

# **IFLA Express 8**

## **The final Chapter from Québec**

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### **Québec Congress great success!**

With approximately 3000 people having passed through the doors of the Québec City Conference and Convention Centre, the IFLA World Library and Information Congress in Quebec, Canada was a great success!

Being in the heart of Canada's French speaking part, the conference had a bilingual character, showing, amongst other things, in the great number of papers given in French, but also a great number of translations of conference papers into French.

### **Facts and Figures about the conference**

- 2354** Full time delegates
- 226** Day registrations
- 158** Accompanying persons
- 35** Exhibition visitors
- 275** Volunteers
- 1027** First timers
- 118** Countries represented
- 44** Grantees thanks to generous grants
- 120** Exhibitors combined to an exhibition of
- 1289** Square metres
- 224** Meetings
- 45** Meetings with Simultaneous Interpretation
- 137** Poster Sessions
- 17** New members joined IFLA

### **Country Representation**

We are very pleased to announce that the host country, Canada, was the country with the largest representation, 630 delegates!

Runners up were:

USA	463
France	112
Korea, R. of	103
China	96



- 245** Conference Papers in all languages
  - 224** papers/ translations in English
  - 143** papers/ translations in French
  - 10** papers/ translations in German
  - 17** papers/ translations in Russian
  - 41** papers/ translations in Spanish
  - 14** papers/ translations in Chinese
  - 4** papers/ translations in Arabic

### **Call for Poster Sessions IFLA 2009**

This year in Quebec there were over 130 Posters which combined to a very interesting and well-visited exhibition. The Call for Poster Sessions for the 2009 World Library and Information Congress in Milan can be found on the IFLA web site: <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla75/call-postersession-en.htm>

The deadline for proposals is **13 February 2009**, be sure to send in your proposal in time

## IFLA/OCLC Early Career Development Fellowship program 2009

On the 11<sup>th</sup> of August Jay Jordan, OCLC President and CEO, OCLC, named the named librarians chosen to participate in the Jay Jordan IFLA/OCLC Early Career Development Fellowship Program for 2009

The 2009 Jordan IFLA/OCLC Fellows are:

- Mr. John Kiyaga, Library Assistant, Uganda Christian University, Mukono, Uganda
- Miss Ani Minasyan, Circulation/Reference Librarian, American University of Armenia, Yerevan, Republic of Armenia
- Mr. Caleb Ouma, Librarian, Nation Media Group, Nairobi, Kenya
- Miss Saima Qutab, Librarian, Directorate General Mines & Minerals, Lahore, Pakistan
- Mr. Raymond Sikanyika, Senior Library Assistant, Copperbelt University, Kitwe, Zambia
- Ms. Vesna Vuksan, Head, Library Development, Belgrade City Library, Belgrade, Serbia

The Jay Jordan IFLA/OCLC Early Career Development Fellowship Program supports library and information science professionals from countries with developing economies. The program provides advanced continuing education and exposure to a broad range of issues in information technologies, library operations and global cooperative librarianship. Since its inception in 2001, the program has welcomed 44 librarians and information science professionals from 28 countries.

"This year's class adds representatives from Armenia and Zambia, two countries not previously represented in the program," said Mr. Jordan. "We are delighted to have such an outstanding group of enthusiastic library professionals to participate in this year's program. As I always tell the Fellows during their first week on our campus, we will learn more from them than they will learn from us."

During the five-week program, which will run from April 26 through May 31, 2009, the Fellows will participate in discussions with library and information science leaders, library visits and

mentoring programs. Four weeks will be based at OCLC headquarters in Dublin, Ohio, USA, and one week will be based at OCLC in Leiden, Netherlands. Topics and issues explored include information technologies and their impact on libraries, library operations and management, and global cooperative librarianship.

Visits to selected North American and European libraries, library organizations, and cultural heritage institutions provide an opportunity for Fellows to meet leading practitioners and discuss real-world solutions to the challenges facing libraries today. By observing an OCLC Members Council meeting, the Fellows gain insight into issues affecting global library cooperation and are exposed to the governance of a global library cooperative.

Fellows turn their learning and experiences into specific professional development plans that guide their continued growth as well as their personal contributions to their home institutions and country of origin.

In May 2008, the OCLC Board of Trustees announced that OCLC would expand the program to include a sixth Fellow and that the program would be renamed the "Jay Jordan IFLA/OCLC Early Career Development Fellowship Program" in honor of Mr. Jordan's 10th anniversary as President and CEO of OCLC.

"Jay Jordan has been a tireless advocate for global library cooperation," said Larry Alford, Chair, OCLC Board of Trustees and Dean of University Libraries, Temple University. "Jay has met with librarians around the world to forge partnerships that benefit libraries and their users. He led the creation of the IFLA/OCLC Fellowship Program, and it is fitting that the OCLC membership honors Jay by naming this successful program after him."

The list of program sponsors now includes OCLC, IFLA, and the American Theological Library Association.

The organizations that sponsor the Fellowship program are seeking additional sponsorships from other interested organizations.

More information is available from George Needham, Vice President, OCLC Member Services at [needhamg@oclc.org](mailto:needhamg@oclc.org).

Application information for the 2010 Fellowship Program is available on the OCLC Web site [www.oclc.org/community/careerdevelopment/fellows/](http://www.oclc.org/community/careerdevelopment/fellows/).

## Thank you language teams!

A special thanks to all the language teams who, as in many of the past years, have helped to make the IFLA World Library and Information Congress a truly international event!

Their hard work for the simultaneous interpretation of conference sessions, the translations of conference papers and the translations of IFLA Express are highly appreciated by many of the conference delegates.

This year, IFLA had hoped to have included Arabic as the 7<sup>th</sup> Simultaneous Interpretation language. Unfortunately due to visa problems it was not possible to get the full team to Canada. The Canadian National Committee were able to find 2 interpreters who covered the Opening Session. The other Arabic colleagues who did manage to come to Quebec worked very hard to get the first year of Arabic IFLA Express ready every day.

## Did you enjoy yourself?

Then come to Milan next year!

Mauro Guerrini, Chair of the Milan National Committee invited all delegates present at the closing ceremony to come to Milan, Italy next year!

The 2009 conference has the following theme “Libraries create futures: Building on cultural heritage”.

Please join us in what will certainly be another very interesting and successful conference.

## We hope to see you in Milan in 2009!

Please see [www.ifla.org](http://www.ifla.org) for more information.



## IFLA 2011 to be held in San Juan, Puerto Rico!

And while we are on the topic of future conferences, it is our pleasure to announce that the World Library and Information Congress 2012 will be held in San Juan Puerto Rico!

During the closing session Luisa Vigo-Cepeda, Executive Secretary Association of Caribbean University, Research and Institutional Libraries (ACURIL), thanked the IFLA Governing Board for its decision and expressed her joy to all delegates, inviting them to San Juan in 2011.

## IFLA Awards and Honorary Fellowships

During the Closing Session, Claudia Lux, President of IFLA, handed out the following Awards:

### IFLA Scroll

*Melvin Thatcher*

In grateful recognition for his service to IFLA and, especially, in his function as Chair of the Standing Committee of IFLA's Genealogy and Local History Section

### IFLA medal

*Adolfo Rodriguez Gallardo*

In recognition of distinguished service to IFLA and the international library community, especially in promoting librarianship in developing countries

### Rima Kupryte

In recognition of her groundbreaking work with the Open Society Institute and eIFL in sharing information at a global level. Québec City, 2008

## Farewell to Peter Lor

At the closing session Claudia Lux spoke some warm words on the occasion of the farewell to Peter Lor, Secretary General of IFLA 2005-2008

Peter himself commented:

“This has been an exciting, challenging and absorbing job. It has been an honour and a privilege to serve IFLA in this position, in which I have made many friends and have shared many wonderful experiences.”

Peter has been appointed as a visiting professor at the School of Information Studies, University of Wisconsin Milwaukee, USA.

## Looking back on the Congress

Many people have tried to capture the Congress in photos, videos and words (blogs). The IFLA website offers to offer links to a selection of items. Go to: <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla74/post-congress.htm>

