



# NEWSLETTER OF THE IFLA SECTION ON LIBRARY AND RESEARCH SERVICES FOR PARLIAMENTS

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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

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Dear Colleagues,

Very warm greetings to you all. The summer is here, and it is very nearly time for us to come together in Athens for our annual pre-conference and the IFLA World Library and Information Congress (WLIC). It seems only a few months ago that we were together in Kuala Lumpur – where does the time go?

We are very grateful to our colleagues in the Hellenic Parliament for hosting our pre-conference this year and helping to put together an excellent programme. I'm looking forward to learning a lot from the informative presentations that are scheduled over the two days. From there, we move directly into the IFLA Congress itself, with a wide range of sessions and something of interest for everyone!

We will also be welcoming our new Standing Committee Members and Officers, who officially take up their roles at the end of the Congress. I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate our three new officers – Iain Watt (Chair), Sonia Bebbington (Secretary) and Ellie Valentine (Information Coordinator). I wish them all the best in their new roles. I would also like to thank our outgoing officers – Karin Finer (Secretary) and Adama Kone (Information Coordinator) – for all they have done on behalf of the Section. I am incredibly grateful for their support.

This is my last newsletter article as Section Chair as I hand over to Iain next month. I am very grateful for the honour of being able to serve you as Chair and for the support you have given me in the role. I believe that Parliamentary Libraries and Research Services play an essential role in supporting effective and accountable legislatures across the world and in contributing to UN Sustainable Development Goal 16. I have been very fortunate to spend my career working in a Parliamentary Library and to have met so many of you, dedicated fellow professionals and colleagues. I wish you all every success in the future.

Steve Wise. Chair, IFLA Section on Library and Research Services for Parliaments

### How to join the Section

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

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

### Share and connect

- Check out the Section's website: <http://www.ifla.org/services-for-parliaments>
- Sign up for the IFLAPARL discussion list, which is open to all members as well as others interested in the Section; <https://infoserv.inist.fr/wvs/subscribe/iflaparl>
- Contribute with news about your library and/or research service: e-mail Steve Wise, Chair, [iflaparl.chair@gmail.com](mailto:iflaparl.chair@gmail.com) or Karin Finer, Secretary, [karin.finer@europarl.europa.eu](mailto:karin.finer@europarl.europa.eu)

## IFLA CONFERENCES 2019

### IFLAPARL 35TH PRE-CONFERENCE

The Section will be holding its 35<sup>th</sup> annual pre-conference on the 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> August at the Hellenic Parliament (Syntagma Square) in Athens. This year's pre-conference theme is "Parliamentary Libraries and Research Services: Supporting Dialogue for Change".

We have the honour of being hosted by the Hellenic Parliament and we can look forward to informative presentations from our hosts and IFLAPARL members, a guided tour of the parliament building, interactive workshops and plenty of time to meet and share experiences with colleagues from around the world.



You will find the draft programme and more information about the venue and the workshops on the Section's pre-conference [web pages](#). Highlights include (see further on page 3);

- presentations from the Hellenic Parliament on their services and activities
- a series of Lightning talks and regional updates from IFLAPARL members
- the launch of the [Parliamentary Research & Library Service Ethics Checklist](#), following the feedback from last year's workshop
- a series of workshops, including 'Guidelines for Parliamentary Libraries', influence of the digital society on parliaments and change management

### 85TH WORLD LIBRARY AND INFORMATION CONGRESS

The [2019 WLIC](#) will be held in Athens (Megaron Athens International Conference Centre (MAICC)) between the 24<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of August. The IFLAPARL Section will as usual hold its own open session, this year entitled '[Informing dialogue, enabling change](#)'. It will be a knowledge sharing session, with a mixture of short presentations and group discussions. We can look forward to engaging and interactive presentations from Chile, Canada, Brazil, Ghana and Sweden.

During the main Congress IFLAPARL will also have two Standing Committee meetings, on the afternoons of Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> and Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August. These will be important meetings to discuss the Section's work and the plans for the next two years. This will form the basis of the Section's new Action Plan, which will be published on our Publications [web pages](#) in due course. These meetings will also mark the transition from the current to the new Standing Committee and Officers, who will formally take up their roles at the end of this year's Congress.

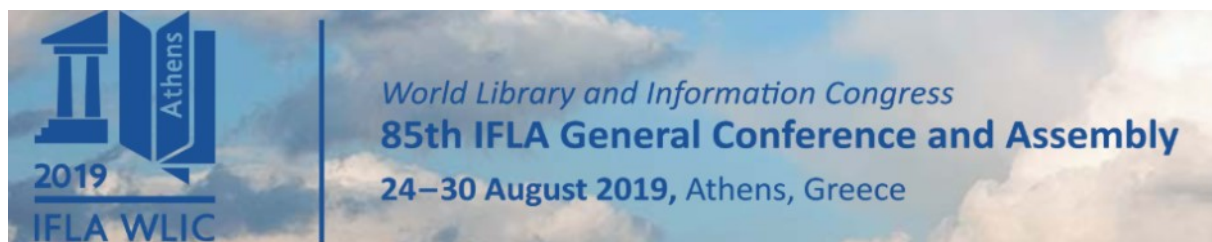


Below are Congress sessions that IFLAPARL members may find relevant and interesting:

- 1<sup>st</sup> IFLAPARL Standing Committee meeting - Saturday 24 August, 15:45 - 17:45. Please note that this is being held offsite at the Athens College, Hellenic-American Educational Foundation (HAEF), Psychico, Athens. There will be shuttle buses provided to transport participants to/from the HAEF building. All members are invited to attend.
- IFLAPARL open session 'Informing dialogue, enabling change' - Monday 26 August, 09:30 - 11:30 in the main convention centre, room MC3
- 2<sup>nd</sup> IFLAPARL Standing Committee meeting - Monday 26 August, 13:30 - 16:00 in Business meeting room 2
- Knowledge Café, in conjunction with the Knowledge Management & Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning Sections - Tuesday 27 August, 14:45 - 15:45 in the Banqueting Hall
- Government Libraries open session '[Gatekeeping to Advocacy](#)' - Wednesday 28 August, 13:45 - 15:45 in MC3. Former IFLA President, Donna Scheeder, is giving the keynote address 'Informing Legislative Debate: The Role of Government Libraries'.

These are just some of the highlights of this year's WLIC, for more information please take a look at the WLIC programme iPlanner page (<https://2019.ifla.org/conference-programme/>) or download the WLIC 2019 app.

If you are not able to join us in Athens, you will still be able to share the learning by reading the proceedings and presentations on the Section's [web pages](#) afterwards. And of course, you can catch up on all the latest news from colleagues in our newsletters.



## ... MORE ON IFLAPARL ACTIVITIES IN ATHENS

### IFLAPARL ETHICS CHECKLISTS

The Section's project on ethics has reached its final stage, with the draft ready for discussion in Athens. The project is introduced and the latest draft checklists are linked on this page of the IFLAPARL website: <https://www.ifla.org/node/61910>.

The project began with informal discussions in 2016, and was developed through conference workshops in 2017 and 2018, with a working group of the Standing Committee taking it forward between conferences.

The existing professional guidelines lack explicit guidance on how to handle ethical issues. Furthermore, the project has identified that there are many (potential) ethical challenges in our sector, shared by most or all services in some respect. Only a few have explicit ethical codes. There are, of course, guidelines for e.g. the public sector including parliaments, and generic guidelines for library professionals and academic research, but there are still gaps as far as parliamentary research and information/library services are concerned. The project set out to address those gaps rather than create a duplicate of all relevant ethical guidance.

It quickly became clear that the diversity of services and contexts in the sector made it difficult to issue specific prescriptive guidelines. The approach has rather been to develop checklists of issues that services could use to self-assess and reflect on whether changes were necessary or advisable. The results might be useful in starting a dialogue with governing authorities and/or with staff and managers of the service.

The draft is the outcome of many contributions over the years, by members of the working group, the Standing Committee, and by the wider IFLAPARL community. As chair of the working group I thank everyone who has helped - but if there are flaws, errors or omissions, they are my responsibility.

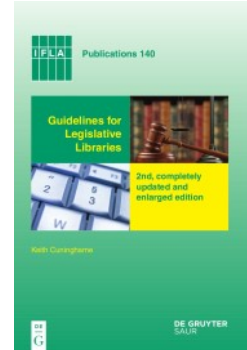
Please feel free to ask questions, make suggestions and comment to me before Athens - [jain.watt@iflaparl@use.startmail.com](mailto:jain.watt@iflaparl@use.startmail.com).

By *Jain Watt*, incoming Chair, IFLAPARL

### GUIDELINES ON LEGISLATIVE LIBRARIES BEING UPDATED

The IFLA Guidelines on Legislative Libraries, first published in 1993 and updated in 2009, is being revised. A working group led by Lillian Gassie, former Section Chair, is working to bring the Guidelines up to date.

IFLAPARL members are invited to the Guidelines for Parliamentary Libraries Workshop at the pre-conference in Athens, Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August, to discuss what has changed in the ten years since the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the Guidelines was published. Two sessions will be offered to allow for participation of as many attendees as possible. These discussions will then enable the working group to prepare a new edition that is better aligned to the current experience and best practice of parliamentary libraries.



### WORLD DIRECTORY OF LIBRARY AND RESEARCH SERVICES FOR PARLIAMENTS (WDLRSP)

Gentle reminder – please don't forget to add your parliamentary library and/or research service to the [World Directory of Library and Research Services for Parliaments](#) (WDLRSP).

The WDLRSP is a collaborative project between IFLAPARL and the National Library of Congress, Chile. The aim of the Directory is to provide up-to-date information about parliamentary libraries and/or research services around the world, facilitating communication and collaboration amongst our members.

To get an account to add your institution to the Directory, please provide the information requested at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/52WVZ2Q>. The individual named in the form will then receive an email with the password and instructions on how to create your institution's record.

Institutional list View by world map

SHOW 20 ENTRIES SEARCH:

NAME	NAME OF PARLIAMENT	COUNTRY/ENTITY	INSTITUTIONAL DESCRIPTION
Biblioteca do Senado Federal	Senado Federal	Brazil	The Senate Library was created on May 18, 1826, by a committee established to prepare the first catalogue of books and journals owned by the "Senate Bookstore", on the initiative of Senator Viscount of Cairi. Nowadays, the Senate Library is responsible for a cooperative network of 12 specialized libraries, a Digital Library with 280 thousand documents, maintain a Controlled Vocabulary and Authority ...
Bibliothèque de l'Assemblée nationale du Québec	Assemblée nationale du Québec	Canada	La Bibliothèque de l'Assemblée nationale répond aux besoins documentaires et de recherche des parlementaires et du personnel administratif de l'Assemblée en fournissant de l'information et des analyses fiables et impartiales. Pour ce faire, elle met à leur disposition des services de référence, de recherche, de gestion documentaire et d'archives.
Chamber of Deputies Research Service	Chamber of Deputies of the Italian Parliament	Italy	The Research Service of the Italian Chamber of Deputies provides information to Standing Committees and individual parliamentarians in order to support their legislative activity and other parliamentary functions: policy-setting, oversight and inquiry activities. In relation to the legislative function, the Research Service produces Research Papers -available on the Chamber of Deputies website ...
Congressional Research Service (Library of Congress)	United States Congress	United States	The Congressional Research Service (CRS) assists Congress by supporting its legislative, oversight, and representative functions. CRS provides objective, analytical research and information to all Members and committees of Congress. Principles guiding the work of the Service, in accordance with its charter, are encompassed in the CRS mission. CRS serves ...

## RECENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

### IFLA NEW STRATEGY / GLOBAL VISION

In 2017, IFLA started the Global Vision Project to unite and transform the library field. The [Global Vision Report](#) was launched during the President's Meeting in 2018, and was the result of contributions from more than 30000 information professionals from 190 countries via regional and local meetings, online voting and an [ideas store](#).

Following on from this work, IFLA has incorporated all the feedback received to create a new Strategic Framework 2019-2024, which will be launched in Athens in August.

All professional units are now busy with developing and aligning their next Action plans with the directions set out in the new strategy. All will be revealed at the Athens congress, so please come along to IFLAPARL's Standing Committee meetings to discuss our future activities for the next two years.

*By Karin Finer, Secretary, IFLAPARL*



### ECPRD SEMINAR, MADRID

The Spanish Senate hosted a two-day seminar of the ECPRD (European Centre for Parliamentary Research and Documentation) Area of Interest "Libraries, Research Services and Archives" in Madrid 6-8 June 2019. Two target groups (libraries and archives services) were involved and the interest was high: the meeting was attended by 59 colleagues from 35 parliamentary assemblies from member countries, and the Council of Europe.

This seminar was themed 'Challenges in a digital age: Preservation, management and promotion of the Parliaments documentary output and bibliographical heritage'. The seminar invited parliamentary librarians and archivists to share their experience on how they contribute to making parliamentary documents accessible and understandable to citizens, and how they participate in the systematisation, indexing, publication and explanation of these documents. Improving public access to parliamentary documents and better understanding of the parliament and its activities is one of the main targets of most parliamentary libraries and archives.



It is an accepted convention that these seminar programmes include the launching of a questionnaire related to the issues under discussion. To that end, request Nr 4054 was issued, focusing on the three main topics being considered at the Seminar. 34 answers were received. Every session in the Seminar was introduced with a summary of the questionnaire answers received, relevant to each of the topics listed below.

As in other recent ECPRD seminars, participants were invited to contribute to "poster presentation sessions", a trend that has proved very popular.

The conference was divided into three sections during which 12 speakers shared their knowledge on the following topics:

- Preservation and promotion of the Parliaments' **documentary and bibliographical heritage**. The presentations (and also the answers to request Nr 4054) focused on ongoing projects aimed at promoting the parliamentary documentary and bibliographic heritage and on the existing contacts of Parliaments with Europeana – or at least the intention of engaging in a coordinated project. Maybe in the future a debate can be started about possible collaboration in areas such as the digitization and promotion of parliamentary libraries' old holdings and archives. Visibility of such material could be improved by bringing it together to appear in cultural heritage platforms in a parliamentary provenance block. The impressive visual exhibitions prepared for citizens by some parliaments and the inscription on the UNESCO's Memory of the World International Register of Archive documents in-house give some hints of the unique legacy we are responsible for. Ida Kelemen, the coordinator of the Area of Interest "Libraries, Research Services and Archives" and Head of Information Service for MPs at the Hungarian National Assembly led this section.

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## RECENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS, CONTINUED

### ECPRD SEMINAR, MADRID...

- **Promotion of documents that reflect core activity at Parliaments** –the dissemination (and improvement thereof) through the institutional websites' search engines. Some examples of parliamentary websites as a means of dissemination of archival documents were discussed. The focus of this session was to improve the website itself through technical support from parliamentary librarians and archivists. Also the provision of re-useable materials to colleagues and citizens (increasing openness through open data provision) in parliaments' websites. This was mirrored by the first ever public presentation in the Spanish Senate of the new approach that provides additional access to information and documents by thematic areas, allowing TRANSVERSAL SEARCH by large topics in addition to the logical disposition of the information that follows the ordinary hierarchical design of the architecture of the web. The "Open data" section of the website, where the list of descriptors of the Eurovoc Thesaurus are grouped under each thematic area, has also been included in XML format. This contribution and sharing of know-how makes the content freely available to any documentary center. Elisabeth Dietrich-Schulz, Head of the Parliamentary Library of Austria led this section.
- **Electronic files and electronic records management.** The presentations exchanged experience on the different tools and approaches by parliaments, and reflected on lessons learned from the adoption and implementation of these innovative projects. Some parliaments are designing their electronic management records policy, which is an area of great interest and concern for parliamentary archives. Ensuring that Parliament's unique digital legacy involves more than only (and this is not a minor issue) the well known generalities of preservation is a challenge. In words of one of the participants "E-archiving is a necessity; it is a long term project, but it starts today". Conclusions can be drawn also from the ECPRD specific Seminar questionnaire (request 4054), complementary to the answers to a previous questionnaire from the French Senate (request 3986) and from a later questionnaire from the Danish Folketinget (request 4062).

The seminar was inaugurated on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June by the Secretary General of the Spanish Senate, Mr. Manuel Cavero, and opened by the Deputy Secretary General and ECPRD correspondent at the Senate, Mr. Fernando Dorado. During the opening session, a keynote speech was given by the Deputy Director of Library Coordination at the Spanish Culture Ministry, Ms Vilariño. She proposed that aggregators, national or thematic, support Europeana in its mission to 'transform the world with culture'. Their primary aim is to support cultural institutions and provide access to authentic, trust-worthy and robust data, accessible for use by the general public, education, research and the creative industries. She also stated that on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019, 'Digital Day', 24 European countries signed a 'Declaration of cooperation' on advancing the digitisation of cultural heritage. Those European countries will collaborate closely to improve the use of state-of-the-art digital technologies, address risks that Europe's rich cultural heritage is facing and enhance its use and visibility.



At the closure of the seminar, Ida Kelemen expressed admiration for the variety and range of topics discussed and thanked the Spanish Senate for organising the event. She also noted that the presentations were available on the Seminar's dedicated webpage on the ECPRD platform and encouraged those present to share what had been discussed with colleagues from their respective parliaments.

*By Josefa Fuentes. Director of Documentation, Spanish Senat*

### WORKSHOP – PARLIAMENTARY & GOVERNMENT LIBRARIES, LEIPZIG

For the first time, the German section of parliamentary and government libraries used the format of "speed dating" for a workshop during the German Library Conference 2019 in Leipzig. Under the main theme, "Digital services, digital collections", four aspects were discussed: Coffee lectures, Open library, Library Online and Digital Acquisition.

Although the conference room was not perfect for discussing at four tables at the same time, the participants were excited about the opportunity to discuss all four topics in small groups. A summary of the results has been published in the section's annual publication. A participant writes: This proved to be the real benefit of the event: to clearly visualize the steps already taken to create a modern library in the subject areas. One topic crystallized as being very important during the public session of the "E-Government" section: to start a process to develop a digital strategy or create a digital agenda.

While larger institutions such as the Prussian Cultural Heritage Foundation have already gone down the path of establishing a digital strategy process (and reported about it), this is rarely the case for smaller parliamentary and government libraries. This also applies to the institutions in which the parliamentary and official libraries work. This is an opportunity to initiate the development of a digital agenda in the parliamentary administration or ministry, and to start the process in the library!

*By Christine Wellems. Chair of the German Section of Parliamentary and Government Libraries*

## RECENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS, CONTINUED

### 19TH APLESA CONFERENCE, KAMPALA

The Association of Parliamentary Libraries in Eastern and Southern Africa (APLESA), in conjunction with the Parliament of Uganda, organized the 19<sup>th</sup> APLESA Conference that took place at Skyz Hotel in Naguru, Kampala, Uganda from 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2019. The theme of the Conference was: "Taking Parliaments to the People: the Role of Parliament Libraries in Bridging the Gap between the People and Parliament."

The Speaker of Parliament of Uganda, the Rt Hon. Rebecca Alitwala Kadaga, officiated at the opening ceremonies of the conference in which she thanked the Clerks to Parliament of Botswana, Kenya, Zambia and the Clerk to Parliament of Uganda for gracing the APLESA Conference.

The Rt Hon. Kadaga was struck by the theme of the conference and wondered about public access to parliamentary libraries. She challenged parliamentary libraries to consider what citizens go through to enter them in Africa, emphasizing that effort is needed to ensure that Parliament is in touch with the public and to encourage Members of Parliament to seek information so that they speak from an informed view.

The Speaker also indicated that there was a problem of inadequate funds, which makes execution of the parliamentary libraries' mandate difficult. She pointed out that in some legislatures poor resource allocation affects staffing levels, which in turn affects service delivery. She stated that for the Parliament of Uganda Library, she will ask the Parliamentary Commission to continue to give the much needed support to enable the Department of Library Services to achieve its set targets of serving the legislature.

Delegates to this conference came from twelve (12) member parliaments, with one observer; Angola, Botswana, East African Legislative Assembly (EALA), eSwatini, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Seychelles, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe, and Ghana (Observer). The county assemblies of Machakos, Homa Bay, Migori and Kericho of Kenya also attended.

Prof. Constant Okello Obura, of the College of Computing and Information Sciences of Makerere University, gave a keynote presentation in which he highlighted the theme of the conference and gave a contextual background. He noted that the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) targets are meant to be realized by 2030, and that this had triggered the holistic re-alignment of both structural and systematic operations of key stakeholders. He named parliamentary libraries as key stakeholders in this.

Prof. Okello Obura emphasized that parliamentary libraries and SDGs cannot be separated because SDG goals link up with what legislators should work on to address. The quality of information provided by the libraries regarding SDGs he said would determine how legislators respond. This underscores the importance of using data in articulating legislative arguments.

Prof. Okello Obura emphasized that Parliament Libraries and Research Services must act within the 4<sup>th</sup> industrial revolution (4R) based on digital systems, records, information resources to interpret Parliamentary services within that context. Therefore, he argued that there is a need to align skills to the 4R to support the Cognitive Alliance in meeting the SDG targets, in addition to the professional skills that individuals working in these services should possess. These skills include complex problem solving, critical thinking, creativity and people management.

Many papers were presented notably on issues on knowledge management, bridging gaps of services between the people and parliament, universal library designs, information centres in constituency offices, and parliament outreach, among others. The APLESA Strategic plan and the new APLESA Constitution were adopted.



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## RECENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS, CONTINUED

### 19TH APLESA CONFERENCE, KAMPALA...

The APLESA Annual General Assembly and the Executive Committee made a number of decisions. They agreed on 13 Resolutions among which the following were key;

- a) The adoption of a new APLESA constitution and Strategic Plan.
- b) Allowing affiliate county and provincial assembly libraries of member parliaments to join APLESA as affiliate members.
- c) To increase membership and annual subscription fees.
- d) To make it mandatory for the APLESA Conference hosts to provide simultaneous translation and interpretation services.
- e) That Zimbabwe Parliament hosts the Annual APLESA Conference 2020 and Mozambique hosts the APLESA conference 2021.
- f) That the APLESA Member Parliaments should allow their staff who are members of the Executive Committee to attend the World Library and Information Congresses of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), where APLESA always convenes its second APLESA Executive Committee meetings in a given year. This would allow APLESA to plan while also participating in the IFLA world congress.

A new Executive Committee was put into place. They include;

President	Ms Chama Mpundu Mfula (Zambia)
Vice President	Mr. Sengo Figueiredo (Mozambique)
Secretary General	Mr. Engitu Simon Joseph (Uganda)
Committee Members;	Ms Pisira Zodi (Zimbabwe) Mr. Nkambule Wilson (eSwatini) Ms Pearl Lowani (Botswana)
Treasurer	Mr. Bayunga Andrew (Uganda)

APLESA was thankful to the Member Parliaments for their continued support to allow their staff participation at these annual APLESA events.



*By Simon Joseph Engitu. Assistant Director, Library Services. Parliament of Uganda / Secretary General, Association of Parliamentary Libraries of Eastern and Southern Africa (APLESA)*

### RE-LAUNCH OF THE DIGITAL NETWORK OF PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARIES IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN, BUENOS AIRES

The Library of Congress of the Argentine Nation hosted a meeting on 21 May with representatives from the Parliamentary Libraries of Chile, Mexico, Bolivia, Uruguay, Brazil, and Argentina to discuss the relaunch of the Digital Network of Parliamentary Libraries in Latin America and the Caribbean. The network was created through the Declaration of Valparaíso, signed in 2017, with the intention of maintaining a growing exchange of experiences and knowledge in the field of parliamentary libraries in the region.

The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) has supported this initiative since its inception, through its President Glòria Pérez-Salmerón, and its Secretary General Gerald Leitner. Mr Leitner attended the event and offered the welcome address, emphasizing the importance of networks that collaborate to unify the field of librarianship. At the end of the meeting, a document was signed to formalize the incorporation of new countries to the Digital Network of Parliamentary Libraries.



The main objective is to contribute to the strengthening of the legislative work and citizen representation of the parliaments, with a view to promote the fulfillment of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals by the year 2030 - including objective 16.10 to "ensure public access to information and protect fundamental freedoms".

*By Cecilia Izquierdo. Subdirectora de Procesamiento Bibliográfico, Biblioteca del Congreso de la Nación. Argentina*



## RECENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS, CONTINUED

### FORUM OF MINISTERS AND SECRETARIES OF CULTURE OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN, BUENOS AIRES

On May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2019, a Forum of Ministers and Secretaries of Culture of Latin America and the Caribbean was held in the presence of IFLA's President Glòria Pérez-Salmerón, President-elect Christine Mackenzie and Secretary General Gerald Leitner, to discuss libraries and their involvement with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

On this day, each of the 15 countries that attended the meeting in Buenos Aires shared information about their library activities. Ministers and Secretaries of Culture from Argentina, Aruba, Brazil, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Granada, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, Uruguay and Spain participated.

The President of IFLA, Gloria Pérez-Salmerón, stressed the importance of libraries being fully included in national plans for sustainable development. The Declaration of Buenos Aires was signed, which reiterates the importance of the UN 2030 Agenda.

Watch the [recording](#) (in Spanish) of the event, courtesy of the Library of the National Congress.



By Cecilia Izquierdo. Subdirectora de Procesamiento Bibliográfico, Biblioteca del Congreso de la Nación. Argentina

### IFLA PRESIDENT'S MEETING 2019, BUENOS AIRES

The IFLA President's meeting 2019, organised by the Library of the Congress of the Nation of Argentina, was held in Buenos Aires on the 23 May. The focus of the meeting was how libraries, as guarantors of access to information, can be 'motors of change'. This was a call for action to all participants!

300 librarians from 28 countries met to discuss how organised and empowered libraries can improve the lives of their communities, and deliver on the United Nations' 2030 Agenda.

President Glòria Pérez-Salmerón presented the second '[Development and Access to Information Report report](#)' at the meeting, detailing the importance of meaningful access to information for many of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.

Learn more about the [President's Meeting](#) here.



By Cecilia Izquierdo. Subdirectora de Procesamiento Bibliográfico, Biblioteca del Congreso de la Nación. Argentina



## NEW BOOKS & ARTICLES

### New book on the history of the Library of the Italian Chamber of Deputies

This is a book spanning from 1848 to the recent move of the Library to a new location, open to the general public.

Below please find a link to the PDF of the title page and the preliminary pages (in Italian);

<http://bpr.camera.it/bpr/allegati/show/CDBPR17-2045>

Venturini Fernando / Libri, lettori e bibliotecari a Montecitorio: storia della Biblioteca della Camera dei deputati

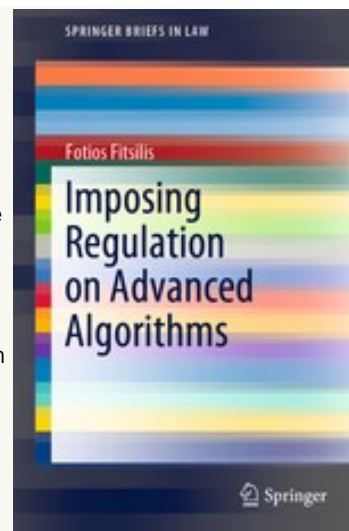
Milano : Wolters Kluwer ; Cedam , 2019. - xxii, 476 p. - (Quaderni di Nomos: le attualità del diritto ; 7)



### Coming soon: Imposing Regulation on Advanced Algorithms

This book discusses the regulation of algorithms on which new technologies rely; technologies that have the potential to re-shape human societies. From commerce and farming to medical care and education, it is difficult to find any aspect of our lives that will not be affected by emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence, deep learning, machine learning, cognitive computing, blockchain, virtual reality and augmented reality. These technologies will most likely affect law and, in particular, administrative law. One chapter in this book discusses parliaments role in the regulation of complex algorithms.

By Dr. Fotios Fitsilis, researcher at the Scientific Service of the Hellenic Parliament. The book will be published 9 October 2019.



### Interesting article in the IFLA journal ;

[Usage and impact metrics for Parliamentary libraries](#) / Tarek Al Baghal University of Essex, UK  
(v.45, no.2, June 2019, p.104);