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- On or before 7 May 2010: Refund deadline for cancelled / altered registration
- On or before 26 July 2010: Pre-registration closes

For the first announcement go to:

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AFRICA SECTION FOCUS AT WLIC 2009

Africa Section Open Forum

The IFLA annual congress offers an opportunity to present library research outcomes and innovations in a multi-disciplinary international forum. In line with the theme of the 76th WLIC 2010, Africa Section has chosen as its theme: **"Open Access in Africa: trends and developments"**.

IFLA Africa Section invites Librarians, Information Scientists and other stakeholders to submit proposals (abstracts) for papers at the Africa Section Open Forum session in Gothenburg, Sweden.

Sub-themes

- libraries driving access to knowledge in Africa in the 21st century
- Institutional Repositories: issues and challenges
- Access to Indigenous Knowledge
- Digitization
- Open Access and Scholarly Publishing
- Open Access and Social development
- Open Access and National Development
- Conservation and Preservation

Submission Guidelines:

The proposal must be the original work of the author(s). Each abstract must contain:

- * Title of proposed presentation
- * Outline of the proposed presentation (no more than 350 words)
- * Name(s) of presenter(s)
- * Position or title of presenter(s)
- * Presenter(s) employer or affiliated institution
- * E-mail address, Telephone/fax numbers
- * Short biographical statement of the presenter/s, with digital photograph

Please send proposals by email to:
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e-mail: vicokojie@yahoo.co.m

Important Deadlines:

January 15, 2010: Deadline for submission of abstract
February 20, 2010: Notification of acceptance/rejection of paper

May 14, 2010: Deadline for submission of full paper
All proposals will be evaluated by a refereeing team of the Standing Committee of the IFLA Africa Section

Travels and Costs:

Please note that all fees, including registration for the conference, travel, accommodation etc., are the responsibility of the authors of the accepted papers. Presenters are advised to approach their parent organizations for sponsorship.

For information on the IFLA Africa Section, please see <http://www.ifla.org/VII/s23/index.htm>

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Call for Simultaneous Interpreters for the 2010 IFLA Congress in Gothenburg, Sweden

Applicants for simultaneous interpretation (English Arabic) are needed at the IFLA 76th Annual Conference which will be held in Gothenburg, Sweden from 10 to 15 August, 2010 under the theme of *Open Access to Knowledge promoting sustainable progress*.

The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) is the leading international body representing the interests of library and information services and their users. It includes about 1,700 members from 150 countries around the world.

IFLA's General Conference and Assembly is held in a different city in August every year. More than 3,000 delegates meet to exchange experiences, debate professional issues, see the latest products of the information industry, conduct the business of IFLA and experience something of the culture of the host country. This year the IFLA Congress offers a unique opportunity to discover Gothenburg and enjoy the a Congress within a friendly and clean city with a relaxed atmosphere situated by the sea and surrounded by pristine countryside. Enjoy the unspoilt nature of Sweden and inhale information and library latest knowledge with the fresh air and clean environment.

IFLA provides simultaneous interpretation in 7 working languages: English, French, German, Arabic, Russian, Chinese and Spanish.

As the IFLA Center for Arabic Speaking Libraries at the Bibliotheca Alexandrina, we are seeking simultaneous interpreters from all over the Arab world to work together on enhancing the Arab intellectual community and serve our delegates at the IFLA Conference in Gothenburg. The work entails simultaneous translation of some of the conference sessions.

Accepted applicants will be granted the following:

- Free travel to and from Gothenburg (Economy class)
- Visa fees
- Free Accommodation in one of the best hotels at a walking distance area from the Conference Convention Center Bed only
- 40.00 Euro daily per-diem
- Free registration for the conference

Hello Africa!



Lindy Nhlapo, Regional Manager for Africa

It is that time of the year again when you look back in disbelief that you have gone thus far. It is stock taking period of what is accomplished at the same time asking ourselves what went wrong.

I have learnt from the wise that at IFLA you think on your feet. True, Regional Office has been on the road since our last newsletter, African LIS Community was actively participating on this overhaul. It is with great pleasure to thank this community for their willingness to be part of events when asked to. Africa had selflessly given their time and comfort in service to IFLA at no cost.

2009 was a very busy year since I took office. The poise displayed in support to the Regional office is commendable

Merci beaucoup! Muito Obrigado! ; Thank you very much; baie dankie!

2010 is the year when the giant Africa hosts the world. The world cup s success depends on all our concerted efforts. IFLA s Presidency depends on our support and active participation to Madam Ellen Tise us. Africa Section and Division V active role as part of IFLA also rests upon Africa s leadership. African LIS Community you have a long hectic road in the new year.

Last but not least, I wish you all a restful year end holiday with your families. Let us take this opportunity to appreciate our loved ones who give us a chance and support to serve IFLA

Best Wishes!

Please note that no other fees will be paid for doing the translation work.

The following qualifications are required for application:

- B.A. or B.S. degree
- No less than 5 year experience in the library and information science profession
- Excellent command of the English and the Arabic languages
- Experience in simultaneous interpretation in previous conferences

Eligible candidates must email copies of the following documents:

- B.A. or B.S. or any other advanced studies certificate.
- Professional experience certification(s)
- Detailed C.V.
- Two recommendation letters from parties knowledgeable of their experience in the interpretation field, and
- Detailed contact information (telephone, cell phone, fax, email, & address).

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Applications are due on 31/03/2010. Selected applicants will be notified by email on 07/04/2010.



Madam President, Ellen R Tise

At last the news dawn had arrived for Ellen Tise to receive the baton from Cladia Lux as IFLA President. For her acceptance speech visit:

<http://www.ifla.org/files/hq/presidents-program/acceptance-speech-et.pdf>

In 2008 then President Elect, in Quebec, Ellen Tise chose a theme, President's theme: *Libraries Drive Access to Knowledge*. For in depth background visit <http://www.ifla.org/en/president/theme>

President's programme

Stellenbosch University Library 2010 Symposium / IFLA Presidential Meeting

The Stellenbosch University Library and Information Service takes pleasure in announcing that it has decided to coincide its Eleventh Annual Symposium with the IFLA Presidential Meeting.

The symposium will explore the role of libraries in the knowledge economy, focusing specifically on issues such as information literacy and Open Access as well as linking it to the IFLA Presidential theme, *Libraries Driving Access to Knowledge*.

**Ellen R. Tise
South Africa**

In June I was part of Library Capacity Building Interventions for the Achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in the West Africa Sub-Region held in Accra Ghana.

Beginning of July, Africa converged in Ethiopia for First International Conference on African Digital Libraries and Archives (ICADLA-1) which I was part of. I also had an exhibition stall at this gathering, marketing IFLA membership and its benefits.

End of July I hosted the 2nd Public Lecture on African Librarianship in Pretoria, South Africa which was well attended.

By August in Milan, Africa took its centre stage when Madam, Ellen Tise was handed the baton of IFLA Presidency. Africa held its SC Meeting and the Professional Committee meeting. A number of promotional materials were distributed at these events from the Regional Office.

WLIC Milan was very hectic being the year of new term office and a lot of outgoing people from office. Many farewell functions were being hosted which I also attended

From Milan, I attended the home grown library association, LIASA in Bloemfontein, South Africa in the beginning of October 09. Africa Section was represented by Dr. Buhle Mbambo Thata, Victoria Okojie, Naomi Haasbroek and I.

Still in October, Botswana hosted us for the Pilot workshop on the Library Associations Capacity Building Programme designed by IFLA HQ. The workshop was co-organized by the past President of IFLA, Kay Raseroka's office and I. It was attended by a small group but very vibrant. This was a testing phase and hopefully in 2010 it will be rolled out Africa wide

On return from Botswana, the Regional Office hosted a Seminar on Capacity Building Interventions on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) for Southern Africa in Pretoria South Africa.

The Seminar brought together Library Leaders in Anglophone Southern Africa to discuss the future of Libraries in the Sub-Saharan region. The seminar also set out to map strategies for building and enhancing the capacity of libraries towards the achievement of the MDGs as well as develop an action plan for carrying out their strategies.

Last but not least, I gave a talk at the University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa at the end of November on the Regional office, IFLA Membership and its benefits. The Training Camp as it was called was hosted by GAELIC, an LIS Consortium in South Africa.

Africa, work does not end here. I am in the process for or gazing for Stellenbosch 2010 where I hope to see you in numbers at the President's meeting. IFLA HQ will be there and other colleagues from Europe. Africa Section will also have its midterm meeting there

**Lindy Nhlapo
Regional Manager for Africa, South Africa**

ELECTION RESULTS

2009 was the year of new term of office for many as well as greeting goodbyes for some. Below is a glimpse of how did they fare in the voting:

President-elect**Ingrid Parent**

Ingrid Parent from Canada won the postal ballot for the election of President-Elect 2009. She will serve the as President Elect 2009 2011 term and as President in 2011 2013

Chair Division V**Dr. Buhle Mbambo Thata**

Dr. Buhle Mbambo Thata is elected Chair of Division V and thus serves on the Professional Committee. Dr. Mbambo Thata is from South Africa

Governing Board**Helena Asamoah - Hassan**

Helena Asamoah Hassan from Ghana, returned to the Governing Board for a 2nd term. She also serve on the Professional Committee as a Member. Helena Asamoah Hassan is Africa Section Member

We would like to congratulate all the colleagues who made it to the office and thank the others who participated in the elections and thank them for their willingness to serve

NAMIBIA**Ellen Namhilla**

Ellen Ndeshi Namhila, outgoing Africa Section Member had just launched her book titled

**TEARS OF COURAGE
FIVE MOTHERS , FIVE STORIE S, ONE VICTOR Y**

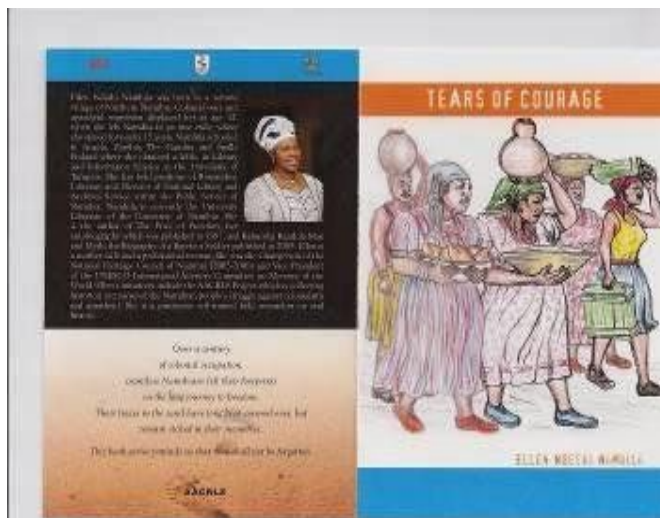
The book was launched by the First Lady of Namibia, Pohamba. When her term of office came to an end, Africa Section took her volunteering spirit and submitted her name to IFLA editorial Committee. Ms Namhila is a committee member of IFLA Journal Editorial Committee. Africa Section pride itself about you.

On behalf of the Namibia Information Workers Association (NIWA), I would like to offer my warmest congratulations on the recent achievement of Ms. Ellen Ndeshi Namhila, former Chairperson of the association on the success of her book titled Tears of Courage . This book was launched on 21 October 2009 and it attracted a massive number of audience as well as the media .

Congratulation once again, we are proud of you!

**Ms. Jakobina Mwiiyale
Namibia**

**Lindy Nhlapo
Regional Manager for Africa, SA**





Shawky Salem

Dear Colleagues World wide
 Dear Colleagues in RSCAO
 Dear Colleagues in Africa Committee
 Dear Colleagues in The Arab world

My sincere greetings...

I would like to thank all colleagues and friends who sent me Congratulation emails, letters and faxes, for being awarded:

"IFLA HONOR MEDAL Milan 2009"

Also, many thanks for my colleagues and their organizations that supported my nomination, as IFLA received 23 Nomination for me to be awarded this prestigious award.

Over the last week, I was receiving between 50 to 60 emails - on daily basis - from friends who congratulate me, and I replied all of them by thanks.

I did not imagine that I know all this number of friends all over the world, specially from ASIA, AFRICA and LAC...and I am proud to receive emails from: Brazil, Argentine, chilly, Mexico, USA, Canada, Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, The Netherlands, Germany, UK, France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Russia, Angola, Kenya, South Africa, Cameron, Namibia, Ghana, Egypt, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Palestine, Qatar, Maroc, Australia, India, Sri Lanka, New Zealand, Pakistan, Malaysia, Mauritius, Singapore, and China (40 Countries)..... plus the tens of verbal congratulations from friends after the closing session.

How nice is IFLA and its members which make any person so proud that he / she is part of this vital and unique organization.... and OF COURSE, YES, IFLA IS A LUCKY ORGANIZATION BY SUCH KIND OF MEMBERS, and I am a lucky person to be one of those members who believed in IFLA.

Again my sincere gratitude's and thanks for all colleagues, who send these nice and warm words which moved me all the time upon receiving ... and make me feel how much the friendship in a profession is a flowering and fruitful matter.

Best regards

Dr. Shawky Salem
 Egypt

AFRICA SECTION HELD TWO STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN MILAN

Highlights of the meetings



It was noted that Africa Section Members numbers had increased into 14 people. The news was more welcomed by the section because in a long time they had been trying to get 20 members for a good wide spread of Africa to no avail.

Also to note was that SC Meetings are now open to all participants of the congress who are interested to attend.

The Strategic Plan was updated by the meeting. The new strategic plan will now include some points that will cater for the interest group related to the section, ATINA.

At this meeting it was announced that the next SC Midterm Meeting was going to be hosted by Cameroon. Unfortunately due to the President s Meeting in South Africa, the venue was rescheduled .

Another interest group related to the section, LIS Education in Developing Countries reported back on its activities

ALP Officers reported on the projects status in the process that the office will relocate for IFLA HQ. Project proposals were invited from the meeting as funds were available until the end 2009

It was in Milan that IFLA HQ Pilot project was introduced by Fiona Brandley known as *Library Associations Capacity Building Programme*. The Regional Office was requested to organize the workshop in Botswana to test the modules of the programme.

Other Meetings

Africa Section participated in the following meetings:
 Coordinating Board Meeting
 Caucus (of former Div. VIII group) 2009 did not clash with all other language Caucuses which Africa, Asia and Latin America and Caribbean members also attend.

Subsequently, in the new IFLA Structure the two meeting above fell away into the new Div. V
 Division V
 PC Meeting

Highlights:

It was recommended that the new Div. V meeting took a formal structure of having a Chair duly elected, Dr. Buhle Mbambo Thata and a Secretary who is a Chair of Latin America and the Caribbean, Filiberto Felipe Martínez-Arellano.

The best part of this meeting was occupied by the then President Elect, Ellen Tise and Secretary General, Jennefer Nicholson. The two gave clarity to the moving of WLIC 2009 from Australia to Sweden.

Open Forum Session

Africa Section had an open forum with the theme *Building on cultural heritage from the African classical world to the 21st Century*

Four papers were presented. One of the presentations *Content Development in an Indigenous Digital Library: a case study in Community Participation. South Africa* was selected for possible publication in IFLA Journal. Final decision had not been communicated yet by Stephen Parker if we definitely made to the journal.

The last but not on, was Div. VIII Open Forum with the theme *Libraries on the cultural agenda: regional comparison* Past President of IFLA, Kay Raseroka delivered the keynote address.

Report of LIS Education in Developing Countries Special Interest Group (SIG) Pre-Conference.

The Theme was **"Building Bridges: Connecting the Soul and Spirit of LIS Education in Developing Countries"**

The venue was the University of Milan, Aula Magna on August 19-21, 2009.

32 paper proposals were received and 26 papers were selected for presentation. Although some of the speakers were unable to come to Milan, the presented papers generated many fruitful discussions. Also, out of the 50 persons pre-registered only 22 were able to participate.

The keynote speaker of the conference was Professor Peter Lor, former Secretary General of IFLA. His topic was: *Creative Tensions: Reflections on Education for Librarianship and Information Work in Developing Countries.*

For the 2011 pre-conference in San Juan, Porto Rico, it was suggested that case studies of success stories of knowledge and skills transfer between the developed world and the developing world, as well as further dissemination of such knowledge and skills by academic and practitioners in the developing world, will be invited for the meeting in addition to methodological and theoretical reflections on pertinent issues.

Open Session Meeting

Two papers were presented on the theme:

Preparing future librarians in developing countries: a vision for LIS education in the 21st century The session was attended by 68 people and the discussion generated good discussion.

Ismail Abdullahi
Convener, LIS Education in Developing Countries
Special Interest Group (SIG)

Report from the Special Interest Group Access to Information Network - Africa (ATINA) Réseau d'accès à l'information en Afrique (RAIA) to the Standing Committee of the Africa Section

Access to Information Network Africa (ATINA) is a special interest group of IFLA which evolved out of the IFLA GIOPS/FAIFE conference at the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa in March 2006. Reflecting the language diversity of the continent, the group is officially bilingual : its French name within IFLA is Réseau d'accès à l'information en Afrique (RAIA).

In Milan on 23 August 2009 the ATINA SIG presented four papers, two in English, two in French, with consecutive summary interpretation, to an audience of around 50.

The program of the Milan session of ATINA was both historical and contemporary, spanning 24 centuries of African knowledge. A paper read in French on behalf of Rosaline Njike of UNESCO in Yaoundé, Cameroun (who unfortunately could not be present) reviewed the Historical influence in North Africa of Alexandria's library and other classical Greek and Roman libraries down into the Muslim Middle Ages. In English Francis Kirkwood, convener of ATINA, explored some Colonial knowledge pathways back to the European capitals and how to use them to recover the history of African knowledge in the early 20th century. The other two papers focused on the relationship between copyright and access to knowledge in contemporary Africa: Denise Nicholson from the University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa, reporting on the program and progress of the eight-country African Copyright & Access to Knowledge (ACA2K) Project, and Assane Faye of Université Bambey in Sénégal reporting on his country's copyright laws, honoured more in the breach than in the observance, as a potential barrier to higher education.

To judge by comments heard from the audience, the ATINA Milan program was well received, if a little long and lacking in adequate opportunities for discussion from the floor because of the exigencies of consecutive interpretation. Obtaining bilingual simultaneous interpretation for all future ATINA programs should be a priority.

Discussions on the edge of the Milan session with ATINA's collaborator, Abraham Azubuike, reflected on the problems of the second ATINA listserver, managed from UNECA in Addis Ababa, which had had little success in promoting public discussion by librarians of substantive African information access issues. It was suggested that given the greater functionality of the new IFLANET, perhaps this list should be relaunched in the fall as an IFLA open list, ATINA-L, where projects such as an African access to information wiki could be undertaken. A more active role for more ATINA-C members in planning future programs is also envisioned, as well as the devolution of the SIG leadership to Africa.

Respectfully submitted,
Francis T. Kirkwood
Convener, ATINA/RAIA

SOUTH AFRICA

Unisa Library Celebrates the Accession of its Two Millionth Book



The Unisa Library celebrated the accession of its two millionth book at a glamorous event held at the Protea restaurant on Wednesday 23 September 2009. In his welcome address, Prof Pityana indicated that books and reading have been in the news lately, but that there is a drive at present to encourage reading and the enjoyment of books. Dr Nicola Brewer, the United Kingdom's Ambassador to South Africa, stressed the importance of reading and said that her greatest wish as a child was "to be surrounded by books. Reading makes us richer, but we need to catch the reading bug early in life."

Dr Mbambo-Thata then provided a comprehensive overview of the book, entitled *The Highgrove Florilegium: watercolours depicting plants grown in the garden at Highgrove*. It is an exquisitely handcrafted two-volume portfolio featuring a collection of prints of 123 masterworks by the finest 21st century botanical artists from around the world. This portfolio of botanical water colours was commissioned by HRH The Prince of Wales to celebrate his conservation efforts at Highgrove. The purpose of these botanical illustrations is to record plants with scientific accuracy and to show botanical detail.

This edition is limited to just 175 numbered sets, each signed by HRH The Prince of Wales. The 64 artists were rigorously selected and four of them are from South Africa --- Ann Harris-Deppe, Gillian Condy, Diana Carmichael and Vicky Thomas --- all of whom are highly acclaimed professional South African botanical artists.

All royalties of the *Florilegium* will go to charity foundations, including the combat of HIV/Aids in Africa.

Natalia Molebatsi
Unisa Library
South Africa



The Regional Office hosted the 2nd UNISA/IFLA Public Lecture on the 29th of July 2009. The Public Lecture was celebrated at Unisa Campus in Pretoria, South Africa. The theme of the Annual Public Lecture Series is Africa *Librarianship in the 21st Century*.

The Public Lecture seeks to speak to the broad issues of African Librarianship in the global context. The Series was initiated in 2008, a partnership of Unisa Library and IFLA Regional Office for Africa. Eminent African Librarians deliver lecturers on a broad range of issues on Africa and International librarianship .

Prof. Peter Underwood from the University of Cape Town, South Africa delivered the 2nd Lecture entitled: **African Librarianship in the 21st Century: Testament and professional belief**. Prof. Underwood is an expert academic in Librarianship



The lecture was opened with a dramatic drumming session, to symbolise an ancient African way of communication.

In her welcome address, the Executive Director of Unisa Library Services and IFLA Div. V Chair, Dr Buhle Mbambo-Thata, stated that "African information is often overlooked, even by us as librarians". In his lecture, Prof. Underwood described librarians as best suited to change the lives of ordinary people by introducing information literacy and by identifying relevant, as well as dangerous, information and

the use of the former. "Librarians are the best guides for people to use information, especially in public libraries," he added. In order to reach excellence, Professor stated that the profession's voice needs to be heard and recognised by employers, government and other social institutions, because librarians are there to maintain the information needs of society.

Among other challenges facing librarianship in the 21st Century, he mentioned that library schools failed in the area of cataloguing - the organisation of knowledge and bibliographic control. Among milestones though, he highlighted librarians as among the first professionals to use revolutionary technologies such as the typewriter, as well as computer systems. "The library is blessed to have always been an important part of society," ended Underwood.

In response to the Lecture, Mr. Robert Moropa, Director of Library Services at the University of Pretoria, posed some challenging questions worth considering, such as what standards are used to measure success in the library profession in Africa. In this sense, he spoke to issues of how indigenous knowledge, such as oral traditions, can become accessible in every African library and beyond. On the question of a lack of recognition, Moropa stated that librarians may, to a large extent, take the blame for not being acknowledged for their achievements in information provision. He ended his response by posing the question of whether librarians have the capacity or courage to do their work exceptionally.

The annual lecture was organised by the IFLA Regional Office Manager, Ms Lindy Nhlapo, and this fruitful programme is directed by the Unisa Library's Deputy Director, Dr Judy Henning.

Unisa Library Marketing Team South Africa

Seminar on Capacity Building Interventions on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) for Southern Africa.

The UNISA Library and the IFLA Regional Office for Africa hosted a three day seminar on *Capacity Building: Interventions on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) for Southern Africa* in October to bring together Library Leaders in Anglophone Southern Africa in discussing the future of Libraries in the sub-region. The seminar also set out to map strategies for building and enhancing the capacity of libraries towards the achievement of the MDGs as well as develop an action plan for carrying out their strategies.

Some of the seminar's guidelines were based on previous intervention documents and agreements such as the Africa and the Millennium Development Goals 2007 Update ; the WSIS: Tunis Commitment ; the WSIS: Tunis Agenda for the Information Society ; and the Libraries, Literacy and Poverty Reduction: a Key to African Development . Outcomes from the seminar are valued as they will present further research.

In her seminar address Dr Buhle Mbambo-Thata, Executive Director of the UNISA Library indicated that

Africa's progress is not on track regarding MDGs. She also highlighted that a way forward is based on non compromise on the quality of service as well as student centeredness in order to deliver on key strategies.

At the gala dinner held on 19th October, Prof Rita Marè, UNISA Vice Principal, Academic & Research, addressed the seminar attendees, and stated that access to information is as important as human development, especially when the information is current, reliable and



relevant . She added that the IFLA regional office being hosted at UNISA Library is a good example of the institution's commitments .

In her address, Naomi Haasbroek, chair of the IFLA Africa section stated that the link between literacy, access to knowledge and information, and poverty reduction is evident .

So how do libraries combat poverty?

The role of the library in providing free access to relevant information and reading materials reflecting the local community needs, languages and culture is indisputable. Access to information and knowledge are fundamental to basic human development and empowerment . It is thus imperative to align library strategies with the MDGs by 2015 eradication of extreme poverty and hunger, achievement of universal primary education, promotion of gender equality and empower women, reduction of child mortality, improvement of maternal health, to combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases, ensuring environmental sustainability, as well as develop a global partnership for development.

The MDGs provide opportunities for libraries to measure their contributions [based on the above goals], said Haasbroek.

The IFLA Africa Section identified the following goals for the period 2005-2015

- *To promote and support the development of the profession in the region through strengthening Library Associations
- *To promote and support development programmes for information in Africa
- *To support efforts of closing the digital divide through promotion and support of ICT applications in libraries in Africa
- *To promote education and training for self renewing of the library and information profession in Africa
- *To promote documentation and the preservation of indigenous knowledge and to advocate for moral rights,

intellectual property and copyright for indigenous knowledge

*To promote the IFLA/UNESCO Internet Manifesto and the role of libraries in information through the WSIS process

Natalia Molebatsi
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MOZAMBIQUE

ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE LIBRARY SECTOR IN MOZAMBIQUE

The present article seeks to emphasize some achievements in library and information sector in Mozambique over 2009.

Training and meetings

In February 2009 a Library and Information training program started at Universidade Eduardo Mondlane, the oldest university in the country. This three years training program is the greatest hope towards the creation of a professional body in the country which will work in the libraries. So far, the libraries have been run by paraprofessionals or non professionals which are a constraint for the development of libraries in the country. In promoting Open Access to electronic materials, different actions were taken by librarians from Universidade Politécnica and Universidade Eduardo Mondlane viz.

newspaper articles, conference papers, seminars, several training manuals of libraries staff, academic, research staff and students.

Under the Convergindo Program, which is run by Fundo Bibliográfico de Língua Portuguesa, in partnership with the National Library, a short training course on the organization and management of libraries took place from 11 - 19 November, 2009, followed by a two days seminar on Public and School Libraries. This was a regional meeting and gathered together people from three provinces from the north of the country, namely, Cabo Delgado, Nampula and Niassa.

A national seminar for public and provincial library's directors also took place in May and aimed the exchange of experiences and also the setting of the rules and regulations to be followed by these sectors in the country. This is a step towards the establishment of standards for the public libraries, so that, they can develop together and have the same kind of services all over the country.

The 2nd Coordination Meeting for the Virtual Health Library (VHL) ePORTUGUÊSe, was held in Maputo in November and a Maputo Declaration on the Commitment to the Democratization of Information and Scientific Knowledge in Portuguese speaking countries was signed. This declaration, amongst other issues, advocates and defend equitable access, sharing and ownership of scientific knowledge and information in all Portuguese speaking countries as an essential standard to improve individual and collective health; the promotion, alongside National governments, of the development and implementation of policies to overcome information barriers such as knowledge and scientific evidence to help research, education, and health promotion and also to increase the impact of National cooperative technical and scientific health information networks in all Portuguese

speaking countries through their National VHL and the VHL ePORTUGUÊSe .

Mozambique has also been engaged in the introduction of the Blue Trunk Library Portuguese version for use at district level and WHO was involved in the provision and training of 10 BTLs managers and 8 health training institutions were benefitted, which were also provided with internet connection to supplement the BTL for access to health information. More than 100 health professionals and lectures were trained in the use of HINARI and other Health related resources.

Services

November, 4, SABER The Mozambican Repository [<http://www.saber.ac.mz>] was launched in a ceremony that took place at Brazão Mazula Library/Universidade Eduardo Mondlane. The repository is a joint project from Centro de Formação Jurídica e Judiciária, Universidade Eduardo Mondlane and Universidade Politécnica, which received financial support of QIF, a World Bank Program in the Ministry of Education and Culture.

In terms of content, the repository aims to include thesis and dissertation, journal articles, papers and other materials written by Mozambican researchers and lecturers or about Mozambique to support the teaching, learning and research process in the country and outside.

The project **forgotten book** , which is a campaign to promote the reading habits and books sharing, started at Brazão Mazula Library/Unive rsidade Eduardo Mondlane. This project consists of distributing books across the town, for example, in public transports, schools and any other places. There is a message put on each book saying something like this book is forgotten, please, read it and after that forget it in any place . This has been a great book promotion campaign and the books are being left in several places. Another program that has been developed by the Brazão Mazula Library is to promote library visits by the secondary schools students including sharing experiences with university students.

Buildings and legislation

The Mozambican National Library has benefited from a reconstruction project which resulted in its extension and creation of new services, among them, a reading space for children and young people, access facilities for the handicapped, a new room for digitalization and also a conferences room.

On the legislation, under the auspices of the Ministry of Public Affairs, major discussions took place on the definition of professional careers for libraries and archives staff. The careers progression terms of reference and requirements are much better defined for the country which can be seen as a motivation for people to join libraries and archives profession.



I would like to acknowledge my colleagues: Flatiel Vilanculos WHO Mozambique Manuel Mangue Brazão Mazula Library/Universidade Eduardo Mondlane Roque Félix National Library - Wanda do Amaral Fundo Bibliográfico de Língua

UGANDA

Commercial Publishers Experiment with Open Access



Ugandan universities reportedly make the lowest investments into book and journal procurements in the region. Students are currently spending several thousands of shillings on photocopying whole course books and lecturers hand outs every semester. This is with copyright restrictions notwithstanding .

The difficulty in accessing learning materials for cash strapped Ugandan students is the subject of a research investigation by NABOTU. The research is exploring ways through which content providers such as commercial publishers can make available online some of their content under a flexible license such as creative commons. The research is also looking at what business models would guarantee income streams for the publishers. The idea is to grow a body of content that students can freely access.

NABOTU set up a publishing experiment at the beginning of 2009 attracting one commercial publisher and an NGO. The two have now published some of their books on the Internet, available for free downloading, sharing and reading. Fountain Publishers Ltd has three titles under a creative commons license including: Genocide by denial, handbook on decentralization in Uganda and funding and implementing universal access. FEMRITE has two fiction titles including: the invisible weevil and farming ashes.

Early reports from the two companies show that the books have been well received in Uganda and abroad. The books have been downloaded many times in different countries including Uganda. The companies are optimistic about the potential of the internet for business expansion. NABOTU is currently tracking the impact of the free downloads on sales figures for each of the titles to ascertain the viability of a free access business model. NABOTU is optimistic that a free business model making accessible learning materials required by students is perhaps the best way for boosting educational quality.

Charles Batambuze National Book Trust of Uganda (NABOTU) Uganda

First International Conference on African Digital Libraries and Archives (ICADLA-1)

ICADLA 1 was held on 1 3 July 2009, at the United Nations Conference Centre Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The Conference was co-organized by the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) Library and the Library, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg under the auspices of the Africa Section of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), with grant funding from the Carnegie Corporation of New York and the Swedish International Development Agency SIDA s grant was received through IFLA s Action for Development Through Libraries Programme (IFLA/ALP) .



As an umbrella event, ICADLA-1 was composed of two forums: Building on Knowledge: Strategic Roundtable with Intergovernmental Organizations on Putting Libraries on the African Development Agenda which took place on 1 July 2009; and a two-day forum,

Connecting Africans to their own resources: developing policies and strategies for Africa s digital future held from 1 2 July. Please see Appendix A for a copy of the Programme.

The Conference was attended by over 200 speakers, delegates, media and exhibitors from 25 countries, including Botswana, Burundi, Cameroon, Estonia, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, India, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Namibia, Nigeria, Qatar, Rwanda, Senegal, South Africa , Spain, Sudan, Tanzania, The Netherlands , Tunisia, Uganda, United States of America , Zambia. Participants also came from several of international organizations)

An exhibition was held during ICADLA-1 with its focus on various digital products and services. The nine exhibitors were: VTLS, Europe; JSTOR/Aluka; Direct Publishing International (DPI); Eruxelf Computing; Digital Ethiopia ; ILRI ; IFLA Regional Office for Africa; UNECA ; and Wudassie Souvenirs.

The conference was opened by Dr. Lalla Ben Barka, Deputy Executive Secretary of the UNECA, and Dr. Buhle Mbambo-Thata, outgoing Chair of IFLA Africa Section, Chair of Div. V and Executive Director of Library Services at Unisa.

Amongst others, conference recommended that

African countries should develop longitudinal and horizontal programmes of digital and physical local content preservation, organization and dissemination to advance African research agendas and educational strategies.

An African Digital Library and Archives Programme be established under the auspices of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) in partnership with the African Union s NEPAD Agency, Africa Development

Bank (ADB), and other capable development, research and technical institutions, to provide technical and advisory support to country digital knowledge initiatives and digitization programmes.

Countries and communities should fund libraries and archives (digital and physical) as the core of their national knowledge systems.

The conference concluded that a 2nd follow up ICADLA should be organized for 2010, funds permitting.

**Abraham Azubuike and Felix Ubogu
Ethiopia**

NIGERIA

News Update from Nigeria



Margaret Tarpley, Africa Section SC Member, Nigeria

The Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary (NBTS) in Ogbomoso, Nigeria received accreditation in 2009 for the bachelors, masters and PhD programs from the Accrediting Council for Theological Education in Africa (ACTEA). Library collection development and internet access played vital roles.

At the American Theological Library Association in St. Louis, MO, USA in June, the digitization project for the NBTS museum of traditional religion artifacts was featured in a poster presentation by D Anna Shotts, Librarian, Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary, Kaduna; Shirley Gunn, Director of Publications, Nigerian Baptist Convention; Margaret Tarpley, Liaison Officer, NBTS, and Senior Associate in Surgery, Vanderbilt University, Nashville.

A pilot project to employ a low-cost digitization system to preserve Nigerian Baptist historical materials is slated to commence in 2010 at the Baptist Theological Seminary, Kaduna, Nigeria under the direction of D Anna Shotts.

Shirley Gunn served NBTS as library director for 16 years and has retired in 2009 after 19 years as Director of Publications for the Nigerian Baptist Convention.

**Margaret Tarpley
Nigeria**

Building Strong Library Associations : Pilot Workshop

A regional workshop was held on 12 – 16 October 2009 in Botswana. The Regional Office for Africa was the organizer and the Past President of IFLA, Kay Raseroka was the host. Angela Bridgland, Australia assisted by Fiona Bradley, IFLA HQ were facilitators.

IFLA believes that a comprehensive co-ordinated training programme can make library associations stronger and more effective. The *Library Associations Capacity Building Programme* will consist of:

- A modular, customizable training package *Building Strong Library Associations*
- IFLA's existing policy training packages (for example, Internet Manifesto training)
- Mentoring and activities (for example, study tours)
- Advice and help on working with other associations (for example, to form regional consortia)
- Careful use of an online elearning platform to provide remote access to materials and knowledge

IFLA aims to make the core elements of the programme replicable across countries, so that the benefits can be felt in all library associations that need support.

The workshop was officially opened by the National Librarian Ms. Phodiso Tube representing the Minister of Arts and Culture. Kay Raseroka welcomed all present to the host country and to the University of Botswana.

The workshop had several objectives, viz.:

- Test the relevance of content with participants for application in their country
- Identify gaps in content
- Test whether the level of the content suits audience needs
- Trial the suitability of the content for customisation to meet local needs
- Check whether the training methodology is appropriate to meet local customs and political environments
- Test the learning outcomes for relevance and applicability.
- Discuss the development and rollout of the programme, including transition to a blended learning environment. Suitability of transferring the content and exercises to a blended learning environment.

To achieve these objectives, participants were invited with a strong background in Library Associations from across the region.

Benson Njobvu: Past Chair of Zambia Library Association, Zambia

Babakisi Fidzani: Deputy Director, Information & Research Services. University of Botswana

Reason Nfila: Senior Librarian. University of Botswana

Phodiso Tube: The National Librarian of Botswana

Bongiwe Magocha: Botswana Accountancy College. Botswana

Matseliso Moshoeshe-Chadzingwa: Lesotho. Africa Section SC Member, FAIFE committee



Miss Library

Amongst other roles of the participants, the workshop focused on critically reviewing and evaluate the relevance of workshop content;

Assess whether the training method effectively delivers the content and achieves learning objectives;
Discuss the development and rollout of the programme, including transition to a blended learning environment.

Participants received certificates of attendance from IFLA signed by the Regional Manager, Lindy Nhlapo and Fiona Bradley representing IFLA HQ.

All the input from the workshop would be incorporated into the modules for the final document which will be, hopefully rolled out in 2010 to Africa Region.

Lindy Nhlapo
Regional Manager for Africa

*Miss Library, you are the quiet lady full of respect
and dignity.*

*You attend to people who take time to seek
information and never get disappointed.*

*Your shelves are full of books filled with
knowledge, inspirational information and
amusement.*

*Through you I shared in the ideas of very
important people like William Shakespeare and
Gcina Mhlophe.*

*The dinosaurs became extinct before our time
but you kept record of them and make them alive
to us.*

*Anytime I visit you seeking knowledge, I depart
more powerful which confirms the saying
knowledge is power.'*

*When I seek a good story, she leaves me
inspired. Oh Miss Library you are one of a kind.*

You are a mother of all nations.

*You feed the nations with knowledge and
wisdom.*

Feed us.

DIARY OF EVENTS

PRESIDENTIAL MEETING

As part of Presidential theme, Stellenbosch University will be hosting the Stellenbosch Symposium / IFLA Presidential Meeting 2010, 18 to 19 February, South Africa.

A glimpse of the speakers who will present:

Prof Russel Botman (Rector and Vice-Chancellor: Stellenbosch University, South Africa)

Ms Ellen Tise (IFLA President & Senior Director: Library and Information Service, Stellenbosch University, South Africa)

Dr Claudia Lux (IFLA President 2007-2009, Director of the Berlin Central Library and previous chairperson of the German Library Association, Germany)

Prof Kingo Mchombu (Head: Department of information and communication studies, University of Namibia, Namibia)

Dr Bas Savenije (University Librarian, University of Utrecht, Netherlands)

Mr Matt Goldner (Executive Director, End User Services, Online Computer Library Center (OCLC), USA)

Prof Peter Lor (Extraordinary professor in the Department of Information Science, University of Pretoria and School of Information Studies, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, USA)

Ms Jenny Walker (Information Industry Consultant, South Africa)

Ms Elizabeth Watson (Vice-President: Regional Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean MoW/UNESCO and University Librarian: University of the West Indies, Barbados)

Prof Kgomotso Moahi (Dean of the Humanities Faculty, University of Botswana, Botswana)

Prof Yonah Seleti (Human capital and knowledge systems, Department of Science and Technology, South Africa)

Prof Genevieve Hart (Associate professor: Department of Library & Information Science, University of the Western Cape, South Africa)

Dr Eve Gray (Honorary Research Associate: University of Cape Town and Project Director of the OpeningScholarship Project, South Africa)

Mr John Tsebe (Librarian and CEO of the National Library of South Africa)

More information about the speakers areas of discussion is available at:

<http://www.lib.sun.ac.za/Sym2010/Programme.htm>

Please note that this is not the final list of speakers. Additional speakers will be confirmed soon and added to Programme on the symposium / presidential meeting website, so be sure to visit the website regularly.

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Africa Section will hold its midterm meeting on 15, 16 February 2010. Meeting will be hosted by IFLA President, Madam Ellen Tise in Stellenbosch University, South Africa

For any further details contact the Secretary: Victoria Okojie: vicokojie@yahoo.com

Management of Library Associations MLSA

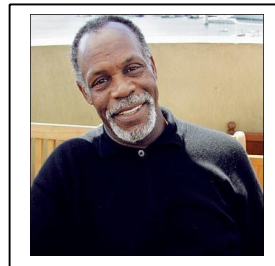
MLSA will hold a workshop on the 17th February 2010. The University of Stellenbosch, South Africa will host the meeting

MLAS Standing Committee Meeting

MLAS Midterm Meeting will take place on the 19 20th February 2010. The venue is Stellenbosch University, South Africa

Source: Lubuto Library Project

SAVE THE DATE!
APRIL 15, 2010
DANNY GLOVER
IN SUPPORT OF
LUBUTO LIBRARIES



Legendary actor and activist Danny Glover will be our guest of honor at a Lubuto event in Washington D.C. on April 15. With his friend, founding Lubuto Advisory Board member Mulenga Kapwepwe, he will help us show why Lubuto Libraries are so important and have such a

profound impact on vulnerable children and the society around them.

If you would like to receive an invitation and information on ticket purchase for what is sure to be a very entertaining and enriching evening, and if we don't already have your address as a donor, please send your postal address to info@lubuto.org.

Danny Glover on Lubuto:

Lubuto Libraries serve as a bridge between the child alone in the world and society at large.

Zambia's Ministry of Education has asked them to build Lubuto Libraries throughout the country to provide equitable access to education resources. The Lubuto Organization aims to respond to this request by building at least 100 Lubuto Libraries in Zambia, as well as respond to similar requests from officials in Malawi, Rwanda and elsewhere in the region. Mobilizing support on that scale is a major effort, and one which I would like to endorse.

[Lubuto s] programs rooted in local communities and guided by prominent Zambians, are important and unique in Africa. They deserve attention and support.

SCECSAL XIX Conference

XIXth Standing Conference of Eastern, Central, & Southern Africa Library and Information Associations (SCECSAL) 2010 Conference will take place in Gaborone, Botswana starting from 7th September to 10th September 2010.

The theme is *Enhancing Democracy and Good Governance through Effective Information and Knowledge Services*

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