

Library Buildings and Equipment Section

ACTION PLAN FOR 2013-2015

Mission

The Section considers all matters concerning the design and construction of all types of libraries in all parts of the world, including their furnishings and equipment. The Section aims to collect and disseminate knowledge about library buildings and equipment in order to increase knowledge among librarians and other relevant professions. The Section also aims to establish better contacts between librarians and architects by creating the conditions under which it will be possible for each of them to understand the other's professional approach to designing libraries.

Goals

1. **Gather and disseminate information on planning library buildings and develop mechanisms for communication and interchange of knowledge concerning library building planning.**
(Professional Priority: (f) Promoting Resource Sharing)
Actions
 - 1.1. Publish the proceedings of the Open session of the Helsinki WC in the IFLA publications series.
 - 1.2. Publish the proceedings of the IFLA Satellite Conference 2013, Singapore in the IFLA publication series
 - 1.3. Continue to publish the Section's Newsletter. Update the website to disseminate the activities of the Section and generate interest in the Section's activities in accordance with the new IFLA website
 - 1.4. Work with relevant parties to publish material on library buildings.
2. **Develop tools to assist in planning library buildings.**
(Professional Priority: (i) Promoting Standards, Guidelines and Best Practices)
Actions
 - 2.1. Prepare and publish a template post-occupancy evaluation questionnaire.
 - 2.2. Translation of the template into three IFLA languages according to IFLA's language policy.
3. **Explore opportunities for communication and exchange of information with organizations involved in library planning.**
(Professional Priority: (f) Promoting Resource Sharing)
Actions
 - 3.1. Provide access via the website to existing databases and other digital resources on library projects and library planning throughout the world.
 - 3.2. Aim to develop contacts with national and international architectural organizations.
 - 3.3. Encourage individual libraries and section members to provide information on their library building projects.
4. **Continue to develop and implement programs to enhance understanding of library building planning**
(Professional Priority: (h) Developing Library Professionals)
Actions
 - 4.1. Present at least one programme at the Singapore conference in 2013 and one at the Lyons conference in 2014.
 - 4.2. Produce satellite conferences in connection with IFLA WLIC conferences
 - 4.3. Prepare and organize a satellite conference in 2013 in Singapore "Making ends meet – High quality design on a low budget".
 - 4.4. Prepare and organize a satellite conference in 2014 in Paris in cooperation with another section.
5. **Explore ways of increasing the membership of the Section.**
(Professional Priority: (h) Developing Library Professionals)
Actions
 - 5.1. Update the website in order to promote the Section and promote membership at conferences and meetings.
 - 5.2. Use and implement the recommendations of the IFLA recruitment handbook.