

Library Buildings and Equipment Section

STRATEGIC PLAN 2010-2012

Mission

The Section considers all matters concerning the design and construction of all types of libraries in all parts of the world, including their furnishings and equipment. The Section aims to collect and disseminate knowledge about library buildings and equipment in order to increase knowledge among librarians and other relevant professions. The Section also aims to establish better contacts between librarians and architects by creating the conditions under which it will be possible for each of them to understand the other's professional approach to designing libraries.

Goals

1. Gather and disseminate information on planning library buildings and develop mechanisms for communication and interchange of knowledge concerning library building planning.

(IFLA Strategic Plan: 3a Advancing professional knowledge through research and the activities of IFLA's community of practice)

Actions

- 1.1 Publish the proceedings of the open session of the Milan WC in the IFLA publications series.
- 1.2 Continue to publish the Section's Newsletter electronically. Update the website to disseminate the activities of the Section and generate interest in the Section's activities.
- 1.3 Work with relevant parties to publish material on library buildings.

2. Develop tools to assist in planning library buildings.

(IFLA Strategic Plan: 3b Supporting collaborative efforts to assure development of high quality library and information services through training and strategic initiatives; 3c Developing, maintaining and adhering to the highest professional standards that support high quality practices.)

Actions

- 2.1 Prepare a template post-occupancy evaluation questionnaire.
- 2.2 Develop the Projects Section on the website to include case studies of key library buildings.

3. Explore opportunities for communication and exchange of information with organisations involved in library planning.

(IFLA Strategic Plan: 4a Building strategic alliances and partnerships to further the profession in the knowledge society)

Actions

- 3.1 Provide access via the website to existing databases and other digital resources on library projects and library planning throughout the world.
- 3.2 Aim to develop contacts with national and international architectural organisations.

4. Continue to develop and implement programmes to enhance understanding of library building planning

(IFLA Strategic Plan: 3c Developing, maintaining and adhering to the highest professional standards that support high quality practices.)

Actions

4.1 Present at least one programme at the Puerto Rico conference in 2011 with a focus on sustainability and one at the Helsinki Conference in 2012.

4.2 Prepare and organise a satellite conference in 2011 on the impact of technology on library design.

5. Explore ways of increasing the membership of the Section.

(IFLA Strategic Plan: 2c Meeting targets for strengthening our membership base; 2e Stimulating a high degree of membership participation and engagement)

Actions

5.1 Update the website in order to promote the Section and promote membership at conferences and meetings.

5.2 Use and implement the recommendations of the IFLA recruitment handbook.