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**FROM THE REGIONAL MANAGER’S DESK**



**Lindy Nhlapo, Regional Manager for Africa**

Another busy year went by and we begin 2012 on a hectic schedule. I would like to take the opportunity to commend Africa for its active participation in global LIS events.

In 2012 Nairobi, Kenya was a melting pot for Africa’s events early in the year: the Public Library workshop; Copyright conference, SCECSAL, AfLIA Meeting and many more.

The Regional Office is also appreciates the wonderful midterm meeting in Bulawayo hosted by NUST under the auspices of Kathy Matsika Africa Section SC Member. This meeting saw a large number of SC Members I attendance and the coordinator of ATINA, Francis Kirkwood. A new impressive feature of the midterm meeting is the meeting with LIS students and related schools. This feature was introduced by the immediate past President of IFLA, Ellen Tise in 2011 in Cameroon.

ZimLA also came on board and we really felt at home.

After the midterm together with the Chair, Victoria Okojie, Margaret Tarpley and I we managed to join the school library conference hosted by IASL: Sub Sahara and ZimLA in Bulawayo

The Regional Office hosted its Annual Public Lecture Series on African Librarianship on Africa Day. That was a first of its kind to be on this day. IFLA past President Ellen Tise was the first to deliver a lecture on Africa Day

Beginning of June at SCECSAL, the Regional Office had an exhibition stand. Communication, information sharing and/or seeking took place at the stand. IFLA Africa and IFLA as a whole got a lot of exposure and marketing.

AfLIA an outcome of 2011 African Library Summit of the investigation of the African federation, a follow up meeting was also held in Nairobi prior to the beginning of SCECSAL. An update was presented by Africa Chair supported by other committee members.

August at the WLIC 2012 the Section is fortunately to find a venue at the Main City Library with all amenities of hosting an event. We hope you will be able to grace the occasion. The meeting is co-organized by the Regional Office and Africa Section for 9/10 August with the theme *“Libraries, the Amazing Gateway to Knowledge and Power”*.

The Regional Office and the Section is looking forward African Public Library Summit to be held in South Africa in September 2012. On the same breath, we have already begun some planning work on ICADLA-3 scheduled to take place in May 2013 in Morocco.

I urge the African LIS Community to keep the office updated on their events and activities at all times as part of building our stories



African LIS Community is encouraged to update their IFLA membership.



*Come and join us!*

IFLA Africa would like to welcome all its new members and thank you for choosing us. We thank all members who sustain their membership by renewing, without you, there is no IFLA.

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

#### Newsletter Articles

African LIS Community is encouraged to populate the newsletter by submitting newsletter articles with photos of happening around their area.

Also to be submitted is diary of events – what are you planning.

Make your submissions to: IFLA Regional Office for Africa

[Lnhlapo@unisa.ac.za](mailto:Lnhlapo@unisa.ac.za)

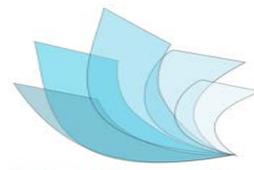


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Lindy Nhlapo, South Africa



2012 Helsinki

Once more for the 78<sup>th</sup> time the LIS community will converge for WLIC at [Helsinki Exhibition & Convention Centre](#), the leading congress centre in Northern Europe and the largest in its field in Finland.

Core Congress Dates 11–17 August, 2012

#### Congress Secretariat

K.I.T. Group GmbH Association & Conference Management has been appointed as the Congress Secretariat for the IFLA World Library and Information Congress 2012.

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For detailed information and deadlines, Please visit the congress website at <http://conference.ifla.org/ifla78>

#### Africa Section Focus at WLIC 2012

##### Saturday 11 August 2012

08:00 - 09:30 Leadership Brief (All Standing Committee Chairs, Secretaries & Conveners of Special Interest Groups)

17:30 - 18:30 Caucus: Africa, Asia & Oceania and Latin America and the Caribbean

##### Sunday 12 August 2012

08:30 - 10:00 Division Leadership Forum: Div. V - Regions

12:00 - 13:30 IFLA Market: Building Strong Library Associations (BSLA) - results and stories

13:45 - 15:45 Africa – SC I

##### Monday 13 August 2012

13:45 - 15:45 *Africa libraries now on open access agenda* — Africa

##### Tuesday 14 August 2012

13:45 - 15:45 *Building strong library associations: results from the first six country projects* — Action for Development through Libraries Programme (ALP)

16:00 - 18:00 National Association Members Meeting

##### Wednesday 15 August 2012

09:45 - 11:15 Africa SC II

##### Thursday 16 August 2012

08:30 - 10:30 *Empowering Africa's burgeoning population with access to demographic and development information - the world population explosion and access to the information needed to achieve the Millennium Development Goals in Africa* Access to Information Network - Africa (ATINA)

13:45 - 15:45 *Building collaboration between LIS educators and practitioners in developing countries:*

— LIS Education in Developing Countries Special Interest Group

*From the Chair's Pen*
**IFLA Africa Section Midterm Meeting, University of Science and Technology, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. 6–7 February, 2012**

The Africa Section Mid Term meeting was held from 6–7 February, 2012 at the University of Science and Technology, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. 15 members (including the IFLA Regional Manager for Africa) attended the meeting. The Chairperson, Victoria Okojie, welcomed members of the IFLA Africa Section to the 2012 Mid Term meeting. Minutes were read, and the items on the Agenda were discussed.

**Highlights of the Meeting**

1. It was agreed that a Council of Elders that will act in advisory capacity to the Section be established. The Motion for the establishment of the Council was moved at the 2011 IFLA WLIC meeting of the Section and it was carried by members. The Council will be made up of past IFLA Presidents from Africa and Past Chairs of the IFLA Africa Section. Communication between members will be mostly online. Members include Dr. Kay Raseroka; Ellen Tise; Jacinta Were; Dr. Helena Asamoah-Hassan; Dr. Buhle Mbambo-Thata, etc.
2. The following were nominated as Corresponding members: Jacinta Were; Helena Asamoah-Hassan; Buhle Mbambo-Thata and Joseph Ndinnohiho. Others would be added when the need arises.
3. The Chair reported that the Section, through the assistance of the IFLA Regional Office had opened an account in South Africa. The account will facilitate the management of IFLA funds and other funds received by the Section.
4. Dr. Buhle Mbambo-Thata gave a progress report on the outcomes of the May 2011 African Library Summit. She informed members that the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation had agreed to sponsor one of the outcomes of the Summit - that is, to develop intervention strategies to support the public libraries sector in Africa by organizing a summit for librarians in public libraries. The African Public Libraries Summit will take place in Johannesburg, South Africa in September, 2012. The plan is to sponsor two participants (one from the Public Library sector and one policy maker) from each African country.
5. The Standing Committee also considered a report from the Exploratory Committee on the establishment of

an African Library and Information Associations & Institutions, another outcome of the 2011 African Library Summit. Helena Asamoah-Hassan, the Chair of the Committee sent a report requesting all Presidents of National Associations in Africa to liaise with their members to confirm their approval or otherwise of establishing the Association. The outcome from the different countries will be discussed at the SCECSAL meeting in Nairobi, Kenya in June, 2012.

6. Issues on IFLA, WLIC, 2012, Helsinki, Finland were discussed. Members were encouraged to attend the Africa Section Pre-conference Satellite seminar scheduled to take place from 9–10 August, 2012 in Helsinki. It was agreed that the seminar will take the form of a round-table and paper presentations. The theme of the seminar is “Libraries, the amazing gateway to knowledge and power”. The call for papers and other details have been advertised on IFLA-L and other listserves.

All Abstracts received for the Open Forum session were reviewed. 4 speakers were approved to make presentations at the Open Forum session of Africa Section. They are Dr. Reggie Raju & Ian Smith; Nafissatou Bakhoum; Dr. Alli Mcharazo, Ms. Veno Kauaria & Ms. Marjatta Lahti; and Aston Mushowani. All speakers have confirmed their participation. The theme of the Open Forum is “African Libraries now on Open Access Agenda”. The Chair reported that IFLA HQ had ear-marked 3500 Euros for speakers from the Section. The Secretary was requested to communicate with the speakers to confirm those who required funding in order for the Section to notify IFLA HQ.

The Secretary was requested to prepare a Poster on behalf of the Section with the theme “Ideas, Innovations and Anticipating the New”.

Buhle Mbambo-Thata gave an update on IFLA HQ activities. She informed members that IFLA would soon launch the International Leadership Programme and encouraged members to apply. She also informed members of the new IFLA document on Natural Disasters; the proposed new membership fee for new national associations/institutions; the IP conference in Johannesburg and five key IFLA priorities. The draft International/IFLA Code of Ethics for Librarians and other Information Workers was considered and members were requested to send their inputs to the Secretary.

7. Strategic Plan & ALP Projects: The Section’s Strategic Plan was reviewed. It was agreed that new activities, in line with IFLA current strategic priorities, should be included in the Section’s plan.

Members were encouraged to attend the Standing Committee of Southern, Eastern and Central African Libraries scheduled to take place in Nairobi, Kenya from 4-8 June, 2012; the IFLA/IFFRO/WIPO conference in Nairobi, May 2012 as well as other LIS related meetings in Africa.

It was reported that four proposals were sent to ALP from the region. The proposal from Madagascar was accepted. Members would be given a detailed report as the project progresses. Members were encouraged to read about the Cameroun and Botswana success stories on the BSLA programme and to use the materials on BSLA to develop their national library associations.

8. IFLA WLIC 2015: the Chair informed members that IFLA WLIC 2015 will take place in Africa. Interested National Associations were encouraged to read the guidelines on the IFLA website and send their "Expression of Interest" to IFLA HQ before the due date. South Africa immediately expressed interest in hosting the WLIC. The Regional Office Manager and the Chair of the Africa Section were requested to advertise this widely within their networks.

9. IFLA Awards/Honours: The Chair, Africa Section and the Regional Office Manager were requested to write to national associations and National Libraries in Africa to nominate LIS professionals in Africa with outstanding contributions to the development of LIS for IFLA Awards.

10. Talk with LIS Students of NUST: IFLA Governing Board member, Buhle Mbambo-Thata, gave a career talk to students of the National University of Science & Technology, Bulawayo (NUST). She challenged them to strive to become renown leaders in the profession and globally. The presentation was well received, there were many questions and students stated that after the talk, they had a better understanding of the profession and hoped for a brighter future.

11. Participation in the International Association of School Libraries Conference (IASL): IASL organized its annual conference from 9-10 February, 2012 in Bulawayo. The Chair of Africa Section, Victoria Okojie and the Regional Office Manager, Africa Region, Lindi Nhlapo attended the conference. The Chair of Africa Section read a goodwill message at the Opening Ceremony on behalf of the Section.



**Dr. Victoria Okojie, FNLA,  
CLN**

## **ALP Update**

Africa newsletter June 2012

## **Building Strong Library Associations programme**

### ***IFLA Building Strong Library Associations mini-congress in Berlin***

At the first-ever IFLA BSLA mini-congress in Berlin Germany February 23-24 2012, representatives of IFLA BSLA country projects from Botswana, Cameroon, Lebanon, Lithuania, Nepal, Peru and Ukraine shared their success stories, and solutions to challenges that cut across borders. Strategies to engage with politicians, stakeholders, and to sustain associations into the future were discussed by all association representatives and their trainers.

Association presidents, in-country facilitators, and core trainers all took part in the meeting. Participants took part in activities to help them assess the impact of their projects, and ideas to sustain development of associations after 2012.

Five members of the IFLA Management of Library Associations section gave short lightning talks during the BSLA meeting, highlighting major campaigns, success stories and strategies library associations in the US, UK, Slovak Republic, Germany and internationally are taking to put libraries on the agenda. Following the BSLA meeting, the [IFLA Management of Library Associations section](#) held their midterm meeting, with BSLA attending as observers. The meeting was an excellent opportunity for participants to see IFLA in action, and to contribute ideas to the section's strategic planning process.

### ***Activities at the 2012 SCECSAL conference***

BSLA had a high profile at the SCECSAL conference in Nairobi, Kenya held in June 2012. IN addition to a plenary talk delivered by Helena Asamoah-Hassan, Jacinta Were and Rosemary Shafack, a half-day workshop for presidents of library associations in the region introduced participants to the BSLA programme and opportunities to make the most of the materials.

### ***Results from the first African BSLA country projects in Cameroon and Botswana***

#### ***BSLA in Botswana***

BLA worked with facilitator Winnie Vitzansky (Denmark) during the initial needs assessment, a stakeholder summit, and two further workshops. Between workshops, BLA hosted the biannual SCECSAL conference, elected a new board in 2010, organized strategic retreats for the board, and was invited to give a number of presentations across the country.

BLA has developed action plans and strategies, with greater engagement by the executive committee. Elections held in 2010 had higher participation than in previous years. Partnerships, especially with the Botswana National Library Service, have been strengthened. Membership has increased from approximately 50 in 2010 to more than 120 members in 2012.

### ***BSLA in Cameroon***

ABADCAM worked with facilitator Jacinta Were (Kenya) during the initial needs assessment visit and three workshops between 2010-2012. Between workshops, the association took part in a number of outreach activities and meetings across the continent. ABADCAM hosted the midterm meeting of the IFLA Africa section attended by IFLA President Ellen Tise (2009-2011), raising Cameroon's profile within the region.

The association has revived its activities, developed strategies for member services, and formed an activities committee. Membership numbers have increased, and communication with librarians that are non-members is strong. Focal points have been established across the country's regions.

### **ALP small projects update**

At its December meeting, the ALP committee approved four small projects to be funded in 2012, following applications from IFLA's regions.

ALP supports training and development projects in developing countries and emerging economies, with an emphasis on capacity building, and train-the-trainer or cascading delivery.

The projects will be implemented in Madagascar, Vietnam, Peru and Croatia. The project in the Africa region is:

Africa: "Support for the promotion of access to information, and the library profession in Madagascar" Comite pour la Sauvegarde de L'integrite (CSI) Kay Raseroka will deliver the initial workshop.

### **IFLA International Leadership programme**

The International Leadership Programme is a new, two-year Programme designed to increase the cohort of leaders who can effectively represent the wider library sector in the international arena, and to develop leaders within IFLA. The Programme provides opportunities that IFLA is in the unique position to offer through our global role and reputation and our extensive and diverse framework of activities and expertise.

The Programme will bring participants together at the 2012, 2013 and 2014 IFLA World Library and Information Congresses (WLIC) as the main face-to-face forum. In this dynamic and interactive environment, participants will have direct access to international leaders, and undertake eight days [excluding travel time] of activities including:

seminar and workshop sessions on issues with a global impact led by leaders in the sector and related fields; participation in specified business meetings; attendance at specified professional programme sessions; working within groups to prepare presentations or reports; liaison with Governing Board members; building support networks.

This experience will be reinforced throughout the Programme with attachments to IFLA professional units and working/advisory groups to contribute to projects of direct relevance to IFLA's international agenda and Strategic Plan and Key Initiatives. Participants will learn through practice, and be mentored as they strengthen their skills and knowledge.

The first cohort is expected to begin their participation in the programme at the next IFLA congress in Helsinki, Finland this August.

**Fiona Bradley**  
**ALP Coordinator**

web version: <http://www.ifla.org/en/news/new-ifla-media-and-information-literacy-recommendations>

In cooperation with UNESCO's Information for All Programme (IFAP), the IFLA Information Literacy Section drafted new Media and Information Literacy Recommendations which are now available in several languages.

In December 2011 these recommendations were formally endorsed by the IFLA Governing Board. The recommendations will also be a topic at the international conference of 'Media and Information Literacy for Knowledge Societies' on 24-28 June, 2012, in Moscow, Russia.

**IFLA Webmaster**

### **HQ STAFF Movement**

Ingeborg has decided that the time is right for her to move back into the Dutch cultural/library community, where she is also highly regarded. In August she will take up her new position as Cluster Manager Collections at Aletta E-Quality (inter)national Institute for Women's History and Minority Issues, in Amsterdam. This will also be much closer to home for her than having to travel to The Hague each day.

She has made an excellent contribution to the work of IFLA since joining HQ in 2008.

I wish Ingeborg great success and professional satisfaction in her new position and look forward to when she will be resuming her participation internationally.

Cheers

**Jennefer Nicholson**

## IFLA Presidential Newsletter May 2012

Africa LIS Community is encouraged to continuously visit the President's Newsletter. May issue can be read on this link

Web version: <http://www.ifla.org/en/news/ifla-presidential-newsletter-may-2012>

- News from Asia and Oceania
- Indigenous Knowledges: the 2012 IFLA Presidential Meeting
- News from Latin America and the Caribbean
- News from Africa
- Beyond Access: Libraries powering development
- 23 April: Books on the world stage
- UNESCO World Book Day
- Enhancing the Culture of Reading and Books
- UNESCO World Book Capital 2012
- Building Strong Library Associations Programme
- Botswana Library Association
- Lithuania Librarians' Association
- Ukraine Library Association
- ABADCAM Cameroon
- Lebanese Library Association
- CBP Peru
- New Division Chair
- News from the Governing Board
- New Special Interest Group
- Awards
- IFLA/OCLC Fellows and a farewell to Jay Jordan

**Ingrid Parent**  
**IFLA President 2011-2013**

Dear colleagues,

The IFLA Governing Board has started the selection process for the IFLA World Library and Information Congress 2015 – Region: Africa.

The full Invitation for Expressions of Interest from potential host countries for the IFLA World Library and Information Congress 2015 is now available from the [IFLA web-site](#).

Expressions of interest with all [required information](#) should be submitted by **08 July 2012** to [josche.ouwerkerk@ifla.org](mailto:josche.ouwerkerk@ifla.org)

Please include in the email subject field “Confidential – IFLA WLIC 2015 Expression of Interest”.

Please contact Josche Ouwerkerk, Conference Officer [ [josche.ouwerkerk@ifla.org](mailto:josche.ouwerkerk@ifla.org) ] or Jennefer Nicholson, Secretary General [ [jennefer.nicholson@ifla.org](mailto:jennefer.nicholson@ifla.org) ] if you need any clarification of the EOI process.

National Association Members of IFLA from the following countries are welcome to submit their Expression of Interest:

### Region 1 (South, Central and East)

Angola, Botswana, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea,

Ethiopia, Gabon, Kenya, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mayotte, Mozambique, Namibia, Réunion, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, Somalia, South Africa, Swaziland, Uganda, Tanzania, United Republic of, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

### Region 2 (North & West)

Algeria, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Cote d'Ivoire, Egypt, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Saint Helena, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Togo, Tunisia, Western Sahara.

We look forward to receiving your applications.

**Josche Ouwerkerk**

### Policymakers and Libraries at the 2011 IGF, Kenya

Dear Colleagues,

Last September IFLA, along with EIFL, participated in the Internet Governance Forum (IGF - <http://www.intgovforum.org/cms/>) in Nairobi, Kenya. In addition to attending the plenary sessions and workshops and making interventions on behalf of libraries, IFLA and EIFL representatives also were involved in two particular workshops at the conference. The first workshop, titled “Do policymakers understand the role of libraries in mobilising the Internet as a catalyst for development, innovation and freedom?” was organised by EIFL in connection with their recent research into perceptions of public libraries in Africa (<http://www.eifl.net/perception-study>). This workshop is now available to watch in its entirety on the IGF's YouTube Channel:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/igf#p/u/4/YvqKLC5LP1g>

For those of you unable to spare an hour to watch the full video, the transcript can be found here:

<http://www.intgovforum.org/cms/component/content/article/108-transcripts/837-28-september-2011-ig4d-185-do-policymakers-understand-the-role-of-libraries-in-mobilizing-the-internet-as-a-catalyst-for-development-innovation-and-freedom->

A description of the workshop is here:

<http://www.intgovforum.org/cms/component/chronocontact/?chronoforname=Workshops2011View&wspid=185>

The second workshop, on copyright and the role of intermediaries, should be uploaded to YouTube soon – I will send a note to IFLA-L when it is available.

IFLA and EIFL are continuing to work within the context of the main IGF, which meets this year in Baku, Azerbaijan, as well as at the regional IGFs, beginning with the EuroDIG in Stockholm in June

(<http://www.eurodig.org/>). We have created a 'Dynamic Coalition on Public Access in Libraries' within the IGF which will be active in Baku and beyond. More information on this will also be forthcoming from the IGF Secretariat. For those who are interested in Internet governance issues and the role that libraries can play in them, I strongly recommend that you investigate if a forum exists in your country or region and then get involved.

There is a list of national and regional IGF initiatives here: <http://www.intgovforum.org/cms/regional-igfs>

I will be happy to provide more information about the Dynamic Coalition on Public Access in Libraries, the IGF in general and libraries' activities within it. Please mail me offlist if you are interested.

**Stuart Hamilton**

### **Protection of Cultural Heritage**

Principles of Engagement will guide IFLA in emergency situations The Hague: At its meeting in April, the IFLA Governing Board has endorsed Principles of Engagement in library-related activities in times of crisis, conflict or disaster. The Principles are part of IFLA's Key Initiatives 2011-2012 programme: Cultural Heritage Disaster Reconstruction Programme - Culture is a basic need, a community thrives through its cultural heritage, it dies without it.

Read the Principles of Engagement:

<http://www.ifla.org/en/publications/ifla-principles-of-engagement-in-lib>

**Wiebke Dalhoff**

### **What is African librarianship?**



**from I: Dr Judy Henning (Deputy Executive Director: Library Services), Ms Ellen Tise (Senior Director, Library and Information Services, Stellenbosch University), Dr Buhle Mbambo-Thata (Executive Director: Library), Dr Eddy Maisela Maepa (Deputy Director: Administration and Student Funding, Unisa, Polokwane) and Ms Joyce Gozo (Director: Library Client Services)**

The 5th Annual Unisa/IFLA Regional Office for Africa Public Lecture on 25 May 2012 coincided with the commemoration of Africa Day. The theme for this year's event was African Librarianship in the 21st Century.

Setting the tone for the lecture, Dr Judy Henning, Deputy Executive Director: Library Services quoted the writer Germaine Greer, who once said "Libraries are reservoirs of strength." Dr Buhle Mbambo-Thata, Executive Director: Library Services posed a question relevant to Africa Day: "what does it mean for a knowledge practitioner to contribute to the liberation of the continent?" She added that the lecture afforded information practitioners the opportunity to explore and reflect on the notion of African librarianship.

Ms Ellen Tise, Senior Director: Library and Information Services, Stellenbosch University, delivered a lecture on the topic *African Librarianship: A relic, a fallacy, or an imperative!* She said that there is a need to redefine the concept of African librarianship. "This concept as it was conceptualised and brought to us by the colonial masters needs to be redefined by us as Africans." She said that African librarianship has its bases, realities and context in Africa and she cautioned Africans not to feel inferior about their practice of African librarianship. "The challenge facing African librarianship is keeping up with the technological changes of librarianship and funding. We always have to play catch up with the technological developments." She emphasised the fact that African libraries should encourage oral culture. "This will help us to draw a lot of wealth from our own practices," she concluded.

Responding to the lecture, Dr Eddy Maisela Maepa, Deputy Director: Administration and Student Funding,

Unisa Polokwane, said that in Africanising librarianship, the information practitioners must not throw away practices that have worked for Africans. “We need to revitalise it using the foundations that existed throughout the years so that we have some kind of base to work from. African librarianship has not failed; however, there is a need to tighten other areas to make it work much better. It is important to share African librarianship with the youth.”

At the conclusion of the event, the audience was treated to African poetry read by Natalia Molebatsi, Library Marketing Coordinator.

The event was organised by Lindi Nhlapho, IFLA Regional Manager for Africa.

**Natalia Molebatsi**  
UNISA, SA

## SCHOOL LIBRARIES

Daniel Mangale in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

Daniel Mangale (Kenya) has taken part in the exciting IASL regional meeting <http://www.iasl-online.org/events/regional12/index.htm> here are some news and pictures from his blog: <http://abcprojectkenya.wordpress.com/2012/02/10/news-from-zimbabwe-passion-for-reading-sees-more-libraries/>  
Enjoy them!

Well done, Daniel, Busi, Jerry and ...all!

Best wishes.  
Luisa Marquardt  
Director Europe for IASL



IN PARTNERSHIP



The Zimbabwe Library Association, in conjunction with the International Association of School Librarianship (IASL) – Africa Sub Sahara Region, hosted a Regional School Library Seminar in Bulawayo on 8-9 February 2012. This event was organized so that school librarians, school library media specialists, teacher librarians, library and information science lecturers, university and polytechnic/college librarians, public librarians, library science students and all those interested in school librarianship could meet and learn from each other, and share ideas and aspirations on all aspects of school librarianship in Zimbabwe, Africa and the world over. The theme of the seminar was “*School libraries in the 21st century: learning from each other*”

The 2 day seminar was attended by +70 delegates, 3 from South Africa, 3 from Tanzania, 2 from Kenya, 1 from Sweden and the rest were people from the regions in Zimbabwe. The seminar was very well organised. The organising committee consisted of members of the Zimbabwe Library Association lead by Jerry Mathema; Masiyephambili College was a perfect venue for the seminar.

On day one the seminar was attended by 3 officials from the IFLA Africa Section, namely

- Lindi Nhlapho from the University of South Africa in Pretoria, South Africa,
- Victoria Okojie, Registrar, Librarians' Registration Council of Nigeria (LRCN), Abuja, Nigeria, and
- Margaret Tarpley who is presently working as Liaison Officer and Visiting Librarian at the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary, Ogbomoso, Nigeria but is also associated with the Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, USA.

We felt honoured to have them in our midst. Victoria Okojie, the chairperson of the IFLA Africa Section, gave a short presentation.

We had an interesting speech by the Mayor of Bulawayo who boasted about the number of public libraries which the government is building in townships. Something to ponder on, The Deputy Director from the Provincial Education asked how child friendly is our libraries, still be answered.

The quality of presentations was of high standard. We had a combination of presenters from schools, public libraries, NGOs and universities.

The seminar has come up with resolutions which are being fine tuned by the local organising committee and will be posted on the IASL website.

**Ms Busi Dlamini**  
**Director IASL (International Association of School Librarianship – Africa Sub-Sahara)**

Dear friends and colleagues,

On February 8-9, 2012 a regional school library seminar was held in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. Below is a press release which has been prepared Ms Busi Dlamini, Regional Director IASL (Africa Sub-Sahara Region).

Our African colleagues are working very hard to promote school librarianship in Africa. Step by step there is a growing awareness of its importance and new school libraries are being opened.

One of my objectives by sending you all this E-mail is to congratulate them all on the efforts which they are making and to send them our support. Perhaps you would like to write to Busi also, and to send her your own message of support. You may also wish to publish the Press Release in your own country.

With kind regards,  
Helen Boelens PhD  
ENSIL Foundation



Dear Helen, Busi and other colleagues

Warmest congratulations on this seminar. It is so important for us to engage students with knowledge and reading and to develop their literacies. It's a great initiative.

Warm regards

**Alex Byrne**

## M&E Toolkit for Information Literacy for LIS Practitioners in Africa

Dear LIS colleagues

It is my pleasure to inform you that with the initiative of the British Library for Development Studies and the Research Information Network funds, a workshop was held in Centurion aimed at informing the development and impact measurement of information literacy training in Africa.

Four of us attended from South Africa. Colleagues representative from Africa were from Botswana, Ethiopia, Malawi, Kenya, and Ghana. 5 people were from the UK.

I will keep you posted and let you have access to the first draft upon its receipt during May for all of you to make an input into the final document.

You can check out the progress of work done on this toolkit at following URL.

<http://community.eldis.org/.5acaf9f1>

Kind regards

**Julia Paris**  
**South Africa**

## IN NAIROBI

2012 first half of the year Nairobi was a melting pot for LIS African Community on continental and global issues.

After producing the Draft Treaty on Copyright Exceptions and Limitations for Libraries and Archives (TLIB) IFLA Committee of Copyright and Legal Matter held a copyright conference in Nairobi with its outcome contributing to the WIPO Conference.

The big band was SCECSAL Conference of June 4 – 8 June with saw two resolutions being adopted at the AGM  
RESOLUTION 1: On AfLIA:

[http://www.scecsal.org/resolutions/scecsal2012\\_resolution\\_on\\_AfLIA.pdf](http://www.scecsal.org/resolutions/scecsal2012_resolution_on_AfLIA.pdf)

RESOLUTIONS 2:

[http://www.scecsal.org/resolutions/scecsal2012\\_resolution\\_s.pdf](http://www.scecsal.org/resolutions/scecsal2012_resolution_s.pdf)

During the conference the Regional Office for Africa had an exhibition stand which was well visited. Visit SCECSAL 2012 webpage for further details.

**Lindy Nhlapo, South Africa**



Alim Garga, African Section SC Member was appointed Director of Cameroon Parliament Library at The National Assembly of Cameroon. He also received a certificate of appreciation from the Secretary General, Jennefer Nicholson for the sterling work done as In-country coordinator for BLSA programme.

Africa ululate Alim for making Africa proud and for being a role model to the newly implemented BLSA.

On the same breath, Alim was elected President of ABADCAM [Cameroon Library Association] Join me in congratulating Alim

**Victoria Okojie, PhD, FNLA  
Chair, IFLA Africa Section**

Congratulations Alim! Very happy for this very good news.  
Best wishes.

**Rosemary Gitachu  
Secretary, IFLA Africa Section**

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**Victoria Okojie**

Dear Colleagues,  
In Nairobi we missed a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and toast Victoria's PH. D! If you have missed it her signature now has three little letters "Ph. D"  
Let us celebrate in Helsinki. Congratulations Victoria.

**Buhle Mbambo-Thata**

My congrats from now and extended until we arrive Helsinki!!!!!!!

**Shawky Salem**

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**Maldives Library Association**

Maldives Library Association turned 25 years this year and they envisage to public a book on this wonderful event, add Fathmath Shiham

Congratulations to the Maldives LIS Community, keep on going strong, we need strong library associations!

**Fathmath Shiham  
Republic of Maldives**

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**Happy 15<sup>th</sup> Birthday LIASA!!**

I am delighted to invite you to join us in celebrating 15 years of existence of LIASA. How time flies when you are having fun! LIASA is going from strength to strength.

In this brief period of time LIASA has grown into a strong and vibrant professional association that truly takes the lead and is placing libraries and librarianship in the limelight! LIASA is widely acknowledged for its leadership on the continent and on the global arena. LIASA members are indeed leaders!

**Naomi Haasbroek  
President  
SC Member, Africa Section**

**LIGHTER NOTE**

**Library supercut**

The Greene County (Ohio) Public Library staff used video clips and music from 33 movies and TV shows to create a fun montage (5:24) of libraries in the media. It is well-edited and anchored by a *Sesame Street* episode with Cookie Monster in the library.

Supplied by Peter Burnett  
Head of Library Development  
INASP (International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MAYBhliB82E&feature=youtu.be>

**Sent by Lorrain Grobler, UNISA. South Africa**

Sedgefield, South Africa

27 December 2011

Dear Friends and Colleagues

Thank you for your cards and messages. It's been good to hear from you. We greet you not from Milwaukee but from a warm and sunny South Africa.

We left the USA at the end of June after two and a half interesting and fruitful years, during which Peter taught as a visiting professor in the School of Information Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM), and Monika worked as a volunteer *docent* at the Milwaukee Art Museum. Before leaving we undertook a final, fabulous 3000 mile road trip which took us through parts of six states (Idaho, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, Montana and Oregon). We were deeply impressed with the varied and magnificent scenery, the wide open spaces, the sheer immensity of the country, and the courtesy and hospitality of its inhabitants. Until June, Idaho was potatoes. Now we know a bit more. It's beautiful, a state in which we could imagine ourselves living.

But it was time to return to South Africa. We've left Milwaukee winters behind us and have moved to Sedgefield, a small coastal town situated between George and Knysna on the Garden Route of South Africa's Western Cape Province. This is a beautiful area. Lush green forests and bush clothe our hills and mountains, which are reflected in a string of lakes and estuaries. At this time of year we have our long summer vacation and Sedgefield is filled to bursting with up-country visitors who come to enjoy surfing, lazing on the beaches, fishing, boating and water-skiing, paragliding, bicycling and hiking.

We are not on vacation but have come to live permanently. At the beginning of September we moved into our cottage, which is tiny and in the USA would be called a "cabin". It is situated in a verdant neighbourhood, and has lovely trees but a neglected garden, in which Monika, starved of gardening opportunities when we lived in apartments, is now hard at work. Sorting out and fitting into this small space the belongings that we have acquired in Pretoria, The Hague and Whitefish Bay is a challenge. We have submitted plans for renovations and extensions and once the project has been completed we look forward to reuniting all our belongings and welcoming friends and colleagues to our home.

I am "semi-retired", holding a position as a part-time professor at the University of Pretoria, with research as my main responsibility. I'll also be teaching online as an adjunct instructor at UWM; my course on International and

Comparative Librarianship will be offered there the (northern) spring semester. As I mentioned last year, I'm writing a book on this subject, due to be delivered to the publisher in the coming year. The first five chapters can be found on my blog at <http://peterlor.com/the-book>. During 2010 I presented papers in New Orleans (ALA), Guatemala (IFLA satellite meeting), Puerto Rico (IFLA) and Moscow (UNESCO's Information for All Programme). Other commitments are taking shape for 2012, but my priority is to finish the book first. It will be tough. I have so much material and so much ground to cover.

We've joined the small German Lutheran congregation and have become involved in church activities. I've started attending weekly art classes, joined the Lakes Bird Club, and take part in a local programme to monitor the breeding success of the threatened African Black Oystercatcher. With one thing and another I am as busy as ever. In addition to taking on the garden and the manifold chores arising from our installation here, Monika has resumed her stitchery work. She has joined an exercise group and also sings in a local choir.

Our garden is alive with birds, which often call us away from our work. So far I've recorded a bit over 50 species in, over, and from, the property. At eleven a.m. we take a coffee break. The USA made coffee addicts of us. In the USA we were initially amazed to see so many people going about their business, even attending classes and worship services, with a mug of coffee in one hand. Reasonable coffee can be had in South Africa, but in much smaller cups and mugs. We bought a coffee machine and I'm responsible for operating (and cleaning) it. It's one of the joys of living here to have our coffee outside on the deck, with a view of the birdbath. There is something to be said for being "semi-retired".

The point-and-shoot photos accompanying this letter continue the Library ABC series I started in 2008. The photographs are not great, but they were all (with one exception this year, that of the Johannesburg Public Library) taken by yours truly. They come with my very best wishes for health, success, and above all, peace, in 2010.

**Peter Lor**

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**J** is for **Johannesburg**, South Africa's largest city and its financial and industrial hub. The Johannesburg Public Library (JPL), founded in 1893, acquired its impressive central library building in 1934. During 2009-2011 it was renovated and extended, and its systems were updated with the assistance of the Carnegie Corporation of New York. JPL is said to have been the first public library in South Africa to open up to all races (in 1974). The square in front of the library, known as the Library Gardens (later renamed Beyers Naudé Square in honour of the famous Afrikaner opponent of apartheid) was the scene of notable anti-apartheid demonstrations and protest activities. The building houses over a million books, including the renowned Harold Strange Africana collection.



Image: © City of Johannesburg

**K** is for the **Koninklijke Bibliotheek** the National Library of the Netherlands, in The Hague. The KB, as it is generally known, is one of the world's leading national libraries and is engaged in many innovative activities, i.e. in the areas of digitization and digital preservation. It's located next to the Central Station. This rear view is not the most imposing view, but I chose it because it shows the tram line that passes underneath the building. I travelled on this tram daily when I worked at IFLA, which has its headquarters in the KB building. The blue sky (infrequent in The Hague) is a bonus.



**L** is for the **Biblioteca Medicea Laurenziana**. Named after Lorenzo dei Medici, it is housed in the centre of Florence in a cloister adjacent to the Duomo. The library was built during the years 1523-1571 to a design by Michelangelo. The innovative proportions and use of space were seen in Michelangelo's time as revolutionary. The collection contains over 11,000 manuscripts and 4,500 early printed books which belonged to the Medici family. Pictured here is the reading room. On either side of the central aisle are rows of seats. The back-rests of the seats serve as desks for the seats behind them.



### ALP Project Proposals

The Regional Offices continue to be the coordinators for all ALP projects in Africa. The Regional Offices will continue to provide guidance to and timelines for applicants, and assist them to submit their applications to ALP.

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### MEMBERSHIP NEWS

<http://www.ifla.org/en/news/new-ifla-membership-category-non-salaried-affiliate> [web version]

In order to encourage retired professionals and those in between jobs to participate in IFLA, a new Membership category for Individuals: Non-Salaried Affiliates was introduced

While all benefits are equal to those of Personal Affiliates, the fee is considerably lower (EUR 59 for 2012). Individuals joining in this category or changing over to it will have to confirm that they meet the qualifications and agree to inform IFLA as soon as this status changes.

Please contact our Membership Officer, Tatjana Hoeink [Membership@ifla.org](mailto:Membership@ifla.org) if interested in joining this category



Archival Conference on archiving and digital continuity in the context of e-government in Sub Saharan Africa, University of South Africa, Pretoria (main campus), Senate Hall: 12 – 13 July 2012

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4<sup>th</sup> Unisa Children's Reading Conference: 11-12 September 2012

Sunnyside Campus of the University of South Africa, Pretoria

Prof Thomas van der Walt ([vdwaltb@unisa.ac.za](mailto:vdwaltb@unisa.ac.za))

2<sup>nd</sup> Zimbabwe International Conference on Open Access

Monomotapa Crowne Plaza Hotel, Indaba Room, from 22 - 23 October 2012.

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The Zimbabwe University Libraries Consortium (ZULC)



The Africa Public Libraries Summit on the theme "Informing Africa, Developing Africa", 19 – 21 September 2012

Indaba Hotel, South Africa

<http://www.african-public-libraries-summit.org>.

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