



# LTR Newsletter July 2009

IFLA Standing Committee on Library Theory and Research  
(International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions)

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## Welcome to Milan IFLA Congress 2009



**"Libraries create futures:  
Building on cultural  
heritage"**

**23-27 August 2009, Milan, Italy**

The World Library and Information Congress 2009, 75th IFLA General Conference and Assembly, will take place in the Fiera [Milano Convention Centre](#) (MIC), Milan, Italy.



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MILANO CONVENTION CENTRE

The entrance to the MIC is located on the Via Giovanni Gattamelata 5.

## Word from the Chair

This years IFLA will be an active one for the LTR-section. We are starting already on Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of August with a 2 days satellite conference in Torino on libraries as spaces and places. I hope to see many of you at that preconference. The preconference is a joint undertaking with the sections on public libraries, library buildings, management and marketing and special libraries. Our ordinary session during the conference is devoted to research into open access - one of the hottest issues in information politics at the moment. We have tried to stimulate students in library and information science to submit papers for this session in the form of a student competition. We received a number of interesting and high quality papers from students. Unfortunately, however, only one paper could win. I am happy to congratulate Kiran Kaur from Malaysia! Contact has been established with the section for the management of library associations regarding next year's conference in Brisbane, Australia. We plan to cooperate on a session focusing on research agendas for the library and information science that can be used to guide strategic directions in libraries and the profession and in turn be guided by those directions. At our business meeting on Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August, new officers – chair, secretary, treasurer and information officer – shall be elected. I take this opportunity to thank you all for fruitful cooperation during the years I have been chairing the section. See you in Torino and Milan!



Ragnar Audunson, Chairman

## Prepare yourself for Italy: read!

Attending the 75th IFLA General Conference and Assembly in Milan, Italy? Be sure to have a look at the following article: **Libraries in Italy: a brief overview** by Mauro Guerrini with the collaboration of Giovanna Frigimelica.

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The Italian library network is complex and difficult to explain. This article reports some characteristics of this system, that comprises State, university, special, public, school and ecclesiastical libraries, foundations and privately owned structures. An overview of the main historical features is given, as well as present-day major trends, such as education, legislation, new library projects, etc.



Concludes with proposals for new national services. IFLA Journal latest issue: Volume 35, No. 2 (June 2009) available at: <http://archive.ifla.org/IV/iflaj/IFLA-Journal-2-2009.pdf>

## IFLA 2009 Congress sessions and activities

### Satellite Conference Libraries as Place and Space

Venue: Torino: University Library of Torino, Piazza Carlo Alberto 3.

Dates: from Wednesday 19 August, 14.00 hrs, to Friday 21 August 2009, 12.30 hrs.

Organized by Section 2 Academic and Research Libraries, Section 8 Public Libraries, Section 24 Library Theory and Research, Section 20 Library Buildings and Equipment, Section 34 Management and Marketing Section and with the generous assistance of the Regione Piemonte, Biblioteche Civiche Torinesi (Turin Public Libraries), Biblioteca Nazionale Universitaria di Torino and AIB Piemonte (Regional part of the Italian Library Association)

It will be held in Torino, Italy, and is generously hosted by the University of Torino. There is an excellent program of cultural and library visits and a conference dinner. A post conference tour at delegates own expense has been organised to Stresa at Lake Maggiore before going to Milan on Saturday 22 August.

Information

[http://www.ifla2009.it/web/eventi/ifla\\_preconference\\_to\\_rino.htm](http://www.ifla2009.it/web/eventi/ifla_preconference_to_rino.htm)

We look forward to welcoming you in Turin and our thanks go to Rossana Morriello for coordinating the conference in Torino and Marydee Ojala for handling all the papers and communicating with our eminent speakers.

*John Lake*

Chair of Section 8 of IFLA Public Libraries Standing Committee and Secretary of the Division III Libraries Serving the General Public

### IFLA Milan: Monday 24 August, 16.00-18.00 hrs

#### Session 105: Library Theory and Research

A call for papers was published:

<http://archive.ifla.org/IV/ifla75/call-theory-en.htm>

### Research into open access

- [Open Access Initiatives in Academic Libraries : Challenge to the User](#)  
KAUR KIRAN (University of Malaya, Malaysia) and YIP PING CHIA (University Tunku Abdul Rahman, Malaysia)
- [Subject Librarians' Perceptions of the Institutional Repository as an Information Source](#)  
JAMES T. REVELL (University of Waikato, Hamilton, New Zealand) and DAN DORNER (Victoria University, Wellington, New Zealand)
- [Citation impact of open access IFLA Annual Conference papers: a methodological approach](#)  
KAYVAN KOUSHA (University of Teheran, Teheran, Iran) and MAHSHID ABDOLI (National Library & Archives, Teheran, Iran)
- [The challenges of advocating for open access through institutional repository building: experiences from Makerere University, Uganda](#)  
MIRIAM KAKAI (Makerere University Library, Mampala, Uganda)

## LTR AWARD BEST STUDENT PAPER

Kiran Kaur from University of Malaya, Malaysia, is the winner of the BEST LTR STUDENT PAPER AWARD, for a paper entitled "Open Access Initiatives in Academic Libraries: Challenge to the User", coauthored with Yip Ping Chia from University Tunku Abdul Rahman, Malaysia. *Congratulations!*



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## News from IFLA Division VII, Professional Committee and Governing Board

### Elections

Ingrid Parent (Canada) is elected to serve as President-elect for the term 2009-2011 and to serve as President for the term 2011-2013.

Elected for the Governing Board 2009-2011

1. Jesús Lau (Mexico) (2<sup>nd</sup> term)
2. Sinikka Sipilä (Finland) (2<sup>nd</sup> term)
3. Barbara Schleihaugen (Germany) (2<sup>nd</sup> term)
4. Helena Asamoah-Hassan (Ghana) (2<sup>nd</sup> term)
5. Danielle Mincio (Switzerland) (2<sup>nd</sup> term)
6. Qiang Zhu (China)
7. Tone Eli Moseid (Norway)
8. Donna Scheeder (United States)
9. Paul Whitney (Canada)
10. Pascal Sanz (France) (2<sup>nd</sup> term)

### Professional Committee supported projects 2008:

1. Guidelines for Library to Library Development Partnerships/Academic and Research Libraries Section
2. Guidelines for Government Libraries/Government Libraries Section
3. Caterpillar Project/Public Library Section
4. IFLA/UNESCO Public Library Guidelines-Revising/e-book/Public Library Section
5. Revision Guidelines Library Services for young adults/Library Services for Children and Young Adults Section
6. Multicultural Communities: Guidelines for Library Services/Library Services to Multicultural Communities
7. Functional Requirements for Subject Authority Records (FRSAR)/Working Group, Division 4- Bibliographic Control
8. IME ICC (IFLA Meeting of Experts on an International Cataloguing Code)/Division 4- Bibliographic Control
9. Guidelines for National Bibliographies in the Digital Era/Bibliography Section
10. Global Statistics/Statistics and Evaluation Section
11. CCAAA UNESCO World Day for Audiovisual Heritage/Audiovisual and Multimedia Section
12. International Guidelines for Equivalency and Reciprocity of Qualifications for LIS Professionals/ Division 7- Education and Training
13. Information Literacy Marketing/Information Toolkit/ Information Literacy Section

<http://www.ifla.org/files/hq/professional-committee/ifla-pc-projects-2008.pdf>

## Some notes on the IFLA GB and PC meetings April 2009

General matters:

During the GB meeting the new website has been launched .

There is also a new web-based membership management system.

IFLA HQ is preparing the training package 'Building Strong Library Associations' with an

expectation of completion by October 2009. This package, which is a response to a need from library professionals in countries with underdeveloped or non-existent associations, will contain four core modules that cover everything from the practical administration of an association to getting libraries on the agenda in a country. Although this is good development for IFLA, the financial crisis has captured the main discussion of the GB with a risk analysis illustrated by the Financial committee. One risk is the Congress, starting from next one: WLIC Milan 2009. Financing from institutions is necessary, together with promotion to librarians.

Presidential Theme and Strategy

Advocacy is strategic and libraries are to be promoted as social actors. President-elect's program statement "Libraries driving access to knowledge" expands the previous Claudia Lux focus on advocacy, stimulating libraries to drive the change. All the IFLA Sections and Activities should be involved to support this strategic approach. A strategic approach must also be taken in the areas of Political and Community Advocacy. IFLA's work in these areas will continue to be done through policy development in the core activities and sections, for example to guide the work of CLM or FAIFE Committee members in forums such as WIPO or IGF, or IFLA's MLAS members at a national level.

Convergence issues

One of the main technical challenge is the convergence issue in LAMMS – Libraries, Archives, Museums, Monuments and Sites. An International NGO has been created discussing: What convergence is; what IFLA can do? In practice, every one in the NGO was coming with ideas and initiatives at international level.

The IFLA Professional Committee meeting has been mainly devoted to the Congresses.

Milan 2009: During IFLA Milan 2009, the new professional structure will start, with the election of SC Officers during the first meeting. Newly elected SC



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should be present on this first meeting. The Leadership Forum (23 Aug) will guide the new Division Chairs, with the mentoring of previous Chairs, preparing an Agenda and a Calendar for the year. During the Officers Session (24 Aug morning), information will be given on financial training and Web editing. Information Officers can be the Web editors or an other person and Web editors guidelines will be ready in May. During the Milan Conference, on 25<sup>th</sup> August, a Digital Library Offsite Session has been planned, with invited participants selected by the Sections. The aim is to start a brainstorming and stimulate a strategy for digital library, based on users approach.

Brisbane 2010: The Satellite meetings in Brisbane 2010 have been approved. Some suggestions were: joint registration of Satellite and IFLA Conference, post the Satellite in IFLA Website, stimulate joint registration, choose the same location to avoid extra flights and encourage people to participate in both. In case of only one day Satellite, it is preferable to do an offsite meeting.

*Anna Maria Tammaro*  
Chair Division VII

## Poster Presentations IFLA/WLIC 2009

Poster sessions will be held from 12:00 to 14:00 on Tuesday, 25 August and Wednesday, 26 August  
For an overview:  
<http://www.ifla.org/annual-conference/ifla75/poster-sessions.htm>

## New IFLA Publications

### Library Statistics for the 21st Century World

Ed. by Michael Heaney

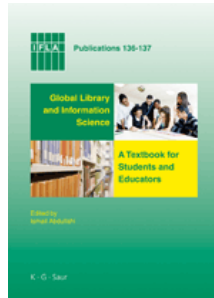
Publisher's link: [Library Statistics for the 21st Century World](#); IFLA Publications Series 138; ISBN 978-3-598-22043-2



An international collaboration between IFLA, the UNESCO Institute of Statistics and the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) has developed standards for new library indicators for the twenty-first century. The existing international library statistics were developed nearly 40 years ago. This book presents the first results using the new statistics, and look forward to the next steps. It also contains other

initiatives and developments in the fields of library statistics, benchmarking and indicators.

### Global Library and Information Science - a Textbook for Students and Educators



Ed. by Ismaïl Abdullahi  
Series: IFLA Publications Series 136/137

Publisher's link: [Global Library and Information Science - a Textbook for Students and Educators](#)

ISBN 978-3-598-22042-5

This book presents international librarianship and library science

through insightful and well written chapters contributed by experts and scholars from six regions of the world. The role of public, academic, special, school libraries, as well as library and information science education are presented from the early development to the present time. Its lively, readable approach will help the reader to understand librarianship in Africa, Asia, Australia and New Zealand, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, the Middle East, and North America.

This book is a must-read by library science students and teachers, librarians, and anyone interested in Global Librarianship.



### 2008 IFLA Annual Report

2008 was a full and busy year for IFLA in all areas of our work. It saw changes in HQ staff, prepared the ground for future changes in its professional structure, strengthened the capacity to represent the library and

information community by creating a consistent advocacy framework and set the basis for improving internal and external communication.

Read all about this exciting year in [IFLA's 2008 Annual Report](#)  
ISBN 978-90-77897-37-9

## Presidential Theme: Libraries on the Agenda 2009

### Monday 13.45-14.45

Session 97: Presidential Working Group on Guidelines for Digital Libraries  
**Presentation of the Draft Guidelines for Digital Libraries**

### Tuesday, 09.30-12.45

Session 122: **President-Elect Brainstorm Session**  
Ellen Tise, President-Elect

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**NOTICE! NOTICE! NOTICE! NOTICE!**

## Agenda for Standing Committee Meetings Library Theory and Research Section

Saturday, 22 August 2009, 11.30 – 14.20  
Thursday, 27 August 2009, 11.30 – 13.00

1. Welcome to all, Introductions  
Apologies  
Adoption of Agenda
2. Election of SC officers for 2009-2011
3. Confirmation of Minutes of previous meetings and business arising not elsewhere covered in Agenda  
<http://www.ifla.org/files/library-theory-and-research/minutes/minutes2008.pdf>

Library History SIG

<http://www.ifla.org/en/library-history>

4. IFLA business at Milan conference  
PC and CB business arising from meetings
5. Torino satellite event report  
**Libraries as Space and Place**, co-sponsored by IFLA's sections on Public libraries, Library buildings and equipment, Library theory and research, Management and marketing, and Academic and research libraries, held 19-21 August 2009.
6. Milan conference LTR-session  
**Research into open access**  
Monday 24 August, 16.00-18.00 hrs
7. LTR Strategic Plan 2010  
Draft document  
(Former plan:  
<http://archive.ifla.org/VII/s24/annual/sp24-07.htm>)
8. Financial report
9. Annual report
10. Project status  
Bob Underwood  
Ragnar Audunson  
Terry Weech
11. Future conference planning

**2010**



[World Library and Information Congress: 76th IFLA General Conference and Assembly](#)

**Theme:** "Libraries: Engaging, Embracing, Empowering"  
Brisbane, Australia, 14-19 August

**2011**



[World Library and Information Congress: 77th IFLA General Conference and Assembly](#)

**Theme:** "Libraries beyond libraries: Integration, Innovation and Information for all"  
San Juan, Puerto Rico, 13-18 August

12. Other business
13. Close of business

## Minutes for Standing Committee, Library Theory and Research Section Meetings 2008 Quebec City, Canada

### I. Saturday 16 August 2008

Present: Ragnar Audunson – chair; Marydee Ojala – Secretary/Treasurer; Marian Koren – Information Officer; Helen Partridge; Ann Curry; Lynn Silipigni Connaway; Michael Seadle; Terry Weech  
Observers: Xiaolin Zhang (representing Jingli Chu); Catherine Closet-Ciene; Ahmed Ksibi  
Apologies: Bidy Fisher

1. The Chair, Ragnar Audunson, welcomed all to the first Standing Committee meeting of Library Theory and Research Section at the IFLA Quebec conference. The agenda as set in the LTR Newsletter July 2008 was adopted.

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2. The Minutes of the SC meetings in Durban on the 18th and 24th of August 2008 were accepted.

3. Ragnar reported on the Coordinating Board VII meeting held on the 15th of August. In addition to a review of Sections' programming during the Quebec conference and plans for future conferences, information regarding the IFLA restructuring was presented. Division VII will become Division IV. There will be some reshuffling of membership to reflect the change from eight Divisions to four.

4. The LTR session in Quebec, titled "Libraries as Place and Space: Theoretical Approaches," is scheduled for Monday from 13.45 to 15.45. We had a huge response to our call for papers. We accepted eight, but only seven presenters are in Quebec. Most of the papers are available in full text on the IFLA website. LTR is also co-sponsoring, with Management & Marketing and Statistics & Evaluation, a session on Tuesday morning titled "Managing Libraries in a Changing Environment."

5. The Strategic Plan for 2007-2008 was completed and is on the IFLA website.

6. Communication: Marian Koren was commended for producing the LTR Newsletter efficiently and with high quality. We should look at possibilities for including young researchers in the newsletter and investigate incorporating interactive technologies, such as video, into the newsletter, since it is distributed electronically. There seem to be some technical issues with the LTR listserv. Marian Koren will investigate.

7. Financial report: Thus far, no monies have been spent. Before the end of the year, however, we may allocate administrative funds for promoting the student competition.

8. Ragnar's project on professional norms is slightly delayed. A contribution from Africa won't be ready until later this year. Ann Curry and Terry Weech are working on a chapter about the US and Canada, which should be ready by November. All other chapters are completed.

New projects on research agendas could turn into a publication. The issues of library research agendas and government priorities are very important and worth investigating.

9. Future conferences: The LTR theme for the Milan conference is Open Access. We will have a student competition. We will also issue a standard call for papers. We want to focus on research into open

access, both theoretical and empirical, not on research published as open access or on opinions about open access. Research on open access could include copyright, financial management, preservation, legal aspects, social conventions, cultural aspects, and policy issues. The student competition and the call for papers will be managed by Helen Partridge.

## **II Friday, 24 August 2008**

### **Quebec City, Canada**

Present: Marydee Ojala – Secretary/Treasurer; Marian Koren – Information Officer; Ann Curry; Helen Partridge; Michael Seadle; Terry Weech; Lynn Silipigni Connaway; Eileen Breen  
Apologies: Ragnar Audunson  
Observers: Elke Greifeneder, Petra Hauka, Kerry Smith

1. In the absence of the Chair, the meeting was opened by the Secretary/Treasurer, Marydee Ojala.

2. Review of LTR sessions in Quebec: The LTR session on "Theoretical approaches to research on libraries as space and place" was extremely successful, filling the room with almost 500 people in attendance. The Committee thanked Eileen Breen for creating a leaflet promoting the session and recommended doing something similar for the 2009 conference. The paper by Trudi Bellardo Hahn and Heather Jackson on "The library as sacred place" was designated as the best paper.

The session on "Managing libraries in a changing environment," co-sponsored by LTR with Management and Marketing and Statistics and Evaluation sections was also a success, attracting several hundred people.

3. Communication: Some members have not been receiving messages sent via the discussion list. Marian Koren will follow up with the membership office to resolve this problem. Terry Weech will check that contact information for SC members is correct and will send an updated list to Marydee Ojala.

4. Financial: Ragnar Audunson confirmed with Sjoerd Koopman that we can use some of the allotted SC moneys to fund student travel to Milan.

5. Projects: Kerry Smith will follow up on Bob Usherwood's project. All the data was submitted to Bob, but to date the final report has not been written. Terry Weech and Ann Curry will be responsible for the U.S. and Canadian portions of Ragnar Audunson's professional norms project. They will look at the principal actors in the various associations in their respective countries to identify activities that line up

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with the IFLA pillars, but will not do surveys. Their contributions are scheduled to be finished by November. Project money will be spent on this. A new project concerning research on mentoring for new professionals was proposed by Terry Weech, Helen Partridge and Lynn Silipigni Connaway. Ann Curry's project on policy will be on the programme in Brisbane.

6. Milan 2009 conference: LTR will have a satellite event preceding the Milan conference. The co-sponsors will be Public libraries, Library buildings and equipment, Management and marketing, and Academic and research libraries. The venue will be Turin and the topic will be "Libraries as Space and Place".

For the 2-hour session in Milan, the topic will be Open Access. Helen Partridge will write the call for papers and chair the review committee. Students will be invited to submit papers, with the understanding that if their paper is accepted, they must attend the conference and present it.

7. Brisbane 2010 conference: The topic for the LTR session will be on the research agenda for library and information science. This is a policy issue, so input from government officials will be solicited. If LTR partners with another section, it could have a 4-hour block of time.

8. San Juan 2011 conference: Tentatively, LTR will look at a session extending the idea of national research agendas for LIS.

9. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 13.00.

Respectfully submitted,  
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