

Asia & Oceania Section 2019-2023 candidates' profiles

Name	Title	Institution	Country	Brief summary
Dilara Begum	Librarian and Chairperson, Dept. of Information Studies and Library Management	East West University	Bangladesh	I have more than 20 years experiences in library management fields. My incessant contributions are to transform LIS professionals' roles from traditional approach to contemporary approach as well as share my own knowledge and experiences to my national and international colleagues. As a manager of an academic library, I strive to provide service excellence in every way. I have executed a remarkable accomplishment in my library as well as for LIS professionals in South Asia. Here I would like to highlight about Research Methodology Course organized by SAARC Documentation Centre (SDC) New Delhi, India in collaboration with East West University and I worked as a course coordinator of this course. I am currently acting as elected Secretary of Information Literacy Section of International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA). I am is also acting as General Secretary, Digital Library Network of South Asia (DLNetSA). I believe that professional bodies are the highest authorities who can collaborate globally and make ways for the future professionals. If I get a chance to engage with this section, I can devote my contribution to the betterment of our profession in Asia and Oceanian countries.
Madhu Bhargava	Head Librarian	Woodstock School	India	Experience of working with IASL for nine years and three years with IFLA have provided me with relevant expertise. Have successfully organised BSLA workshop for Indian school Librarians for capacity building and it is of my interest that I take the region to another level in the field of school librarianship.

Sanjay Kumar Bihani Lib Info Officer

Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi India

My involvements in international librarianship and leadership roles are associated with IFLA for more than 13 years and I have participated in almost all IFLA Conferences since 2005. I earlier served as Secretary of IFLA-RSCAO (2015-2017) and current Chair (2017-2019) as well as Secretary and Chair of IFLA-Government Libraries Section (2011-2015). I served earlier as Member of Copyrights and Legal Matters (CLM) Committee of IFLA during 2007-2011. I also served as Editorial Committee Member of IFLA Journal for 5 years during 2008-2013. During last 27 years, I worked with the Ministry of External Affairs of Government of India and served at HQ of the Ministry in New Delhi as well as on diplomatic assignments at Indian Diplomatic Missions in Bangladesh, Nepal and United Kingdom. I served with the High Commission of India in Dhaka (1994-1997), Embassy of India in Kathmandu (2000-2003) and High Commission of India in London (2010-2013) besides serving at New Delhi. I served in 3 countries of Asia and Oceania region and have expertise I also traveled widely and visited several countries in the region and other parts of the world on various professional assignments. Thanks

Ying Chen	Deputy Director	National Library of China	China	<p>Ying Chen, a master of literature, Deputy Director of the National Library of China, and co-manages the international exchange of the library. Since 1991, she has been working in the Department of Mass Culture, Art Department, Culture and Science Department of the Ministry of Culture of China. During her tenure, she participated in the organization of important art activities, such as the China Arts Festival and the National Science and Technology Support Program, the Cultural Science and Technology Promotion Program, and the National Cultural Innovation Project. She has an in-depth understanding of the current status and prospects of cultural development. In addition, a lot of research work has been done in the fields of Chinese Peking Opera and new opera. After entering the National Library of China, she actively participated in the international exchange activities of the library community on the basis of in-depth research on the development status of international library community, and participated in business exchanges with the National Diet Library of Japan, the National Library of New Zealand and other institutions. She is excited to get involved in the activities of IFLA and hopes to contribute to the development of the international library community.</p>
Premila Gamage	Consultant to Knowledge Management Systems	Verite Research	Sri Lanka	<p>I have more than 30 years of experience in LIS field as a teacher, coordinator, trainer, manager and consultant. Also served in many capacities in my own library association and IFLA. I am one of IFLA's trainers and conducted a number of training workshops in Lebanon, ASEAN, India, Nepal. I have carried out a number of projects which have benefited the LIS profession, professionals and underprivileged youth and children in Sri Lanka which would not have been possible but for the excellent networks and partnerships developed among all the stakeholders of the projects. Our profession has drastically changed and professionals are challenged by the changes. IFLA is working towards and trying its best to address these challenges. Thus I want to continue my active role in shaping the work of the section to achieve IFLA's overall strategic goals.</p>

Ramesh C Gaur	Director (Library and Information)	Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts (IGNCA)	India	<p>Dr. Ramesh C. Gaur is presently Director (Library & Information) & Head-Kala Nidhi Division at Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), New Delhi, Ministry of Culture, Government of India. IGNCA www.ignca.gov.in. A Fulbright Scholar(VT, USA), Dr. Gaur has visited 23 countries.USA, Have received 10 National and international Honours & Awards. Dr Gaur is the first Indian nominated as Member- International Advisory Committee (IAC) UNESCO Memory of the World (MoW) Programme. He is the National Coordinator-Experts' Group on Memory of the World(MoW) Programme in India, the Member of Think Tank on Library and Information Services formed by Ministry of Culture, Government of India to advise Government on Library policy matters., He is the member of many other important national and international professional bodies. Important affiliations includes; Member-Governing Council-INFLIBNET, Member-International Consultative Committee on Digital Dunhuang, China, NDLTD Board of Directors, Member of UGC National Committee for Implementation of Submission and Access to Electronic Theses and Dissertations in Universities in India, Member Governing Council-INFLIBNET, Member-National Advisory Board-E-Shodh Sindhu National Consortia, Member of various Committees of International Federations of Library Associations (IFLA), Member Databib Advisory Board, USA. Acted as Convenor for RSCAO session congress planning committee. Have hosted IFLA RSCAO midterm meeting.</p>
Cendrella Habre	University Librarian	Lebanese American University	Lebanon	<p>I already have one year of experience with Asia and Oceania section. Previously I was the representative of the Middle East area for several years with international organization, such as OCLC and AMICAL. Also I am an active member of the Lebanese Library Association.</p>

Lilit Harutyunyan	Head of the Bibliography Department	Komitas Museum-Institute	Armenia	I work in Music Library of Komitas Museum-Institute. I am interested mostly in Music Cataloging with both Marc21 and Unimarc standards. I am planning to collaborate with IFLA in questions according Music Libraries.
Wai Tat Hoi	Functional Head of Special Collection Unit	University of Macau Library	China	My name is Wilson, as Functional Head of Special Collection Unit, University of Macau Library. I was awarded a Master Degree of Library Science in the Sun Yat-sen University in 2012. I have been working with the university library for more than 10 years and is experienced in Macau libraries. I serve as the Vice Director of the Macao Library and Information Management Association and Secretary general of the Macau Academic Library Alliance. I have good networking with libraries at home and abroad and over a decade's experience in Library Science. I have visited libraries in different regions, including Portugal, Australia, Canada, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea, Japan, China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, etc.
Yasuyo Inoue	Professor	Dokkyo University	Japan	Communicative information and knowledge among Asia and Oceania area in libraries (especially public and school libraries) and other related fields are needed for me, and participating into this committee is expected to develop and enhance them for me and Japanese librarians. Also by joining this committee activities, I will contribute IFLA's ideas through several years activities and experiences of FAIFE(CAIFE, FAIFE1997-2003, 2011—2015, 2015-2017, 2018-present(Expert Advisor)) and LTR(2013—2017, 2015—2017(secretary), adding to participation to APriGF (2016 at Taipei) meeting. Communicating with several librarians in Vietnam reminds me in South-Eastern Asian area librarians are needed to be trained not only technical method like Internet and computer-related ones but also professional ethical idea on library related activities like copyright act and private issues at libraries and other related institutions. As a former member (1998-2018) of Intellectual Freedom Committee of Japan Library Association, I would try to communicate for mutual understandings on professional ethics and intellectual freedom issues at libraries in Asia area.

Chihfeng P. Lin	Associate Professor	Department of Information & Communications, Shih Hsin University, Taiwan	China	I've participated IFLA activities since year of 2000. I was a Standing Committee Member (8 years), Secretary (4 years), and Chair of Section (2 years) of Asia & Oceania. I also involved in Section of Education & Training, Section of Information Literacy, and Section of Genealogy and Local History. I would like to integrate more professionals to strengthen RSCAO in wider and more in depth for the profession in the area.
Arshad Mahmood	Deputy Director / Librarian	State Bank of Pakistan	Pakistan	Mr. Arshad Mahmood is working as Deputy Director/ Librarian in State Bank of Pakistan since 2008. Arshad Mahmood is an M.Phil Scholar and author of 9 research papers. His 6 research papers accepted in International conferences i.e. ICOASL 2008 (India), ICOASL 2011 (Tokyo, Japan), ICOASL 2015 (Seoul, South Korea), IFLA WLIC 2016 (Columbus, USA), ICOASL 2017 (Yogyakarta, Indonesia) & IFLA WLIC 2017 (Wroclaw, Poland). Mr. Mahmood has 16 years library profession experience in variety of national and international organizations i.e. National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST), International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Islamabad Club, International Islamic University (IIU), National Library of Pakistan and State Bank of Pakistan. As a Director of Pakistan Library Club (PLC) he has organized various seminars, training workshops for LIS professionals in Pakistan. Mr. Arshad Mahmood is a member of organizing committee of PLA National Conference in 2007 & Conference Chair of PLC, IFLA SLA (Asian Chapter) international conference "A Journey from UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): Proactive Role of Libraries" at University of Karachi, on 2-4 August, 2018 in Karachi, Pakistan. Mr. Arshad Mahmood also served as Corresponding Member of IFLA Asia & Oceania Standing Committee (2017-2019)

Jayshree Mamtora	Research Services Coordinator	Charles Darwin University	Australia	<p>An experienced and committed professional, Jayshree has been active in professional library associations for a number of years. As the previous Section Chair (2015-2017), Program Chair (2012- 2014) and Committee member of RSCAO (2009-2017), she demonstrated how good leadership, good communication, teamwork and sheer hard work can bring about positive results. In this role she created the RSCAO Section Handbook to introduce and standardise guidelines, and procedures and documents for the Committee to work from; ensured an element of quality in the program; set up the Communications and Marketing Committee responsible for promoting the work of the section; and formalised the role of the sub-regional convenors enabling them to better contribute, in a wide region made up of 62 countries.</p> <p>Jayshree has held professional positions in three countries of the Asia and Oceania region - Solomon Islands, Fiji and Australia, as well as the UK, and has actively served in each of them in a professional capacity. She has attended and presented papers at a number of IFLA conferences and has authored a number of publications. She is currently the Research Services Coordinator at Charles Darwin University in Australia.</p>
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Deva Eswara Reddy	Associate Professor of Library Science	Texas A&M University	United States	<p>I am well acquainted with the history and culture of South Asian countries. There is every need to Asia Oceania Section to focus on sustainable development of the region with particular reference to food, agriculture and nutrition (FAN). With my strong academic and professional background in library and information science reinforced with my over 50 years of working experience in academic and research libraries in India and the United States, and with the rich experience I gained as the Chair and Secretary of IFLA Science and Technology Libraries Section and also as the Founder and Convener of the IFLA Agricultural Libraries SIG, I am confident that I can contribute my might to the Asia Oceania Section. My qualifications: PhD in LIS; MLS Wayne State University; MA public administration. MLS from DRTC India; Post-Doctoral Research at Wisconsin University; Fulbright Senior Fellow;</p>
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Winston Roberts	Senior Business Advisor (International)	National Library of New Zealand	New Zealand	Winston Roberts has been Senior Business Advisor in the Office of the National Librarian, at the National Library of New Zealand (NLNZ) since 2001. He deals with the Library's stakeholder relations with other national libraries and international professional bodies. In the 1980s he worked at the British Library. From 1990 to 1998 he worked at IFLA HQ in The Hague as Coordinator of Professional Activities. He returned to New Zealand in 1998. In 2003 he represented New Zealand at the UN World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) in Geneva, and again at the second WSIS in Tunis in 2005. He is closely interested in the Internet Governance process set up by the WSIS. At the Asia-Pacific regional Internet Governance Forums (APrIGF) from 2013 to 2018, he convened IFLA workshops on community access to information. He remains closely involved in IFLA, and was Secretary of CDNL 2006-10. He was a member of IFLA RSCAO for two terms until 2017, and took an active part in its work. He is currently the Convenor of the National Information and Library Policy (NILP) SIG of IFLA, reporting to the Section of National Libraries. He wishes to continue promoting IFLA activities across Asia-Oceania.
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Irina Shubina	Coordinator	M.S. Narikbayev KAZGUU University	Kazakhstan	My field of interest is leadership and management in library field. I will try to do the best for Asia and Oceania Section.
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Nayana Darshani Wijayasundara	Librarian	University of Sri Jayewardenepura	Sri Lanka	Having 25 years of experience working as an academic librarian and I have equipped myself with necessary academic qualifications and skills in library and information sciences, this was very supportive for me to work as a lecturer and to guide students for Masters and PhD research. I obtained my PhD from University Malaya, Malaysia and the foundation for every success was my Bachelors degree in Chemical Engineering from University of Moratuwa. Working closely with the Sri Lanka Library Association, I managed to be in the position of President-elect 2017/18 after serving in several committees. Being the President of University Librarians Association of Sri Lanka for the term 2017/18, I was managed to lead the academic librarians towards new innovative developments through the association. I believe in new library design concepts and have come up with a new space planning framework with what we did at University of Sri Jayewardenepura. For this work I was awarded Vijita de Silva Research award by the Sri Lanka Library Association in 2018. I have attended many conferences within the island and outside and presented papers and few being the keynote speaker. My research interests are library space planning with innovative designs and faculty-library collaboration.
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