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Introduction from the IFLA '98 Secretariat

The preparations for the 64th IFLA General Conference are in full swing - our telephones are ringing non-stop with potential participants requesting more information, registrations are coming in at an increasing rate (on May 31 we have already received 1,200 registrations from 84 countries), the volunteers are bracing themselves for the work that needs to be done onsite and the Netherlands Library Community is preparing itself to welcome the thousands of librarians and information workers that will come to Amsterdam. The Organising Secretariat at Congrex Holland is positively buzzing with activity.

August is a very busy time for Amsterdam when usually hundreds of thousands of tourists come to the City. It is a very popular destination for people from all parts of the world. Amsterdam, as a cultural centre of the Netherlands has many (cultural) events which are staged all year round - which also run through the summer. For your information, and to give you an indication of the cultural and sports events that are taking place we have included [an events calender \(see page 19\)](#) which gives a short overview of what is happening in August in and around Amsterdam. Because the city is so busy in the summer, and if you are relying on the organisation to book you a room for your stay in Amsterdam, *make sure you do this immediately*. Although we cannot guarantee a room any more at this point (the deadline was May 15) our Hotel Department will do its utmost to find you a room in the preferred category of your choice. There are still many rooms available, but you have to let us know very soon.

This year, as in previous years, the IFLA Conference has an exciting and extensive professional programme. The programme is packed with interesting lectures and papers, workshops, satellite meetings, section and roundtable meetings etc. etc. etc. And, of course, there will be ample time to meet old friends and colleagues, make new friends and extend your knowledge. This issue of the *IFLA Express* gives an update of all the Satellite Meetings, Work-shops and Open Sessions that were already listed in issue 1 of the *IFLA Express* (published in March of this year).

An extensive Social Programme, Professional Visits Programme and Tours Programme has been set up by the Netherlands Organising Committee. We hope that you will enjoy the varied programme that we have put together for you. [For descriptions of the various components of the programme please see pages 13 - 17.](#)

The organisation of IFLA '98 is most grateful to all the sponsors of this year's event. Without their generous help it would have been impossible to organise an event of this magnitude. On [page 5 we](#) have given a listing of all those companies and other organisations who have contributed to the organisation of the 64th IFLA General Conference to date. On behalf of all participants the Netherlands Organising Committee expresses its gratitude to all of these organisations.

We are confident that the IFLA '98 conference will be a stimulating, exciting and memorable event and hope to welcome many international librarians to Amsterdam.

Let's meet in Amsterdam!

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Important Registration Information

Arriving at Schiphol Airport

Starting from Friday, 14 August at 08:00 there will be an IFLA '98 Information Desk at Schiphol Airport. The desk staff will be able to inform participants to IFLA '98 on the way to and from the Airport and provide general information to participants.

The IFLA '98 Information Desk is situated in the Arrivals Hall of Terminal 1, opposite gate 2 (the Terminal where scheduled European flights arrive) at Schiphol Airport.

Registration Desk

Registration for the 64th IFLA General Conference will start on Saturday, August 15 and take place in the RAI Congress Centre:

Amsterdam RAI
Congress Centre
Europaplein 12
1078 GZ Amsterdam
The Netherlands

Registration information

It is advisable to register early for the IFLA '98 Conference - also in view of the hotel situation in Amsterdam. Registrations after 7 August 1998 are kindly requested to be made onsite.

Day registrations are available at NLG 250. Please note that these registrations *do not* give entrance to the social events. Tickets can be purchased onsite for Social Events. Full registrations do, of course, include the Social events.

Opening hours Registration Desk

Due to the fact that another large conference precedes the IFLA '98 Conference and the RAI Centre will not be available to IFLA participants until Saturday August 15, the Organising Secretariat, together with IFLA Headquarters, has decided that the Registration will open in the Onyx Lounge, RAI Congress Centre on:

Saturday, 15 August: 08:00 - 18:00

As of Sunday, August 16, the Registration Desk will be moved to the Lounge Forum, RAI Congress Centre:

Sunday, 16 August: 07:00 - 20:30

Monday, 17 August: 07:30 - 19:00

Tuesday, 18 August: 07:30 - 18:00

Wednesday, 19 August: 07:30 - 18:00

Thursday, 20 August: 07:30 - 18:00

Friday, 21 August: 07:30 - 12:00

Getting to the RAI Congress Centre

- From the Inner city: The Amsterdam RAI is located in the southern part of Amsterdam, which can easily be reached by tram from the city centre. Depending on where you are staying, the ride will usually take up to 15 minutes.
- From the Amsterdam Central Station: you may take the Amstelveen express tram 51 (traveling time: 12 minutes; exit at Amsterdam RAI Station), tram 25 or tram 4 (traveling time: 30 minutes; exit at Amsterdam RAI Europaplein).
- From Schiphol Airport: you may take the train to the Amsterdam RAI railway station. This takes about 10 minutes. The walk from the RAI railway station to the RAI Congress Centre is approximately 7 minutes.
- From the highway: if you are traveling by car you may take the A10 highway to Amsterdam, exit 109 RAI.

Parking Facilities

The RAI Congress Centre has its own indoor car park situated under the Congress Centre with a total of 800 parking places. Tickets should be bought before leaving the Congress Centre and cost NLG 15,- per day/per entrance. If you wish to leave your car overnight, please check with the doorman.

Visas and letters of invitation

Please remember that for entering the Netherlands you might need a visa. Your nearest Netherlands Embassy or Consulate will be able to advise you on this. Be aware that in addition to a visa for the Netherlands you may also need a visa for a country of stopover - even if you are only in transit without leaving this airport. In order to check whether this is necessary, contact the Embassies to the country(ies) in question.

An official letter of invitation to facilitate entrance, visa application etc. can be issued by the IFLA '98 Conference Secretariat upon request. *An official invitation does not imply financial support.*

Important Hotel Information

Amsterdam, the host city for the 1998 IFLA General Conference, is usually very busy in August. This year particularly so, it also being the host city for the Gay Games (expected attendance 200,000) and a big international medical conference (10,000+) in the early weeks of August. Pressure on hotel accommodation is even higher than usual.

As usual, the Organising Committee (through the services of Congrex Holland, PCO) has block booked a large number of rooms for the IFLA participants in various price categories. Bookings, we hasten to add, at competitive prices!

Due to the aforementioned pressures, it will not be possible to hold the blocked rooms after June 15. We urge IFLA delegates to register early and use the available hotel accommodation. Unfortunately, no guarantees can be given for accommodation when booked after May 15, as was stated in the Final Announcement brought out earlier this year. Obviously, Congrex will do its utmost to hold on to the allotments as long as possible or find hotel accommodation, but this may no longer be available at the required price or would not be found inside the City of Amsterdam.

IFLA Headquarters
May 15, 1998

Transportation

The National Organising Committee is pleased to inform you that O.C.L.C. will sponsor a five day transportation ticket for every full participant to the IFLA '98 Conference. The transportation ticket is valid on all buses, trams and on the Amsterdam Metro.

The transportation ticket will be issued together with your Registration materials (as of Saturday, August 15).

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The Netherlands Organisers wishes to thank the following companies and organisations for their contributions towards the organisation of the 64th IFLA General Conference:

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Koninklijke Bibliotheek, the national library of The Netherlands
Nederlands Bibliotheek en Lektuur Centrum (NBLC)
Nederlands Scheepvaartmuseum
Nederlandse Bibliotheek Dienst (NBD)
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Netherlands Ministry of Internal Affairs
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Satellite Meetings

The full programme listing times of meetings, speakers, titles of papers, etc. is available for consultation on IFLANET, IFLA's website at: www.nlc-bnc.ca/ifla

SECTION ON LIBRARY AND RESEARCH SERVICES FOR PARLIAMENTS

Theme: *European Parliamentary Libraries*. The focus is on parliamentary libraries in those European countries which have not so far been covered by one of the section's publications.

Venue: European Parliament, Brussels, August 12 & 13, 1998

Information: Jennifer Tanfield, House of Commons Library, London SW1A 0AA, UK; e-mail: tanfieldjb@parliament.uk

SECTION ON PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Theme: *The Public Library as the Gateway to the Information Society: The Revision of IFLA's Guidelines for Public Libraries*. The goal of the meeting is to gather information and views from public librarians from different parts of the world and from libraries at differing stages of development. With that information the guidelines for Public Libraries will be revised and updated

Venue: Netherlands, Noordwijk, August 12-14, 1998

Information: Philip Gill, 13 Stoneleigh Close, Stoneleigh, Coventry CV8 3DE, UK; e-mail: philip_gill@compuserve.com

SECTION ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Theme: *The Convergence of Libraries, Archives and Museums under the Influence of Networking Technologies*. This seminar will not only target librarians but also archivists and museum experts, aiming to bring them together to discuss common issues and to promote the results of the programme among these memory organizations.

Venue: KNAW, the Netherlands.

Information: Johan van der Walle, TNO, Centre for Technology and Policy Studies, Project Manager-STB, P.O. Box 80544, 2508 GM The Hague, the Netherlands; tel: +31 70 360 7833; fax: +31 70 361 5011; e-mail: vandewalle@stb.tno.nl or: jvdwalle@bart.nl

SECTION ON LIBRARY SERVICES TO MULTICULTURAL POPULATIONS

- Theme:** *Library Services to Indigenous People: Serving National Minorities with Distinct Ethnic, Cultural and Linguistic Identities.* The meeting will identify the best practices for providing library services to indigenous people, to initiate contacts, and where possible, ongoing cooperation and networking between librarians and library authorities dealing with library service to indigenous people in different countries
- Venue:** Tromsø (Norway), August 12-14, 1998
- Information:** Asbjorn Langeland, Director General, Norwegian Directorate for Public Bibliotektilsyn, P.O. Box 8145, N-0033 Oslo, Norway;
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e-mail: monica@deich.folkebibli.no

Workshops

A full list of workshops was published in *IFLA Express* # 1. Some half-day workshops which have been scheduled for Sunday, August 16, and Monday, August 17 and are listed below. In most cases participation will be limited to a maximum of 50 persons, on a first-come, first served basis. Although on site registration for workshops via the IFLA Headquarters Secretariat, Room H in the RAI is possible, this might be too late for those arriving on Sunday, so we encourage you to register via the contact persons listed below.

Audiovisual and Multimedia: Workshop, Meeting no. 62 Sunday, August 16, 08:30-12:30

Theme: *Looking for Digital Images.* For registration: Bibbi Andersson, Swedish Library of Talking Books and Braille, Sandborgsvägen 52, SE 12288 Enskede, Sweden (fax: +(46-8) 6599467; e-mail: tbp@tbp.se).

UAP Core Programme: Workshop, Meeting no. 63 Sunday, August 16, 08:30-12:30

Theme: *Document Delivery in an Electronic Environment for Blind and Partially Sighted Persons.* For registration: Pauline Connolly, IFLA UAP Programme, c/o British Library, Boston Spa, Wetherby, West Yorkshire LS23 7BQ, UK (fax: (44-1937) 546478; e-mail: ifla@bl.uk)

Meeting for Information Coordinators, Meeting no. 72

Private

Sunday, August 16, 14:00-15:00

The Information Coordinators Meeting is the first annual meeting of IFLA's Division, Section and Round Table representatives to IFLANET. IFLANET policies and procedures will be presented by IFLANET administration, followed by a presentation from IFLA's Professional Board, and an open discussion on IFLANET issues.

Public Libraries: Workshop, Meeting no. 73

Sunday, August 16, 13:00-17:00

Theme: *Professional Work with Internet for Public Libraries* with speakers Eeva Murtommaa (Finland), Hanne Albrechtsen (Denmark), Elin Jacob (USA), Marc Storms (Belgium) and Alexandra Horvath (Croatia). For registration: Tuula Haavisto, c/o Finnish Library Association, Kansakouluk 10 A 19, FIN-00100 Helsinki, Finland (fax: +(358-9) 6941859; e-mail: tuula.haavisto@fla.fi).

Cataloguing: Workshop, Meeting no. 74

Sunday, August 16, 13:00-17:00

Theme: *ISBD(ER): A Practical Workshop*. The programme will provide background regarding the project which resulted last year in publication of the International Standard Bibliographic Description for Electronic Resources (ISBD(ER)), together with a summary of its features and a brief survey of national implementations. The programme will then focus discussion on several problem areas in describing electronic materials, with audience participation to share experiences and suggestions regarding resolution of these problems. For registration: John D. Byrum, Library of Congress, LM-535, Washington DC 20540-4380, USA (fax: +(1-202) 7072824; e-mail: jbyr@loc.gov).

Management of Library Associations: Workshop, Meeting no. 75

Sunday, August 16, 13:00-17:00

Theme: *Library Associations Staffed by Volunteers*. Speakers will include Norma Amenu-Kpodo (Jamaica), Driden Kunaka (Zimbabwe), Arlene Cohen (Guam), Maria Seissl (Austria) and Wing-Foong Chew (Malaysia). For registration: Karen Muller, ALCTS, ALA, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611, USA (fax: +(1-312) 2803257; e-mail: kmuller@ala.org).

**Library and Research Services for Parliaments: Workshop on Research,
Meeting no. 75 A**

Off site at Park Hotel

This is an informal meeting with no paper presentations. The meeting of the Standing Committee of the Section will be scheduled within the workshop.

School Libraries and Resource Centres: Workshop co-sponsored by the National Library of Canada, Meeting no. 82
Monday, August 17, 08:30-12:30

Theme: *UNESCO School Library Manifesto*. Expert consultation and discussion of the 4th Draft of the UNESCO School Library Manifesto will have as speakers Gwynneth Evans (Canada), Paulette Bernhard (Canada), and Glenys Willars (UK). Participants are invited to discuss the main issues and make amendments. Identification of the next steps to move the Draft forward will be proposed. For registration: Glenys Willars, Library Services for Education, Leicestershire Libraries and Information Service, Rothley Crossroads, 929/931 Loughborough Road, Rothley, Leicester LE7 7NH, UK (fax: +(44-116) 2678039; e-mail: gwillars@leics.gov.uk).

Acquisition and Collection Development joint with Serial Publications and Publishers Liaison Committee: Workshop, Meeting no. 83
Monday, August 17, 08:30-12:30

Theme: *New Collections: New Marketplace Relationships*. Collection development scaled up: electronic resources and the phenomenon of library consortia. In this workshop six speakers from assorted library consortia will give brief overviews of their organization and focus on a topic that seems particularly critical for them in the consortial environment. The presentations will be about 15 minutes each, with handouts, and ample time for questions and answers between and after the presentations. For registration: Marjorie E. Bloss, Center for Research Libraries, 6050 South Kenwood Avenue, Chicago, IL 60637, USA (fax +(1-773) 9554339; e-mail: blossom@crlmail.uchicago.edu).

Management and Marketing: Workshop, Meeting no. 84
Monday, August 17, 08:30-12:30

Theme: "Analyzing Our Marketing Efforts". The meeting will have as speakers Mona Dunestam (Sweden), Rejean Savard (Canada) and Mirielle de Miribel (France). For registration: Patricia Layzell Ward, Haulfryn, Cae Eithin, Minffordd, Penrhyndeudreath, Gwynedd, Wales LL48 6EL, United Kingdom (fax: +(44-1766) 770434); e-mail: layzellward@celtic.co.uk) or Christina Tovote, Library, Malmö University College, 20506 Malmö, Sweden (fax: +(46-40) 6657295; e-mail: christina.tovote@mah.se).

UAP Core Programme: Workshop, Meeting no. 85
Monday, August 17, 08:30-12:30

Theme: *The Role of Libraries in the Electronic World with Particular Reference to the Management of Intellectual Property Rights*. This session will take the form of an IMPRIMATUR Special Interest Group meeting. One or two papers will be followed by a discussion by all participants of the issues raised. Numbers will be limited in order to encourage a wide and stimulating discussion. For registration: Judy Watkins, IFLA UAP, c/o British Library, Boston Spa, Wetherby, West Yorkshire LS23 7BQ, United Kingdom (fax: +(44-1937) 546478; e-mail: ifla@bl.uk).

Workshop Updates

During the time since the list of workshops was published in *IFLA Express* # 1, the workshop planned by the Section on Bibliography has been cancelled; the workshop planned by the Section on Rare Books and Manuscripts will be a half-day workshop, and not a full-day workshop; and a half-day workshop has been scheduled by the UDT Core Programme.

UDT Core Programme: Workshop, Meeting no. 161A Thursday, August 20, 13:30-17:30

This workshop will examine the issues and challenges of evaluating the quality of Internet information resources. It is directed at librarians and information professionals who may be considering building electronic resource collections, developing Internet-based services, or instructing users in the effective use of digital information. This information will provide: an overview of the problems of Internet information and the challenges for evaluation, release and introduction to the IFLA/DESIRE Guidelines for the Evaluation of Internet Information Resources, and presentations by developers of subject gateway services and other projects that illustrate the important questions and issues in building high-quality Internet resources. For registration: Louise Lantaigne, UDT Core Programme Office, Information Technology Services, National Library of Canada, 395 Wellington Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N4, Canada (fax: +(1-819)9946835; e-mail: louise.lantaigne@udt.ifla.org).

Discussion Groups

A number of Discussion Groups will hold meetings on Sunday, August 16. The meetings are open to any interested participants. The meetings are from 08:30-10:20 and from 10:30 to 12:20.

Social Responsibilities Discussion Group, Meeting no. 58 Sunday, August 16, 08:30-10:20

The IFLA Social Responsibilities Discussion Group will have its first official meeting in Amsterdam. The group was established to broadly address the role of libraries in society and concentrate on three broad themes: equality of access to library collections and facilities, and the growing gap between library rich and poor between and within countries; and the "right to know". At this first official meeting, the group will elect convenors, and hear discussion papers on the growing gap between the library rich and poor both between and within countries. Sub-themes will include equality of access to electronic information, rural library development, the problem of fees for service, the library's role in literacy initiatives, and North-South library cooperation. All are invited to the meeting and to comment on the issues discussed.

Corporate and for Profit Libraries Discussion Group, Meeting no. 59 Sunday, August 16, 08:30-10:20

**Performance Measurements for Academic Libraries Discussion Group,
Meeting no. 60
Sunday, August 16, 08:30-10:20**

**Genealogy and Local History Libraries (Start-up meeting to consider Discussion
Group), Meeting no. 61
Sunday, August 16, 08:30-10:20**

The formation of this group will provide a forum for genealogy and local history librarians to discuss common issues and problems and to foster international cooperation. The intended audience is specialized genealogy and local history libraries, public and university libraries with genealogy and/or local history reading rooms or reference services, and other interested individuals. Topics to be discussed include collection development guidelines, reference service strategies, cataloguing books and microforms, cooperation with genealogy and local history societies, community outreach, recruiting and training volunteers, fund raising, locating and using Internet sites, utilizing genealogical databases, pre-conference workshops for reference librarians, future projects.

**Performance Measurements for Public Libraries (Start-up meeting to consider
Discussion Group), Meeting no. 65
Sunday, August 16, 10:30-12:20**

**Internet Discussion Group, Meeting no. 66
Sunday, August 16, 10:30-12:20**

How are libraries using the Internet as a reference tool? What advice is available for designing library Web sites? How are libraries dealing with copyright issues on the WWW? What is the librarian's role in digital data? The Internet Discussion Group is a forum for exchanging ideas and information about the introduction and support for the use of Internet in libraries and by library users. The format for this session will be discussions on these topics and others relating to the use of the Internet in libraries.

**Friends and Advocates of Libraries Discussion Group, Meeting no. 67
Sunday, August 16, 10:30-12:20**

Participants will discuss the importance of advocacy and methods and strategies for increasing public and private support for all types of libraries. Robert Wedgeworth, IFLA Past President, will moderate the presentation. Presenters include Margreet Wijnstroom (the Netherlands), Kay Raseroka (Botswana), Evgeniia Rossinskaya (Russian Federation), Betty Turock (USA), and Rima Kupryte (Hungary). Items under discussion will include grant proposals and working with foundations, training for trainers programmes, and the importance of community involvement and advocacy. The Discussion Group will encourage international understanding and cooperation in finding ways to strengthen library services, collections, programmes, and access by increasing funding and visibility.

Reference Work Discussion Group, Meeting no. 68
Sunday, August 16, 10:30-12:20

The scope of the Discussion Group on Reference Work includes all aspects of reference work in all types of libraries in all regions. This year the focus will be on the organization of reference work. presentations from the following types of libraries have been collected: national libraries; university, research and academic libraries; public libraries and special libraries. A short report will be presented from each as a starting point for discussion. The following topics will be emphasized: 1) where is the reference department found within the library organization; 2) what services are offered; and 3) positive and negative effects. One of the most important aspects is the future role of reference work.

Division Rooms

Permanent Division rooms are available throughout the week. IFLA professional groups wishing to reserve a Division room, may inquire at the IFLA Headquarters Secretariat at IFLA Headquarters, or at the IFLA Headquarters Secretariat, Room H at the RAI when the conference is in progress. The rooms assigned are:

- Room R: Division 2, Division 8, and the ALP Core Programme
- Room S: Division 3, Division 4, and the UBCIM Core Programme
- Room T: Division 5, Division 7, and the UAP Core Programme
- Room U: Division 1, Division 6, and the PAC and UDT Core Programmes

Introduction for IFLA Newcomers,

Meeting no. 57

Sunday, August 16, 09:00-10:20

The Amsterdam Organizing Committee is offering coffee and donuts beginning at 08:15 in the foyer outside the meeting room, the Forum. Simultaneous interpretation in IFLA's languages, English, French, German, Spanish and Russian will be provided. There will be a slide show offering a visual impression of IFLA Conferences and Exhibitions from earlier IFLA Conferences followed by several presentations from IFLA officers on: 1) how to benefit from an IFLA Conference; 2) an overview of IFLA's structure and its professional groups; 3) funding and training support; 4) IFLA's communication network; 5) IFLA's publications; and 6) IFLA's projects. There will be ample time for questions and answers. The meeting is open to everyone, and newcomers are invited to write to IFLA Headquarters, PO Box 95312, 2509 CH The Hague, the Netherlands (fax: +(31-70) 3834827; e-mail: ifla.hq@ifla.org) for a free newcomer's package.

Information on venues

Please note that the Standing Committee Meetings, Executive Committee Meetings and Regional Caucuses *will not be held at the RAI Congress Centre* but in hotels in close vicinity to the Congress Centre. The following hotels will be used for these meetings:

Novotel Amsterdam RAI

Europaboulevard 10

1083 AD Amsterdam

Directions: Tram 51, 25, 4

Okura Hotel

Ferdinand Bolstraat 333

1072 LH Amsterdam

Directions: Tram 12, 25 and Bus 15

The following meetings will be held on Friday, August 14 and Saturday, August 15:

	Meeting	Room	Hotel	Time
1	Professional Board I	Otter	Okura Hotel	08.00-12.00
2	Executive Board I	Otter	Okura Hotel	13.00-17.00
3	General Research Libraries CB I	Salon	Okura Hotel	13.00-17.00
		Panoramique		
4	Special Libraries CB I	Meerman I	Okura Hotel	13.00-17.00
5	Libraries Serving the General Public CB I	Witte Leeuw	Okura Hotel	13.00-17.00
6	Bibliographic Control CB I	Salon Etoile	Okura Hotel	13.00-17.00
7	Collections and Services CB I	Meerman II	Okura Hotel	13.00-17.00
8	Management and Technology CB I	Sperwer	Okura Hotel	13.00-17.00
9	Education and Research CB I	Starlight I	Okura Hotel	13.00-17.00
10	Regional Activities CB I	Starlight II	Okura Hotel	13.00-17.00

Saturday, August 15:

	Meeting	Room	Hotel	Time
11	Acquisition and Collection Development SC I	Witte Leeuw	Okura Hotel	08.00-10.50
12	Biological and Medical Sciences Libraries SC I	Vermeer 2	Novotel	08.00-10.50
13	Cataloguing SC I	Esperance	Okura Hotel	08.00-10.50
14	Geography and Map Libraries SC I	Vermeer 3	Novotel	08.00-10.50
15	Governmental Libraries SC I	Panoramique	Okura Hotel	08.00-10.50
		+ Etoile		
16	Libraries for the Blind SC I	Meerman I	Okura Hotel	08.00-10.50
17	Library and Research Services for Parliaments SCI	Falstaff	Novotel	08.00-10.50
18	Library Buildings and Equipment SC I	Vermeer 1	Novotel	08.00-10.50
19	Library Theory and Research SC I	Otter	Okura Hotel	08.00-10.50
20	Management and Marketing SC I	Sperwer	Okura Hotel	08.00-10.50
21	Preservation and Conservation SC I	Starlight I	Okura Hotel	08.00-10.50

22	Public Libraries SC I	Starlight II	Okura Hotel	08.00-10.50
23	Rare books and Manuscripts	Meerman II	Okura Hotel	08.00-10.50
24	School Libraries and Resource Centres SC I	Diem 2	Novotel	08.00-10.50
25	Statistics SC I	Rembrandt	Novotel	08.00-10.50
26	Art Libraries SC I	Witte Leeuw	Okura Hotel	11.00-13.50
27	Bibliography SC I	Vermeer 1	Novotel	11.00-13.50
28	Classification and Indexing SC I	Otter	Okura Hotel	11.00-13.50
29	Document Delivery and Interlending SC I	Esperance	Okura Hotel	11.00-13.50
30	Education and Training SC I	Meerman I	Okura Hotel	11.00-13.50
31	Government Information and Official Publications SC I	Diem 2	Novotel	11.00-13.50
32	Information Technology SC I	Meerman II	Okura Hotel	11.00-13.50
33	Libraries for Children and Young Adults SC I	Vermeer 2	Novotel	11.00-13.50
34	Libraries Serving Disadvantaged Persons SC I	Diem 1	Novotel	11.00-13.50
35	Library Services to Multicultural Populations SC I	Starlight 1	Okura Hotel	11.00-13.50
36	Management of Library Associations SC I	Starlight 2	Okura Hotel	11.00-13.50
37	Reading SC I	Panoramique + Etoile	Okura Hotel	11.00-13.50
38	Science and Technology Libraries SC I	Rembrandt	Novotel	11.00-13.50
39	Serial Publications SC I	Vermeer 3	Novotel	11.00-13.50
40	University Libraries and Other General Research Libraries SC I	Falstaff	Novotel	11.00-13.50
41	Audiovisual and Multimedia EC	Falstaff	Novotel	14.00-16.50
42	Continuing Professional Education EC	Rembrandt	Novotel	14.00-16.50
43	Editors of Library Journals EC	Witte Leeuw	Okura Hotel	14.00-16.50
44	INTAMEL EC	Otter	Okura Hotel	14.00-16.50
45	Library History EC	Esperance	Okura Hotel	14.00-16.50
46	Mobile Libraries EC	Meerman 1	Okura Hotel	14.00-16.50
47	National Centres for Library Services (ROTNAC) EC	Meerman 2	Okura Hotel	14.00-16.50
48	National Libraries SC I	Sperwer	Okura Hotel	14.00-16.50
49	Newspapers EC	Starlight 1	Okura Hotel	14.00-16.50
50	Regional Sections: Africa SC I	Vermeer 2	Novotel	14.00-16.50
51	Regional Sections: Asia and Oceania SC I	Diem 1	Novotel	14.00-16.50
52	Regional Sections: Latin America and the Caribbean SC I	Diem 2	Novotel	14.00-16.50
53	Social Sciences Libraries SC I	Vermeer 1	Novotel	14.00-16.50
54	User Education SC I	Starlight 2	Okura Hotel	14.00-16.50

The Internet Room

A number of companies and other organisations have kindly agreed to sponsor the IFLA '98 Internet Room. These companies include: Nederlandse Bibliotheek Dienst (NBD), PICA, Sun Microsystems and SURF.

The Internet Room will be located in the exhibition area and will be available during the opening hours of the IFLA '98 Exhibition. During the days that the exhibition is closed the Internet Café (located in the Service Hall of the RAI) will be available to the participants of the IFLA '98 Conference.

Paper handling & production

The Netherlands Organising Committee is very pleased that it has been able to secure the sponsorship of XEROX, the Document Company, to produce the many booklets and printed matters during IFLA '98.

Opening Ceremony and Plenary Session

Jan Pronk to deliver Keynote Address

The IFLA '98 National Organising Committee is very proud to announce that Mr. J. P. Pronk, Netherlands Minister for Development Cooperation, has agreed to deliver the Keynote Address during the Opening of the 64th IFLA General Conference.

Mr. Pronk studied economics at the School of Economics in Rotterdam and was a lecturer at the School of Economics' Development Programming Centre and the Netherlands Economics Institute in Rotterdam. He was a member of the Lower House of Parliament for the Labour Party (PvdA) from 1971 to 1980 and from 1986 to 1989.

Mr. Pronk is a well-known and well respected figure in the world of development cooperation and has a long track record in international relations. He was Minister for Development Cooperation in three governments - the last appointment being in 1994 to date. From 1980 to 1985 he was deputy secretary-general of UNCTAD and from 1995 to 1989 he was assistant secretary general of the United Nations.

Mr. Pronk has been secretary to the Mansholt Committee, a member of the editorial boards of the International Spectator, Wending and treasurer of the Brandt Commission.

In his Keynote Address, Mr. Pronk will address the theme of this year's IFLA Conference: *On the Crossroads of Information and Culture*.

The Opening Ceremony and Plenary Session will take place on Monday, 17 August 1998 starting at 16:00 and will take place in the Main Auditorium and the Forum Hall, Amsterdam RAI. Please note that the Main Auditorium has limited seating and it is therefore advised that you take your seat early. A video overflow will be created to the Forum Hall where a live, simultaneous broadcast will take place.

IFLA '98 Exhibition

In connection with the IFLA '98 General Conference, an international trade exhibition will be arranged at the Amsterdam RAI International Exhibition and Congress Centre. The exhibition, that will run simultaneously with and at the same location as the conference, is open to all companies and organisations with products and services related to the library field. The exhibition will be held from August 17 - 19, 1998. For stand reservation and information please contact Rose International.

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IFLA Exhibition Booth

Information on the objectives and activities of IFLA's professional groups, copies of recently published IFLA publications, information on IFLA membership benefits and much more can be found at the IFLA booth in the Exhibition Hall. During the conference week the booth will be staffed by IFLA officers who will be happy to inform you personally about the professional programmes of their Sections, Round Tables and Core Programmes. The schedule of when different groups will be present at the booth will be published in *IFLA Express* throughout the conference week.

Koninklijke Bibliotheek Bicentennial 1798 - 1998

Exactly two hundred years and one day after its inauguration, the Koninklijke Bibliotheek, national library of the Netherlands, is opening a large-scale bicentennial exhibition in the Nieuwe Kerk in Amsterdam. Herewith national librarian Wim van Drimmelen, invites all IFLA delegates to visit *Het wonderbaarlijk alfabet* (The Wonderful Alphabet) during their stay in Amsterdam.

In the monumental church on the Dam Square you will see the largest bookcase in the world, measuring 40 by 9 metres. Furthermore, twenty-six areas have been created, one for each letter of the alphabet. The M for Madonna for instance contains beautiful miniatures from medieval manuscripts. The O for the House of Orange is a showcase for the most sumptuous books from the collection of the Stadholders. Your attention will also be drawn by a variety of children's books, newspapers, atlases by Blaeu, songbooks and much, much more material from the Koninklijke Bibliotheek. If you are curious already, feel free to browse through the website of the Koninklijke Bibliotheek (<http://www.konbib.nl>) to sample impressions of the various collections in the national library of the Netherlands. In the IFLA conference bag you will find a free ticket of admission, which is valid from August 19 to October 18. We sincerely hope you will have a wonderful voyage through our Dutch alphabet!

Social events

A varied social events programme has been set up by the Netherlands Organising Committee which is open to all Full participants and their Accompanying Persons (*excluding the IFLA Officers Reception which is by invitation only*). The programme contains:

Saturday, August 15

IFLA OFFICERS RECEPTION (*by invitation only*)

Sponsored by GEAC and the Public Library of Amsterdam

Sunday, August 16

EXHIBITION OPENING AND WELCOME RECEPTION

Sponsored by K.G. Saur Verlag and BTJ

Time: 18:00 - 19:30

Place: Deltahal, Amsterdam RAI

Monday, August 17

OPENING AND PLENARY SESSIONS

Time: 16:00 - 18:00

Place: Main Auditorium, Amsterdam RAI; Forum Hall, Amsterdam RAI

Please note: *Because of the limited capacity of the Main Auditorium a video overflow will be created to the Forum Hall where a live relay will take place.*

Monday, August 17

OPENING PARTY

Time: 18:00 - 21:30

Place: In and around the RAI Complex

Tuesday, August 18

CULTURAL EVENING

Sponsored by: Nederlands Bibliotheek en Lektuur Centrum (NBLC)

Time: 20:00 - 23:00

Place: NewMetropolis and Scheepvaartmuseum

Thursday, August 20

LIBRARY RECEPTIONS

Sponsored by: various participating libraries (see Study tours/library visits)

Thursday, August 20

AMSTERDAM DISCO NIGHT

Sponsored by: AdamNet

As a festive conclusion of the IFLA '98 Library tours & study visits all participants are invited to attend the Amsterdam Disco Night.

Drinks will be available at your own cost.

Time: 20:00

Place: Paradiso

Library Tours & Study Visits

EXCURSION 1: FLANDERS (BELGIUM)

Visit to Flemish libraries

Combination tour: Public, university and special libraries

(total capacity 100 persons, 2 buses seating 50 each)

Morning programme bus A:

08:00 Departure from Amsterdam RAI

10:30 Arrival at Kalmthout, visit of the public library

In 1996 Kalmthout (17,040 inhabitants) opened a new library of 745 square metres, situated at the village square

11:15 Departure

11:45 Arrival at the City Library of Antwerp

This old library (1481) was extended with a new wing in 1997. It has a collection of 900,000 volumes and 1,700 serials (humanities and Flemish literature and culture, and a rich collection of incunabula)

12:45 Transfer to 't Pakhuis

13:00 Lunch at 't Pakhuis, a home brewing pub

Morning programme bus B:

- 08:00 Departure from Amsterdam RAI
10:30 Arrival at Brasschaat, visit of the public library
The new public library of Brasschaat (37,151 inhabitants) opened in 1997 in a complex of private housing and public offices. The total surface is 1,840 square metres
11:15 Departure
11:45 Arrival at Museum Plantin Moretus in Antwerp
The museum with library (1877) is dedicated to the world famous printing family Plantin and Moretus
12:45 Transfer to 't Pakhuis
13:00 Lunch at 't Pakhuis, a home brewing pub

Afternoon programme (common to all):

- 14:30 Departure
15:00 Arrival at the University Library campus RUCA.
Demonstration of the Antwerp library network and visit of the new university library, informal talks and coffee break
16:30 Departure
16:45 Arrival at the Open Air Museum of Sculpture Middelheim.
Possibility to visit the documentation centre of the museum
L. Craeybeckx
Reception and sandwiches
18:00 Departure for Amsterdam
20:30 Arrival at Amsterdam RAI

EXCURSION 2: ROTTERDAM

Visit to Libraries in Rotterdam

Combination tour: Public, university and special libraries

(total capacity: 200 persons, 4 buses seating 50 each)

- 09:00 Departure from Amsterdam RAI
10:30 Arrival in Rotterdam
- Bus A:* Library Erasmus University
The library has the largest collection of economic literature in the country and is furthermore specialised in law, social sciences and social history. It has a unique mechanic system - a robot - to bring up books automatically from the stacks to the issue desk.
- Bus B:* Library Netherlands Architecture Institute
The collection consists of important archives, periodicals and books pertaining architecture. It is not only a museum but also a cultural institution which gives attention to architecture and city planning.

- Bus C + D:* Public Library of Rotterdam
 The library has been accommodated in the present building since 1983. In the period up to now there have been some two million visitors. There has been a reorganization in 1997 on which occasion some renovations were realised. On the ground level e.g. a large information square was introduced.
- 12:00 *Bus A + B:* Transfer to Public Library of Rotterdam
- 12:30 *All:* Lunch at Public Library of Rotterdam
- 13:00 *Bus A + B:* Public Library of Rotterdam
Bus C: Library Erasmus University
Bus D: Library Netherlands Architecture Institute
- 14:30 *All:* Departure
- 14:45 *All:* Boat tour of the Rotterdam Harbour
- 16:15 *All:* Mooring and transfer to Rotterdam City Hall
- 16:30 *All:* Reception at Rotterdam City Hall
- 18:00 *All:* Departure for Amsterdam
- 19:30 *All:* Arrival at Amsterdam RAI

EXCURSION 3: THE HAGUE

Koninklijke Bibliotheek, national library of the Netherlands

University and research library

(total capacity: 100 persons)

- 14:00 Departure from Amsterdam RAI
- 15:00 Arrival The Hague
- 15:15 Tour of the Koninklijke Bibliotheek
- 17:30 Departure for the Atrium in the City Hall of The Hague
- 18:00 Reception with buffet and entertainment
- 19:30 Departure and transfer to Amsterdam
- 20:30 Arrival in Amsterdam at WTC Station (close to RAI)

EXCURSION 4: THE HAGUE

The Hague Public Library

Public library

(total capacity: 100 persons)

- 14:00 Departure from Amsterdam RAI
- 15:00 Arrival The Hague
- 15:15 Tour of the Public Library
- 17:30 Departure for the Atrium in the City Hall of The Hague
- 18:00 Reception with buffet and entertainment
- 19:30 Departure and transfer to Amsterdam
- 20:30 Arrival in Amsterdam at WTC Station (close to RAI)

EXCURSION 5: THE HAGUE

Haagse Hogeschool Bibliotheek (The Hague Polytechnic)

University and research library

(total capacity: 75 persons)

- 14:00 Departure from Amsterdam RAI
- 15:00 Arrival The Hague
- 15:15 Tour of the Haagse Hogeschool
- 17:30 Departure for the Atrium in the City Hall of The Hague
- 18:00 Reception with buffet and entertainment
- 19:30 Departure and transfer to Amsterdam
- 20:30 Arrival in Amsterdam at WTC Station (close to RAI)

EXCURSION 6: THE HAGUE

International Court of Justice (Peace Palace)

University and research library

(total capacity: 75 persons)

- 14:00 Departure from Amsterdam RAI
- 15:00 Arrival The Hague
- 15:15 Tour of the International Court of Justice (Peace Palace)
- 17:30 Departure for the Atrium in the City Hall of The Hague
- 18:00 Reception with buffet and entertainment
- 19:30 Departure and transfer to Amsterdam
- 20:30 Arrival in Amsterdam at WTC Station (close to RAI)

EXCURSION 7: THE HAGUE

Nederlands Bibliotheek en Lektuur Centrum (NBLC)

Public library

(total capacity: 25 persons)

- 14:00 Departure from Amsterdam RAI
- 15:00 Arrival The Hague
- 15:15 Tour of the NBLC
- 17:30 Departure for the Atrium in the City Hall of The Hague
- 18:00 Reception with buffet and entertainment
- 19:30 Departure and transfer to Amsterdam
- 20:30 Arrival in Amsterdam at WTC Station (close to RAI)

EXCURSION 8: THE HAGUE

Nederlandse Bibliotheek Dienst (NBD)

Public library

(total capacity: 50 persons)

- 14:00 Departure from Amsterdam RAI
- 15:00 Arrival Leidschendam
- 15:15 Tour of the Nederlandse Bibliotheek Dienst (NBD)
- 17:30 Departure for the Atrium in the City Hall of The Hague
- 18:00 Reception with buffet and entertainment
- 19:30 Departure and transfer to Amsterdam
- 20:30 Arrival in Amsterdam at WTC Station (close to RAI)

Amsterdam Excursions

Pay a visit to one or more of the AdamNet connected Amsterdam libraries. The co-operation between the big Amsterdam libraries is unique. See for yourself by paying a visit to the AdamNet stand in the Congress centre (no. 152) and to one of the following libraries on Thursday afternoon. You are welcome in any of these locations after 13:00.

All participants to the Amsterdam excursions are cordially invited by AdamNet to come to Paradiso, Weteringschans 6/8, Amsterdam at 18:00 for a drink and a (light) meal.

EXCURSION 9: AMSTERDAM

IIAV – International Women’s Centre and Archives for the Women’s Movement

Special library

The IIAV is the national library, documentation centre and archives on the position of women and women’s studies. The extensive collection of books periodicals, statistics, addresses, archives and audio-visual materials, both current and historical, national and international, is open to all those interested in the position of women.

EXCURSION 10: AMSTERDAM
IISG – International Institute of Social History

Special library

The International Institute of Social History (IISH) was founded in 1935. It is one of the world's largest documentary and research institutions in the field of social history in general and the history of the labour movement in particular.

EXCURSION 11: AMSTERDAM
KIT – Royal Tropical Institute
Library of the Royal Tropical Institute (KIT)

Special library

Located in one of the landmark buildings of Amsterdam, the KIT Library contains one of the largest collections in Europe (220,000 books and 4,600 current series) on international development issues and the developing countries.

EXCURSION 12: AMSTERDAM
NIWI- Netherlands Institute for Scientific Information

University and research library

NIWI has the largest biomedical library in the Netherlands, about 5,500 current periodicals, and has an outstanding international reputation in document delivery (2,500,000 each year). Most information is available via the NIWI website: www.niwi.knaw.nl

NIWI also provides services for social sciences and human sciences and offers current Dutch research information for all disciplines.

EXCURSION 13: AMSTERDAM
OBA – Amsterdam Public Library

Public library

With 3,5 million visits per year the Public Library of Amsterdam is the most frequented culture institution in town.

The library was founded in 1919. There are a Central Library and 27 branches. For now the Central Library is still situated at one of the canals. Immediately after the turn of the century a huge modern library will be built next to the Central Station.

Guided tours at 14:00 and 16:00.

EXCURSION 14: AMSTERDAM
UBA – The Library of the Universiteit van Amsterdam

University and research library

This library has a large number of extensive and unique special collections with an emphasis on the humanities. On the 20th of August you will have the opportunity to visit some of these collections, the library and digital services as well as some faculty libraries. During the IFLA-conference an exhibition is devoted to Abraham Ortelius (1527-1598), maker of the first 'modern' world atlas.

EXCURSION 15: AMSTERDAM
UBVU- University Library, Vrije Universiteit

University and research library

The Vrije Universiteit (VU) was founded in 1880. The VU is a free Christian university; free meaning independent of church and state.

The VU is situated on a campus in the southern part of Amsterdam. The university comprises fifteen faculties, 2.000 lecturers and researchers, including 300 professors, 1,600 nonacademic staff and 14,000 students.

The collection of the Library of the VU contains 1,800,000 volumes and 9,000 journals on sciences, theology, arts & humanities, law, economics, medical science and social sciences.

As a festive conclusion of the IFLA '98 library tours & study visits all participants are invited to attend the AMSTERDAM DISCO NIGHT on Thursday, August 20, starting as of 20:00.

Drinks will be available at your own cost.

Sightseeing Tours

Half day and full day tours on Saturday, August 22

On your registration form you have the choice between *one* of the following half day and full day tours. Detailed information and a description of these tours has appeared in the Final Announcement and can be seen on the IFLA '98 website.

Please note that the choice made on your registration form has been marked as your definite choice.

Tour 1: Company visit to Swets (Sponsored by Swets and Zeitlinger)	full day
Tour 2: Amsterdam	half day
Tour 3: Bicycle tour through Amsterdam	half day
Tour 4: Marken and Volendam	half day
Tour 5: Gouda and Schoonhoven	full day
Tour 6: Zaanse Schans, Edam & Monnickendam	half day
Tour 7: Kröller-Müller Museum & the Loo Palace	full day

In some cases changes may be possible onsite. However, no guarantees can be given and after Tuesday, August 18, no changes can be made. Some tours have a maximum number of participants. Requests are handled on a first come first served basis. In case of overbooking the organisers reserve the right to offer you an alternative tour from the list above.

The departure and arrival times for all the sightseeing tours will be published in the Final Programme.

Pre- & Post Conference Tours

The organisation has secured a number of pre- and post conference tours for participants to IFLA '98. The following multiple day tours are available and are operated by Combined Holland Touroperators b.v. i.o.

Included in all tours:

Accommodation in centrally located first and superior tourist class hotel, with private bath and shower; continental breakfast and dinner (*fixed menu*); multilingual tour guide; < 6 passengers guide/driver; sightseeing as per itinerary; local taxes and hotel service charges; entrance fees.

Not included in all tours:

Additional meals, other than mentioned in the programme; additional sight-seeing or other services; tips to guides, drives, hotel staff; travel insurance; personal expenses; drinks ordered with meals.

Two day tour:	SPECTACULAR TOUR OF HOLLAND
Departures:	Every Monday
Price per person:	Twinbath NLG 460
	Singlebath NLG 530
	Triplebath NLG 450
Three day tour:	SPECTACULAR TOUR OF HOLLAND AND BELGIUM
Departures:	Every Wednesday
Price per person:	Twinbath NLG 720
	Singlebath NLG 880
	Triplebath NLG 700
Four day tour:	SPECTACULAR TOUR OF HOLLAND, BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG AND GERMANY
Departures:	Every Saturday
Price per person:	Twinbath NLG 1,030
	Singlebath NLG 1,270
	Triplebath NLG 1,000
Five day tour:	SPECTACULAR TOUR OF HOLLAND AND BELGIUM
Departures:	Every Monday
Price per person:	Twinbath NLG 1,230
	Singlebath NLG 1,520
	Triplebath NLG 1,200
Seven day tour:	SPECTACULAR TOUR OF HOLLAND, BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG AND GERMANY
Departures:	Every Saturday
Price per person:	Twinbath NLG 1,760
	Singlebath NLG 2,250
	Triplebath NLG 1,710

Nine day tour: SPECTACULAR TOUR OF HOLLAND, BELGIUM,
LUXEMBOURG AND GERMANY
Departures: Every Monday
Price per person: Twinbath NLG 2,300
Singlebath NLG 2,930
Triplebath NLG 2,220

A detailed description plus a Pre- and post conferences registration form is available from the Organising Secretariat or can be seen on the IFLA '98 Website.

Books for All

Books for All, a project which aims to provide reading material for children and young people in developing countries, will celebrate its 25th anniversary during the IFLA-conference in Amsterdam with a reception in the local Buitenveldert lending library, a branch of the Amsterdam Public Library.

The reception will take place on Wednesday August 19, 1998, between 5 and 7.30 pm. After an opening address by Hans van Velzen, director of the Amsterdam Public Library, Lioba Betten will describe the past and present of *Books for All*.

A presentation will then be given by the Amsterdam Public Library about library work in a multicultural city.

The Buitenveldert library is located at W. van Weldammelaan 5, close to the IFLA-conference.

For more information please do not hesitate to contact:

Books for All, Munich, Germany
tel: +49-89-172 383

Amsterdam Public Library, The Netherlands
tel: +31-20-523 0710

Information on The Netherlands and Amsterdam

Although the name Holland is often used, the country's official name is The Netherlands, which literally means "low countries". The Netherlands is flanked to the north and west by the North Sea, to the east by Germany and to the south by Belgium. The official language is Dutch, which is also spoken in Flanders (Belgium), the Netherlands Antilles Aruba and Surinam. With a population of almost 16 million, the Netherlands is one of the most densely populated countries in the world. The majority of the people live in the western part of the country which includes the cities of Amsterdam (capital), The Hague (seat of government), Rotterdam (harbour) and Utrecht.

The Netherlands is a constitutional monarchy with a parliamentary system of government. Queen Beatrix is the head of state. The country is divided into 12 provinces comprising 636 municipalities. The official unit of currency is the guilder, abbreviated to NLG; one guilder is divided into one hundred cents.

The Netherlands has a close knit public transport system of buses, trams and metro in the cities, as well as inter-city and regional trains and bus services. Special visitor passes can be obtained from all train stations and almost all tobacco shops.

The Netherlands has much to offer in the cultural sphere. There are more than 900 museums of which the Rijksmuseum, the Anne Frank House and the Vincent van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam, the Mauritshuis in The Hague and the Kröller Müller Museum in Otterloo are the most famous.

Climate

The average mid-day temperature in the summer is about 20°C, but may vary between 15°C and 25°C. Evening nights might still be cold. Rain always remains a possibility in our coastal climate. Both a raincoat/umbrella and a sweater are a wise precaution.

AMSTERDAM

Amsterdam, popular throughout the world, is the most harmonious yet varied city of the Netherlands. A city with its very own character and style. Famous for its canals, gabled houses, museums and of course its atmosphere. Amsterdam's old inner city is well known for its compactness. The museums, monuments, markets, shopping streets and other attractions are all within easy walking distance. Amsterdam is the proud possessor of the largest historical inner city of Europe with more than 6,800 National Trust buildings dating as far back as the 16th century.

Shopping

In Amsterdam shops are generally open during the week from Monday to Saturday from 09.00 until 18.00. Late night shopping is on Thursday until 21.00. However, more and more shops in the city Centre open on Sundays from 12.00 until 17.00.

Calendar of events in Amsterdam

Amsterdam is one of the major cultural centres in Europe and indeed the World. The listing below gives you an indication of the cultural and sporting events that are taking place during and just before the 64th IFLA General Conference. Obviously the list is not complete. Should you wish to have more information we suggest you visit the City of Amsterdam [website \(www.amsterdam.nl\)](http://www.amsterdam.nl) or contact the Amsterdam Tourist Office (tel: +31 20 551 2512; fax +31 20 625 2869; e-mail: vvvadam@pi.net).

06/05/1998 - 29/11/1998

POPPEKAST OP DE DAM (Puppeteers on the Dam)

Puppetshows every Sunday on the Dam Square in front of the Royal Palace.

Information: +31 20 627 9188.

10/05/1998 - 23/08/1998

ZONDAG (Sunday)

Series of exhibitions with the theme *Sunday - what do the Dutch do on that day.*

Location: Rijksmuseum, Stadhouderskade 42, Amsterdam.

Information: +31 20 673 2121; fax: +31 20 679 8146.

30/05/1998 - 30/08/1998

DUITSE MEUBELS GEOPEND (Exhibition of German furniture)

Location: Rijksmuseum, Stadhouderskade 42, Amsterdam.

Information: +31 20 673 2121; fax: +31 20 679 8146.

31/05/1998 - 23/08/1998

VONDELPARK OPENLUCHTTHEATER (Vondelpark Openair Theatre)

Several events during the summer (concerts, open air theatre, etc.).

Location: Vondelpark open air theatre.

Information: +31 20 673 1499; fax: +31 20 523 7790.

01/06/1998 - 01/01/2000

CLIPPER STAD AMSTERDAM (Clipper City Amsterdam)

The general public has a chance to see the building of the ship *City of Amsterdam* in the docks of the Scheepvaartmuseum.

Location: Nederlands Scheepvaartmuseum, Kattenburgerplein 1, Amsterdam.

Information: +31 20 523 222; fax: +31 20 523 2213.

06/06/1998 - 06/09/1998

EEN VREDESMONUMENT NA 80 JAAR OORLOG (A Monument For Peace After 80 Years Of War)

Amsterdam suffered greatly under the burden of the 80 year War. In 1648 the City Hall (now The Royal Palace on de Dam) was built. The exhibition will show that the peace of 1648 was a Festival of Arts.

Location: Royal Palace on de Dam.

Information: +31 20 624 8698.

16/06/1998 - 23/08/1998

VRIENDSCHAP EN GASTVRIJHEID IN DE BIJBEL (Friendship And Hospitality In The Bible)

Old prints show stories from the Old and New Testament with the theme friendship and hospitality.

Location: Bijbels museum, Herengracht 366, Amsterdam.

Information: +31 20 624 7949; fax: +31 20 624 8355.

19/06/1998 - 23/08/1998

DE TIJDEN VERANDEREN (Times Change)

Large exhibition of the works of the radical abstract Artist Ad Dekkers. The works of Dekkers are placed in the context of other artists of the 1960's and 70's such as Jan Dibbets, Peter Struyken, Sol Lewitt and Richard Long.

Location: Stedelijk Museum of Modern Art, Paulus Potterstraat 13, Amsterdam.

Information: +31 20 573 2911; fax: +31 20 573 2789.

19/06/1998 - 27/09/1998

COBRA IN BIENNALE SAO PAULO

Cobra exhibition - 50 years.

Location: Museum for Modern Art COBRA, Sandbergplein 1-3, Amstelveen.

Information: +31 20 547 5050; fax: +31 20 547 5025.

21/06/1998 - 30/11/1998

VROUWEN BEVALLEN 1898-1998 (Women in Labour)

This exhibition is part of a large number of exhibitions with the theme "Women and labour" surrounding the commemoration of the National Women's Exhibition in 1898. This exhibition concentrates on pregnancy, birth and the professions surrounding this.

Location: Universiteitsmuseum de Agnietenkapel, Oudezijds Voorburgwal 231, Amsterdam.

Information: +31 20 525 3339; fax: +31 20 525 3378.

26/06/1998 - 30/08/1998

FRITZ PITZ, PORTRAITS OF ARTISTS

Photographs by Fritz Pitz of international artists such as Karel Appel, Joseph Beuys, Salvador Dali, Sonia Delaunay, Henri Morre, Pierre Soulages, Ossip Zadkine.

Location: Museum for Modern Art COBRA, Sandbergplein 1-3, Amstelveen.

Information: +31 20 547 5050; fax: +31 20 547 5025.

27/06/1998 - 23/08/1998

FROM THE CORNER OF THE EYE

Exhibition of "Queer" Art. Exhibition organised in conjunction with the Amsterdam Gay Games.

Location: Stedelijk Museum of Modern Art, Paulus Potterstraat 13, Amsterdam.

Information: +31 20 573 2911; fax: +31 20 573 2789.

01/07/1998 - 31/08/1998

ROBECO SUMMER CONCERTS

Tenth Anniversary with special attention to Bach and Beethoven.

Location: Concertgebouw.

Information: 0900 8012.

03/07/1998 - 13/09/1998

PRIKKIE (Prickly)

Exhibition of Hedgehogs.

Location: Bosmuseum, Koenenkade 56, Amsterdam.

Information: +31 676 2152; fax: +31 640 1251.

18/07/1998 - 16/08/1998

OLYMPIC GODS

Exhibition in conjunction with the Gay Games with photographs, drawings and prints from the collection of the Rijksmuseum.

Location: Rijksmuseum, Stadhouderskade 42, Amsterdam.

Information: +31 20 673 2121.

01/08/1998 - 08/08/98

GAY GAMES AMSTERDAM '98

The largest international gay sports and cultural festival in the world.

Information: +31 20 427 1998.

08/08/1998

CANAL PARADE

A parade of small boats on the Amsterdam canals.

Information: +31 20 620 8807.

09/08/1998

RACISM BEAT IT (POP AGAINST RACISM)

Festival of pop music.

Location: Public Golfcourse Spaarnwoude, 't Hogeland 2, Velsen-Zuid.

Information: +31 23 538 5599; fax +31 23 538 0804.

01/08/98 - 09/08/98

GROLSCH OPEN 1998

International tennis championships of the Netherlands

Location: Tenniscentrum Amstelpark.

Information: +31 35 640 0363.

16/08/98

BOEKEN AAN DE AMSTEL (Books On The Amstel)

Bookmarket of old, special and secondhand books.

Location: Muziektheater, Amstel, Amsterdam.

Information: +31 20 627 5794.

19/08/1998 - 30/08/1998

TRIPLE X FESTIVAL

International multi-media festival. International theatre, music, dance, arts, electronic media brought together in one spot.

Location: De Westergasfabriek.

Information: +31 20 420 5316.

19/08/1998 - 18/10/1998

HET WONDERBAARLIJK ALFABET (The Wonderful Alphabet)

Exhibition of the Koninklijke Bibliotheek, national library of the Netherlands, to celebrate its 200th anniversary. The exhibition will include not only its most famous, oldest and rarest possessions, but also the most unexpected and curious.

Location: De Nieuwe Kerk, Dam, Amsterdam.

Information: +31 20 638 6909; fax: +31 20 622 6649.

20/08/98 - 23/08/1998

GRACHTENFESTIVAL (The Canal Festival)

A numerous number of concerts will be held in private homes, gardens and terraces in the Canal houses along the Prinsengracht and Keizersgracht, culminating in the Prinsengracht concert on August 22.

20/08/1998 - 23/08/98

O'NEILL CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY

The "Battle of Amsterdam" will bring together international Sailing champions to determine who can call himself the world's best all-round sailor.

Location: Singel, Amsterdam.

Information: +31 35 623 8667.

22/08/1998 - 18/10/1998

BELLANGE

Exhibition of the works of Jacques Bellange, 17th century artist from the Alsace.

Location: Rijksmuseum, Stadhouderskade 42, Amsterdam.

Information: +31 20 673 2121.

22/08/1998

DAMMEN OP DE DAM (Checkers on the Dam)

Checkers championship on the Dam.

Location: Dam, Amsterdam.

Information: +31 20 530 4630.

26/08/1998 - 08/11/1998

PHOTOGRAPHS OF WILLEM DIEPRAAM

Exhibition of the works of Willem Diepraam.

Location: Amsterdam Historisch Museum, Kalverstraat 92, Amsterdam.

Information: +31 20 523 1822; fax: +31 20 620 7789.

28/08/1998 - 30/08/1998

UITMARKT (Opening Amsterdam Cultural Season)

On and around the Dam.

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