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READ Nepal wins Access to Learning Award

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has presented its 2006 Access to Learning Award of USD 1 million to Nepal's Rural Education and Development (READ), a non-governmental organization based on Kathmandu. The award was presented at the WLIC in Seoul on 21 August in recognition of READ's pioneering approach to providing no-cost public access to computers and the Internet to residents, and its commitment to promoting information and literacy.

READ works with local communities in Nepal to establish rural community libraries throughout the country that act as centers for information and learning. The libraries offer Nepali books and publications, educational materials, computers, and Internet access and provide a community hub to coordinate various forms of assistance to villages. Since 1991, READ has established 39 self-supporting community libraries throughout Nepal, providing seed funding to establish the libraries and train librarians, and launching income-generating enterprises in communities to help pay for the library over the long term.

The Access to Learning Award will help support READ's library development projects and expand its capacity to provide information technology to communities throughout Nepal.

The Access to Learning Award has been administered by the Council on Library and Information Resources since 2002. In 2007, the International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications (INASP) will begin administering the award.



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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

IFLA will use funds to engage in new initiatives and develop new programmes and services for its members.

A “Disaster Relief” component

IFLA can collect funds to be allocated to selected projects to assist in the aftermath of natural or man-made disasters affecting libraries whenever and wherever they occur.

A “Pillars” component

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

Everyone who contributes to the IFLA Fund will receive an IFLA key ring as acknowledgement and thanks for their support!

Donation forms may be submitted at the IFLA Secretariat in the COEX (room 317). Cash contributions can be made at the Secretariat or at the IFLA booth in the exhibition (booth # 84).

I would like to contribute to the IFLA Fund

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Meet IFLA's Professional Groups!

IFLA's Exhibition Booth (84) is staffed by the IFLA HQ Staff and the organisers of the 2007 and 2008 IFLA World Library and Information Congress. During the conference week, IFLA's officers will also be available at the booth to answer questions about their activities and to display results of some of their projects. To meet the officers and to get first-hand information, the schedule for the booth on **Tuesday, 22 August** is:

<p>10.00-11.00 ALP Africa Asia & Oceania Latin America & Caribbean</p> <p>11.00-12.00 Public Libraries Metropolitan Libraries Library Services to Multicultural Populations Public Libraries & Democratic Process</p> <p>DG</p> <p>12.00-13.00 Libraries Serving Disadvantaged Persons Libraries for the Blind Reading</p> <p>13.00-14.00 Bibliography Cataloguing Classification & Indexing UNIMARC</p> <p>14.00-15.00 Library & Research Services for Parliaments Government Libraries Government Information & Official Publications</p> <p>15.00-16.00</p>	<p>CLM Health & Biosciences Libraries Knowledge Management</p> <p>16.00-17.00 Genealogy & Local History Agricultural Libraries</p> <p>Wednesday 23 August</p> <p>10.00-11.00 Audiovisual & Multimedia Social Science Libraries Information Technology</p> <p>11.00-12.00 Reference & Information Services Document Delivery & Interlending ICABS</p> <p>12.00-13.00 Newspapers Serials & other Continuing Resources Libraries for Children & Young Adults</p> <p>13.00-14.00 PAC Preservation & Conservation Rare Books & Manuscripts</p> <p>14.00-15.00 Acquisition & Collection Development Library History Management of Library Associations</p>
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LSDP 75th Anniversary

The Libraries Serving Disadvantaged Persons session in rooms 102-104 on Tuesday 22 August (0830-1030) celebrates the 75th anniversary of the Section, which was founded in 1931.

STRATEGIC ALLIANCE FOR WSIS IMPLEMENTATION

In a bid to foster the role of libraries as key players in building people-centred, inclusive and development-oriented societies, UNESCO and IFLA will establish a strategic alliance as part of their contribution to implement the decisions of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS). The decision was announced at WLIC 2006 on 20 August by Abdul Waheed Khan, UNESCO Assistant Director General for Communication and Information and Alex Byrne, IFLA President.

The alliance will aim at establishing common strategic approaches and projects to implement library-related parts of the Declaration of Principles and the Geneva Plan of Action adopted by WSIS in Geneva in 2003 and endorsed in Tunis in 2005.

UNESCO and IFLA will shortly establish a mid-term strategic plan of cooperation in areas such as libraries and community access, information literacy and the role of libraries in ensuring cultural diversity. A special focus will be on developing digital libraries worldwide.

Pick up your voting documents!

All voting delegates are asked to collect their necessary voting papers at the IFLA Voting Office located in the Secretariat offices in *Room 317 at the COEX Convention and Exhibition Centre*.

Voting papers will be distributed only to those delegates who are in possession of the IFLA Voting Card 2006, duly signed by the appropriate authority.

The IFLA Voting Card was sent to all members whose membership fees for 2006 have been paid.

The Voting Office will be open in the Secretariat every day.

Please collect your voting papers as early as possible. **Please do not leave it until the last minute!**

Voting takes place at the Council Meeting on Thursday, 24th August 2006, in the COEX Convention and Exhibition Centre, Room 102-104, from 15.00-18.00.

All Association Members of IFLA are asked to make sure they bring their voting papers and especially the Quorum Card to the Council Meeting!



Seoul Satellite Success

A Satellite meeting on Resource Sharing, Reference and Collection Development in a Digital Age – a Practical Approach was held from 16-18 August 2006 at the newly opened National Library for Children and Young Adults in Seoul. It was sponsored by the IFLA Sections on Acquisition and Collection Development, Document Delivery and Resource Sharing, and Reference and Information Services.

The meeting was directed at practitioners primarily working in libraries in the region. It was hoped that this would be the first in a series of training workshops giving the three sections the opportunity to disseminate information on the IFLA principles, guidelines and best practice to practitioners in that particular region.

The meeting had 60 participants, more than half of whom were from Korea and the region. Participants came from 17 countries all over the world. The facilities and arrangements were excellent, thanks to Library Director Sook Hyeun Lee and her staff and the Chief Executive of the National Library of Korea Dr Kyungsang Kwon. The hospitality shown by the hosts was outstanding and it created a perfect working

environment for the meeting.

The former president of the Korea Library Association, Dr Lee Doo Young, challenged the meeting participants in his keynote speech to redefine the information gap by broadening the definition to include not just technology but knowledge and culture in the equation. The three sections considered the challenge in terms of providing services to users.

The first session covered acquisitions and collection development, presenting the



activities and publications of the section and introduced components of the planned manual on selection, acquisition, delivery and management of electronic resources. Subsequent

presentations guided participants through some of the issues and pitfalls of selecting, negotiating and managing electronic resources. Lessons learned include paying attention to license and subscription details, developing expertise, meeting user needs and the reporting requirements of organisations which are increasingly requiring COUNTER compliant statistics. It also stressed the importance marketing e-resources.

The document delivery session commenced with an overview of the activities of the IFLA section, particularly highlighting the new guidelines, and the ILFA voucher payment scheme. The session covered improvements in services, beginning with the Bucheon City (South Korea) libraries, which have opened interlibrary loans between the city and small library services. KISTI (Korea Institute on Science and Technology Information) demonstrated that technology and negotiation can deliver excellent results in the provision of interlibrary loans to students, the education sector and business. Open access offers benefits to ILL practitioners, allowing them to direct users to these documents and services; linking reference services and document delivery were also covered.

The IFLA digital reference guidelines set the tone for the final session, advising participants to consider both technical policy and user issues in setting up such a service. The National Diet Library (Japan) highlighted the advantage of cooperating with other libraries' reference services by developing a collaborative database of questions and answers.

The general feedback suggested continuing this type of practice-oriented event in the future.

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Volunteers

Approximately 200 volunteers, the majority Korean Library professionals and students, will be working during the IFLA World Library and Information Congress and are most happy to assist you. Volunteers are wearing special blue vests and name badges that make them easily identified, generously sponsored by EBSCO.



LOST!

I have lost a black file (leather-like) covered with paper and with stickers on the cover. It contains handwritten notes and (importantly) my appointments.

Please, if you find it, bring it to the IFLA office in Room 317. It is very important for me.

Gregory Miura, Bibliothèque nationale de France

Global Statistics – CORRECTION

The contact details at the end of the item on global statistics in IFLA Express no. 4 were given incorrectly. The correct details are:

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