



The 2007 WLIC conference held here at the ICC in Durban is not just about presentations and speeches, an important part of the conference is the exhibition.

Various companies and organizations are on display in the exhibition hall, from national libraries to companies that specialize in digitizing books.

We all know that everything is going digital these days and it is only natural that books go digital too.

One such company that specializes in digitizing books is i2S Digibook. Exhibitor David Dassie was very helpful in explaining how this amazing machine works. The i2S book scanner which is made in France is capable of scanning any type of book but more

specifically the old, fragile books. A main feature of the i2S is that it uses embedded lighting. "What is embedded lighting?" I hear you ask. This means that the scanner uses no artificial aggressive lighting, the software is able to use the ambient lighting and adjust it so there is the correct colour calibration. Another interesting feature is that it is a planetary scanner or distance scanner so one does not have to flip over the book and press it against the glass. This is so the binding does not get damaged. Once the book is

scanned it is able to send it to any connected device, be it a computer or memory stick or server where the images can be stored. This is a brilliant way to make sure that there is digital backup of the written text.

The ingenious book2net scanning machine is also attracting attention. The specialist book scanner scans and digitizes books of all shapes and sizes, in grey-scale or colour. "Such a machine is becoming more and more relevant for libraries and municipalities to be able to turn analogue information into digital,"

says Phil Jones, the Managing Director of REGMA, the South African agent.

Another organization that was strutting their stuff was the Publishers' Association of South Africa (PASA). As the largest South African publishing industry body, their key activities include skills development and training, public relations, international liaison and office management and communication. National Office Manager of PASA, Samantha Faure, said the association's core function at the conference was to launch the catalogue, 'Writing in 9 Tongues' - a catalogue of literature in nine South African languages.

Exhibitions!

A report by Hugh Pines and Craig Lewis, journalism students at the DUT

Motions for Council

Delegates are reminded that the deadline for submitting motions and resolutions to the Secretary General is today, Wednesday 22 August, 12.00.
(IFLA Secretariat, room 21ABC, Durban ICC).



Gilde acquires Royal Swets & Zeitlinger

Royal Swets & Zeitlinger is pleased to announce that its current group of shareholders have agreed to sell 100% of the shares in the company for an undisclosed amount to the Dutch-based investment firm Gilde with participation from Swets' executive management.

After several consecutive years of very strong performance, and seeing the company well positioned for long term growth, the current shareholders of Royal Swets & Zeitlinger decided earlier this year to sell their equity holdings. "We are immensely impressed with how Arie Jongejan, Swets' CEO, and his team turned the company around to its current state of robust financial health", said Roelof Prins of NPM Capital, one of Swets' major institutional shareholders.

"The management of Swets is grateful for the support that it has received from its financial and family shareholders over the period of their

involvement and is very satisfied with the progress we have achieved in recent years" commented CEO Arie Jongejan. "Swets has entered a new phase in which it is driving an aggressive growth strategy which involves geographic expansion, large scale sales force increases coupled with continuously improving customer and publisher service levels. It is in this strategic context that the management is looking forward to working with Gilde to further accelerate its aggressive growth strategy," he continued.

"The Swets management team has a proven track record in delivering material improvements in the performance of the business over time. The fact that the senior management has partnered with us in acquiring this business reflects their commitment and belief in the future growth opportunities of the company. In addition to continuing Swets' highly effective strategy, we aim to further

expand the business in both new and existing markets, and with new services," said Boudewijn Molenaar, Managing Director of Gilde Buy Out Partners. "We look forward to working with Swets as it continues to grow and prosper."

About Swets

Swets is the world's leading subscription services company. We build on more than 100 years of experience to maximize the return on investments in time and money for clients and publishers in today's complex information marketplace. With clients in over 160 countries and more than twenty offices around the world, Swets is a true "long tail" powerhouse that provides the most comprehensive and sophisticated e-commerce platform currently available in its field.

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About Gilde Buy Out Partners

With funds under management in excess of EUR 1.0 billion, Gilde Buy-Out Partners is a mid-market buy-out investor with a geographical focus on the Benelux, Germany, France and Switzerland. We have offices in Utrecht, Paris and Zurich. To learn more about Gilde Buy Out Partners please visit: www.gildepartners.com

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Pre-conference workshop on Information Literacy in Gaborone, Botswana

The IFLA Section on Information Literacy arranged a workshop entitled Developing IL Skills for Problem-Solving as Part of Lifelong Learning took place at the University Library, Gaborone, Botswana, from 13-18 August 2007.

21 librarians and teachers from 4 different African countries, namely Botswana, South Africa, Zambia, Uganda plus Japan, participated. The facilitator was Jesus Lau,

Chair of the IL Section, with assistance from Christina Tovote of Sweden and Babakisi Fidzani of Botswana. Ms Fidzani, deputy director of the University Library, Gaborone, was also the host and chair of the organizing committee.

This was a very practical workshop with Powerpoint presentations introducing each topic followed by examples and discussions, as well as group and individual

exercises. The participants created their own portfolio with an institutional Information Literacy programme to take back home. The exercises were graded and three outstanding portfolios were commended, namely those of Ms Ayanda Lebele and Dr Stephen Mutula, both of Botswana, and that of Ms Yasuyo Inoue, Japan.

The Section would like to thank the sponsors UNESCO, IFLA and the

University Library, Gaborone. This workshop was a great success and the group of 21 participants are now prepared to share their knowledge and the use of the IFLA Guidelines for IL in their respective home institutions and regions.

*Christina Tovote,
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The Cultural Gala has been sponsored by the national Department of Arts and Culture and Minister Z Pallo Jordan will be present.

This evening promises delegates "Africa" - alive with rhythm, vibrant colours and exciting cuisine – the passionate moves of our Zulu Dancers, the meticulous, catchy beat of the Gumboot dancers and the mysterious sounds of the east. Delegates will find themselves tapping their feet to the lively beat as performers take them on a musical dance journey to a township in South Africa. Local bands and artists will entertain with fresh, creative sounds from the African Continent. The evening promises to enrich visitors with memories of our Beautiful Country long after they have left our shores.

CULTURAL GALA

WEDNESDAY 22 AUGUST 18H30

The event will be staged in the City Hall complex from 18h30 to 22h30, using the hall itself. Church Walk and the gardens which will be closed off to the public. The garden will take on an ethnic look for delegates to relax in whilst enjoying the sounds of various solo musicians.

Church Walk will be transformed into a Zulu Village. A marquee will be set up in this area to accommodate all the Zulu activities that will be taking place in this area. Guests will be arriving from secure entrances via Smith Street and West Street. Delegates will have the opportunity to view

and purchase locally made arts and crafts.

The entrance foyer to the hall will feature our Cape Malay and Indian cultures. Durban and Cape Town are renowned for their colourful Cape Malay and Indian markets.

The main hall will be used for the eatery and stage shows. Durban City Hall, famous for its architecture and for hosting international events, will come alive with the pulsating sounds and the various scintillating tastes of the Rainbow nation. There will be 4 food stations decorated to represent our different Rainbow nation cultures, and provide food

from the different cultures to tantalize taste buds. Delegates will be able to meander from stall to stall and sample the food at all food stations in a casual relaxed manner. A cash bar will be available.

A secure VIP dining hall and chill area will be set up on the upper level of the Durban City Hall where the Minister and a small select group of VIP guests will dine. Master of Ceremonies for the event is DUMI KUNENE, well known personality from Durban's East Coast Radio.

Buses will depart the ICC between 18h00 – 19h00 and delegates will be dropped off at the City Hall Complex. Delegates will be returned back to their hotels after the function at 15 minute intervals from 21h30 to 23h00. Come and enjoy the vibrancy, fun and food of this cultural gala event!



Ms Helen Partridge from Brisbane, Australia, today's winner of Scopus "Wear the Pin to Win"

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Librarianship as a Bridge to an Information and Knowledge Society in Africa

Knowledge Management was the theme of the Standing Conference of Eastern, Central and Southern African Library and Information Associations (SCECSAL XVII) in 2006.

This selection of conference papers provides a cross-disciplinary approach to knowledge, information and

development and how the three together can mould a new and more informed society. The challenge is to make our libraries more people-centered and Afro-centric, not simply serving the interests of the elite and paying little attention to the plight of the less well off. This needs to change, with

libraries becoming more inclusive and serving the needs of all.

These papers raise provocative questions, and provide an insight into the struggle of information services in this part of Africa to be part of an emerging information and knowledge society.

- Edited by Alli Mcharazo and Sjoerd Koopman
München: K.G. Saur, 2007, 248 p.
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Continuing Professional Development: Pathways to Leadership in the Library and Information World.

The papers in this new volume form the proceedings of the 7th IFLA World Conference on Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning for the Information Professions, held in Johannesburg, South Africa in August 2007.

They focus on the topic of leadership in the library and information professions,

providing an overview of institutes, programs and activities occurring around the world. Some are described in detail, outlining learning objectives, structure, recruitment and evaluation strategies; others summarise national and international initiatives.

These papers will provide valuable insights to anyone

interested in workforce planning strategies aimed at addressing current shortages of library leaders, as well as those who may have experienced difficulties recruiting to leadership positions and now want to explore the best ways of developing and equipping their own staff with skills to enable them to become the leaders of the future.

- Edited by Ann Ritchie and Clare Walker
Munich: K.G. Saur Verlag, 2007
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Measuring Quality; Performance Measurement in Libraries 2nd revised edition

The first edition of this handbook appeared in 1996 and dealt with academic libraries. It gained wide acceptance and was translated into five other languages.

After ten years this new edition widens the perspective to include public

libraries and adds indicators for electronic services and cost-effectiveness. It offers a set of 40 such indicators and provides practical help by describing sampling and surveying procedures and by giving examples for each indicator. The Handbook is

intended as a practical instrument for the evaluation of library services. Although it aims specifically at academic and public libraries, most indicators will also apply to all other types of libraries.

- By Roswitha Poll and Peter te Boekhorst.
Munich: K.G. Saur, 2007
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DO YOU WANT A VISUAL MEMORY OF THE 2007 WLIC?

Two DVDs relating to the conference are being compiled and will be on sale.

Firstly, the Opening Ceremony: There has been considerable interest in this event, and a DVD of this event (with Justice Albie Sachs's keynote address) has been compiled. It is available at a cost of R90.00.

Secondly, a compilation of snapshots and short excerpts of various conference activities, presentations and

interviews is being compiled. The running time will be between 60-90 minutes and the cost is R200.00. This DVD will be available on Thursday, but arrangements for postage can be made at the relevant desk when payment is made.

Delegates wishing to order either or both of these DVDs should go to the table outside venue 3A, to place orders and make the necessary payment.

Evaluation and Assessment Aficionados, and Junkies

You may have noticed the two conferences announced for the post-IFLA week in Montreal:

- An IFLA satellite conference on Library Statistics for the 21st Century World
- An ARL conference on Valuation and Evaluation

Were you finding it hard to choose? The organizers and sponsors are working together to combine these conferences so no choice is necessary!

The Library Statistics for the 21st Century World:

Valuation and Evaluation Conference is organized by the Montreal Public Libraries Information Network, the Associations of Research Libraries (ARL) and Concordia University. It will be sponsored by ARL and the IFLA Section on Statistics and Evaluation. This is a partnership initiative of IFLA, UNESCO Institute of Statistics, ISO, ARL and SCONUL.

Further information will be available at ville.montreal.qc.ca/biblio and arl.org

New ideas for the follow up of WSIS implementation

About 20 members of the President Elect's Working Group on the Information Society on Monday 20 August to set a new agenda and to gather ideas for the WSIS follow up. IFLA'S important role in the process was underlined in Sunday's UNESCO session by IFLA President Alex Byrne and UNESCO's Abdul Wahid Khan.

The working group will act as link between the IFLA President,

Headquarters and its advocacy unit on the one hand, and the IFLA members that actually do WSIS implementation on the other hand. As IFLA has been appointed by UNESCO as moderator of the sub-theme "Libraries and Archives" of Action Line C 3 'Access to Information and Knowledge', the group members will actively take part in relevant discussion lists and conference, and

"Blow up the Reference Desk" an explosive session with the New Professionals Discussion Group

Over 300 delegates enjoyed breakfast on Monday morning at the New Professionals Discussion Group Session: "Developing New Professionals for the Future".

The session was opened by an inspiring welcome from incoming IFLA President-Elect, Ellen Tise.

Tracie Hall of the Dominican University, Illinois addressed the issue of the lack of ethnic diversity within the profession and highlighted the problems of many information workers in their mid-careers leaving the sector. She urged delegates to completely rethink the way in which libraries work and to "blow up the reference desk".

Ujala Satgoor from the University of Pretoria spoke on the theme of developing leadership skills and what it takes to be a good leader in the LIS sector today, and ended with the astute observation: "Managers control; leaders liberate".

Andrew Cranfield of EBLIDA gave an informal insight into involvement in IFLA and the importance of networking in individual career development. IFLA needs and welcomes participation in the organization.

Veronda Pitchford of the Urban Libraries Council in Chicago concluded the session with an inspiring contribution on the value of job exchanges from her experience with the "Inform the World" programme. She spoke of the practical, professional and pay-back benefits of working with other organizations.

The formal part of the proceedings was followed by an enthusiastic and lively discussion from the packed floor.

The New Professionals Discussion Group was established in 2004 to give New Professionals a voice within IFLA and to facilitate their involvement within the organization. The present convenors are keen to find new enthusiastic people to build on the success of the three sessions held in Buenos Aires, Oslo, and Berlin and to develop and expand the role of the Group.

If you are interested in becoming involved, please send an e-mail to Joanna Ball at jeb30@cam.ac.uk (UK), Andrew Cranfield (The Netherlands) and Loida Garcia-Febo (USA), Co-convenors, New Professionals Discussion Group.

make the voice of libraries heard in the implementation process. Best practice stories from all over the world are communicated to make known libraries' everyday work for a just and

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Mentoring - an opportunity to share ideas

A report by Laeeka Khan, a student at the DUT School of Journalism

On Monday a mentoring session was held in which a group of approximately thirty mentors were assigned to various tables to address questions posed by delegates from, amongst others, public and school libraries. The mentoring process, the first of its kind, was initiated by IFLA and sought to create an opportunity for members of academic and research libraries to network and learn from one another.

Sue McKnight outlined a

broad definition of a mentor and the mentoring process before commencement of the session. She said, "Being a mentor implies a relationship with someone experienced, who is prepared to share their experience with the uninitiated."

McKnight further explained that although the mentee could learn and gain information, the mentor also benefited by confirming their knowledge and reflecting on their practice.

Stephen Marvin, reference librarian and the business/social sciences coordinator at the West Chester University, Pennsylvania, fielded many questions posed by the delegates.

Issues raised were:

- The challenges faced by

academic and public libraries in being able to filter through communication from municipal government.

- Bridging the gap between research libraries whose services are very "query-driven" and public libraries that extend themselves to more community driven service.

Marvin spoke of various innovative library services in USA that could also work in South Africa. Examples of such were American libraries that offered the services of student helpers to assist with homework tasks and research. He also cited a public library offering a novel and useful service to the community: a "Tool Library" service, whereby tools would be lent out to library users.

Attending the session was Patrick Ayanbanji Ojo of the Nigerian Communications Commission. He reflected, "The concepts of internet and telecommunications are fast growing and should be used effectively to rekindle the culture of library. The mobile phone could also be used as a point of contact."

Marvin agreed that if the concept of the library is to develop adequately, steps need to be taken to analyse both the internal and external population of libraries. He argued that if church and religious organizations could extend themselves in terms of services offered, public and academic libraries should aim to do the same.

Mentoring Session a BIG Success

The Academic & Research Libraries (ARL) Section was bold when they suggested turning their two hour session into a mentoring opportunity for new and not so new librarians. The room had been laid out 'cabaret style' with tables and chairs to facilitate discussion.

Each table of delegates was

assigned a mentor from the 30 experienced volunteer. Those interested in research and gaining post graduate qualifications were matched with LIS lecturers; even those interested in school libraries were able to be partnered with an appropriate mentor.

The groups at the tables often represented the United Nations, but there were common themes discussed: how to motivate staff; how to

maintain self motivation; how to develop networks; the role of mentoring versus training. Many mentors promoted active participation on professional associations as an excellent way to extend networks and to develop new skills.

This initiative of the ARL Section was very well received with almost all evaluations rating the session excellent or good. "The mentor really acted as a facilitator, initiating

conversations between those at the table. It was engaging for everyone involved and it seemed to be greatly appreciated" said Sue McKnight, Chair of the Section. "The success could be judged by the fact everyone was still talking at the end of the 2 hour session. There was a real buzz in the room".

On Monday, at a presentation on Indigenous Knowledge (IK), the two key note speakers were Professor Martin Nakata, the chair of Australian Indigenous Education, and IFLA President, Dr Alex Byrne.

A key point highlighted by Nakata was the importance of the continuation of indigenous knowledge. He said that the maintenance of this knowledge is sometimes the only way that indigenous people can show their legal claim to the land. He went on further to discuss the role that libraries could play as the mediator between indigenous people and their indigenous information.

"Indigenous people are willing to step up", he said "in order to assist the libraries in their critical role of liaison."

He posed the following

The importance of Indigenous Knowledge

A report by Charmel Bowman, a student at the DUT School of Journalism

rhetorical questions,

- How can IFLA help agendas to influence change and improvement?
- How can IFLA influence priorities for IK documentation, preservation, delivery of service etc?
- Should there be a plan?
- What would that look like?

Alex Byrne's speech was preceded by a video on the Aboriginal people in Australia. The video highlighted the plight of the Aboriginal people due to unmet rights, rights such as housing and health.

Byrne then briefly spoke on the various ways that IFLA plan on helping Indigenous People.

Some of his solutions were "engaging in rights directly affecting Indigenous People" as well as continuing with discussions into the next year, after the successful discussions that were held previously in Glasgow and Seoul.

At the end of the session 2 questions were raised by Frank Kirkwood from Canada.

Firstly he provided a comparison of Canada and Australia with regard to the rights of the indigenous people. He said that in Canada indigenous peoples rights were protected strongly within the Constitution. This being said he then highlighted the fact that

this protection of rights led to "suppressed anger being brought to the fore". This resulted in clashes between the Native Canadians and the government and armed military forces. He warned the panel to fully understand what they would be getting themselves into.

The second issue that he raised was that of restricted knowledge. He said that certain indigenous groups withheld certain information pertaining to their culture and traditions, but reminded the panel that the first speaker spoke about free information access for all. He questioned whether information should be there for all and challenged IFLA to take a stand on that issue and hence forth deal with it.

The IFLA Information Literacy Section has created a directory of information literacy resources called InfoLitGLOBAL as a project funded by UNESCO. In addition to the directory the IL section has also compiled an IL International State of the Art report. The latest addition to this report is the African region.

A feedback session regarding this work was held on Monday 20 August. The conference room was full with people interested in the project. The idea to have a session with

InfoLitGLOBAL

Visibility for Information Literacy Work

input from the audience was raised at the IFLA conference in Seoul. Due to the IFLA IL cooperation with UNESCO, Dr Abdul Wahid Khan, Assistant Director General from the UNESCO Information and Communication Division, opened the session with an introduction to the concepts of Knowledge and Information Literacy.

After his speech Jesus Lau, project coordinator and former chair of the IL section, presented the Directory and the State of the Art report. There is still a need for improvements regarding the comprehensiveness of the report and the directory and one aim of the session was to get volunteers to help for a better coverage.

In order to achieve useful

feedback, the audience was divided into groups. At the end of the session these groups were reporting about questions raised in their discussions. The session was a success – many persons from different parts of the world offered their help to coverage to gaps recognized in the discussions.

Both the InfoLitGLOBAL directory and State of the Art report can be accessed at www.infolitglobal.info.

Organized by the IFLA Newspapers Section, this session attracted over 100 delegates. Presentations included the situation in Kenya. At Makerere University in Uganda, and at the National Library of south Africa, together with details of the work of the CAMP co-operative in the USA.

An extended period of

African newspapers

Access and Technology

discussion ranged over many issues, including:

- The need for newspaper publishers to archive online versions of recent newspapers, possibly with

national and regional libraries

- The avoidance of duplication of preservation microfilming work, via increased international partnership efforts

- The use of open source software to present digitized newspaper images on the web
- The expense of building digital repositories of newspapers

The Newspaper Section will continue its work to publicize these issues and advocate solutions.

The IFLA Core Activity ALP (Action for development through Libraries Programme) is each year with money from Sida (the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency) supporting young librarians from developing countries to present papers at the IFLA World Library and

ALP

Action for development through Libraries Programme

Information Congresses. The recipients of the speaker's grants this year are: Ms Nafissatou Bakhom, Senegal; Francis Kachala, Malawi;

Maqsood Shaheen, Pakistan; Ms Carina Samaniego, Philippines; Ms Lanyaa Belmekki, Morocco; Cesar Castro, Peru; Octavio Castillo, Panama; Ms Florence

Mdluli, South Africa.

ALP is also administering the Harry Campbell Conference Attendance Grant that was this year awarded to Ms Johanna Mogale, South Africa.

More information about ALP and its activities you will find on poster session number 51 and 79.

Appeal for contributions to the IFLA Fund

The IFLA Fund was established by the Governing Board at its meeting in Oslo in 2005.

The Fund consists of 3 major components:

- **An “Opportunities” component**

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This component supports IFLA’s ongoing membership services, professional activities, and advocacy work.

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