



NEWSLETTER

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THE LIGHTHOUSES OF CURITIBA GUIDE TOWARDS KNOWLEDGE

“The Lighthouses of Knowledge are knowledge terminals, open to the whole population. Their purpose is to overcome the darkness and give greater security to the population, because learning, knowledge and the ability to read are the best safeguards against the world of thieves, illiterates, ignorants, depossessed and those excluded from social life; because they are excluded from equal opportunities”. (Rafael Greca - Mayor of Curitiba, Paraná, Brazil) - **pg 14**

ROBERT WEDGEWORTH AWARDED THE ICA MEDAL OF HONOR

The ICA Executive Committee, during their meeting April 10 - 12 1996, in Ottawa, Canada, decided according to article 9 of the statutes, to concede Robert Wedgeworth, President of the IFLA, the ICA medal of honor in recognition of the eminent services rendered - **pg 21**

PHOTOGRAPH PRESERVATION

On a calm street in the neighborhood of Santa Teresa, in Rio de Janeiro, functions the only national technical center in Latin America which acts in the area of photograph preservation and conservation. - **pg 15**

FIRST ELECTRONIC LIBRARY IN LATIN AMERICA

In Colima, a small city of western Mexico, a modern university complex for information services was inaugurated June 1st, 1995. It is directed towards students, instructors, and local investigators' attention, as well as inquiries from throughout Latin America - **pg 19**

63RD IFLA GENERAL CONFERENCE - COPENHAGEN 1997

The 63rd IFLA Council and General Conference will take place at the Bella Center/Copenhagen Congress Center from August 31 to September 5, 1997. Theme: “Libraries and Information for Human Development - **pg 3**

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EDITORIAL

In this edition of the "Newsletter" we call your attention

specially to the news in the UNESCO Manifest review on

public libraries. The changes between 1972 (date of the first review of the Manifest performed by IFLA) and our current world environment with its profound social and technological transformations, required that the document be updated. Therefore, the Public Library Section of IFLA, at the request of UNESCO, included in its Medium Term Program for 1992-1997 the review of the Manifest. The new version, emphasizes the principle that the libraries are open to all.

The "Newsletter" feels it is important also, in a time in which the technological development and the marvelous tools which are available to librarians are so wide spoken, remember the words of the IFLA President **Robert Wedgeworth**, pronounced in Beijing, August 26th 1996, on the occasion of the 61st IFLA General Conference: "Libraries and information services oriented toward the user is more than a philosophical concept. It represents a commitment to place the user's need above those of the library and its staff. It involves both changing of staff attitude as well as changing how services are provided. It means being attentive to the presence of users who may need assistance, rather than appearing to be too busy to be interrupted. It means an attitude of helpfulness rather than an air of authority. Although techniques and systems will continue to be important tools of librarianship, services to users will be the real benefits".

With these words in our mind and hearts, we end one more year of profitable work wishing to all our colleagues and collaborators a new year full of success and happiness.

We also wish to express our most sincere thanks to librarian May Brook Negrão who, due to personal matters, had to leave the editorial staff of the "Newsletter". During many years May dedicated her free time to this publication, performing a competent job.

And finally, the "Newsletter" thanks also librarian Ivone Tálamo who, although with many professional tasks, has dedicated her leisure time on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays to the secretary of the Regional Office and of this bulletin. Without her voluntary collaboration and competence surely we wouldn't carry this job ahead.

NEWS IFLA AND ITS SECTIONS

IFLA HQ

Indications for Members of the Standing Committee - period 1997/2001

In accordance with the IFLA Procedure Rules, article 8.3, all the IFLA "qualified members" ("qualified members" are those which have fully paid their quota related to the year of 1996) are invited to submit their nominations for members of the Standing Committee(s) of the Section(s) which they are registered.

Please consult the IFLA 1996/1997 Directory for:

1. The Sections in which each member is registered (see the Section numbers at the end of each member's register, then see on page 28 the name of the Section);
2. The list of members of the Standing Committees of the Sections and the limit date of their terms;
3. Please note that the members of the SC have a maximum term of 8 years (4+4).

When making an indication, one must bear in mind that:

1. Each registered member in a Section can only indicate one name for the SC of that section;

The written and signed indications should be sent to the HQ of the IFLA no later than March 1st and should be prepared in proper format;

3. In order to be a candidate, one must be indicated by:
 - a) a Member Association

- b) not less than two Institutional Members.

These nominations should be sent separately;

4. To be a candidate, the nominated person should have enough knowledge to work with at least one language used in the Federation and should have reasonable expectations to be present at the Standing Committee meetings without cost to the Federation. The next IFLA conferences will be held in Copenhagen (Aug. 31 - Sept. 5, 1997), Amsterdam (Aug. 16 - 21, 1998), Bangkok (Aug. 19 - 28 1999) and Jerusalem (August 2000).

5. One needs to bear in mind that the IFLA Procedure Rules give the SC members the possibility to select up to 5 correspondent members specialists in countries or geographical areas which, in other manner, wouldn't be represented. The correspondent members can be present and speak in the SC meetings, however do not have a right to vote (Article 8.3.17). This possibility permits people interested to get involved without having the obligation to be present at the conferences.

6. The nomination must be accompanied with:

- a) a statement from the person accepting the indication;
- b) a short declaration of mentioning qualifications and present position;
- c) a declaration from the person indicated that the requirements specified in item 4 above mentioned can be fulfilled.

The forms for indication were sent to all members of the IFLA. Extra copies can be requested to the IFLA HQ (ifla.hq@ifla.nl).

63rd IFLA General Conference - Copenhagen 1997

The 63rd IFLA Council and General Conference will take place at the Bella Center/Copenhagen Congress Center from August 31 to September 5, 1997. Theme: "Libraries and Information for Human Development".

The Bella Center is situated between the airport and the center of Copenhagen, only a ten minute drive from hotels, restaurants and shops and is Scandinavia's largest congress center and exhibition hall, offering high quality service and technical facilities. It has also, considerable experience in hosting major international conferences.

During the Conference the election of President and Executive Board Members will take place. Voting delegates are kindly requested to go to the IFLA Voting Booth located in the Center hall. Voting papers will be handed out to delegates in possession of the 1997 Membership Certificate, duly signed.

Simultaneous interpretation services will be available in five languages: English, French, German, Russian and Spanish. This service is available for the Council meetings and for the Opening and Closing Sessions, Plenary Sessions, Open Forums, Guest Lectures and a number of Divisional and Sectional sessions during the week.

During the Conference more than 150 papers and reports will be presented. Papers reaching IFLA HQ/the Organizing Committee before June 15, 1997 will be printed in their original language versions in 9 booklets, one for each Division, and one Booklet O, which will contain the Presidential address, contributed papers, etc. The deadline for receiving of contributed papers is 1 Feb. 1997.

A varied program of social and cultural events has been organized for the delegates. Wednesday is open, however reduced tickets to the Royal Theater, to Tivoli and to Louisiana Art Museum may be purchased from the Tour Desk in the Center hall.

To register each delegate must fill out a Registration Form A and send it to:

BC Bella Center
IFLA '97 Copenhagen
Bella Center/ Copenhagen Congress Center
Center Boulevard 5, DK-2300 Copenhagen S, DEN-
MARK
Tel + 45 32 472149
Fax + 45 32 529636

The deadline for advance registration is May 1, 1997. Registration after this date will incur an additional charge. Registration on site will be accepted at the Bella Center while the Conference is in session. The following credit cards can be accepted at the conference: Eurocard/Mastercard, Visa, JCB, Dankort or payment in cash.

Registration fees:		
	before 05/01/97	after
delegates	DKK 2.350	2.500
accompanying persons	DKK 1450	1600
Payment		

1) by bank transfer (please specify that registration is for the IFLA '97 Conference and include your name) to:
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S.W.I.F.T.: DABADKKK
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The card number and expiry date must be entered to the registration form together with your signature.

For registration forms or more information, please contact:

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News from the 62nd IFLA General Conference (Beijing)

The 62nd IFLA General Conference opened on August 26. Premier Li Peng of the State Council and the COC Chairman Luo Gang were seated at the panel. Also present were Executive Chairman Mr. Lui Zhongde, Deputy Executive Chairman Mr. Li Yuanchao, Deputy Chairman of COC Mr. Xu Wenbo, Ms. He Luli, General-Secretary Mr. Du Ke, IFLA President Mr. **Robert Wedgeworth**, General Secretary Mr. **Leo Voogt**, senior officials of IFLA as well as representatives from UNESCO, FID, ICA and some other international organizations. The opening ceremony was chaired by Mr. Liu Deyou, Vice President of the OCO.

Chairman of the COC Mr. Luo Gan declared the opening of the 62nd IFLA Conference. Premier Li Peng made a speech on behalf of the Chinese Government. Other senior officials also made their respective speeches at the opening ceremony. Prof. Fei Xiaotong made the keynote speech.

To celebrate the Conference, People's Daily issued an editorial titled "Embrace a New Epoch in Library Science".

In honor of the friends of the international librarianship, Beijing municipal government gave a grand reception at 18:00 P.M., August 26, at the open air of BICC. The reception was hosted by Ms. He Luli, Vice Mayor of Beijing and Deputy Chairman of COC. Mr. Li Qiyan, Mayor of Beijing and **Mr. Robert Wedgeworth**, President of IFLA made speeches respectively at the reception. Those who participated in the reception included Mr. Liu Deyou, Deputy Executive Chairman of COC, Mr. Li Yuanchao, Deputy Chairman of COC, Mr. Xu Wenbo, Deputy Chairman of COC, Prof. Ren Jiyu, Deputy Chairman of COC, Mr. Du Ke, COC Secretary-General, and 3000 participants and guests.

To congratulate and commemorate the IFLA Conference held in China for the first time, the Ministry of Post and Telecommunications of the PRC issued a commemorative cover on August 25, 1996. The issuing ceremony was held on the afternoon of August 25 in BICC and was sponsored by the MPT and China Organizing Committee.

Two hundred Chinese volunteers from 15 universities, library schools and colleges have generously offered their services to ensure the smooth running of the 62nd IFLA Conference in Beijing. Easily recognizable by their distinctive IFLA T-shirts and yellow badges, the volunteers have been preparing for the IFLA Conference for one whole year at their respective institutions by holding English conversation contests, viewing English television programs and following general lectures on the history of IFLA. More than 3000 people attended the Conference.

Successful Visit Raises IFLA Profile in Germany

The welcome speech by **Robert Wedgeworth**, IFLA President, at the German Academic and Research Libraries Meeting in Erlangen on 28 May, made a strong impact. **Wedgeworth** recalled the worldwide interest in the German unification process and the interest in the global library community to ascertain the impact on the individual libraries and associations around the country. The IFLA President also recognized the contributions made by German librarians in furthering the goals of IFLA and invited more Germans colleagues to acquaint themselves with IFLA and become involved in its activities.

During the visit, the IFLA President and Secretary General met with the boards of the two organizing Associations and participated in a special conference seminar on international librarianship, chaired by former IFLA President Hans-Peter Geh. The seminar also featured German colleagues involved in IFLA activities: Ulrich Montag, Heinz Fuch, Marie-France Plassard, Roswitha Poll and Peter te Boekhorst. (IFLA Journal, Vol.22(1996), No.3)

Pre-Conference Seminar in Tianjin

The Pre-Conference Seminar titled "Copyright and Library" was held from August 22 to 23, at Tianjin Library, with Mr. **Winston Roberts**, Coordinator of Professional Activities, as Chairman. Mr. Lu Xingsu, Director of Tianjin Library made a welcome speech. Mr. Tang Shaoming, Deputy Secretary-General and concurrently General Coordinator, was present at the Seminar. Among the 55 participants, 25 were foreign representatives and 30 Chinese (including 2 delegates from Taiwan Province).

Tianjin municipality paid great attention to the seminar and also gave it vigorous support. Mr. Qu Weizhi, Vice Mayor of Tianjin, gave a welcome banquet in honor of all delegates on August 21.

The seminar recommendations are available at the Clearinghouse.

1997 Conference Participation DANIDA Grant for Developing Countries

A grant from DANIDA to the Danish IFLA '97 Organizing Committee will allow the Organizing Committee to support the participation of a number of delegates from developing countries. The grant will cover travel, accommodation, a per diem allowance and the conference fees. Priority will be given to younger professionals with minimum 5 years of experience in the field of libraries.

Applications should be in form of personal letter, and you must include a Curriculum Vitae (information about age, education/professional degrees and career). The letter should include information on your present occupation and why you apply. And if possible any relevant personal references (names, institutions/addresses or international relations).

Applications should be sent as soon as possible and no later than February 1st 1997 to:

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"DANIDA Grant" Danish Organizing Committee
c/o National library Authority
Nyhavn 31E, DK-1051 Copenhagen, Denmark
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Third International Conference on Continuing Professional Education - call for papers

The conference will take place as an IFLA-satellite event at the Royal School of Librarianship in Copenhagen on 27-29 August 1997. The Conference theme will be: "Human development competencies for the Twenty-first century". Sub-themes are:

- . models to cope with growing continuing education needs;
- . measuring continuing education needs;
- . continuing education planning: individual and institutional;
- . user education: the librarian as educator;
- . training the trainer.

The Conference fee will be USD 150.00 and will cover registration, conference papers, and meals including the conference dinner and coffee. Registration deadline is 15 May 1997. For more information please contact : Darlene E. Weingand, School of Library & Information Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, Wisconsin 53706, USA
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IFLA Directory On-line

The IFLA is pleased to announce the availability of the IFLA Directory 1996/1997 on-line:
<http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/ifla/database/directy.htm>
This searchable WWW version of the IFLA Directory contains contact information about the following IFLA members: International Association Members; Association Members; Institutional Members; Personal Affiliates; Patron Sponsors; Sustaining Sponsors; Basic Sponsors.

Information about officers and members of IFLA administrative units, steering bodies, core programs, divisions, sections, and round tables will be available soon in an on-line companion directory. Information about membership in IFLA or about purchasing a print version of the directory is available by contacting IFLA HQ. Any comments, corrections or additions to the Directory should be directed to IFLA Headquarters:

ifla.hq@ifla.nl
(IFLA RSAO Newsletter 8:1 (June 1996))

Committee on Access to Information and Freedom of Expression (CAIFE)

In response to a letter sent by IFLA's President, Robert Wedgeworth, to all of IFLA's national association members calling for nominations for the Executive Board Ad Hoc Committee on Access to Information and Freedom of Expression (CAIFE), the EB had a first discussion with Tony Evans during the December meeting, during which the President announced the list of candidates, based on a range of expertise and geographical coverage, to be approached for membership.

From Latin America and the Caribbean the members are:
Mrs. Virginia Bettancourt Valverde, Venezuela;
Mrs. Clara Budnik, Chile;
Mrs. Stephaney Ferguson, Jamaica;
Mrs. Rosa Maria Fernandez de Zamora, Mexico;
Mrs. Christina Santos, Cuba.

CAIFE is chaired by Tony Evans, President of the Commonwealth Library Association, and former member of the Executive Board. Warren Horton, member of the Executive board, is the EB's liaison person. Resource persons appointed are Robert P. Doyle, former Director of the Library/Book Fellows Program, ALA, USA and Ms. Marianna Tax Choldin, USA.

CAIFE is charged with gathering membership opinion, reviewing expert advice and advising IFLA as to how it should implement its commitment to access to information and freedom of expression. CAIFE will avoid purely political issues, and would begin by categorizing types of problems which occur and which would fall under IFLA auspices. The Ad Hoc Committee will conduct its business via E-mail, fax and correspondence and its expected to complete its work in time to report to the IFLA Council in Copenhagen in August 1997.
(IFLA RSAO Newsletter 8:1(June 1996) : 2)

IFLA/LAC

Meeting of the Section for Latin America and the Caribbean

The President of the Section for Latin America and the Caribbean, Maria Elena Zapata, the

Secretary Mirian Martinez and the Regional Office Manager Elizabet Maria Ramos de Carvalho, met during their stay in Sweden for the ALP Advisory Committee meeting. They analyzed, among other subjects, the Section Medium Term Program for 1998-2001, the work made together with ALP (to attend the SIDA evaluation request), the Regional project proposals for the next years and the next Seminary for Caribbean countries on Tools for Librarian Development, sponsored by ALP, that will take place in Martinique, March 1997, and that will be followed by a regional Standing Committee Meeting.

Special attention was given to the nomination process for the different levels of IFLA administration that is beginning now, aiming the Council elections that will take place during the IFLA General Conference in Copenhagen, 1997.

Nomination for the IFLA Executive Board

The Division VIII of Regional Activities agreed to nominate Mrs. Helen Kay Raseroka, President of the Section for Africa and Director of the Botswana University Library, as member of the IFLA Executive Bureau.

Mrs. Raseroka has extensive experience in her country and in IFLA, published many papers in specialized magazines, and is well known by her lectures in professional events

Mrs. Raseroka has manifested her commitment to represent and act as a spokesperson, in the Executive Bureau, on the needs and on the current librarian objective situation in developing countries. For many years she has worked in projects related to the Section of Latin America and the Caribbean and recently, as Secretary of the Coordination Bureau of the Division VIII of Regional Activities, she demonstrated her professional capacity and her active participation in favor of Third World countries development. Deplacing Mrs. Marta Terry, of Cuba, who ends her period as a member of the IFLA Executive Bureau, Mrs. Raseroka will be an effective representant of the developing countries on the IFLA Executive Bureau.

For Mrs. Raseroka to be elected it is necessary that the Associations and Institutions in the Region submit her nomination to IFLA. If you cannot go to the

Copenhagen Conference to participate in the elections, you can delegate your vote, as determined in the statutes. Please, send your authorizations to the Regional Office.

Seminar on Librarians Services for Disadvantaged Persons

The Latin American and Caribbean Section Secretary Miriam Martinez, and the Regional Office Manager, Elizabet de Carvalho, were together in Gothenburg with the President of the Librarians Services for Disadvantaged Persons Section, Kjerstin Thulin, and proposed to organize a joint seminar for the next year.

Both Sections will discuss the project in their respective meetings of the Permanent Committees in March.

Interlibrary Loan Protocol Resources

IFLANET, the electronic service of IFLA, has a new WWW page for interlibrary loan (ILL) protocol resources: URL: <http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/ifla/ll/ill.prot.htm>

This page includes information on:

- . where to purchase the ISO ILL protocol documents;
- . amendment 1: support for electronic document delivery;
- . defect reports;
- . ASN.1 for protocol APDUs;
- . profiles;
- . articles, tutorials, overheads, etc.

If you have any suggestions, comments or items that you would like to see added to this collection, please send a message to ifla@nlc-bnc.ca
IFLANET WWW: <http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/ifla/>

IFLA/ ROUND TABLE ON MOBILE LIBRARIES

International Resource Kit for Mobile Libraries

IFLA's Round Table on Mobile Libraries is developing an International Resource Kit for mobile libraries and invites contributions of country reports. Mobile libraries include, bookmobiles, trainmobiles, helicopters, boatmobiles, and other forms of traveling mobile or moving libraries. Information in the Resource Kit will be shared with colleagues in support of mobile library services in the global community. To participate,

please prepare a short report that includes history, statistics, current programs, planned programs, etc., and send it to Robert Pestell, Chair, IFLA Round Table on Mobile Libraries, c/o Public Libraries Division, State Library of Queensland, 299 Montague Road, West End, POB 3815, South Brisbane Business Center, Queensland 4101, Australia (Fax: 61-7-32143200).

IFLA /SECTION OF NATIONAL LIBRARIES

Guidelines for Legislation for National Library Services

Peter Lor, author of the Guidelines, has received a number of inquiries concerning the availability of the current draft of the "Guidelines for Legislation for National Library Services", which was discussed at a meeting of the Standing Committee of the Section of National Libraries in Beijing. Originally he had planned to make the document available chapter by chapter on the IFLA listserv. However, due to software incompatibilities the first chapter as posted proved to require time-consuming decoding before it could be read. The draft document was submitted to IFLA Headquarters and to UNESCO in December last year, and the document is being distributed by IFLA via the Section of National Libraries. Colleagues who would like copies are welcome to contact Mr. Peter Lor, Director, The State Library, POB 397, Pretoria 0001, South Africa. Fax +27-12 123255984 E-mail: pjlor@statelib.pwv.gov.za (IFLA Journal Vol.22(1996) No.3)

IFLA /SECTION ON CATALOGUING

Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records

The Standing Committee of the IFLA Section on Cataloguing has begun a six-month international review of its Functional requirements for Bibliographic Records: Draft Report for World-Wide Review. If you would like to obtain a free copy of this report in order to provide comments to Olivia Madison, Chair of the IFLA Study Group on the Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records, please forward your request to:

Marie-France Plassard, IFLA Program Officer, Die

Deutsche Bibliothek, Zeppelinallee 4-8, D-60325 Frankfurt, Germany (Fax: 49-69 7566224; E-mail: iflaucim@dbf.ddb.de) (IFLA Journal, Vol.22(1996), No.3)

ALP - ADVANCEMENT OF LIBRARIANSHIP IN THE THIRD WORLD PROGRAMME

ALP Advisory Committee Meeting in Uppsala, Sweden, October 16-22, 1997

The Uppsala University Library was the headquarters for the joint meeting for IFLA Development of Librarianship in the Third World (ALP) Programme and the Coordinating Board of the Division VIII of Regional Activities. Participants for ALP were its Director Birgitta Bergdahl, as well as Birgitta Sandell and Gunilla Natvig. The Africa Section was represented by its President Helen Kay Raseroka, by Secretary Stan Made and by the Regional Office Manager Henri Sene; The Asia and Oceania Section by Secretary Amelia McKenzie and the Regional Office Manager Pensri Guaysuwan; the Latin America and Caribbean Section by its President Maria Elena Zapata, its Secretary Mirian Martinez and by the Regional Office Manager Elizabet de Carvalho. The President of the Division, A P. Gakhar excused himself for not being present.

During the meeting a complete review was made on the state of the projects financed by the ALP for each Section, on the projections for the next years, as well as an analysis of ALP perspectives. The President of the Public Library Section, Sissel Nilsen, was present in one work session where the ways of coordination and regional and interregional projects of common interest were analyzed.

The Nordic Group which supports the ALP activities maintained an interesting meeting with the Committee. The meeting was presided by the Director of the Uppsala University Library, Ulf Göranson, President of this Group. The following members were present: Tuula Havisto, General Secretary of the Finland Library Association; Tomas Lidman, Royal Library; Leo Kenny, SIDA; Agneta Lindh, Royal Library; Karin Löfdahl, Stockholm Public Library, Anja Moller Rasmussen, DANIDA; Kerstin Pehrsson, Swedish Institute; Christina Stenberg, General Secretary for the

Swedish Library Association, Borge Sorensen, Copenhagen Public Library; Barbro Thomas, Swedish National Council for Cultural Matters.

Leo Kenny, evaluator of the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA), presented the models which will be used to obtain precise information on the opinions given in the different regions about the ALP and the activities developed with its sponsorship.

The International Council of Archives (ICA) Vice-President Björn Lindh presented interesting information on the meeting at the IFLA Executive Board in Beijing, China, and stimulated the organization of joint activities.

The meeting was finalized with a visit to the library guided by its Director, Ulf Göranson, followed by a farewell dinner presided by the same person. Later, the Coordinating Board of the VIII Division of Regional Activities, presided by its Director Kay Rasoroka, held a meeting seeking interregional achievements as well as their respective Midium Term Programs. The hospitality of the Uppsala University Library, the organization of the ALP and the financial support given by SIDA permitted an important opportunity for a fruitful meeting between the Regional Sections in favor of the development of Librarianship in their respective regions.

Seminar: Progress of Librarianship

"El Progreso de la Biblioteconomía: Un seminario para la Identificación y Evaluación de las Necesidades Bibliotecarias de Centroamérica y la Elaboración de Proyectos", edited by Teresa Granados and Birgitta Bergdahl, it is a compilation of the proceedings of the seminar held in Managua, Nicaragua, 5-8 March 1995. The purpose of the seminar was to identify and assess library needs in Central America and to familiarize participants with the drafting of projects proposals. The Seminar addressed the library situation in Central America countries and the identification of the main barriers to library development; the drafting of projects in order to send applications to international organizations; and providing information on the availability of sponsorships offered by international

organizations.

The papers deal with the procedures for requesting funds with emphasis on the forms used by UNESCO and the ALP Core Programme and on the formalities to be observed when requesting funds. Papers on the state of the library profession in Central America, the deliberations of the working groups, and the recommendations of the seminar, and sample project submission forms are also included. The publication is available from :

Uppsala University Library, Box 510, S-75120 Uppsala, Sweden, for SEK 100.00 (free of charge for IFLA members in developing countries).
(IFLA Journal, Vo.22(1996), No.30)

Workshop: Tools for Library Development

Birgitta Bergdahl, María Elena Zapata, Miriam Martinez, Marie Françoise Bernabé, Blanca Hodge and Elizabet de Carvalho would serve as members of the IFLA International Planning Committee for this workshop. Marie Françoise Bernabé will serve as head of a Local Planning Committee and Blanca Hodge will facilitate the workshop in cooperation with the local organizers.

The objectives are:

- . to inform the RSCLAC about the situation in the Caribbean region;
- . to identify needs for library development in the subregion;
- . to teach the participants to write good and convincing project proposals;
- . to inform about possibilities for financial support for library development.

One person from each of the 19 Caribbean states would be invited to participate. In addition to that, members of IFLA/LAC RSC would be present, as well as some more invited speakers.

The following funding agencies would be asked to speak at the workshop: SIDA, AUPELF, ACCT and the World Bank.

The Keynote Speech should treat the theme "Caribbean countries and the needs for development".

An exhibition with information about IFLA will be orga-

nized by ALP and Elizabeth de Carvalho.

List of Approved Projects and Planned Activities in Latin America and the Caribbean

1. Project 7 - Creation of an Association of schools of librarianship in the South Cone countries (Argentina, Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay) - responsible - one library school in each country; Coordinator - director of the School of Librarianship, University of Montevideo (Final report received in August/96 and available in the Clearinghouse) (see News of interest for the region)

2. Project 36 - Attention to indigenous communities in Venezuela through public library services - responsible - Maria Elena Zapata and Elizabeth Monascal, Dirección de Redes Estatales de Bibliotecas Públicas, IABN (Final report received in October/96 and available in the Clearinghouse) (see Venezuela)

3. Project 48 - Survey of National information resources and services in the member states of the OECS and review of plans for development - responsible - Ms. Sandra John, Network Manager, OECS Information Network (INFONET)(in progress)

4. Project 306 - A.P.L.A. Advanced Course Library Personnel Aruba and the Netherlands Antilles - responsible - Victor Mathilda, Antillan Public Library Association (A.P.L.A.) (in progress)

5. Project 313 - Regional meeting for specialists in library services in rural and semi-urban areas - responsible - Martha Fernandez de López and Anahí Baylón, Biblioteca Nacional de Perú. Eduardo Villanueva Mancilla, repr. IFLA/LAC (to be published by ALP)

6. Project 316 - INFOBILA (continuation of Project 27 - Latin American Information and Librarianship. Prestudy) - responsible - Elsa M. Ramirez Leyva, Directora CUIB (in progress) (see Mexico).

7. Project 318 - Feasibility study on the rescue of documents about/by ethnic groups in Central America - responsible - Alice Miranda, Vicedecana, Facultad de Filosofía y Letras CUIB (in progress)

8. Project 320 - Latin American Seminar on library, reading and street-children - responsible Lic. Maria Trinidad Román, Centro Universitario de Investigaciones Bibliotecológicas, UNAM. (Final report received November/96 and available in the

Clearinghouse)

Projects under consideration

Project 321 - Establishing of Wanchaq Municipality Public Library - responsible Oscar Valiente Castillo, Municipalidad Distrital de Wanchaq-Cusco

Project 322 - Feasibility study for one school library information service expansion - responsible - E.L. González and A.L. Casanova, Escuela No.1 "Nicolás Avellaneda".

IFLA/SECTION OF ART LIBRARIES

The "Multilingual Glossary for Art Librarians", 2nd revised and enlarged edition, edited by the Section of Art Libraries, in English with indexes in Dutch, French, German, Italian, Spanish and Swedish, has been published as IFLA Publications No. 75. The revision was undertaken on the basis that there are numerous specialized glossaries which cover such fields as art history. The Glossary attempts to bring together the vocabularies of the bibliographer, archivist, antiquarian and curator, as well as the vocabulary of the librarian. Definition of terms used are included, as is an indication of the gender. In the 10 years since the first edition, new terms have appeared related to current practices and developments, e.g., optical disks, e-mail, etc., and these also appear in the publication. Also included is a bibliography of sources consulted, and separate monolingual indexes for each language, referring back to the number of the English language terms in the main body of the work. The Section expects to extend the language coverage and its hoped that future editions will add Japanese, Russian and Portuguese. In addition to hard copy, the Section is exploring the possibility of launching the Glossary on IFLANET. The publication is available from K.G. Saur Verlag, Postfach 701620, D-81316 Munich, Germany for DEM 98.00 (IFLA Members DEM 75.30). (IFLA Journal Vol.22(1996), No.3)

IFLA/SECTION OF UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES AND OTHER GENERAL RESEARCH LIBRARIES

International Guidelines for Performance Measurement

"Measuring Quality: International Guidelines for Performance Measurement in Academic Libraries" has

been issued as No. 76 in the series, IFLA Publications. The guidelines were compiled and edited for the Section of University Libraries and other General Research Libraries by Roswitha Poll and Peter te Boekhorst in collaboration with Ramon Abad Hiraldo, Aaese Lindahl, Rolf Schuursma, Gwenda Thomas and John Willemse, the working Group of the Section. The guidelines: 1) concentrate on academic libraries; 2) include primarily indicators that are applicable in all countries .
(Developing leaflet describing the scheme is available from the UAP Office).

The Section on the Internet

A new medium will be available for communication between members of the Section from 15 September 1996: an E-mail list.

If you wish to use it to receive and send information and communications about the Section, please send an E-mail message to:

listserver@library.ntv.edu.au
with no subject in the message
subscribe IFLAUGRL <your Name> <your organization>

The list will be linked to IFLANET

IFLA /Section on Document Delivery and Interlending

IFLA Launches Project for Interlibrary Lending and Document Delivery in Developing Countries

The IFLA Section on Document Delivery and Interlending has just launched a trial project for interlibrary lending and document delivery in developing countries. Its broad aim is to find methods for document delivery to developing countries and to improve the general access to and flow of information. Specifically, three main tasks have been identified:

. to establish electronic network links with a regional and global approach to improve the universal availability of publications and information;

. to improve the competence of library personnel in han-

dling interlibrary loans and document delivery systems (regional, national, global);

. to support negotiations with main document centers/libraries to attain favorable bulk treaties.

Trial projects will be started in 1996 in some English speaking universities in Africa and, if these are successful, similar systems will be introduced in other parts of the world.

Interlibrary Loan (ILL) Protocol Resources

IFLANET, the electronic service of IFLA, has a new WWW page for Interlibrary Loan (ILL) Protocol Resources:

URL: <http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/ifla/ll/ill.prot.htm>

This page includes information on

- . where to purchase the ISO ILL protocol documents
- . Amendment !: support for electronic document delivery
- . defect reports
- . ASN, 1 for protocol APDUs
- . profiles
- . articles, tutorials, overheads, etc.

If you have any suggestions, comments or items that you would like to see added to this collection, please send a message to

ifla@nlc-bnc.ca

IFLANET WWW: <http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/ifla/>

IFLA UAP

Twinning libraries

The Library Twinning Project, funded by UNESCO, has been slow to get started, but we should be able to begin to develop the database in the next three months. The aim the project is to establish a focal point to which all libraries can turn when seeking partners for a twinning arrangement. The database will hold information relating to each library's specific areas of interest such as staff exchange, exchange of material, training and specific expertise, as well as basic information.

One key element of library twinning is that all libraries should give to the partnership as well as seek benefits from it. Details about the project, and information on how to register will be published in

due course.

(IFLA Section on Document Delivery and Interlending, Newsletter, July, 1996)

Guide to Centers of International Document Delivery

Questionnaires have been sent to request information needed to produce the Guide to Centers of International Document Delivery. The Guidelines include commercial document suppliers as well as libraries. The response from libraries, even after a follow-up letter, has been poor. At present the UAP do not have sufficient new information to publish the volume. If you have received a questionnaire, please fill it in and return it so that a current description of document delivery in your country and your library can be included. Please contact UAP if you have not received a questionnaire.

(UAP Newsletter (April 1996))

The IFLA Voucher Scheme

The IFLA Voucher Scheme is a new payment system for international interlibrary transactions. It is based on a reusable plastic voucher which represents a standard payment for one transaction. Libraries purchase a supply of vouchers from the UAP Office. One voucher is attached to the request form each time the library requests an item from another country. The supplying library accepts the voucher as payment for the transaction, and retains it to be used for another transaction at a later date. Libraries which supply more items than they request can redeem their excess vouchers with the UAP Office. Vouchers have unlimited validity and can be used any number of times. A leaflet describing the scheme is available from the UAP Office (c/o Sara Gould, UAP Core Programme Office, British library, Boston Spa, Wetherby, West Yorkshire, LS23, 7BQ, UK), in English, French or German. More than 100 libraries from 25 countries are participating in the IFLA Voucher Scheme.

An up-to-date list of participants can be viewed on the WWW of <http://www.nlc-bnc/ifla/vi/2/pl/partcpnt.htm>.

From time to time the list is included on the IFLA-L discussion list.

To subscribe to the list, send a message to listserv@infoserv.nlc-bnc.ca.

The message should read: subscribe ifla-l<your first name><your last name>.

(IFLA Journal, Vol.22(1996), no.3)

Worldwide Directory of Union Catalogues

The IFLA Sections for Serial Publications, Document Delivery and Interlending, and Bibliography, and the IFLA UAP Core Programme, together with the ISSN and ISBN International Centers are compiling a Worldwide Directory of Union Catalogues. The Directory will list all current national and international union catalogues for both serials and monographs. It will be published electronically, through IFLANET and other sources.

Data is being collected by questionnaires, which have recently been sent to the National Library or equivalent in every country of the world. However, many union catalogues are not compiled by the national libraries. If you are responsible for a national union catalogue on any subject, we would like to hear from you. If you would like your union catalogue to be included in the Directory and have not yet received a questionnaire, please contact:

Sara Gould, IFLA Office for UAP and International Lending, c/o The British Library, Boston Spa, Wetherby, West Yorkshire, UK

Fax: 44 1937 546254;

E-mail: sara.gould@bl.uk

(UAP Newsletter (April 1996))

MURIEL

The MURIEL (Multimedia Education System for Librarians Introducing Remote Interactive Processing of Electronic Documents) Project is half way through its lifetime. Various reports and specifications have been produced for the European Commission and a prototype system has been produced. This enable courseware about librarianship to be inserted into the system and the use of ISDN (Integrated Services Digital Network) means that different authors on remote sites can work on the same document simultaneously. During 1996 much more content will be added to the MURIEL system, which will then be tested in international field trials. Information about the project will be disseminated at conferences and in journal articles.

(UAP Newsletter (April 1996))

IFLA/SECTION ON LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENTS

Seminar

A seminar will be held under the auspices of the IFLA Section on Library Buildings and Equipment at the City Library in The Hague, Netherlands, from 24-30 August 1997. Its theme will be "Intelligent Buildings".

Several libraries will be visited as part of the Seminar, including the University Library in Tilburg, The Central Library of The Hague and optional visits will also be arranged.

Enrollment fee: NLG 500 (approximately USD 300). Accommodation will be in the NOVOTEL hotel in The Hague and will cost NLG 190 (approximately USD 115) per night for a single room. The number of participants is limited to 50 persons.

For more information contact:
Mr. Wim Renes, Dienst Openbare Bibliotheek Den Haag,
Postbus 12 653, 2500 DP Den Haag, The Netherlands.

IFLA/SECTION OF CHILD LIBRARIES

Seminar on Education for Children and Youth Library Services

This Pre-Conference Seminar will take place in Hamburg, August 26-28 1997, immediately preceding the IFLA '97 Conference in Copenhagen, Denmark.

The focus will be on professional education, support training, and continuing education to meet the changing needs of children and youth in society/community/world.

Speakers will address the issues, trends and status of education for children and youth librarianship in both developed and developing countries. The audience will consist of educators, practitioners in public and school libraries, trainers, library administrators, and policy makers.

Persons interested in attending should contact:

Barbara Immroth, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, University of Texas, USA.
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Please contact as soon as possible. Final registration date: 1 March 1997.

NEWS IFLA AFFILIATES AND MEMBERS IN THE REGION

ARGENTINA

Research, the Libraries and the Book in One Hundred Years of the Philosophy and Literature Course of the University of Buenos Aires.

This research was carried out by the Librarianship Research Center, directed by Stella Maris Fernandez and her staff: Ethel Bordoli (History Professor), Josefa E. Sabor and Stella Maris Fernández, both History and Literature professors and librarians, and for the librarians Maria Elena Davasse and Maria Rosa Mostaccio. The research as well as its publication was subsidized by the University of Buenos Aires' Secretary for Science and Technology.

The work was conceived as a contribution to the 100th anniversary of the Course and the important role the institution played in the development of the research and of the countries' culture. It presents a documented history on the library origin and evolution, on the professional development of the librarian, on the emergence of the institutions, specially the Librarianship Research Center (CIB). The re-compilation represents almost 4 years of research, of widely scattered documentation.

(News sent by Professor Stella Maris Fernandez, CUIB, FFL, UBA)

The University of Buenos Aires Course in Philosophy and Literature Creates a Section for Study and Discipline Interchange on the History of Comic Book Stories.

The section mentioned was created in the Librarianship Research Center. The participation "in situ" and in distance is foreseen. The integration of specialists and interested people from Latin American countries is expected.

Coordination: Osvaldo Viola (Oswal) - author of comic book stories; Carlos A. Córdoba - librarian and investigator.

University professors, journalists, plastic artists, historians, archeologists, specialized booksellers, and comic book artists will participate in the meetings in Buenos Aires.

XXX National Meeting of Librarians - 1997

The meeting will be held April 14 - 18 1997, during the International Forum of Book Professionals and the 23rd International Book Fair of Buenos Aires.

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BRAZIL

Lighthouses of Knowledge

A new reference source has emerged in Curitiba, Paraná, Brazil. Conceptualized by Mayor Rafael Greca de Macedo, the construction of the lighthouses in bright colors represents a mix of library and safety post. In form and in content - a referential collection of 5000 books - takes us back to Antiquity: the Library and the Alexandria Lighthouse, in ancient Egypt. When uniting the concept of the lighthouse's light to the knowledge kept in the Alexandria Library, the Municipal Mayor of Curitiba defined, in a metaphor, one of the priorities of his administration: the education as a safety and social equality factor.

The first of 50 Lighthouse of Knowledge was inaugurated in November 19th 1994. The Lighthouse of Knowledge "Machado de Assis", in honor of the Brazilian Academy of Literature patron, one of the greatest writers of the Portuguese language. A modular construction of a metallic structure, it is 17 meters high and has 98 square meters of guardhouse area; the red, yellow and blue construction can be seen from far away. At night, the Lighthouse of Knowledge contributes to the safety of the neighborhood by releasing light signals.

Coordinated by the Municipal Education Secretary, the lighthouses have a collection of technical-didactic books, as well as literature ranging from the universal classics to the great infant-juvenile authors, national or foreign. The choice of the collection was based on the City Hall

educational program and on the preferences of adults and children. The books are in easy access stands, on ground level, where a clerk aids the public - students and people of the community.

The ground level has a information desk, with capacity for six people. The mezzanine reading room has 3 desks and is able to serve 18 people. The lighthouses are being built in areas near municipal schools - there are 122 in Curitiba - or in public area.

There is also a City Lighthouse which is different from the others by owning a smaller collection of books (700 titles), a collection of videotapes with 400 titles and a multimedia sector with 80 CD-ROM titles. It has a geoprocessing application in order to localize urban equipment in Curitiba, providing access to the data and photographs of the equipment; 8 computers with access to Internet and an Information Kiosk (INFO CURITIBA). In its archives there is information of the urban phenomenon in the world and its development in relation to the environment x citizenship.

Books for School

The Ministry of Education will set up libraries in 20 thousand schools throughout the country. Each School Library will have a 300 volume collection in literature and didactic books. The list of books will be made by a commission of personalities chosen directly by the Ministry of Education.

(Jornal do Brasil, Informe JB, 20/10/1996)

18th Brazilian Congress of Librarianship and Documentation - July 20 - 25, 1997

The Congress will be held in the historical city of São Luiz do Maranhão and will have as a central theme "The Panorama of Librarianship in the context of the Globalization of Information". As sub-themes: the globalization of information and its social consequences; communication and information technology; job market and professional development; class organization as a form of political intervention.

The Congress will be a unique opportunity for the information professionals to debate the impact of technological innovations on their profession, as well as the factors for the production and the supply of information in the country.

The deadline for receipt of proposals papers will be

February 15th 1997.

Registration will cost:

- for members of associations and syndicates of this area
 - until Jan./97 \$150; from Feb. to APR./97 \$200;
 - from May to July/97 \$250; (in this category the payment can be provided in 5 checks of \$50)
- non associates, foreigners, and other professionals - until Jan/97 \$180; from Feb. to APR/97 \$230; from May to July/97 \$280
- students - until Jan/97 \$75; from Feb. to APR/97 \$100; from May to July/97 \$125; (in this category payments can be done with two checks of \$62.50)

For more information and to obtain the criteria for presentation of works, please contact:

General Secretary of the XVIII CBDD
Universidade Federal do Maranhão - Biblioteca Central
Avenida dos Portugueses s/n
Campus Universitário do Bacanga
Phone. 098 2178163
ZIP 65085-580
São Luiz, MA
Brazil

University of São Paulo

The USP Integrated System of Libraries - SIBi/USP - released the publication "Statistics in USP Libraries: procedures for gathering of data and development of reports", from the Series SIBi Procedure Manual N. 12. Prepared by a group of librarians from USP, the work was tested by the libraries of the System, during a pilot phase. Adjustments were made in order to create a model for gathering of data related to services rendered to the public. The publication is available for sale in the Technical Dept. of SIBi/USP

Address: Av. Prof. Luciano Gualberto, trav. J, 374 - 1o. andar

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Preservation of Photographs - Center for Photograph Preservation and Conservation

The center was created in 1985, through an agreement signed between FUNARTE and the National Foundation Pro-Memória, national institution then responsible for the preservation and conservation of the Brazilian

Cultural Patrimony, to improve the alarming conditions of conservation of photographs, historical as well as contemporary, in the various regions of Brazil. Located within FUNARTE (National Foundation for Art, from the Ministry of Culture) the National Program for Photography Preservation and Research was conceived to act in a decentralized manner. It was then suggested the creation of a central organism, or better, a National Center for Photograph Preservation, as well as regional centers and local centers or mini-centers. The Conservation Center will incentive, support and supervise the regional work units and mini-centers, as well as develop activities that need specialized labor. This means that activities of such technical character couldn't be taken by the regions immediately (as the research of conservation/restoring techniques or the improvement of technology related to photographic material used in Brazil).

The Center provides the development of specialized labor (conservators/restorers, filing clerks, photographers, researchers, etc.) and the diffusion of information and references produced by the prospecting and research works developed by the mini-centers throughout the country, as well as their own works.

During its phase of implantation, it was supported by national and international financing agents with the importance of OEA and UNESCO.

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Round Table on the Preservation of Photograph Collections of the XIX Century

Organized by the International Center IFLA/PAC (National Library of France), Regional Center IFLA/PAC for Latin America and the Caribbean (National Library of Venezuela), Brazilian National Library Foundation and Regional Office IFLA/LAC and sponsored by UNESCO, a Round Table was held in the Brazilian National Library Foundation in Rio de Janeiro Nov. 27-29, 1996. Participants included: Chilean National Historic Museum, National Library of Cuba, National Library of Peru, Brazilian National Library Foundation, National Library of Venezuela, and other Brazilian institutions.

The general objective was to establish a base for the recovery of the XIX century photographic collections, so important for our history. This event is part of the project of recovery of photographic collections proposed by the

PAC/IFLA program, which begun when a questionnaire was sent asking about existent archives. This meeting with some few photograph collection custodians is the second step within this project. In the future a seminar will be organized with the assistance of photograph conservation specialized professionals to update knowledge on the issue. This project begins in Latin America and the Caribbean, as a basis for the rest of the world.

During the meeting the following publications were released and distributed: "Manual para Indexação de Documentos Fotográficos", preliminary version, 2 ed.; "Manual para Catalogação de Documentos Fotográficos", preliminary version, 2 ed. The participants visited the Photograph Conservation and Preservation Center (FUNARTE), the National Archive and the National Library. The results of the Round Table will be published in the next Newsletter.

14th International Book Biannual and Round Table: "Public and University Libraries in Latin America"

The Round Table was held August 14th, 1996 at the Expo Center Norte in São Paulo. It was sponsored by the Municipal Secretary for Culture of São Paulo.

The general panorama on the situation of public and university libraries in Latin America was discussed, with emphasis on the cultural projects, the government investments in both of the sectors and the introduction of new technology for use and search for information between the countries involved.

Two panels were held: "The Context of Public Libraries in the Latin American Countries" and "The Context of University Libraries in Latin American Countries". The first coordinated by Prof. Waldomiro Vergueiro, from USP, has as speakers Mrs. Clara Budnick, Coordinator of the National Library System of Chile, Mrs. Nora Estela Luaces, Coordinator of the Berhal Argentina Public Library and Cultural Complex and Mrs. Virgínia Betancourt Valverde, General Director of the National Library of Venezuela. The second, coordinated by Prof. Neusa Dias Macedo, from USP, had as speakers Prof. Regina Célia Baptista Beluzzo, from UNESP and USP, Prof. Amélia Silveira, from the University of Santa Catarina and Mr. Ricardo Rodriguez Pereyra, Director of the University Torcuato Di Tella Library, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

6th Meeting of the National System of Public Libraries.

This meeting, promoted by the National Library Foundation, was held October 14-16 in Rio de Janeiro. Created in 1992, the National System of Public Libraries searches since then, although finding great difficulties, to implement an effective systemic process through the articulation of its organizational units: the National Coordination, the State Systems and the municipal public libraries.

The meeting was organized to address three basic questions:

where are they?

where do they wish to go?

how will they get there?

The answers to these questions provide direction for beginning a process of joint planning with the objective of elaborating a Strategic Development Plan for SNBP.

The official opening of the Meeting was made by Dr. Otaviano De Fiore, Secretary for Cultural Policy for the Ministry of Culture and was present Dr. Eduardo Portela, President of the National Library Foundation, Mrs. Elizabet Maria Ramos de Carvalho, IFLA/LAC Regional Office Manager, Mrs. Giselda Brasil Aronovich, Coordinator of the National System for Public Libraries, Mrs. Selma Sodr , President of FEBAB and Mrs. Maria Concei o da Gama Santos, Coordinator of the Bahia State Public Library System and President of the FEBAB Public Library Commission.

Seminar: "Reading as a Cultural and Social Development Factor".

This Seminar was held June 12/13, 1996 at the Bahia Convention Center. It was sponsored by the Secretary of Culture and Tourism of Bahia and organized by the Public Library Directorate of Bahia. The seminar was an integrated part of the parallel activities program of the I International Book Fair held in Salvador and had as speakers selected personalities from Bahia and other states of Brazil. The IFLA/LAC Regional Office Manager gave a speech on "Reading and Development - Panorama of the Latin American Libraries".

CHILE

EIDISIS Magazine Invitation

The EIDISIS Magazine Editing Committee, a Colegio de Bibliotecarios do Chile publication, released an invitation to all professionals interested in sending technical articles. The criteria for publication are as follows:

all works must be unpublished, hand-typed or prepared by word processor and presented electronically or in print.

sending a work implies that the author accepts the rules for publishing.

the magazine makes no commitment to publish works received and it is the editing committee's authority to decide in which number will the article be published.

the works can be written in Spanish, Portuguese or English.

For more information, contact:

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CUBA

The National Library of Cuba CD-ROM Project

The Biblioteca Nacional José Martí of Cuba is offering its first information product in CD-ROM as a start of a project titled Collection of Cuban Bibliographic information in CD-ROM. It is a compilation of the most representative Cuban works published during the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries.

The information from the 18th and 19th centuries reveals the origins of the Cuban nationality, the work of the founders of the Cuban national identity as it appears in books and periodicals of that epoch.

The information referring to the 20th century is a selection of the books and periodicals which constitute the landmark of the historical and cultural continuity of Cuban thought up to the present day.

Some of the documents will appear with digitized

illustrations on the front pages and photographs of the most relevant personalities of Cuban history, science and culture. It will also contain bio-bibliographic data of more than 60 outstanding Cuban intellectuals.

The CD-ROM will provide, as an additional option, to travel through the halls and galleries of the National Library so that the user might be familiar with the products and services available on its premises. The entire CD-ROM will have about 3000 entries, each one with an abstract, both in Spanish and English, with enough information so the user may have an evaluation of the work recorded and a brief notice of its content and may use it as an important tool for research.

For more information please contact

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(IFLA Journal, Vol.22(1996), No.3)

Library '96 / I ASCUBI Congress

From November 4-8 a meeting for professionals was held at the José Martí National Library in Havana, Cuba under the general theme "Public Libraries in the Thresholds of the Century XXI". Representatives from Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, United States, Iran, Mexico, Paraguay and Peru shared experiences with Cuban librarian participants which represented the public libraries of Cuba.

The event began with the ASCUBI Congress where the Association's new statutes were debated and approved for a four year term. Likewise was the National Council Association renewed and ratified for a new period, as President, Marta Terry and Vice-President Miriam Martínez. (News sent by Myriam Martínez - Cuba).

JAMAICA

Jamaica Library Services (JLS)

The Jamaica Library Services (JLS) is a national system of public libraries that provides many services all around the country. Among the services are the following:

- . a school service for 917 elementary and high schools supported by the government;
- . a network of libraries for communities and branches;

- . a bus-library service for rural communities;
- . special services for institutions like hospitals, prisons and youth centers;
- . a free postal service for the inhabitants of far areas.

Two experimental services are being developed: one of audiocassettes for the blinds in two communities and a community information service .

The majority of the libraries have cultural animation and recreation programs for adults and children with emphasis on the activities for the youth.

The JLS is particularly interested in learning from other libraries about their activities for children and youngsters. Information about similar programs is welcome. (UNAL Info, No.11, Feb.1996)

MEXICO

The XXVII Mexican Forum in Librarianship

The Forum was held from April 29th to May 1st, 1996 in the city of Oaxaca. The opening ceremony included the recognition as AMBAC honorary associate of professor Guadalupe Carrión Rodriguez, for her outstanding work in the field of librarianship and for the Association.

The event included an exposition "40 Years of ABMAC". It presented photos of ex-presidents and different moments in the life of ABMAC.

Professor Rosa Maria Fernández de Zamora provided the photographic material from her recent book "La Asociación Mexicana de Bibliotecarios, A.C.: Notas para su historia", presented in the event. (News from AMBAC, April-June 1996, N.108)

Visit of IFLA Personnel to Mexico

During May 96, **Birgitta Bergdahl**, representative for the IFLA/ALP was in Mexico to participate in the XXVII Mexican Forum in Librarianship, held in Oaxaca and organized by the Mexican Librarians Association. She presented a work titled "Past and Present: the IFLA/ALP in Latin America".

In Mexico City, Birgitta Bergdahl visited the UNAM University Center for Librarianship Research, where she reviewed the development and progress of the database "Latin American Information and Librarianship, INFOBILA" (Project 316 of IFLA/ALP), which promotes access to Latin American production on Librari-

anship and Information Sciences.

Winston Roberts, Coordinator of Professional Activities of the Association, was in visit to Mexico May 9-13. He was interested in learning about the professional librarian practice and development in Mexico, as well as interchanging experiences and promoting several IFLA activities.

He visited several academic centers and institutions: UNAM University Library Research Center and General Library Direction, the Mexico College Library, the National Library and the National Direction of Public Libraries of the National Council for Culture and Arts. He had meetings with the President of the Mexican Association of Librarians, National Librarian College and the National Association of Agriculture Librarians.

(News from ABMAC April-June 1996 N 108)

Second Meeting of the Regional Network of Cooperation Project - INFOBILA (Project ALP 316)

Organized by the Librarianship Research University Center of Autonomous National University of Mexico the "2nd INFOBILA Regional Cooperation Network Meeting" was held December 4-8, 1995.

The project was begun in 1985 by CUIB/UNAM. Latin American Information and Librarianship, INFOBILA (IFLA/ALP project 316), is a database which includes a considerable amount of Latin-American editorial production on librarianship and information sciences, having presently a total of 6551 records.

Representatives from institutions in Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Chile, Mexico, Peru, Puerto Rico, Venezuela, as well as OEA were present. Participants expressed their experiences on production, control, and spreading of databases on librarianship literature produced in their respective countries.

The "1st Meeting on Present and Future of INFOBILA" was also held in Mexico and organized by CUIB, with sponsorship of the IFLA/ALP. In this 2nd meeting it was discussed and accepted in a general sense some documents on the cooperation and general interchange derived from the 1st meeting: on behalf of CUIB, "Manual de políticas para la descripción bibliográfica", "Vocabulário Controlado en Bibliotecología y Ciencia de la Información" and "Registros de INFOBILA sobre cada uno de los países cooperantes"; and on behalf of the Javerian Pontifical University of Colombia, the "Tesoro sobre Ciencia de la Información".

ARCH Database and IFLA Conferences

One of the databases which is being developed in the UNAM University Library Research Center is related to "gray literature", which normally includes non-commercial documents which may not have complete bibliographic data to identify them. These documents fulfill a very important function of information: they serve as a resource to satisfy specific needs of the public.

This database collection (ARCH) - which can be retrieved by author, title, theme, type of document and/or institution - is formed by articles of periodicals, leaflets, work documents and presented lectures, from 1976 to 1995, in the IFLA Conferences; such lectures represent 778 registers of the 1233 which belong to ARCH.

During 1996 all IFLA records will be separated from ARCH in order to build a separated database for documents which are in monographic collections as well as periodical publications.

The First Electronic Library in Latin America

In Colima, a small city of western Mexico, a modern university complex for information services was inaugurated June 1st, 1995. It is directed towards students, instructors, and local researchers' attention, as well as inquiries from throughout Latin America. This library has as a fundamental purpose the supply of "on-line" documental and referential information, using computers within libraries or in other institutions of the country or worldwide. This implied in the use of important computer and telecommunication equipment, as well as a 300 drives CD-ROM server and a server with large memory and store capacity. The building was cabled in such manner that it is possible to transmit data at an acceptable speed, since it will deal with a great number of images in magnetic and opt-magnetic medium, as well as connections with Internet for all equipment.

(International Preservation News, additional supplement in Spanish for edition n. 12, June 1996).

Latin-American Meeting on the Library, Reading and Street Children (ALP Project 320)

The Librarianship Research Center of the Autonomous University of Mexico organized on June 24-28, 1996, a Latin-American Meeting on the Library, Reading and Street Children.

The meeting explored possible links between the library, the book and street children. The participants were librarians and street educators, however psychologists,

sociologists, social workers, pedagogues and other professionals were also present.

More than 30 presentations were made. The program included a reading workshop, a workshop to discuss meeting proposals and 4 projects for cooperation. The meeting was closed with the presentation of a play by a "street theater" group.

The participants came from the following countries: Argentina 1; Bolivia 2; Brasil 1; Colombia 1; Chile 2; Equator 1; Guatemala 1; Honduras 1; Mexico 19; Nicaragua 1; Republic Dominican 1; Venezuela 1.

The meeting was made possible thanks to the IFLA, OEA and the University of Mexico sponsorship.

Planning, coordination and organization of the meeting were on account of Lic. Maria Trinidad Roman.

(News sent by Mtra. Elsa M. Ramirez Leyva, Universidad Autonoma de Mexico - CUIB).

Scholarships Program Sponsored by NCLIS

The Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), through the University Librarianship Research Center (CUIB), will sponsor a Scholarship Program to begin during the first three months of 1997.

The CUIB is presently preparing the program and inviting the different Spanish speaking countries of Latin America and the Caribbean to present candidates. It is expected that the Program will continue during 1997, when hosting institutions will incorporate themselves to Caribbean countries in order to attend English speaking professionals.

PERU

Portable Libraries

The main goal of a librarian is to offer reading materials, but libraries in Latin America are scarce. We cannot wait until we have enough buildings to house libraries. We must respond with imagination to the need of the population for books.

The Centro de Documentación e Información de Literatura Infantil, CEDILIJ (Children's Literature Documentation and Information Center), IBBY-PERÚ, created portable libraries as a suitable alternative. These libraries have collections for children that are offered to several types of institutions.

That is how, depending on the environment and type of institution, small collections of about 30 titles are prepared and distributed. These titles are changed monthly.

The portable shelves come in different models, such as wooden pieces of luggage, plastic bags, or pieces of cloth or plastic to be put on the wall to hang the books, thus displaying them in an attractive manner.

This system is allowing us to support the reading promoters that do not have a local room or a library. CEDILIJ trusts that these portable libraries will be the seed that will motivate the leaders of neighbor committees to build libraries in their communities.

URUGUAY

The Creation of a Southern Cone Association of Librarianship Schools - ASEBICS (project ALP 7)

A Project on the Creation of a Southern Cone Association of Librarianship Schools (Argentina, Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay) was approved by the IFLA in November 1991, and attending what was established in article 7.4 of the mentioned document, the representatives of the countries above mentioned met at the University School of Librarianship in the city of Montevideo, Uruguay, November 23/24, 1995.

The Southern Cone Association of Librarianship Schools (ASEBICS) was constituted and integrated in the following form:

President - Director of the University School of Librarianship, University of the Republic of Uruguay;

Vice-President - Director of the Technologic Metropolitan University Librarianship School of Santiago, Chile;

Secretary - Director of the University of Buenos Aires Philosophy and Literature Faculty Department of Librarianship and Documentation;

Treasurer - Academic Coordinator for the Librarianship School of the Poly-technical Faculty of the National University of Asuncion, Paraguay

The Association statutes were approved and will be taken to the direction of the participating university institutions for its definitive approval. The following projects will be developed: CONOS database (format compatible with INFOBILA), CONODOC database, CONOINVE database, Regional Course in the area of Information Sciences. (News sent by Gloria Gasperini, Uruguay)

VENEZUELA

Project for Attention to Indigenous Communities through Public Librarian Services (Project ALP 36)

This project, developed with the support of the Latin American and Caribbean Public Library Association (ABIPALC), the National Library of Venezuela, the Amazon State Public Library Network and the IFLA-ALP Program, was created to response to the need to project, evaluate and systematize specific actions directed to attend information requirements and the quality of life improvement of different population groups, such as the indigenous communities found on the border regions of Venezuela.

The project pursues the following general objectives :

- optimize in a systematic manner the work performed by librarian services found in indigenous zones, providing the required information on aspects related to health, education, organization, production, commerce, land property, law, etc.;

- increase the collections supporting the production of bilingual material, adequate to the ethnic groups social reality.

A first pilot center was tried in Kashama, Kari'ña ethnic community of the State of Anzoategui in the eastern region of Venezuela. The limited results obtained in this zone, due to the political conditions of the Kari'ña community forced a relocation of the pilot center to the Amazon State.

A central activity of the project was the evaluation of the Amazon State mobile services, for which Livio Rangel, who exercises the functions of Mobile Library Services Coordinator of the State Network, in the National Library, was in charge for.

This professional, with large experience in the issue, moved to the Amazon State during a period of four months, with the intention of giving support to the evaluation and systematization of the experience gathered in the library services to indigenous communities as well as the process of creation of a new Mobile-Library service. This included from the first contact with the communities until the inauguration of each of the stops of the defined route.

In what concerns the Boat-Library, the analysis and evaluation generated recommendations on the general aspects of the services and the redefining of the routes to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of their conditions.

During the entire process, qualification activities were performed simultaneously by the Network personnel responsible for the mobile services. This qualification was, in its majority, given as job training, which provided the librarians community knowledge and work techniques, through practical activities while in direct contact with the public to be attended by these services.

GENERAL NEWS OF INTEREST TO THE REGION

Robert Wedgeworth Awarded ICA Medal of Honor

At its meeting in Ottawa, Canada, on 10-12 April 1996, the Executive Committee of the ICA resolved, in accordance with article 9 of the Constitution, to award **Robert Wedgeworth**, President of IFLA, the ICA Medal of Honor in recognition of the eminent services he has rendered in fostering and strengthening worldwide cooperation between library and archive communities as well as their respective international professional organizations and in supporting cooperative approaches for solving common professional problems. The medal was presented to Mr. **Wedgeworth** by the President of ICA at the opening ceremony of the XIIIth international Congress on Archives, which took place at the Beijing International Convention Center, 2 September 1996.

Robert Wedgeworth is currently Professor of Library Administration and Director of the Library at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA. From 1972 until 1985 he was Executive Director of the American Library Association and he has been President of IFLA since 1991. Mr. **Wedgeworth's** special interests include: Information Policy, International and Comparative librarianship, International Book Trade, Copyright and Intellectual Property, Management and new technological applications in libraries, Academic and Research Libraries. He has published extensively on these subjects..

(IFLA Journal, Vol.22(1996), No.3)

Mercosul Professional Librarians Integrated Commission - CIBIM

On April 19th, during the XXX Meeting of Librarians, held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, the presidents and representatives of the Librarian Associations of Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay jointly decided to establish the Mercosul Professional Librarians Integrated Commission.

This commission will pursue the following objectives:

- structure the existent legal statutes and those in process of approval, which search protection for professional activities of the member countries.

- exchange information related to the activities of the institutions which integrate the commission.

- strengthen the development of information professionals, searching for the uniformity of the academic levels.

Argentina, through ABGRA, will be the coordinator of the Associations of the Mercosul next meeting. The Commission will organize the activities in workgroups according to the following themes:

- Politics Group (legislation) coordinated by Brazil;
- Terminology Translation Group, coordinated by Argentina;
- Information Group, coordinated by Chile;
- Academic Group, made up by the Curricular Studies and Continuous Education subgroups, coordinated by Brazil
- Labor Market Group, coordinated by Brazil.

The participants and representatives in the meeting were:

- Librarian Roberto Servidio, President of the Graduated Librarians Association of the Republic of Argentina (ABGRA).
- Librarian Zenaide Pantoja, President of the Librarianship Federal Council of Brazil.
- Librarian Sueli Nemen, President of the Paulista Association of Librarians, Brazil.
- Librarian Guillermo Toro, Executive Secretary of the Librarian College of Chile.
- Librarian Maria Luisa Duarte, President Graduated Librarians Association of Paraguay.
- Librarian Beatriz Latorre, Secretary for the Librarians Association of Uruguay.

The agreement must be ratified by each of the Associates when it acquires definite form.

I Meeting of the CIBIM

The first meeting of the Professional Librarian Entities Integrated Commission of Mercosul (CIBIM), was held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, September 16-17, organized by the Regional Council of Librarianship (CRB-7) and by the Federal Council of Librarianship (CFB).

At the meeting were the representatives of Argentina, Roberto Jorge Servidio (President of AGBRA), of Paraguay, Margarita More, of Uruguay, Aurelia Oliveira and of Brazil, Zenaide Pantoja, Paulo Goyás, Myrthes Pessanha, Ligia Paixão, Elizabet de Carvalho (IFLA/LAC Regional Office Manager), Jussara Pereira Santos, Maria Cristina Pereira, Ivonete Rodrigues da Silva, Edna Sitonio Pimentel, Marcelo Botero, Yvonne Leal Martins, João Carlos Gomes Ribeiro (FEBAB), Sonia Martins, Vera Stetanov, as well as others.

At the opening of the meeting the Presidents of the Librarianship Federal Council and of the Librarianship Regional Council - Rio de Janeiro were present as well as the President of the National Library Foundation, Dr. Eduardo Portela and the President of the Brazilian Association of Librarianship Schools.

Ligia Paixão, President of the CRB-7, welcomed the participants and thanked for their presence. Zenaide Pantoja, President of the CFB, spoke of the need for joint work for the integration of librarians of the Mercosul, promoting for the integration process, having as objectives professional quality and full employment of the labor force of the Southern Cone. She also mentioned the need to give value to the professional librarian of the Mercosul. Elizabet de Carvalho, IFLA/LAC Regional Office Manager, emphasized that only through joint action will we be able to use the term globalization in our profession and spoke of the IFLA's interest to participate in the work.

In the first workgroup the representatives of the many countries presented a panorama on the situation of their countries and in the other sessions the CIBIM statutes were exhaustively discussed.

Gothenburg Book Fair and Library '96, Sweden, October 24-27, 1996.

An impressive show of books and Swedish forms of information was held in the Swedish Exposition Center in Gothenburg. Numerous seminars on diverse up to date themes followed the exposition, including one dedi-

cated to the UNESCO manifesto on Public Libraries, entitled "Library, Knowledge, and Democracy".

The opening of the Seminar was made by the President of the Swedish Association of Librarians, T. Lindmalm. The speakers were: Kay Raseroka, President of the Africa Section of IFLA, Preyanuch Jaariyavidyanoni for Thailand, Barbro Thomas for the Cultural Matters Council of Sweden and Elizabet de Carvalho, IFLA Latin America and Caribbean Regional Office Manager. The Minister of Education of Sweden, Carl Tham, acted as moderator of the debate of such interesting theme.

The seminar was organized by the Swedish Association of Librarians (SAB) and the ALP Program of the IFLA.

SAB held at the same time their annual congress which ended with a dinner where Elizabet de Carvalho and Miriam Martinez were invited as representatives of the region.

Building Relationships

The Swedish Association of Librarians is interested in building relationships with the Librarian Associations of Latin America and the Caribbean. The vast experience of SAB will be of great value for the development of the region's professional associations.

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Review of the UNESCO Manifest on the Public Library.

The third edition of the UNESCO Manifest on the public library is available. The principle which consists in establishing, as a form of manifest, a document summarizing the objectives and the essential missions of Public Libraries, was adopted in 1947 at the second session of the UNESCO General Conference. The first conceived for public disclosure, was translated to a great number of languages and published as form of prospectus and posters. In 1972, International Year of the Book, UNESCO requested the IFLA Public Library Section to update it. The text of the Second edition prepared by IFLA, which is directed principally to the professionals, was accepted by UNESCO and published in its bulletin directed to libraries. Twenty years later, this same IFLA

Public Library Section decided to insert in its Medium Term Program for 1992-1997 the updating of a new version of the document.

The Manifest of 1972 become a reference instrument for the whole world. Its updating now has become necessary for two essential reasons. In first place, as useful as it can be in the plan of intentions, there is the risk of it seeming archaic or outdated. The economic context and the evolution of behavior impose that it must be more according to the way things are seen today. In second place, the technical environment of libraries changed much faster and more radically since 1972, than from 1947 to 1972. It is necessary to consider the rhythm acceleration of technical innovations in the domain of the treatment and transmission of data and the information technology revolution which resulted from it.

This general context explains in a large measure the domain covered by the new version. Some reflect simply the recent worries of the profession: functional illiteracy, information technology, permanent education, etc. They correspond also to the needs of precise target groups goals: children, handicapped people, prisoners, etc. In a wider view, the other domains show that the librarians have resolved not to be far from essential matters as: strategic and technical choices imposed by the new technological environment and the challenge placed by a necessary management style due to higher costs of ever more numerous and diverse material and services, as well as persistent rigid budget.

The new version emphasizes the principle that the library is open to all. The translation of the Manifest in Spanish is available in the IFLA/LAC Regional Office Clearinghouse. (Partial transcription from UNISIST Newsletter, Vol.23, no.3, pg.10-13 - see "Clearinghouse" at the end of this number).

UNESCO World Book and Copyright Day, 23 April

A symbolic date for world literature when preeminent authors such as Shakespeare, Cervantes, the Inca Garcilaso de la Vega, Druon, Laxness, Nabokov, Josep Pla or Manuel Mejia Vallejo were either born or died, has been chosen by UNESCO's General Conference to pay a world homage to books and authors by encouraging everyone, and in particular young people, to discover the pleasure of reading and a renewed respect for the irreplaceable contributions of those who have furthered the social

and cultural progress of humanity.

The success of this initiative will depend primarily on the support received from all parties concerned and be mobilized in each country by UNESCO National Commissions, UNESCO Clubs, Associated Schools and Libraries and by all who feel motivated to work together in this world celebration of books and authors.

(IFLA Journal, Vol.22 (1996), No.2)

International Book Committee: Recommendation on School Libraries

Recognizing the importance of books in schools as well as for societies and acknowledging the purposes and content of the 1992 Charter for the Reader, the International Book Committee meeting in Paris at UNESCO headquarters on 17 October 1995, declared its support for strong, effective school libraries.

Education and libraries are fundamental to the ability of the individual to develop and adapt to change in this increasingly information oriented world society. They are also integral to a democratic world. School libraries are critically important elements in need of public as well as private support.

Books should be available and accessible wherever and whenever they are desired and needed. Libraries in schools extend this availability to students, teachers, and their communities. School libraries support the reading and learning processes and they encourage book development as well. As we move towards the 21st century, school libraries are increasingly vital to the teaching and learning process and for social, personal as well as cultural purposes.

In order to achieve the goals efficiently, adequate and appropriate planning, staffing and funding are essential. Although there are examples of quality library services in schools in a number of countries, the general situation remains problematic in many others.

Therefore, to provide students, teachers, and their communities with wide choices of reading and viewing and with enhanced access to information and ideas conveyed by books and multimedia materials, it is strongly recommended that substantial financial and human resources necessary for strong, effective school libraries be made available and maintained. (IFLA Journal, Vol.22(1996),No.2)

Memory of the World: Lost Memory - Libraries and Archives Destroyed in the Twentieth Century

Prepared for UNESCO on behalf of IFLA by Hans van der Hoeven and on behalf of ICA by Joan van Albada, was recently published by UNESCO. The document is an attempt to list major disasters that have destroyed or caused irreparable damage during this century to libraries and archives, whether written or audiovisual. The document is intended to alert public opinion and sensitize the professional community and local and national authorities to the disappearance of archival and library treasures of inestimable value and to draw attention to the urgent need to safeguard endangered documentary heritage all over the world. The title is available free of charge from UNESCO PGI, 1 rue Miollis, 75732 Paris Cedex 15, France. Please refer to CII-96/WS/1 when ordering.

(IFLA Journal, Vol.22(1996), No.3)

IASL on the Internet

The International Association of School Librarianship (IASL) now has a home page on the Internet's WWW. This service has been designed both for members of the Association and for other people who are interested in school library services. The home page leads to a wide range of information about the Association, its activities and publications, and also to information on the Internet that will be useful for people who work in school libraries. Visitors can visit the IASL pages at the following URL:

<http://www.rhi.hi.is/anne/iasl.html>

(IFLA Journal, Vol.22(1996), No.2)

The 5th INFOLAC Consultative Meeting - Lima, Peru, October 2-6, 1995.

Participants in the meeting were the 19 "INFOLAC correspondents" officially nominated by the 19 member states of the Region and the representatives of the following organizations : OEA, OPS/OMS, CARICOM, OECO, COMISSÃO EUROPÉIA, MERCOSUR, ALIDE, FID/CLA and ABINIA. They decided to restructure INFOLAC in order to have a regional program supervised by the member states with the PGI/LAC, as a central coordination tool.

In the new organization, the INFOLAC technical secretary will be replaced by an Executive Committee which members directly elected from seven countries: Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Cuba, Mexico, Peru and

Trinidad & Tobago. The PGI Regional Counselor will be part of the Committee and will aid and coordinate the work. All the participants in the meeting recognized INFOLAC as an interesting regional cooperation mechanism in the domain of information as well as the importance of UNESCO's role in the creation of conditions for its restructuring and in the strengthening of its program. (Transcribed from UNISIST Newsletter, Vol. 23, no.3, pg. 19).

UNESCO Server on Internet

The new UNESCO information server, already accessible through Internet, provides eight fields: UNESCO summary, Events, Programs, Publications, Databases and Computers, Documentation Services, Products and Questions.

The contents of these different fields are the following:

UNESCO summary - what is UNESCO, how it works, principle facts and numbers, UNESCO prize, addresses of the regional offices, regional commissions and UNESCO clubs;

EVENTS permits consultation of press releases and the information on conferences and manifestations in course, such as the 4th World Conference on Women or the 50th anniversary.

PROGRAMS gives information on the different UNESCO programs. Presently, the information related to the science sector is the most up to date and presents in a detailed form the MAB, PHI and COI activities. The "World Heritage" Program is also well presented. This chapter in fast expansion should become the most important of the server.

PUBLICATIONS has the catalog of publications destined for sale, consulted through the Wais program. This chapter indicates also the new titles and a brief description of the main works and publications in series.

DATABASES AND PROGRAMS provides the contents of the UNESCO databases, a description of the CDS/ISIS and IDAMS programs and the access through Wais to the UNESCO document and publication bibliography (52300 entries);

DOCUMENTATION SERVICES gives the list of all the UNESCO documentation and information services, in the HQ and outside offices;

PRODUCTS gives information on the stamp and coin programs as well as the UNESCO coupon.

Links were established with all the other "gophers"

and "webs" of the United Nations system, as well as with the main UNESCO partners.

<http://www.unesco.org>

gopher.unesco.org

(UNISIST Newsletter, Vol. 23, no. 3)

Third Meeting of Librarianship, Archives and Information Sciences Educators and Researchers from Iberoamerica and the Caribbean.

This Third Meeting was held at the University of Puerto Rico Graduate School of Librarianship and Information Sciences August 11-17 1996. It served as a follow-up of a workshop for the elaboration of a regional coordinated plan for the training of information professionals, held in Belo Horizonte (Brazil) in 1994, sponsored by the UNESCO General Information Program and the Second Meeting of Librarianship and Information Sciences Educators and researchers, held at CUIB, Mexico, in 1995.

The objectives of the Third Meeting were:

- provide opportunity for all the educators and researchers of the Librarianship, Archivist, Documentation and Information Science areas from Iberoamerica and Caribbean to reflect on the situation and perspectives for the information professional in the present times;
- compare plans and study programs;
- develop actions to address the problem of graduate and postgraduate professional development, of research and of professional literature;
- create a Iberoamerican and Caribbean Federation to group the professionals of the area;
- boost the subnetwork correspondent to Latin America and Caribbean framed into the UNESCO World Network of Librarianship Schools Project.

Representatives from the following countries participated: Argentina, Brasil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Spain, Guatemala, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, Uruguay and Venezuela. The majority of the representatives were from schools and from a total of 69, only representatives of three research centers were present: CUIB (Mexico), CIB (Argentina) and Venezuela.

The main result of the meeting was the creation of the Iberoamerican and Caribbean Association for Librarianship Education and Research, Information Sciences, and Archives and Documentation and the

appointment of an Executive Committee with a temporary mandate until October 1997, date in which the 4th Meeting will happen, in Maracaibo, Venezuela.

The Committee was constituted in the following manner:

President - Costa Rica;

Vice-Presidence - Escuela Interamericana de Bibliotecología, Medellín (Colombia);

Voting members : Universidad Carlos III, Madrid, España;

Universidad de Puerto Rico;

Universidad de Buenos Aires.

Recommendations from the 25th IPA Congress, 22-26 April 1996.

Leo Voogt, IFLA's Secretary General, represented IFLA at the 25th IPA congress, which celebrated the 100th anniversary of the International Publisher's Association. During the closing session of Congress in Barcelona the following recommendation was unanimously accepted. Since the subject of the resolution directly involves national libraries in their capacity as depository libraries, the text of this resolution follows hereafter.

Recommendation

The 25th IPA congress, 22-26 April 1996

recognizing that publications in any medium (including the digital medium) are a main record of a nation's scientific and cultural activities and achievements, recognizing that deposit in national libraries is the guarantee of preservation of such activities and achievements, concerned that the aims of

. archiving (preserving the national output)

. bibliographic control (describing the national output)

. and accessing the national output should not prejudice

the legitimate interests of publishers and authors

resolves that publishers should ensure that systems of deposit, whether on a mandatory or a voluntary basis require

1) that deposit of publications, whether on-line or off-line, should permit access free of charge only to single sites in the national library's own reading rooms in a manner consistent with the aforesaid interests

2) that any further use of their deposited publications can only take place on terms agreed by them.

(IFLA Journal, Vol.22(1996),No.3)

IFLA Professional Board Member in Charge of the New Internet Journal

Coinciding with the opening of the International World Wide Web Conference, a new journal dedicated to the Internet was released in May by Munksgaard International Publishers. The journal is called "First Monday" and its a peer-reviewed, electronic journal dedicated to the Internet, and is available only on the Internet.

"First Monday" will appear on the first Monday of each month. Each issue will contain five to six full-length articles, plus regular features such as interviews and reviews.

The editorial team of the journal is widely experienced in computing, telecommunications, and the Internet Chief and Managing editor is Edward J. Valauskas, author and editor of several widely recognized books on computing and the Internet, and a member of IFLA's Professional Board as well as Chair of the Coordinating Board of IFLA's Division for Special Libraries.

The journal is available at <http://www.firstmonday.dk>. (IFLA journal, Vol.22(1996), No.3)

LADIG - Latin-American Databases Interest Group

The electronic list LADIG is working on Internet. This electronic list was created to proportionate the information interchange between those interested in libraries and Latin-American databases.

Created in 1990, the LADIG is an informal group of librarians, information professionals and database producers specialized on Latin America or localized in any of the countries of the region.

LADIG invites all the interested to share information on experiences and activities on this matter. To subscribe to the list send a e-mail to the following address:

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A Bike Ride to Attend the 62nd IFLA General Conference

Mr. Dong Ming , who works at Sanweishuwu Book Shop, Shenyang, Liaoning province, rode a bicycle to Beijing at his own expense, from 13 - 21 August to participate the 62nd IFLA General Conference. He promoted the Conference on his way to Beijing. In order to expand the influence of the Conference, he prepared a banner and invited librarians to sign it. After hearing about it, president **Robert Wedgeworth** asked to meet Mr. Dong Ming.

The meeting was at 16:30 August 27. Mr. **Wedgeworth** told Mr. Dong that this activity was the first one in the history of IFLA, and what he had done was of great significance. He formally invited Mr. Dong to attend the closing ceremony of IFLA, and left words of encouragement on the banner. In the end, they had a photo taken as a memento.

School Libraries Around the World

In 1995 the International Associations of School Libraries (IASL) began the publication of a remarkable international journal on school libraries. "School Libraries Worldwide" publishes new works from scholars, such as research reports and literature reviews. It also publishes other texts of interest to the profession, such as installation criteria or protection material developed throughout the world. An international consultative joint works with editor Dr. Dianne Oberg from the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Canada, to assure quality.

"School Libraries Worldwide" is included so those who wish, can become members of the International Association of School Libraries for US\$40.00 and available separately for US\$25.00 (US\$70.00 for 3 years). Published semestrally.

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- **14 al 18** - XXX Reunión Nacional de Bibliotecarios - 23a. Feria Internacional del Libro , Buenos Aires, Argentina
XXX National Librarian Meeting - 23rd International Book Faire, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- **21-23** - Conferencia: El papel de las bibliotecas en el desarrollo economico
Conference: The Role of Libraries in Economic Development , Ljubjana, Slovenia

Julio/July

- **20 al 25** - 18° Congreso Brasileño de Biblioteconomía y Documentación
18th Librarianship and Documentation Brazilian Congress

Agosto/Setiembre/August/September

- **24 al 30** - Seminario de la Sección Edificios y Equipamientos de Biblioteca de IFLA, la Haya, Holanda
Seminar of the IFLA Section of Library Buildings and Equipments, The Hague, Netherlands
- **26 al 28** - Seminario Pre-Conferencia Servicios Bibliotecarios de Educación para Niños y Jóvenes, Hamburgo, Alemania
Pre-Conference Seminar: Educational Library Services for Children and Young, Hamburg, Germany
- **27 al 29** - Tercera Conferencia Internacional sobre Educación Profesional Continua, Copenhague, Dinamarca
Third International Conference on Continuing Professional Education, Copenhagen, Denmark
- **31 de Agosto al 5 de Setiembre** - 63a Conferencia General y Consejo de IFLA: Bibliotecas e Información para el Desarrollo Humano, Copenhague, Dinamarca
63rd IFLA Council and General Conference: Libraries and Information for Human Development, Copenhagen, Denmark.

Octubre/October

- **13 al 17** - INFO'97. Información.- Conocimiento- Globalización. Palacio de las Convenciones de La Habana, Cuba.
INFO'97. Information- Knowledge.- Globalization. Convention Palace. La Habana. Cuba

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Agosto/August

- **16 al 21** - 64a Conferencia General de IFLA, Amsterdam, Holanda
64th IFLA General Conference. Amsterdam, Holanda.

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- 66a Conferencia General de IFLA, Jerusalem, Israel
66th IFLA General Conference, Jerusalem, Israel

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- 67a Conferencia General de IFLA, Boston, Estados Unidos
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