

Council II: Friday, 8 August 2003, 16.00

Seating

All voting delegates are asked to arrive in good time, and to sit towards the front and the centre of Hall 1, for the second Council meeting on Friday, 8 August at 16.00.

This will enable our tellers to count your votes efficiently and quickly.

Voting delegates may, of course, be accompanied by a few advisers, if necessary. But it is important that those carrying the voting cards are near the centre front of the hall.

□ ***RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED FOR COUNCIL II***

Resolution 1

Proposed amendment to new article of the statutes. Council Agenda item 8 (b)

If a quorum is not present at a meeting of Council, the announced business may be transacted subject to gaining a two-thirds majority of those voting members present. Such business may only be implemented if subsequently endorsed by a quorate meeting of the Governing Board. Any decisions made may be confirmed at the next meeting of Council. If a quorum is not present at the subsequent meeting, agenda items requiring confirmation a decision shall be referred to a postal ballot.

Proposed by: CILIP

Resolution 2

World Summit for the Information Society

Whereas the World Summit for the Information Society offers a unique opportunity for the library community to be recognized as the heart of the information society,

And whereas IFLA has already devoted a great amount of work to influence the draft declaration and plan of action of the World Summit for the Information Society,

Therefore be it resolved that library associations and institutions are urged to advocate to their government representatives to the World Summit for the Information Society for libraries as a global public good,

And be it resolved that IFLA calls upon all governments to address the growing gap between the information rich and the information poor, and promote library development programs for poor rural and urban populations, literacy instruction through libraries, and the strengthening of library education programs,

And be it resolved that IFLA urges governments to eliminate fees for basic services broadly construed, assist in developing local content for electronic information services, and provide equitable access to the Internet,

And be it resolved that this resolution be sent to all national library associations and government delegations to the World Summit for the Information Society.

Proposed by: Robert Moropa, President, LIASA; Carla Hayden, President, ALA; Barry Cropper, Chair, CILIP Executive Board

Resolution 3

National Security Legislation

Whereas IFLA understands the need for appropriate national legislation consistent with international conventions to fight terrorism,

And whereas almost all countries have ratified the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, specifically including Article 19,

And whereas IFLA has drawn attention to the consequences for libraries, librarians, and library users of the USA PATRIOT Act,

And whereas national security legislation should not infringe existing civil and privacy rights,

Therefore be it resolved that IFLA deplors the introduction by a number of countries of legislation which violates fundamental human rights to privacy and unhampered access to information in the name of national security, and calls for the repeal or amendment of all such legislation in order to protect these rights,

And be it resolved that this resolution be disseminated worldwide, and specifically sent to all national library associations with a request that they respond on this matter to the FAIFE Office of IFLA.

Proposed by Al Kagan, University of Illinois

Resolution 4

Libraries in Iraq

Whereas IFLA members have been distressed at the damage caused to libraries and other cultural institutions in Iraq,

Therefore

Be it resolved that IFLA members all over the world should encourage their national governments to ratify UNESCO "1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict" and its Protocols particularly the Second Protocol (1999) which will provide for enhanced protection of cultural property and introduce the concept of a cultural war crime.

Be it also resolved that IFLA members should encourage the creation of a national Blue Shield committee in their respective countries.

Proposed by: PAC Core Activity, Preservation and Conservation Section

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INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS

COUNCIL II

16:10 – 18:00 FRIDAY 8th August 2003

Hall 1, SCC, Berlin

AGENDA

13. Opening by President, Christine Deschamps, who will hand over the chair to the incoming President, Kay Raseroka.
14. Establishment of a quorum.
15. Proposals for Amendments to the Statutes

Proposal A:

Proposed amendment to Article 22.2 of the Statutes:

Delete: "together with 3" and substitute "the President-elect; and two."

Proposed by the Treasurer on behalf of the Governing Board.

The result of the postal ballot on this proposal was:

For the proposal: 714

Against the proposal: 3

Abstentions: 1

The proposal was carried.

Percentage of members voting: 30

Percentage of possible votes: 34

The proposal therefore requires a two-thirds majority of the Members present and voting at the Council meeting.

Proposal B: Proposed new Article:

"15.8.3: If a quorum is not present at a meeting of Council, the announced business may be transacted and implemented. Any decisions made may be confirmed at the next meeting of Council. If a quorum is not present at that meeting, agenda items requiring confirmation or decision shall be referred to a postal ballot."

Proposed by the Treasurer on behalf of the Governing Board

The result of the postal ballot on this proposal was:

For the proposal: 706

Against the proposal: 9

Abstentions: 3

The proposal was carried.

Percentage of members voting: 30

Percentage of possible votes: 34

The proposal therefore requires a two-thirds majority of the Members present and voting at the Council meeting.

16. Presentation of the report of the Committee on Copyright and other Legal Matters (CLM) by the Chair, Marianne Scott.
17. Presentation of the report of the Free Access to Information and Freedom of Expression Committee (FAIFE) by the Chair, Alex Byrne.
18. Motions and Resolutions
 - Resolution 1. Proposed amendment to new article of the Statutes. Council Agenda item 8(b), submitted by CILIP
 - Resolution 2. World Summit for the Information Society, submitted by Robert Moropa, President of LIASA, Carla Hayden, President ALA, Barry Cropper, CILIP Executive Board
 - Resolution 3. National Security Legislation, submitted by Al Kagan
 - Resolution 4. Libraries in Iraq, resolution presented by PAC Core Activity and Preservation and Conservation Section
 - Resolution 5. Libraries in Iraq, submitted by Alice Prochaska, Yale University, and Nancy M. Cline, Harvard University
 - Resolution 6. Libraries in Iraq, submitted by CDNL.
 - Resolution 7. Libraries in Iraq. Proposed consolidation of Resolutions 4, 5 and 6
 - Resolution 8. Women's Information Needs, submitted by Mary Biblo, Kalpana Dasgupta, Monica Ertel, Leena Siitonen, Thelma Tate, and Marta Terry
19. Closure of Council.

□ **RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED FOR COUNCIL II** *(Continued from page 2)*

Resolution 5

Libraries in Iraq

Whereas recent UNESCO missions have confirmed destruction and extensive damage in libraries and archives throughout Iraq; and

Whereas IFLA as an advocate for free access to information and freedom of expression, affirms the central importance of libraries to civil society; and

Whereas IFLA as an advocate for the preservation of recorded history and cultural heritage has played a key role in making librarians all over the world aware of the significance of these losses to the Iraqi population and to humanity; and

Whereas discussions at IFLA's 2003 conference have advanced the understanding of the complexities surrounding any efforts to rebuild the library profession in Iraq and the library collections, systems, and buildings throughout the country;

It is urged that governments that have not already done so ratify the Second Protocol of The Hague convention regarding the protection of cultural properties in the event of armed conflict; and

It is urged that IFLA strengthen its communications program to foster understanding of the conditions facing librarians and libraries in Iraq and to develop a global awareness of the impact of those losses, not only for those who would study the past but also for those who depend on libraries to contribute to the rebuilding of civil society, recognizing libraries as an essential part of the social infrastructure; and

It is urged that IFLA encourage its members to work in a collaborative international effort, looking to the International Committee of the Blue Shield as a coordinating body; and

It is further urged that IFLA redouble its actions and also make publicly evident its work in assisting the rebuilding of Iraq's libraries; and further, that this resolution be conveyed to each national member association of IFLA.

Proposed by: Alice Prochaska, Yale University, Nancy M. Cline, Harvard University

Resolution 6

Libraries in Iraq

Considering the events and fatal outcomes of recent armed conflicts, especially in Iraq, in which important parts of national and international heritage have perished or been looted and subject to illicit trade, CDNL strongly urges IFLA to encourage all countries to, as quickly as possible:

1. take appropriate and strong measures to combat illicit trade in cultural heritage, if they have not already done so
2. ratify the second protocol of The Hague convention of 1954, thereby strengthening the international legal framework for the protection of library and archive collections and other cultural heritage items
3. commit themselves to contribute to the restoration of the physical, professional and technological infrastructure of Iraq's libraries.

Resolution of the 30th meeting of the Conference of Directors of National Libraries, Berlin, 6 August 2003 to IFLA

Proposed by Jan Fullerton, Chair, CDNL

Resolution 7

Libraries in Iraq. Proposed consolidation of Resolutions 4, 5 and 6.

Whereas recent UNESCO missions have confirmed destruction and extensive damage in libraries and archives throughout Iraq; and

Whereas IFLA as an advocate for free access to information and freedom of expression, affirms the central importance of libraries to civil society; and

Resolution 7 *(continued from page 4)*

Whereas IFLA as an advocate for the preservation of recorded history and cultural heritage has played a key role in making librarians all over the world aware of the significance of these losses to the Iraqi population and to humanity; and

Whereas discussions at IFLA's 2003 conference have advanced the understanding of the complexities surrounding any efforts to rebuild the library profession in Iraq and the library collections, systems, and buildings throughout the country;

It is resolved that

- IFLA members should encourage all national governments, that have not already done so, to ratify UNESCO "1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict" and its Protocols particularly the Second Protocol (1999) which will provide for enhanced protection of cultural property and introduce the concept of a cultural war crime.
- IFLA should encourage all countries to take appropriate and strong measures to combat illicit trade in cultural heritage, if they have not already done so.
- IFLA encourage its members to work in a collaborative international effort, looking to the International Committee of the Blue Shield as a coordinating body.
- IFLA members should encourage the creation of a national Blue Shield committee in their respective countries.
- IFLA should strengthen its communications program to foster understanding of the conditions facing librarians and libraries in Iraq and to develop a global awareness of the impact of those losses, not only for those whose who would study the past but also for those who depend on libraries to contribute to the rebuilding of civil society, recognizing libraries as an essential part of the social infrastructure.
- IFLA should encourage all countries to commit themselves to contribute to the restoration of the physical, professional and technological infrastructure of Iraq's libraries.
- IFLA should redouble its actions and also make publicly evident its work in assisting the rebuilding of Iraq's libraries; and further, that this resolution be conveyed to each national member association of IFLA.

Resolution 8

Women's Information Needs

Background:

IFLA's Professional Priorities include

- (c) promoting literacy, reading and lifelong learning, and
- (d) promoting unrestricted access to information.

Main thrust of this resolution is on studying information needs of women. This particular issue is a direct outcome of the Satellite Meeting on "Globalisation: Empowering Women through Information. Impact on Information Availability and Use in Society on Women" organized by the Women's Issues Section in Berlin on 31 July 2003.

Women's information needs are specific: they cover social, economic, health, educational and cultural issues that range across women in all sectors of society. Women's information skills vary from basic to the most advanced.

Resolution

As members of the Women's Issues Section we urge the members of all divisions and sections of IFLA to undertake activities to study information needs of women in the member countries in order to enhance information services to women and to the augment women's use of information.

Berlin, Germany, 6 August 2003

Proposed by: Mary Biblo; Kalpana Dasgupta; Monica Ertel; Leena Siitonen; Thelma Tate; Marta Terry. (Women's Issues Section)

□ With Kay in Copenhagen

IFLA's new President, Kay Raseroka, will meet the Danish and Scandinavian library communities at the Royal Library in Copenhagen on **Monday, 1 September 2003.**

Programme

16.30

Welcome to Copenhagen by the Danish Library Association and The Royal Library

IFLA in the 21st century: a political organization in a global society. By Kay Raseroka

Questions and discussion: Moderator, Børge Søndergård

18.00

Drinks

Sponsored by the Danish Bibliographic Centre, The Royal Library and the Danish Library Association.

**The meeting is free of charge.
Please confirm participation by**

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□ IFLANET

Use IFLANET for up-to-date information about IFLA, its conferences and much more. Directly after the conference, all papers received late will be uploaded to make the proceedings as complete as possible. These papers will remain on IFLANET for at least 5 years. Papers from previous IFLA conferences back to 1994 are also available.

□ *Russia Conference*

LIBCOM 2003: 7th International Conference and Exhibition. Zvenigorod, Moscow Region, Russia. **November 17 - 21, 2003.**

Theme: Information technologies, computer systems and publications for libraries.

The conference focuses on: the state-of-the-art and prospects of new information, computer and Internet technologies in library and information daily routine; development of cooperation between libraries and research, cultural, educational and publishing institutions; library corporations; electronic libraries; and legal aspects of the operations of libraries and information producers. The exhibition includes the application of new computer technologies to information business and librarianship, Internet technologies, digital information, CD-ROM products in libraries and information technologies, the book trade and library equipment and materials.

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided at sessions with foreign presentations. Conference participants will be offered a social and cultural program including tours, concerts and banquets.

Online registration is available at: <http://www.gpntb.ru/libcom2003/eng>.

Further information: LIBCOM-2003 Organizing Committee, 12 Kuznetski most, Moscow, 107996, Russia. Tel: +7(095) 923-9998, +7(095) 928-1340, +7(095) 292-5581, +7(095) 923-1249. Fax: +7(095) 921-9862, +7(095) 925-9750. E-mail: libcom2003@gpntb.ru – general requests; libcom.rus@gpntb.ru – regional manager for Russia and CIS participants; libcom.world@gpntb.ru – regional manager for other countries.



They made the Conference a success: IFLA 2003 Secretariat, K.I.T. GmbH, Lambda Logdgc and the 200 volunteers

The IFLA Express Teams



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- École nationale supérieure des Sciences de l'Information et des Bibliothèques
- L'agence intergouvernementale de la Francophonie (l'AIF)

□ IFLA Express Teams, Interpreters and Volunteers

IFLA would like to express its gratitude to all members of the IFLA Express Teams, the Interpreters and the Volunteers for making this conference into the overwhelming success it has become.

Without this group of people that have devoted a lot, if not all their time to IFLA this week, it would have been impossible to achieve this great result.

□ Libraries @ the Heart of the Information Society

Under this title, IFLA in close collaboration with a group of librarians from Switzerland is organising a conference on **3 - 4 November 2003** in Geneva which is a precursor to the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS).

During this conference national delegates to the WSIS will be briefed about the key role that libraries have to play in providing access to information and knowledge.

The group of Swiss colleagues is, of course, here in Berlin. You can meet these colleagues in the vicinity of a poster of "Libraries @ the Heart ..." in the main entrance area of the ICC Conference building today.

□ Conference Papers

Papers received by the deadline of 15 July are all available from the Paper Printing Centre.

All papers and translations received before this deadline are also available from IFLANET www.ifla.org

Papers not received by the deadline of 1 August will not be processed until after the conference. The only exception to this rule is translations of papers which have already been received and have already been coded. Speakers/Officers with late arriving papers are requested to leave a copy with Sophie Felföldi, IFLA HQ Secretariat (room 36). After the conference they will be coded and made available from IFLA Headquarters in The Hague. They will also be available from www.ifla.org

In previous years a CD-ROM containing all Conference Papers, received before the deadline, was distributed to all conference delegates. This is not the case this year. A small supply of CD-ROM's is available for sale from the IFLA Headquarters Secretariat for a fee of Euro 1,-

□ Copenhagen Conference

Freedom of Expression in the Information Society: a Copenhagen Conference. Danish Parliament, Copenhagen, Denmark, **2 September 2003**, 09.00 - 17.00. *Fee:* DKR 150.00 including lunch.

The conference will discuss the global challenge of free information access for libraries, freedom of expression regulation, press freedom and media pluralism and other issues.

Full programme and detailed information: www.dbf.dk/wsjs.

Registration: Danish United Nations Association, tel. +45 3546 7381.

□ *ERPANET Announces ErpaEPRINTS at IFLA2003 Berlin*

In their 1999 report on *Digital Archaeology: Rescuing Neglected and Damaged Data* Resources Ross and Gow used 199 online references. Today, only 32 percent of these resources remain accessible. This lack of persistence remains a continuing cause for concern. ERPANET, in collaboration with Project Daedalus, announced on Wednesday, 6 August at IFLA 2003 (Berlin) an ePrints Service for the Digital Preservation sphere to provide a platform to address this problem. ErpaEPRINTS allows authors and creators to make their works available at a central access point. The service can be found at <http://eprints.erpanet.org>

Key to ERPANET's rationale is the focus on the dissemination of knowledge. To date, workshops and seminars, conferences, case studies, and an online advisory service have all contributed to widening and expanding the knowledge base in this sphere. Now ePrints, with its sister product erpaAssessments, is offering further support and knowledge to the community.

ErpaAssessments was launched in late 2002, and provides high quality commentaries on key literature and projects in digital preservation. Now with the addition of erpaEPRINTS, ERPANET is offering not only value-added commentaries of literature, but helping to make

accessible and preserve the cutting edge primary literature. This service is free of charge to authors and users.

At the outset of its project ERPANET established a long-term preservation strategy to ensure documents created by or accumulated by the project would be available in the future. Materials deposited in the ErpaEPRINTS Archive will benefit from these arrangements.

ERPANET (Electronic Resource Preservation and Network) is a Fifth Framework European Union Funded activity to enhance the preservation of cultural heritage and scientific digital objects. ERPANET partners include Schweizerisches Bundesarchiv, ISTBAL at the Università di Urbino, Nationaal Archief Nederland, Den Haag, and HATII, at the University of Glasgow. For more information about ERPANET events and services see <http://www.erpanet.org>

DAEDALUS is a three-year (2002-2005) JISC funded project under the FAIR programme to build a range of freely accessible institutional repositories at the University of Glasgow. These repositories include published and peer-reviewed papers, working papers, grey literature, and theses. For more information about the DAEDALUS Project see <http://www.gla.ac.uk/daedalus>



□ *Update on Iraq*

In an 'Update Session on Iraq' on Tuesday 5 August, Jean-Marie Arnoult, Inspecteur-général des bibliothèques for the French government, presented the results of his recent mission to Iraq as the only librarian in a UNESCO mission sent to assess the situation of Iraq's cultural heritage after the war.



Bags filled with archival documents in a mosque*

To a packed audience, M. Arnoult explained that, due to the unsettled situation in Iraq, it had been decided to visit mainly libraries under the authority of government ministries - public libraries, public archives, university libraries and religious libraries. He went on to describe the condition of the main libraries and archives which he had been able to visit or about which he had been given information.

In Baghdad, the Iraqi Centre for Manuscripts, which held a large part of Iraq's patrimony, was safe: the building was in a good state and had not been looted. In the months before the conflict, the collection had been transferred to a safe and secret shelter with correct conditions of conservation. However, the Centre's laboratory and restoration unit, which had been housed in a separate location, had been completely looted.

Elsewhere in Baghdad, the situation was much worse. The National Library had been severely damaged, having been burnt and looted twice. After the first fire, library staff and volunteers had moved part of the collections to other locations, but it was clear that the fires

had been well organized: books had been collected together in various places and burned with some kind of fuel which had created temperatures high enough to destroy books, furniture and the structure of the building itself. The National Archives, located in the same building as the National Library, had been largely destroyed by the same kind of fire, although part of the collection had been moved, and fortunately saved, in the same locations as the books of the National Library. The Awqaf Library in Baghdad had also been totally destroyed by fire, with the same method used in the National Library building; only the outer walls were still standing. The Central Library of Mustansiriyah University in Baghdad had not been damaged by fire, but by looting. Some of the stolen collections had later been returned, and it was estimated that only about 2 percent of the collection had been looted.

In Basra, the Central Public Library had been totally destroyed by fire. The outer walls were still standing but were deeply damaged by high temperatures. The method used was probably the same as in Baghdad: use of a specific fuel to activate the fire and completely burn books and shelves. The building of the Central Library of the University of Basra had been looted and vandalised: doors and windows were broken and smashed, as well as the equipment in the reading rooms and the technical services. Shelves, tables and chairs had been looted. Again, the collections had been gathered together and burnt; it was thought that about 75 percent of the collections had been destroyed.

The situation in Mosul was much better. Although there was some external damage to the Central Public Library, the inside appeared to be in good condition, and no looting seemed to have disturbed the library. The Central Library of the University of Mosul had been vandalised and looted, but not burnt.

Appeals in the local mosques condemning theft and requiring the restitution of stolen books had produced good results; only about 30 percent of the books had been lost. This library was a good example of cooperation between scholars and representatives of the coalition forces. With help and funds from the US forces, new tables, chairs and furniture had been quickly acquired and necessary repairs completed. Library employees had also made tremendous efforts to clean the library and university professors, on their own initiative, had contacted foreign colleagues to send books to replace those lost.

M. Arnoult identified four main types of action needed to improve the situation: reconstruction of buildings; reconstruction of collections; retraining of personnel; and administrative and legislative reorganization.



National Library, part of the stores*

The impact of the presentation was increased by the presentation of numerous coloured photographs of the damaged and destroyed libraries and archives. Members of the audience were clearly moved by these horrific images, and various pledges of assistance and suggestions for programmes of action were put forward during the discussion. The full text of M. Arnoult's report is available on IFLANET at:

<http://www.ifla.org/VI/4/admin/iraq2407.htm>

*Photos by Jean-Marie Arnoult

□ Brainstorming Success

Some 128 participants from 39 countries contributed their ideas on the practical application of the President-Elect's theme, 'Libraries for Lifelong Literacy', in a highly successful brainstorming session held in hall 14.2 from 10.45 – 12.45 on Wednesday, 6 August. The discussions focused on specific ways in which IFLA's Divisions and Sections could support this theme through actions to be included in their 2003 - 2005 strategic plans.

Reports on the findings of the various groups will be submitted to the appropriate Divisional Coordinating Boards for further consideration, and a summary report on the proceedings will be published in a forthcoming issue of *IFLA Journal*.

□ Uganda Conference

SCECSAL XVI. 16th Standing Conference for Eastern, Central and Southern African Library and Information Professionals. Kampala, Uganda, **5 - 9 July 2004**.

Theme: Towards a knowledge society for African development.

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□ Nordic Conference

NCSC 2004. 2nd Nordic Conference on Scholarly Communication. Lund, Sweden, 26 - 28 April 2004.

Theme: Towards a new publishing environment.

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□ Call for Poster Presentations

World Library and Information Congress 2004

22 - 27 August 2004, Buenos Aires, Argentina

An alternative approach for the presentation of projects/new work will be available for conference participants. An area on the conference premises has been designated for the presentation of information regarding projects or activities of interest to librarians. Presentations may include posters, leaflets (etc.) in several of the IFLA working languages (English, French, Spanish, German and Russian), if possible. Further advice on poster sessions may be obtained from IFLA Headquarters. The Professional Committee of IFLA will review all submissions.

Colleagues interested in presenting a poster session are invited to submit the form which can be found on IFLANET www.ifla.org

TIME SCHEDULE:

15 February 2004: Deadline for receipt at IFLA Headquarters of the application form and a detailed description of the poster session.

15 April 2004: IFLA Headquarters will inform applicants of the final decision of the Professional Committee.

[NOTE: Only submissions on the official forms can be accepted. Please see www.ifla.org for the Submission Form, or contact IFLA Headquarters, ifla@ifla.org]



□ Iranian Gift to Austria and Czech Republic

The Iranian Parliamentary Library has published editions of some of its rarest manuscripts over the past few years. Some 40 volumes have appeared in this series and about 70 more are in preparation. The Iranian librarians attending the IFLA conference were proud to donate some of these new publications to the national library of Austria and the parliamentary library of the Czech Republic during the IFLA preconference last week in Prague.

□ Argentinian Surprise!

IFLA 2004, Buenos Aires, will be officially announced at 14.15 on **Friday, 8 August** in Hall 1. Besides presenting the names of the lucky winners of a free registration, you will all enjoy a nice surprise! Don't miss it!

IFLA 2004 Buenos Aires National Organizing Committee.



□ Libraries That Built Canada

Libraries That Built Canada is the title of a calendar of black-and-white photos of Canadian libraries which is available on request from:

ExLibris Association, c/o Dean's Office, Faculty of Information Studies, University of Toronto, 140 St. George Street, Toronto, Canada M5S 3G6. Copies are also available on exchange for annual reports of other library associations for the year 2003.

Harry Campbell

□ *Fairy Tales and much more of Grimm Brothers in the Roof Garden Foyer*

In addition to the storytelling session with Sabine Lutkat on **Friday, 8 August** from 10.00 - 11.15 in the Roof Garden Foyer, the IFLA 2003 team is happy to present a small exhibition and a slide presentation on the life and works of the Grimm Brothers.

On Friday, from 9.30 - 14.00, the Museum of the Brothers Grimm (Kassel, Central Germany) and the International Association of the Grimm Brothers present a small exhibition in the Roof Garden Foyer of the following contents:

1. Chronology of Life and Work
2. Hessian, German or European Fairy Tales
3. Between Popular Tradition and Art Form - The children- and Household Stories
4. The Foundation of Modern Germanic Philology
5. The Political Activities of the Brothers Grimm
6. European Philology

On Friday, at 12.00, Bernhard Lauer, the director of the Museum of the Grimm Brothers, will introduce the life and the works of the Brothers with special reference to the life and work in their last years in the Prussian capital Berlin.

During the exhibition, special information leaflets and posters are available.

The scholarly and the political contributions of Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm were not limited to Germanic languages, literatures and folk traditions. In contrast, they maintained professional and personal relationship to many important scholars, writers and artists of their time.

Particularly because they knew the history of their own people as thoroughly as they did their understanding of other cultures and traditions was sophisticated and open-minded.



Kay Raseroka meets 100 German LIS students

□ *A First Timer at the 69th General Conference*

With support from the Institut Franco-phonie des Nouvelles Technologies de l'Information et de la Formation (INTIF) of the Agence Intergouvernementale de la Francophonie (AIF), I am participating for the first time at the IFLA Congress and Conference. I will be leaving with a lot of experiences that will be useful for me to manage my Documentation Centre. In particular, I followed with great interest the workshops on new information and communication technologies, especially the digitization of information systems.

I was also impressed by the paper presented by M. Adama Samassékou on the World Summit on the Information Society and the appeal he made for shared expertise and knowledge between nations. Nevertheless, I regret the lack of simultaneous interpretation, especially in French, in many workshops which were very interesting for me. This lack of interpretation did not help participants who could not understand the language of the speaker and diminished

the relevance of the message. Also, the overloaded programme did not help me to follow all the meetings in my interest. However, I am very satisfied to have attended this IFLA conference, because I made a lot of contacts with professionals from other countries and exchanged ideas and experiences with African colleagues and others from developed countries as well as from developing countries.

I commit myself to put into practice the knowledge and experience gained from the conference in order to improve the management of my documentation centre for a better satisfaction of the users' needs. All my deep gratitude and thanks to INTIF for giving me this wonderful opportunity to attend the IFLA conference.

M. Pascal Soubeiga, boursier de l'INTIF, Burkina Faso.

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□ IFLA Express in Russian in Buenos Aires

The Russian edition of IFLA Express at the World Library and Information Congress in Buenos Aires in 2004 will be translated and sponsored by the Russian State Library (RSL). This decision was made by RSL Director-General Dr. Victor Fedorov at the CIS Caucus meeting on 1 August 2003.



□ Boat and Bike Libraries for Nigeria

At the Mobile Libraries Section session on Wednesday 6 August, Dr. James Daniel, President of the Nigerian Library Association, outlined steps being taken to establish boat and motorbike library services in Nigeria. The presentation was part of the status report on a feasibility study under way for the country. Cosponsors of the project include the National Library of Nigeria and the IFLA Mobile Libraries Section in association with Rutgers University Libraries.

□ Berlin Registrations

A total of 133 countries were represented at the World Library and Information Congress in Berlin, which was attended by 4560 participants, including 1182 first-timers. A more detailed analysis of the registration statistics will appear in IFLA Express no. 8, to be published after the Congress.



□ Thanks to ALP and Harry Campbell

As recipient of the IFLA ALP Harry Campbell Conference Attendance Grant for 2003, I wish to express my sincere gratitude for this grant, which enabled me to travel to this conference in Berlin. Thank you for realizing that library professionals from certain countries have been unable to participate in IFLA's annual conferences.

My participation in this conference has been professionally enriching. I look forward to sharing these experiences with professional colleagues in Cameroon. Special thanks go to Birgitta Sandell of the ALP office in Sweden.

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□ Peru National Library

Peru National Library, founded by liberator D. José de San Martín in 1821, needs a new building to achieve its main aim: preserve the cultural heritage of its nation. As the current building is not suitable anymore, Peru has started a "Collaboration Campaign" to get fundings.

We would like to encourage all delegates, professionals, institutions and countries attending to the 69 IFLA Conference to help us in this challenge.

If you are interested in collaborating, please contact us at dn@binape.gob.pe

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□ *Smart Cape Receives 2003 Access to Learning Award*

In Berlin on Monday, 5 August 2003, Smart Cape Access Project of Cape Town, South Africa was recognized with the 2003 Access to Learning Award for its innovative efforts to connect residents, particularly in low-income neighborhoods, with no-cost public access to computers and the Internet.

The Smart Cape pilot project was implemented in 2002, when the city installed computers and Internet access in six libraries that primarily serve disadvantaged neighborhoods. This was the first program to bring free access to computers and the Internet to Cape Town residents and a first for South Africa.

In a city where more than 60 percent of residents have never used a computer, Smart Cape has had a tremendous response. More than 7,000 people use the computers each month. The Smart Cape computers have made a measurable and remarkable difference in the lives of many Cape Town residents. Local government, public libraries and private enterprise have formed a unique partnership to support the project. In setting up the system, the city of Cape Town supplied refurbished computers, and Xerox and CableCom Ltd. donated printers and network cables. Smart Cape plans to use the USD 1 million award to install Internet terminals in all Cape Town libraries, upgrade existing equipment and implement training programs.

□ Virtual International Authority File

On Wednesday 7 August 2003, representatives of the Library of Congress, OCLC and Die Deutsche Bibliothek (the German national library) signed a Memorandum of Understanding for a project to build a Virtual International Authority File (VIAF). In this project the author names of the Library of Congress Name Authority File (LCNAF) and the German Name Authority File *Personennamendatei* (PND) will be compared by means of the title data and then matched permanently into a Virtual International Authority File.

The VIAF is planned to enable users to search for all forms of names that are used in the national authority files and to access the attached title data. Moreover, the VIAF is an important step in building the semantic web. IFLA's Cataloguing Section and the Working Group FRANAR have been working for a long time to realize their concept to overcome terminological barriers between the national authority files and thus overcome language as well as script barriers between nations by creating a Virtual International Authority File. This vision now becomes reality!

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□ **Frederick Thorpe Award**

The Department of Library, Archive and Information Studies at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria, has won the first IFLA Section of Libraries for the Blind Ulvercroft Frederick Thorpe Award for organizations, worth GBP 15,000, for its project, 'Setting up a computerized catalogue and distribution database for visually impaired people in Nigeria'.

The official announcement of the winner was made at the IFLA Section of Libraries for the Blind Conference in Marburg, Germany on 28 July 2003.

□ **Symposium in Turkey**

Symposium 'The Saga of Librarianship'. National Library of Turkey, Ankara, Turkey, 21-24 October 2004. Fee" EUR 100.00.

This symposium is being organized to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Department of Information and Records Management of the University of Ankara.

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□ ***New Members***

IFLA is very pleased that 16 new members representing 14 countries have joined the Federation during the past week. We extend a warm welcome to:

National Association Members

ANMBAD/Guinea, Guinea
Associations des Documentalistes du Gabon, Gabon

Institutional Member

International Children's Digital Library, United States

Personal Affiliates

José Adalberto Fusterretali, Argentina
Jeane Dos Reis Passos, Brazil
Phil Smith, Canada

Personal Affiliates

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Inka Behn, Germany
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Hesbon A. Shikuku Kionge, Kenya
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Chinwe A. Agbakoba, Nigeria
Bronzislav Zurawski, Poland
Peter Lor, South Africa

Student Affiliates

Rosidalia Garcia Salazar, Guatemala
Dick Kawooya, Uganda

□ ***Crimea Conference, 2004***

Crimea 2004: 11th International Conference. Sudak and other Crimean towns, Crimea, Ukraine, June 5 - 13, 2004.

Theme: Libraries and associations in the transient world: new technologies and new forms of cooperation.

The Crimea 2004 Conference is held under the auspices of IFLA. It aims to bring together librarians, information experts, publishers, booksellers, teachers, managers, and students. Exhibits will be present information products, services, automated systems, software packages, CD-ROM products, books, journals, and other publications. Every year, the Crimea Conference attracts over 1,500 participants from 40 countries worldwide. There will be 17 sections, 20 workshops and 10 round tables at Crimea 2004. Interpretation will be provided at all meetings. There will also be a social and cultural activities program including tours, concerts, banquets and fireworks.

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