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**IFLA-PAC Core activity
Report 2009 / Christiane Baryla**

During the year, IFLA-PAC activities and regional centres activities followed the general missions of the program.

Publications, Training, Expertise.

Publications and Communication

-Updating of PAC mailing list (430 subscriptions), updating of IPN mailing file

This work has been done thanks to a questionnaire sent to IPN subscribers. The rate of answer was good showing a true interest in PAC publications.

-Publication of a new brochure by Flore Izart, Program Officer (printed in July 2009).

The new updated brochure was disseminated in Milan, Rome and on the occasion of PAC events. The brochure is loaded on IFLA website.

-Updating of PAC web page on IFLA website by Flore Izart, in connexion with IFLA. Several **Conference proceedings or power points were uploaded**. We are waiting for the possibility to load videos on IFLA website.

- International Preservation News

See: <http://www.ifla.org/en/publications/international-preservation-news>

IPN 47 (*Preservation of Audiovisual Collections: Moving Images*) in May.

IPN 48 (*Paper*) in August.

IPN 49 (*Disasters Management: Power of Collaboration*) in December.

The 3 issues published in 2009 were very well received. The themes developed were particularly appreciated.

IPN is widely disseminated through PAC regional centres (by post) and by Internet. It is one of the main activities for a regional centre.

Paris international and European centre sends about 800 copies in France, Europe, Africa and countries which are not covered yet by a centre (Middle East, North Africa, etc.).

Beijing Regional Centre and **Tokyo** Regional Centre gave articles concerning paper preservation in IPN 48.

PAC Russia published the papers from the International Conference “Basics of Restoration of the Western European Bookbinding and the Preservation of Photo materials”.

Colin Webb, Director of **PAC Australia** gave a very stimulating paper about “Entropy” in P&C Section Newsletter.

In **Japan** the National Diet Library conducted the research on the distribution, use and preservation of e-books, (July 2008-March 2009), and published the report as *NDL Research Report* No.11 (http://current.ndl.go.jp/fy2008_research).

PAC USA and Canada published several documents among which *Foundation Grants for Preservation in Libraries Archives and Museums* (see <http://loc.gov/preserv/>).

PAC Chile disseminated on CD a training course *Programa Nacional de Formacion especializada en valoracion, catalogacion y studio del libro antiguo*, plus several documents about Blue Shield and PAC general missions.

PAC Kazakhstan scanned and disseminated IFLA *Main rules for the storage of documents in the libraries and archives* (2000). So the document is now available for the first time in Central Asia libraries.

PAC Korea distributed *Periodical Fibre Analysis in NKL collection* in Korean language to 100 libraries.

- Translations through the work of PAC Regional Centres:

Pac Chile translated several documents concerning Blue Shield actions and emergency planning.

Korea: *IFLA Principles for the Care and Handling of Library Material* was translated into Korean.

Translations of several IPN papers by PAC **Kazakhstan** and PAC **Russia**.

In Chinese, thanks to the Chinese IFLA Language Centre in Beijing, articles from IPN 42, 44 and 45 were translated and compiled into *IFLA-PAC Translation Series Issue* N°1. The compilation of *Issue* N°2 is in progress.

- Articles:

Christiane Baryla gave a paper in **French** (*Bulletin des Bibliothèques de France*) to presentat PAC program and UNESCO Memory of the world program

<http://bbf.enssib.fr/consulter/bbf-2009-01-0042-006>

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Events and Conferences:

International Centre (Paris)

Organization of Conferences and Events:

-“In and Out Air Strategies.From Climate Change to Microclimate.Library, Archives and Museum Preservation Issues”, 5-6 March 2009.

The IFLA-PAC Core Activity has launched since 2009 a series of conferences on Preservation and the Four Elements: Air, Water, Earth and Fire. The first one, devoted to **Air**, was organized in Paris with the collaboration of the National Library of France, and the support from Stouls company and Airinspace. See the report in IPN 47.

See on line: <http://www.ifla.org/en/news/in-and-out-air-strategies-conference-speakers-presentations-on-line>

- **IFLA general conference** in Milan: planning of PAC open session (25 August) dedicated to: "Convergence in Preservation Research between Libraries, Archives and Museums".

- **IFLA PAC and P&C section satellite meeting** in Rome on "Conservation and Preservation of Library Material in a Cultural Heritage Oriented Context", 31 August - 1 September 2009, at the Istituto Centrale per il Restauro e la Conservazione del Patrimonio Archivistico e Librario (ICPAL), Roma, Italy.

The main part of the event organization relied on PAC core activity and ICPAL. 120 participants were registered. Sponsoring was offered by Zeuschel and Treventus, an exhibition of scanners was presented with the possibility of testing documents.

See the report in IPN 49 page 37.

- Participation to the planning of the second conference of IFLA-PAC cycle on "Preservation and the four elements" on "**Water Impact on Library, Archival and Museum Materials**", 29-31 October 2009, in Prague, Czech Republic, with 140 participants. Papers will be published in *Restaurator*.

<http://www.ifla.org/en/events/ifla-pac-cycle-preservation-and-the-four-elements-2nd-conference-water-impact-on-library-arch>

(See the report in IPN 49 p. 37)

- Preparation of 2010 Conferences: **Fire and Earth**. In November, meeting with Architect Guido Meli, Director of CRPR (Centro regionale per la Progettazione ed il Restauro e per le Scienze Naturali ed applicate ai Beni Culturali). Decision approved to organize one general conference on the two topics in Palermo, June 2010.

Participation to Conferences and events:

- March 2009, London, British Library, "Advances in Paper Conservation Research": see report in IPN 48, page 37.

- April, in Moscow and Muzhaysk, support to IFLA Newspapers Section mid year conference on "Legal Deposit of Newspapers for Libraries: Challenges of the Digital Environments" (see report in IPN 48 page 38).

- August, Stockholm, IFLA Newspapers Section satellite meeting on "The Present becomes the past: harvesting, archiving, presenting today's digitally produced newspapers".

- September, Metz, France: following the publication of IPN 44 dedicated to Sustainable development, CB was asked to attend and speak in a conference on "Architecture des bibliothèques et développement durable", organized by Maison de l'Architecture and DRAC Lorraine.

- November, Madrid, participation to *ENRICH Conference*.

- November, Roma, participation to *ICCROM General Assembly* with fruitful contacts with ICCROM members for future possible collaboration (notably in training).

- November, London, British Library Preservation Advisory Centre, participation to the conference on "Doing more with less? Forum on skills development" (see IPN 49 page 38).

- December, Florence, support to the conference organized by Fondazione Rinascimento Digitale on "Cultural Heritage on line. Empowering users: an active role for user communities".

PAC Regional Centres conferences

As each centre has been involved in conferences and events the details of their participation to conferences can be found in their annual reports.

Many conferences were followed besides **IFLA general conference in Milan**, notably:

PAC Asia: The 16th CDNLAO was held from 20 to 22 October 2008 at the NDL in Tokyo, under the theme “Cooperation in Knowledge-based Society”.

Participation to the *Tokyo International Book Fair*.

PAC Korea: Participation to the spring conference of *Technical Association of the Pulp and Paper Industry* (April, 2009, Seoul): Dr. Kwi-bok Lee gave a presentation on “Research on Han-Ji (Korean traditional paper) as leaf-casting material”.

PAC Chile: participation to the “Congreso Internacional de Bibliotecogía”, in the round table entitled “Preservation of archives and libraries” (November 2008).

Meetings and visits

International Centre, Paris

ICBS meetings in Paris. C. Baryla followed the different ICBS meetings in Paris under the direction of Julien Anfruns. She also met Christophe Jacobs for French Blue Shield collaboration and ICA contacts.

Meetings concerning **LIBER new structure** and possible cooperation with PAC (Helen Shenton, Denis Schouten). At the end of 2009, C. Baryla was appointed as member of the LIBER Working Group for Preservation under the Direction of Graham Jefcoate.

In collaboration with PAC Moscow, on the occasion of the IFLA Newspapers Section mid Year Conference in Russia, C. Baryla visited PAC Russia and its Director Rosa Salnikova (April 2009). In the same time, she had a very fruitful meeting with Ekaterina Genieva, Library for Foreign Literature Director.

Digital preservation: PAC is member of Fondazione Rinascimento Digitale (DPE).

<http://www.ifla.org/en/events/conference-sponsored-by-ifla-pac-cultural-heritage-on-line-empowering-users-an-active-role-fo>

Standards: C.B. has been requested to be in the working group for ISO 11799 standard (Information and documentation – Document storage requirements for archive and library materials) which is in renewal. Works will begin in 2010.

Visits

On the occasion of the organization of different conferences C. Baryla visited:

- In Benin, the National Library preservation facilities and the Ecole nationale du Patrimoine Africain (January 2009).
- Suzdal (Russia): visit of the School in restoration where PAC regional Director is teaching.
- In Roma: visit of ICPAL (Museum and facilities).

- In Milan: visit of Ambrosiana.
- In Roma: on the occasion of PAC satellite meeting, an exceptional visit of the Vatican Library new building and equipment (September).
- In Prague: visit of the National Library Preservation Department and BELFOR Company facilities.
- In Madrid: visit of the National Library Preservation Department and the Instituto del Patrimonio Cultural de España (meeting with M^a del Carmen Hidalgo Brinquis).
- In London: meeting with Caroline Peach, new Head of Preservation Advisory Centre (British Library) at the occasion of the conference “Doing more with less? Forum on skills development” (November 2009).

PAC Regional Centres participated to IFLA-PAC meetings in Milan and to regional meetings in their area.

Training

International Centre and Benin Centre

Very big work for organizing a one-week training in Benin (Porto Novo January 2009) intended for 19 trainees from French-speaking West Africa about preventive conservation.

See in IFLA Web Archives (!):

<http://www.ifla.org/en/events/ifla-pac-cycle-preservation-and-the-four-elements-2nd-conference-water-impact-on-library-arch>

USA

Training Initiatives and Special Collaborative Programs: staff contributed to 4 training initiatives on funding, emergency preparedness, preservation education and research.

Russia

Training specialized in “Restoration of end of XIX-beginning of XX centuries” for 8 employees from the museums of Moscow, Tula, Suzdal.

Chili

Training on risks prevention for the “Comité Paritario” made by the Dibam (Dirección de Bibliotecas Archivos y Museos).

Australia

The National Library has been working with a tertiary institution, the Canberra University, and other cultural institutions in Canberra to establish a 3 year degree course in library materials conservation.

Japan

Every year, the NDL holds a one-day training program which aims to provide Japanese librarians with basic theory of preservation and elementary techniques for mending deteriorated materials. The 13th one-day training program was held twice in July 2009 in NDL. The number of trainees in each session was 21, so the total number came to 42.

Under the theme “Basic theory of preservation and conservation”, there are lectures about the method, the environment and the measures of preservation. This e-learning is expected to complement the Preservation and Conservation Training Program.

Other training program: every year the NDL provides a preservation training program to staff members of branch libraries in Japanese government offices.

In the annual training program on rare books, which is co-hosted by the National Institute of Japanese Literature and the NDL, the NDL dispatches a staff member of the Preservation Division as an instructor for a subject titled “How to Handle and Preserve Japanese-style Books” (January 2009).

Kazakhstan

In December two people from the Central scientific library of the Academy of sciences of the Kyrgyz Republic had a two-week probation at the Center for the study and preservation of documentary heritage about the basics in preventive preservation of collections and the basic scientific conservation of paper-made documents.

Korea

PAC Korea centre carried out preservation and conservation workshop for librarians. The workshop has been carried out since 2007, the conservators visit local libraries and provide practical conservation information.

The workshop consists of preservation theory and hands-on conservation sections. Preservation theory section provides basic knowledge of preservation and examination of storage environment. Hands-on conservation section provides basic book repair methods and housing. This year PAC Korea staff visited two libraries in Jeju Island. About 30 librarians from 18 local libraries attended to the workshop.

Brazil

Yearly, courses and professional training are offered to Brazilian professionals as well as to the ones from the National Libraries of Paraguay, Bolivia and Uruguay. Besides that, it is offered technical consultancy to libraries in Brazil and in the Latin America. The latest example is the technical consultancy given to the National Library of Ecuador.

Agreements with PAC Regional Centers

- Renewal of all the agreements with PAC regional centers.
- Elaboration of the next Strategic Plan.
- Preparation of PAC and P&C Section open session in Gothenburg on sustainable development.
- Reflection about the creation of two PAC centers in India (Prof. Agrawal) and Central America (Dr Jesus Lau).
- Preparation of Porto Rico satellite meetings.

Remarks

CB was disappointed for not having succeeded in organizing a conference during the COP 15 in Copenhagen, she is studying the possibility to have a post COP 15 event (climate change and cultural heritage in 2010 in Paris, still with politics.

We are still trying to work in convergence: archives, libraries, and museums.