



Libraries @ the Heart of the Information Society

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Delegates from over 70 countries attending the IFLA/World Summit Pre-Conference to the World Summit on the Information society, meeting in the Hall of the General assembly of the United Nations in Geneva on the 3rd and 4th November 2003, call upon the nations of the world to:

"Support and extend the existing global network of library and information services to make available and preserve knowledge and cultural heritage, to provide information access points and to develop the twenty-first century literacies essential of the realisation on the information society. High quality library and information services provide access to the information required by the communities they serve. A modest investment in them would quickly return significant dividends."

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IFLA has been strongly involved in the preparations for the World Summit on the Information Society which will be held in Geneva, December 2003 and Tunis, December 2005.

Links:

- www.ifla.org/wsis -- IFLA and the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)
- www.itu.int/wsis -- World Summit on the Information Society website
- www.itu.int/wsis/newsroom/eflash/archives.html -- WSIS Newsroom: E-Flash

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