

# World Library and Information Congress: 73rd IFLA General Conference and Council



## "Libraries for the future: Progress, Development and Partnerships"

19-23 August 2007, Durban, South Africa



It is now only 2 weeks until the WLIC/IFLA 2007 Congress in Durban and time for us to bring you the final issue of the Delegate Newsletter. Within this issue we bring you an introduction to the Keynote and Plenary Speakers plus information on payment for the Congress, airport transfers and transportation in and around Durban.

### Keynote Speaker

**Prominent SA Constitutional Court Judge and Struggle Hero to deliver Keynote Address**



**The National Committee is proud to announce that Justice Albie Sachs will deliver the keynote address at the Opening Ceremony on Sunday 19 August.**



Turning six, during World War II, **Albie Sachs** received a card from his father expressing the wish that he would grow up to be a soldier in the fight for liberation.



His career in human rights activism started at the age of seventeen, when as a second year law student at the University of Cape Town, he took part in the Defiance of Unjust Laws Campaign. Three years later he attended the Congress of the People at Kliptown where the Freedom Charter was adopted. He started practice as an advocate at the Cape Bar aged twenty-one. The bulk of his work involved defending people charged under racist statutes and repressive security laws. He himself was raided by the security police, subjected to banning orders restricting his movement and eventually placed in solitary confinement without trial for two prolonged spells of detention.

In 1966 he went into exile. After spending eleven years studying and teaching law in England he worked for a further eleven years in Mozambique as law professor and legal researcher. In 1988 in Maputo, he was the victim of a car-bomb placed by South African security agents, losing an arm and the sight of an eye.

During the 1980's working closely with Oliver Tambo, leader of the ANC in exile, he helped draft the organisation's Code of Conduct, as well as its statutes. After recovering from the bomb he devoted himself full-time to preparations for a new democratic Constitution for South Africa. In 1990 he returned home and as a member of the Constitutional Committee and the National Executive of the ANC took an active part in the negotiations which led to South Africa becoming a constitutional democracy. After the first democratic election in 1994 he was appointed by President Nelson Mandela to serve on the newly established Constitutional Court.

In addition to his work on the Court, he has travelled to many countries sharing the South African experience in healing divided societies. He has also been engaged in the sphere of art and architecture, and played an active role in the development of the Constitutional Court building and its art collection on the site of the Old Fort Prison in Johannesburg.

Albie Sachs is the author of eight books. The Jail Diary of Albie Sachs was dramatised for the Royal Shakespeare Company and broadcast on television and radio by the BBC.





## Plenary Speakers Monday 20 August



**Mr Adama Samassékou**

President of WSIS Preparatory Committee for Geneva Phase  
President of the African Academy of Languages  
Former Minister of Education of Mali (1993-2000)

**Adama Samassékou**, aged 56, married with three children, completed his primary and secondary education in Mali.

After obtaining a Master of Arts in philology and linguistics from Lomonossov State University in Moscow, Samassekou continued his studies in Paris. After obtaining a DEA postgraduate diploma in African linguistics from the Sorbonne and a DESS specialist postgraduate diploma in organizational science from the Université de Paris-IX (Dauphine), he was subsequently head of the Linguistic Department of the Institute of Social Sciences of Mali, then director of the National Library of Mali and adviser to the Minister of Culture.

Playing an active role in community life, Samassékou was the founding president, for Mali and Africa as a whole, of the Peoples' Movement for Human Rights Education. In the political sphere, he was the founding chairman of ADEMA-France.

Having been Malian Minister of Education for seven years (1993-2000) and former spokesperson for the Government of Mali (1997-2000), Mr. Samassékou is currently president, with ministerial rank, of the African Academy of Languages.

## Tuesday 21 August



**Ms Ntombazana Botha**

**Ntombazana Botha** is the Deputy Minister of Arts and Culture of the Republic of South Africa since 29 April 2004. She is a member of the portfolio committees on Justice and Constitutional Development, Improvement of the Quality and the Status of Women and Finance. In her former post, as Deputy Minister of Provincial and Local Government, Botha started the Women in Local Government programme, aimed at helping female councillors overcome past disadvantages and take a leadership role in development at local government level. Botha helped establish the United Democratic Front in the Border region of the Eastern Cape in 1983. She served as vice-chairperson of the Eastern Cape NGO Coalition in 1996 and 1997, and joined Parliament in July 1997. From 1991 to 1997 she was coordinator for the Lawyers for Human Rights paralegal training project at regional, provincial and then national level.

## Wednesday 22 August



**Dr Jane Duncan, Executive Director: Freedom of Expression Institute (FXI)**

Currently its Executive Director, **Jane Duncan** has worked at the Freedom of Expression Institute (FXI) in Johannesburg since its establishment in 1994, and as director since 2001. The FXI is dedicated to promoting freedom of expression and media diversity, and opposing censorship. She was also coordinator of a predecessor organisation of the FXI, the Anti-Censorship Action Group. Before that, she worked at the Funda Centre in Soweto and the Afrika Cultural Centre in Newtown. She obtained her education at the University of the Witwatersrand, and has published widely in the areas of media and freedom of expression. Duncan is a passionate and outspoken voice on freedom of Expression. She values artistic expressions for freedom, and this extends to her work against censorship, and the limitations for freedom.



## Pre-Registration and Payment

We would like to remind all interested parties that pre-registration is now closed however we are pleased to confirmation that onsite registration will be open at the ICC Durban from 13.30 hours on Friday 17 August. Please find the onsite registration fees detailed below:

	EURO	RAND
<b>IFLA Member</b>	540	5400
<b>Non-IFLA Member</b>	620	6200
<b>Student</b>	215	2150
<b>Accompanying Person</b>	300	3000
<b>Day Registration</b>	125	1250

If you have already submitted your registration form and made payment however have not yet received official confirmation then please email your full name (as detailed on your registration form) and the date that you registered to [wlic2007@congreg.com](mailto:wlic2007@congreg.com). If you have paid by bank transfer then please also provide proof of payment.

If you have registered for the Congress and have not settled your account then please ensure your account is settled **as soon as possible** using one of the following methods.

Should you wish to settle your account by credit card then please click on the following link and complete your details, this will allow us to take full payment and subsequently guarantee your registration and hotel booking:

<http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla73/WLIC2007-CreditCard-Authorisation-Form.pdf>

Alternatively you can transfer the money to settle your account by using the following bank account details. Please include your full name (as detailed on your registration form), registration fee/hotel deposit with your bank transfer. All bank fees should be included.

### **If you registered using the Euro Registration Form please deposit the money into the following account:**

Bank Name: Royal Bank of Scotland  
Account Name: Concorde Services/WLIC2007  
Account Number: 10094053  
Account Key: COSEIFLA-EUR-A  
Sort Code: 16-10-70  
IBAN: GB60 RBOS 1610 7010 0940 53

### **If you registered using the Rand Registration Form please deposit the money into the following account:**

Bank Name: Nedbank  
Account Name: LIASA/WLIC2007  
Branch: Musgrave  
Branch Code: 130-126  
Account No: 1301-308129  
Swift Code: NEDSZAJJ

## Airport Transfers

The airport shuttle transfers will operate for arrival on the 18 and 19 August 2007 and for departure on the 23 and 24 August 2007. The cost for the shuttle transfer will be ZAR60.00 (approx €7.00) per person per journey.

Should you wish to pre-book and pre-pay your transfers to and from Durban International Airport please click on the link below; [http://www.turners.co.za/ifla/airport\\_shuttle\\_transfers.asp](http://www.turners.co.za/ifla/airport_shuttle_transfers.asp)

Please note there will be a hospitality desk operating at peak times at the airport for delegate arrival and delegates will be able to purchase tickets at the hospitality desk should you not have pre-booked prior to travelling.





## Out and About in Durban

When moving around in Durban there are two recommended modes of transportation, metered taxis and the newly introduced Durban People Mover system.

Taxis are plentiful, clean and inexpensive in Durban. There are taxi stands in front of the convention centre and at most hotels, taxis should not be hailed on the streets and only metered taxis should be used.



The People Mover system has recently been introduced in Durban as a public mode of transport to service the local business, residential and tourist markets. The People Mover consists of ten buses that service seventeen stops along two separate routes and will operate between 06.30 - 23.00hours every day. A single journey on the People Mover will cost R4 (approx €0.50) and a day pass R15 (approx €1.75).



For more information on this service and to view the routes that are available please view the following website: [www.durbanpeplemover.co.za/what\\_is\\_people\\_mover.html](http://www.durbanpeplemover.co.za/what_is_people_mover.html)

## SEE YOU IN DURBAN!

We wish you all well and look forward to welcoming you to Durban. If you need any assistance with your participation please do not hesitate in contacting us.

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