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SPOTLIGHT

Message from IFLA RSCAO Chair

Dear colleagues,

Time flies and my tenure as Chair, IFLA-RSCAO will end in August 2019. I served the section in different capacities as Member, Sub Regional Convener for South Asia, Secretary and Chair during 2007 – 2019. I will continue to work with the section till 2023.

I would like to thank Tina, RSCAO Secretary, Lin Li, Regional Manager and all colleagues of RSCAO and Regional Office for their invaluable support. I will join IFLA Governing Board during IFLA WLIC 2019 at Athens and continue to serve you all in my new role as Chair, IFLA-Division V (Regions).

Wish you all the best and see you all in Athens. [\[link\]](#) [\[link\]](#) [\[link\]](#)



Sanjay K. Bilahari
Chair, IFLA Regional Standing
Committee for Asia & Oceania Section

Note from IFLA Regional Office

Dear friends,

Half of 2019 has passed and many events have taken place. Colleagues have come and left. It is the end of the current term but new friends have joined us in the coming term.

On this note, we thank our friends who had contributed much of their time, efforts and professionalism. We look forward to you continuing to send us more news and updates.

Cheers and have a great time reading! [\[link\]](#)



Soh Lin Li
Manager, IFLA Regional Office for
Asia and Oceania



IFLA President's Meeting held in Buenos Aires, Argentina on 23 May 2019 [\[link\]](#)



We invite you to participate in the research entitled "How to Get our Voice Heard at IFLA?", which is being conducted by members of IFLA Regional Division V. [\[link\]](#)

IFLA's Preservation and Conservation Centres play a valuable role in IFLA's work to safeguard cultural heritage. [\[link\]](#)

The 1st Executive Board Meeting of CONSAL XVIII, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, 21 – 22 June 2019. Around 80 participants, including the Executive Board members of the 10 ASEAN countries, prominent librarians in the country attended the meeting. [\[link\]](#)



International Conference on "Future of Libraries" jointly organised by Indian Institute of Management Bangalore and Indian Statistical Institute Kolkata from 26 to 28 February 2019. The conference address issues on role of libraries in the digital domain, continuous learning and improving human lives. [\[link\]](#)



VAC Library by Farming Architects is a large wooden climbing frame using solar-powered aquaponics to keep vegetables, koi carp and chickens in Hanoi. Farming Architects designed the library and city farm hybrid as a way for children to learn about self-sustaining ecosystems. [\[link\]](#)



Photograph by Farming Architects

The IFLA/Systematic Public Library of the Year award to celebrate new public libraries. Amongst the shortlisted libraries is the Green Square Library and Plaza (Australia). This library caught the eye of the jury for being both a square and a public space. [\[link\]](#)



Photograph Tom Roe

What is trending in the region?

Japan & China: The 9th International Conference on Information Capital, Property & Ethics held in the Zhuhai Campus of Beijing Normal University is co-sponsored by School of Government, Beijing Normal University and Southern Big Data Exchange, Beijing Center. [\[link\]](#)



Kazakhstan: Ms Bakytzhamal Ospanova is the new Director of the National Library of the Republic of Kazakhstan. We congratulate her on her appointment. We are confident that her library will benefit immensely from her 30 years' experience in the library field. [\[link\]](#)



Sri Lanka: Dr Premila Gamage and Padma Bandaranayake made a poster presentation on the "From Behind Bars – To an Enriched World": Prison Library Development Project in Sri Lanka during the Global Solutions Poster Session at the 2019 ALA Annual Conference in Washington, DC. [\[link\]](#)



Singapore: The first of three World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) regional workshop focusing on the copyright needs of libraries, as well as archives, museums, education and research, took place in Singapore on 29 – 30 April 2019. [\[link\]](#)



United Arab Emirates: The title of World Book Capital has passed from Athens, Greece, to Sharjah, United Arab Emirates. The holder of the 2019 title is from 23 April 2019 until 22 April 2020. [\[link\]](#)