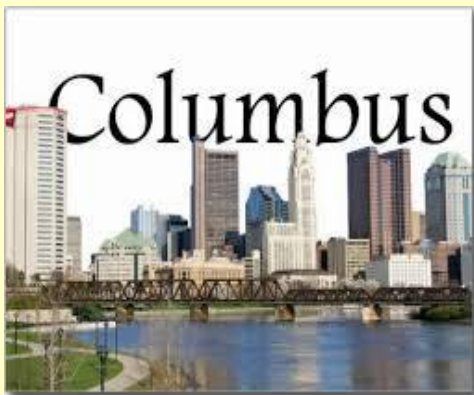




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From the GENLOC Chair **BOZENA RASMUSSEN**

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My name is Bozena Rasmussen. Three years ago I retired from my job as the head of the public library

in Gjerdrum, a small, rural community between Oslo and its main airport Gardermoen. Here I worked for nearly 15 years.



The years before I spent on the west coast of Norway, in a county called Sogn og Fjordane ("Fjords") - in my eyes the most beautiful region of Norway, just fjords and mountains, at a place called Førde. Outside my house, whenever I threw a fishing-line into the sea, I got fish. I lived just 20

meters from the fjord. So I did fishing all the time, my fridge was full of fish and now my children hate eating fish.

Originally, I come from Poland. I lived in England from 1969 to 1972, then I moved to Norway.

My library education I got in Norway, and I worked in different types of libraries: a medical library, a nursing college and public libraries. My job in Gjerdrum was interesting, as the library was going to be re-located soon after I arrived. We moved to the new House of Culture, which was partly built by local volunteers. I was deeply involved in planning the new library. We managed to combine the library function with a small archive and museum section, and of course I participated too as a volunteer in the building process - side by side with many other locals. I even presented a paper about the project for GENLOC during IFLA 2004 in Berlin. I retired five years ago, based on an agreement that gives all our public employees the right to retire when they reach the age of sixty-two.

In my spare time I occupy myself with different activities. I was co-founder of a special interest group on Public Library Politic within the Norwegian Library Association. We were particularly interested in the challenges faced by small- and medium-sized libraries. The big public libraries had their own forums, but the smaller libraries and their interests were not so visible. We managed to carry out a national campaign linked to the international @your.library. We printed T-shirts, bags and posters, and got the support of well-known politicians, to get the public to recognize the role of the libraries in the coming Knowledge Society. Natural resources will become less important, and world's economy in the future will be based on knowledge as a resource.

Later on, I worked with a group of librarians who were engaged in the development of better library statistics. We tried to influence the way the National Library and the Central Bureau of Statistics collect and present library data - with at least some success (my husband is an expert in this area). My Masters thesis (which I completed last year) was about "Public library in the knowledge society. Can the TTT method be used for library development?". TTT, which stands for Track the Traffic, is a systematic way of gathering observation data in libraries.

For many years I followed my husband to IFLA congresses all over the world, and one day I decided I should engage myself more practically in IFLA, and not just be a rather passive traveller. At

the same time I was very much occupied with genealogy privately, researching my own family history. By joining this group I thought I could learn many new things. And so here I am.....

Before I started exploring my family genealogy, I was convinced I was genuine Polish, but by reading the church registries I discovered, to my surprise, that one of my ancestors came from Czechia (Tupec), that some others were most probably German (Glazer or Gleyser and Hildenbrandt) and that another was Tatar (Muskut). Since it all happened long ago, and I could only find some traces in the registries, I do not know why they came to Poland more than 200 years ago. I used to believe I came from a family of farmers, but these others were artisans (millers, bricklayers) and even warriors, like the Tatars. Some of them probably found better economic opportunities in Poland, as they had skills the locals lacked. Others could have been political or religious refugees. Who knows? So genealogical research on own family resulted in the collapse of my idea of a single, genuine nationality. We all have complicated identities, our genes come from many nationalities and races.

My ambition, in the first place, was to strengthen the organization by getting more members in. This goal was achieved. In August 2015 we had only 5 members and now we are 14, and we have 5 corresponding members. Together with others, like those working with different projects and individuals, - our "Goodwill Ambassadors" - we are more than 20 people engaged in GENLOC.

The other personal goal was to get more members in our section from Africa, Asia and East European countries. So far we got three new members from Uganda, two from South Africa, one from Lithuania and one corresponding member from Belarus.

I am also interested in "pushing the professional borders" in the genealogy and local history field. For example, I see that in Western countries, genealogy is based on a written tradition, while African and Asian countries have traditions that are more based on oral traditions in families. Maybe we should, in the name of our section, include both traditions and call it: "Genealogy and family, oral and local history"? Our present name does not represent the present family and oral perspectives.

I also believe that members from different countries and regions should involve themselves more (do not be shy!) in defining what their interests are and which projects they want us to support. I use to say:

“do not ask for permission, ask for support”. If they are interested in questions like “repatriation” and “repositories”, they are free to establish a project group. They can write about it, the project can get a formal status on our SC Action Plan and we can all work to support it. Many of us know where to apply for funds and where to find partners, and we can help with networking and marketing. We can share our knowledge and experience. The person who has a particular interest in the project has to do the main job herself. There are not others who can do that work for us. But she (or he) can ask for and get advice and support.

I hope these years while I am the Chair will be interesting for all of us, that we all learn something new, that we enrich ourselves personally and professionally. I hope that we gain new experiences and become acquainted with new colleagues in different countries, that we learn and discover new things, and that we can push our section towards new professional borders.

Introducing the new GENLOC Standing Committee

In order to revive the GENLOC Section, the Chair, Bozena Rasmussen, has been working overtime to encourage communication between the Section members - and especially between the members of the Section Committee.

The Committee members were asked to respond to the same four questions:

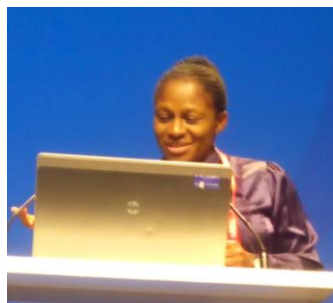
1. My name is..... and my everyday work involves.....
2. I became a member of the IFLA GENLOC Section because.....
3. I would like to see IFLA GENLOC achieve.....
4. Anything else?.....

- and here we publish the responses that were sent in. Thank you to those members of the Committee who took the trouble to introduce themselves.

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1. I am a practicing academic librarian in the University of Uyo, Nigeria. My spheres of duty centre on research/ instruction services, information dissemination and direct services. Beyond my primary assignments, I venture as a volunteer community information worker.

2. The Zing about IFLA GENLOC:

Having served in the library sector for a whole 20 years, professional interest nonetheless has persistently been in the area of community information and literacy empowerment, what some would describe as ‘out of the box’ or the non-conservative information compliant service role. The GENLOC Section was the great and ideal platform to express and heighten these concerns, particularly within a rich African background where the wealth of heritage information has much to be harnessed. Three of my papers since IFLA 2013 consecutively, have been a field report on related issue.

3. We can make this happen:

What could be more interesting than the fun of having to organise and put in shape heritage facets of knowledge for us and for generations to come. Our IFLA GENLOC Section presently has spread its tentacles with membership representation beyond non-western regions to accommodate this noble course. At the core of this, is targeting the digital storage and dissemination of the diverse local and family resource, beginning with our nearest locality. This mission hopefully should be actualised to a significant extent by 2019, after which committee members would be required to move to some other level.

3. Heritage strides ahead: Global considerations
Meanwhile, GENLOC members, being part of the big IFLA family which has become much more

widened to accommodate allied professional platforms, is actively paying attention to Sustainable Development and its goals (SDG). Much as we know, the world at large expectantly is gravitating towards this rather definitive formula, which has globally taken centre stage.

Germane to its component is the 'environmental friendly factor' when re-using, re-cycling, introducing or doing some new project. Our duties as information managers and proponents of genealogical data /resources, going by what SDG upholds, should be of a balancing factor where diverse people, families and communities concerned would not have to undergo any seeming burden. It isn't necessary emphasising this anyway, for librarians are very rarely negligent of the human factor which has been our age-long service concern.

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1. I work at the Internal Revenue Service...as a tax examiner. Think of it as reference work with numbers. The computer selects tax returns with underreported, omitted or disallowed income.

- a) our division sends the letters
- b) we answer the questions about the letters by telephone
- c) we answer the written response to notices
- d) we change the notice to a bill and...

e) we re-open the case for reconsideration if new information is sent to us.

I retired from the public library as a reference librarian in 2002. I have been an assistant manager, and department head. I have worked at a branch, central library, special collections, technical services and a special library.

2. I am one of the original members when IFLA GENLOC was formed in 1998.....

3. I would like GENLOC to get involved and collaborate, explore and show that this part of reference work is as current and as exciting as the birth of the latest member of your family or the latest fight to save a beloved building or pass on a cultural tradition in a recipe, a dance, or a joke.....

4. I love the tours we have organized for our section and the dinners.....

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My name is Agnes Namaganda Kanzira

My everyday work involves:

- a) supervision and managing all routine activities in the daily operation of the Acquisitions unit
- b) soliciting reading lists from lecturers, ordering and receiving new materials
- c) generating system records and reports which support the purchasing history for the University Library

- d) actively participating in library committees
- e) organising and participating in professional growth and development to enhance skills and knowledge

I became a member of the IFLA GENLOC Section because of my passion for special/archival collections. I was in charge of the Africana/Special Collections Sections, which is a legal deposit Section, for 5 years at Makerere University Library. The Section houses enormous unique collections that are of interest to the university community and the country at large. Having interacted with researchers who attached great value to the collections of local history and genealogy, I developed a special interest.

I would like to see IFLA GENLOC achieve:

- a) Encouraging members to build their collection and preservation of items of local interest
- b) Facilitating the sharing of information and expertise in the area of local history and genealogy
- c) Producing a newsletter for members to keep them informed of new developments or projects

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1. My name is Petro Coreejas-Brink and my everyday work involves managing seven branch libraries of the Cape Peninsula University of Technology. As President of the Genealogical Society of South Africa I am involved with matters of the society of about 1000 members every day.

2. I became a member of the IFLA GENLOC Section because I feel that more people in genealogy in South Africa need to be informed about the activities of IFLA and the GENLOC section.

3. I would like to see IFLA GENLOC achieve more exposure in countries like South Africa that have a to learn and offer partners in genealogy and research.

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1. I'm the Manager of the [Map Division](#) and the [US History, Local History & Genealogy Division](#) at the main central Humanities and Social Sciences Library (now called the Stephen A. Schwarzman Building) of the New York Public Library.

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2. Honestly, I became a member of the IFLA GENLOC because I was asked to by the director of the library. IFLA was not on my radar, though I was well aware of the association, and I didn't know they had a Local History & Genealogy section. That said, once I read up on the work being done, it seemed like a great opportunity to learn and be inspired by what similar repositories and collections are working on regarding, managing and promoting collections, and the daily logistics of running a "genloc" library. I'm also quite interested in addressing challenges that we all are facing regarding the changing nature of historical and genealogical research - for example, the rise

of digital collections or the importance of collaborative projects, etc.

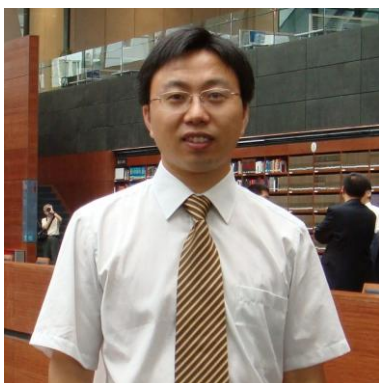
3. I would like to see IFLA GENLOC build a strong community of libraries and archives that work with holdings in these subjects; a community that works together towards building a continually updated resource of best practices, programming and outreach ideas, news on relevant projects in the digital humanities and genealogy, etc.

4. Yes - though I haven't delved too deeply (yet) by the GENLOC section, it wasn't clear to me how we communicate with one another and plan - is it only via email? Do we have a google site or a shared folder of planning documents? I do have a lot of questions and it would be nice to have some central forum where I could go and post questions, or propose ideas for programming, etc.

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I am from the National Library of China. Everyday my work involves the arrangement of ancient books, local chronicles, genealogy work process, solving problems in the service for readers ,and so on.

I became a member of the IFLA GENLOC Section because I loved the genealogies, and I was responsible for all the genealogy work and research in the National Library of China.

The genealogy compilation in China has a long

history, and the number of genealogies preserved is very large. I hope that we can strengthen all communication in the compilation and preservation of genealogy, discuss how to play the role of genealogy further in the current age of the Internet, and call attention to the collection and compilation of family history.

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1. My name is Mike Hall and I work as the Deputy Chief Genealogical Officer for FamilySearch.org International.

2. I became a member of the IFLA GENLOC Standing Committee because it relates closely to my job and it gives me an opportunity to network with like-minded individuals from around the world.

3. I would like IFLA GENLOC to help address more of the issues that are affecting the work of Genealogy and Local History from around the world; such as helping to preserve the oral genealogies and histories that are disappearing at an alarming rate everywhere in the world.



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1. I am an associate professor at the Department of Information & Communications, Shih Hsin University in Taipei (originally the Department of Library & Information Science - it changed its name in 2000). I teach *Information Literacy, Information Institute Management, Information Service Promotion, Communication Theory*.

I also support the Department of Public Relations and Advertisement for English taught courses *Consumer Culture, Popular Culture, and Brand Management* in Shih Hsin University and (part time) in Fu-Jen Catholic University

I am also involved in the American Library Association (ALA), Section of Asia & Oceania, IFLA (Standing Committee member since 2009). I was Secretary from 2009 to 2013 and Chair 2013 to 2015

2. I was looking for a partnership for a joint session at the IFLA annual conference, and found out that I can contribute my efforts for Asia 7 Oceania to the GENLOC Section. With the approval of the Section I am honored to be one of the family.

3. - To hear the voice of GENLOC in Asia & Oceania.

- To cumulate information from different GENLOC regions.

4. - to promote and raise attention of GENLOC in IFLA and other professional organizations

- to run GENLOC conferences (workshops) in different regions

- I would like to see what other ideas the GENLOC members have.

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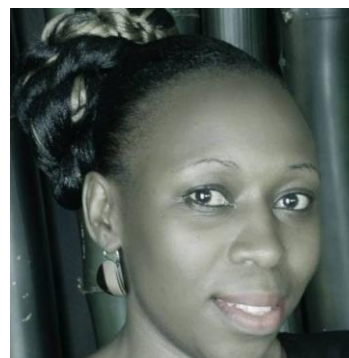
2. I became a member of the IFLA GENLOC Section because I was nominated and passionate about genealogy and local history

3. I would like to see IFLA GENLOC achieve wider recognition of its efforts and make an impact in uplifting communities through genealogy and history for social equality and inclusion

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1. As person working in the academic and research library in Kampala, Uganda, my every day work involves cataloguing information materials like books, Retrieving and issuing information materials like archives materials requested by users. Searching for information materials.

2. I became a member of the IFLA GENLOC Section because I am interested in genealogy as it relates to family lineages and history. I gained this interest because I work in a library where I am directly in charge of updating the archives we receive in the library and part of our archives is concerned with family lineages in Uganda.

3. I would like to see IFLA GENLOC achieve the following:

- Publishing more information about genealogy.
- Having many more members in most of the countries representing the Genealogy Section.
- Developing co-operation among libraries and other institutions

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1. I am a Librarian/ Archivist at the University Library, Makerere. I hold a Bachelor of Library and Information Science Degree from Makerere University and a Masters degree in Information Technology from the University of Pretoria, South Africa

My everyday work involves: managing archives in Makerere University Library, Africana Section, sorting and processing these archives, bibliographical documentation of the archives (cataloguing), collecting all the archives, uploading the music files and other collections into the

Institutional Repository (Makir), providing access training staff, repatriating of the music collection, giving lectures on archives management whenever called for

2. I became a member of the GENLOC Section because I have worked with and documented records of family history in the archives collection at Makerere University. I have also attended numerous training sessions in archives management, hence, I possess the knowledge and skills in that area. Due to the skills attained, I believe, I can ably work with the Section, since I already know what Makerere University archives possess in regard to the genealogy and family history records of the Country.

3. I would love to see that during my time as a committee member, our GENLOC Section can raise serious awareness of the importance of genealogy and family history records. I would also love to see the GENLOC Section be able to engage in cross-cultural and interdisciplinary partnerships in order to assess the impact of these records to the communities across the globe.

4. Lastly, the Section can look for ways of raising funds and doing projects together for one cause and later have a dialogue with all the Section members to assess the performance.

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1. My everyday work involves lecturing in Vilnius University, Communication Faculty, also doing research on library history and book culture including the development of reading and first person writings (ego-documents)
2. I became a member of the IFLA GENLOC Section because I'm interested in family histories and local histories in the context of regional memory. Also, I want to participate in the research and dissemination of new knowledge on an international level; to facilitate global networking among professionals in the creation and development of censuses, databases, digital collections on genealogy, family history and egodocumental heritage
3. I would like to see IFLA GENLOC achieve networking in the creation of an information infrastructure for genealogy and local history professionals and in generating a participatory model for memory institutions - stimulating research on cultural memory and local history jointly with studies on the development of heritage collections
4. Anything else? For more information see <http://www.kf.vu.lt/struktura/darbuotojai/arvydas-pacevicius>;
<http://legodoc.lt/en/naujienos-ir-ivykiai/projekto-legodok-naujienos/arvydas-pacevicius/>

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1. I am the archivist for the Ferreira-Mendes Portuguese-American Archives in the Archives and Special Collections Department of the Claire T.

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2. I became a member of the IFLA GENLOC Section because I saw exciting possibilities for networking and being engaged at an international level with other archivists and librarians who had a specific professional focus on local history and genealogy

3. I would like to see IFLA GENLOC achieve networking opportunities; completing policy documents that are responsive and affect international local history and genealogy work; reach it's true potential!

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1. My everyday work involves acquiring family history around the world, indexing the records, and publishing the index on *FamilySearch* – with digital images of the originals when possible.

2. I became a member of the IFLA GENLOC Section because our library director couldn't serve and appointed me in 2007 as the Family History Library delegate.

3. I would like to see IFLA GENLOC achieve a robust presence throughout the world by involving interested librarians in local history and genealogy.

4. Anything else? - IFLA GENLOC needs to identify the libraries which influence local history and genealogy services in each country. Even if the librarians cannot serve on the Standing Committee, the Section should have their contact information and correspond regularly with them.

Note: *I am not a delegate to IFLA at this time. I can use my experience to help as a consultant to the committee but I cannot serve on the Standing Committee.*

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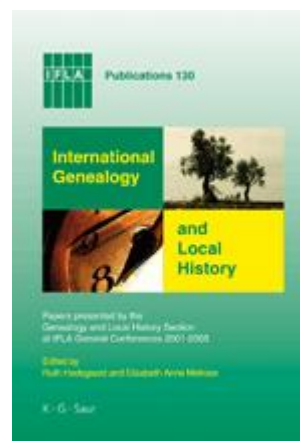


1. I joined GENLOC at the IFLA Conference in Glasgow in 2002 and have not only spoken at subsequent Section open sessions but have also been a committed member of the Committee - in 2012, my last official year, I assisted Russell Lynch as joint-chairman of the Section.

2. Being a member of GENLOC helped me in my day-to-day work as a local studies and reference co-ordinator in a large English county. I met with colleagues from many different countries and cultures and was able to exchange numerous practices that I could apply at home.

3. I would like to see the members of GENLOC come together once more in a major dialogue about the practices and uses of genealogy - and towards this aim, I am hoping that the revival of the Newsletter, and the stimulation afforded by the

pre-conference in Fort Wayne and the main conference in Columbus, USA, will be a key factor.



GENLOC Goodwill Ambassadors

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1. My everyday work involves being an assistant professor and I am the Middle East and North Africa Studies Librarian at the University of Illinois at Urbana, United States. I teach and respond to reference questions. I write and publish too.

2. I became a member of the IFLA GENLOC Section because I am interested in preserving culture and heritage in Africa and around the world. I want to learn from other Africans and to exchange information with my colleagues who are interested in Africa and our global concerns.

3. I would like to see IFLA GENLOC achieve many goals, such as organizing smaller workshops during the year, presenting online presentations such as YouTube or MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses). I would like to see us organizing a regional meeting once a year besides the IFLA annual meeting.

4. Anything else? I would like to invite non-librarians to talk about issues such as culture, history & computer science (IT) because today we will not be able, as librarians, to solve some of the issues that require other experts to work with us.

I also would like to see a summary of all the members' answers, especially for question 2,3, & 4.

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2. I will become a Corresponding Member of the IFLA GENLOC Section once the Section permits.

3. I will attend the IFLA conference at Columbus in Ohio this summer. I look forward to seeing you all at the IFLA conference.

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2. I became a member of the IFLA GENLOC Section because this is the one section where my interests are satisfied. I have a particular interest in Genealogy, and seeing what libraries can do, but also related to Education and what is taught at schools. And often these topics come up as part of my interaction with Education and Historical Studies students.

3. I would like to see IFLA GENLOC growing in strength, and continuing to facilitate and promote that global networking and working with my fellow members in Africa, to support and promote traditional and electronic genealogy and the local history reference services

GENLOC Blog:

<https://genlocblog.wordpress.com/>

GENLOC Facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/IflaGenealogyLocalHistorySection/?ref=avmt_homepage_panel

Another Newsletter that will be of interest to GENLOC members

CDNLAO (The Conference of Directors of National Libraries in Asia and Oceania) Newsletter

<http://www.ndl.go.jp/en/cdnlaol/newsletter/index.html>

The latest issue (No. 85) is focuses on "Preservation and Conservation of library materials

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