

# IFLA EXPRESS



WORLD LIBRARY AND INFORMATION CONGRESS ▶ 73<sup>rd</sup> IFLA General Conference and Council ▶ South Africa, 19–23 August 2007



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## SPECIAL EVENTS UPDATE

### THE THREE SPECIAL EVENTS

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
Sunday	19 August	09h30	Opening Ceremony	ICC
Monday	20 August	18h30	Mayor's Beach Party	New Beach
Wednesday	22 August	18h30	Cultural Gala	City Hall & Church Walk

IFLA has been deliberating the issue of too many special events attached to the annual congress and the costs (time and money) linked to such events. Therefore it will be suggested that future congresses reduce to two special events only.

In light of the above, particularly because of the cost factor, the organisers for WLIC 2007 took a decision to reduce from four to three special events for the 2007 congress. To achieve this, the Cultural Evening and the Gala Dinner have been combined into one event, now known as the CULTURAL GALA. Because both events were listed on the registration form, your indication to attend the Gala Dinner on Wednesday 22 August will be used instead as an indication to now attend the Cultural Gala on that evening. If you wish to change your indication, kindly inform the organizers.

There is no additional fee payable to attend the above functions, but you have to book for the events on your registration form.

On Sunday, 19 August, the Opening Ceremony will be staged in the new Arena section of the ICC, a brand new venue which was opened in April 2007. Join the South African Mother of Books, Gcina Mhlophe as she takes you on a journey through the Heart Beat, the Dance and the Voice of Africa. The opening ceremony will showcase South Africa through the eyes and the words of this extraordinary writer/storyteller. The opening entertainment will be woven into the guest speakers and promises to truly allow you to capture the magic of the Heart of this Rainbow Nation.

The Mayor's Beach Party on Monday 20 August puts a new spin on the usual Mayoral cocktail function. Durban is the city where the "fun never sets" and so we treat you to one of the Metro's snazziest concepts. No talking, no speeches just eating and drinking and party!!! So ditch the ties, kick off the high heels and be

dressed ready to enjoy the pleasantly cool evening spring air on the Durban Beachfront.

The event that will leave you enthralled will be the Cultural Gala, an evening that is sponsored by the Department of Arts and Culture. The event will be staged inside and outside Durban's City Hall. The theme is "Cultures of Africa" and promises that you will experience Africa – alive with rhythm, vibrant colours and exciting cuisine. You will be blown away by the passionate moves of our Zulu Dancers, and enticed to join in with the meticulous, catchy beat of the Gumboot Dancers, then taken to another world by the mysterious sounds of the East which are so much part of our culture. You will find yourself tapping your feet to the lively beat as you go on a musical and dance journey of the Townships. Be treated by our local bands who will entertain you with fresh, creative sounds from the African Continent. Cuisine will feature four different types of menus that feature prominently in our country. You will eat buffet style so as not to miss anything else that will be going on. The evening will enrich you with memories of our beautiful country, which you will retain long after you have left our shores. •

The Cultural Gala on 22 August is sponsored by:



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As the World Library and Information Congress: 73rd IFLA General Conference and Council draws nearer, the Library and Information Association of South Africa (LIASA) as host, is working tirelessly together with the National Committee to make this one of the most memo-

orable IFLA Conferences ever.

We are very pleased to have the extensive support of the entire Library and Information sector in South Africa in what is a landmark year for us when we not only play host to all our visitors at this prestigious and important conference, but also celebrate our 10th anniversary.

We are happy to announce that through various partnerships, a large number of South African and African

librarians will be receiving either full or partial sponsorship and travel grants to attend the conference. At the time of going to press, we would especially like to thank South Africa's Department of Arts and Culture (DAC), IFLA, the United States Embassy, Sabinet and EBSCO Information Services. We also received a generous donation from Australian librarians to the tune of AU\$10,609 to pay registration fees for sixteen librarians to attend. The

successful recipients are from Botswana (2), Kenya (2), Malawi (2), Mauritius (1), Namibia (2), Tanzania (2), Uganda (2), Zambia (2), and Zimbabwe (1).

To date, 116 librarians have had their full or partial costs covered, and the opportunity to attend what will be for many, a lifetime opportunity.

We look forward to welcoming our colleagues from across the globe to Durban in August!



### GCINA MHLOPHE

Born in Hammarsdale, KwaZulu-Natal in 1959, Gcina Mhlophe has been writing and performing on stage and screen for the past 24 years. She has written many children's books as well as adult audience poetry and short stories and plays. Her writings are published all over the world and translated into German, French, Italian, Swahili

and Japanese. Her work is used extensively in many schools and universities. Together with Ladysmith Black Mambazo, Gcina produced and performed a collaboration CD for children - released by Music for Little People (USA) in 1993. She wrote music for the SABC TV series *Gcina & Friends* where she performed her own stories for television audiences.

In 2000 she released an award-winning storytelling CD *Fudukazi's Magic* for German audiences. Gcina wrote both the story and music for *Fudukazi's Magic* - produced for video in collaboration with Anant Singh of VideoVision. She wrote both story and music in collaboration with guitarist, Bheki Khoza, for the *Animated Tales of the World Series*, for Right Angle TV in the UK as well as the SABC.

In 2001 her CD and book *Nozincwadi Mother of Books* was produced as part of her nationwide reading road show to South African rural schools. Her work has received awards from BBC Africa Service for Radio Drama, The Fringe First Award in the

Edinburgh Festival, the Josef Jefferson Award in Chicago, and OBBIE in New York. Gcina Mhlophe has received Honorary Doctorates from the London Open University as well as the University of KwaZulu-Natal. The same year saw the publication of her book, *African Mother Christmas* by Maskew Miller Longman, as well as the republication of *Love Child* (now in English), and *Have You Seen Zandile* by University of KwaZulu-Natal Press. The video of *Fudukazi's Magic* was screened in Durban as part of the African Union Film Festival, July 2002. 2003 saw the publication of her much acclaimed *Stories Of Africa*, by the UKZN Press, the book was chosen for Publishers Choice for two years running.

Maskew Miller Longman published one of her most loved stories *Queen of Imbira*. Also in 2003 she wrote for Centre for the Book's *First Words In Print* series with books like, *Love In Your Language*, and *Horns Only*. During August and September 2003 Gcina was invited to the prestigious Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston, USA as *Writer In Residence* where she commenced the work on her debut novel.

In January 2006 she released her CD *Songs And Stories Of Africa*, co-produced with Bheki Khoza, five stories and seven songs recorded with a full band and children's choir. Gcina represented her country in July 2006 at the Soccer World Cup in Germany, the highlight of her performances being the Official Reveal of the 2010 World Cup Emblem for South Africa. The performance was broadcast live around the world to more than a billion viewers!

Writing and storytelling continue to be the main focus of Gcina's Creative energies. She lives in Durban with her husband and their daughter Nomakhwezi, the morning star!





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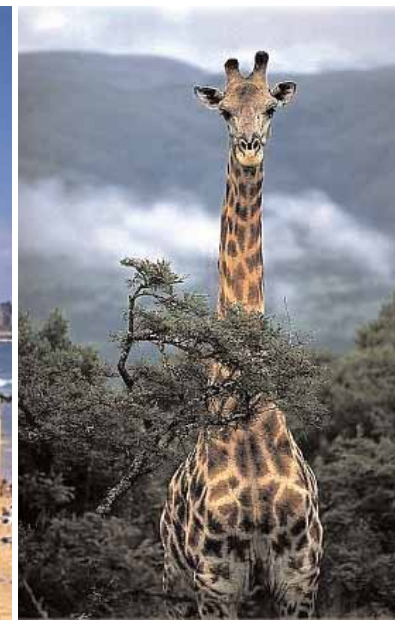
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**IFLA Headquarters at Congress**

As in other years, the IFLA Staff will be available on the exhibition to provide a wide range of information. IFLA's President, Alex Byrne, IFLA's President-elect Claudia Lux, the Secretary General, Peter Lor and the Coordinator for Professional Activities, Sjoerd Koopman will also take turns staffing the booth and are ready and willing to answer questions.

Please come and find us and pick up some information about the IFLA World Library and Information Congress in Quebec City, Canada in 2008!

Off course you can also come to the IFLA Secretariat with questions as well. It is located in room 21 in the Durban ICC.

**Voting at IFLA Council Meetings**

**Voting Papers:** Voting delegates can obtain the necessary voting papers at the IFLA Voting Office located in the Secretariat offices in Room 21 at the Durban International Convention Centre (ICC).

Voting papers will be distributed only to those delegates who are in possession of the IFLA Voting Card 2007, duly signed by the appropriate authority.

The Voting Office will be open in the Secretariat as from Friday, 17 August. **Please collect your voting papers as early as possible.**

**Please note:** there will only be one council meeting: Thursday 23 August, from 15.00–18.00 in the Durban ICC, Hall 1.

**Make the most of your first IFLA congress!**

IFLA will hold a meeting to welcome Newcomers to the IFLA World Library and Information Congress – the Newcomers Session on Sunday 19 August, from 13.45-15.45. The session will feature a variety of contributions from IFLA Officers and a visual presentation. Simultaneous Interpretation in all IFLA working languages will be provided and there will be ample opportunity for questions and answers. While the session is designated for first-time participants and new IFLA Members, every participant who is curious to learn more about the organisation of IFLA's international network of Information Professionals is welcome to participate. Be sure to come by to pick up your Newcomers package and the special First Timer badge!

**Tips for Newcomers**

As soon as you have the programme use a highlighter pen to mark all those session, workshops and visits which particularly interest you. Then write them in the small Pocket Programme.

You will be able to identify other Newcomers by their special badges. Try to meet up with them, and share the experience of your first IFLA congress.

For answers to the most frequently asked questions about IFLA congresses, please visit the conference website at [www.ifla.org](http://www.ifla.org)

**Registration**

Registration of delegates for the WLIC/IFLA 2007 Congress is going well and as of the 31 May we have the following registered:

<b>IFLA MEMBERS</b>	<b>1556</b>
<b>NON IFLA MEMBERS</b>	<b>216</b>
<b>STUDENTS</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>ACCOMPANYING PERSON</b>	<b>417</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2227</b>

The make-up of Exhibitors include a strong representation of Libraries as well as information solutions, booksellers, library equipment and craft stands/tables with African craftwork and gifts. To date we have sold 965 sq m which means we have four 9 sq m stands remaining to sell!

Please note the Library Tours are now fully booked. The sight seeing tours that are organised for before, during and after the congress are proving extremely popular with our delegates. The tours that are particularly popular and are filling up quickly are detailed below with the dates still available:

<b>TOUR</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>AVAILABILITY</b>
Inland Safari Tour	Mon 20 Aug	Limited spaces available
Inland Safari Tour	Thurs 23 Aug	Limited spaces available
Sani Pass Tour	Tues 21 Aug	FULLY BOOKED!
Sani Pass Tour	Wed 22 Aug	NEW DATE! Spaces available
Sani Pass Tour	Thurs 23 Aug	NEW DATE! Spaces available
Sani Pass Tour	Fri 24 Aug	FULLY BOOKED!
Shakaland Tour	Wed 22 Aug	FULLY BOOKED!
Shakaland Tour	Thurs 23 Aug	NEW DATE! Spaces available
Shakaland Tour	Fri 24 Aug	NEW DATE! Spaces available

There is still availability on the tours that are not listed above and more information on each tour can be found by clicking on the following link, <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla73/SightseeingTours.htm>.

**Exhibition**

As we are getting closer to the Congress we felt it was time to bring you some information about the exhibitors that will be present in Durban. The make-up of Exhibitors include a strong representation of Libraries as well as information solutions, booksellers, library equipment and craft stands/tables with African craftwork and gifts. To date we have sold 965 sq m which means we have four 9 sq m stands remaining to sell! The breakdown of countries that will be represented in the Exhibition is detailed as follows:

<b>Country</b>	<b>Stands</b>
Canada	2
China	3
Denmark	1
France	3
Germany	5
Israel	1
Italy	2
Netherlands	4
Saudi Arabia	1
South Africa	27
Switzerland	1
UK	14
USA	18
Zimbabwe	1

## Debunking myths about Authors' & Publishers' Collecting Societies: the good, the bad and the ugly

### Ask your questions now!

CLM Session no. 153 Thursday, 23 August 10.45-12.45 "My library pays a lot of money to the collecting society. How can I be sure where it goes?" "How is the money distributed?" "Can I negotiate the price?" Can I negotiate the licence terms? We want to hear about your concerns and experiences dealing with author/

publisher collecting societies. Our fabulous line-up of speakers/panellists includes the President of IFRRO, the International Federation of Reproduction Rights Organisations.

Please send your questions to <[urbanro@gmail.com](mailto:urbanro@gmail.com)> by 27 July or hand them to the IFLA Secretariat Office in Durban by 17.00 on 20 August. Please include your name, e-mail

address, type of library, your country and whether you will attend the session (if you will attend please also supply your mobile/cell phone no. in international format). We will coordinate and consolidate the questions and we may ask you to present the question.

Make sure to come along to what promises to be a lively session!

### Invitations to special sessions

An open reception with light appetizers will follow.

#### 2) ATLA panel description:

#### Replicating Innovation, Improving Lives: Best Practices from the Access to Learning Award (ATLA) Recipients

All delegates are invited to join this interactive panel discussion about how to successfully expand or replicate programs that provide free access to computers and the Internet while ensuring meaningful and appropriate impacts

for users. Previous ATLA recipients will share lessons and examples from their own work. Panelists include Abul Hasanat Mohammed Rezwan (Executive Director, Shidhulai Swanirvar Sangstha, ATLA 2005); Faith Chao (President, Evergreen Education Foundation, ATLA 2004); Silvia Prada (Gerente Biblora, ATLA 2002) and facilitator Rolf Hapel (Library Director, Aarhus Public Libraries, ATLA 2004). The session takes place on Tuesday, 21 August from 08:30 - 10:30.

#### 1) ATLA ceremony description:

#### Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Access to Learning Award (ATLA) Reception

All delegates are cordially invited to attend the announcement of the 2007 Access to Learning Award on Monday, 20 August at 16:00. The Access to Learning Award is given annually to recognize the exemplary and innovative efforts of a public library, or similar organization, outside the United States to connect people to information through free access to computers and the Internet.

## IFLA Satellite Conference: Serials and Other Continuing Resources

The Section on Serials and Other Continuing Resources (SOCR) is very pleased to update the earlier preliminary announcement about our Satellite Conference, which will be held in Cape Town, immediately before the start of the Durban World Library & Information Congress.

Below we provide the URL via which you can see the programme along with speaker abstracts and biographies. This is a very strong and seasoned set of presenters, who will share important information and experiences about implementing Electronic Resource Management Systems in a variety of libraries, including some in Africa.

We will provide ERM information, handouts, and other useful documents at the event, along with transportation to/from downtown Capetown and all

meals during the 1.5 days of the event (3 breaks, 2 lunches, one reception). The main vendors of such systems will be present to answer your specific questions. You will receive a great deal of information about this important and rapidly growing new area of library resource management, all in one time and place.

At this time, the registration form is "live" and final fees are set (with significant reductions for registrants from Africa). Attendees will be responsible for their own transport and accommodation during this event, and the Web site offers many suggestions for your Cape Town stay, at different price points.

<<http://www.library.yale.edu/preifla2007/>>

We hope many of you will be able to

attend this important event, organized by members and friends of SOCRS. We also want to entice you to include beautiful Cape Town in your IFLA travel plans. Our sincerest thanks to all the planners and workers, to the speakers who have accepted, and to the University of the Western Cape for offering its facilities.

We also welcome you to the Section meetings and program in Durban and a strong programme about Serials and Other Continuing Resources in Africa and the developing world.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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