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From the Standing Committee Chair

MLAS on the web

<http://www.ifla.org/en/mlas>

It will be my great pleasure to welcome you all to World Library and Information Congress: 75th IFLA General Conference and Assembly "Libraries create futures: Building on cultural heritage" 23-27 August 2009, Milan, Italy.

MLAS has a joint whole day programme session on **Wednesday 26 August –Librarians on the catwalk: communicating for advocacy to influence policy and practice**" in cooperation with CPDWL Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning Section and ALP Action for Development through Libraries Core Programme. We wish you all welcome to learn on advocacy and on marketing with us!

MLAS starts already before Milan in **Athens, Greece 19-21 August with a Satellite Meeting "Service Strategies for Libraries"** in cooperation with the Management and Marketing Section where there is planned also a workshop for library associations on how library associations may empower libraries in their service strategies and advocacy.

Also in Milan there is a **new programme component on Saturday afternoon 22 August** for MLAS Members. A two-hours training session is provided on some basic knowledge of running a library association. More details will be published on the MLAS List serv in the near future.

I would also like to remind you of some other important programme sessions in Milan. On **Tuesday 25 August morning** before lunch there is **President-Elect Brainstorm Session** of Ellen Tise. It is very important that as many library associations as possible attend the meeting, discuss and give feedback on the President-elect theme **–Libraries Driving Access to Knowledge**". This is follow-up to the lively discussion in Quebec on the theme.

On **Tuesday 25 August afternoon** there is also a very important event: **The National Association Members Meeting**. There IFLA HQ staff, IFLA lead and National Associations Members discuss on important topics. There is a great opportunity to network with colleagues of

National Library Associations from all over the world. You are all warmly welcome!

Last but not least: please do not forget the **General Assembly of Members on Wednesday 26 August afternoon!** It is now the first time the General Assembly (former Council Meeting) takes place on Wednesday. The time was changed to make it possible to as many members as possible to attend the Assembly. And as you hopefully remember, the National and International Library Associations play a crucial role in forming the quorum. No decision can be taken in the Assembly if the majority of National and International Association Members are not present. So please come and form the quorum to help IFLA to run the business smoothly.

See you soon in Milan!

Sinikka Sipila
Chair of MLAS SC

Member of IFLA
Governing Board
(co-opted)

MLAS Mid-Year Meeting - thank you



The photo is of Silvia Stasselova, our hostess in Bratislava at our last lunch, opening the well deserved present from the MLAS SC.

She had arranged a wonderful meeting for all of the participants, with receptions with both the German Embassy and the US Embassy.

Also the Slovak TV showed the reception at the US Embassy where Keith Fiels, Executive Director of ALA American Library Association and Janice Lachance, Executive Director of the Special Libraries Association gave speeches.

All in all - the Mid Term Meeting in Bratislava was a success - thank to our hostess Silvia Stasselova, President of the Slovackina Library Association.

Thanks go also to the active Standing Committee members of MLAS and the IFLA HQ Staff attending the meeting.

Sinikka Sipila, MLAS Chair



Italian Library Association President,

Mauro Guerrini

MILAN

Please note that the MLAS Standing Committee meetings are held on 22nd and 27th August and all interested delegates from Library Associations around the world are most welcome to attend these meetings.

Watch for updates on the conference website

<http://www.ifla.org/annual-conference/ifla75/>

and on the MLAS e-list for updates.

Details of other satellite meetings are also on the conference website.

Take a look at the promotional video for the conference at

<http://www.lombardiacultura.it/notizie/3159/>

LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS TO IFLA

Library associations have a vital role in recruiting new members to IFLA. The MLAS appeals to all library associations to monitor the potential new members in their countries.

New members from associations, institutions, professionals and students are important to the vitality and strength of IFLA.





ARL Publishes First e-Only Bimonthly Report Research Library Issues

The Association of Research Libraries (ARL) has published its first e-only bimonthly report, *Research Library Issues (RLI)*, which now sports a new look and title. The e-only format enables broad distribution of the articles and the introduction of new features, such as audio excerpts from speaker presentations. The focus of the publication continues to be on the major issues that affect the ability of research libraries to meet the academic and research needs of the diverse communities they serve.

The first issue of *RLI*, no. 262 (February 2009), features two ARL statements—on the university's role in the dissemination of research and scholarship, and on the global economic crisis. The complete table of contents follows:

—“The University’s Role in the Dissemination of Research and Scholarship—A Call to Action”
Association of American Universities
Association of Research Libraries
Coalition for Networked Information
National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges

—“ARL Statement to Scholarly Publishers on the Global Economic Crisis”
Karla Hahn, Director, ARL Office of Scholarly Communication

—“Reinventing Science Librarianship: Themes from the ARL-CNI Forum”
Elisabeth Jones, PhD Student, University of Washington Information School, and Research Assistant on e-Science and Cyberinfrastructure, University of Washington Libraries

—“ARL Statistics: Redefining Serial Counts and Remaining Relevant in the 21st Century”
Martha Kyrillidou, Director, ARL Statistics and Service Quality Programs

The Web site is also where you may sign up for alerts of new releases of *RLI* and learn about submitting ideas for articles. See <http://www.arl.org/resources/pubs/rii/>.

RLI is a continuation of the publication *ARL: A Bimonthly Report on Research Library Issues from ARL, CNI, and SPARC*. *RLI* continues the numbering of this serial with no. 262. Current and back issues of the publication are freely available as PDFs on the ARL Web site.

MLAS - The Global Library Association Development programme (GLAD)

Mentors

Representatives of library associations with particular expertise in various aspects of association management may offer their services as Mentors. Potential mentors should submit an application through the GLAD website.

Mentees

Representatives of library associations who would like assistance with developing particular elements of their association work may request to become Mentees. Potential mentees should submit an application through the GLAD website.

Find out more :

<http://www.ifla.org/en/mlas>

<https://cs.ala.org/iro/GLAD/search.cfm>

Sustainability

and to find ways to support sustainability in libraries.

*From: Marian Koren,
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Secretary FOBID Netherlands
Library Forum*

How green is my library? Exploring Sustainability and Libraries in a Global World, was the title of the first Dutch library conference on sustainability, which took place in Madurodam, The Hague, Netherlands, 23 April 2009, attended by international guests, IFLA board (among them Sinikka Sipilä) and staff members, and Dutch colleagues.

As sustainability is a key factor in the politics and economics of the global world, referring to concerns about the planet's quality and the environment, but also to the human activities, building and construction, investments and culture at large, the main questions are: How are libraries responding to this global concern and issue?

- Are they housed and styled in sustainable buildings and design?
- Is the staff aware of the discourse on sustainability and sensitive to it in their own activities and organisation?
- Do they also work on (digital) sustainability of their collections?
- What do libraries contribute to global awareness of sustainability?
- How can libraries demonstrate their role in working for a sustainable world?
- How sustainable is the concept of libraries?

These questions were addressed by experts from banks, architecture and energy consultants, but also by librarians themselves, from France, Denmark, and by IFLA president Claudia Lux who highlighted specific aspects for libraries to collect and distribute information on them. Libraries on the agenda with sustainability: how to guarantee sustainability of libraries, if not through advocacy. Sustainable libraries are key to a sustainable knowledge society.

Vincent Bonnet, secretary, presented the new IFLA Special Interest Group on Environmental Sustainability and Libraries, which will have a first programme at IFLA Milan: Wednesday 26 of August 2009.

<http://www.ifla.org/en/about-environmental-sustainability-and-libraries>

The Madurodam conference closed by handing over FOBID grants to winning first timers for the IFLA congress in Milan.

About the Madurodam conference:

<http://www.debibliotheken.nl/content.jsp?objectid=22207>

Presentations by the speakers:

<http://www.debibliotheken.nl/content.jsp?objectid=23010>



Cataloguing Course for Library Assistants in Aceh

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Introduction

The Librarians Association of Malaysia (PPM) through its External Aid Committee conducted a Cataloguing Course for Library Assistants in Aceh at the Central Provincial Library (BPD) Training Room on 23 – 26 February 2009. The course was organised in cooperation with the Central Provincial Library (BPD) Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam and the Aceh Branch of the Indonesian Library Association (IPI). Following the recovery and rebuilding process in Aceh after the tsunami of December of 2004, human resource development becomes an important and urgent requirement for Aceh libraries. The above course was designed to meet this requirement. This programme was also the final and closing activity of the PPM External Aid Committee which was set up in 2005 to provide assistance to Aceh libraries after the tsunami.

Objectives

The objectives of the course are to introduce participants to:

1. The role of libraries as an information centre
2. How to use cataloguing and classification tools to create a library catalogue
3. Introduction to a library software system and template

Facilitators

The team of facilitators was led by Dato' Zawiyah Baba, Principal Research Fellow, Institute of the Malay World and Civilisation (ATMA), Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Prof. Madya Salmah Salleh, formerly senior lecturer at the MARA University of Technology (UiTM), Dra Yusnidar, (Head, Service Division, BPD), Drs. Zul Akil (BPD) and Drs. Wan Muhd. Fazali Mohd. Salleh (National Library of Malaysia).

Participants

30 participants were selected from a cross section of library personnel in Aceh including BPD, Universiti Syiah Kuala, Universiti AIN Al-Raniri, The grand mosque Baiturrahman Library, Aceh Documentation and information Centre (PDIA) , Iqra' Reading Community (YMI) other libraries and non-governmental associations..

Programme

The course programme included introductory sessions on library management and the role of libraries in reading promotion. Apart from using the Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules and the Dewey Decimal Classification, participants were also guided on the use of a template for creating an electronic catalogue for a library collection. Course materials including cataloguing and classification tools were provided by PPM. The programme went smoothly despite the erratic electricity supply and breakdown which prevented the use of the computer laboratory. This was replaced by group sessions using computer notebooks. Despite this setback, the enthusiasm and interest of the participants ensured the success of the workshop.

Library development

The 4-day course also provided the opportunity to revisit libraries and places of interest in and around Banda Aceh and to note the encouraging development since the tsunami. Among the impressive new buildings are the Aceh Documentation and Information Centre (PDIA) library, the Tsunami Museum and hospital complex for Aceh. The Central Provincial Library (BPD) has been completely restored. Repairs to the Provincial Archives building have also been completed and the Archives is now amalgamated with BPD to form the Central Archives and Library of Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam. The library of the Grand Mosque Baiturrahman is now filled with shelves and books and readers. The Phi Beta Learning Centre has had to move from its spacious bungalow and compound to more compact shop lots but still maintains its library and mobile services. It was very encouraging to note that two University libraries, Syiah Kuala and AIAN Ar- Raniri, although not affected by the tsunami were also repaired and repainted with assistance from the Japanese Government. Four years after the tsunami, the physical rebuilding of libraries in Aceh are clearly visible but these libraries are still very much in need of shelves, books and computer facilities. The training and education of library personnel increasingly needs urgent attention..

Acknowledgements

In her closing speech, Dato' Zawiyah on behalf of PPM thanked Drs. Kamaruddin Hussin, Head, Central Archives and Library NAD, Ibu Yusnidar and staff of BPD as well as IPI for their cooperation, commitment and support in organising the course. Dato' Zawiyah expressed the hope that with the encouraging development of Aceh libraries since the tsunami, PPM and libraries in Malaysia will continue working with BPD, PDIA and University libraries in Aceh in the future as partners and not as donor and recipient. Dato' Zawiyah acknowledged the generous contribution of the Canadian Library Association towards the PPM Aceh Libraries Fund which made the organising of the Cataloguing Course for Aceh libraries possible.

Highlights of the Two-day Seminar Building Capacity in Authoring and Publishing in the Library and Information Science (LIS) Profession and Related Fields in Uganda and Beyond

Naigara Hotel, Kampala – Uganda, 2-3 April 2009

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The Uganda Library and Information Association (ULIA) organized a two-day seminar under the theme "Building Capacity in Authoring and Publishing in the Library and Information Science Profession and Related Fields in Uganda and beyond" The seminar was made possible with financial support from International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications (INASP).

Officially opened by the President of the Uganda Library and Information Association, Mr. Innocent Rugambwa, the seminar was attended by selected number of local and regional Library and Information Science (LIS) Mentors, key LIS practitioners in Uganda, together with expert and upcoming authors. The main objective of the workshop was to practically contribute to the development of capacity in writing and publishing in the field of library and information science.

Participants to the two-day seminar enumerated a number of expectations which out of the seminar, which predominantly provided useful guidelines to a focused, meaningful and beneficial seminar. A total of seven papers were delivered by numerous presenters and duly discussed. The not-so-formal environment coupled with the not-so-rigid approach that was taken in knowledge sharing and discussion during the course of the seminar made the seminar very lively. The following papers were accordingly presented and discussed:

Title of Paper	Presenter
Authoring Articles in LIS Journals Targeting the Professionals, and Related stakeholders in Uganda and beyond	Ms. Gertrude Kayaga-Mulindwa , Director, National Library of Uganda (NLU)
Authoring Teaching Materials for LIS Educators for Teaching & Research, and Students for Learning and Research in LIS Departments and Schools	Mr. Charles Batambuze , Executive Secretary, National Book Trust of Uganda (NABOTU)
Indigenous Authorship and Publishing in the LIS fields in Uganda and beyond: prospects, strategies and challenges	Dr. Peter Mwathi , Faculty of Library and Information Studies, Jomo Kenyatta University-Nairobi, Kenya
The Agenda for Indigenous Authorship in the LIS Fields in Uganda and beyond	Mr. Innocent Rugambwa , President of ULIA and Director, Library & Research, Parliament of Uganda
Mentoring Young Authors: Promotion of Academic and Professional Writing Skills in the LIS Fields	Dr. Peter Mwathi , Faculty of Library and Information Studies, Jomo Kenyatta University-Nairobi, Kenya
The Past, Present and Future of Indigenous Publishing in the LIS Fields in Uganda.	Professor IMN Kigongo-Bukenya , East African School of Library and Information Science, Makerere University
The Process of Publishing and Book Trade in the LIS Fields	Professor Robert Ikoja-Odongo , East African School of Library and Information Science, Makerere University

The final part of the seminar saw the grouping of participants in different discussion groups in which small teams exchanged and shared their findings on a number of aspects pertinent to authoring and publishing in the LIS fields. Most specifically, the following groups addressed the five thematic areas:

- *Policy and Legal Issues in Indigenous Authorship and Publishing in LIS Fields in Uganda*
- *Content and Quality Issues in Indigenous Authorship and Publishing in LIS Fields in Uganda*
- *Marketing and Outreach in Indigenous Authorship and Publishing in LIS Fields in Uganda*
- *Policy and Legal Issues in Indigenous Authorship and Publishing in LIS Fields in Uganda*
- *Cooperative Strategies of Indigenous Authorship and Publishing in LIS Fields in Uganda and Beyond*

The seminar ably addressed a number of challenges to authoring and publishing in the LIS field in Uganda. Most prominent of these included lack of morale and initiative, lack of practical mentoring strategies, heavy workloads leaving no time for creative writing, limited regard to co-authoring, reduced morale due to rejection of submissions targeting international journals, the high cost of research, together with issues related to peer review.

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Having realized up to over 90% of the expectations enumerated on Day One, the seminar also came up with a number of important resolutions, including the commitment for the Uganda Library and Information Association to start or rejuvenate the Uganda Journal of Library and Information Science with a credible editorial board, through which quality works would be presented and disseminated to enhance the visibility of the profession to a broader audience. The seminar also recommended the compilation and publication of a reference tool providing documentation on Who Does What Where among LIS players in Uganda. Additionally, the workshop encouraged observance of ethical values in authorship and publishing, together with institution of fair relationship between mentors and mentees and realistic workloads granting time for creative writing. Lastly, but not the least, the participants unanimously welcomed the idea of a Mentoring Guide developed and customized to address the needs of all those involved in the mentoring process.

The Seminar ended with a cocktail during which the President of the Association handed over Certificates of Participation to the participants. The detailed documentation of the seminar, including the participants' expectations, slides and full-texts, wrap-up notes together with the outcomes of the group discussions are to be processed and made available for wider access.

Ins and outs of library issues in the Netherlands: innovation, exploration, advocacy *from Marian Koren*

After the centennial of the Netherlands Public Library Association in 2008, this year is one of major shifts and processes; some of them difficult to explain in a few words. Innovation has been on the agenda of both the Association and the responsible Ministry for quite some time and major decisions are taken for innovative policy and activities of libraries. It all means **change**: the library association, which also fulfils some state-funded roles, will split into two organisations: a true (public) library association and a state-funded library sector institute, responsible for library policy and innovation, both to be achieved on January, 1, 2010. The innovation process is supported by a 20 million euro grant for reading promotion, innovation, networking and digital infrastructure. The Association now works on all these issues and has developed an intensive marketing -, and human resources development programme. The political back-up is organised in an agreement between the three layers of government: municipalities, provinces and state, which will result in a (longer term) charter.

The rationale behind this innovation process is obvious: make libraries better equipped for meeting modern needs, shifting focus on customer service and making collections and services easily available and accessible through a variety of activities and channels, just where people might need them. Innovative professionalism is also the drive behind some internationally oriented activities of the association. The annual visit to the Bologna Children's Book Fair has become a tradition as it is now in its third year. Thirty children's librarians explore the world of publishers, new book-related media and methods; They also take the opportunity to meet other library colleagues at the special JES: **Join- Enjoy- Share** meeting, organised by the Association together with the IFLA Section Chair of Service to Children and Young people. Some 60 colleagues from all over the world met on 25th of April were welcome by the Italian Library Association and learned about the Hans Christian Andersen Award Jury from its Chair, and about the Book start programme in Italy: Nati per leggere (Born to Read). The Dutch librarians also saw this programme in action in children's libraries they visited (Bologna, Modena, Reggio Emilia) In this last city the special pedagogy of children's 100 talents was studied for application in libraries.

A new area to explore is the issue of sustainability regarding the environment and the social responsibility of libraries. **'How green is your library?'** is the provocative title on a partly international conference on 23rd April in the Dutch miniature museum, Madurodam, The Hague. IFLA president Claudia Lux addresses the audience regarding Sustainability and Libraries on the agenda. Colleagues from France and Denmark give examples, and the IFLA Special Interest Group on Environmental Sustainability and Libraries presents itself. The Dutch afternoon explores opportunities to make collections and library organisations sustainable, using methods to save energy, enlighten staff and general public on environmental issues and increase the visibility of libraries in the **'green wave'**. Another IFLA-related activity is the association's involvement in the IFLA satellite conference in Mechelen/ Maastricht, to be held 17-20 August, called **P3: People, Public Libraries, Publishers**: all involved in services to persons with a print-disability. All stakeholders will show their good efforts to adapt products and services to this target group. And the users themselves will also give their views on the variety of practices presented. Satisfied users are the best advocates for sustainable libraries! All information on these conferences is available at: www.debibliotheken.nl/english
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Libraries driving Access to Knowledge President Elect Ellen Tise's Presidential Theme launched in Denmark

By Hellen Niegaard, Chief Consultant, The Danish Library Association

"A NEW NATIONAL LIBRARY STRATEGY: LIBRARIES DRIVING ACCESS TO KNOWLEDGE", The Danish Library Association's (DLA) Annual Meeting 2009 took place from 11th to 13th March in Aalborg. More than 400 participants, speakers and exhibitors made the annual meeting a success. There were several representatives from Scandinavia plus from one South Africa: Ellen Tise, IFLA's President-Elect.

IS YOUR LIBRARY AND DLA READY FOR THE FUTURE?

"The modern library is an identity house. A place, where you can become a whole person. A place we come to, to be wiser, to experience and get information but also a place where we learn how to convert information into knowledge. And it is also a meeting place, the local community's common open space. It's been this a long, long time and most people know it. What they don't know", said DLA president Vagn Ytte Larsen "is that the modern library is more than just books! And something has to be done about that".

The president was referring to the Danish Minister for Culture Ms Carina Christensen's new *National Library Strategy Committee* that according to him ought to result in a new law in the future. The committee must introduce its recommendations early 2010.



Danish Library Association President

What is The Danish Library Association itself going to do for libraries and its members in the future? DLA's new Director Michel Steen-Hansen introduced a number of ideas. In the short term a series of membership offers' – while long term aims are about new strong advocacy initiatives for libraries including in the coming November Elections (Municipal level) and in DLA's own new long term strategy aiming at a profile with more edge".

Ellen Tise

Through the American author James Baldwin's life and his escape from the ghetto and poverty via the library and reading, Ellen Tise, IFLA's coming President, in her talk to the plenum illustrated the crucial importance of libraries in supporting development for individuals as well as for the society. Ellen Tise will - as IFLA President - focus on five aspects: user orientation, advocacy, library space, the role of the library in social inclusion and the need for strong partnerships.



Ellen Tise

Following her presentation in plenum her theme and the five aspects were debated in a smaller Discussion Group with Danish Library professionals and politicians.

The Group was chaired by the Finnish Library Association Director, Mrs Sinikka Sipilä.

From the group's conclusions:

- Libraries must change from "passively providing access" to active and outreaching communication
- Opening hours must be extended and meet users' needs
- Users and their demands should be actively involved in restructuring existing services and in planning new
- Libraries strive at having politicians actively involved the library development and in the attempts to redefine library services in this century
- Go for the wow-effect, a library must offer unexpected experiences at all levels to attract users – an excellent example is the new Hjoerring Public Library in Denmark.

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8**Following the Annual Congress of The Danish Library Association The present Nordic Associations had a meeting with Ellen Tise on cooperation in the next two years.**

In the future IFLA will continue the Presidential Meetings – as ‘invented’ by current president Claudia Lux. Meetings where the presidential theme is debated with –local/regional and other” participants in the presidents home country.

Ellen Invited the Nordic Library Associations to be an active part of her first Presidential Meeting in South Africa – probably to be held in February 2010.

After some clarifying talk this idea was backed up by all, and will now have to be discussed among all the Nordic associations in Oslo late April – in order to reach a final decision on the matter.

Another idea came up was to have the MLAS Mid Year Meeting 2010 more or less at the same time in South Africa taking advantage of the presence of MLAS Committee members and others for them equally to participate in the Presidential Meeting.

IFLA WEBSITE LAUNCHED !

Have you looked through the new-look IFLA website yet ?

<http://www.ifla.org>

You can also keep up with the news at

<http://www.ifla.org/en/news>

THANKS ARLENE

For the past several years, Arlene Cohen has generously served as the administrator for the IFLA Management of Library Associations Section Standing Committee’s (MLAS) listserv (mlas@lists.sla.org). Arlene has made sure that new members were added, resolved listserv issues, and continuously forwarded information that she should thought would be useful to the IFLA MLAS Standing Committee.

Arlene has decided to take a break from her duties. I have offered to oversee the MLAS listserv and will forward material to the list that I believe of interest. I encourage all of you to do the same as well.

We all greatly appreciate Arlene and thank her for the marvelous job that she has done for us all, and we hope to see her back soon.

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French school librarians : teachers with a difference

by **Claudie Schlosser**

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The first French school libraries were created in 1958. Since then, the profession has undergone changes that have no precedents, especially over the past five years. Technological evolutions have imposed new ways of working, have modified teaching methods and the theoretical reflection that goes along with them. School libraries are not only fully integrated within schools but are also appreciated by students. Few positions and few educational spaces have encountered as many changes and as profound as school libraries have. Even the recruitment exam¹ has been modified to fit the new technological environment to recruit teachers with a high level of knowledge and skills. That altogether gives value to a job that attracts and disturbs all at the same time. As a proof of this, no amendments have been made to the text that officially rules the position of librarian teachers in France since 1986².

The FADBEN association defends the identity of these special teachers. It has always been close to the professional evolutions and therefore, has published a « professional curriculum³» in 2006. This curriculum defines the three main lines of the profession : teaching information literacy, imagining and managing the school information system, being an actor in the school information policy. At the core of these activities lays the main objective : developing information skills among students. In 2007, scholar work⁴ concerning what students should know has been usefully completed and made clearer. This document⁵ highlights the specific fields of reference related to information literacy and is meant to be an actual working tool for teachers. But the profession is not free from

worries. On the one side, we are convinced that the interest of our profession lies within the balance to be found between the three types of activities that have to be carried out. It is extremely difficult to keep this balance right and define priorities in the best possible way. The permanent question is that this balance should serve the interest of the school community. It implies that school librarian teachers must have a full and exhaustive training at the beginning and undergo in-house training all along their careers.

On the other hand, a few problems are having real consequences on the way assignments are carried out. For example, it is not always possible to have a library open non-stop and carry out other activities when only one staff runs the place and the hiring and employment of unqualified staff undermines the image of these professionals. This is not just a question of defending a corporate group of teachers. It is a question of offering equal treatment to students within French public schools as far as the question of teaching information literacy is concerned. This requires trained teachers.

That is why the FADBEN Association wants to reinforce the assignments of librarian teachers along the three main lines that were defined :

- As teachers they manage and organize the educational resource center.
- As experts, they are in charge of the teaching of information literacy.
- As specialists, librarian teachers should be the reference persons in the working out of the information policy that should now be included in all school projects.

For years , The FADBEN, the French librarian teachers association, has carried out researches and studies. Documents have been published which have become tools for teachers but also educational inspectors. But more than ever we have to defend our specific approach to teaching information literacy so that the 21st century will not see school libraries un-run by unqualified staff or used to provide non-stop day-care centers or cultivate misuses and bad habits among students.

1
In France librarian teachers are recruited via the CAPES (certificat d'Aptitude à l'Enseignement Secondaire) a competitive examination with a numerus clausus.

2
Circulaire n° 86-123 du 13 mars 1986 :
<http://www.fadben.asso.fr/spip.php?article53>

3
Référentiel métier :
<http://www.fadben.asso.fr/spip.php?article36>

4
Médiadoc décembre 1997 : Référentiel de compétences en information

5
Mediadoc mars 2007 : les savoirs-scolaires en information documentation

Adapted and translated by Claudie Schlosser from Françoise Albertini's speech : "Une vision réaliste du métier centrée sur le développement de la culture informationnelle des élèves", in "Culture de l'information, des pratiques... aux savoirs", 8e congrès des enseignants-documentalistes de l'Education Nationale, Lyon 28-29-30 mars 2008, Nathan 2009, p.148-150.

Workshop to train Library Association Leaders and Professionals in South Asian Countries on Library Advocacy and Policy Development

The Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA) which is the sole body assigned with the responsibility of safeguarding the profession of Library and Information Sciences (LIS) in Sri Lanka and the National Library and Documentation Services Board jointly organised a Workshop to Train Library Association Leaders and Professionals in Sri Lanka, India, Pakistan, and Nepal on Library Advocacy and Policy Development from 12-13 February 2009, in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

This workshop was organised with the intention of training LIS leaders especially public librarians, educators and activists to gain the requisite skills in policy development and implementation; including developing government relations platforms, monitoring government proposals, effective advocacy campaigns and public relations. The workshop was fully funded by the Action for Development through Libraries (ALP) programme of International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA – <http://www.ifla.org>). There were around 100 participants at the workshop representing librarians, community development officers attached to local governments, administrators and politicians. Mr. Michael Dowling, Director, International Relations of American Library Association and Ms Moira Fraser, Parliamentary Librarian of New Zealand served as prime Resource Persons with Presidents of Library Associations of Sri Lanka, India and Nepal.

It was a very successful workshop which brought together people in the Library and Information field, Community development, and the local government, for 2 days for a lively discussion on LIS advocacy and policy development, both on and off the sessions. The group work and interactive sessions figured as major instruments of expression. The participants formulated many constructive ideas while debating and brainstorming during the group work exercises.

To assess the current status of Libraries in these countries, the groups worked by focusing upon these aspects of the environment – **Political, Economic, Social and Technological**. This was necessary to ascertain where we would want the Libraries in 5 years time.

The participants from the local government and municipal councils commended this programme and said that it was a real encouragement for their work. More of this kind of workshops was requested by them. Since such libraries do not get much attention, they could work their way through with the above deliberations. The apparent essential need of advocacy and policy development was felt by the participants, and they also gained the practical knowledge of initiating and working out such plans.

Based on the experience gained from the workshop, the participants will be able to initiate advocacy and policy development training and activities, in their provincial councils. Most importantly, with the help of library association leaders, they will be able to conduct the similar training workshops in their respective provincial councils.

Premila Gamage
Chair – Asia & Oceania Section, IFLA

IFLA's New Professionals Discussion Group activities

During the past year IFLA's New Professionals Discussion Group (NPDG) actively planned programs for new librarians attending the IFLA Congress in Quebec, and started coordination of pre-conferences for Milan and future congresses.

The NPDG also had a representative (Loida Garcia-Febo) in the Website working group collaborating with Fiona Bradley to suggest ideas for the soon-to-be launched new IFLA website.

Working in conjunction with the Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning, the NPDG will present *Moving In, Moving Up, and Moving On: Strategies for Regenerating the Library and Information Profession* an IFLA pre-conference at the University of Bologna on August 18-20, 2009.

All the information is at
<http://www.ifla.org/annual-conference/ifla75/satellite-en.htm>



IFLA Secretary General and the Nordic Associations in Helsinki on the 12th of Jan 2009.

From left front line: Ms. Pirjo Vatanen, President of the Finnish Research Library Association, Ms. Sigrun Klara Hannesdottir, President of Uplýsing, the Icelandic Library Association, IFLA SG Jennefer Nicholson, Mr. Robin Fortelius, President of the Finnish Swedish Library Association in Finland. Back line from left: Mr. Lars Bjoernshauge, Coordinator of the International Affairs, The Swedish Library Association, Ms. Sinikka Sipila, Secretary General of the Finnish Library Association, Ms. Hellen Niegaard, Chief Consultant of the Danish Library Association, Mr. Niclas Lindberg, Secretary General of the Swedish Library Association and Mr. Tore Kr. Andersen, Secretary General of the Norwegian Library Association.



IFLA Secretary General, Jennefer Nicholson receives a library bag from the Boards Members of the Finnish Library Association.

Ms. Anneli Ketonen, Vice President (on the right) and Paeivi Almgren (middle) at a seminar for the Finnish IFLA members called "IFLA and the Libraries in the World" on the 13th of Jan 2009 at the Annex of the Parliament in Finland. IFLA SG Jennefer Nicholson gave an overview of the activities and the structure of IFLA and Finnish IFLA experts told of their experiences and views of the work of IFLA.

Building Strong Library Associations

IFLA is developing a series of Modules as part of the Building Strong Library Associations project.

More information available at the Milan meetings and on the IFLA website over time.

Module 1 – Introduction

Overview: The aim of this module is to provide the context for the role that library associations can play in civil society. This module provides references to internationally approved documents, statements and manifestos, drawn mainly from the United Nations, UNESCO and IFLA.

Module 2 – Building Blocks

Overview: The aim of this module is to describe the basic components of a typical library association and discusses what needs to be put in place in order to establish and operate a successful association. This module uses practical references drawn from IFLA MLAS and other sources.

Module 3 – Sustaining your Library Association

Overview: This module builds on Module 2 and is aimed at developing strategies for the long-term operations and sustainability of the library association. It offers ideas about the different functions and activities which can be undertaken by the association to ensure its long-term viability. However, the development of functions and activities should always take into consideration the environment and the circumstances of the association. References used come from the experiences of other library associations.

Module 4 – Libraries on the Agenda

Overview: This module focuses on the role of the library association and libraries in the broader society with particular reference to its function in advocating, educating and campaigning for the increased importance of libraries in the information society. It draws on several tools for advocacy which have been developed by different library associations, although the Module needs to tailor these toolkits to the circumstances of the association concerned.

Balme Library Goes Online.

By Gifty Boakye , Balme Library,
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The library is always considered the heart of every University in academic circles. This view is mainly due to the fact that the library serves as the source of relevant, current and convenient information without which teaching, learning and research can not be effectively accomplished. The changing scene of information packaging and delivery due to technological developments makes it imperative for libraries to adopt new methods of rendering services to the university community. In the current information scene, providing access to relevant information has become a principal activity. In view of this, university libraries are making use of electronic and web - based tools to package and disseminate information to meet the changing needs of its users. The Balme Library , the foremost library of the premier University of Ghana, has over the past 22 years embarked on an automation programme and, went live with its Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) in February 2007. The OPAC which is christened UGCat is web based and currently allows access to the collection of eight of the satellite libraries on the University of Ghana main campus as well as the two campuses out side Legon. So far 116,989 records of items on all the disciplines in the University's curriculum have been captured in the UGCat .The library also subscribes to a number of electronic databases that allow users' access to electronic journals.

The journey of automating the functions of the library started in 1987 when the library was given a WANG PC by the University's central administration. This PC was installed two years later, in 1989, at the Student's Reference Library (SRL).The SRL is a special Reference collection within the Balme Library and it consists mainly of reference materials or basic text books required for the various disciplines run by the University. An In-house software called OBA was developed by our present System Analyst (Mr. Owusu Barfi Adomako) to control circulation in the SRL. Between 1989 and 1994 the library acquired more computers as a result of a CD-ROM project initiated by American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), the World Bank, IFLA/DANIDA and Information for Development (InfoDev)/Ghana National Committee for Internet Connectivity (GNCIC) projects.

1995 marked the genesis of the creation of the database for the UGCat. With the support of DANIDA (a Danish agency); the library acquired the Bibliofile for Windows software from The Library Corporation ITS (TLC) for cataloguing its new materials or acquisitions. It was not until 2003, eight years after the first attempt at automation that the Carnegie Corporation provided funding for the automation of the University of Ghana Library System. The project covered a three-year period beginning November 1, 2003 and ending October 31, 2006.

The library system, Millennium software which has cataloguing, circulation, OPAC and other components was chosen. The choice for Millennium was made because it is internationally distributed with international subsidiary vendors and has a strong user support group.

At the end of the project period, the cataloguing and circulation processes of the Balme Library and some of the satellite libraries were automated. The Public Access Catalogue (OPAC), christened UGCat, became functional in February 2007. The URL or website address is <http://library.ug.edu.gh>

The UGCat is the computerized online catalogue of the materials held in the various libraries within the University of Ghana. The UGCat is web based and thus allows easy access to materials in the university of Ghana library system once a person knows the title of the book or the author's name. A keyword or subject search could also be done. The UGCat was officially launched on Thursday, March 26, 2009 at the University of Ghana.

WHY THE LAUNCH?

The need for the launch is two fold. First of all we consider it as an important event because the University of Ghana happens to be the first public university to have automated its library system, which is no small feat for a public University library in Ghana (a developing country). It is hoped that the launching will encourage other institutions to consider automation or accelerate the process of automation in their libraries. The second and most important to us is that our statistics show that we are getting more hits from external sources than from the local environment and we hope the official launching will create the needed awareness for our local users to use the OPAC.

The above need led to the choice of the theme *Online Information at your door* for the launch. Being the first of its kind in Ghana, the launch attracted most of the academic libraries in Ghana as well as the faculty and students of the University of Ghana. The launch was performed by the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ghana (Prof C.N.B. Tagoe) and had the Head of the Department of Information Studies (DIS) (Prof H. Akussah) as the chairman. The chairman in his closing remarks commended the Library for the initiative and challenged it to constantly review the mode of rendering services to meet the constantly changing needs of its users and also seek to respond promptly to the challenges posed by emerging technologies. During the launch glowing tributes were paid to the University of Ghana administration, Carnegie Foundation and the consulting institution (Mortenson Center for International Library Programs University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign), AAAS, The World Bank, IFLA/Danida and InfoDev/GNCIC who under various projects provided financial, logistic and technical support. The invaluable support of former University Librarians notably Prof (Mrs.) Kisiedu and the current University Librarian Prof A.A. Alemna was graciously acknowledged. The 'Automating team' of the Balme Library headed by Mrs. Victoria Dodoo was also commended for their efforts.

Draft MLAS SC Agenda**IFLA MANAGEMENT OF LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS SECTION (MLAS) 13TH MEETING OF MLAS STANDING COMMITTEE**

SC I Saturday August 22th 2009 11.30-14.20
 SC II Thursday, August 27th 2009, 11.30-13.00

Milan, Italy

DRAFT AGENDA – Highlights only

(a full agenda has been sent to the MLAS e-list)

Sessions with IFLA President Claudia Lux, President-Elect Ellen Tise and Secretary General Jennefer Nicholson, Communication and Services Director Ingeborg Verheul and Membership Officer Lidia Putziger -including reports from membership issues.

Status Reports on Advocacy Work of IFLA by Senior Policy Adviser Stuart Hamilton and by Birgitta Sandel, ALP Office.

Election of the MLAS Chair and Secretary for 2009-2011.

MLAS Chair's Report from the IFLA GB Meeting April 2009 and in Milan.

Status Report of the GLAD Programme (Keith Fiels)
 - Twinning Programme (Hellen Niegaard)
 - MLAS and the regional development
 - MLAS at regional conferences

Status Report of the New Professionals Special Interest Group NPSIG and the Women, Information and Libraries Discussion Group

Status Report on Forming a Special Interest Group Friends of Libraries (meeting of Friends of Libraries in Milan on Thu 27 Aug at 13.45-15.45 in the 'White 2-Room')

MLAS Programme Session Wed 26 Aug 9.30-12.45, 13.45-15.45
<http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla75/Programme2009.htm>
 - last checks before the session at SC I
 - evaluation after the session at SC II

National Association Meeting Tue 25 Aug at 16.00-18.00
 Agenda for the meeting agreed with IFLA HQ:
 - Ellen Tise: On President's programme
 - Claudia Lux: Finish of the term of IFLA President
 - Jennefer Nicholson - Stuart Hamilton : Building Strong Library Associations programme
 - Sinikka Sipilae: Associations sponsoring membership for other associations. The new division structure. Being a MLAS representative on GB and the benefits for national associations of this representation.

General Assembly on Wed 26 Aug at 16.15
 - Quorum at the General Assembly formed by library associations
 - informing the library associations at the caucuses on Sat 22 Aug and at the National Library Associations Meeting on Tue 25 Aug of their responsibility to attend the General Assembly to make the quorum.

Planning the Goteborg 2010 MLAS Programme Session
 Planning the San Juan 2011 MLAS Programme Session
 - forming the Programme Planning Team
 - cooperation partners: CPDWL, others
 - programme theme and ideas

Planning the MLAS SC Mid-term Meeting 17-20 Feb 2010 (dates to be confirmed), Stellenbosch, South Africa in connection of the Presidential Meeting of Ellen Tise,

Any comments on the information and the draft agenda are most welcome!

Anyone attending the Milan conference is welcome to come along to these meetings.

See you in Milan!

Best regards
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IMPORTANT PROXY INFORMATION FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

To have a quorum at the General Assembly a simple majority [that is 50% plus 1] of national and international association members should be present or represented. The nominated representative for each IFLA member organization will receive the Convening Notice for the General Assembly from IFLA HQ in June and a Proxy nomination form will be included with instructions on how to complete and submit it. If you are unable to attend the Assembly please consider nominating another association member as your organization's proxy for this meeting as this will assist us in getting a quorum for the meeting. Your proxy will be given your vote to exercise at the Assembly.

You may wish to nominate the Finnish Library Association as a proxy (with Sinikka Sipilae as the contact) - this nomination form must be provided to IFLA HQ or the Congress Secretariat.

MLAS Milan 2009 Programme

and satellite event

**LIBRARIANS ON THE CAT WALK:
COMMUNICATING FOR ADVOCACY TO
INFLUENCE POLICY AND PRACTICE**

This programme is collaboration between the Management of Library Associations Section (MLAS), and the Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning Section (CPDWL), and Action for Development through Libraries Programme (ALP).

The World Library & Information Congress/ IFLA General Conference will take place in Milan, Italy, August 23-27, 2009.

The overall conference theme is *"Libraries create futures: Building on cultural heritage"*.

As part of the conference program the MLAS and CPDWL will host a one-day session:

Part 1: Papers will focus on topics including:

- Successful Advocacy Programmes
- Communication and Promotion
- Influencing the Political Agenda
- Identifying the Right Arena for Advocacy
- Working with Media

*Note: Invited speakers will be allocated 20 minutes presentation time after which there will be 10 minutes of discussion.

Part 2: Interactive practice in making presentations:

Two selected presentations will be given by volunteers . After the volunteers have finished, a film on presentations will be shown. The two selected volunteer presenters will be assigned mentors to assist with improving their presentations. To demonstrate lessons learned after working with their mentor, the same two presentations will be given again by the volunteers

Moving in, moving up, and moving on: strategies for regenerating the library & information profession

Dates: 19-20 August 2009, with opening reception event on 18th August (evening)

Location: Bologna, Italy

Contact persons: Roisin Gwyer, Roisin.Gwyer@port.ac.uk, and Loida Garcia-Fedo, loidagarciafebo@gmail.com

Audience: Anyone who is interested in issues of professional, workplace, individual and/or organisational development. Anyone interested in issues of working and managing across generations (at individual, organisational and whole-of-profession level)

Sponsors: IFLA Continuing Professional Development & Workplace Learning Section and IFLA New Professional Discussion Group

Take a look through the Congress website for all the details
<http://www.ifla.org/annual-conference/ifla75/>

You can still register for the Congress and for Satellite events.

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We're on the Web!
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[http://www.ifla.org/
en/mlas](http://www.ifla.org/en/mlas)

MLAS TIP - a great free website

Do you have to organize meetings or
teleconferences across timezones,
with many committee members ?

You can get a free login to :

<http://www.doodle.com>

Check out the new IFLA website

The MLAS website

<http://www.ifla.org/en/mlas>

How do I join the MLAS e-list ?? ...

Just contact Doug Newcomb directly at dnewcomb@sla.org
and request to be joined up to the MLAS e-list.

Send your message to ifla-mlas@lists.sla.org - where members of
the list can send messages.

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LIBRARIANS ON THE CAT WALK: COMMUNICATING FOR ADVOCACY TO INFLUENCE POLICY AND PRACTICE

The World Library & Information Congress/ IFLA General
Conference and Council.

See you in Milan, Italy, August 23-27, 2009.

All the details are now on the website --

<http://www.ifla.org/annual-conference/ifla75/>