in Latin America and the Caribbean

Samuel Morrison and Pearl Woolridge (Florida) – Building Multi-Cultural Collections

Kate Nevins (Georgia) – Multiple Consortia and How They Work Together

Dr. Vicki Gregory (Florida) – International Cooperative Efforts in Library and Information Science Education

Bob Seal (Texas) – Interlibrary Loan: Integral Component of Global Resource Sharing

Gayle Williams (Georgia) – International Resource Sharing: The ARL Latin Americanist Research Resources Project

Tom Sloan, Charles Mayberry, and Jorge Pino (Florida) – SEFLIN's Mi Servicio de Biblioteca.

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Grants and Awards

Digital Talking-Book Player Design Winners Announced

Winning entries in the Digital Talking-Book Player Competition, sponsored by

the Industrial Designers Society of America (IDSA) in cooperation with the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS), Library of Congress, were chosen on 7 June 2002.

Six student-designed entries and a faculty advisor were named by a panel of six judges following an evaluation of 146 entries from 28 design schools across the country. Lachezar Tsvetanov, a senior

from the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut, won first place and USD 5,000 with an entry titled 'Dook.'

The student design competition, which began on 1 January 2002 and solicited entries from 55 IDSA-affiliated schools, was established to give students an opportunity to inspire the next generation of audio playback equipment currently being developed by the Library of Congress's free national reading program serving blind and physically handicapped readers.

The winning model resembles a book that opens to reveal a speaker and audio controls.

Tsvetanov told IDSA,

It was great to work on a product addressing the challenges faced by those whose needs are frequently overlooked. This was not only a design exercise, but also a life experience. I developed the concept of a book for my entry because many people could relate to the fact that a high percentage of talking-book readers are older. They would have something in front of them that resembles a book ... something they were familiar with before losing their sight. And young people who use the Dook will feel they don't stand out in a crowd because it looks like a book.

Tsvetanov, a native of Sophia, Bulgaria, is studying at the University of Bridgeport on a full tuition scholarship that he received for academic excellence. His faculty advisor from the University of Bridgeport, Robert Brainard, receives a USD 2,000 cash award.

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IFLA Publications

ISBD(M) 2002

The IFLA Section on Cataloguing's ISBD Review Group is pleased to announce publication of the 2002 Version of the International Standard Bibliographic Description for Monographic Publications (ISBD(M)). The document is available in PDF format on IFLANET at: http://www.ifla.org/VII/s13/pubs/isbd_m0602.pdf.

This version incorporates changes necessary to make the provisions of this ISBD consistent with the 'optionality' features described in IFLA's Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records (FRBR), published in 1998 and available at: <http://www.ifla.org/VII/s13/frbr/frbr.htm>.

In general FRBR produced recommendations to make 'optional' certain data

elements hitherto considered 'mandatory'. In the new version of ISBD(M), inclusion of a data element is considered 'mandatory' in all cases for certain data elements, and in other cases is considered 'mandatory' when necessary for identification of the publication being described or otherwise considered important to users of a bibliography or a catalogue. To facilitate the application of the practices stipulated, ISBD(M) designates particular data elements as optional, i.e. a cataloguing agency is free to choose to include or exclude these elements. The policy is further explained within the document at 0.1.3, and a review of the Outline provided at paragraph 0.3.2 will reveal which data elements are optional.

The 2002 revision of the ISBD(M) will be published only on the Internet because the ISBD Review Group views it as an

interim document subject to further review and revision in the near term. This continued attention to its provisions will be undertaken in an effort to take into consideration changes to national and multi-national cataloguing codes resulting from the need to adjust practices to fit the evolution of publications that has occurred in recent years – in particular, the emergence of electronic resources. The Review Group is hopeful that the investigations and rule changes resulting from these code revision activities will facilitate its efforts to maintain the currency of the ISBDs as well.

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Other Publications

American Librarianship and the Soviet Union

University Press of America has published a title which may be of interest to IFLA members. The book *Not Seeing Red: American Librarianship and the Soviet Union, 1917-1960*, by Dr. Stephen Karet-sky, examines American librarianship's

attitude towards the Soviet Union from the Russian Revolution through the Cold War. While focusing on the years 1917 through 1960, the work includes an overview of the subsequent period ending with Gorbachev's rise to power. Karet-sky's study concentrates on leaders of the library profession in the United States, but also deals with American education-

ists as well as librarians in Britain and other countries.

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From IFLA Corporate Partners

Electronic Access To Elsevier Science Backfiles

Elsevier Science recently decided to expand electronic access on ScienceDirect, the online, full-text database from Elsevier Science, to include all back issues for its entire publication list. This unique resource enables researchers to access past issues of Elsevier Science journals electronically. Elsevier Science has embarked on a three-year initiative to give its subscribers online and fully integrated access to all back issues of its STM journals. In many cases, volume 1, issue 1 will be accessible – for example the first issue of the *Lancet* that was published in 1823. At present, ScienceDirect is able to provide access to Elsevier Science journals from 1995. The scale of the expansion clearly indicates Elsevier Science's move away from paper.

The multi-year backfiles project involves the conversion of approximately 40 million pages of journals into electronic format. Elsevier Science is investing USD 40 million in scanning alone to make this vast body of articles available electronically. The work is being carried out through SPI Technologies Inc. in the Philippines. In November 2001, SPI launched a new subsidiary, Content Sciences, Inc (CSI), to handle the job; its 1500 staff in Calamba, Philippines are dedicated solely to the project. Six containers full of journals from an out-of-print archive, weighing more than 60,000 kilograms, were shipped to the Philippines.

Full-text access to the backfiles will be made available in stages in subject-specific packages. All chemistry, mathematics, business, management and accounting, economics and psychology journals are already available and Elsevier has received enthusiastic feedback from the research community. Several additional packages, such as social science, physics, pharma-

cology and toxicology and pharmaceuticals, immunology and microbiology, and biochemistry, genetics and molecular development, will be launched this year. Reaction to the initial products has confirmed that Elsevier's customers value this historical information.

Martin O'Malley, product director of ScienceDirect, commented that the initiative has been driven by customer demand and is very much a reflection of user behaviour online. He said that ScienceDirect customers already accessing the collections find that their high level of usage more than justifies the investment. The unit cost of supplying the articles electronically drops to a level much lower than an average interlibrary loan, document delivery charge or individual scanning, and users benefit from the superior linking and searching functionality of ScienceDirect. There are also cost saving benefits for customers in terms of shelf space, since the whole collection fills nearly four kilometres of shelving. Cataloguing and managing the collection is also part of the ScienceDirect service.

The intuitive ScienceDirect user interface, with its sophisticated search options and personalization features, makes it fast and efficient to search back to volume 1, issue 1. Articles are available in fully searchable PDF format with citations, abstracts and references in rekeyed HTML. Users can cross-search backfiles articles against the other journal content, abstract databases and reference works on the platform, to yield the most comprehensive and relevant results.

References are live-linked to the full-text articles on ScienceDirect and to more than 120 leading STM publishers via CrossRef. The backfiles are also available for local loading onto the library systems of ScienceDirect OnSite customers. Electronic access to the full text of

each backfiles subject is available under a single purchase payment – a one-off fee for unlimited usage. Prices per package will vary depending on the amount of content. *Organic Chemistry*, which comprises 109,000 articles, for example, will cost a medium-sized subscriber about USD 25,000. Flexible terms of payment mean that customers can pay over three years, while the content they have purchased will gain value from future ScienceDirect platform upgrades, as long as they remain ScienceDirect subscribers.

Elsevier Science understands that the permanent archiving of electronic information, and reliable access to these archives, are of critical importance to its customers and the scientific community at large. As a leader in the digital archiving of electronic journals, Elsevier Science was among the first to make a commitment to the preservation of digital files and involved librarians and authors to ensure that its policies and procedures would meet with approval. This has resulted in an archiving policy that, for example, states that it is the firm's intention to permanently maintain the electronically archived copies of its journals. The archives will be modified as the technology for document storage, display and access evolves. In addition, Elsevier Science maintains a backup archive system, separate from the ScienceDirect platform, to ensure continuity of the files in the event of a disaster. Elsevier Science is also in active discussions with a number of university libraries, national libraries and preservation organizations to explore other alternatives for permanent archiving and is currently developing archival partnerships.

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News from Other Organizations

The National and University Library of Bosnia and Herzegovina in Sarajevo

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Introduction

The National and University Library of Bosnia and Herzegovina was established in October 1945 by the decree of the Ministry of Education of the Federal Bosnia

and Herzegovina. Over time the library has accumulated about 3 million library items including approximately 6000 titles of periodicals, 3000 manuscripts and old and rare printed books witnessing the multilateral and multiethnic character of the country's history. "During the night of August 25/26 1992, the National and University Library of Bosnia and Herzegovina

was intentionally destroyed by gunners occupying the hills surrounding the city of Sarajevo" states a UNESCO report on the fate of historical building and its valuable collections. In the post-war period, the staff of the Library intensively worked on the reconstitution of the library collections and reviving its old and establishing new functions. In this effort particular assistance to the Library was provided by UNESCO, the World Bank and the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Legal Framework

Presently the library functions on the basis of the Law of Librarianship (Official Gazette of Bosnia and Herzegovina, No. 37, October 1995) according to which the National and University Library is a legal deposit library and the central institution of its kind in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Provisions are made for its central role in establishing and maintaining library and information services throughout the country. It is a member of IFLA and provides a home for ISSN and ISBN centres. International cooperation is carried out through staff exchanges, interlibrary loan and book exchanges. In addition the National and University Library is trying to enhance joint work with other libraries in Bosnia and Herzegovina, particularly as regards the development and reconstruction of library services and collections. The purpose of the support given to the development of libraries and librarianship as a profession by the National and University Library is to receive and preserve the documentary heritage of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Documentary Heritage

The written records in various languages and scripts which were lost in the destruction of the Library were witnesses to the multiethnic, multicultural and multi-religious character of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The National and University Library housed about 3 million books, periodicals and other documents most of which were catalogued according to up-to-date international bibliographic standards. The automated library catalogue had been started a few years before the war. In accordance with the legal deposit regulations enshrined in the law, the National Library received most of the publications that were produced in Bosnia and Herzegovina and other parts of former Yugoslavia. It was given additional responsibility in 1957, when the National Library became also the University Library serving the Sarajevo academic community.

Staff and Organization

Before the war there were 108 employees; today only 69 are working. Strong efforts are made to initiate training programs for library staff and users. The activities of the library are carried out through the following departments: Acquisition; Processing; Serials; Reference Center; Special Collections; Bibliography; Center for Continuing Education of Librarians; Restoration and Preservation; ISSN Center; ISBN Center; Reader Services.

Services

Services to the users include several reading rooms and various kinds of bibliographic tools, including the library website (www.nubbih.ba) and an online catalogue (www.cobiss.ba). The library carries out the functions of the national agency for ISSN, ISBN and Cataloguing In Publication (CIP). It is a depository library for the publications of several UN organizations in addition to the World Bank and UNESCO. The library is creating the conditions to become a focal point for links to other libraries in Bosnia and Herzegovina and providing access to the Internet resources. Due to the present political arrangements, with two entities in the country (the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Republic of Srpska), the library system is quite decentralized, and it will take some time before appropriate cooperative arrangements are made for the library and information system to be functional.

Continuing Education Of Librarians

The Library has a very active program for the continuing education of librarians which has benefited more than 200 colleagues from different parts of the country. Lifelong learning provision to librarians is one of the most important commitments of this library in its strategic orientation towards development based on knowledge.

Recently, in order to create proper conditions for preservation and restoration of library material, a special laboratory for that purpose has been inaugurated. It is hoped that this laboratory will be able to perform its task on a much more professional level by additional training of its staff.

Bibliography Of Bosnia And Herzegovina

The National and University Library of Bosnia and Herzegovina publishes the National Bibliography in three series: for monographs, periodicals and articles in

serial publications. A few years ago a project on retrospective bibliography was initiated. Retrospective bibliography research is very important because it will help to fill gaps in the reconstitution of the Bosniaca holdings of the library. Even though this institution went through difficult times, the *Bibliography of Bosnia and Herzegovina Books from 1992 to 1996* was published. Recently, a publication entitled *Books and Publishers from Bosnia and Herzegovina* was issued. Reprint editions of old and rare books have also been inaugurated. These publications represent a valuable contribution for present and future generations of readers and a testimony to the richness of the cultural heritage of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Reconstruction of Vijecnica

The destruction of Vijecnica – the Historical Building of the National And University Library of Bosnia and Herzegovina – in the Summer of 1992 represented one of the most tragic consequences of the war in the period 1992–1995. Its value as an architectural monument and the content of its precious collections had been recognized for many years. To bring back to life the beautiful building – symbol of the city of Sarajevo – and to reconstitute its priceless manuscripts and other documentary records represents not only an architectural and financial challenge, but will also make a valuable contribution to the fruitful dialogue between the various civilizations which have left their traces in this country.

Prehistory

Vijecnica, the home for the Library since 1951, was completed in 1896, and is the most visible monument of the urban development of Sarajevo in the first decades of Austro-Hungarian rule. As early as 1881, Mustajbeg Fadilpašić, the mayor of the city, had proposed to the City Council the construction of the new city-hall – its original function.

Several years passed until the idea of the new building was taken up again. At the beginning of the 1890s the government made the necessary decisions and money was appropriated for the construction. Its location was decided to be to the East of the main Baščaršija market at the place known as Mustajpaša's Mejdan. The design of the city hall was initially made by architect Carl Patch (1857–1942). The construction work was carried out by two engineers: Aleksandar Wittek in the period 1892–1893, and Ćiril Iveković from 1893–1896.

The completion of the building was warmly welcomed in the journal appropriately called 'Nada' or 'Hope', on 1st. December 1897, reminding the readers that most of the building material for Vijećnica came from Bosnia, while some was imported from Tirolia and Hungary. In its history the building had various tenants. At one time it was city-hall, courthouse, and from 1910 until 1914 it was the seat of the Bosnian Parliament. After the Second World War it was the home of the Academy of Sciences and Arts of Bosnia And Herzegovina. Finally in 1951, it became a library, remaining so until its fatal destruction in 1992.

Reconstruction Of The Building – Reconstruction Of Memory

Reconstruction of the old library building started after the war, which was ended by the signing of the Dayton Peace Agreement in November of 1995. The initial stage of reconstruction was supported by the Austrian government; later on this task was undertaken by the European Union. As one can see, progress is slow and immediate steps should be taken to accelerate the pace of the works, for which additional and considerable financial means are needed.

Having in mind the important role which the National and University Library of Bosnia and Herzegovina plays in the cultural, educational and scientific life of Bosnia and Herzegovina, not to mention urgent need to reconstitute the nation's lost documentary memory, the continuation of the reconstruction of the library is urgently required. It should be revived as a modern library, balancing traditional and digital resources. The ultimate aim would be to create a full text electronic archive, making available on a worldwide basis the literature of and on Bosnia and Herzegovina as the country of a centuries' long tradition of tolerance and cultural pluralism. The urgency to revive the Library was most eloquently expressed in Resolution 4.8 adopted by the General Conference of UNESCO at its 27th session on 13 November 1993. This invites 'Member States, intergovernmental and international non-governmental organizations and public and private institutions to make voluntary contributions in cash, equipment or services to reconstruct and equip the Sarajevo National and University Library, constitute and preserve its collections and train the requisite personnel'.

Reconstruction of the National and University Library of Bosnia and Herzegovina should serve as a model for the

revival of other libraries and information centres in the country, particularly if one knows that hardly a single library building was built in this country for the last 50 years. Wherever possible, cooperation with friendly, particularly neighbouring countries should be sought to establish and maintain the groundwork for useful international cooperation.

Bibliographic Record Enrichment Project

With the approval of the Board of ALA's Reference User Services Association (RUSA), the Library of Congress has begun adding to its catalog records the annotations for the sites selected annually by the RUSA Machine Assisted Reference Section (MARS), Best Free Web Sites Committee. The lists, which have been compiled since 1999, appear in the fall issue of the *RUSA Quarterly* and on the ALA RUSA MARS website: <http://www.ala.org/rusa/mars/>. Usually, 25–30 sites are selected each year. The Library of Congress project to add the annotations has been undertaken under the auspices of the Library's Bibliographic Enrichment Advisory Team (BEAT), a cross-departmental R&D group whose mission includes enriching the content of Library of Congress bibliographic records. The project follows a similar ongoing undertaking to add annotations to the catalog records for the titles included in the annual list of print Outstanding Reference Sources produced by the ALA RUSA Collection Development and Evaluation Section (CODES). Additional information about BEAT projects is available from the BEAT web site at: <http://lcweb.loc.gov/catdir/beat/>.

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South African Library Leadership Project

In January 2001, the President of the Library and Information Association of South Africa (LIASA), Ms Ellen Tise, announced that the Andrew W Mellon Foundation had approved a grant of USD 250,000 to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (USA), for use over a period of three years, in support of the South African Library Leadership Project (SALLP). This is a partnership project between the Mortenson Center for International Library Programmes at the University of Illinois and LIASA. The goals of the project are to:

- Implement a leadership programme for library managers from academic, public and national libraries in South Africa; and
- Assist with establishing a continuing education function in LIASA.

A total of eighteen library professionals will be trained between 2002 and 2003. The training will take place both in South Africa, under the guidance of LIASA, and in the United States at the Mortenson Center. The project will be administered within the LIASA National Office on behalf of its partners.

Between 18 June and 4 August 2002, the SALLP candidates will spend five weeks at the Mortenson Center for International Library Programs, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign Mortenson Center and a week at the Queens Borough Public Library, New York. The training programme includes workshops, seminars, practical exercises and visits focusing specifically on the objectives of the Project, which are:

- to develop leadership qualities
- to refine communication skills
- to highlight current best practices in management of library services
- to learn about change management and organizational structures.

The group will also do three presentations on 'Libraries in South Africa'. There are opportunities for the group to interact with their American colleagues within a mentoring programme which would allow members to observe and shadow colleagues who are in corresponding positions or levels. Upon their return, the group will be able to share their experiences with their South African colleagues at the LIASA Annual Conference in Port Elizabeth. Ms Chedza Molefe, a colleague from Botswana and the first recipient of the Wedgeworth International Fellowship in Library Leadership, will also be joining the group as a participant.

The nine South African candidates are: Mpumie Damane, Branham Francis, Joyce Gozo, Veena Jayaram, Karin Kitching, Karlien de Klerk, Tshidi Makhafola, Tommy Matthee and Rachel More. The Project Coordinator, Ujala Satgoor, will accompany the SALLP candidates to the United States.

More information about the project can be obtained from Ujala at: e-mail: u.satgoor@liasa.org.za.

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Personal News

Ross Shimmon Honoured

Ross Shimmon, IFLA's Secretary General, was awarded an Honorary Fellowship by the University of Central Lancashire, Preston, UK, at its graduation ceremony in Preston Guildhall in July. Ross worked at the university, when it was a polytechnic, as Services Librarian and Deputy Librarian, in the late seventies. The award was in recognition of his efforts to promote libraries and the library and information profession at the national and international levels. Speaking on behalf of the graduates of the University's Faculty of Cultural, Legal and Social Studies, Ross stressed the importance of membership of professional bodies and the independent values they strive to maintain. He also

urged those graduating to take opportunities to gain international experience and learn from the wider perspectives it presents. This was the first time the university had honoured a librarian in this way.

Blanca Hodge Knighted

The Kingdom of the Netherlands has two civilian orders of merit: the Order of the Lion of the Netherlands and the Order of Oranje Nassau. The Grand Master of both is Her Majesty, the Queen, who confers the decorations on the nomination of the relevant government minister.

People who for a long time have worked for the benefit of the community or who have encouraged others to do so

are eligible for appointment to one of the six classes of the Order of Oranje Nassau. On the occasion of the birthday of Her Majesty the Queen – which is celebrated on 30 April – Knighthood in the Order of Oranje Nassau was bestowed on Mrs Blanca Hodge for her dedication, perseverance and eventual accomplishments in the establishment and further development of the library services in St Maarten. The official title: Blanche Ignace Therese Marie Hodge-Verweij, Knight in the Order of Oranje Nassau.

The Latin America and Caribbean Section and the IFLA Regional Office congratulate Blanca for the deserved honour she has received and express their pleasure of having her as an IFLA/LAC member.

International Calendar

September 2–7, 2002. Rome, Italy. 24th SIBMAS (International Association of Museums and Libraries of the Performing Arts) Congress. More information: Mrs Stefania Cuffaro: Fax: +39 (06) 6819-4727. E-mail: biblioteca.burcardo@siae.it.

September 11–13, 2002. Lisbon, Portugal. Information Seeking in Context: Fourth International Conference on Information Needs, Seeking and Use in Different Contexts. Further information: Universidade Lusitana, Rua da Junqueira, 188-198, P-1349-001 Lisboa, Portugal. Tel.: +35 (1) 361 15 00. Fax: +35 (1) 362 29 55. E-mail: isic2002@lis.ulusiada.pt.

September 29–October 3, 2002. Basel, Switzerland. 28th IBBY Congress. For more information: E-mail: ibby@eye.ch.

September 29–October 4, 2002. Florence, Italy. Seventh International Summer School on the Digital Library. Course 3: Electronic Publishing: Libraries as Buyers, Facilitators, or Producers. More information: Ms. Jola Prinsen and Ms. Leonne Portz, PO Box 4191, 5004 JD Tilburg, The Netherlands.

October 14–18, 2002. Bukhara, Uzbekistan. Internet and Libraries – Information Resources in Science, Culture, Education, and Business. Central Asia-2002. For more information: Munira Sultanova, Uzbekistan Library Association, 5 Mustakillik Str., Tashkent 700000, Uzbekistan. Tel. +99871 139 43 46. Fax: +99871 139 43 46. E-mail:

uzlibis@sarkor.uz. Website: <http://ula.uzsci.net>.

October 16–18, 2002. The Hague, The Netherlands. School for Scanning: Creating, Managing, and Preserving Digital Assets. For registration information and detailed agenda see the Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC) website: <http://www.nedcc.org/hague/hague1.htm>. Further information: Ginny Hughes at ghughes@nedcc.org.

October 16–19, 2002. Thessalonika, Greece. Restructuring LIS Education to European Standards. European Association for Library and Information Education and Research (EUCLID). Further information: Mrs Gerda van der Molen, School of Information and Communication, Hanzehogeschool Groningen, PO Box 70030, 9704 AA Groningen, Netherlands. Fax: +31 (50) 571 0634 or +31 (50) 595 2940. E-mail: g.a.van.der.molen@pl.hanze.nl. EUCLID web site: <http://www.elt.sk/euclid/>.

October 17–23, 2002. Amsterdam, The Netherlands. SEPIA Workshop on Management of Photographic Collections. For more information: European Commission on Preservation and Access (ECPA), PO Box 19121, 1000 GC Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Tel. +31 20 5510839. Fax: +31 20 6204941. E-mail: ecpa@bureau.knaw.nl. Website: <http://www.knaw.nl/ecpa/>.

October 21–24, 2002. Kochi, Kerala, India. NACLIN 2002. Fifth National Con-

vention on Library and Information Networking. Theme: Bridging the Digital Divide. For more information: Dr. (Mrs.) M. D. Baby, Librarian & Organizing Secretary, NACLIN 2002, University Library, Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kochi, Kerala 682 022, India. Tel. +91-484-575715. Fax: +91-484-532495. E-mail: ul@cusat.ac.in. Website: www.cusat.ac.in.

October 24–27, 2002. Memphis, Tennessee, USA. EEI21-MEMPHIS-2002: The Ethics of Electronic Information in the 21st Century. For more information: <http://www.memphis.edu/ethics21>.

November 3–7, 2002. Leeds, UK. Seventh International Summer School on the Digital Library. Course 1: The Management of Change. More information: Ms. Jola Prinsen and Ms. Leonne Portz, PO Box 4191, 5004 JD Tilburg, The Netherlands.

November 6–9, 2002. Karlovy Vary, Czech Republic. ELPUB2002: 6th International Conference on Electronic Publishing. Further information from: Programme Committee: programme-elpub@mail.uminho.pt.

November 11–12, 2002. Chicago, Illinois, USA. VRD 4th Annual Digital Reference Conference: Charting the Course of Reference: Toward a Preferred Future. For more information: Marilyn Schick, Conference and Event Specialist, Virtual Reference Desk, ERIC Clearinghouse on Information and Technology, Syracuse University, 621 Skytop Road,

- Suite 160, Syracuse, New York 13244-5290, USA. Tel. +1 800 464 9107. Fax: +1 315 443 5448. Website: www.vrd.org.
- November 11–15, 2002. Zvenigorod, Moscow Region, Russia. LIBCOM-2002. Sixth International Conference and Exhibition: Information Technologies, Computer Systems and Publications for Libraries. For more information: Ms. Nadezhda Garmashova. Tel: 7-095-923-1249. Fax: 7-095-921-9862. E-mail: sigla@gpntb.ru. Mailing address: LIBCOM-2002 Organizing Committee, 12 Kuznetsky Most, GSP-6, K-31, Moscow, 107996, Russia.
- November 17–20, 2002. Wellington, New Zealand. Library and Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa (LIANZA) Conference 2002: Winds of Change: Libraries in the 21st Century – Ka purea e nga hau a Tawhirimatea. For more information: Website: <http://www.confer.co.nz/lianza2002/>.
- November 18, 2002. Weno Island, Chuuk, Federated States of Micronesia. 12th Pacific Islands Association of Libraries and Archives (PIALA) Conference. Theme: Libraries, Museums, and Archives: The Coconut Tree of Life. For more information: Lynn Sipenuk, PO Box 91, Weno Is., Chuuk, FM 96942. E-mail: lynnsipenuk@mail.fm or lsipenuk@yahoo.com. Website: <http://www.uog.edu/rfk/piala/piala.html>.
- December 1–6, 2002. Derbyshire, UK. Children as Readers: how library services help young people discover the pleasures of literature [seminar]. Further information: International Networking Events, The British Council. E-mail: yellowteam.seminars@britishcouncil.org. Website: www.britishcouncil.org/networkevents/2000/0232p.htm.
- December 3–5, 2002. London, UK. Online Information 2002. For more information: Learned Information. Tel +44 (1865) 388000. Website: www.online-information.co.uk.
- December 11–14, 2002. Singapore. ICADL '02: 5th International Conference of Asian Digital Libraries. Held in conjunction with The 3rd International Conference on Web Information Systems Engineering (WISE 2002). Further information: ICADL 2002 Secretariat, Conference Management Centre/CCE, Nanyang Technological University, Administration Annex Building #04-06, 42 Nanyang Avenue, Singapore 639815. Fax: +65 6793 0997. E-mail: ICADL2002@ntu.edu.sg. Website: <http://www.cais.ntu.edu.sg:8000/icadl2002>.
- February 3–5, 2003. Torun, Poland. BOBCATSSS 2003: Information Policy and the European Union. Further information: Justen-Paul Hol, PO Box 1025, 1000 BA Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Tel: +31 20 595 1777. Fax: +31 20 595 1720. E-mail: info@bobcatsss.com. Website: www.bobcatsss.com.
- August 1–8, 2003. Berlin, Germany. 69th IFLA General Conference and Council. Theme: "Access Point Library: Media – Information – Culture." For more information: Ms Barbara Schlei-hagen, Secretary General, or Mr Christoph Albers, Conference Coordinator, IFLA 2003 Berlin Secretariat, c/o Berlin State Library – Prussian Cultural Heritage, Potsdamer Str. 33, D-10785 Berlin, Germany. Tel: +49-30-26 55 88-52, and -74. Fax: +49-30-26 55 88-53, and -75. E-mail: ifla2003secr@sbb.spk-berlin.de. URL: <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla69/>.
- December 10–12, 2003. Geneva, Switzerland. World Summit on the Information Society. Phase 1. (Phase 2: Tunis, Tunisia, 2005). Further information from: Mr. A. Levin, Chief a.i., Coordination, External Relations and Communication Units, International Telecommunication Union (ITU), Place des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland. Tel. +41 (22) 730 6113. Fax: +41 (22) 730 5881. E-mail: levin@itu.int. Website: www.itu.int/wsis/.
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