



IFLA Core Activity for Preservation and Conservation (PAC)

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A – REORGANISATION AND MANAGEMENT

1. INTERNATIONAL FOCAL POINT

- Virginie Kremp was re-appointed Programme Officer in replacement of Ania Zalenskaia (January 2).
- The office in Paris moved to the new premises of the Bibliothèque nationale de France at Tolbiac: May 4, 2000. New address: Quai François Mauriac – 75706 Paris cedex 13 – Tel: +33 (0) 1-53-79-59-70 – Fax +33 (0) 1-53-79-59-80 – E-mail: marie-therese.varlamoff@bnf.fr
- The office in Paris was closed for more than 4 weeks because of a fire outside the BnF.

2. REGIONAL CENTRES

- Mark Roosa was appointed Director for Preservation at the Library of Congress and became officially the Director of the PAC Centre in Washington.

3. ANNUAL MEETING OF PAC DIRECTORS

The meeting scheduled in Paris after the Post Conference (Symposium) could not be held because most directors were not able to attend.

B – ACTIVITIES

1. PUBLICATIONS

→ International Preservation News

Two issues of IPN have been published

- N° 21 – May 2000
- N° 22-23 – August –December 2000

→ International Preservation Issues

- “IFLA Principles on the Care and Handling of Library Material” have been translated into Spanish “*IFLA Principios para el cuidado y manejo de material de bibliotecas*” by the Centro Nacional de Conservación y Restauración (DIBAM) in Santiago de Chile.

They were also translated into Polish “*Ochrona i przechowywanie zbiorów*” by the Library of the University of Wrocław and into Slovenian “*IFLA načela za hrambo knjižničnega gradiva in za ravnanje z njim*» by the Faculty of Philosophy of the University of Ljubljana and into Japanese.

Publications of the translations into Portuguese, French and Greek are still in process.

- “IFLA / UNESCO Survey on digitisation and preservation” was translated into French “*Enquête sur la numérisation et la préservation*”. It is available from UNESCO HQ in Paris.

→ **A reader in Preservation and Conservation**

Compiled and edited by Ralph W. Manning and Virginie Kremp under the auspices of the IFLA Section on Preservation and Conservation. IFLA Publications 91. München: K.G.Saur, 2000.

→ **CD ROM**

The bilingual English-French, CD ROM “Safeguarding our Documentary Heritage”, “Conservation préventive du patrimoine documentaire” was published (3000 copies) and has since been largely distributed on request.

Contacts were taken to have it translated into Spanish (Colima) and Portuguese (Rio de Janeiro).

→ **ARTICLES**

Chroniques de la BnF – n° 11 – July-September 2000: “Le Bouclier Bleu”
Courrier de l’UNESCO

2. **JICPA** (Joint IFLA/ ICA Committee on Preservation in Africa)

The annual meeting took place in Rabat (Morocco) – 29 January – 3 February

B. Alegbeleye nominated in August 1999 Chair of Division VII said he was now too busy to remain JICPA co-ordinator for training activities.

Funding remains a problem. There is no DANIDA money left for 2001.

Several publications have been delayed (JICPA brochure, Who’s who in preservation in Africa, Preservation Bibliography).

South Africa has hosted a reformatting workshop and invited JICPA in Cape Town in February 2001.

F. Afanou was asked to resign as JICPA president because he has retired from the University Library in Lomé. M. Benjelloun from ESI (Morocco) accepted to succeed him.

There was a meeting between the Secretary General Musila Musembi and MTV in Manzanillo (Mexico) to discuss JICPA issues, especially priorities and fund raising. It was decided to invite to the next meeting only the members who had taken an active part in the development of the Committee.

The future of JICPA seems uncertain both because of lack of funding and lack of commitment.

3. **BLUE SHIELD**

• **ICBS (International Committee of the Blue Shield) meetings**

Three meetings took place in 2000 plus a two-day meeting in Strasbourg where a charter was designed. So far no formal statutes are envisaged and each NGO should be responsible to put information concerning Blue Shield on its own website.

• **National Blue Shield Committees**

A Dutch Blue Shield Committee was set up. The Hague, 27-28 June 2000

Several meetings were held in Paris to review the draft statutes of the future French Blue Shield Committee.

- **Promotion of Blue Shield**

MTV presented the Blue Shield five times:

- San Antonio (ALA Midwinter Conference) January 2000,
- Venice – March 2000,
- Manzanillo (Mexico) Memory of the World International Conference - September 2000,
- Habana (Cuba) ABINIA – October 2000,
- Draguignan (France) Prévention 2000 – November 2000.

- **Publications on the Blue Shield by MTV**

- In Chroniques
- In “Disaster and After”, Proceedings

4. STANDARDISATION

MTV is a member of two AFNOR (French Standards Associations) working groups.

- Requirements for the preservation of library materials when exhibited
- Assessment methods to determine the state of preservation of archives and library materials

MTV participated to seven meetings.

The draft standard on exhibitions has been completed, sent to external experts for comments and approval. The final version is to be published in 2001.

5. UNESCO CONTRACTS

- An Inventory of digitised collection has been implemented in the framework of “MOW” Programme as the follow-up of the IFLA/UNESCO survey on digitised collections. First started in collaboration with UAP the inventory will be updated by PAC and Aziz Abid’s office at UNESCO.

- CD ROM “Safeguarding the Documentary Heritage”. Completed in April 2000. (Cf.B.1)

6. CONFERENCES

PAC has been involved in the preparation and organisation of the following conferences:

- ***Symposium “Managing the Preservation of Periodicals and Newspapers*** – Paris, BnF – 21-24 August 2000. The post symposium was co-organised by the BnF and IFLA (Section on Preservation and Conservation, PAC Programme, Section on Serial Publications, Round Table on Newspapers). The organising committee was chaired by IFLA PAC and around 20 preliminary meetings were held. The symposium gathered 180 participants from 40 countries and was a great success. The proceedings should be published by the end of 2001.
- ***“Disaster Prevention in Cultural Heritage Storage Areas”***. Draguignan (France) 7-10 November 2000. International Congress organised by the Centre Archéologique du Var (CNRS) with the support of UNESCO, ICBS, and the French Ministry of Culture. Several meetings took place to define themes and select speakers. PAC represented IFLA within ICBS and MTV delivered a presentation on ICBS. 133 participants from 15 countries attended. Proceedings to be published later in 2001.

C - CO-OPERATION

→ With the BnF

- MTV participated to the numerous meetings organised to establish the emergency plan.
- Symposium (see B.6)

→ With PAC regional Centres

(Cf. F-Activities from Regional Centres)

→ **With NGOs**

- *ICA (International Council of Archives)*
 - ICBS (International Committee of the Blue Shield)
 - JICPA (Joint IFLA /ICA Committee for Preservation in Africa)
- *ICOM (International Council of Museums)*
 - ICBS
- *ICOMOS (International Council on Monuments and Sites)*
 - ICBS

→ **With UNESCO**

CD ROM “Safeguarding our Documentary Heritage” (see B.1)

Inventory of digitised collections (see B.5)

→ **Ministère de la Culture et de la Communication / Mission de la Recherche et de la Technologie (France)**

CD ROM “safeguarding our Documentary Heritage” (see B.1)

→ **Within IFLA**

- *UAP*: UNESCO contract on digitised collections + Inventory of digitised collections (see B.5)
- *ALP*: JICPA (see B.2)
- *UDT*: updating information on PAC and mounting the contents of IFLA publications on the IFLANET
- *Section on preservation and Conservation, Section on serial publications, Round table on newspapers*: Symposium “Managing the Preservation of Periodicals and Newspapers”. (see B.6)
- *Division VI*: “Reader on Preservation” (see B.1)

D – PARTICIPATION TO CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

PLACE	DATE	OBJECT	WHO
SAN ANTONIO	14-18 January	ALA Midwinter conference (ICBS)	MTV
RABAT (<i>Morocco</i>)	31 January – 3 February	JICPA	MTV
TOURS	14 February	AFNOR	MTV
LA HAYE	1-22 March	EB-PB –Core Programmes meeting	MTV
VENICE (<i>Italy</i>)	30 March – 2 April	Conference ICBS: War and Cultural Heritage	MTV
STRASBOURG (<i>France</i>)	12-14 April	ICBS	MTV
THE HAGUE	27-28 June	Dutch Blue Shield Committee	MTV VK
JERUSALEM	11-18 August	IFLA Annual Conference	VK
PARIS	21-24 August	SYMPOSIUM IFLA	MTV VK
MANZANILLO (<i>Mexico</i>)	25 September – 3 October	MOW International Conference	MTV
HABANA (<i>Cuba</i>)	14-22 October	ABINIA	MTV
DRAGUIGNAN (<i>France</i>)	6-10 November	Prévention 2000 (ICBS)	MTV
THE HAGUE	6-7 December	EB-PB-Core Programmes meeting	MTV

E- VISITORS AND INTERN

- Ross Shimmon (23/02)
- Sjoerd Koopman (29/05)
- Marietou Dongue Diop (Dakar)
- Claude Laroque (Paris I –University) (13/09)
- Alain Godonou
- Jean-Marie Arnoult

• Theresa Maria Petosa served as PAC's intern for 3 months (October – December 2000) and worked on ICBS (funding, donors, website, co-operation with other similar organisations, etc...). She collected a great amount of information. Her opinion is that it will be very difficult to interest donors and raise funds unless ICBS gets a legal legitimacy (statutes, secretariat, location, etc...). She will keep contact with PAC for further development.

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PAC home page: <http://www.ifla.org/VI/4/pac.htm>