



# Asia and Oceania

## SECTION NEWSLETTER

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## IFLA's Advocacy Framework is Taking Shape

Reshaping our advocacy programme is a strategic priority for IFLA over the next three years. The main themes will remain: intellectual freedom and access to information; equity and fairness in intellectual property rights; and inclusion across the digital divide. It will incorporate Ms Claudia Lux, the President's programme of *Libraries on the Agenda*, Ms Ellen R. Tise the President-elect's programme of *Libraries Driving Access to Knowledge*, and draw on the expertise and resources available through our Sections, Core Activities, regional offices and language centres, so that we have a 'whole of IFLA' strategy.

During 2009, we will be working closely with members and potential partners to identify areas of cooperation and collaboration, and funding opportunities for our Core Activity programmes. This will assist us in making the best use of our resources for the benefit of members and our user communities. New aims include building capability as advocates within our membership and staff, and implementing greater rigour into our needs analysis and evaluation of activities.

However, we are not waiting until 2009 to get started! In late November 2008, IFLA hosted a meeting at the Bibliothèque nationale de France for representatives from cultural and heritage international associations with the aim of developing an agenda for collaboration in areas of convergence across our various sectors. In December 2008, IFLA and the Global Libraries initiative of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation jointly hosted a forum in Den Haag with representatives from United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), and eIFL (electronic Information for Libraries) to foster better understanding between our organisations and ways we might better coordinate our effort and work within the field at large.



Our Regional Office for Asia and Oceania has been active in putting together an outline of potential funding bodies and identifying activity priorities for the region. I am looking forward to attending the Standing Committee meeting in Bangkok in February 2009 to discuss with members the advocacy programme, and the potential for raising the profile of the sector in the region during the lead up to the 2010 IFLA World Library and Information Congress in Brisbane.

Congratulations to the Hong Kong Library Association for its 50th Anniversary Conference *Looking Back, Moving Forward: Asian Libraries in the World of Information* which I attended on 4-5 November 2008. Fifty years is a major achievement. Delegates and speakers from the region, Germany and North America enjoyed great hospitality and a celebration of Asian librarianship.

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## From Chair

Dear colleagues,

I am delighted to send this brief update just after another excellent IFLA Conference in picturesque Quebec City. Compared to other conferences, unfortunately, there were fewer participants in Quebec City due to financial, visa and other personal issues.

Changes to statutes, and rules of procedures and changes to conference programmes were among the main topics discussed at the Professional Committee and Governing Board meetings in Quebec City. The newly approved statutes and rules of procedure will enable IFLA to simplify its structure like the number of divisions and several of its processes such as the election procedures.

Discussion was held at the Governing Board meeting, issues concerning potential changes in the World Library and Information Congress (WLIC) programme schedule were discussed. They include

Governing Board, Professional Committee, Division's Coordinating Board, Standing Committee and Caucuses meetings. Please note that the proposals might cause some changes in the section programme plans for the Milan Congress.

The Section's Open Session and the Division VIII/ALP Session were well attended. My sincere thanks to all the members who participated and also to those who attended the sessions. We have already issued our 'call for papers' for the Milan conference and have started receiving abstracts. We are also planning a social event in Milan, once again with the generous support of *Emerald*.

Since 2009 is an election year, some of our active members will retire but several new members will be joining us in Milan, where I hope to see a much greater number of committee members than at Quebec City.

At the moment, we are actively planning for our mid-conference meeting in Bangkok in February 2009. In addition to this meeting, we are planning to sponsor an international workshop on the "Preservation of Local Wisdom: Best Practices". With the support of the Thai Library Association, Dr Aree Cheunwattana and Dr Namtip Wipawin are organising this meeting. If you are planning to attend as a member of the Regional Standing Committee for IFLA Asia and Oceania, please let us know as soon as possible.

Best wishes.



**Premila Gamage**  
Chair  
Regional Standing  
Committee for IFLA  
Asia and Oceania

## From Regional Manager's Desk

Dear colleagues and friends,

Happy New Year and best wishes for 2009!

In this issue, we are delighted to bring you a message from Jennefer Nicholson, IFLA Secretary General. As she updates us with hot-off-the-press developments on the evolving façade of IFLA's advocacy framework, we look forward to further serve the interests of the library and information profession under her leadership.

Here is another piece of good news! Please join me in extending our heartiest congratulations to the library and information professionals in Puerto Rico for their successful appointment by IFLA to host the 77th World Congress of Libraries and Information in 2011. This will take place in the heart of the country – the capital city of San Juan. We are certainly looking forward to it!



**Friends sharing a toast at the IFLA Officer's Reception in Quebec**

The conference in Quebec, Canada has been very fruitful. Apart from the sharing of knowledge and information, it was also a gathering of friends from across the globe.

IFLA Headquarters has called for nominations of promising candidates for the Standing Committee members of all Sections for the period 2009 to 2013. The completed nominations must reach IFLA Headquarters on or before 11 February 2009. Please refer to IFLA website: <http://www.ifla.org/III/misc/callscm-e.htm> and pages 4 and 5 in this issue for more details.

Meanwhile, Petrina Ang, Associate II, has joined Professional and International Relations, National Library Board Singapore on 1 September 2008. She supports me in IFLA matters. Please join me in welcoming Petrina to our IFLA family.

Professor Roza A. Berdigaliev, Director General, National Academic Library of the Republic of Kazakhstan has kindly hosted Shehbaz Husain

Naqvi from India, one of the Action for Development through Libraries Programme (ALP) Training Attachment Programme 2008 recipients in November 2008. Petrina has worked closely with the host institution to put together the training schedule and we would like to record our appreciation to the host institution for their generosity.

We are also happy to share that this issue is printed on environment-friendly recycled paper – an effort on our part in saving our fast-disappearing forests.

Last but not least, a very warm welcome to the 21 new members registered in the Asia and Oceania Section in the last six months! The membership stands at 53 member countries and 300 members as at 17 November 2008.

Happy reading!



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# Congratulations!

## Prof Peter Johan Lor, Former IFLA Secretary General, Receives an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Pretoria

Source: <http://www.ifla.org/V/press/PeterLorHonoraryDoctorate.htm>



**P**rof Peter Johan Lor, outgoing Secretary General of IFLA and extraordinary professor in the Department of Information Science at the University of Pretoria, has received an honorary doctorate, DPhil (honoris causa), from the University of Pretoria. The degree

was conferred on 4 September 2008 at one of the spring graduation ceremonies of the University. He has received the degree for the exceptional leadership role he played in the Library and Information Science (LIS) profession in South Africa and internationally and for his outstanding research contributions to this field.

Prof Lor is an alumnus of the University of Pretoria – he received both his MBibl degree (1978, with distinction) and his DPhil (1990) from this University. From 1998 to date, he is also extraordinary professor in the Department of Information Science.

Prof Lor was Secretary General of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) in The Hague (the Netherlands) until 5 September 2008. He is the first South African to hold this position. Prior to this, he was the first National Librarian and Chief Executive Officer of the National Library of South Africa (NLSA), as well as the last Director of the State Library. He was instrumental in creating the NLSA through the amalgamation of the two campuses of the old State Library. Before becoming Director of the State Library, he was Associate Professor and Professor in Information Science at the University of South Africa (1986–1992) and prior to that he worked in various libraries in South Africa, inter alia as senior librarian at the University of Pretoria (1976–1980).

He is a member of a number of local and international scholarly associations and he served in management capacities in a number of these associations. The most important of these are probably his work in the Conference of Directors of National

Libraries (CDNL) of which he was a member from 1992–2003 and the Chair from 1996–2000 and his involvement in the Library and Information Association of South Africa (LIASA). He played a leading role in the establishment and early years of LIASA (1996–2000), when he was the Chair of the Interim Executive Committee and Chair of the Transitional Executive Committee (when the old South African Institute for Library and Information Science was disbanded and the members formed a new organisation through amalgamation with various other bodies) and eventually member of the Representative Council and Executive Committee.

Prof Lor has published over 130 professional publications. His articles and conference papers have appeared in journals and proceedings published in 17 countries and have been translated into French, Hungarian, Italian, Slovak, Swedish and Ukrainian. His research covers a number of areas in the field of Library and Information Science, which include:

- **Developmental role of libraries in developing countries**
- **National and regional information policy**
- **Library and information services legislation**
- **Information flows between developed and developing countries**
- **International and comparative librarianship and information work**
- **National digital heritage: capturing, organisation, preservation and access**
- **Research methods in Library and Information Science**

He is a distinguished and acknowledged scholar and his research is highly regarded by professionals across the world.

# Call for Nominations for Section Standing Committees

Source: <http://www.ifla.org/III/misc/callscm-e.htm>

**IFLA's professional programme is divided into Sections. Each Section is governed by a democratically elected Standing Committee consisting of professionals with expertise and an interest in the field of the Section. Serving on a Standing Committee offers an exciting opportunity to make a contribution at the international level. We are now calling for nominations for candidates to serve on the Standing Committees for the period from August 2009 to August 2013. Please take a few minutes to read this, and then nominate promising candidates.**

## Who may nominate?

**To nominate a candidate for election to the Standing Committee of a Section:**

- you must be the authorised representative of an IFLA Association Member, an IFLA Institutional Member or an IFLA Institutional Affiliate. This is the individual who is listed in IFLA's records as the highest official and whose name appears on the attached nomination form.
- you must be an IFLA Individual Affiliate (Personal & Student Affiliates).
- you have to be registered as a member of the Section for which you want to put forward a nomination.
- you must have paid your membership fees in full for 2008 and not be in arrears.

## How many candidates may I nominate and for which Standing Committees?

You may nominate ONE candidate for the Standing Committee of EACH Section for which you are registered. For example, if you are registered for three Sections, you may nominate three candidates, one for each Standing Committee.

IFLA Sections for which you are registered are listed on the attached nomination form. Furthermore, you can check the membership directory on IFLA's website.

## Who may be nominated?

A candidate does not have to be a member of IFLA (or be employed by or be affiliated to a Member of IFLA) to be nominated. The important thing is what that person can contribute. Candidates should:

- have appropriate knowledge and experience to contribute to the Section's work.
- be keen to be involved in IFLA.
- have a working knowledge of at least one of the IFLA languages. As most business meetings are conducted in English, a command of English is helpful, but not an absolute requirement. The working languages of IFLA are Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Russian and Spanish.
- be able to participate in the work of the Standing Committees at no expense to IFLA. This means that they have to attend meetings. Standing Committees meet before the annual IFLA World Library and Information Congress on the Saturday before the Congress starts. Standing Committee members will be expected to attend 5 Congresses, beginning in 2009 (Milan) to and including 2013 (location to be determined). Congresses take place in August each year. In between these meetings, business is conducted by email and post. Some Standing Committees hold mid-year meetings by agreement of the Committee. Standing Committee members must be able to arrange their travel plans accordingly.

You may nominate yourself, a member of your staff or a person in another organisation or even another country who is known to have the required qualifications and interest in serving.

### Who may not be nominated?

The following may not be nominated for the period 2009-2013:

- persons who are currently serving on a Standing Committee for the period 2007-2011.
- persons who are currently serving their second term on a Standing Committee for the period 2005-2009.

Individuals completing their second term on a committee who are interested in serving a term on a different Standing Committee should make their desire known to a member eligible to make a nomination.

No one may at the same time be a member of more than one Standing Committee. The only exception is that a person may be a member of the Standing Committee of a regional section (Africa, Asia and Oceania, and Latin America and the Caribbean) in addition to one other Standing Committee.

For the list of members who are currently serving on the Standing Committees of the various Sections, please refer to the IFLA Directory 2007-2009 or the Sections' web pages on IFLA's Website.

### How do I nominate?

A nomination form which bears the name of you or your organisation will be attached to the letter we sent by mail. To nominate candidates for the Standing Committee of more than one Section, make one or

more photocopies of the nomination form. Do NOT use a nomination form supplied to any other IFLA Member or make copies of your nomination form for use by other Members. This leads to much confusion and is time-consuming when the IFLA Secretariat verifies the eligibility of nominations.

Obtain the consent of your nominee using the attached Consent Form, confirmation that the nominee meets the language and attendance requirements, and a brief statement of the nominee's career and present position.

For Association, Institutional Members and Institutional Affiliates, make sure that the nomination form is signed by the authorised signatory. One nomination is sufficient. It does not have to be seconded.

Send the completed form to IFLA Headquarters by post or fax or as an e-mail attachment. The form must be signed.

### What is the deadline?

The completed nominations must reach IFLA Headquarters ON or BEFORE 11 February 2009. Late nominations will not be accepted. To avoid disappointment, please do not wait until the last moment.

For full details, please refer to the link <http://www.ifla.org/III/misc/callscm-e.htm>.

## IFLA/FAIFE



Volume 7 of the IFLA/FAIFE World Report Series, *Access to libraries and information: Towards a fairer world*, is now available in PDF format **for free** on the IFLA website.

The Report is also available in a limited print run at a price of Euro 25 for IFLA members and Euro 30 for non-IFLA members. To order a hard copy, please contact: [publications@ifla.org](mailto:publications@ifla.org).

Theo JD Bothma (Ed). **Access to libraries and information: Towards a fairer world.** IFLA/FAIFE World Report 2007- World Report Series VII

### Order information

The IFLA/FAIFE World Report 2007 is available from IFLA Headquarters.

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For more details, please refer to <http://www.ifla.org/faife/report/WorldReport-pr-2007.htm>.



# Call for Papers

**“Libraries creates futures: building on cultural heritage”**  
**23–27 August 2009, Milan, Italy**

**Division for Regional Activities (Div. VIII) Open Session**  
**Theme: “Libraries on the cultural agenda: regional comparisons”**

The Division for Regional Activities (Division VIII) of IFLA is comprised of Regional Sections covering developing countries in the three major regions of the world: Africa, Asia and Oceania, and Latin America and the Caribbean. Division VIII is organising an open session at IFLA Conference in Milan, Italy and issues this call for papers on the topic, “Libraries on the cultural agenda: regional comparisons”. The topic will examine the extent to which libraries embrace the notion of cultural heritage in developing countries, and are store houses of culture in developing countries.

Papers may focus on, but are not limited to:

- Best practices on how libraries promote culture
- Programmes in libraries as cultural heritage
- Case studies

## Submissions:

1. The deadline for submitting a detailed abstract (500 words) and full author details is **10 January 2009**. Selection of papers is based on the abstract, and presenters will be notified by **end-February 2009** at the latest whether they have been successful.
2. The full paper is due on **1 May 2009** and must be an original submission not published elsewhere.
3. Both abstracts and full papers should be submitted as a MS Word file by e-mail; fax or post should be used only as a last resort.
4. Papers should be of 20 pages maximum, double-spaced.
5. All abstracts must be in English. Papers can be presented during the Conference in any IFLA working language (English, French, German, Russian, Spanish).
6. Twenty-five minutes will be allocated for a summary delivery of the paper in the Conference.
7. The author(s) should indicate his/her personal full contact details and include a summary curriculum vitae with the paper. Also, a digital photograph would be useful.

## Selection:

1. Full abstracts (500 words) should be prepared following the template provided below. Each abstract will be blind reviewed by members of the Division VIII Coordinating Board.
2. Abbreviated abstracts or late submissions will not be considered.
3. Purpose of this paper  
What are the reason(s) for writing the paper (or the aims of the research)?
4. Design/methodology/approach  
How are the objectives achieved? Include the main method(s) used for the study. What is the approach to the topic, and what is the theoretical or subject scope of the paper?
5. Findings  
What was found in the course of the work? This will refer to analysis, discussion, or results.
6. Research limitations/implications (if applicable)  
If research is reported on in the paper, this section must be completed and should include suggestions for future research and any identified limitations in the research process.
7. Practical implications (if applicable)  
What outcomes and implications for practice, applications and consequences are identified? All papers should have practical applications. What changes to practice might be made as a result of this research/paper?
8. What is original about/value of the paper?  
What is new in the paper? State the value of the paper and to whom.

Please send your abstract by **10 January 2009** to:

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Please note that the expenses of attending the Milan conference will be the responsibility of the author(s)/presenter(s) of accepted papers.



# New Vision, Strategies and Activities of the Thai Library Association

By Prof Chutima Sacchanand  
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As a hallmark of the library and information profession, the Thai Library Association (TLA), which was established officially in 1954 and has been under the Royal Patronage of Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn since 1976, plays an important role in the promotion of the library and information profession vital to an informed and knowledgeable society. Its vision “Towards standards, cooperate and collaborate for academic, professional and societal development” has been set in 2007 as guidelines for the TLA executive board members. Major strategies and activities include the following:

**New “Constitution of the Thai Library Association 2008”** was announced. Major revisions include the objectives and organisational structure to meet with changes in the profession and the society.

**New “Code of Ethics for Librarians and Information Professionals 2007”** has broadened its scope to cover important topics of interests in the modern digital society and is aimed at all information professionals.

**New “Public Library Standard 2007”** was announced based on the Public Library Service IFLA/UNESCO Guidelines for Development (2001).



The TLA Executive Board visits the libraries in the province as part of the services to the Thai society

**New peer-reviewed “TLA Journal of Research in Library and Information Science”** has been issued biannually since 2008, to encourage new research and application in the field.

**New Management Strategies: Cooperation and Collaboration** are highlighted. TLA is an active member of the regional and international association. It has signed Memoranda of Understanding with various institutions around the country to jointly organise library development and continuing education programmes.

**Various other activities** have been conducted e.g. Annual Library Conferences, Library Week, TLA Bulletin (1957-), TLA News (1982-), Recognition for Library Donors and LIS Outstanding Person of the year.

The creative and productive work of the present executive board members has been recognised by fellow members and the public.



The TLA Executive Board at the opening ceremony of the annual conference

# A Glimpse of the National Library of Vietnam

By Pham The Khang  
Director  
National Library of Vietnam

The National Library of Vietnam (NLV) was founded on 29 November 1917. As Vietnam's only legal deposit institution, NLV owns a rich and wide collection of Vietnamese materials. It houses approximately 1.5 million books on all aspects of knowledge and in different languages. These precious collections include an Indochina collection of 53,901 volumes of books, newspapers and journals since 1861; a Sino-Nom collection of more than 5,000 manuscripts written in old Vietnamese language; 14,000 doctoral theses of Vietnamese citizens since 1954, digitalised collection of more than 1.2 million pages. NLV attracts about 1,700 to 2,000 readers to the library every day.



The main building of the National Library of Vietnam

NLV is the leading library in implementing information technology and library standards. In 2003 and 2006, NLV implemented the translated MARC 21

and Vietnamese Abridged DDC 14 to the cataloguing process respectively. Thus, the theme "Unification, Standardization, Sharing and Integration" was created to revolutionise the image of Vietnam's library profession. In international relations, NLV has been actively participating in IFLA and Congress of Southeast Asian Librarians (CONSAL), and cooperating effectively with 132 libraries of the 32 countries in the world. Today, NLV has made much advancement in transforming itself into a modern library. The NLV website is <http://www.nlv.gov.vn>.

**Hosting the 14th CONSAL General Conference with Vietnamese Library Association on 20-23 April 2009 in Hanoi will be the most special event of 2009 for NLV.**

With the theme "Towards dynamic libraries and information services in Southeast Asian countries", the Conference aims to be a forum for librarians and information experts to exchange ideas, view points and practices, in order to enhance the dynamic and effectiveness in ASEAN libraries and information institutions, and to consolidate CONSAL. Coinciding with the CONSAL XIV General Conference, the 3rd meeting of CONSAL XIV Executive Board and the 17th Conference of Directors of National Libraries in Asia and Oceania will also be held at NLV. The CONSAL XIV website is <http://www.consal14.vn>.



The 2nd CONSAL XIV Executive Board Meeting in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam on 22 April 2008



# Welcome!

## New IFLA Members registered under Section 26 and located in Non-Asia and Oceania Region

From 16 June 2008 to 17 November 2008

Membership Category/Name	City/Country
<b>Institution</b>	
British Council	Manchester/United Kingdom
<b>Personal Affiliate</b>	
David Ross BERRY	Surrey/Canada

## New IFLA Members located in Asia and Oceania Region

From 16 June 2008 to 17 November 2008

Membership Category/Name	City/Country
<b>Institution</b>	
Arabic Union Catalogue Center	Riyadh/Saudi Arabia
Bose Institute	Kolkata/India
Central Library, Qatar Foundation	Doha/Qatar
Chongqing Library	Chongqing/China
National Library of Mongolia	Ulaanbaatar/Mongolia
The Parliament Library	New Delhi/India
The Senate of the Kingdom of Cambodia	Phnom Penh/Cambodia
Tun Haji Mohd, Fuad Stephens, Borneo Research Library	Kota Kinabalu/Malaysia
<b>National Association</b>	
Japan Association of Private University Libraries	Tokyo/Japan
Library Association of the Republic of Kazakhstan	Astana/Kazakhstan
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# IFLA Asia and Oceania Section Activities in Quebec

By M. Al Mamun  
Secretary  
Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania

Two standing committee meetings were held in the World Library and Information Congress: 74th IFLA General Conference Programme, in Quebec, Canada on 10 and 15 August 2008 and attended by the following members:

- Premila Gamage (Chair, Sri Lanka)
- M. Al Mamun (Secretary, Bangladesh)
- Hilda T. Nassar (Information Coordinator, Lebanon)
- Daniel G. Dorner (Member, New Zealand)
- Hasna Askhita (Member, Syria)
- Roza Berdigaliev (Member, Kazakstan)
- Xiaolin Zhang (Member, China)
- Birgitta Sandell (ALP Programme Director, Sweden)
- Chihfeng P. Lin (Corresponding Member, Taiwan)
- Shawky Salem (Advisor, Egypt)
- Tan Keat Fong (Regional Manager, Singapore)

Fifteen observers from Singapore, United Kingdom, Australia, India, France, Australia, United States of America, DPR Korea and Canada were also present at the meeting. Jennefer Nicholson, IFLA Secretary General, was present at the second meeting where she spoke on advocacy framework.

The Chair, Regional Manager and Information Coordinator presented the administrative budget, meeting budget and the information report respectively. Birgitta Sandell, ALP Programme Director, also presented her report on Asia and Oceania Section's project status, financial situation of the Action for development through Libraries Programme (ALP), and other grants information for the Section. The meetings also included discussions on the Section's roles and responsibilities in the 75th World Library and Information Congress (WLIC) Conference Programme in Milan, Italy in August 2009. The Sections also decided that the theme for the Asia and Oceania



IFLA Division VIII meeting 2008

Section Open Session for Milan Conference would be "Preserving the Past - Creating the Future".

The Section Programme was conducted on 12 August 2008 and the theme was "From Me, To You, To Us: How Libraries in the Asia and Oceania Region Contribute to Global Understanding". More than 75 participants attended the Open Session. The keynote address was presented by Dr N Varaprasad. The following papers were presented in the Open Session:

- Keynote Address - Libraries and Disaster Recovery: A Framework for Regional Co-operation in Digital Preservation and Recovery - Dr N Varaprasad (National Library Board Singapore)
- A School-Library-Centered Community Information Resource Sharing Model and Its Impact on Cultural Life of Rural Communities in China - Mr Wenjie Zhou, (China Evergreen Rural Library Service Center)
- The Tele Cottage Approach to the Community Development in the Rural Karnataka, India - Prof. S. L. Sangam (Karnatak University, India)



Committee members at the Asia and Oceania Section meeting 2008



Standing Committee members, ALP colleagues, Regional Manager and Dr Varapasad at the photo session after the Section Programme

- Designing of Cultural Knowledge Portal: A South East Asian Experiment - Dr Ajay Pratap Singh (Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, India)
- “The Action ‘One Country – One Book’ (Sharing Experience of Libraries That Contribute to Human Understanding)”- Prof Roza Berdigaliev (National Academic Library of the Republic of Kazakhstan)

Premila Gamage, the Chair, attended two Governing Board Meetings on 8 and 16 August 2008. The Secretary and Regional Manager attended the officers training session on 11 August 2008. The Chair, Secretary and Regional Manager also attended two Coordinating Board meetings held on 8 and 15 August 2008. The Caucus (Africa, Asia & Oceania, and Latin America & Caribbean) meeting was held on 9 August 2008. Premila Gamage presided over the meeting, which a good number of members from Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania and Division VIII participated in.

Division of Regional Activities and ALP Open Session were held on 11 August 2008 and the theme was “Indigenous Knowledge: Language, Culture and Information Technology”. One paper from Asia and Oceania Section entitled: Indigenous knowledge and the role of information literacy education was presented by Daniel G. Dorner and Gary E. Gorman, Victoria University, Wellington, New Zealand.

A poster titled “IFLA activities in Asia and Oceania: The Impact” was presented by the Regional Office. It covered the Asia and Oceania Section’s activities, mission and strategies.

The social event was held on 11 August 2008 at the Hotel Delta, Quebec. About 40 guests attended the event. The event was sponsored by *Emerald*. Ms Eileen Breen, on behalf of *Emerald*, has expressed interest to continue sponsorship in the future.



Ho Lian Geok with the poster presented by the Regional Office for Asia and Oceania at the Poster Session

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## Quilting an IFLA Tapestry of Asia and Oceania Region

by IFLA Regional Office for Asia and Oceania

As you know, quilts are made from sewing different fabrics together to make design. And patterns for sewing the pieces of fabric together are handed down through the times. The riot of patterns and colours makes the quilt beautiful, while meticulous stitching holds the quilt together strongly. Similarly, IFLA Asia and Oceania region is made up of 53 countries, each making their contribution to the library community through the years. The vibrancy of the members makes the organisation remarkable, while the bond and understanding between the members are essential for the strength of the organisation.

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32. Afghanistan National Assembly Library, Library of National Assembly

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### Institution

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34. Australian National University, Library
35. Brisbane City Council, Library Services
36. CAVAL Collaborative Solutions
37. Curtin University of Technology, Library & Information Service
38. Deakin University Library
39. Gold Coast City Council Library Service
40. La Trobe University Library
41. Macquarie University Library
42. Monash University Library
43. National Library of Australia
44. Parliamentary Library, Department of Parliamentary Services
45. Queensland University of Technology, Library
46. State Library of South Australia
47. State Library of Queensland
48. State Library of New South Wales, Collection Services
49. State Library of Victoria
50. State Library of Western Australia
51. University of Melbourne, Information Division
52. University of New South Wales Library
53. University of Queensland Library
54. University of Technology, Sydney, Library
55. University of Western Sydney, Ward Library
56. Vision Australia Information and Library Service
57. Yarra Plenty Regional Library

### School Library

58. Scotch College

### International Association

59. International Association of School Librarianship (IASL)

### National Association

60. Australian Library and Information Association

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72. Susan SCHMOCKER

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### Institution

73. Bangladesh National Library

## Bhutan

### Institution

74. Royal Institute of Management, Semtokha

## Cambodia

### Institution

75. The Senate of the Kingdom of Cambodia

### National Association

76. Cambodian Librarians and Documentalists Association

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77. Biblioteca Central de Macau/ Macau Central Library
78. Bureau of International Exchange of Publications, National Central Library
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80. China Executive Leadership Academy Pudong Library (CELAP)
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83. Fudan University, Library
84. Hainan University Library
85. Hangzhou Public Library
86. Hong Kong Baptist University, Library
87. Hong Kong Public Libraries
88. Legislative Council Library
89. Library Association of the Republic of China (Taiwan)
90. Library of Chinese Academy of Sciences/Library of Academia Sinica
91. Library of the East China Normal University
92. Library, Renmin University of China
93. Macao Polytechnic Institute Library
94. Medical Library of the Chinese People's Liberation Army
95. Nanjing Library
96. National Library of China
97. Nanjing Normal University Library
98. Nanjing University, Library
99. National Palace Museum Library
100. National School of Administration PRC
101. National Taiwan Normal University Library
102. Pao Yue-kong Library, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
103. Parliamentary Library, Legislative Yuan

104. Peking University Library
  105. Shanghai Administrative Institute, Library
  106. Shanghai Library
  107. Sichuan Provincial Library
  108. Shanghai University, Library
  109. Suzhou Library
  110. Taipei Public Library
  111. The Capital Library of China
  112. The Chinese University of Hong Kong
  113. The Hong Kong Institute of Education Library
  114. Tsinghua University Library
  115. Tongji University Library
  116. University of Hong Kong Libraries
  117. University of Macau, International Library
  118. Wuhan Library
  119. Wuxi Library
  120. Xi Cheng District Library
  121. Zhejiang University Library
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129. Bose Institute
130. Delhi Public Library
131. Documentation Research and Training Centre, Indian Statistical Institute
132. Indira Gandhi National Open University
133. Jawaharlal Nehru Library, University of Mumbai
134. Library & Documentation Centre, Wildlife Institute of India
135. Library, Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd.
136. Ministry of External Affairs Library, New Delhi
137. National Library, Kolkata Government of India
138. National Science Library (NISCAIR)
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145. National Library of Indonesia/  
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157. Central Library for the Blind, Visually  
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162. Library of the Knesset, Parliament of Israel  
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167. Japanese Society for Rehabilitation of  
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168. Kanazawa Institute of Technology,  
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169. Kyoto University of Foreign Studies,  
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170. National Diet Library

171. National Institute of Informatics

172. Nippon Lighthouse, Information and  
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173. School of Library and Information  
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174. University of Tsukuba Library

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175. Japan Association of Private University  
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176. Japan Art Documentation Society  
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177. Japan Library Association

178. Japan Special Libraries Association

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186. East-Kazakhstan Librarians' Association

## Korea, Democratic People's Republic of

### National Association

187. Library Association of the DPR of Korea

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189. Korean Braille Library  
190. National Assembly Library  
191. National Assembly Research Service  
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192. National Library of Korea  
193. Seoul National University Library

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204. ASSABIL, Friends of Public Libraries  
205. Beirut Arab University, Library  
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206. Institute for Palestine Studies, Library  
207. Saab Medical Library, American University  
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208. Université La Sagesse/Bibliothèque  
Issam Farès

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209. Lebanese Library Association

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Library  
213. Sultanah Bahiyah Library, Universiti Utara  
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214. Sabah State Library  
215. Tan Sri Loy Hean Heong Library,  
Taylor's University College  
216. Tun Haji Mohd, Fuad Stephens,  
Borneo Research Library  
217. Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Library  
218. University of Malaya Library  
219. Universiti Sains Malaysia, Library

### National Association

220. Persatuan Pustakawan Malaysia/  
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223. National Library of Maldives

## Micronesia, Federated States of

### International Association

224. Pacific Islands Association of Libraries,  
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## Mongolia

### Institution

- 225. Book Palace for Children
- 226. National Library of Mongolia

### Personal Affiliate

- 227. Naidan TSAGAACH

## Myanmar

### National Association

- 228. Myanmar Library Association

### Personal Affiliate

- 229. Cho AYE

## Nepal

### National Association

- 230. Nepal Library Association (NLA)

## New Caledonia

### Institution

- 231. Secretariat of the Pacific Community, Library

## New Zealand

### Institution

- 232. National Library of New Zealand/ Te Puna Maatauranga o Aotearoa
- 233. Parliamentary Library
- 234. Royal New Zealand Foundation of the Blind
- 235. School of Information Management, Victoria University of Wellington

### International Association

- 236. International Association of Music Libraries, Archives and Documentation Centres (IAML)

### National Association

- 237. Council of New Zealand University Librarians (CONZUL)
- 238. Library & Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa (LIANZA)

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- 245. Muhammad RAMZAN
- 246. Shakeela KHUSRO

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### Institution

- 247. National Library of Palestine

### National Association

- 248. Palestinian Library and Information Association (PLIA)

## Papau New Guinea

### Institution

- 249. Office of Libraries & Archives, National Library Service

## Philippines

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- 250. Far Eastern University
- 251. National Library of the Philippines
- 252. Rizal Library, Ateneo de Manila University
- 253. University of Santo Tomas Library
- 254. School of Library and Information Studies, University of the Philippines

### National Association

- 255. Philippine Librarians Association, Inc., Headquarters

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- 258. Distributed eLibrary, Weill Cornell Medical College - Qatar
- 259. Qatar University Library
- 260. Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar, Library

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- 262. Isabelle EULA

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- 263. Arabic Union Catalogue Center
- 264. King Abdulaziz Public Library
- 265. King Fahad National Library
- 266. King Saud University Libraries

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### Institution

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- 270. Nanyang Technological University
- 271. National Library Board
- 272. NUS Libraries, National University of Singapore

### National Association

- 273. Library Association of Singapore

## Solomon Islands

### Institution

- 274. Solomon Islands College of Higher Education (SCICHE), Library Division

## Sri Lanka

### Institution

- 275. National Library & Documentation Services Board

### National Association

- 276. Sri Lanka Library Association

## Syrian Arab Republic

### Institution

- 277. Assad National Library

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- 278. Hasna ASKHITA

## Thailand

### Institution

- 279. Academic Resource Center, Mahasarakham University
- 280. Center for Library Resources and Educational Media
- 281. Chiang Mai University Library
- 282. Library and Archives, Bank of Thailand
- 283. Mahidol University, Library and Information Center
- 284. National Assembly Library
- 285. National Institute of Development Administration, Library and Information Center
- 286. National Library of Thailand
- 287. National Science & Technology Development Agency
- 288. Srinakharinwirot University, Faculty of Humanities, Department of Library and Information Science
- 289. Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University, Office of Doc. and Information
- 290. Thailand Knowledge Park
- 291. Thammasat University Libraries

### Institutional Sub Unit

- 292. Department of Library Science, Faculty of Humanities, Chiang Mai University

### Personal Affiliate

- 293. Somsri VONGDEELERD

## United Arab Emirates

### Institution

- 294. American University of Sharjah Library
- 295. Center for Documentation & Research, Emirates Library, Ministry of Presidential Affairs
- 296. Public Libraries Section - Dubai Municipality
- 297. Zayed University Library

## Vietnam

### Institution

- 298. Central Library for Science & Technology
- 299. General Science Library of Ho Chi Minh City
- 300. National Library of Vietnam



**The Action for development through Libraries Programme (ALP) has been formulated by IFLA's members in Africa, Asia and Oceania, and Latin America and the Caribbean to address important issues and meet important needs in developing countries.**



The ALP Secretariat is hosted by Uppsala University Library in Sweden

**ALP works mainly by supporting the following types of activities:**

- Conference, seminars and model workshops
- Scholarships and attachments (in-service training)



Workshop on Modelling Information Literacy in Laos



Photo preservation workshop in Namibia



Ten public librarians from Latin America get in-house training in Colombia

- Pilot projects



120 young people in São Paulo have been trained to collect data about their community and present them in a way people understand

The Regional Standing Committees of Africa, Asia & Oceania and Latin America & the Caribbean draw up policy guidelines for the development of the programmes within each region and propose or approve projects.

The Regional Office Managers (in Pretoria, Singapore and Rio de Janeiro) work very closely with the ALP Secretariat to support and develop the programme.



# INDONESIAN – Workshop on Information Literacy

## A contribution to improve education quality through information literacy

By Hanna Latuputty-George, S.S

Chairperson

Asosiasi Pekerja Informasi Sekolah Indonesia

(Association of Indonesian School Information Professional)



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All participants at the end of the workshop

The INDONESIAN – Workshop on Information Literacy (INDONESIAN-WIL) took place in CICO, Bogor, Indonesia from 7-11 July 2008. A set of recommendations for integrated lesson plans with information literacy modules for elementary to high school level and information literacy programme for university was developed from the workshop. The event was fully funded by the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions/Action for Development through Libraries Programme (IFLA/ALP) and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA). These recommendations will be given to the Ministry of Education in Indonesia. There were 50 participants. They came from Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam and 15 provinces in Indonesia.

Rashidah Begum, the advisor of IFLA Asia and Oceania Section, spoke on the topic of IFLA and its role in promoting information literacy. She talked about the structure and governance of IFLA, the Information Literacy Section, and the website INFOLIT GLOBAL, which is supported by United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). A major part of her presentation highlighted the information literacy activities of the Asia and Oceania Section, particularly those supported by ALP. These included information literacy training, projects aimed

at developing information literacy activities and programmes, and workshops and seminars to develop professional expertise in information literacy in the Asia and Oceania region that have been carried out in several countries in the region.

Begum added that “Hanna, the initiator and leader of the workshop, did a truly outstanding job in organising the workshop in a very professional manner. She was very ably supported by a Committee, who in spite of their youth, showed great maturity in managing the workshop according to the standards expected of a regional workshop. I was very happy to see so many young librarians in their late twenties and early thirties playing such an active role in organising as well as participating in the workshop. I think that the youth factor is the secret to having a very successful workshop.”



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Closing night: speakers and committee members

# Excerpt from “Facilitating Grassroots Development: The Role of ALP in Division VIII Countries”

By Gary E. Gorman, Professor, School of Information Management, Victoria University of Wellington  
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 Link: <http://www.ifla.org/V/iflaj/IFLA-Journal-1-2008.pdf>

## Background

IFLA has taken a special responsibility for its members in developing countries by creating a core programme, Advancement of Development through Libraries (ALP), through which financial and administrative support to regional activities is channelled.

ALP was launched as a new core programme at the IFLA conference in Nairobi 1984. The programme was at the beginning managed by IFLA HQ. As a result of intense discussions within IFLA in the late 1980s, the Nordic countries offered to find a host for and finance ALP. In 1989, the Swedish International Development Co-operation Agency (SIDA), offered to fund a pre-study to reformulate the programme. ALP was re-launched at the Stockholm IFLA conference in 1990. SIDA also funded most of the programme during the following start-up period 1990–1991.

After these preliminary phases ALP has been fully operational since 1992, with an international focal point hosted by Uppsala University Library. It is financed by Uppsala University, SIDA, IFLA and 20 Nordic library associations and institutions. SIDA is funding most of the projects but the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Finland is also giving support through the Finnish Library Association. Up to 2001, Danida, the Danish equivalent to SIDA, was one of the donors who contributed most to ALP.

## Learn from the Fisherman

One day, a fisherman returns home from his canoe and is met by a foreign expert who is working in this developing country. The expert asks the fisherman why he is back so early. The fisherman explains that he has already caught enough fish to feed his family that day.

‘So what will you do with the rest of the day?’ the expert asks.

The fisherman’s response: “Well, I do a little fishing. I play with my children. We have a

siesta when it gets hot. In the evenings, we eat together and visit friends.”

The expert interrupts: “Look here, I have a university degree and have studied such matters. I want to advise you. You should stay out fishing longer. You would earn more money and be able to afford a bigger boat and soon you would be able to invest in a fleet of trawlers.”

“And then?” The fisherman inquires.

“Then, instead of selling fish through a middleman, you could deal directly with the factory. You could leave your village and move to the city, New York, or London and run the company from there. You could even put your company on the stock market and earn millions.”

“How long would this take?” the fisherman asks.

“About 25 years,” the expert says.

“And then?”

“That’s when life gets interesting. You could retire and move to a small village away from the pollution of the city.”

“And after that?” the fisherman asks.

“Then you will have time to relax, do a little fishing, play with your grandchildren and visit friends.”

(Peace Corner, 2007)



### What Is ALP's Philosophy?

Like the fisherman, we do not accept development for the sake of development – this is pointless for those most in need of development assistance, and is generally a vehicle for international 'expert consultants' to advance their own status. However, we do believe in development as a means of empowerment – the empowerment of individuals, communities and cultures, on their own terms.

Likewise, we cannot countenance development as something done by experts to the inexpert; but we do condone development that arises from a need expressed by the local community, and that is undertaken by the local community (with a little help from their friends).

In view of this development philosophy, the ALP standard takes a holistic approach to the needs expressed by people in countries that make up the bulk of the world's population. ALP works at the local level through community and professional development, and through the personal empowerment of those who become involved with us. The key, in other words, is grassroots involvement.

### What Is Our Grassroots Framework?

'Grassroots', according to *The Free Dictionary* (<http://www.thefreedictionary.com/>), has two principal meanings that are relevant to the work of ALP:

'fundamental', as in 'the grassroots factor in making the decision'

'basic', of or involving the common people as constituting a fundamental politicoeconomic

'group', as in 'a grassroots movement for nuclear disarmament'

'Grassroots development' implies that its genesis arises directly from the people most in need of assistance, unlike development that is orchestrated by traditional power structures. Thus ALP works closely with those partners who are most closely attuned to local needs: the International Focal Point of ALP and IFLA's Regional Offices, IFLA's Division VIII and its three Sections for Africa, Asia and Oceania and Latin America and the Caribbean.

Results of grassroots development can inform decisions, signal challenges, confirm achievements and suggest areas for further development activity. The premise of grassroots development is that results are tangible at three levels: individuals, organisations, and the local community or society at large. Therefore, it is perhaps easiest to visualise a continuum pyramid when visualising the multiple dimensions of grassroots development, progressing from individuals and families, to organisations, to the community or society at large.

Individuals/families → organisations → community/society

A development project is an investment that should produce both tangible and intangible benefits at every point on this continuum, and ALP seeks to measure and document both. ALP's experience has demonstrated that each project can facilitate change and that grassroots development creates results not only for individuals but also for the society in which individuals live and organisations that serve their needs (such as libraries).

ALP has been able to support three to four projects per year in each region. That means that, since 1991, 181 projects has been carried out, 78 persons have received inservice training, 49 training scholarships in ICT and information literacy have been offered, and 196 persons have received travel grants. A total of SEK23,048,813 (approximately USD3,157,370) has been spent on projects during this period.

### A Grassroots Development Framework

ALP's grassroots development framework is expressed in terms of its Strategic Plan, which in turn is based on the strategic plans of the three regions and has been the guiding principle behind the selection and implementation of projects. The projects are initiated from within the regions and are also carried out by colleagues in the regions. That is the grassroots strength of ALP.

The objectives in the Strategic Plan are:

- To provide opportunities for education and development of LIS staff.
- To facilitate the establishment of new library associations and the implementation of IFLA Guidelines on the management of library associations.
- To promote the function of libraries: information literacy and lifelong learning, and to combat functional illiteracy.
- To promote the use of ICT and the creation of local electronic resources.
- To increase publishing activities and the dissemination of information to the communities, with special attention to marginalised groups.  
(IFLA ALP Strategic Plan 2008–2009)

Thus it can be seen from the Strategic Plan that ALP aims at supporting basic human development issues: literacy, lifelong learning, bridging the digital divide and sustainable development. And it does this at the individual, organisational and societal level.

**For the full article, please refer to Official Journal of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions, Volume 34 (2008) No. 1.**

# Library Treasures to Go on Permanent Display

By Sally Hopman  
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The National Library of Australia, the nation's largest collecting institution, plans to make its nationally significant resources more accessible – with work to start next year on a permanent Treasures Gallery and new Exhibition Gallery.

**The Treasures Gallery will also feature the best of the National Library's vast collection of rare books and printed items, paintings, maps, oral histories and objects. It is expected that more than 150 items will be on display when the new Treasures Gallery opens in mid-2010.**

Plans for the Treasures Gallery and new Exhibition Gallery come at an important time for Australia's National Library. This year celebrates the 40th anniversary of the National Library building, which is an iconic and much-loved structure in the heart of the nation's capital, Canberra.

The National Library's foundation stone was laid by then Prime Minister Robert Menzies on 31 March 1966 – he reportedly desired “something with columns”. The architects, Bunning and Madden, obliged with clear references to the Parthenon in Athens. The building was opened on 15 August 1968 by the then Prime Minister John Gorton, with its readers invited through the doors three days later.



The iconic National Library of Australia in Canberra

Years in the planning, the Treasures Gallery will show, permanently, many of the National Library's “treasures”, from Captain Cook's handwritten Endeavour journal to Patrick White's letters, Eddie Mabo's diary to one of Jorn Utzon's preliminary models of the shells for the iconic Sydney Opera House.

Today, the National Library boasts a collection in excess of 10 million items. At the

time of the building's opening, it held about a million books and 100,000 photographs. The 1968-69 annual report advises there were 112 staff. As at June 2008, 405 ongoing staff, 57 non-ongoing, 20 casuals and 94 volunteers worked at the National Library.

In 2007 and 2008, more than 500,000 people came through the National Library's doors and millions more visited the Library online.



The Map Reading Room in the National Library of Australia

# Project “Electronic State Library Fund – Kazakhstan National Electronic Library”

By Prof Roza A. Berdigalieva  
Director General  
National Academic Library of the Republic of Kazakhstan



Press conference in the National Academic Library of the Republic of Kazakhstan on KazNEB progress

The “Electronic State Library Fund – Kazakhstan National Electronic Library” project (KazNEB) is a stimulating project. It provides access to books online and has contributed significantly to the development of Kazakh content in the world information space. To preserve the cultural heritage of the Kazakh nation, a national programme called “Cultural Heritage” was developed in 2004. It plays a significant role in reviving the cultural spirit of the Kazakhstan society and has invaluable meaning for Kazakhstan. In the opinion of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Kazakhstan’s approach to preserving its heritage is a good example for other countries.

The project KazNEB is supported by the state programme “Decrease of Information Inequality”. The aim of the project is to create a catalogue of electronic state library fund and a unified electronic storage of books at the National Academic Library of the Republic of Kazakhstan in Astana city. When the project is completed, books can be accessed online at [www.kazneb.kz](http://www.kazneb.kz).

[kazneb.kz](http://www.kazneb.kz). It will be the first library state portal with a significant amount of information content in Kazakh language.

**Since the portal work began in December 2007, more than 16,000 visits have been registered from Kazakhstan, Russia, China, Australia, Germany, Turkey, USA, Uzbekistan and Belarus. Many visitors use the service “Ask Librarian” which operates in the Kazakh, Russian and English languages.**



From left: Alla Vingovatova, Roza Berdigalieva, Aliya Kozhabekova and Aliya Sarsembinova in a discussion on KazNEB Interface

The KazNEB project is the only selected project representing the state programme “Decrease of Information Inequality” at the “E-Kazakhstan – 2008” exhibition in April 2008 and it received a high evaluation from the Prime Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan at the exhibition.

# Day of First-Year Student

By Tendik G. Yermekpayeva  
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National Academic Library of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Access to world cultural values is possible with a good knowledge of foreign languages.

**The reading room of world literature in the National Academic Library of the Republic of Kazakhstan gives readers the opportunity to learn many different languages including Arabic, Bulgarian, Chinese, Czech, English, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Spanish and Turkish.**

Our reading room also has a variety of educational materials such as books, disks and cassettes. Newspapers and magazines in English, French, German, Korean and Turkish help our readers to be well informed on world events and the latest news in the political, economic, scientific and cultural scene.

To involve readers in studying languages, we found an interesting activity called the “Day of First-Year Student”. We organised it in our reading



The National Academic Library of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Astana city

room for students from various universities. Besides involving students who are studying languages, the objective of the activity is to interest first-year students in becoming readers of our library, as many are freshmen from different regions in Kazakhstan.

To organise and conduct the “Day of First-Year Student” activity, librarians need to prepare puzzles, quizzes and riddles. Students are divided into several teams and they select their own team names. There is also a panel of judges, comprising librarians and teachers, to decide which is the best team. The most active participants are rewarded with books.



First-Year students of Eurasian Humanities Institute solving a puzzle



# Standing the Test of Time: Heritage Road Show III

By Soh Lin Li

Manager

National Library Office, National Library Board Singapore

The Heritage Road Show, which is into its third run, took place on 2 August 2008 and it was a vibrant showcase of local lives as seen through the kaleidoscope of Singaporeans. Visitors were able to view still shots of village life back then in Upper Serangoon, old documents like library cards, certificates and artefacts such as game pieces from yesteryear.

Besides taking a journey back in time, there was a photography exhibition “43 Things that Remind Me of Singapore”. Winning entries were picked from the photography competition held earlier this year, which invited Singaporeans to submit photographs of Singapore’s sights and sounds.

The National Library also launched two online initiatives, namely the Virtual Donors Gallery and Flickr SNAP. The Virtual Donors Gallery ([www.donors.nl.sg](http://www.donors.nl.sg)) is an online portal showcasing the highlights of the Donors Collection and local artefacts donated by the public during the first Heritage Road Show in 2006. Researchers and overseas visitors can now get a chance to see our local heritage in the comfort of their homes.



Singaporeans tell their stories through a photo showcase depicting the sights and sounds of Singapore



Old photographs bringing back smiles and memories for Senior Minister of State for Education and Information, Communications and the Arts, RAdm (NS) Lui Tuck Yew

The other initiative, Flickr SNAP ([www.flickr.com/people/snaps/](http://www.flickr.com/people/snaps/)), is an extension of the National Library’s Singapore National Album of Pictures (SNAP) on the popular photo-sharing website, Flickr.com. This initiative allows the National Library to widen its donorship pool by encouraging the online community to share their personal photo collections without having to part with their much-treasured mementos. In support of this initiative, Yahoo! had also featured heritage photos on Singapore’s Yahoo! network and participated in the Road Show to promote greater awareness of their services.

**At the end of the event, the National Library had harvested a total of 1,095 items of which 150 were physical items and 945 photographs were converted into digital format.**

All these will go towards building our print heritage for current and future generations to appreciate the history of Singapore.

# Library Events from January to August 2009

Collated by Nor Aishah Mohamed Rashid, Associate Librarian, Lee Kong Chian Reference Library, National Library Board Singapore

## 11th IBIMA Conference on Innovation and Knowledge Management in Twin Track Economies

Organiser International Business Information Management Association (IBIMA)  
 Date 4–6 January 2009  
 Venue Cairo, Egypt  
 Contact Email: admin@ibima.org  
 Link <http://www.ibima.org/Cairo2009/index.html>

## Information Online 2009: ALIA 14th Exhibition & Conference

Organiser Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA)  
 Date 20–22 January 2009  
 Venue Sydney, Australia  
 Contact Conference Secretariat  
 Emma Waygood  
 Conference Action PO Box 576  
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 Tel +61 2 9437 9333  
 Fax +61 2 9901 4586  
 Email: infoonline2009@conferenceaction.com.au  
 Link <http://www.information-online.com.au:80/>

## International Conference on Knowledge Networking in ICT Era

Organiser Central Library, BS Abdur Rahman Crescent Engineering College and Society for the Advancement of Library and Information Science  
 Date 22–24 January 2009

Venue Chennai, India  
 Contact Email: knict\_crescentlib@crescentcollege.org  
 Link <http://www.crescentcollege.org/pdf/international-conference.pdf>

## Research Applications in Information and Library Studies Conference

Organiser Information & Knowledge Management Program, University of Technology, Sydney  
 Date 23 January 2009  
 Venue Sydney, Australia  
 Contact Dr Michael Olsson  
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 Tel +61 2 9514 2722  
 Fax +61 2 9514 2766  
 Email: Michael.Olsson@uts.edu.au  
 Link <http://www.communication.uts.edu.au/conferences/rails/index.html>

## ALA Midwinter Meeting

Organiser American Library Association (ALA)  
 Date 23–28 January 2009  
 Venue Denver, Colorado, USA  
 Contact Email: ala@experient-inc.com  
 Link <http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/midwinter/home.cfm>

JANUARY

## ACM International Workshop on Intercultural Collaboration (IWIC 2009)

Organiser ACM  
 Date 20–21 February 2009  
 Venue Palo Alto, CA  
 Contact Email: iwic2009@khn.nict.go.jp  
 Link <http://langrid.nict.go.jp/iwic2009/>

## ER&L 2009

Organiser University of California  
 Date 9–12 February 2009  
 Venue Los Angeles, CA (UCLA Campus)  
 Contact Email: bonnie.tijerina@gmail.com  
 Link <http://electroniclibrarian.org/ocs/index.php/erl/2009/index>

FEBRUARY

**Asia-Pacific Conference on Library & Information Education and Practice (A-LIEP) 2009: Preparing Information Professionals for International Collaboration**

Organiser Graduate School of Library, Information and Media Studies, and Research Center of Knowledge Communities, University of Tsukuba and Japan Society of Library and Information Science (JSLIS)

Date 6–8 March 2009

Venue University of Tsukuba, Tsukuba, Japan

Contact Email: a-liep@kc.tsukuba.ac.jp

Link <http://a-liep.kc.tsukuba.ac.jp/index.html>

**Third International Conference on Information Systems, Technology and Management (ICISTM-09)**

Organiser Institute of Management Technology, Ghaziabad

Date 12–13 March 2009

Venue Ghaziabad, India

Contact Email: icistm@imt.edu

Link <http://www.imt.edu/icistm/>

**62nd World Newspaper Congress: Newspapers, A Multi-Media Growth Business**

Organiser World Association of Newspapers (WAN)

Date 22–25 March 2009

Venue Hyderabad, India

Contact Email: contact\_us@wan.asso.fr

Link <http://www.wanindia2009.com/home.asp>

MARCH

**Joint International Conferences on Asia-Pacific Web Conference (APWeb) and Web-Age Information Management (WAIM)**

Organiser Organising Committee

Date 1–4 April 2009

Venue Suzhou, China

Contact Email: apweb-waim09@suda.edu.cn

Link <http://apweb-waim09.suda.edu.cn/>

**CONSAL XIV General Conference: Towards Dynamic Libraries and Information Services in Southeast Asian Countries**

Organiser Congress of Southeast Asian Librarians (CONSAL)

Date 20–23 April 2009

Venue Hanoi, Vietnam

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Link <http://consal14.vn/index.php?lang=en>

**14th International Conference on Database Systems for Advanced Applications (DASFAA 2009)**

Organiser DASFAA Steering Committee

Date 21–23 April 2009

Venue Brisbane, Australia

Contact None provided on website

Link <http://www.itee.uq.edu.au/~dasfaa/>

**Third International Conference on Research Challenges in Information Science (RCIS)**

Organiser IEEE Morocco Section

Date 22–24 April 2009

Venue Fez, Morocco

Contact Email: rcis@farcampus.com

Link <http://www.farcampus.com/rcis/index.php>

APRIL

**CLA / ACB 2009 National Conference and Tradeshow**

Organiser Canadian Library Association  
 Date 29 May – 1 June 2009  
 Venue Montréal, Québec, Canada  
 Contact Wendy Walton  
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 Email: [wwalton@cla.ca](mailto:wwalton@cla.ca)  
 Link <http://www.cla.ca/conference/2009/>

MAY

**SLA 2009 Annual Conference & INFO-EXPO**

Organiser Special Libraries Association (SLA)  
 Date 14–17 June 2009  
 Venue Washington, DC  
 Contact Email: [SLA091.attendee@experient-inc.com](mailto:SLA091.attendee@experient-inc.com)  
 Link <http://www.sla.org/content/Events/conference/ac2009/index.cfm>

**Joint Conference on Digital Libraries (JCDL 2009)**

Organiser ACM, IEEE  
 Date 15–19 June 2009  
 Venue Washington, DC  
 Contact None provided on website  
 Link <http://www.jcdl2009.org/>

JUNE

**2nd International PKP Scholarly Publishing Conference**

Organiser Public Knowledge Project (PKP)  
 Date 8–10 July 2009  
 Venue Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada  
 Contact Angela Raasch  
 Email: [araasch@sfu.ca](mailto:araasch@sfu.ca)  
 Link <http://pkp.sfu.ca/ocs/pkp/index.php/pkp2009/pkp2009>

**ALA Annual Conference**

Organiser American Library Association (ALA)  
 Date 9–15 July 2009  
 Venue Chicago, Illinois, USA  
 Contact Email: [ala@experient-inc.com](mailto:ala@experient-inc.com)  
 Link <http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/annual/index.cfm>

JULY

**75th IFLA General Conference and Council: Libraries Create Futures: Building on Cultural Heritage**

Organiser International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA)  
 Date 23–27 August 2009  
 Venue Milan, Italy  
 Contact IFLA Headquarters  
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 Link <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla75/index.htm>

**10th International Congress on Medical Librarianship**

Organiser University of Queensland Library and IFLA Section of Biological and Medical Sciences Libraries  
 Date 31 August– 4 September 2009  
 Venue Brisbane, Australia  
 Contact ICML 2009 Congress Secretariat  
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 Link <http://www.icml2009.com/>

AUGUST

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### TIBE 2009 - Taipei International Book Exhibition

Organiser Taipei Book Fair Foundation  
 Date 4–9 February 2009  
 Venue Taipei, Taiwan  
 Link [http://www.tibe.org.tw/2009/index.php?language=en&page\\_code=about](http://www.tibe.org.tw/2009/index.php?language=en&page_code=about)

### Alexandrina International Book Fair

Organiser Bibliotheca Alexandrina  
 Date 19 February – 4 March 2009  
 Venue Alexandria, Egypt  
 Link <http://www.bibalex.org/English/bookfair.htm>

### Abu Dhabi International Book Fair

Organiser Authority for Culture and Heritage  
 Date 17–23 March 2009  
 Venue Abu Dhabi, UAE  
 Link <http://www.adbookfair.com/cms/>



### 7th Bangkok International Book Fair

Organiser Publishers and Booksellers Association of Thailand (PUBAT)  
 Date 26 March – 6 April 2009  
 Venue Bangkok, Thailand  
 Link <http://www.bangkokibf.com/>

### Québec International Book Fair

Organiser Salon international du livre de Québec  
 Date 15–19 April 2009  
 Venue Québec, Canada  
 Link <http://www.silq.org/>

### London Book Fair

Organiser Reed Exhibition Companies  
 Date 20–22 April 2009  
 Venue London, United Kingdom  
 Link <http://www.lbf-virtual.com>

### Seoul International Book Fair

Organiser Korean Publishers Association  
 Date 13–17 May 2009  
 Venue Seoul, Korea  
 Link <http://www.sibf.or.kr/eng/>

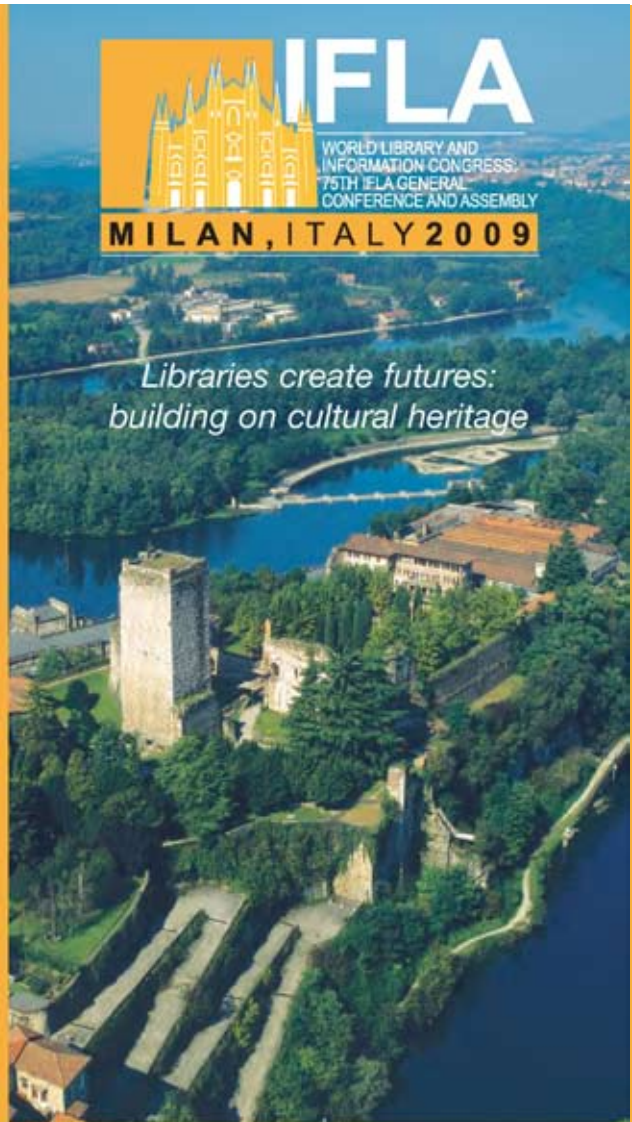


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