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World Library and Information Congress: 77th IFLA General Conference and Assembly. 13 – 18 August 2011

Theme Libraries Beyond Libraries: Integration, Innovation and Information for All

INVITATION

Puerto Rico National Committee, the Library Society of Puerto Rico, and the Association of Caribbean University, Research and Institutional Libraries, we are highly honored to welcome you to the IFLA's 77th Congress in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

On the same breath the Municipality of San Juan, Puerto Rico, welcomes all librarians, archivists and other information professionals, delegates from different countries, attending the 77th International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions' World Library and Information Congress in August 2011.

Please visit <http://conference.ifla.org/ifa77/programm> for the preliminary congress schedule.

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AFRICA SECTION FOCUS AT WLIC 2011

Africa Section chose for its WLIC 2011, *theme "Africa libraries, not just place but interface" see call for paper*
In addition, the Section in partnership with the University of West Indies Library will hold a satellite meeting with a theme

'Building cross-cultural capacities in library and information science: African and Caribbean reflections'
and the venue is University of the West Indies, Barbados, 9-10 August 2011

It is envisaged that there will be a poster presentation also. The title of the poster will be decided at the next coming midterm meeting to be held in February 2011, Cameroon.

Special Interest Group

The African LIS Community is also encouraged to support special interest group related to the Section:

LIS Education in Developing Countries, Special Interest Group (SIG) Chose its theme: ***"Library and Information Science Education in Latin America and the Caribbean: Opportunities and Challenges"***

Access to Information Network – Africa (ATINA) SIG, with a theme ***"Access to information: the Afro-Caribbean connection"***

Africa Section will also participate in the following:

Division V Leadership Forum

Caucus: Africa, Asia & Oceania and Latin America and the Caribbean

SC I Africa Section

You are encouraged to attend in support of Africa Section and Division V.

Barbados, Puerto Rico here we come!

CALL FOR PAPERS, AFRICA SECTION OPEN FORUM, WLIC, SAN JUAN 2011

The IFLA annual congress will take place in, Puerto Rico from 13 -18 August, 2011. The Congress offers an opportunity to present library research outcomes and innovations in a multi-disciplinary international forum. In line with the theme of the 77th IFLA WLIC, Africa Section chose the theme: ***"African libraries, not just place but interface"***. IFLA Africa Section invites Librarians, Information Scientists and other stakeholders to submit proposals (abstracts) for papers at the Africa Section Open Forum session in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Theme: "African Libraries, not just place but interface"

Sub-Themes:

- Innovation, integration and information for all in African libraries
- Social networking in African libraries
- African libraries without borders
- Integration of digital and conventional libraries in Africa: the role of librarians and IT staff

- African libraries as interface: competencies of librarians and users
- Integration, collaboration and resource sharing in a digital environment
- User-interface and accessibility in African libraries
- Continuous Professional Development (CPD)
- Education and Training in LIS

Submission Guidelines:

The proposal must be the original work of the author(s) and should be written in either English or French. Each abstract must contain:

- * Title of proposed presentation
- * Outline of the proposed presentation (no more than 350 words)
- * Name(s) of presenter(s)
- * Position or title of presenter(s)
- * Presenter(s) employer or affiliated institution
- * E-mail address, Telephone/fax numbers
- * Short biographical statement of the presenter/s, with digital photograph

Please send proposals by January 14, 2011 by email to:

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Important Deadlines:

January 14, 2011: Deadline for submission of abstract
February 18, 2011: Notification of acceptance/rejection of paper

May 16, 2011: Deadline for submission of full paper

All proposals will be evaluated by a refereeing team of the Standing Committee of the IFLA Africa Section

Travels and Costs:

Please note that all fees, including registration for the conference, travel, accommodation etc. are the responsibility of the authors of the accepted papers.

Presenters are advised to approach their parent organizations for sponsorship.

For information on the IFLA Africa Section, please see <http://www.ifla.org/en/africa>

Victoria Okojie
Nigeria.

FROM THE REGIONAL MANAGER'S DESK



Lindy Nhlapo, Regional Manager for Africa

The once acclaimed 2010 had come and gone and Africa celebrated the continent in unison. Africa, the best host ever is now taking stock of the year that was a show case of its strengths, skills and capabilities.

Standing as one in the world was the best thing. Once again thank you to the Africa LIS community who gave their best. At the last international event, Sweden you did it again by scooping awards amongst the best of the best.

Congratulations to you all who were fortunate to join us in Sweden in August, WLIC 2010, Africa Section enjoyed appreciates your support. We are also grateful for all the institutional support that enabled you and me to participate in IFLA congress by taking care of finances.

We cannot thank enough those who sacrifice their personal and family resources in order to be with us at WLIC.

On a sombre note, the LIS community lost colleagues. One that stands out, is that of Bob McKee who passed on during the WLIC in Sweden

You are once again encouraged to submit events around your area with photos and a diary of happenings.



IFLA Membership, your global connection. Visit the website: www.ifla.org

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 Obrigada! شكرا جزيلاً; Thank you very much; baie dankie!

**Lindy Nhlapo
South Africa**

REGIONAL OFFICE NEWS

After Gothenburg, Sweden, as they would say, the African bee has been buzzing with conferences and projects. First on the agenda was the country visit to Cameroon in preparation for the Building Strong Library Association under the auspices of ALP.

Highlights of the meeting

Directory of LIS Schools in Africa: In support of HQ Green Bag Publication, the World Directory of libraries, archives and museums. Tseli Moshoeshe-Chadzingwa, SC Member volunteered to formulate, distribute a form and coordinate data gathering for Africa region.

The form was circulated at this meeting

Section Strategic Plans 2010 – 2015:

The meeting worked on finalization of the strategic plan of the Section which is now available on the website

Directory of Library Association in Africa

The Regional Manager for Africa circulated a form towards data gathering for this directory. The African LIS Community was urged to send this information to the Regional Office.

ALP Project Proposals

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

In October there was a site visit to Cameroon by Fiona Bradley, ALP Programme Director and Jacinta Were, Kenya where they met with relevant stakeholders in reviving the library association. Alim Garga was the host for this event.

Another visit was to Botswana who will also be starting with the BSLA programme. In November, Africa Section Chair, Naomi Haasbroek did a follow up visit to Botswana. She met with stakeholders for information gathering mission on behalf of Fiona Bradley.

At that time, end November I joined the **National Library of Egypt** in celebrating a historical 140 years of Enlightenment.

In bidding 2010 farewell I joined a regional conference of **XIX SCECSAL** in Botswana. I was overjoyed to note that the regions is now know IFLA as compared to 2008 when I first had my exhibition stand

As for WLIC 2010, a lot happened, see feedback session.

**Lindy Nhlapo
South Africa**

IFLA STRATEGIC PLAN 2010-2015 NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

The [IFLA Strategic Plan 2010-2015](#) is now available online. With this Strategic Plan the IFLA Governing Board sets out IFLA's strategic directions and goals for 2010-2015. It is a Strategic Plan to guide the governance and the entire activities of the IFLA organisation.

Where all professional groups of IFLA remain responsible for their own strategic planning, the Strategic Plan 2010-2015 is to guide the governance and the entire activities of the IFLA organisation, based on the following four Strategic Directions:

- Empowering libraries to enable their user communities to have equitable access to information;
- Building the strategic capacity of IFLA and that of its members;
- Transforming the profile and standing of the profession;
- Representing the interests of IFLA's members and their users throughout the world.

Bob McKee

It is with great sadness that we communicate to you all the passing away of former IFLA Governing Board Member Bob McKee, who died in Gothenburg.

Bob was an active, friendly and committed member of IFLA for many years. His contribution to the IFLA Governing Board, his membership of the FAIFE Committee and his expertise in the management of library associations earned him the respect of his fellow professionals. Bob was attending the IFLA World Library and Information Congress. Our sympathy and thoughts go out to Bob's family and friends and our colleagues at CILIP and the United Kingdom. Bob died amongst those colleagues who loved and admired him.

**Ellen Tise, IFLA President
IFLA Governing Board
IFLA Headquarters Staff and the IFLA Family**

The Strategic Plan for 2010-2015 will provide IFLA with solid guidance for an innovative future.

Dear colleagues

IFLA is pleased to announce the launch of its brand new [World Report](#). For the first time, the World Report is being made available online in a fully searchable database, complete with graphical map interface. By clicking on a country's marker, you can either select "View individual report" if you would like to view a single country's report or "Add to report list" in order to view multiple countries in one report. The report includes questions on:

- Internet access in libraries
- Copyright
- Library initiatives for providing information to different categories of citizens (such as senior citizens, women, the disabled and visually impaired)
- The role of libraries in universal primary education and environmental sustainability
- And much more!

The report has been developed by a team at the University of Pretoria led by Professor Theo Bothma and contains details of the library environment in 122 countries. Users have the possibility to add comments to the report as a whole or to individual country reports. The analysis of the data shows on one hand that there are still many countries where violations of intellectual freedom occur – such incidents were reported in 109 of the 122 countries- and on the other that there are many positive aspects where individual libraries have implemented innovative projects to improve access to information.

Full details of the report are available [here](#).



PRESS RELEASE

“Unprecedented opportunity for libraries and archives” - WIPO to work on library and archive copyright exceptions



[IFLA SCCR 21 Press Release](#)[doc]

The 21st Session of the World Intellectual Property Organisation Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR) took place in Geneva on November 8-12, 2010. At the meeting's conclusion the SCCR agreed a [work plan](#) for 2011/12 concerning copyright exceptions and limitations which not only takes forward the proposal by Brazil, Ecuador, Paraguay and Mexico for the World Blind Union's (WBU) proposed 'Treaty for Improved Access for Blind, Visually Impaired and other Reading Disabled Persons', but additionally allocates equal time for "text-based work on appropriate exceptions and limitations" for libraries and archives, educational, teaching and research institutions, and persons with other disabilities.

We welcome that all the issues concerning people with disabilities, libraries and archives, and education and research will be discussed by WIPO Member States. We are delighted that the WBU proposed Treaty will move forward next, followed by issues for libraries and archives, timetabled for three full days' discussion and formal consideration by Member States in November 2011.

The library and archive delegation to SCCR/21 comprised the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) represented by [Winston Tabb](#), [Stuart Hamilton](#) and [Barbara Stratton](#) (supported by [CILIP](#), the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals, UK), Electronic Information for Libraries (EIFL) represented by [Teresa Hackett](#) and [Kathy Matsika](#), the Chilean NGO, [Innovarte Corporación](#), represented by [Luis Villarroel](#), the (U.S.) Library Copyright Alliance ([LCA](#)) represented by [Janice Pilch](#), the Canadian Library Association ([CLA](#)) represented by [Victoria Owen](#), and the International Council on Archives ([ICA](#)), represented by [Tim Padfield](#).

The Press Release is online here: a shorter URL is:

<http://bit.ly/apoJJJ>

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: IFLA PRESIDENT-ELECT, THE ELECTED MEMBERS OF IFLA GOVERNING BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Nominations are invited for

IFLA President-elect, 2011-2013, and for the elected members of the IFLA Governing Board, 2011-2013.

IFLA headquarters has despatched to all IFLA members the call for nominations comprising a letter explaining the nomination procedure and a nomination form which bears the name, organization or institution name. Members are kindly requested to only use this form for the nomination.

You can find information on the nomination procedure also on

<http://www.ifla.org/en/news/call-for-nominations-for-president-elect-and-members-of-the-governing-board-of-ifla>

IFLA Standing Committee members, 2011-2015

IFLA headquarters has despatched to all IFLA members the call for nominations comprising a letter explaining the nomination procedure, a 'nominee consent form' and a nomination form which bears the name, organization or institution name and the number(s) of the Section(s) for which the member is registered. Members are kindly requested to only use this form for the nomination.

You can find information on the nomination procedure also on

<http://www.ifla.org/en/news/call-for-nominations-for-section-standing-committees>

An electronic copy of the nomination forms can be requested from ifla@ifla.org; please mention your Membership code.

The deadline for the nominations is 9 February 2011.

Jennifer Nicholson

IFLA Secretary General

IFLA LAUNCH ONLINE LEARNING PLATFORM

IFLA is pleased to announce the launch of the first stage of the Online Learning Platform, a new section of its website that makes available training materials in a dedicated learning environment. Initially, the five Building Strong Library Associations (BSLA) modules will be available through the platform, with specialist modules and other training materials to follow.

Powered by the open source learning platform, Moodle, the website allows IFLA members to:

- Download high-quality training materials and case studies
- Participate in online learning activities and discussions
- Contribute their stories of how they have used the programme

The online learning platform will be a significant new resource for all of IFLA's members. Beginning in November 2010, IFLA will make available a growing number of downloadable resources, and interactive learning activities. Content will be continually rolled out, with each Building Strong Library Associations module available for download at launch. From February 2011, all five modules will be complemented by a range of blended learning content, quizzes, and activities.

The launch of the Online Learning Platform also includes more than 20 high-quality, research-based case studies that illustrate examples of the work of library associations around the world. This resource will continue to grow, and IFLA will actively seek out examples of innovation from associations.

For more information about the contents available and access to the platform, [visit the Online Learning Platform at the IFLA website](#).

Fiona Bradley
ALP Programme Coordinator

EVENTS!! EVENTS!! EVENTS!

Hi all,
I would like to share with you resources about IFLA 2010 congress. These resources published by Cybrarians : the Arabic portal for librarianship and information (non-profit organization which located in Egypt)

Photos

Flickr:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/cybrarians/sets/72157624643427332/>

Videos

YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/cybrarians>

Tweets on Twitter

<http://twitter.com/cybrarians>

Press and Reports

Arabic : http://www.cybrarians.info/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&id=87:ifla&temid=140

English (soon) : <http://www.en.cybrarians.info/>

Mahmoud Khalifa
Cairo, Egypt

THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF EGYPT: 140 YEARS OF ENLIGHTENMENT. 27-30 NOVEMBER 2010, CAIRO

The National Library of Egypt hosted an international conference in celebrating its heritage. Experts interchangeably spoke about the historical background of manuscripts and the techniques of restoration. John Tsebe, Chair of CDNL did a presentation "From Cape to Cairo" which was a well laid out comparison of the National Library of South to the National Library of Egypt.

At the end of his presentation, the Regional Manager for Africa delivered a message of goodwill from IFLA President, Ellen Tise, Governing Board Member, Helena Asamoah-Hassan and Division V Chair, Dr. Buhle Mbambo-Thata.

A token of support was presented to the National Librarian, Laila Rizk.

The Regional Office for Africa and the National Library of South Africa/CDNL Chairs appreciated the gesture of being invited to be

part of this historical event. The two also appreciate the hospitality enjoyed



Eleven Publishers from Africa converge at the Cape Town Book Fair 2010

For the second year, publishers from Sub-Saharan African countries met at the Cape Town Book Fair hosted in partnership, Frankfurt Book Fair and APNET (African Publishers Network).

International and African publishing houses with innovative programmes and publications of interest were selected to participate. Africa was presented by Botswana, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, Senegal, Tanzania, Uganda and Zimbabwe; who presented their range of books at the African Collective Stand which aroused interest with big numbers of visitors.

On the day before the Book Fair, the invited publishers participated in a workshop on digital publishing which opportunity both for broadening knowledge about new trends in publishing and distribution. This was a chance for the exchange of ideas and experiences between participants.



This year, 2010, the first day of the Book Fair was reserved for the professional audience namely, publishers, book traders, librarians and teachers. For them, an attractive professional programme had been created – with seminars on topics like

- buying and selling rights
- book markets in Africa
- the Google Settlement and its implications for publishers
- literacy promotion activities

Besides that, a matchmaking session presented opportunities for buyers and sellers to build new business relationships. Invited publishers contributed actively to the professional programme, especially to the session on book

markets in Africa which was very well attended.

When the Book Fair opened its doors on July 31, 2010, more than 34 000 people visited the 273 exhibitors including a multitude of literary events.

All eleven publishers were extremely pleased with the networking and business opportunities the fair offered: They established contacts with distribution partners in South Africa, potential partners for co-publishing, buying and selling rights from various countries; with printers from Asia; with other international book fairs, translators and university libraries.

There are already two success stories of the Book Fair:

- one of the 2009 invitees had his own stand at his own expenses at the 2010 Book Fair
- another one was invited to the Frankfurt Book Fair in October 2010.

The Cape Town Book Fair presented the African Content with networking opportunities with publishers who participated in the programme. The Cape Town Book Fair became much more an African affair than before.

For more information please contact: Ulla Wester, wester@johannesburg.goethe.org

Ulla Wester, Goethe Institute

SCECSAL XIX, 6-9 UNIVERSITY OF BOTSWANA



South, Central, East librarian converge in Botswana under the umbrella of SCECSAL. The conference was hosted by Botswana Library Association at the University of Botswana on 6 – 9 December 2010.

The Regional Office for Africa was amongst the exhibitors and the stand was a favourite for all delegates. The exiting thing was the acknowledgement received from delegates. IFLA is now visible and the first thing said was “you are the lady I wanted to speak to” unlike before where I had to explain who am I and who I represent.

In addition to the presentations made, high on the agenda was: discussion on the restructuring of SCECSAL which began in Zambia 2008. Task team was composed to take the matter forward. The team will be led by the new incoming Chair of SCECSAL, Botswana

Library Association under Kgomoitso Radijeng. Africa Section Chair, Naomi Haasbroek is one of the team members. The team was mandated to report in six months time after the meeting.

The meeting deliberated on means of increasing its membership and subscription. Out of 25 legible countries, only 10 are paid up. This item was moved to the structure reviewing team to investigate and report on possible solutions.

The meeting agreed to revive its listserve and that Justin Chisenga continues to be the webmaster.

It was agreed that for a country report a generic template was to be used. Namibia volunteered to look into the matter and report in six months time.

Scecsal indicated that they had language challenges as they still did not cater for other speakers other than English. The Regional Office for Africa offered that it can provide support on this issue which was welcomed.

On the same breath, the Regional Office reminded the meeting the 2015 is another chance for Africa to host WLIC. Delegates were encouraged to go back to their respective countries to discuss about the bid.

Finally, Kenya volunteered to host the next 2012 SCECSAL in Nairobi and the meeting adjourned at 13h00, 09 December 2010.

LESOTHO, BOTSWANA AND SWAZILAND TRAIN THE TRAINER WORKSHOP ON INFORMATION LITERACY

The Library Associations in Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland held a training of trainers on information literacy workshop hosted by Lesotho at Roma University on 25-27 October 2010

The Botswana Library Association (BLA), Lesotho Library Association (LLA) and Swaziland Library Association (SWALA) attract both institutional and individual members. The purpose of the project was to equip Librarians with the necessary skills on information literacy through a training of trainers. Specifically the objectives of the project were:

1. To train Librarians to exploit and access relevant information resources in the most effective way
2. To strengthen the capacity of Librarians on the latest information technology to facilitate harvesting available free open access electronic resources
3. To facilitate the sharing of experiences and good practices between the three countries
4. To assist those trained at the workshop to develop training programs or modules to use for training others in their respective countries
5. To establish a network between the countries that will enhance offering each other any necessary support on information literacy should this be necessary.

Prof. Peter Underwood was a resource person for this workshop. 30 people, 10 from each country participated in the project.

Tseli Moshoeshe-Chadzingwa
Lesotho

IFLA CENTER FOR ARABIC SPEAKING LIBRARIES (IFLA-CASL, LAUNCH

Dear All,

It gives me a great pleasure to announce the launch of the IFLA Center for Arabic Speaking Libraries (IFLA-CASL) website. The website is available at <http://www.bibalex.org/IFLA-CASL>

The site is written in the Arabic language as a communication mean for the Arabic Speaking library professionals and a source of information about IFLA and its activities.

The new website includes informational material about IFLA as an organization, the IFLA Center for Arabic Speaking Libraries, and IFLA's latest news, upcoming conferences announcements, and information on previous conferences.

To fulfill the objectives of the Center, a contact list of Arab Libraries and Librarians categorized by country, with a link where user can add own library contact information, has been incorporated into the site as well as a space for suggestions.

As the Center's role is to help professional librarians, many of the IFLA documents such as Manifestos, award announcements, and conference newsletters have been translated and made available on the site.

The website was result of a team work of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina's staff. I take this opportunity to thank the following individuals for their cooperation:

- 1- Dr. Sohair Wastawy – site planning, content revision and final editing
- 2- Dina Youssef –site planning, material gathering and draft editing
- 3- Eng. George Nader – Graphics and web design
- 4- Eng. Hani Sawiress – ICT (static pages)
- 5- Eng. Nahed Bahaa – ICT (dynamic pages)

I look forward to receiving your comments and suggestions.

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Best Regards,

Dina Youssef
IFLA Centre for Arabic Speaking Libraries and
Information Institutions
Egypt

A library GHI

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is for Greenock, a village (population c. 700) through which we passed in February 2008. It's on the north-west edge of the famous Barossa Valley (wine-producing country), north of Adelaide, South Australia. The Institute, founded in 1883, was one of many that were established in South Australia inspired by the 19th century British mechanics institutes, which aimed to promote reading and culture. The Greenock Public Library is open three days a week, an hour or two at a time.



H

is for Högbo, a suburb of Gothenburg, Sweden. I visited the Public Library during the IFLA World Library and Information Congress in August 2010. It was one of many library visits on offer. The library has lots of outreach activities. We had the privilege of watching a story hour for pre-school children in progress. This little boy was enchanted by the whistle he had been given. Perhaps his parents were less charmed when he came home with it. More photos at <http://picasaweb.google.com/PeterJLor/HogsboPublicLibrary#>



I

is for Iron Ridge, a village of about 1000 in Dodge County, Wisconsin. You can read more about Iron Ridge on the Wikipedia at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iron_Ridge,_Wisconsin. The Library is housed in the Iron Ridge Community Center on the outskirts of the Village, in the wing on the left. It's small, but shares resources with the other 41 libraries forming the SHARE Consortium, which covers five counties in SE Wisconsin and provides a daily delivery service for requests between participating libraries.



Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin
31 December 2010

Dear Friends and Colleagues

While Monika is visiting our son and his family in Knysna, sunny South Africa, I've remained behind in wintry Milwaukee, USA, where I am a visiting professor in the School of Information Studies, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. I'm hoping to work on my book and do some winter birding too – quite a lot of interesting gull and duck species that normally live much further north, come here in winter. I'm especially keen to see a Snowy Owl if one is reported here. (See <http://animals.nationalgeographic.com/animals/birds/snowy-owl/0>.)

In the spring semester I had my first opportunity to teach my new course in International and Comparative Librarianship. I had a small class, only six students in the end, but they participated actively and helped me sharpen my own insights, providing a lot of ideas for my book. I also taught a course in Management of Library and Information Services. It's quite ironic that I'm teaching this subject, since I've long been rather skeptical of management literature (*The seven steps to success in...*; *Six sure-fire recipes...* and other flavor-of-the-month bestsellers). But I've been able to add some value based on my quite varied, practical management experience, and my impression is that this has been appreciated by the students. I've also found it instructive to see all the things I did wrong while I was a practicing manager, and some things I did right intuitively or by accident....

I did not teach during the summer term and had three months free which we shared between a bit of travel and some research and writing. I made progress with the book (but not nearly as much as I had hoped), mapping it out, assembling a great deal of literature, and producing two draft chapters. I decided to post draft chapters of the book, provisionally entitled **International and comparative librarianship: a thematic approach**, on my website at <http://peterlor.com/the-book/>. Currently there are two posted there. I'm hoping to post some more during the coming month. Currently I'm discussing publication with a publisher and hope to negotiate a contract which will allow me to continue to post draft chapters for free access under a Creative Commons licence (see <http://creativecommons.org/about/licenses>). In the fall semester I taught the same two courses again, online this time. With the experience gained, on-line teaching was a lot less stressful than in 2009. Next semester, our last semester in Milwaukee, I will be teaching only my international and comparative course. This reduced teaching load is a great privilege, and I hope to combine the teaching with a substantial amount of writing.

This year brought various speaking engagements in South Africa, USA and Sweden (some of the papers are on my website at <http://peterlor.com>).

One of the highlights of my travels was being awarded honorary membership of the Associazione Italiana Biblioteche (Italian Library Association) at its annual conference in Florence.

It was also wonderful to have a bit of time to see Florence again after many years. At the end of June we are planning to return to South Africa, to live in Sedgefield, a coastal town on the Garden Route of the Western Cape Province. It will be semi-retirement only, as I will continue to work part-time in the Department of Information Science at the University of Pretoria and will have some other writing and teaching assignments as well. We don't have an address there yet, but please note my Gmail address below, which will remain unchanged, and feel free to visit my website.

The point-and-shoot pics introducing this message continue the ABC series I started in 2008. The photographs are not great, but they were all 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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PS: In the GHI section of this message I referred you to a Wikipedia page. If you follow the link you'll find an appeal from Wikipedia founder Jimmy Wales. Wikipedia is by no means perfect, but it is a wonderful and hugely useful expression of non-commercial, international sharing of knowledge. We can't take free and open access to information for granted. In response to the appeal I made a modest donation. I hope some of you will donate too, if you have not already done so.

AFRICA ULULATES!

CEO/National Librarian of South Africa, John Kgwale Tsebe new Chairperson of the CDNL

The National Library of South Africa continues to position itself towards realisation of its vision to become “a leading national library and information centre of excellence in Africa and in the world.” A recent milestone reached by the National Library of South Africa is that the CEO and National Librarian of South Africa, John Kgwale Tsebe has assumed a leadership position as the Chairperson of the Council for Directors of National Libraries of the world. The Deputy National Librarian, Ms Rachel More is the second secretary of the Council for Directors of National Libraries of the world.

Committee for Directors of National Libraries (CDNL) was set up in 1974 to discuss policies and carry out activities that could be performed most effectively by national libraries, on the understanding that its work would be coordinated with the IFLA section of National Libraries.

John Tsebe chaired the Executive Committee of the Standing Conference of African National and University Libraries in East, Central and Southern Africa (SCANUL-ECS) for two terms (four years, namely, the periods: 1998-2000 and 2000-2002).

As chair of SCANUL-ECS he represented the sub-region in West Africa. He also chaired the Forum of University Librarians of South Africa (FULSA) and contributed towards the formation of the new Committee for Higher Education Librarians in South Africa (CHELSA) in tandem with the current South African higher education landscape.

John Kgwale Tsebe played a major role in the South African library and information services sector. He is a founder member of the Library and Information Association of South Africa (LIASA), and was chairperson of LIASA Higher Education Libraries Interest Group (HELIG).

He served on the Boards of the Coalition of South African Library Consortia (COSALC), the South African Bibliographic and Information Network (SABINET) and the 2007 World Library and Information Congress National Advisory Committee planning for the IFLA conference that was held in South Africa in 2007 .

John Tsebe has had some articles published and made presentations at national and international conferences/seminars/workshops in Argentina, Ghana, Kenya, Namibia, Norway, Uganda, United Kingdom, Zimbabwe, Egypt and South Africa.

The Board and staff of the National Library of South Africa Congratulates The CEO/National Librarian, John Kgwale Tsebe on becoming Chairperson of the CDNL

[Board & staff of the National Library of South Africa](#)

FEW OF CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES RECEIVED

Congratulations to the National Librarian of South Africa, Mr John K. Tsebe and the Deputy National Librarian, Ms More on the honor of being in the leadership of the prestigious CDNL. May they have joint strength of enriching CDNL strategic directions in support of both the global challenges faced by National Libraries and National Library Service Systems of the World.

Importantly, we wish them wisdom, diplomacy in their new role through which they fully accept the mantle that empowers them to:

** encourage development of unique approaches to knowledge and information services, particularly suited to developing nations;*

**facilitate activities that National Library Service Leaders agree to develop innovative approaches that support resultant dynamic activities that may empower leaders, as a collective and individually in their own countries, to address the challenges and opportunities that arise out of the dual roles of serving national libraries and being developers of public library and information services that serve diverse needs of their populations.*

A tall order, indeed!

However, (based on my experience of the good will) with good will and the collective support of world librarians and particularly that of National Library Leaders, developments and strides in this arena are attainable. Importantly, National Libraries and National Library Services drive policies that that influence Governments and successful implementation of activities, being in the face of national governments, drive visibility of access to knowledge and information to all, in support of the MDG's.

Aluta continua: I believe African Librarians' support is yours for the asking!

Kay Raseroka

Colleagues

From IFLA Africa Office I would like to congratulate John Kgwale Tsebe and Rachel More for their nomination into CDNL governance structure. This is high prestige for Africa. IFLA Africa Office pledge its support to the colleagues and we thank them for their willingness to take such a mammoth task of keeping South Africa and the continent active participants in the global LIS. I guarantee you Africa ululates your standing!

Lindy Nhlapo

Dr. Buhle Mbambo-Thata, 2010 Unisa Woman of the Year

We would like to congratulate the Executive Director, Dr B Mbambo-Thata on being elected the 2010 Unisa Woman of the Year at a prestigious Unisa Women's Forum (UWF) Luncheon on 13 October 2010.

Dr Mbambo-Thata is an outstanding scholar and activist in her field and is recognized for her sustained contributions at local, regional and international levels. Her professional career spans more than three decades of distinguished service and exemplary leadership, and she has achieved recognition internationally as a leader in her field.



It is her extraordinary and sustained leadership, peer recognition and election to high offices, with substantive impacts, that impressed the adjudication panel. She served as the Secretary as well as the Chairperson of the IFLA Africa Section, she is a member of the IFLA Governing Board, and chairperson of Division V Regional Activities of IFLA. In this role she coordinates the following sections – Africa, Latin America and the Asia

Oceania regions. This creates a unique and influential opportunity for Unisa Library and its staff to actively participate in developments and contribute to the federation internationally. Indeed an example of “Unisa in the service of humanity”.

Her four years at Unisa has seen the introduction of several major strategic projects, including the Unisa Institutional Repository; implementation of the Mobile Device Catalogue Access – AIRPAC – the first of its kind on the continent; extended library hours to improve student access and the implementation of Radio Frequency Technology (RFID) to enable self services for clients as well as improving stock management. The latter is a critical feature for the Unisa library, given its size and scope. 2010 sees the library become one of the first to use Mobile Libraries to extend the reach to rural areas and expand Open Distance Library services beyond the major urban centers in the country. Her work on Open Source and Open Access is also pioneering.

As the chair of the Board of Trustees of E-knowledge for Women in Southern Africa (EKOWISA), she leads this NGO in its mission to promote the development of a gender sensitive knowledge society through the effective use of appropriate ICTs at local, national, regional and international levels.

She also plays a leading role in the Gender Research and Women Studies Project (GRACE) on the continent, and amongst others a most notable Zimbabwean project on Gender and Research in Africa into ICTs for Empowerment, initiated in 2005 involving 14 research teams across 12 countries to examine how women in Africa and the Middle East use ICTs to improve their living conditions and to identify the barriers. In that capacity, she has led various projects pitched at women in higher education and consciously includes capacity development of young professionals and academic women in qualitative and feminist research methods.

In conclusion, the panel was convinced that Dr Mbambo-Thata leads by example, and that her phenomenal achievements are a source of inspiration. As a compassionate and trained counselor, she manages to impact positively on the lives and well-being of many of her subordinates and peers. Her assertiveness, high standards and going the extra mile to ensure the necessary resources to ensure success is impressive.

**UNISA Corporate Communication
South Africa**

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Congratulations! What a great honor and recognition! We are indeed very proud of you. Reading through the summary that motivated the panel to make this very appropriate decision, we can only say- Yes, you highly deserve it. And we are certainly inspired and happy to be associated with you in this great achievement.

Cheers and blessings!
Rosemary Gitachu

On behalf of the IFLA Africa Section I wish to congratulate you on this wonderful achievement. You are indeed an inspiration to all of us.

We are very proud of you and are fortunate to be able to work with you and benefit from your leadership.

Well done!

Best regards
Naomi Haasbroek

Let me also join all the colleagues and congratulate your for this achievement.

Certainly you deserve to be recognized for all of you work and we all must see it as an inspiration.

Once again, congratulation,
Aissa Issak

IFLA BEST POSTER, 2010



Best IFLA Poster Session 2010 was another scoop for Africa. Kabou Kamboukadio from Burkina Faso was awarded the first prize for this category. A new comer at WLIC she did a sterling job and came out best

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IFLA BEST NEWSLETTER, 2010

Colleagues, Africa did well in 2010 looking at the number of awards and prizes received. It's a pleasure to share that our newsletter got the second position as a well improved newsletter.

The challenge is now with you to populate the newsletter as we work hard for number one in the near future. Together we can get to the top

Last but not least, African LIS and Division V community received prestigious awards after Gothenburg. Just to name few amongst other:

Shaweky Salem, Farradane Award 2010 (UKeIG – CILIP)
Dr. Ismail Serageldin, Millennium Excellence Award for Lifetime Africa Achievement Prize 2010
Premila Gamage: Honorary Fellowship of (CILIP) 2010
Adolfo Rodriguez, Emeritus Researcher by the National Autonomous University of Mexico.
Dr Dan Dorner, LIANZA Fellowship.

We are honoured and proud to be associated with these colleagues. Congratulations!

**Regional Office for Africa
South Africa**

FIRST ELLEN TISE LEADERSHIP GRANT



Madam Ellen Tise, IFLA President & Rebecca Senyolo

The Library & Information Association of South Africa (LIASA) grant awarded to Rebecca Senyolo. The grant was named after IFLA President, Madam, Ellen Tise.

The new Ellen Tise Leadership Grant recognizes active participation in LIASA on any level. Rebecca Senyolo, the first grantee, has been actively involved on different levels in the association, from working on branch level to currently being Executive Committee member and the National Public Relations Officer.

"I'm really excited," Senyolo said about receiving the grant. "I'm looking forward to learn more from people all over the world." Without this award I could not have been able to attend IFLA abroad. I have learned few Swedish words like *'tack tack'* meaning thank you very much! I feel truly inspired by this opportunity.

**Rebecca Senyolo
South Africa**

CLM EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER AWARDED



Copyright Services Librarian at Wits Library, South Africa and an Executive Board Member of IFLA-CLM awarded National Librarian of the Year in South Africa. The award ceremony was part of LIASA Gala Dinner during its Annual Conference, September 2010.

The award comes with prize money that could only be used for professional development. Denise has been involved with CLM, ACA2K (African Copyright & Access to Knowledge Project) and

many more related to intellectual property rights.

**Denise Nicholson
South Africa**

DIARY OF EVENTS

SC MIDTERM MEETING, 2011

Africa Section will hold its first 2011 midterm meeting in Cameroon on 7 – 9 February. This will be a back to back with the Seminar on Library Capacity Building Interventions for the Achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) for Francophone Africa, 10-11 February 2011. It is envisaged the IFLA President, Madam Ellen Tise will grace both occasions

The midterm meeting will adjudicate amongst other issues, ALP Projects, selection of abstracts for WLIC 2011 Open Forum Session and received SC and GB members' nominations for the Section

Lindy Nhlapo
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AFRICAN LIBRARY SUMMIT

Unisa in partnership with IFLA Regional Office for Africa and Africa Section will host the African Library Summit. The venue is Johannesburg, South Africa on 11-13 May 2011.

The meeting will bring together educators, practitioners and library association chairs from the continent.

The overall theme for the Summit is **"The Future of African Librarianship"**

The three main focus areas have been identified as follows:

- African LIS challenges and opportunities
- African LIS trends and initiatives
- Collaboration & learning opportunities

For full details log on to:

<http://africalibrarysummit.blogspot.com>

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International Symposium on Reading link between generations: towards social solidarity, Tunis 23-25 March 2011

The National Federation of Friends of Library and book Associations



In partnership with IFLA Literacy and Reading Section will host an international symposium 23-25 March 2011 in Tunisia.

Presentations will be in English, French, in addition to the host country's language, Arabic. For further details contact

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EIFL Public Library Innovation Programme
Up-coming opportunity for participation and sharing of information - Please watch www.eifl.net/plip/

The Public Library Innovation Programme provides funding opportunities for public libraries to spark new services that meet the needs of communities and help improve socio-economic well-being.

In 12 projects from Africa, Asia, Europe, and Latin America public libraries in partnership with public and private entities are testing services and technology applications in the areas of health, agriculture, education and information literacy, business, employment, local content, special needs.

The second call due to open in April 2011 will ask for concept papers outlining proposals to test the replicability of services and technologies.

EIFL is also studying the perceptions of public libraries by stakeholders in 6 African countries: Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Zimbabwe. The results of the study, expected early summer 2011, will be shared widely with the library community. Contact: plip@eifl.net

Rima Kupryte
Director, EIFL

First Annual Conference of the Faculty of Communication and Information Science at the National University of Science and Technology (NUST), Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. 23-24 August 2011.

Sub-themes will address current research issues related to the indigenous knowledge and indigenous knowledge systems. Inter alia the following broad themes will be addressed at the conference:

1. Indigenous knowledge and indigenous knowledge systems in the information and knowledge societies
2. Indigenous knowledge and indigenous knowledge systems and the United Nations millennium development goals
3. Indigenous knowledge systems and the promotion of development
4. Indigenous knowledge systems and modernity
5. Indigenous knowledge systems and innovation
6. Preserving national identities through indigenous knowledge and indigenous knowledge systems
7. The role of information and communication technology in managing indigenous knowledge and indigenous knowledge systems
8. The role of law and ethics in preserving indigenous knowledge and indigenous knowledge systems
9. Dissemination of indigenous knowledge and indigenous knowledge systems

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All papers will be published in the proceedings of the conference. Full-text papers will again be reviewed for possible publication in a hardcopy publication with a reputable publisher.

E. Maisiri
Zimbabwe

To the Participants in the First International Conference on African Digital Libraries & Archives

Upcoming international workshop on "Establishing Digital Libraries in the Maghreb region of North Africa," Washington, DC, January 24-25, 2011 (Monday-Tuesday).

55 participants are expected from United States, Europe and North Africa. The program will serve as a catalyst for collaboration and action in the North Africa / Maghreb region – focusing on the establishment of digital libraries / archives and access to/dissemination of digital information. For this workshop we also are focusing on digital libraries relating to "sciences", which also would include a range of social sciences as well as engineering, and medicine/health.

We may have one or two slots available for participants in the 2009 ICADLA Conference. If you would like to participate in the workshop, please let me know at your earliest convenience. We do not have funds for your travel, but note that there is no cost to participate in the workshop.

If you are unable to come, but still wish to share your knowledge and experience, you are welcome to submit a short paper which will be included in the workshop materials.

As this is a "workshop", there will be much discussion and information sharing. To facilitate the sharing of knowledge, you and other participants are being asked to submit a "**white paper**" outlining your ideas, views and suggestions. These 2-3 page papers will be compiled into a "briefing book" that will be circulated to participants prior to the workshop. These white papers are due by January 15, and can be posted directly at (www.FulbrightAcademy.org/page/DL/). In addition to the white papers, some participants will give panel presentations on some aspect of digital libraries/digital curation or other current developments that pertain to establishing digital libraries in the Maghreb. The workshop language is English.

Participants will come from government agencies, libraries, businesses, universities and research institutes.

On behalf of the meeting organizers, we very much hope that you can share your knowledge at the workshop in person or in writing: ehoward@FulbrightAcademy.org

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

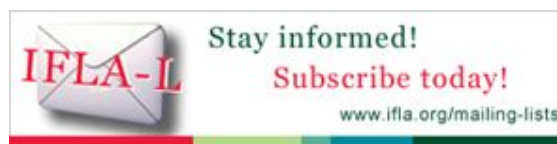
Also to be submitted is diary of events – what are you planning.

Make your submissions to: [IFLA Regional Office for Africa](#)

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