



FROM THE CHAIR

Welcome new and continuing IFLA Social Sciences Libraries Standing Committee (SSLSC) members! We have fifteen members this year – five continuing members and ten new members. It is great to have such a large new group! We have another exciting year ahead of us and I look forward to working with all of you in the coming months.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the IFLA World Library and Information Congress in San Juan, Puerto Rico this past August. For those of you who were not able to attend, our section sponsored a successful congress program entitled, ***Libraries Beyond Libraries: Integration, Innovation, and Information for All***, which continued the section's work related to inter-disciplinarity in the social sciences. Additionally, before the IFLA Congress in San Juan, our section sponsored a very successful satellite pre-conference in Havana, Cuba, entitled, "Social Sciences Libraries: A Bridge to Information for Sustainable Development." The satellite pre-conference was held at the Biblioteca Nacional de Cuba José Martí and attended by approximately 90 librarians from all over the world. We owe a big thanks to event's two organizers, Lynne Rudasill, past SSLSC Chair, and Maria-Elena Dorta-Duque, new SSLSC secretary, for their extraordinary

efforts organizing the satellite. Lynne and Maria worked very hard to put together a lively, inspirational and well-organized event. Thanks are also in order to the satellite conference's gracious Cuban hosts for being so welcoming to all the attendees. Related to the satellite conference, the SSLSC would like to edit a book related to the satellite's papers and are examining ways to proceed with this project.

Another exciting project the SSLSC is working on is creating a new special interest group (SIG) affiliated with our section. The new SIG, Religions in Dialogue (Relindial), was proposed by SSLSC member Odile Dupont and the SSLSC has been working with Odile as well as the Division I Chair and the IFLA Professional Committee to establish the SIG. The SSLSC will continue its efforts this year to meet the Professional Committee's recommendations for establishing the SIG.

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We are in the process of preparing for our next congress program this coming August in Helsinki, Finland entitled "*Empowering Library Users to Solve Problems: Our Stories*". A call for papers has been issued and is also published here. (Page 13) Please consider submitting a paper proposal!

As the new chair of the section I would like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing section chair, Lynne Rudasill, for all her hard work and initiative the past few years. Lynne has been an excellent leader and is now serving as our Division 1 leader, representing our section's (as well as other Division 1 section's) interests on the Professional Committee. I would also like to welcome our newly elected section secretary, Maria-Elena Dorta-Duque to her new role. Maria-Elena has been a very active member in the section and I am sure she will continue to serve us well in her new capacity.

I hope to see you all in Helsinki!

Liz Cooper

**Chair, Social Sciences Libraries
Standing Committee**



*[Unless otherwise noted photos from
Editor, Wilda Newman]*

Social Science Libraries Section Satellite Conference Havana, Cuba 8-10 August 2011

Social Science Libraries: A Bridge to Knowledge for Sustainable Development



The Social
Science
Libraries
Section (SSLS)
of the
International
Federation of

Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) sponsored a satellite conference, *Social Science Libraries: A Bridge to Knowledge for Sustainable Development*, in Havana, Cuba from August 8 through August 10, 2011. The conference was held at the Biblioteca Nacional de Cuba José Martí. Approximately 90 librarians and library workers were in attendance including 60 from Cuba, 20 from other countries, and 10 from the organizing committee. In addition to Cuba, individuals came from China, Greece, Mexico, Spain, Uruguay and the United States to present papers on topics that included digital libraries, open access to information, and related concepts. Individuals from Mexico and Switzerland also attended the conference. Webpages were provided in English and Spanish that included a call for papers, the eventual program, a link to the text of the papers and information on registration, travel and lodging. These pages can be found at <http://www.library.illinois.edu/cgs/IFLA/>.

In addition to welcome remarks from SSSLs and ASCUBI (The Association of Cuban Libraries),



[IFLA SSSL Cuba Satellite Opening Day]

remarks from the UNESCO Regional Office for Culture in Latin America and the Caribbean, the Ministry for Informatics and Communication, and the National Library were provided. A total of thirteen papers, two workshops, and thirteen posters comprised the main body of the



[IFLA SSSL Cuba Dinner Hotel Nacional]

Program. Papers are available through the IDEALS institutional repository at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign at <http://www.ideals.illinois.edu/handle/2142/25649>. The committee is still seeking an appropriate repository for the posters and poster abstracts from the conference. This will most likely be linked off of the SSSL page within the IFLA website <http://www.ifla.org>.

Within the first month since the conference was held, there had been over 280 downloads of the papers from the event.

As important as the new knowledge from these papers and posters is, it is also important to provide attendees both an introduction to the culture of the host country and to provide an opportunity for the individuals to get to know one another and discuss a variety of library-related issues. This was accomplished through several tours – the José Martí Memorial, the Municipal Library, the Museum of Literacy, and Old Havana – and social events. The social events were supported by the Ministry of Culture, Springer Science +Business Media, and the Cuban Office of UNESCO.



[IFLA SSSL Cuba Satellite Poster Session]

....The addition of a poster session to the initial design of the meeting was also seen as highly beneficial, especially in allowing local librarians to more closely participate in the conference. The committee would like to emphasize the incredible support for logistics, facilities, and translation provided by the host country.

As noted in the original proposal, the objectives of supporting the role of libraries in society, defending the principle of free information, promoting unrestricted access to information, the development of library professionals, and

the promotion of standards, guidelines and best



[IFLA SSSL Cuba Satellite Closing Session
Photo Submitted by Lynne Rudasill]

practices were key to the presentations during this program.....The only objective that remained unfulfilled was the distribution of two travel grants to assist Latin American librarians to attend the conference. Whether it was the difficulty of traveling to the U.S. or the general economic conditions of the day, there were no individuals who fully qualified to receive these grants due to the requirement that they would have to travel on to the main IFLA conference.



[IFLA SSSL Cuba Satellite Social Event National Library]

Of the six applicants received, none were able to show proof of registration for the IFLA/WLIC in San Juan, Puerto Rico following the satellite conference. This is perhaps an issue that might

be discussed by the higher administration in IFLA or might become part of the history of the section with the suggestion that other travel grants also be offered to individuals who would like to travel to both a satellite conference and the general conference in the future.

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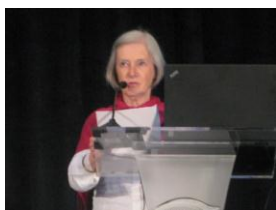


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[Editor's Note: The [full report](#) includes
evaluation of the conference and other comments.]

Special Interest Group (SIG) Proposal

As noted in the “**From the Chair**” column (Page 1), the Standing Committee is working on an “... exciting project...a new special interest group (SIG) affiliated with our section. New Committee Member Odile Dupont proposed Religions in Dialogue (Relindial) and SSLSC has been working with Odile, as well as the Division I Chair and the IFLA Professional Committee, to establish the SIG.”



**Odile Dupont
shares News
on the
proposed**

creation of a new SIG to be hosted by the Social Science Libraries Section

The new SIG, roots and goals:

Libraries are places of dialogue, openness, tolerance and offer food for thought. Religious libraries often host documents to preserve them from the harshness of times. Within IFLA, the international association of librarians, some libraries that house religious collections – whatever the religion represented – would like to have a common forum in order to:

- share their experiences,
- make the world aware of the peace messages of their collections, and
- give better access to the tools designed to help people learn about the religious roots of culture

The SIG would like to develop activities:

1. Listing the religious patrimony available
2. Listing the digitized resources serving religious thoughts
3. Initiating international collaboration to share experiences
4. Working on indexing languages for the web 3.0 (the complexity of religious matters must be treated with care to avoid misunderstanding)
5. Cooperating with the FAIFE section of IFLA, that promotes the basic human rights defined in Article 19 of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, to facilitate free access to trustworthy information
6. Cooperating with the “Children and Young Adults” section so that children can share their religious experiences through the activities of the “Sister libraries,” to open the minds of children to other ways of living

The 25 persons interested in the creation of this SIG belong to:

1. IFLA, Social Sciences Section
2. ATLA, American Theological Library Association
3. Baptist Theological Seminary, Kaduna, Nigeria
4. BETH Bibliothèques Européennes de Théologie
5. ABCF, Association des Bibliothèques Chrétiennes de France – France
6. ABEI, Associazione dei Bibliotecari Ecclesiastici Italiani – Italie
7. ABTAPL, Association of British Theological and Philosophical Libraries – Royaume-Uni et Irlande
8. URBE, Unione Romana Biblioteche Ecclesiastiche – Italie
9. Bibliothèque nationale de France
10. BNU, Bibliothèque Nationale et Universitaire, Strasbourg - France
11. Volos Academy for Theological Studies – Greece
12. Christian Conference of Asia
13. Forum of Asian Theological Library Association

14. University Library of Tübingen
15. WCC, World Council of Churches Library
16. All Africa Conference of Churches
17. ETE, Ecumenical Theological Education
18. Henry Luce III Library, Central Philippines University
19. Globethics.net and GlobeTheoLib librarians
20. Informatique et Bible, Maredsous, Belgique
21. Catholic University of Paris
22. FIUC, Fédération Internationale des Universités Catholiques
23. COCTI Conference of Catholic Theological Institutions
24. Le CLAC, centre de lecture et d'animation culturelle, Yaoundé – Cameroun

New contacts pending

1. Alliance israélite Universelle
2. Association of Jewish Libraries
3. Bibliothèque Nationale du Royaume du Maroc – Rabbat, Maroc
4. Bibliothèque de l'Institut du Monde Arabe – Paris, France
5. Bibliothèque Orientale de Beyrouth – Liban
6. Catholic Library Association – USA
7. Sera Jey Monastery, University for Advanced Buddhist Studies and Practices
8. National Library of Korea

Submitted by Odile Dupont, Social Science Libraries Standing Committee Member
Chargée de mission pour la promotion et les réseaux de bibliothèques Institut catholique de Paris



[Editor's Note: This seems a fitting SIG for SSLSC and follows on nicely the IFLA Division I program in Milan, Italy, 2009. I have included here a short report on that program published in our second issue [Newsletter](#) for 2009.]

“Social Science Libraries Chair, Steve Witt, represented the Division of Special Libraries (our Section was within this Division), in a day long program, –From Cultures to Sacred Books: Modern functions of Libraries in the religious traditions of Mediterranean Civilizations. (Or, as promoted at ABEI, –Babel, Bible and Kor’an from Texts to Contexts|) The program was convened at the Biblioteca Ambrosiana. The esteemed panel included: Presiding, Mons. Franco Buzzi, Prefect of the Biblioteca Ambrosiana; Greeting, Dionigi Tettamanzi, Archbishop of Milan; and Steve Witt, Introductions. The program began with Speeches/reports by Prof. Beit-Arie Malachi, Professor emeritus of Codicology and Paleography and Mons. Cesare Pasini, Prefect of the Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana. Libraries of Islamic Area followed and then a debate was scheduled, more like a discussion.

This session ended with a break for lunch (on your own) and if you chose food for the soul as opposed to the body, you could take a guided tour of the Biblioteca Ambrosiana with the Prefect.

“The program continued with Presiding, Mons. Pier Francesco Fumagalli, Vice Prefect of the Biblioteca Ambrosiana. Reports included BETH – Bibliothèques Europeennes de Theologie; CEI – Conferenza Episcopale Italiana. Ufficio Nazionale per I beni culturali ecclesiastici; CDEC - Centro di Documentazione Ebraica Contemporanea; ABEI – Associazione dei Bibliotecari Ecclesiastici Italiani; URBE – Unione Romana Biblioteche Ecclesiastiche, and Debate (discussion). The speaker from ABEI (Italian Catholic Librarian Association) spoke in Italian but used slides in English. He indicated that there were 1,469 libraries and those could be identified at their website and that an authority list, ACOLIT, would be published. This was an amazing program even if it suffered, from my perspective, because of the beautiful, old room we were in—not well suited for seeing or hearing, especially with most people, although not all, speaking English with heavy accents. None of the

papers or talks was available. In the concluding remarks, however, Mauro Guerrini, President of the Italian Organizing Committee, IFLA 2009, Milan, said "consideration will be given to publishing a short proceeding. This session was considered to be the first of its kind and people agreed it would be good to continue. Hopefully, too, a proceeding will in fact become available

We will continue to keep you informed on the future of this SIG in our newsletter and also at SSLSC Social Media Sites, Watch for those and participate in the discussions as well as inform your colleagues of this wonderful development.
(Editor)



SSLS Standing Committee Members, Puerto Rico

Sebastian Nix Reports on The future of research infrastructures: a look at Germany

Information and knowledge are important resources for resource-poor countries. Thus, it is hardly surprising that the future of research infrastructures in Germany has been discussed rather intensively for about two years by information professionals, academics and political decision makers. In 2011, several reports and recommendations on the future of

research infrastructures in Germany were presented by different institutions.

In January 2011, the German Council of Science and Humanities (Wissenschaftsrat), the most important advisory body to the German Federal Government and the state governments on research policy issues, began to present a series of recommendations on the six publicly financed German library service networks (Bibliotheksverbünde), on scientific collections and on research infrastructures in humanities and social sciences. Finally, based on these recommendations, the Council published a comprehensive paper on research infrastructures in general.

It is perhaps interesting to look more closely at the Council's recommendations concerning the social sciences. According to the Council, digital resources will become even more important for these disciplines in the future. Moreover, the online accessibility of research data is considered to be a very important topic. Consequently, existing research data centers should be consolidated and new ones should be established. As for the long-term-archiving of primary research data, the Council recommends expanding the option of referring to and quoting datasets. Moreover, qualitative data and information "volatile" data sources such as websites and weblogs should also be archived to a greater extent than today. All this should be done in discipline-specific way.

Furthermore, the Council expects the Federal Government to commit itself to international infrastructure projects such as the "Survey of Health, Aging and Retirement in Europe" (SHARE).

With regard to the framework for the science research infrastructure the Council advocates the development of a competitive strategy for funding infrastructure projects in coordination between the Federal Ministry of Education and Research and the German Research Foundation (DFG).

Another interesting point is that the Council expects higher education institutions, non-university research institutions and scientific societies to give greater recognition to the individual commitment of scientists in their development of infrastructures. Infrastructure funding and development should be linked to training concepts for early career researchers.

Moreover, the DFG and the German Council of Science and Humanities organized a national conference on research infrastructures for the humanities and the social sciences in December 2011 and thus contributed to further elaborating strategies for these disciplines in Germany.

Besides the German Council of Science and Humanities, the Joint Science Conference (Gemeinsame Wissenschaftskonferenz), an institution which is in charge of coordinating the research funding activities of the Federal Government and the state governments, instigated the creation of a "Commission on the future of information infrastructures" (KII). 135 persons from 54 different institutions were invited to join the KII which presented the results of its work in April 2011.

The commission identified eight important areas of areas for action:

- licensing,
- hosting / long-term-archiving,
- retrodigitization / cultural heritage,
- virtual research environments,
- open access,
- research data,
- information literacy / education.

The recommendations of the KII will find their way into a 2012-awaited comprehensive set of recommendations of the German Council of Science and Humanities on the information infrastructure in Germany.

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Useful links (last access: January 11th, 2012):

- German Council of Science and Humanities: <http://www.wissenschaftsrat.de/1/home/>
- German Research Foundation: <http://www.dfg.de/en/index.jsp>
- Joint Science Conference: <http://www.gwk-bonn.de/index.php?id=126>

[A slightly modified version of this article was publish on December 8th, 2011 at

<http://blogs.ifla.org/social-science/2011/12/08/the-future-of-research-infrastructures-a-look-at-germany/>]



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[Photo supplied by Sebastian Nix]

Britta Biedermann offers a personal take from the SSLS satellite conference and Cuba

I attended the satellite conference in Havana, Cuba, in August 2011. The conference was a big experience. For the non-Spanish speakers, there were English translators available. At one point I could not believe what I was hearing through my headphones: "Important documents with information found by the librarian cannot be sent by e-mail. The Information can only be collected from the library" Probably by bicycle! In Cuba only a small percentage of the population have a computer.



Mr. Jianzong Ge at José Martí Library, Havana
[Photo supplied Britta Biedermann]

At the conference there were several foreign speakers; one of the foreign speakers was Mr. Jianzong Ge¹ from China. He talked about Chinese characters/symbols and their different meanings. Unfortunately, the Cuban computer couldn't read and display the Chinese characters, therefore Mr. Ge had to write all the signs on paper and present them sheet by sheet, "Multi modal presentation in a Cuban way."

After the conference I took a bus to Vinales, a beautiful valley in the west of Havana. I stayed in the famous hotel Los Jazmines with a breath taking view over the valley.

In the evening I went for a walk, looking for somewhere to eat. I came across a young man in front of a restaurant sign and he asked me if I wanted to eat. Curiously, I asked for what reason he was standing here and he replied that he has no government permission to place a menu card. He only had permission for three tourist icons - an icon for parking, an icon for drinking and an icon for eating (as seen in the picture below). Furthermore he told me that he already had a sightseeing camera icon but he had to remove it because he had to fill out

¹ Jianzong Ge (2011): "Problems to be solved for digitalizing old Chinese Sources".

some additional papers to get the permission for repainting the sign.



The board at the street (on the left, the over painted

camera  icon)

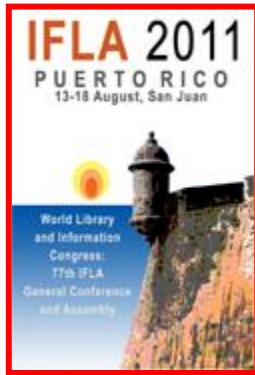


The view from inside the restaurant
[Photos above supplied by Britta Biedermann]



Submitted by Britta Biedermann, Social Science Standing Committee Member Universität Zürich Soziologisches Institut Bibliothek





Libraries beyond libraries; integration, innovation and information for all

Some 2500 people gathered for the World Library and Information Congress in San Juan, Puerto Rico this year.

Social Science Libraries Section Presented Conference Session 142 on Congress track 5: [Ideas, innovations, anticipating the new](#), on Tuesday 16 August 2011. Papers can be found at the above URL. Speakers, from left to right, included Jeffrey Knapp (Penn State Altoona, Altoona, PA, USA), Odile Dupont and Christophe Langlois (not pictured) (Catholic University of Paris, Paris, France), Steven W. Witt (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, IL, USA), Maria E. Dorta-Duque Ortiz (Instituto Superior de Relaciones Internacionales, "Raul Roa Garcia," Havana, Cuba) and Dominique Babini (not pictured) (Consejo Latinoamericano de Ciencias Sociales (CLASCO), Buenos Aires, Argentina) and Moderator and Chair, Lynne Rudasill.



For full coverage of the Puerto Rico conference go to: <http://express.ifla.org/>

**[IFLA Social Science Libraries "Connections"](#)
(Linked in)**

Presenting the "Brill" Typeface

Leiden, NL (02/02/2012) - brill.nl/brill-typeface Display any language from any period - Freely available for non-commercial use

Brill has taken the initiative of designing a typeface. Named "the Brill", the new typeface presents complete coverage of the Latin, Greek and Cyrillic scripts with the full range of diacritics and linguistics characters used to display any language from any period correctly.

There are over 5,100 characters in all. This indispensable tool for scholars has become freely available for non-commercial use. "The Brill" will be especially welcomed by humanities scholars quoting from texts in any language, ancient or modern. John Hudson of Tiro Typeworks, well-known for his multilingual fonts, is the Brill's designer.

If you would like to receive more information about this project, please contact Dominique de Roo, marketing manager, via roo@brill.nl

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**World Library and Information
Congress: 78th IFLA
General Conference and Assembly
11 – 16 August 2012**

Theme: Libraries now! Inspiring...surprising...empowering

Call for Papers

Social Science Libraries, Law Libraries & Government Libraries Sections

Theme: Empowering Library Users to Solve Problems: Our Stories

The IFLA [Social Sciences Libraries Section](#), in cooperation with the [Law Libraries Section](#) and the [Government Libraries Section](#), is seeking proposals for papers to be presented at a two-hour program to be held at the IFLA World Library and Information Congress in Helsinki, Finland in August 2012.

As social scientists we are interested in data gathering and its impact. Therefore, we are seeking submissions related to results of qualitative and quantitative assessments and examples of how libraries have used these assessments to answer the needs of users. Specifically we would like case studies/papers that show the impact of gathering data and how the data gathering process led to changed or improved services. Our focus is not on how data was gathered – but how that data was used to empower users. We prefer submissions that demonstrate real experiences/case studies – papers that tell a story. Examples of paper topics could include descriptions of interventions/changes made after data was collected, attempts to understand how users use information, stories of how data gathering led to new services, etc.

The program will feature up to five presentations of 15-20 minutes each with additional time for questions. Papers should reflect the conference theme, “Libraries Now! – Inspiring, Surprising, Empowering,” as well as the conference track, “users driving access and services.”

For information on IFLA’s general guidelines for papers see [General Guidelines for Papers](#)

Language of the session

Papers should be in one of the IFLA official languages. Because we are unsure whether the session will include simultaneous interpretation, we strongly recommend that any presentation slides be created in English, even if the presentation is delivered in one of the other [official IFLA languages](#).

Important Dates

February 27, 2012: Deadline to submit proposals/abstracts. Proposals should include:

- title
- abstract of no more than 300 words
- brief biography for the speaker or speakers
- Email contact address.

Send proposals to: Liz Cooper, lizinatl@gmail.com Chair, Social Sciences Libraries Section

- **March 15, 2012:** Proposals will be reviewed and successful candidates will be notified.
- **May 15, 2012:** Deadline for selected presenters to submit formal paper (for inclusion on the IFLA conference website and the Section's website). Details regarding the format and length of the final paper will be sent to candidates whose abstracts are accepted.

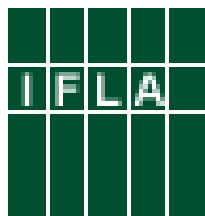
Submissions: All proposals must be in before 27 February 2012

Please note: At least one of the paper's authors must be present to deliver a summary of the paper during the program in Helsinki. Abstracts should only be submitted with the understanding that the expenses of attending the Helsinki conference will be the responsibility of the author(s)/presenter(s) of accepted papers.

All expenses, including registration for the conference, travel, accommodation etc., are the responsibility of the authors/presenters. No financial support can be provided by IFLA, but a special invitation can be issued to authors. Congress Attendance Grants. The Finnish National Committee and IFLA have worked hard to secure funds for Conference Participation Grants. Up-to-date information is available on our [Conference Participation Grants](#) webpage.



The World Library and Information Congress 2012, 78th IFLA General Conference and Assembly, will take place at the [Helsinki Exhibition & Convention Centre](#) in Helsinki, Finland.



17-23 August 2013, Singapore
World Library and Information Congress:
79th IFLA General Conference and Assembly



IFLA WLIC 2013
SINGAPORE

Congress theme: "Libraries Now! - Inspiring, Surprising, Empowering"



**World Library and Information
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Theme: Libraries now! Inspiring...surprising...empowering

Convocatoria de ponencias

IFLA. Sección de Bibliotecas de Ciencias Sociales Sección de Bibliotecas de Derecho y Sección de Bibliotecas Gubernamentales

Tema: Capacitar a usuarios de la biblioteca para resolver problemas: Nuestras historias

La Sección de Bibliotecas de Ciencias Sociales de IFLA, en colaboración con la Sección de Bibliotecas de Derecho y la Sección de Bibliotecas Gubernamentales, solicita la presentación de propuestas de comunicaciones que se presentarán en un programa de dos horas que se celebrará en el Congreso Mundial de Bibliotecas e Información de la IFLA y el Congreso de la Información en Helsinki, Finlandia, en agosto de 2012.

Como científicos sociales estamos interesados en la recopilación de datos y su impacto. Por lo tanto, estamos buscando las presentaciones relacionadas con los resultados de las evaluaciones cualitativas y cuantitativas y ejemplos de cómo las bibliotecas han utilizado estas evaluaciones para responder a las necesidades de los usuarios. En concreto, nos gustaría presentaciones de estudios de casos / documentos que muestran el impacto de la recolección de datos y cómo el proceso de recolección de datos llevó a cambiar o mejorar los servicios. Nuestro foco no está en cómo se recogieron los datos – pero sí, ¿cómo esos datos fueron utilizados para dar poder a los usuarios. Nosotros preferimos las presentaciones que muestran experiencias reales / estudios de casos - documentos que cuentan una historia. Como ejemplos de temas de los trabajos se podrían incluir descripciones de las intervenciones / cambios realizados a consecuencia de los datos recogidos, intentos de comprender cómo los usuarios utilizan la información, historias de cómo la recolección de datos ha llevado a nuevos servicios, etc

El programa contará con hasta cinco presentaciones de 15-20 minutos cada una con tiempo adicional para preguntas.

Los trabajos deberán reflejar el lema de la conferencia, "Las bibliotecas ahora! - Inspirar, sorprender, dar poder", así como el tema de la conferencia, "Conducción de los usuarios al acceso y los servicios".

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Idioma de la sesión

Los trabajos deben estar en uno de los idiomas oficiales de la IFLA. Debido a que no estamos seguros si la sesión incluirá la interpretación simultánea, se recomienda encarecidamente que las diapositivas de presentación sean en idioma Inglés, aunque la presentación en sí esté en una de las otras lenguas oficiales de la IFLA.

Fechas Importantes

27 de febrero 2012: Fecha límite para presentar propuestas / resúmenes. Las propuestas deben incluir:

- Título
- resumen de no más de 300 palabras
- breve biografía del orador u oradores
- Dirección de contacto de correo electrónico.

Envío de propuestas por correo electrónico a: Liz Cooper, lizinatl@gmail.com
Presidente, Sección de Bibliotecas de Ciencias Sociales

- **15 de marzo 2012:** Las propuestas serán revisadas y los candidatos seleccionados serán notificados.
- **15 de mayo de 2012:** Fecha límite para que los ponentes seleccionados presenten el trabajo formal (para su inclusión en la página web del Congreso de la IFLA y en el sitio web de la Sección). Detalles sobre el formato y la extensión del documento final se enviará a los candidatos cuyos resúmenes hayan sido aceptados.

Presentaciones: Todas las propuestas deben ser entregadas antes del **27 de febrero de 2012**.

Por favor, tenga en cuenta que

Al menos uno de los autores del trabajo aprobado debe estar presente para la presentación de la comunicación durante el Congreso en Helsinki. Los resúmenes sólo se admitirán, en el entendimiento de que los gastos de asistir a la conferencia de Helsinki será la responsabilidad del autor (s) / ponente (s) de las comunicaciones aceptadas.

Todos los gastos, incluida la inscripción al congreso, viaje, alojamiento, etc, son responsabilidad de los autores / presentadores. Ningún apoyo financiero puede ser proporcionado por la IFLA, solo una invitación especial puede ser enviada a los autores.

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