

IFLA Express

News about IFLA 2002: the 68th General Conference and Council of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions, Scotland, 18-24 August 2002

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The Conference in full swing

'The most diverse and wide-ranging library and information event to take place in the UK during our professional lives' is how IFLA Glasgow is shaping up, say the organisers. Where else can you find unrivalled opportunities to meet colleagues from all over the globe, to learn from their perspectives and cascade your new-found knowledge back at your workplace? Social events in one of Britain's most lively and fascinating cities; breakout visits to Edinburgh; a special programme for Carnegie enthusiasts and the major international trade exhibition make it an unmissable event.

Cultural night treat

Generously sponsored by international publishing group, John Wiley and Sons, a superb evening is set to take place in the opulent 2,500 seat Glasgow Royal Concert Hall. Planned by Glasgow City Libraries and the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama – the prestigious conservatoire for music and drama training – the exciting evening performance for all IFLA 2002 full-time attendees and Tuesday flying visitors will include an especially-commissioned finale composed by the newly-appointed Head of Scottish Music, Brian McNeil.



Literary eminence



Two of Britain and Ireland's most eminent writers are to be guest speakers at IFLA Glasgow: Nobel Prize-winning poet Seamus Heaney and Children's Laureate Anne Fine.

Seamus Heaney won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1995 "for works of lyrical beauty and ethical depth, which exalt everyday miracles and the living past". As well as a brilliant poet, Heaney is a leading literary critic and a champion of libraries. He has won many awards, including the Whitbread Book of the Year Award in 1997 for *The Spirit Level* and again in 2001 for his new translation of *Beowulf*. After gaining a first class degree in English from Queen's University, Belfast, he lectured there from 1966 until 1972, playing a major role in the rising

generation of Irish writers. He was Professor of Poetry at Oxford University 1989 to 1994, and is currently the Ralph Waldo Emerson Poet-in-Residence at Harvard University. His latest collection, *Electric Light*, was published by Faber in April 2001.

Anne Fine has over 40 books to her credit. She has won the Carnegie Medal, the Guardian Children's Literature Award, The Whitbread Children's Novel Award (twice) and the Smarties Prize. Her novels have been adapted for the screen most famously as the hit film *Mrs Doubtfire* starring Robin Williams. Her first book, *The Summer House Loon*, was written to cheer herself up when she and her baby were trapped inside their freezing cold Edinburgh flat in a blizzard, unable to get to the library. Many of Anne Fine's titles are comedies, but she also explores weighty issues such as divorce, pregnancy and gender stereotyping. Anne is a famous supporter of libraries. On being awarded the prestigious post of Children's Laureate in 2001 she pledged to use her two years in the role to improve access to good literature for children.



Libraries for life: democracy, diversity, delivery



Affordable IFLA

Fees restructured

There is a new fee structure for attendance at the Conference with the emphasis on affordability for all – and with easy online registration at www.ifla.org.

“Flying Visitor” registration, targeted at time or budget-limited library and information professionals, provides access to the full meetings and social programme for a 29 hour period from 13.00 on Day 1 to 18.00 on Day 2.

With a multitude of parallel meetings, visits and networking social events

occurring on each of the seven day conference period, the GBP125 fee is an alternative to full time registration – which, in itself, is only GBP250 for IFLA members who register before 15 May.

One day only admission is also offered at GBP75 – aimed primarily at those within easy reach of Glasgow – but also attractive, now, to budget airlines Go and Ryanair travellers where fares for early booking passengers from London Stansted start as low as GBP30.

*All fees subject to UK Government VAT tax.

Save money on flights for IFLA Glasgow 18-24 August

American Express in conjunction with British Airways has negotiated some very competitive rates for air travel to Glasgow for your convenience.

If you don't believe us, see for yourself the significant savings you can make...

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HONG KONG	GBP1,507	GBP549.00	GBP958.00	63.57%
LOS ANGELES	GBP747.00	GBP420.00	GBP327.00	43.78%
NAIROBI	GBP970	GBP470.00	GBP500.00	51.55%
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Other special IFLA Fares (exclusive of airport taxes and fees): **Istanbul GBP255; Lagos GBP560; Madrid GBP239; Paris GBP110; Prague GBP279; St Petersburg GBP310.**

For an expanded list of Flight savings see www.ifla.org. For a quotation and booking form email ifla.glasgow@aexp.com or alternatively call or fax +44 (0)1245 429333 (telephone); +44 (0)1245 328919 (fax).



The Exhibition keeps growing and growing

Originally we reserved the SECC's second largest Exhibition space – Hall 5 – believing that 5,000 sq.m plus would accommodate the IFLA 2002 Exhibition comfortably. When that area sold out completely last Autumn we contracted two-thirds of the largest area – Hall 4.

But now, with over 80 companies firmly committed – with stand sizes ranging from 120 down to 9 sq.m (and enquiries and bookings still being received), Joan Thompson, the Library Association's Exhibition Executive, has now redrafted the Floor Plan for a third time.

The entire 10,500 sq.m Hall 4 is now reserved for the largest exhibition ever staged by the Association. Additional space is planned for the Registration and lounge areas, a large Food Court for that all-important networking, a 100 poster session site and a 50 terminal Cyber Centre.

With free exhibition admission expected to attract library professionals from all over Scotland and Northern England, in addition to the anticipated 2,250 IFLA registered participants, it is expected that the Show will be extremely lively!

So make a date in your diary – Monday 19 to Wednesday 21 August for THE major International LIS Exhibition – admission free.



Beyond national boundaries

This is an **exciting and challenging** time for us all in the **library and information profession**.

Throughout the world, Governments are working to transform their countries into information societies. And in the UK, as the Government (and the devolved Administrations) pursues its policy priorities of –

- education (including a particular focus on lifelong learning);
- social inclusion & broadening access;
- development of the knowledge economy;
- exploitation of ICT (information & communications technology); and
- regional cultural and economic strategies

– it has properly recognised the value of libraries to this transformational agenda and has placed them in the vanguard of delivery.

The UK public library service has received substantial enabling investment of GBP270m for the People's Network from the New Opportunities Fund: including GBP100m for the development of technical infrastructure from its Community Access to Lifelong Learning (CALL) programme; GBP20m in grants to train public library staff in ICT; and a GBP50m digitisation programme to support content creation. And Online Learning Centres are being established in all 3,500

public library service points to provide public Internet access and learning support.

We at the British Library are also engaged with this transformational journey. We are: restructuring in support of our strategy, modernising services, and reinforcing our core values around the collections and their exploitation, increasingly in a digital environment. Meantime our new building at St Pancras stands as a confident symbol of the importance of ALL libraries to the nation's cultural, educational and economic success. Researchers love the reading rooms and the much enhanced quality of associated services; visitors marvel at the showcase exhibition galleries; and large parts of the Library's collections are now housed in an environment fitting to their international standing. And when Prime Minister Tony Blair visited us at St Pancras recently to deliver a major policy speech on the modernisation of Britain's public services, he described the British Library as a 'beacon of excellence'.

So, at the beginning of the 21st century, libraries in the UK are looking forward again, with confidence and pride in the vital role they play. And for this reason alone it is felicitous that the UK should be hosting the 68th IFLA General Conference and Council in Glasgow in 2002.

But it is also clear, as we now enter and explore the uncharted territories of the digital world, that if we are to take full advantage of the new opportunities that the e-world offers, we will need to think much more creatively, beyond our

institutional and national boundaries, and certainly collaboratively and on a global scale. There is strong advantage in working together – to establish and promote best practice, to share understanding of user needs, and to create imaginative partnerships to enrich the networked environment, but most importantly, to enhance the lives of people who interact with our collections and expertise in a 'virtual' way.

The IFLA Conference provides a crucial opportunity for the international library and information community to come together to share knowledge, experience, and to collaborate on our shared agenda. I look forward to joining fellow delegates in Glasgow in August.



Lynne J Brindley
Chief Executive,
The British Library

Temptations...



IFLA 2002 builds on past successes while introducing exciting new features.

Many of the world's LIS press articles have praised IFLA 2001 and its organisers, and the IFLA 2002 Glasgow team are looking forward to building on the great success of the Boston conference.

Participants from all countries, and of all races and creeds will receive a very warm welcome. Ayub Khan, Principal Project Officer, Library of Birmingham, United Kingdom and member of the IFLA 2002 Publicity Sub-Committee, says: "Glasgow is a vibrant, multi-ethnic, multi-lingual city with people from all denominations and faiths living together side-by-side. Visitors to IFLA 2002 will receive a warm welcome and will have a chance to experience the culture of this cosmopolitan city."

Indeed, The Welcome is the title of a poem by Glasgow's Poet Laureate, Edwin

Morgan, specially commissioned for performance at the IFLA 2002 Opening Ceremony. Morgan's poem is not the only IFLA 2002-commissioned work to be premiered during the conference – a new musical piece will be performed at the Tuesday cultural evening. And we hope you'll join us in celebrating IFLA's 75th birthday in style. We look forward to meeting you, formally or informally, at one of these events.

The Glasgow conference incorporates some exciting new features, as well as offering the tried and tested favourites that make IFLA so enjoyable.

For example we are setting up a model children's library to encourage a commitment to library services for young people and showcase excellence in layout, design, ICT programmes and children's books. There will be a

storytelling and promotional area, which promises to prove of interest to all participants.

You might also be tempted by the Friday Book Event, which will feature children's and adult authors giving talks and signings. Our contacts with the Edinburgh Book Festival will add to your enjoyment of the sessions.

And you can investigate a completely different mode of service delivery and visit the collection of mobile libraries gathered at the Mobilemeet.

So, as you see... we're pulling out all the stops to give you a memorable conference. E-mail your suggestions to ifla@la-hq.org.uk (if 'organisational' in content) or to ifla@ifla.org (for professional programme matters). If it can be done we'll do it!

Do you have our IFLA 2002 brochure and Accommodation Registration Form? The updated 2002 Edition?

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Conference Themes

Change, conflict, future trends and freedom of information are just some of the wide-ranging themes to be explored by the IFLA 2002's Open Sessions programme.



Bohdana Stoklasova, Deputy Director of the Czech National Library in Prague, will be giving a presentation on the relations between the publishing industry and national bibliographic agencies in Eastern Europe (**Bibliography and National Libraries**).

Lois Mai Chan and Marcia Zeng will discuss the growing need of interoperability among diverse systems. They will focus on projects from the last few years. Lois is Professor at the School of Library and Information Science University of Kentucky. She has been awarded the Margaret Mann



Citation for Outstanding Achievement in Cataloging and Classification given by the American Library Association. Marcia is



Associate Professor, School of Library and Information Science, Kent State University. She is a standing committee member of the IFLA Section on **Classification and Indexing**.

Briony Train, independent researcher at the University of Sheffield and the University of Central England in Birmingham, will be speaking on Reading Promotion at a workshop on 22 August.



Overleaf we have set out in table form how each of the Open Session group programmes fit into the themes of IFLA 2002: **Building on the Past, Investing in the Future, Libraries for Life, Democracy, Diversity, Delivery**.

And on the left we feature some of the speakers.

For more information about the programme visit: www.ifla.org



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Programme

Building on
the PastInvesting in
the FutureLibraries
for Life

Democracy

Diversity

Delivery

Genealogy and
Local History"Building on past, investing in
the future through genealogy
and local history services"

FAIFE*

"Conflicts and Libraries"



National Libraries

"Legal deposit and copyright
laws"

University Libraries

"Change and its impact on staff"

Library and Research
Services for Parliament"Future trends: e-government
and Direct Democracy"

Government Libraries

"National Information Policies"

Social Science
Libraries"Explore yesterday and
discover tomorrow"Geography and
Map Libraries"Digital Preservation &
Dissemination"Science and
Technology"Negotiating with friends
or foes"Health and
Biosciences Libraries"Expanding the scope of the
virtual health library"

Art Libraries

"Is it Art – or is it pornography?"

Division of
Libraries Serving
the General Public"Guidelines for library
services to the blind and
visually impaired"Libraries serving
Disadvantaged
Persons"Library services to
the elderly"Children and
Young Adults"Children and Young Adults
involved in libraries for life"School Libraries and
Resource Centres"From information to
knowledge"Bibliography &
National Libraries"Bridging the gap between
the publishing industry and
national bibliographies"

Cataloguing

"Information and interoperability"

Classification and
Indexing"Compatibility & integration
in subject renewal"Acquisition and
Collection
Development"Collection development and
aspects of Lifelong Learning"

Newspapers

"Newspapers of the British Isles"



IFLA Group

Programme

Building on the Past

Investing in the Future

Libraries for Life

Democracy

Diversity

Delivery

GIOPS*

“Devolution and evolution”



Rare books and manuscripts

“Collaboration in digital projects between libraries, museums and archives”



Reference work

“Globalisation of Reference Services”



Preservation and conservation

“Conservation research”



Library buildings and equipment

“Carnegie libraries... yesterday & today”



Information Technology

“Technology for extending the reach of library solutions”



Audiovisual and multimedia

“Digitisation of audiovisual and multimedia materials for lifelong learning”



Management of Library Associations

“Realising vision for the future”



Women’s Issues

“Women, democracy and participation in the information society”



Education and Training

“Think local, act global: enhancing competencies for a diverse world”



Continuing Professional Education

“The role of library associations in continuing professional development”



Library History

“Libraries in times of adversity: the lifelong use of community libraries in history”



Library and Information Science Journals

“The role of LIS journals in social context: contribution to democracy”



Reading

“National book and reading policies”



User Education

* * * Programme to be announced * * *

Division of regional activities

“Cultural divide: impact on information society”



Africa

“Delivering Information: Services to community challenges in Africa”



Asia and Oceania

“Information literacy: building skills for lifelong learning”



News from IFLA headquarters

Everything you ever wanted to know about IFLA and more!

During the conference, the IFLA staff will be at your service to provide you with information about the work of IFLA, joining IFLA and much more.

Come and find us at the secretariat or at the exhibition booth!

We will also have special items on sale like 'IFLA on tour' T-shirts.

As you may know, IFLA is celebrating its 75th birthday this year and you can count on special draws and celebration events.



You can read more about this in the next IFLA Express.

Carnegie Librarians gather

The first-ever Carnegie Librarians' Worldmeet planned for Sunday 18 August has certainly caught the imagination since the announcement of the programme at IFLA, Boston, last August.



The dedicated website of Gerry Blaikie, for example, is now featured on www.ifla.org and Gerry will be displaying, in our exclusive Carnegie Librarians lounge, Glasgow library drawings and interior photographs dating back to 1907.

Gerry has a passionate interest and his website dedicated to the Carnegie Libraries of Scotland is certainly worth visiting. Not to be outdone, An Chomhairle Leabharlanna (The Library Council of Ireland) is broadcasting a series of half-hour lectures to mark the 100th Anniversary of the first Carnegie Libraries in Ireland.

Contributors will include librarians, historians, educationalists and writers. The series began on RTE Radio on Monday 18 February and continues for 14 weeks until 20 May. It is available on the Internet at www.rte.ie.

The IFLA 2002 Carnegie Worldmeet will include a special programme of lectures (some given in the open sessions of the Library Buildings and Equipment IFLA Section) and a one-day visit to Dunfermline – the birthplace of Andrew Carnegie – where a Civic Welcome awaits the Carnegie group at the Carnegie Museum and at the first public library built in his name.

See the IFLA 2002 brochure (page 19) for further details – or visit www.ifla.org.

Name that hotel...

Our Accommodation List, issued last July, included the three-star 246 bedroom Posthouse Glasgow City. Due to a re-branding exercise this is now the Holiday

Inn Glasgow City – West. Not to be confused with the Holiday Inn – Glasgow; nor the two Express By Holiday Inns – the first known as Glasgow City – Central Station and the second called City Centre Theatreland. Taxi drivers certainly have to stay alert!

The positive news is that Glasgow accommodation is available in a wide range of prices and grades from GBP 27.85 per night – and this for a room with private toilet and shower – and including breakfast and government vat tax.

Ask for the IFLA 2002 brochure, using the Form on **page 4** to obtain a comprehensive list of hotels and an Accommodation Booking Form.

Sorry runners – it's off!

We were premature in announcing reserved places at the Glasgow half marathon for athletic IFLA participants. Despite the healthy, if you pardon the pun, interest in this event, the Organisers – for the first time in years – have changed the traditional Sunday for this event. It will now be held in September.

Sorry. We were hoping to raise funds for IFLA's own charity – 'Books for All'. This is not abandoned – we are now devising alternative fund appeal schemes.

Need a Visa? Act NOW!

If you plan to attend IFLA 2002 please consult our brochure (page 29) or the www.ifla.org current conference website – and follow the guidance given. Your time to apply for a Visa is rapidly running out.

Unfortunately some colleagues intending to visit last year's Boston Conference had their plans thwarted because they delayed their application for Visa entry into the United States.

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