

ASIA AND OCEANIA

SECTION NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM IFLA PRESIDENT

Dear colleagues

My best greetings from IFLA and Helsinki! It is a great pleasure for me to share with my colleagues in the Asia and Oceania Region some of my initial experiences during my IFLA Presidency which I started at the IFLA World Library and Information Congress (WLIC) in Singapore in August.

I have very fond memories of the IFLA WLIC there. I want to thank everybody who had worked so hard in organising that great event. We all were warmly welcomed and enjoyed our time in the friendly and green city with the congress offering so interesting professional and exciting social programmes and staffed by so many dedicated volunteers.

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I introduced there my President's theme *Strong Libraries, Strong Societies*. The core message of the theme is: libraries exert their critical influence on societies and their development by fostering equal opportunities and providing equitable access to lifelong learning and education, research and innovation, culture and recreation for all. In so doing, libraries can contribute to building stronger communities and better societies.

The first meeting of the new IFLA Governing Board (GB) took place in Singapore immediately after WLIC. I am happy to introduce the two GB members from the Asia and Oceania Region, Ngian Lek Choh from Singapore and Dan Dorner from New Zealand.

After WLIC, there have been several events in the region where IFLA has been represented. From Singapore I travelled directly to Bali, Indonesia to give a Key Note speech on 27 Aug at the International Association of School Librarianship (IASL) Conference "Enhancing Students' Life Skills through the School Library".

I participated also in the UNESCO Information for All (IFAP) Conference "Internet and Socio-Cultural Transformations in Information Society" in Sakhalin Island, in the Russian Far East, in the North Pacific on the 7-12 September with Maria-Carme Torras I Calvo, the member of the IFLA GB and Section for Information Literacy from Norway and Winnie Vitzansky, a BSLA Trainer and Leaders Programme Counsellor from Denmark. There was great interest in the IFLA Trend Report and the impact these trends will have on the social and cultural aspects of information for all.

IFLA had a strong presence advocating for libraries in the context of broader Internet governance at the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) which took place in Bali, Indonesia on the 22-25 October. Stuart Hamilton, Director of Policy and Advocacy, Ellen Broad, Manager of Digital Projects and Policy and Margaret Allen, IFLA Leaders Associate from Australia were panellists in many sessions.

Also in Bali, the Past President Ellen Tise spoke on behalf of IFLA at the World Culture Forum "The Power of Culture in Sustainable Development" in Bali Indonesia on the 24 - 27 November 2013, convened under the patronage of the President of the Republic of Indonesia, H.E. Dr. H. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono and in his capacity as the Co-Chair of the High-level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda. This high level UN event was an excellent opportunity for IFLA to present our strategy for including libraries as agents for development in the UN Post 2015 Development Goals – part of our Key Initiative 3 activities.

IFLA Governing Board Member Ngian Lek Choh represented me on the 7-8 November at China Library Association Annual Conference, "Books Fragrance in China: Reading Leads to Future", in Pudong, Shanghai.

IFLA is very pleased to participate in regional events to strengthen links across libraries. Secretary General Jennefer Nicholson represented IFLA at the 2013 Forum for Asia Library Directors: "Knowledge Globalization and Development of Asian Libraries" in Kunming, China on the 18-21 November, hosted by the National Library of China and the Cultural Department of the People's Government of Yunnan Province, and will also take part in early 2014 in the ASEAN region Library Development Forum in Myanmar hosted by the Ministry of Culture and the Ministry of Information and Public Relations.

I would like to conclude with inviting you to my first President's Meeting which will take place in Helsinki Finland on the 22-24 May 2014 under the title "Strong Libraries, Strong Societies : Impact of Libraries on Society".

I wish you all the best in your efforts in promoting strong libraries and better societies.

Sinikka Sipilä
IFLA President 2013-2015

Message From Chair RSCAO

Dear Colleagues of RSCAO and associates of the region:

It is my honor to have the opportunity to serve you as Chair of Section of Asia & Oceania, together with Section Secretary, Dr. Takashi Nagatsuka. We thank you for your support and will do our best during 2013-2015.

First of all, we would like to express our sincere thanks to our previous Section Chair, Dr. Dan Dorner for his excellent leadership during the past four years. We also congratulate him as the new Chair of Division V of IFLA where he could continue his leadership for more extensive contribution. In the elections, Premila Gamage has been very kind to continue as Information Coordinator for our section.

RSCAO would like to thank Yan Xiangdong and Premila Gamage whose two terms end this year. We sincerely welcome newly elected Standing Committee (SC) members, S.B. Ghosh and Teresita Moran. Fawz Abdallah, Chihfeng P. Lin. Jayshree Mamtora, Mohd Sharif and Winston Roberts are serving their 2nd term for the section.

At the WLIC 2013 in Singapore, our 6 SC members Sun Yigang of North East Asia, Sanjay Bihani of South Asia, Fawz Abdallah of West Asia (Arab Countries), Roza Berdigaliyeva of Central Asia, Diljit Singh of South East Asia, and Winston Roberts of Oceania, agreed to serve as Sub-Region Chairs.

We will continue to improve members' communication, connection, and cooperation. RSCAO will follow IFLA HQ key initiatives to promote the growth of the region.

From August to November, we have put in place the following:

- Provide "Section's Brief" to inform things that have been done, ongoing, and plan to do.
- Complete and upload of RSCAO Strategic Plan 2013-2015 to IFLA HQ.
- Call for application for potential host countries for mid-term meeting & seminar for 2014. Mohd Sharif, Diljit Singh, and Rashidah and colleagues of Malaysia had agreed to host our 2014 Mid-Term Meeting in Kuala Lumpur during 16-19 February 2014.
- Jayshree Mamtora, Chair RSCAO Programme Planning Committee for 2014 WLIC in Lyon and her team members, Winston Roberts, Michael Robinson, and Fawz Abdallah drafted Call for Papers with theme of "Transcending Borders: National, Social, and Ethnic Issues" which has been uploaded into IFLA HQ system for approval.
- Sought joint session with Section of Knowledge Management for an open programme. Chair of KM, Leda Bultrini agreed with theme of "Knowledge Management Initiatives and Development in Asia and Oceania". The draft of call for papers has also been uploaded for approval as well.

We are saddened to learn that our colleagues in Philippines have suffered from the super typhoon and earthquake. CNN is covering these super typhoon damages and regularly shown in the CNN Channel. We would like to express our concern and pray the country recovers quickly from the disaster and our colleagues will be back to their regular work soon.

Chihfeng P. Lin
Chair
Regional Standing Committee
for Asia and Oceania



MESSAGE FROM IFLA REGIONAL OFFICE

Dear colleagues and friends from the region of Asia and Oceania,

The natural disaster of Typhoon Haiyan had been sudden and caused much destruction to our comrades' homes in the Philippines. This has been at the top of our minds as we hear the news accounts. While we are unable to fully comprehend the devastation that has taken place, we have an opportunity to rally support. The Philippines Librarian Association Inc. has put out a call for action for their "One Million and Counting: Books for Libraries, Victims of Calamities." outreach programme. This is where we can show the importance of libraries and books as a source of solace for children and families in such times. The website for more information on how to provide aid is: <http://plai.org.ph/index.php/news/28-news/23-call-action>. Our thoughts and prayers are with them as they rebuild their lives. [You can read more about this in the newsletter]

In the newsletter, you will find the many updates on IFLA activities and also library programmes in our region. My attention goes to the trend report and also the Building Strong Library Association Programme. These are of importance as we build and prepare for a sustainable future for libraries. It has been a very interesting 2013 for the region – Singapore had an opportunity to host our colleagues for the first time for the IFLA WLIC, a first ASEAN Caucus was convened and the Chair of Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania (RSCAO), Dr Dan Dorner, is a member of the IFLA Governing Board.

HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS ISSUE

Dear Friends from Asia, Oceania and around the world, warm greetings from Singapore in this New Year!

In this issue, read what Sinikka Sipilä, IFLA President and Li Chihfeng, RSCAO Chair have to say in their respective new roles and what they intend to do during their terms of office.

The IFLA Report with insights to the 5 new trends and the challenges they post to the Library and Information Industry that was launched recently at IFLA WLIC 2013 Singapore is now online. You can add the link on your library and library association websites for your staff to review, generate discussions and follow-up actions using the report, whether in advocacy work or in funding support work.

For your reading pleasure, colleagues in our region have provided exciting updates from their countries in this issue. These include the National Assembly Forum for Library Culture Development and Korean Library Association 50th Anniversary General Conference, Building Strong Library Associations programmes in Nepal and Vietnam, and the First Regional Conference in Arab Region. We have also included the text of the very interesting talk on "Contextual collections, colossal collaboration and curious connections" by Lucie Burgess, Head of Content Strategy, British Library

2013 has also been a year of change. My thanks go to Dr Ingrid Parent for her guidance to the Regional Office in her two-year term and I wish her all the very best in her future endeavours, though I am indeed certain she will continue to be that Library Crusader. To our new President of IFLA, Ms Sinikka Sipilä, it will be a privilege to serve under her and support her in her quest to build Strong Libraries. My congratulations to Dr Dan Dorner as he continues to advocate for the region as Chair of IFLA Division V. Last but not least, my congratulations to Dr Li Chihfeng and Dr. Takashi Nagatsuka as Chair and secretary of RSCAO respectively, as they take our region onto greater heights.

Have a fulfilling and meaningful 2014!



Mr. Ian Yap
Regional Manager

that she delivered at the Libraries Australia Forum in Melbourne and to staff at the National Library of Singapore.

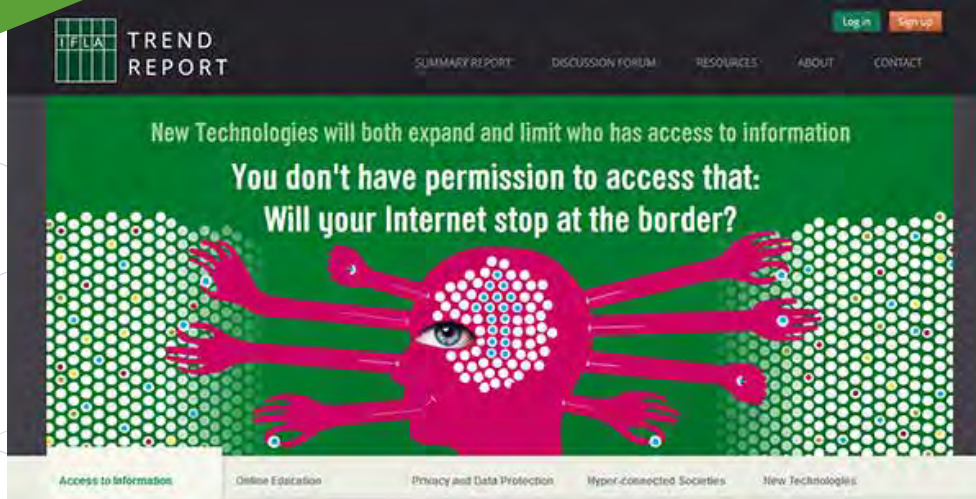
The Editorial and Production Committee expresses appreciation to everyone who has contributed in one way or other to this publication that will continue to serve as an important channel of communication for our members.

For RSCAO members, who are attending the RSCAO mid-year meeting, I look forward to meeting you in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia soon!

Happy reading!



Ms. Janice Ow
Deputy Editor



IFLA TREND REPORT

At the Plenary Session of the 79th World Library & Information Congress in Singapore, IFLA President Ingrid Parent and Secretary General Jennefer Nicholson launched the IFLA Trend Report that looked into high level trends shaping our global information environment.

IFLA members can now sign up to access the IFLA Trend Report in full at trends.ifla.org.

With the IFLA Trend Report, IFLA hopes to do more than add on another static report to the digital archive, "Looking at the impact of the internet and technology on a particular sector". In compiling the Trend Report, IFLA has harnessed the unique perspective it has to offer as an international voice for library & information associations.

The IFLA Trend Report isn't looking at libraries in the information environment – it's looking across society. It is not a static report but a dynamic, evolving set of resources and an online forum discussion for IFLA members to build on. The Trend Report is the starting point for IFLA members to bounce ideas off, and chart their own course in the information environment.

Be sure to read the *Summary of the Trend Report*, 'Riding the Waves or Caught in the Tide? Insights from the IFLA Trend Report'.

This is your gateway into the depth and breadth of information contained on the IFLA Trend Report web platform. It summarises the high level trends shaping our global information environment, identifies collisions between them and the resulting impacts for libraries. The IFLA Trend Report platform you see is just the **beginning of the conversation**. It's deliberately high level; it provides an outline for libraries. Now it's over to our varied IFLA member library & information associations to add colour.

What you can do

We want to hear how the trends are relevant for your library: What does it mean for libraries serving children, or adolescents? How are public libraries going with the uptake of mobile and wearable technology? Is wearable tech even happening in your library yet? What about trends in your academic library? Without your input, it's just another report. The online discussion forum at trends.ifla.org will be the focus point for sharing the perspectives of libraries in your region.

Over the next year, IFLA will be encouraging members to engage with the Trend Report. We want to see Trend Report discussions being continued at the local, national and regional level. It can be workshops, seminars, online discussions, blogs, interviews – add it as an agenda item to your mid-term meetings, include a seminar at your regional conference! Get creative, get engaged.

Most importantly, let IFLA know about the discussions in your region: make sure to share the outcomes from your meetings on the online discussion forum.

IFLA hopes to take the contributions from members to the Trend Report into its work with section committees, strategic partners, policy makers, other non-government associations and in broader discussions on digital policy outside the library sector.

So sign up at ifla.trends.org!

Tweet about it (#iflatrends), facebook it, follow the online discussion forum, share the link with library colleagues and most importantly, start thinking about how you can continue the discussion in your region. You're steering the ship now! Let's see where these information trends take us.

For more details, please visit URL:
<http://express.ifla.org/node/6137>

Tweets



Twitter hashtag: #iflatrends

The IFLA Trend Report has officially been launched here at #WLIC 2013! IFLA members sign up at trends.ifla.org.

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- Trend Report
- Add new comment



IFLA SIGNS ON TO MAJOR INTERNATIONAL DOCUMENT REGARDING HUMAN RIGHTS AND SURVEILLANCE

IFLA has become a signatory to the *International Principles on the Application of Human Rights to Communications Surveillance*.

The *Principles* document is the product of a year-long negotiation process between Privacy International, the Electronic Frontier Foundation, Access, Human Rights Watch, Reporters Without Borders, and the Association for Progressive Communications. The document spells out how existing human rights law applies to modern digital surveillance and gives civil society groups, industry, lawmakers and observers a benchmark for measuring states' surveillance practices against long-established human rights standards. It contains 13 principles which have now been endorsed by over 260 organizations from 77 countries, from Somalia to Sweden.

IFLA is working on library privacy issues as part of its Key Initiative 1 activities, and during 2014 the FAIFE Committee will be working with the American Library Association, CILIP and other partners to reflect on and revise IFLA's existing policies, such as the IFLA Internet Manifesto. As recently discussed at the Internet Governance Forum in Bali, this year's revelations of government surveillance is creating a new environment for the discussion of human rights online. The library community must be prepared to engage in this discussion and ensure that fundamental library principles are upheld when we provide Internet access to our users.

The *Principles* are available for signing by interested library associations and institutions. More information and the full version of the *Principles* can be found here: <https://en.necessaryandproportionate.org/text>

Summary of the 13 principles

- **Legality:** Any limitation on the right to privacy must be prescribed by law.
- **Legitimate Aim:** Laws should only permit communications surveillance by specified State authorities to achieve a legitimate aim that corresponds to a predominantly important legal interest that is necessary in a democratic society.
- **Necessity:** Laws permitting communications surveillance by the State must limit surveillance to that which is strictly and demonstrably necessary to achieve a legitimate aim.
- **Adequacy:** Any instance of communications surveillance authorised by law must be appropriate to fulfill the specific legitimate aim identified.
- **Proportionality:** Decisions about communications surveillance must be made by weighing the benefit sought to be achieved against the harm that would be caused to users' rights and to other competing interests.
- **Competent judicial authority:** Determinations related to communications surveillance must be made by a competent judicial authority that is impartial and independent.
- **Due process:** States must respect and guarantee individuals' human rights by ensuring that lawful procedures that govern any interference with human rights are properly enumerated in law, consistently practiced, and available to the general public.
- **User notification:** Individuals should be notified of a decision authorising communications surveillance with enough time and information to enable them to appeal the decision, and should have access to the materials presented in support of the application for authorisation.
- **Transparency:** States should be transparent about the use and scope of communications surveillance techniques and powers.
- **Public oversight:** States should establish independent oversight mechanisms to ensure transparency and accountability of communications surveillance.
- **Integrity of communications and systems:** States should not compel service providers, or hardware or software vendors to build surveillance or monitoring capabilities into their systems, or to collect or retain information.
- **Safeguards for international cooperation:** Mutual Legal Assistance Treaties (MLATs) entered into by States should ensure that, where the laws of more than one State could apply to communications surveillance, the available standard with the higher level of protection for users should apply.
- **Safeguards against illegitimate access:** States should enact legislation criminalising illegal communications surveillance by public and private actors.

For more details, please visit URL:
<http://www.ifla.org/node/8103>

IFLA STATEMENT ON LIBRARIES AND DEVELOPMENT

Access to information is a fundamental human right that can break the cycle of poverty and support sustainable development. The library is the only place in many communities where people can access information that will help improve their education, develop new skills, find jobs, build businesses, make informed agricultural and health decisions, or gain insights into environmental issues. Their unique role makes libraries important development partners, both by providing access to information in all formats and by delivering services and programmes that meet the needs for information in a changing and increasingly complex society.

As the United Nations moves to establish a post-2015 framework to guide development worldwide, IFLA calls upon all stakeholders to recognise that libraries, in every part of the world, can be reliable mechanisms for underpinning the delivery of sustainable development programmes.

IFLA affirms that:

Libraries provide opportunity for all

Libraries are found in all locations – in the countryside and in the city, on the campus and in the workplace. Libraries serve all people, regardless of their race, national or ethnic origin, gender or sexual preference, age, disability, religion, economic circumstances or political beliefs. Libraries support vulnerable and marginalised populations and help ensure that no person is denied basic economic opportunities and human rights.

Libraries empower people for their own self-development

Libraries underpin a society where people from any background can learn, create and innovate. Libraries support a culture of literacy and foster critical thinking and inquiry. Through libraries, people can harness the power of technology and the Internet to improve their lives and their communities. Libraries protect the rights of users to access information in a safe environment. Libraries are socially and culturally inclusive. They can help all people engage with the public institutions they need to access services, and can act as gateways to civic participation and new e-government services.

Libraries offer access to the world's knowledge

Libraries are an essential part of a critical infrastructure that supports education, jobs and community growth. They offer meaningful, convenient access to information in all its forms, whether it is manuscript, printed, audio-visual or digital. They can support formal, informal and lifelong learning, the preservation of folk memories, traditional and indigenous knowledge, and the national cultural and scientific heritage. When national information policies aim to improve telecommunications and provide high-speed broadband networks, libraries are natural partners for the provision of public access to Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) and networked information resources.

Librarians provide expert guidance

Library staff are trained, trusted intermediaries dedicated to guiding people to the information they seek. Librarians provide training and support for the media and information literacies people need to better understand and participate in the information society. They are also cultural stewards, curating and providing access to cultural heritage and supporting the development of identity.

Libraries are part of a multi-stakeholder society

Libraries work effectively with many different stakeholder groups in varied situations. They deliver programmes and services alongside local and national governments, community groups, charities, funding organisations, and private and corporate enterprises. Librarians are agile actors who are able to work alongside others in governments, civil society, business, academia and the technical community to help deliver policy goals.

Libraries must be recognised in development policy frameworks

As libraries have a natural role in providing access to the information content and networked services that underpin sustainable development, policymakers should encourage the strengthening and provision of libraries and utilise the skills of librarians and other information workers to help solve development problems at community levels.

IFLA therefore urges policymakers and development practitioners to leverage these powerful existing resources and ensure that any post 2015 development framework:

- Recognises the role of access to information as a fundamental element supporting development
- Acknowledges the role of libraries and librarians as agents for development
- Encourages UN Member State support of the information frameworks underpinning development – providing networks, information and human resources – such as libraries and other public interest bodies

Approved by the IFLA Governing Board in Singapore, August 16th 2013

For more details, please visit URL:
<http://www.ifla.org/node/7982>

TYPHOON HAIYAN



On behalf of President Sinikka Sipilä, the IFLA Governing Board, and IFLA colleagues around the world, we express our deep sorrow for the disaster that has struck the people of the Philippines. We hope that our colleagues in the Philippines, and their families, are safe.

IFLA is in communication with the National Librarian of the Philippines, Antonio Santos, who will be keeping us informed of developments and needs that their nation faces in the wake of Typhoon Haiyan. The National Library also has responsibility for many public library functions as well and is working with the Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. (PLAI). Prior to the typhoon, PLAI had just begun assisting libraries and librarians affected by October's 7.2 magnitude earthquake that hit Bohol and Cebu in the central Philippines.

As Typhoon Haiyan has affected up to 11 million people, there are many challenges ahead. One way librarians can assist is to donate funds through national government/aid organisation campaigns to support the immediate health and safety needs of this extensive disaster recovery effort and thereby benefit the communities that libraries serve.

PLAI's President, Mrs. Elizabeth Peralejo, has [issued a call for action](#) which includes information on how to send financial support.*

The Philippine library community sincerely appreciates the concern and support they've received from their international colleagues.

For more information about the extent of the devastation and where humanitarian aid is needed the most, please see the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs just released 22-page '[Typhoon Haiyan Action Plan](#).' It outlines in detail the affected areas and populations, priority actions, funding requirements, and the response capacities of the Philippine government. There is also an Annex that includes overviews and contact details on some of the various organisations (IGOs and NGOs) involved in relief efforts.

**Note: overseas donors will need to include the bank's SWIFT CODE: BNORPHMM.*

IFLA is not responsible for donations made to the Philippine Librarians Association. Please do not send donations directly to IFLA.

For more details, please visit URL:
<http://www.ifla.org/node/8156>

IN MEMORY OF MOHD SHARIF

It is with great sadness that our dear colleague and friend, Mohammad Sharif has passed away on Monday, 9 December 2013.

Sharif was an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Information Management, MARA University of Technology, and holding the post of Deputy Dean (Research and Industry Linkages). He was also the President of the Librarians' Association of Malaysia at the time of his death.

The Malaysian Library profession has lost a very strong advocate of its profession. Some of us have known him for many years as a member of the Congress of Southeast Asian Librarians (CONSAL). Some of our colleagues who had the chance to work with Mohd Sharif appreciated his knowledge and experience in the library industry. It is a great loss for our section, profession and the region.

We will remember him always as affable and courteous with a ready sense of humour. Our heartfelt sympathy and condolences to his family, friends and the members of the Malaysian Librarians Association.



CULTURAL HERITAGE

IFLA'S WORK ON PRESERVING CULTURAL HERITAGE

Culture is a basic need. A community thrives through its cultural heritage, it dies without it.

Cultural heritage consists of tangible and intangible, natural and cultural, movable and immovable assets inherited from the past. It is of extremely high value for the present and the future of a country. Access, preservation, and education around cultural heritage are essential for the evolution of people and their culture.

The preservation and restoration of cultural heritage has always been a priority for IFLA.

It is essential to monitor areas at risk, to advocate for and raise awareness about conflict and disaster prevention.

With an increase in cultural heritage being abused for political propaganda and destroyed to serve certain agendas, the protection of cultural heritage has never been more important.

Next to the possible destruction of cultural heritage through war and occupation, the illicit traffic of cultural objects is also a threat to the survival of cultural heritage. In times of upheaval and confusion, cultural heritage can be displaced or illegally sold.

IFLA is working together with UNESCO and the International Committee of the Blue Shield to prevent this from happening and ensure that (physical) cultural heritage remains in safe condition in their place of origin.

Furthermore, it is not only man made threats that pose a danger to cultural heritage; natural threats can also affect the heritage of a region. IFLA sets out to monitor disaster areas around the globe and help with preservation as well as reconstruction once disasters have happened.

For more details, please visit URL:
<http://www.ifla.org/cultural-heritage>

AUGUST ISSUE OF INTERNATIONAL PRESERVATION NEWS JUST RELEASED!



The latest issue (IPN 59-60) of *International Preservation News* has just been released.

Issue Theme

From Traditional to Digital Written Heritage: An Asian Perspective

The August 2013 issue can be downloaded at this URL:
<http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/pac/ipn/ipn-59-60.pdf>

Some of the interesting papers include the following:

- *CollAsia 2010: Conserving Cultural Heritage Collections in Southeast Asia* by Katrina Similä
- *Photographic Archives from the École Française d'Extrême-Orient* by Isabelle Pujol, Valérie Gillet and Philippe Le Failler
- *When Script Engravings Establish a New Spatial Dimension in a Monument: The Tomb of Manchu Emperor Qianlong (18th century)* by Françoise Wang and Livio De Luca
- *Conservation of the Library of Congress' Gandhara Scroll: A Collaborative Process* by Holly H. Krueger
- *Manuscripts Preservation and Restoration in Central Asia* by Sarsenbayeva Botakoz Shagaliyevna and Shaimardanova Zarema
- *Earthquake Preparedness for Libraries: Lessons of the Great East Japan Earthquake* by Naoko Kobayashi
- *Mass Treatment Recovery for Tsunami Damaged Document by Local People Assisted by Conservators*, Toru Kibe

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LOOKING BACK ON IFLA'S PARTICIPATION IN THE 8TH INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM, BALI

During the 3rd week of August 2013, IFLA was represented at the 8th Internet Governance Forum (IGF) in Bali, Indonesia, where the libraries' perspective on intellectual property, free trade, access to information for disadvantaged peoples, net neutrality, human rights and development was contributed to a number of panels. You can read about IFLA's appearances on various panels during IGF in blog posts from [Day 1](#) and [Day 2](#) here.

At the 8th IGF, privacy and surveillance concerns dominated discussions, as the fallout over news of mass surveillance around the world by US intelligence agencies continued. During the week, fresh revelations regarding US tapping of German Chancellor Angela Merkel's mobile phone added fuel to some already fiery discussions on the ground at IGF, as did news of [Brazil and Germany leading efforts](#) at the United Nations General Assembly to draft a UN resolution that would guarantee peoples' privacy online. During the 8th IGF, Brazil reiterated its intention to host its own global

summit on Internet Governance in 2014, a decision that could have many [implications for Internet Governance in general](#) and the environment in which we access and provide Internet services. You can now [read all of the transcripts](#) from the many workshops that took place during the 8th IGF.

IFLA's participation at IGF offers an important opportunity to make the views of libraries, as essential and longstanding providers of access to information, heard in the context of broader Internet governance. IFLA's engagement in IGF feeds into its ongoing work leveraging libraries as tools for development before the UN, which is currently reviewing both the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS). IFLA issued its statement on Libraries and Development in [August 2013](#), and continues to be actively engaged in this process.

For more details, please visit URL: <http://www.ifla.org/node/8092>

BENEFITS OF IFLA MEMBERSHIP



Advantages of Being an IFLA Member

As an IFLA member, you will:

- Have the opportunity to contribute to the international agenda
- Share expertise for the benefit of others, and your own organisation
- Benefit from and have opportunity to participate in our advocacy at the highest international levels on behalf of all library users, globally
- Have access and contribute to professional development including standards, guidelines, and training materials
- Receive IFLA Journal quarterly
- Receive discounts on:
 - Publications including the IFLA Publications Series published by De Gruyter
 - Registration at our Annual Congress
- Avoid paying the 10% surcharge on IFLA vouchers

Information for Existing IFLA Members

- IFLA members whose 2013 Membership payment was not received by end of December will be excluded from IFLA Membership.
- The 2014 renewal invoices will be sent out by post at the end of January 2014. Electronic copies can be requested as of February.
- Please send in your Data Protection Form if you have not already done so. The form can be downloaded at <http://www.ifla.org/data-protection-policy>

For any questions, please contact Membership@ifla.org.

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Joint Satellite Meeting

IFLA REGIONAL STANDING COMMITTEE FOR ASIA AND OCEANIA (RSCAO) ACTIVITIES AT IFLA WLIC 2013, SINGAPORE

RSCAO STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS, AUGUST 18 & 22

RSCAO had performed many different works, such as, but not limited to the Asia and Oceania Open Session, the Joint Session with Rare Books and Manuscripts Section, the Joint Satellite Conference at Nanyang Technological University, and Social and Networking Sessions during the successful IFLA 2013 WLIC in Singapore. The attendees for the Standing Committee (SC) meetings were: Dan Dorner (Chair), Chihfeng P. Lin (Secretary), Fawz Abdallah (Member), S. B. Ghosh (Member), Jaesun Lee (Member), Jayshree Mamtara (Member), Mohd Sharif Mohd Saad (Member), Teresita Moran (Member), Takashi Nagatsuka (Member), Winston Roberts (Member), Michael Robinson (Member), Diljit Singh (Member), Tao Yang (Member), Sanjay Kumar Bihani (Corresponding Member), Rashidah Begum Bt. Fazal Mohamed (Advisor); Ian Yap (Regional Office) and Janice Ow Fung Yin (Regional Office).

The first SC meeting started with the introduction of newly elected SC Members and appreciation expressed for outgoing SC Members. Chihfeng P. Lin and Takashi Nagatsuka were formally elected as RSCAO Chair and Secretary respectively for the next term. Premila Gamage was nominated and re-appointed the Information Coordinator/Web Editor for the Section.

Dan Dorner, Chair, shared the SC's Strategic Plan 2013–2014 which aligns with the broader IFLA Strategic Plan. The present

six RSCAO regional sub-units headed by a RSCAO members each would ensure effective membership recruitment. The chair in North East Asia region was newly-elected and the chairs in other regions were re-elected. The current communication channels such as the RSCAO-L mailing list, the bi-annual IFLA Asia and Oceania Section Newsletter and IFLA Asia & Oceania Facebook would also be utilized to encourage increased participation in IFLA through the promotion and publicity of IFLA activities, news, and, developments.

Fiona Bradley from IFLA Headquarters attended the first SC meeting and reported that the IFLA Action for Development through Libraries (IFLA ALP) committee had endorsed a strategy for ALP's work at their April 2013 meeting. She gave a description of IFLA ALP Capacity Building Strategy 2013-2015 and Building Strong Library Associations Programme 2013-2015.

Although several members voiced to their intentions to host the RSCAO Mid-term Meeting 2014 in their country, the Chair decided the selection of the host country of RSCAO Mid-term Meeting 2014 will be made under the new Chair. RSCAO was to also put out a call for potential host countries for the RSCAO Mid-term Meeting 2015 early. Colleagues of various countries showed interests to host a 2015 meeting.

The Asia and Oceania Open Session



The Asia and Oceania Open Session

The Asia and Oceania Open Session on 20 Aug 2013 attracted an excellent audience of more than 100. The speakers engaged the audience sharing their experiences and expertise areas on the topic, "Future libraries - multiple futures - Asia and Oceania". The full conference papers are available at <http://library.ifla.org/view/conferences/2013/2013-08-20.html>

Joint Satellite Meeting

Joint Satellite Meeting titled "The future of LIS education in developing countries: the road ahead" was held on 14 August at the Nanyang Technological University in Singapore. The meeting was co-sponsored with LIS Education in Developing Countries, SIG.

Joint Session with Rare Books and Manuscripts Section

The joint Session with Rare Books and Manuscripts Section titled as "Rare and special collections in the Asia or Oceania context" was held on 19 August at the National Library, Singapore.

Social and Networking Sessions

Thanks to the unstinting generosity of Emerald, RSCAO members had the opportunity to get together with colleagues from Division V at the dinner hosted by Emerald on 21 August.

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Standing Committee (SC) meetings



Joint Session with Rare Books and Manuscripts Section





Group photo of members in the 1st National Assembly Forum for Library Culture Development



NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FORUM FOR LIBRARY CULTURE DEVELOPMENT

The National Assembly Forum for Library Culture Development was launched in Seoul on 30 September 2013 with the aim of improving library and information services to the levels of advanced countries. The forum was led by the co-chairman, lawmakers Shin Gi-nam from the Democratic Party and a former president of the Korean Library Association (KLA), and Lee Joo-young from Saenuri Party with the support of the KLA.

Set up by 74 lawmakers from the National Assembly of Korea, the Korean libraries' level was diagnosed as one of the lowest among OECD countries although Korea's economic growth nearly stood on the threshold of the developed world. While advanced countries regard a library as a place to nurture creative human resources with competitiveness on the global stage, Korea seems to lack awareness on the importance of library policies. As such, academic communities and the cultural sectors

have asked the government to construct better library infrastructure and provide high quality library services to achieve the sustainable development of the nation.

The forum will be held regularly to develop creativity among the public, improve the quality of life and increase the national growth potential by developing libraries that play a crucial role in the knowledge and information age.

Major activities of the forum include research for library development direction, library trends and best practices; legislative work for Library Act and political activities; cooperation with other organizations and exchange of ideas with intellectual communities.

The forum was warmly welcomed by the library community with great expectations.

More than 200 attendees in the Forum



Awards ceremony for 42 excellent libraries



KOREAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION 50TH ANNIVERSARY GENERAL CONFERENCE

The Korean Library Association (KLA) held its 50th General Conference at the International Convention Center Jeju, Korea on 23-25 October 2013. The conference theme was "Libraries, power of creativity, dream the new era". The three-day event, was attended by about 3,000 participants. KLA had received a congratulatory message and the 50th anniversary Plates from Sinikka Sipilä then IFLA President at the Korean Caucus of the 2013 Singapore WLIC.

In his opening address, Dr. Yoon Hee-yoon, the president of KLA, declared that "Now that we are at the age of fifty, it is supposed to know the ways to heaven". He also emphasized the importance of "contributing to creating a noble intellectual society through the library." Mr. Cho Hyun-jae, Vice-Minister of Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism stressed "the important role of libraries in providing valuable community services for the people's happier life" and "the government will continuously support library promotion policy and humanities programme in libraries." He also asked the library community to concentrate the power and enthusiasm of librarians to accomplish the cultural enrichment. The distinguished guests, Molly Raphael, a former President of ALA, Bin Guo, President of the Library Society of China, Akane Mori, Chairperson of Japan Library Association, Peter Zhou, Chair of CEAL delivered the congratulatory speeches.

The Conference objective was to look back on the achievements of KLA, review of progress made by KLA capacity building professionals, and consider emerging needs, opportunities and challenges in libraries since 1962. It also sought to promote advisable library culture and the expansion of interests in librarianship.

During this year, various special programmes including a picture exhibition, authors' lecture on libraries, presentations by Koreanology librarians abroad were organized to mark the 50th anniversary of the conference. The highlight of the conference was the presentation of the excellent library awards to 42 libraries. The prestigious President's Award was given to Seoul City Children's Public Library and Yesan Primary School Library. The awards consisted of two President's Prize, eight Prime Minister's Prizes, and thirty-two prizes by Minister of Culture, Sports and Tourism (Ministry of Culture). All participants were congratulated on their achievement and awards. The Presidential Committee of Library and Information Policy and Ministry of Culture had conducted a library evaluation targeted of 14,600 libraries on the promotion of their services.

During the conference, 12 presentations were made according to library types, and 45 seminars and workshops were held. In the exhibition, about 99 booths of 57 libraries and companies related to library and information drew the interest of participants.

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President Yoon addressing members of KLA



About 3,000 professionals participate in the 50th General Conference of KLA in international Convention Center Jeju



ACTIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT THROUGH LIBRARIES PROGRAMME (ALP) NEWS

IFLA's Action for Development through Libraries programme (ALP) aims to strengthen the ability of the library and information sector to advocate for equitable access to information and resilient, sustainable library communities. ALP works in the following areas:

- Building the capacity of national and regional library associations (Building Strong Library Associations Programme)
- Developing leaders who can effectively represent the wider library sector in the international arena, and within IFLA (IFLA International Leaders Programme)
- Advocating for access to information and libraries in the post-2015 development agenda

Building Strong Library Associations programme to be expanded: regional convenings in 2014

IFLA's successful Building Strong Library Associations (BSLA) programme will be expanded through a series of convenings and projects at the regional level in Africa, Asia and Oceania, and Latin America and the Caribbean from 2014. The BSLA programme consists of a training package and case studies on library association development; mentoring and advice on forming partnerships; an online platform for interactive learning and materials; and impact assessment. Between 2010 and 2012 IFLA delivered the BSLA programme in 6 countries (Botswana, Cameroon, Lebanon, Lithuania, Peru, Ukraine) and BSLA-related activities that reached a further 30 countries across the world.

A report on the impact of the programme was published in 2012 and can be downloaded from: <http://www.ifla.org/BSLA/impact>

Over the next three years until 2016, IFLA will build on the success of the programme and deliver convenings at the regional level where participants will be encouraged to think strategically about needs across the region, and in their own countries.

Africa Convening: Kumasi, Ghana, February 2014

The Africa Library and Information Association, Ghana Library Association and KNUST will host the Africa convening from 11-14 February 2014 in Kumasi, Ghana. The convening follows the IFLA Africa Section standing committee's midterm meeting.

Latin America and Caribbean Convening: São Paulo, Brazil, March 2014

Brazilian Federation of Associations of Librarians, Scientists of the Information and Institutions (FEBAB) and Universidade de São Paulo will host the LAC convening in March 2014, in São Paulo, Brazil. The convening will take place before a celebration of the LAC section's 40th anniversary, and the LAC section standing committee's midterm meeting.

Asia and Oceania Convening: Jakarta, Indonesia, March 2014

The National Library of Indonesia will host the Asia and Oceania convening in Jakarta, Indonesia in March 2014.

Each convening will include workshops, practical activities and project planning. Materials will be delivered from the BSLA programme, as well as IFLA's advocacy initiatives. The convening will be a very interactive meeting involving presentations, group work, discussions, and practical activities to take back to national associations to implement at the national or regional level.

During the convening, associations will identify their own needs for further activities and development, identify needs in the region, and form action plans for implementation. Participants will assess their association's and the region's priorities and understand opportunities for follow-up activities and project funding.

Participating associations will play different roles during the convening - sharing experiences and strategies with others, and benefiting from an opportunity to learn from other associations in their region. Up to 10 associations will be selected to participate in the convening. At least two people will be selected from each association.

Libraries and the post-2015 development agenda: Access to information is central to development

As the United Nations reflects on the future of global development and the post-2015 agenda, access to information must be recognised as critical to supporting governments to achieve development goals, and enabling citizens to make informed decisions to improve their own lives. IFLA believes that high-quality library and information services help guarantee that access.

Through UN agency sessions, the WSIS+10 review process, and Member State consultations, IFLA is engaged with its members, civil society and the development community to advocate for access to information to be included in the post-2015 development agenda. IFLA ALP is leading this work in consultation with other IFLA units and national representatives.

The post-2015 framework will succeed the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and set the agenda for development for at least the next decade. The responsibility to reduce poverty, exclusion and inequality, build accountable public institutions, and achieve sustainability will be shared by all countries.

As all libraries actively support development, all libraries have a stake in the agenda.

Libraries and access to information:

- **Enable** governments and civil society to achieve development goals: Libraries are transparent, accountable institutions that support government programmes and provide services that help government, civil society and business to better understand citizens' information needs;
- **Support** citizens to make informed decisions: Libraries provide equitable access to information, and expert guidance to effectively use the world's knowledge. Librarians contribute to the reduction of poverty, exclusion and inequality by helping citizens develop skills to effectively seek, access, and use information in all forms.

Every library and librarian supports development

IFLA encourages all library associations, institutions and librarians to demonstrate the contribution that access to information and libraries make to achieving development as outlined in the IFLA Statement on Libraries and Development <http://www.ifla.org/publications/ifla-statement-on-libraries-and-development> by:

- Advocating for, and delivering, library and information services relevant to a library's local environment that help citizens to be educated, informed and included;
- Monitoring and contributing to the post-2015 agenda utilising briefings and support materials to be provided by IFLA, and;
- Supporting national and local frameworks that achieve development goals and help governments to understand citizens' information needs.

Follow-up activities and project funding

After the convenings, participating associations will be invited to apply for project funding. These projects could include support to:

- Implement BSLA workshops and activities at existing events eg national and regional library association conferences;
- Deliver projects in-country, such as a series of BSLA workshops and activities;
- Implement IFLA advocacy projects or policies;
- Undertake projects bringing together a smaller number of associations in the region to form alliances or partnerships in pursuit of advocacy goals.

Associations will have several opportunities to apply for project funds between 2014-2016, as needs and priorities evolve.

Expected outcomes

To build a strong library sector that benefits society, associations need a strong foundation in representation, governance, organisational development and strategy. The long-term goal of the programme is to build the foundation for library associations to assist their work in representing the interests of library users, telling the story of libraries and gaining policymaker support and partnership.

The convening and follow-up activities will:

- Reinforce inter-country networks and expertise to support development in the regions;
- Increase understanding and adoption of IFLA policies and manifestos to support high quality library and information services;
- Promote strong, credible associations that effectively represent the sector through improved leadership, governance, partnerships and membership;
- Provide a foundation for sustained development and advocacy.

More information about the Building Strong Library Associations programme, and activities from 2014-2015, is available on the IFLA website: <http://www.ifla.org/bsla>



IFLA BUILDING STRONG LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS PROGRAMME – THE NEPAL COMMUNITY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The second IFLA Building Strong Library Associations (BSLA) programme in Asia was implemented with the Nepal Community Library Association (NCLA) between November 2011 and November 2012. The NCLA is a small association, currently comprising 38 member libraries, and was established in 2005 to support the development of community libraries and provide a common platform for the promotion and advocacy of community libraries and resource centres throughout Nepal.

In seeking to undertake the BSLA programme, the NCLA had the core aims of improving its governance, strategic planning and programmes, as it seeks to transit from a community based organisation to one led principally by library professionals. The programme was implemented in three workshops, which were conducted in different locations in the course of the year. The first of these took place in Nagarkot in the Kathmandu Valley, and was timed to coincide with the 20th anniversary of READ Nepal, a major sponsor of the NCLA and the philanthropic organisation largely responsible for the establishment of many NCLA member community libraries. This workshop focussed on the fundamentals of establishing and leading the library association, and included sessions, discussions and group work on the NCLA's structure, governance and staffing, strategic planning, leadership, stakeholders and membership, and sustainability.

This was followed by a second workshop in Sauraha in the southern lowland region of Nepal, in May 2012. This workshop addressed topics such as the marketing of the Association, managing member relationships and communications strategies, and the development of strategic partnerships and fundraising programmes. In the third and final workshop in Dhulikhel, a greater focus was placed on fundraising and partnerships, with sessions on developing grant proposals and

managing donor relationships. The programme culminated in a number of sessions on developing an advocacy role and plan for the NCLA, and was immediately put into practice with a number of government stakeholders who attended the workshop for the final day.

Since the completion of the BSLA programme, the NCLA has taken great strides in preparing and implementing two key advocacy programmes to support community libraries. The first of these, entitled "One village, one library" has been successful in generating government recognition and support for the establishment and promotion of community libraries in underserved regional areas. The second programme focussed on the need for the ratification of a formal "Library Act" in Nepal to underwrite the long-term development of academic, public and community libraries, and was launched with a national seminar jointly hosted by the NCLA and the Nepalese Ministry of Education.

In addition to this, key learnings from the workshops have been disseminated through a series of "cascade" workshops conducted at the regional level by the NCLA. Internally, the NCLA has been revitalised through review and refinement of its governance and strategic planning, and its activities have earned it a greater profile and recognition as a legitimate advocate for community libraries in Nepal. This has led not only to an increase in its membership but also to a strong and lasting partnership with the national Nepal Library Association. Broader advocacy and fundraising programmes are now being planned, to continue the NCLA's role in supporting community library development.

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VIETNAMESE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The “Leadership Development Programme for Executive Board Members and Aspiring Leaders of the Vietnamese Library Association” was a two day workshop conducted in Hanoi in October 2012. This was one of the four small projects funded by the IFLA ALP in 2012, and as its title suggests aimed to bring together the present and future generation of library leaders in Vietnam.

Founded in 2006, the Vietnamese Library Association is a national association which also serves as an umbrella organisation for a number of regional, local and special interest associations, as well as the two main academic library associations of northern and southern Vietnam. Through this, it has directly or indirectly approximately 6000 members and over 1500 libraries, and its national executive committee consists of 39 representatives.

One of the key challenges identified by the VLA was leading and managing the association with an executive committee which is dispersed across the country, exacerbating difficulties in decision making, communications and implementation of strategies. In addition, it was noted that to a great extent the leadership not only of the Association but of the profession at large has for many years been in the hands of a small group of experienced librarians, and as a result it was time to engage and prepare the next generation of library professionals for a leadership role.

The workshop brought together 20 representatives from the Vietnamese Library Association, the National Library of Vietnam, the Ministry of Culture and Information and regional and special interest library associations. The content for the workshop was developed in consultation with the VLA, and consisted substantially of material drawn from the IFLA Building Strong Library Associations programme. The workshop began with sessions on the attributes of a

successful library association, and drew on examples of good practice from other associations in the region to both contextualise learning and to suggest possibilities of fruitful partnerships and engagements for the VLA to pursue. The workshop also focused on the topics of effective leadership competencies, leading through others, and the building of sound internal communications and strong external partnerships. Throughout the two days, presentations on these topics were integrated with small and whole group discussions and activities to encourage and enable the content to be considered and applied in the context of the immediate issues facing the Association. Another aim of the workshop was to promote a more active relationship between the VLA and IFLA, and this was approached through an overview of IFLA programmes and a review of IFLA policy based resources.

Since the workshop, the VLA has actively sought to develop the leadership capacity of the next generation of library professionals through replicating much of the content in regional cascade workshops, held in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City. This in turn has provided the incentive for a number of events and activities at a local level, the establishment of new branches in underserved areas, and an active programme to encourage younger librarians to join the Vietnamese Library Association.

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Association representatives from 15 countries attending the BSLA workshop in Doha, Qatar



IFLA'S FIRST ARAB REGION CONFERENCE: A SUMMARY

IFLA held its first Regional Conference in the Arab Region in cooperation with the Arab Federation of Library Association and Information (AFLI) and the Qatar Ministry of Culture, Arts and Heritage (Public Libraries Department) on 10 – 11 June 2013. The theme of the conference was *'The Role of National Libraries and Associations in supporting Free Access to Information according to the Copyright Laws'*. The Conference aimed to introduce and raise awareness on the role of Libraries and Library Associations in advocating the issue of Copyright Limitations and Exceptions for Libraries and Archives.

The opening ceremony began with words of welcome from Dr. Hamad Al Kawary, Minister of Culture and Heritage in Qatar, Dr. Hassan El Sereihy, President of the Arab Federation of Library Association and Information (AFLI), and Jennefer Nicholson, Secretary General of the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA).

The Keynote speaker at the conference was Dr. Winston Tabb, Chair of the IFLA Delegation to WIPO and Dean of University Libraries, Archives & Museums, Johns Hopkins University who gave a comprehensive presentation on Libraries Promoting Users' Rights: An International Treaty on Copyright Exceptions and Limitations for Libraries and Archives - Role of Libraries and Library Associations in Promoting Access to Information via Copyright.

Other key speakers included Dr. Maha Bekheit, Head of IP Unit at the League of Arab States, Dr. Emad Abu Ghazi, former Minister of Culture in Egypt, Eng. Assem Shalabi, President of the Arab Publishers' Association, and Dr. Claudia Lux, Project Manager of Qatar Foundation. Participants were National Library Association Presidents and Directors of National Libraries from all over the Arab Region.

Participants had a chance between the sessions to discuss different advocacy policies and possible common projects related to the copyright issues.

BSLA Workshop

The Conference was followed by the IFLA Building Strong Library Associations (BSLA) joint Workshop with AFLI on 12 -13 June 2013. It was attended by 29 library association representations from 15 countries in the region.

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CONTENT IN THE CLOUD: CONTEXTUAL COLLECTIONS, COLOSSAL COLLABORATIONS AND CURIOUS CONNECTIONS

(Text of the talk on “Contextual collections, colossal collaboration and curious connections” at the Libraries Australia Forum in Melbourne on 31 October, and to staff at the National Library of Singapore on 4 November 2013 by Lucie Burgess, Head of Content Strategy, British Library. The theme of the Forum was ‘What it means to be in the cloud’.)

Most of us have used cloud services like Dropbox, SlideShare and Gmail, but we don’t necessarily think of the enormous benefits – and challenges – that the cloud can bring to libraries. Charles Leadbeter coined the phrase ‘cloud culture’ in his 2010 essay for the British Council, with its inspiring and portentous introduction: “

“Over the next ten years, the rise of cloud computing will not only accelerate the global battle for control of the digital landscape, but will almost certainly recast the very ways in which we exercise our creativity and forge relationships across the world’s cultures ... we have the potential to make available more culture and ideas in more forms to more people than ever: a digitally enabled, cultural cornucopia.”

I began my talk with a picture - of John Constable’s beautiful oil painting ‘clouds’, which the English master painted in 1822. The original is held in Melbourne at the National Gallery of Victoria and is not on display. However it was digitised through the Google Art Project and is freely available as a public domain image on the web, with a plethora of descriptive information – an illustration of cloud culture in action.

Our library digital collections are like droplets in a vast cloud of digital, cultural information. We can collaborate to bring our collections together. We can open them up using open licences, semantic technology and linked data. We can encourage our communities to contribute to them, to tag and share them, and enrich them with their own stories. Then we can let all these little droplets coalesce in the cloud and create the right atmospheric conditions for cloud culture to grow.

Context means that records about individual items can become meaningful information about things. References about location, time and people are critical to creating context. We can use the linked open web to improve contextual references, as the British Library has done in its semantic search pilot with Avant Garde labs. Or we can use conceptual reference models like the British Museum with its Mellon-funded project Research Space, which will provide a shared research environment for the collections of Sir Hans Sloane, now dispersed across the British Library the British Museum and the Natural History Museum in the UK.

Libraries are wonderful collaborators. Colossal collaborations like Europeana (www.europeana.eu) the Digital Public Library of America (www.dp.la) and Biblissima (a virtual reconstruction of the old libraries of Charles V and Charles VI in France) can bring together the riches of libraries, archives, museums

and galleries in one place for users. Libraries can tap into communities to invoke the wisdom of the crowd – perhaps crowd-sourcing the creation of descriptive information, like the British Library’s maps geo-referencing project, or inviting users to contribute their own stories, like the Singapore Memory Project. British Library lead curator of American Studies Matthew Shaw said to me ‘the cloud is a place where things can happen – where users can contribute their own lives, their own memories, their own stories - where one little tweet can lead to a research project’.

These curious connections enabled by the cloud can provide a sense of belonging, of citizenship and understanding and perhaps even inspiration to create something new ourselves. They also have the power to stimulate discoveries that can change lives. The Digital Public Library of America brings together the ‘Smithsonian experience’ with the archive of the tiny community of Redwing, Minnesota; while ships logs from the 1600s to the 1830s within the archives of the East India Company, held by the British Library, have been digitised and used by the Meteorological Office in the UK to improve climate change models.

But there are challenges too. Clouds can be open or closed, public and social or private. There are interesting discussions to be had about stewardship and control in these environments; and clearing intellectual property rights to enable re-use of digital content is an enormous task. Librarians themselves ‘have always been elegant and graceful creatures but now they will need to grow wings’, to quote another British Library colleague Simon Bell. We must develop our digital skills and keep up with rapid advancements in technology; work in harmony with our communities; be collaborators, diplomats and influencers; be able to work commercially, and to innovate.

Libraries in 2023 will be a trusted and indispensable part of our digital lives. Contextual collections and colossal collaboration will forge curious connections. And this will help to power a cycle of innovation, creativity and cultural understanding.

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NATIONAL SEMINAR ON DEVELOPMENT OF DIGITAL LIBRARIES IN IPR REGIME

Madhu Limaye Library of Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow organised a National Seminar on **Development of digital libraries in IPR regime** on June 8-9, 2013 that explore the free access to law movement, digital resource management, building library – faculty relationship, role of online databases, issues pertaining to Intellectual Property Rights, and importance of copyright and IT act in access of the legal electronic databases. The seminar was attended by over 400 delegates from all over the country. The participants included information professionals (of Law Libraries, Management libraries, library schools, management schools), library science students, law professionals (of Law Universities and Institutes) and law students.

The seminar was inaugurated by Dr. Abhishek Mishra, Minister of Science and Technology, Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow and Prof. Gurdip Singh, Vice-Chancellor of the University delivered the welcome address. In his keynote address, the guest of honour Prof. N Laxman Rao, Former Professor of Library & Information Science at Osmania University at Hyderabad (India) emphasized that copyright is the core problem of digitisation. He talked about four resources of a digital library such as, owned, corporate, open access, and nobody owns it.

In the technical session on **Web 2.0, Lib 2.0, Semantic web, Library portals**, Mr. Amitabh Srivastava, the senior Director of Lexis Nexis Company, explained that the company serves more than 10 countries with 10,000 employees worldwide. It provides its customers with an access to billions of searchable documents and records from more than 45,000 legal, news and business sources. In his paper on 'Can we ignore web 2.0 further' Mr. C.S George, S.R group of Management Institutions at Lucknow discussed various issues, features and usage of web 2.0 tools. He illustrated about web 2.0 services provided by [Jaypee University Solan](#) (H.P) – India. Dr. Ashish Kumar Sharma, Librarian at Gurukul Kangri University at Hardwar explained the characteristics, components and tools of web 2.0 in his paper titled 'Web 2.0 tools for providing innovative library services'. Ms Anjali Gulati, Senior Assistant Professor and Head, DLIS, I. T College, Lucknow succinctly explained the changing role of librarian in IT environment in her paper 'Changing dimensions of reference service in electronic era: prospects and implications'. She categorically examined different forms of reference service such as: SMS, Chatting, through consortia, through video conferencing, through digital reference robots, through second life and collaborative digital reference service.

In the technical session on **Role of aggregator, Collection development, Role and Relevancy of Online Legal Databases**, the Westlaw India's representative explained that the information resources on Westlaw include more than 40,000 databases of case law, state and federal statutes, administrative codes, newspaper and magazine articles, public records, law journals, law reviews, treatises, legal forms and other information resources. He further elucidated that Westlaw supports natural language and Boolean searches. Dr. Anil Kumar Shiman, Gurukul Kangri University at Hardwar, in his paper on 'Collection building through library consortia'

explained how to develop and build the collection of reading materials in online mode with the help of library consortia. At the session, Ms Rajul Sharma, MLIS student, Delhi University, Delhi gave a firm and conceptual understanding of multidimensional library services in the digital era in her titled 'Libraries towards digital paradigm'. She especially emphasized how the new face of library services is evolving to keep pace with the changing multifaceted environment.

In the session on **Open Source Software, Open Access Journals, Free access to Law Movements**, R.K Bharadwaj of the St. Stephen College at Delhi demonstrated how he transformed his traditional library into digital library in his paper 'Building digital library in social networking environment at [St. Stephen's college](#) – Delhi: A study'. Another paper titled 'Law as a tool for social development – Need for convenient access to law movement' was presented by Prof. Alok Mishra, Amity Law School at Delhi who advocated that libraries are an essential place for law resources and that libraries are an important tool for social change and individual development.

In the technical session on **'Digital Rights Management, Copyright Management, IPR issues'** Dr. S.C. Roy, Professor at Chanakya National Law University at Patna who gave a lucid overview of the problems encountered in transforming physical library into digital library in his paper on 'Digital Library and e-book - Some copyright issues'. He examined infrastructural cost, preservation cost and the mechanism of lending e-books.

Surangma Prasad, student at NALSAR University of Law at Hyderabad discussed copyright issues and its implications in the digital libraries, legal issues (such database protection, the collection, digitization and archiving) and fair use in electronic environment in his paper titled 'Digital libraries and Intellectual Property Rights'

Lagdhir Rabari, Assistant Librarian at Gujarat National Law University at Gandhinagar discussed a few amendments pertaining to libraries such as digital right management, rights management information and impact on internet service providers in his paper 'Indian Copyright (Amendment) Act 2012 and Libraries' and traced the development of the Indian copyright act from 1957 to 2012.

Jyoti Kumar Singh, Sampurnanand Sanskrit University at Varanasi explained the concept of digital library and its relationship with Intellectual property rights in his paper titled 'Intellectual property rights in Digital environment'. He narrated the importance of digital resources and also pointed out the major issues related to IPR in digital resources.

In his closing address, the organizing secretary, Dr. Manish Bajpai said the seminar would help in developing qualitative and standardized library collection and services for legal education.

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THE 16TH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON ELECTRONIC THESES AND DISSERTATIONS (ETD 2013)

The University of Hong Kong Libraries (HKU) held the 16th International Symposium on Electronic Theses and Dissertations (ETD 2013) from 23 to 26 September 2013, the first time the event has been held in Asia. Co-organised with the Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations (NDLTD) and in association with the HKU of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, the conference drew around 120 participants from all over the world. The conference's resounding success despite daily programme changes due to typhoon Usagi was testament to the flexibility, resilience and dedication of the HKU Libraries' staff.

The success of the ETD 2013 conference has generated a number of positive comments from delegates. **John Hagen**, Renaissance Scholarly Communications, U.S.A commented that "...The outstanding venue, the quality of papers and presentations, the variety of relevant topics, the discussions, the congeniality and spirit of sharing and collaboration

have been outstanding." **Steve O'Connor**, Editor Library Management, Australia said "The atmosphere of the conference was, as it should be, stimulating and revealing of new thoughts and approaches. It was also great to meet new colleagues and to hear of what they are doing and planning to do..." **Dr. Shalini Lihitkar-Waghmare**, Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University, India conveyed that "...we enjoyed the conference a lot and it added to our sweet memories. The conference was very fruitful to us and we learnt many things from the conference." **Sten Christensen**, University of Sydney Library, Sydney said that "It was a great event and well organised under what must have been trying circumstances."

Details of the conference, presentations and photos are available at <http://lib.hku.hk/etd2013>

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120 participants from
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ACRL INFORMATION LITERACY IMMERSION PROGRAMME IN HONG KONG: CUHK EXPERIENCE

Initiated by the Association of College & Research Library (ACRL), the Information Literacy Immersion Programme ("Immersion Programme") was launched in 1999 and has been held every year since then. The Immersion Programme provides intensive training for several days on all aspects of information literacy to instructional librarians. In its fourteen-year of history, it was the first time for ACRL to launch the programme in Asia region this year. Hosted by Joint University Librarians Advisory Committee (JULAC), the Immersion Programme was held from 3rd to 7th June 2013 at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology Library with sixty six participants from seventeen institutions in the region. Amongst them, fifty four participants were from Hong Kong and twelve from China, Singapore and Taiwan. The Immersion Programme consisted of two tracks: the Programme Track and the Teacher Track. The Programme Track focused on the development of information literacy programmes for institutions while the Teacher Track emphasized on improving individual skills for teaching information literacy programmes. The topics covered by the Programme Track included Leadership, Persuading and Influencing, Meeting Programme Outcomes, Campus Cultures & Collaboration, Staff Development, etc. The Teacher Track covered topics such as the Authentic Teacher, Learning Theory, Learning Styles, Presentation Techniques, Connecting Outcomes & Content, Student-centered Learning, Active Learning, Teaching with Technology, Leadership for Instructional Change, etc. In addition, there were three plenary sessions on two common topics, Information Literacy and Assessment, for the participants of both tracks.

The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) sent six professional staff to attend this first Immersion Programme in Hong Kong, one to the Programme Track and five to the Teacher Track. During the five-day intensive training, the CUHK participants learnt some new concepts of applying active learning to information literacy programmes by

going through different types of activities such as jigsaw readings, think-pair-share, group discussion, idea exchange, presentation and games. They also had the opportunities to discuss the common challenges faced by the Asian librarians in applying active learning to the information literacy programmes such as insufficient class time, large class size, inflexible classroom setting, inactive student participation, and fast moving technological environment.

To bring these new experience and ideas back to the home institution, the CUHK participants formed a task-force to formulate an action plan which they turned what they had learnt from the Immersion Programme into action at the CUHK libraries in order to enhance knowledge and skills of information literacy among colleagues. As a first step to introduce new experience and ideas to the CUHK libraries, the task-force members conducted a thirty-minute presentation on the Immersion Programme to all library professional staff in an internal staff meeting in late June 2013. For resource sharing purpose, the course packs of the Immersion Programme are made accessible to all library professional staff in print format while selective course readings are available in electronic format through intranet. To introduce in greater details the topics covered by the Programme Track and Teacher Track, all professional staff who are involved in teaching information literacy classes were invited to attend a two-hour sharing session in early December 2013. The participants were encouraged to apply what they had learnt from the Immersion Programme to their information literacy classes to the CUHK community as much as appropriate. The authors agree that the Immersion Programme successfully brought new elements of active learning in information literacy programmes into Asia.

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LIBRARY EVENTS 2014

FROM JANUARY
TO AUGUST 2014

January

New Librarians Global Connection: Best practices, models and recommendations

Organiser: IFLA Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning and IFLA New Professionals Special Interest Group

Date: 16 January 2014
Venue: Webinar
Link: <http://www.ifla.org/node/8142>

Newspapers and Transculturality: New Approaches to Working with Historical Newspapers

Organiser: The Cluster of Excellence "Asia and Europe in a Global Context" at the University of Heidelberg

Date: 30 – 31 January 2014
Venue: University of Heidelberg, Germany
Link: <http://www.asia-europe.uni-heidelberg.de/en/newsevents/events/graduate-student-workshop.html>

Webinar – “New Librarians Global Connection: Best practices, models and recommendations” / CPDWL and NPSIG

Organiser: IFLA Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning and IFLA New Professionals Special Interest Group

Date: 16 January 2014
Venue: Online
Link: <http://www.ifla.org/events/webinar-new-librarians-global-connection-best-practices-models-and-recommendations-cpdwl-and>

February

Two day National Seminar on LIS Education: Structure, Infrastructure and Superstructure

Organiser: Department of Library and Information Science, Vidyasegar University

Date: 20 – 21 February 2014
Venue: West Bengal, India

Library and Information Professionals Summit (LIPS) 2014

Organiser: School of Library Professionals (SLP) & University of Delhi South Campus and Special Libraries Association, Asian Chapter

Date: 7 – 8 February 2014
Venue: New Delhi, India
Link: <http://www.slp.org.in/LIPS-2014.pdf>

IATUL Leadership Academy

Organiser: IATUL Library

Date: 10 – 11 February 2014
Venue: Bangkok, Thailand
Link: <https://iatul-forum.ub.tum.de/leadership-academy/>

VALA 2014: “17th Biennial Conference and Exhibition”

Organiser: VALA – Libraries, Technology and the Future Inc.

Date: 3 - 6 February 2014
Venue: Melbourne, Australia
Link: <http://www.vala.org.au/index.php>

IFLA International Newspaper Conference 2014: “Start Spreading The News!”

Organiser: IFLA – Library and Research Service for Parliaments Section

Date: 4 - 5 February 2014
Venue: Salt Lake City, Utah
Link: <http://www.ifla.org/node/8005>

The 5th Annual National Records and Information Officers’ Forum 2014

Organiser: Liquid Learning Group Pty Ltd

Date: 19 - 20 February 2014
Venue: Melbourne, Australia
Link: http://liquidlearning.com.au/documents/RIO0214/RIO0214_W.pdf

2014 RootsTech Family History and Technology Conference

Organiser: FamilySearch

Date: 6 – 8 February 2014
Venue: Salt Lake City, Utah
Link: <https://rootstech.org/>

1st CEP APA International Conference on Digital Preservation and Development of Trusted Digital Repositories

Organiser: The Centre of Excellence for Digital Preservation, C-DAC, India and Alliance for Permanent Access (APA), EU

Date: 5 -6 February 2014
Venue: New Delhi, India
Link: <http://www.ndpp.in/APA-DPDTR-2014/>

March

BSLA Convening Workshop in Indonesia

Organiser: National Library of Indonesia
Date: 4 – 7 March 2014
Venue: Jakarta, Indonesia

Visual Resources Association, 32nd Annual Conference, 2014

Organiser: Visual Resources Association
Date: 12 – 15 March 2014
Venue: Pfister Hotel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Link: <http://www.vraweb.org/conferences/proposal.html>

20th Annual Conference and exhibition of the Special Libraries Association Arabian Gulf Chapter: “Enhancing the Digital Knowledge Society’s Information Needs”

Organiser: SLA – AGC Conference organizing Committee
and Qatar University
Date: 25 - 27 March 2014
Venue: Doha, Qatar
Link: <http://www.slaagc2014.org/>

APRIL

Mid Term Meeting 2014, School Libraries Section

Organiser: IFLA – School Libraries and Resource Centers
Date: 7 - 10 April 2014
Venue: London, United Kingdom
Link: <http://www.ifla.org/node/8062>

Asia Symposium on Engineering and Information (ASEAI) 2014

Organiser: Asia-Pacific Education & Research Association
Date: 11 - 13 April 2014
Venue: Bangkok, Thailand
Link: <http://www.aseai.org/>

MAY

Metropolitan Libraries Conference 2014

Organiser: Auckland Libraries
Date: 11 - 16 May 2014
Venue: Auckland, New Zealand
Link: <http://metlib2014auckland.wordpress.com/>

2014 Summer Associates Programme: “Imagine, Question, Connect: A Professional Development Programme for Library Leaders and Innovators”

Organiser: The Mortenson Center @ University of
Illinois Library
Date: 29 May – 24 June 2014
Venue: Urbana, Illinois
Link: http://www.library.illinois.edu/mortenson/associates/Announcement_Handout.pdf

5th International m-Libraries Conference 2014

Organiser: The Open University and Chinese University of
Hong Kong
Date: 27 - 30 May 2014
Venue: Hong Kong, China
Link: <http://www.m-libraries.org/>

2nd Conference: The Lebanese Library Association (LLA) and the IFLA Regional Standing Committee Section for Asia and Oceania (RSCAO-IFLA).

Organiser: Lebanese Library Association
Date: 20 – 22 May 2014
Venue: Beirut, Lebanon

June

The American Library Association - Annual Conference 2014

Organiser: American Library Association
Date: 26 June – 1 July 2014
Venue: Las Vegas, United States of America
Link: <http://www.acrl.ala.org/acrlinsider/archives/7645>

InSITE 2004: Informing Science + IT Education Conference

Organiser: Informing Science Institute & University of Wollongong and Faculty of Business
Date: 30 June – 4 July 2014
Venue: Wollongong, Australia
Link: <http://www.informingscience.us/icarus/conferences/insite2013/>

JULY

CILIP Health Libraries Group Conference 2014

Organiser: Health Libraries Group
Date: 24 – 25 July 2014
Venue: Oxford, United Kingdom
Link: <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e8cmvmlb25cd1b9a&llr=9j4c8joab>

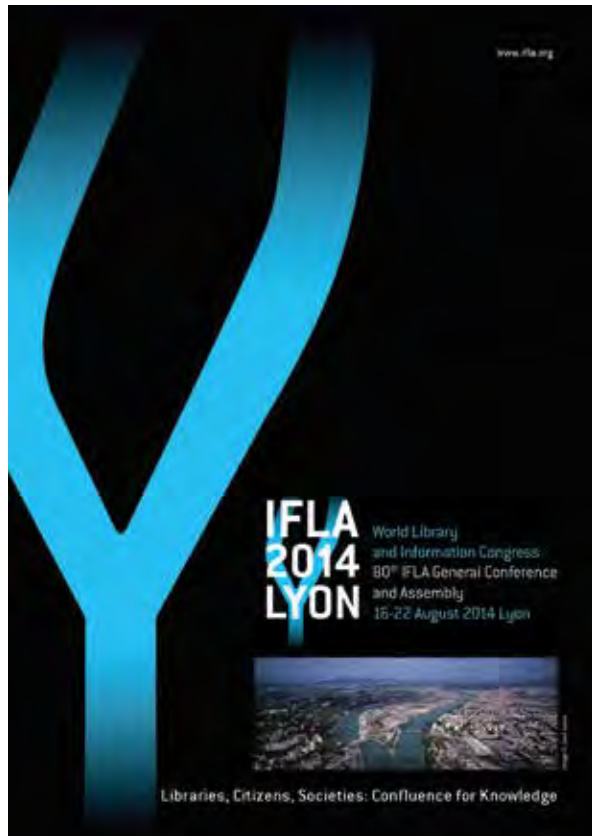
AUGUST

2014 Library Assessment Conference: “Building Effective, Sustainable, Practical Assessment”

Organiser: ARL and the University of Washington Libraries
Date: 4 - 6 August 2014
Venue: Seattle, Washington
Link: <http://libraryassessment.org/>

WLIC 80th General Conference and Assembly.

Organiser: International Federation Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA)
Date: 16 - 22 August 2014
Venue: Lyon, France
Link: <http://conference.ifla.org/ifla80>



World Library and Information Congress 80th IFLA General Conference and Assembly 16 – 22 August 2014 Lyon

Next IFLA congress takes place in Lyon, France ! The city and the whole community of French librarians and information specialists are ready to welcome you in 2014, 25 years after the congress was held in Paris ! Be sure to be there with us !

As France's second largest urban area, Lyon proposes a journey back in time to discover the traditional French art of living. From its cuisine to its historical heritage, not forgetting its lights and silk, the city boasts numerous advantages making it a charming destination for visitors! 500 hectares of its city centre that has been built over the last 2,000 years became a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1998. Museums, festive events, shopping and traditional cuisine - the city where cinema was invented has many secrets to reveal.

This is not all you can see if you come to France : a large visit programme of more than 50 libraries of all kinds in various cities in France is already waiting for you. You will enjoy the "Provence tour", the "Languedoc tour" including Montpellier, and, in Paris, the "Latin Quarter" and the "Left Bank tour". The BnF (Bibliothèque nationale de France) and the Bpi (Bibliothèque publique d'information) are registered on the programme and you will also have a chance to visit some libraries around Geneva, Switzerland.

The theme of the congress "Libraries, Citizens, Societies: Confluence for Knowledge", has a very deep meaning for the French National Committee. Confluence is the name given to Lyon's borough where Rhône and Saône, the two rivers that cross the city, meet. The confluence has also been a constant feature in Lyon's history as it has received flows of migrants from neighbouring countries throughout the ages.

Lyon, a crossroads of civilisations, of riches and people, is proud to promote the profession's values and welcome librarians from all over the world, with all their diverse languages, across generations, genders, religions and nationalities. See you in 2014 !

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