



Government Information and Official Publications Section



Strategic Plan 2013-2015

Mission:

Governments, intergovernmental organizations and public non-governmental organizations generate large quantities of documents and information which shape our lives and mold the societies in which we live. The Section promotes the discovery, collection, bibliographic control, preservation and dissemination of information from and about all these public bodies. Persons interested in the Section are drawn from the world community of specialists in access to public documents and public policy. They share the mission of promoting free and equitable access to quality information in order to assure accountability from governments and other public bodies to the people they serve.

Goals and Activities:

Goal: Investigate methods of translating the GIOPS website, newsletter and documents and begin this work

Activities:

- a. Explore the possibilities for translation including drawing on the knowledge and resources of Standing Committee members.
- b. Investigate how other standing committees provide translations including sources of funding
- c. Provide a translation of the website in at least one of IFLA's official languages other than English

Key initiatives: Multilingualism Programme; Outreach Programme for Advocacy and Advancement of the Profession

Goal: Strengthen communication activities of GIOPS

Activities:

- a. Appoint a newsletter editor.
- b. Publish two newsletters per year.
- c. Post regularly to the GIOPS blog and encourage all Standing Committee members to post news to the blog in any of the IFLA official languages.

Key initiatives: Multilingualism Programme; Outreach Programme for Advocacy and Advancement of the Profession

Goal: Develop an advocacy document on the importance of maintaining expertise in libraries related to government information

Activities:

- a. Appoint a working group to take responsibility for this project
- b. Conduct a literature review and investigate guidelines and documents that may have been published by other associations including other IFLA Standing Committees
- c. Produce a draft of the advocacy document for the GIOPS Standing Committee to review at the 2014 meeting with a final draft to be reviewed at the 2015 meeting
- d. Publicize and make the document widely available. Provide translation in all official IFLA languages.

Key initiatives: Multilingualism Programme; Outreach Programme for Advocacy and Advancement of the Profession

Goal: Drive access to content and digital resources for library users

Activities:

- a. Promote awareness and seek opportunities to co-sponsor programs at IFLA conferences to promote access to digital content available from governments, intergovernmental organizations, and public non-governmental organizations.
- b. Develop a guide to best practices for governments and related organizations on digital publishing
- c. Publish and disseminate papers from IFLA programs on access to content and digital resources
- d. Work with national and regional library associations to promote awareness of digital content

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Goal: Develop and promote expertise in national information policies on government information and official publications

Activities:

- a. Convene a working group to identify key elements of national information policies that promote IFLA's Core Values
- b. Take advantage of the section's blog and other communication tools to create online learning communities around national information policy and strategy
- c. Seek opportunities to co-sponsor programs at IFLA conferences on successful information policy strategies and campaigns

Key initiatives: International Librarianship Leadership Development Programme; Outreach Programme for Advocacy and Advancement of the Profession