



IFLA ASIA OCEANIA REGIONAL QUARTERLY NEWS

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SPOTLIGHT

Message from IFLA President

Hello everyone,

I am delighted to have this opportunity to introduce myself. I am based in Melbourne, Australia. I have worked in public libraries for over 40 years. My involvement with IFLA started in 2000s. I was a member and later Chair of the Metropolitan Libraries Section. [\[Link\]](#)



Christine Mackenzie
IFLA President

Message from IFLA RSCAO Chair

Dear Colleagues,

It is an honour to be the new Chair of the IFLA Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania (RSCAO) for 2019 – 2021.

I came to know of IFLA as the most prestigious international federation in the library field when I was still a library school student. My passion to get involved in IFLA has grown steadily since my first IFLA Conference in 2010 in Gothenburg, Sweden. [\[Link\]](#)



Tina Yang
Chair, IFLA Regional Standing Committee for Asia & Oceania Section

Message from IFLA Regional Office

Dear Friends,

It was wonderful meeting many of you at WLIC 2019 at Athens in August. In this Issue, we are privileged to feature the welcome statements by our new IFLA President and Chair of the Asia and Oceania Section. I hope you will be better acquainted with them. Enjoy reading.



Soh Lin Li
Manager, IFLA Regional Office For Asia and Oceania



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A dialogue for change brings the transformation of libraries. 3300 delegates from 130 countries participated in the IFLA WLIC in Athens on August 2019. [\[Link\]](#)



IFLA Library Map of the World (LMW) started as an initiative in 2017 to collect and visualise basic library statistics. In 2018, it became a resource to access library-related SDG stories. To date, more than 190 contributing organisations from 166 countries and areas of the world have engaged in the LMW project. [\[Link\]](#)



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The IFLA Strategy 2019 – 2024 is a vital step of IFLA's transformation. IFLA's vision in this strategy is have a strong and united library field powering literate, informed and participative societies, centering on its mission to inspire, engage, enable and connect the global library field. [\[Link\]](#)



The Asia and Oceania Meeting Regional Standing Committee (SC) I & II were held at IFLA WLIC 2019 in Athens. Sanjay chaired the meetings. Ms Tina Yang, new Chair and Ms Nor Edzan Che Nasir new Secretary for 2019-2021 led the discussions during the SC II Meeting. [\[Link\]](#) [\[Link\]](#)



Ms Allison Dobbie, Keynote Speaker presented on "Library leaders: creating, inspiring, empowering our future leaders" during the Section's Open Session. There were 5 full-paper presentations and 3 Lightning Talks on the theme "Create Spaces – Inspire Dialogue – Empower Community". [\[Link\]](#)



What is trending in the region?

China: The International Symposium on "Libraries keeping pace with the times" was held at the National Library of China on 9 – 10 September 2019. [\[Link\]](#)



China: The 2019 Chinese Library Annual Conference on "Transformation and Development of Library in the New Era: Balance, Integration, Intelligence", was held in Ordos City, Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region on 21 and 22 August 2019. [\[Link\]](#)



Indonesia: Indonesian Library Association (ILA) organised its first National Meeting combined with the National Scientific Seminar in Batam, Riau Islands Province, 7 – 10 July 2019. [\[Link\]](#)



New Zealand: New Zealand created a new children's library "anthem" with celebrating libraries as community spaces. It was made with Creative NZ funding. [\[Link\]](#)



Image is extracted from video clip.

Qatar: The extensive Preservation and Conservation (PAC) has a wide range of expertise concerning PAC as well as safeguarding cultural heritage. To celebrate the Qatar-Russia Year of Culture, the two PAC in Qatar and Moscow met to exchange experience and knowledge. [\[Link\]](#)

