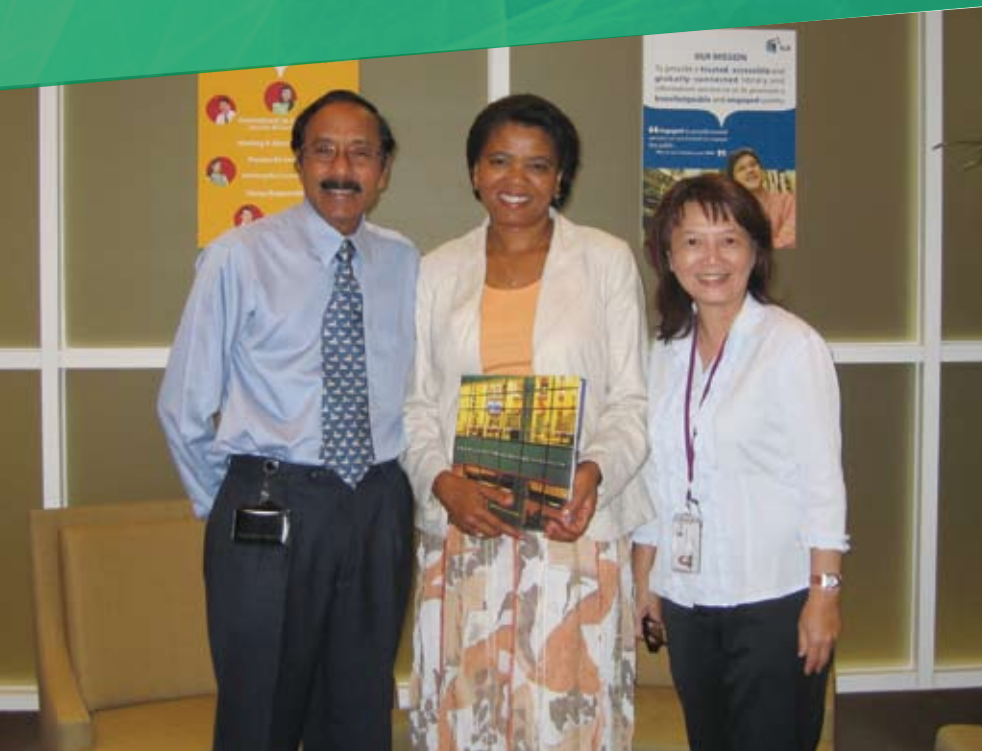




# Asia and Oceania

SECTION NEWSLETTER



With Dr. N Varapasad (Chief Executive, National Library Board Singapore) and Ms. Tan Keat Fong (Regional Manager, IFLA Regional Office for Asia and Oceania) at the National Library in Singapore

## IFLA in Singapore

In February this year, I had the pleasure and opportunity to visit Singapore for the first time. Winston Tabb, Chair of the IFLA Committee on Copyright and other Legal Matters (CLM) and I represented IFLA at the 28th Intellectual Property Expert Group (IPEG) of APEC (Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation) in Singapore on 26 February. IFLA was invited to address IPEG on “Exceptions and Limitations for Libraries” within the broader context of Copyright and Intellectual Property (IP). APEC is the premier forum for facilitating economic growth, cooperation, trade and investment in the Asia-Pacific region. APEC was established in 1989

to further enhance economic growth and prosperity for the region and to strengthen the Asia-Pacific community. Attendees included representatives and IP experts of APEC member economies. The presentation, titled “Libraries and Users’ Rights: Balance in Intellectual Property” was well received, as was the proposal for minimum limitations and exceptions for libraries/users. We got lots of questions and strong praise for the work that IFLA is doing on behalf of libraries in this area in the international arena.

Singapore colleagues also took the opportunity of being there to arrange a programme for me to engage with the library community and to hear about

my IFLA activities. My programme in Singapore was coordinated by Tan Keat Fong, IFLA’s Regional Manager for Asia & Oceania, and Deputy Director, Professional and International Relations of the National Library Board (NLB) Singapore. My programme included amongst others, a tour of the National Library of Singapore and a meeting with Dr. N Varapasad, Chief Executive Officer of NLB. In the afternoon of day one, I gave a talk at the National Library on my presidential theme, “Libraries Driving Access to Knowledge.” On day two, I visited the library@esplanade, Jurong Regional Library, and Nanyang Technological University (NTU) Library.

I was impressed by the high level of professionalism, innovative services provided and strong commitment to the profession of Singapore library colleagues. What stood out for me was the support received from the government for libraries and the focus on professional development. Libraries in Singapore are definitely on the agenda. I would like to take this opportunity to thank NLB staff and Singapore colleagues for the warm welcome and hospitality which Winston and I received. It contributed in so many ways to a very fruitful and successful visit. I would also like to thank NLB for the continued support for IFLA through the Asia & Oceania Regional Office. It enables IFLA to have a strong footprint in Asia.

With kind regards  
Ellen R. Tise

IFLA President-elect, 2007–2009

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## From the Chair's Desk

It has been a wonderful learning experience—we work together, share ideas, learn from each other, argue and debate, laugh and in the end we step forward!



Dear colleagues,

I am writing this short account in the midst of planning for our activities for Milan. This is my final account as your Chair after four years in the Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania (RSCAO), first as a member, then as Secretary and finally as Chair of the Section, Chair of Division VIII, and Governing Board member. Four years is not a long time but it is important to make way for others in order to open up the Section to new ideas and perceptions.

I will be saying goodbye in Milan where a lot of changes will take place. This is not only because it is an election year but also because of the implementation of the revised IFLA structure of which you must already be aware. Even though there will be many changes to sections and divisions, we are fortunate that all three regional sections remain in IFLA as well as the Division with the new name of "Division V."

The membership of our Section has grown stronger and the number of Standing Committee (SC) members has also increased to its maximum (22) for 2005–2009. I am proud to state that for 2009–2013, there were more nominations than the vacancies and a postal ballot was conducted. In addition, the Section has developed greater collaborative links within IFLA over the years. The Section continues to represent the interests not only of developing countries but also of many developed countries such as Australia, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, and Singapore. Therefore, regional sections should not be considered as merely about or for developing countries. Even though it is true that we pay more attention to developing countries, members should recognise that the Section represents all the countries in our region regardless of their economic, social, and political situations.

We are all well aware of ALP's enormous contribution to information development activities in our three regions. With the phasing out of SIDA funds at the end of 2009, the administration of ALP will move from Uppsala University to IFLA Headquarters. There will be many important challenges facing our Section over

the coming years especially in terms of finances due to the global financial downturn. All the SC members and especially the Regional Office (RO) have a key role to play here to identify and approach possible donors for project funding. I am happy to note that the RO has already started working on this with the collaboration of IFLA HQ. The impact and the difference made through ALP-supported projects are an important part of the Section's work and one of its greatest achievements. The grassroots strength of ALP is the main reason behind this achievement as ALP projects are initiated from the regions and carried out by colleagues in the regions. The two projects currently carried out in Cambodia and Laos on information literacy are two examples that can be mentioned. A number of professionals and para-professionals have benefited immensely from ALP-supported in-service training and scholarship programmes. I am an example of a person who has benefited from ALP support without which I would not be here today. On behalf of the Section/Divisions, I would like to record our sincere gratitude and our deep appreciation to Birgitta and Gunilla for their hard work and contributions to the programme and associated activities. An official recognition ceremony will be held in Milan for Birgitta and Gunilla.

As we have much to discuss and do in Milan I hope to see many Section members there. In addition to both our Open Session and the Division VIII Open Session, there will be a number of sessions worth attending. Remember that there will also be an Emerald-sponsored dinner to which you will be receiving invitations shortly.

When I was the Secretary of the Section, the then Chair Gary asked me whether I would like to exchange my heavy workload as Secretary for his Chairmanship. However, my experience as Chair was quite different but I hope the in-coming Chair's experience will not be the same! I am delighted to say that the years spent working on behalf of the Asia and Oceania Section and IFLA has been one of the best experiences of my professional career. It has been a wonderful learning experience—we work together, share ideas, learn from each other, argue

and debate, laugh and in the end we step forward! I have been very fortunate to work with inspiring and exciting colleagues in IFLA and particularly in RSCAO, the preceding Chairs–Gary and Rashidah, Secretaries, Regional Managers, and all members. I must also admit that the friendships forged and networks developed are the most rewarding part of IFLA!

Finally, I wish much success to the in-coming officers and to both newly elected and continuing members in all their future activities.

Premila Gamage  
Chair

IFLA Regional Standing Committee for  
Asia and Oceania

## From the Regional Manager's Desk

Dear colleagues and friends,

With the close of a three-year term as IFLA Regional Office for Asia and Oceania, it has indeed been an enriching and rewarding experience. We would like to record our thanks to all those who have supported the Regional Office in a way or another.

We were privileged to have Ms. Jennefer Nicholson, IFLA Secretary General here in Singapore to ink the next three-year renewal of the IFLA-NLB Joint-Collaboration Agreement from 2009–2011 with Dr. N. Varaprasad, Chief Executive, National Library Board. You can also read about Ms. Ellen Tise, IFLA President-elect and Dr. Winston Tabb, Chair of the IFLA Committee on Copyright and other Legal Matters' visit to the Regional Office in the Regional Office News Section.

On another note, we thank Ms. Premila Gamage, outgoing Chair and out-going members of the Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania, for their significant contribution to the Section. Our congratulations to Ms. Ingrid Parent who has been elected to serve as President-elect for the term 2009–2011. Let's also welcome the new twenty members and two member countries–Lao People's Democratic Republic and Seychelles to our IFLA family. As of 15 June 2009, our membership stands at 54 member countries and 285 members. For members who may have missed to renew their membership, kindly contact IFLA Headquarters and do so soonest possible.

The Regional Office is also happy to announce the successful ALP Programme 2009 award applicants on page 24 in this issue. Letters have been sent out to inform all applicants. In addition, we are also pleased to advise that Petrina from Regional Office has successfully placed all ALP Training Attachments with the kind assistance of ALP and the following host institutions–National Academic Library of Kazakhstan, Kazakhstan; Rangsit University Library, Thailand; The Library, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand; Li Ka Shing Library, Singapore Management University, Singapore; and the National Library Board, Singapore. In this issue, Rangsit University Library has also generously shared its experience as a host

institution in the ALP News Section.

Earlier in February this year, the Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania held its Mid-conference in Bangkok, Thailand. Various issues were on the agenda, including the selection of papers for the upcoming World Library and Information Congress: 75th IFLA General Conference in Assembly in Milan; the review and selection of ALP applications as well as updates from the Chair, ALP, and the Regional Office. Ms. Jennefer Nicholson also presented the latest development in IFLA. We greatly appreciate the warm hospitality rendered by the host, The Siam Society and our colleagues, Dr. Maria LaoSunthara, Dr. Namtip Wipawin, and Dr. Aree Cheunwattana for their impeccable planning.

In April 2009, I was invited by Mr. Pham The Khang, the Chairman of CONSAL XIV Organising Committee to represent IFLA Regional Office for Asia and Oceania in the CONSAL XIV General Conference, Vietnam. He is also the Director of National Library of Vietnam. The Conference was excellently organised and very well attended with more than 800 delegates. Shortly in May 2009, upon the invitation of the Ministry of National Education Indonesia and National Library of Indonesia. I introduced IFLA to 150 school librarians and other participants from 33 provinces in Indonesia on "The Role of the School Library and Competency of the School Librarian: The IFLA Perspective and the Singapore Experience." It was a very fruitful and engaging experience.

Finally, thank you to all for your continued contribution of articles and sharing and we look forward to meeting in Milan very soon!



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# The New IFLA Website

By Simon Lemstra  
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IFLA launched its new website (see: [www.ifla.org/en/news/welcome-to-the-new-ifla-website](http://www.ifla.org/en/news/welcome-to-the-new-ifla-website)) on 22 April 2009. Our old site had served its purpose for years, but new developments—in society, on the web and within IFLA demanded something more advanced. The new, professional-looking graphical design is only the tip of the iceberg.

With an improved site structure and added taxonomies, “tags,” the findability of our documents and information will be increased. The tags can link together content on the same topics or in the same geographical area.

News items, events, documents, and photos can be easily added and promoted to visitors, as well as to potential sponsors, thus highlighting IFLA’s activities and successes.

IFLA units, like your Asia and Oceania Section, can add blogs, wikis, and discussion forums to their pages. Besides, units are now able to manage their own pages, which will give them more control and will speed up the content adding process greatly.

Finally, by making our website compliant with accessibility and web design standards, the site will be accessible to people with vision impairment or with slow Internet connections. And our non-English audiences are served by providing the ingredients of a truly multilingual website: we will be able to manage translations of both the interface and the content much more efficiently and less error-prone than before.

Unit homepages feature news, events, publications, and community tools

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## IFLA Chinese Language Centre Established at the National Library of China, Beijing

Source: <http://archive.ifla.org/V/press/chinese-language-centre-200902.htm>

In February 2009 the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) and the National Library of China (NLC) in Beijing signed a cooperation agreement by which NLC received a status of IFLA Chinese Language Centre. It can now be seen as a permanent representative of IFLA/HQ for the Chinese-speaking community, as well as the other way around. It is hoped that IFLA/HQ will get improved access to Chinese-speaking library and information professionals.

The IFLA Chinese Language Centre will promote IFLA, support IFLA's Asia and Oceania Section as well as other relevant IFLA professional bodies and liaise with IFLA/HQ. Among the priorities of the Centre are:

1. Active membership recruitment. This will be conducted with the help of national or other association members and/or national libraries. Institutions and associations (including specialist and state associations) within the Chinese language community will be actively encouraged to join IFLA.
2. (Co-) organising regional IFLA events. These will be co-organised with IFLA/HQ, and/or with IFLA professional units (Sections and Core Activities). This activity includes seeking sources for funding of IFLA projects.
3. Seek involvement in local or regional professional events to gain support within the Chinese language community, trying to get IFLA "branding" of local or regional events.
4. Contribute to more effective communication within the Chinese language community and with the IFLA bodies involved. These activities include the publication of newsletters, translations of key IFLA documents and publications, and the production of a Chinese translation of IFLA Express during IFLA's annual congresses.
5. Representing IFLA in the Chinese language community, in a pursuit to make IFLA more visible in that community, promoting IFLA goals, principles, and core values.
6. Translation of key IFLA documents, guidelines, press releases, and papers prepared for the Assembly Meetings etc.
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## Other IFLA Language Centres

IFLA Centre for Arabic Speaking Libraries and Information Institutions	Bibliotheca Alexandrina
IFLA French Language Centre for Africa	Central Library of Cheikh Anta Diop University
IFLA Russian Language Centre	Russian State Library

# Warmest Congratulations from IFLA Asia and Oceania Section!



## 2009 President-elect Election Results

Source: <http://www.ifla.org/en/news/results-of-the-election-of-president-elect-2009>

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

## 2009 IFLA Governing Board Election Results

Source: <http://www.ifla.org/en/news/2009-ifla-governing-board-election-results>

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

## Standing Committee of IFLA Asia and Oceania Section, 2009-2013, Election Results

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| 1. Xiangdong Yan, National Library of China, (China)   | 5. Premila Gamage, Institute of Policy Studies, (Sri Lanka), 2nd term  |
| 2. Jayshree Mamtora, Charles Darwin University, (Australia)  | 6. Fawz Abdallah, Beirut Arab University, Faculty of Arts, Dept. Knowledge Management & Informatics, (Lebanon) |
| 3. Winston Roberts, National Library of New Zealand, (New Zealand)                                 | 7. Chihfeng P. Lin, Shih-Hsin University, (China)  |
| 4. Mohd Sharif Mohd Saad, Faculty of Information Management, Universiti Teknologi Mara, (Malaysia) | 8. Dana Beth, Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar, (Qatar)   |
|  | 9. Mark Perkins, (New Caledonia), 2nd term   |



## World Library and Information Congress: 76th IFLA General Conference and Assembly

**“Libraries: Engaging, Embracing, Empowering”  
14-19 August 2010, Brisbane, Australia**

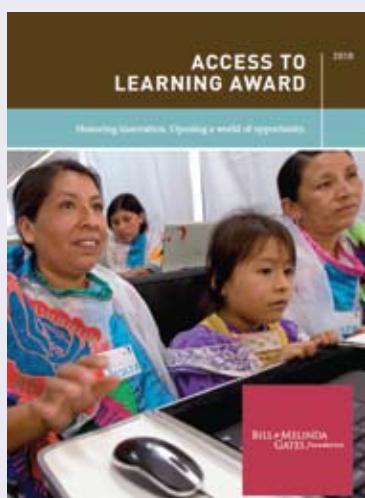
Please refer to <http://www.ifla.org.sg/IV/ifla76/index.htm> for more details.

## Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's 2010 Access to Learning Award

**W**e invite you to apply for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's annual Access to Learning Award, which recognizes the innovative efforts of public libraries and similar institutions outside the United States to connect people to information and opportunities through free access to computers and the Internet. The award is given by Global Libraries, a special initiative of the foundation's Global Development Program. Computers and the Internet are powerful tools that provide opportunities for people to improve their social and economic well-being. Worldwide, just one person in six has access to

the Internet. This means that more than five billion people miss out on chances to pursue education and employment, access government services, learn about valuable health information, conduct business online, and exchange information and ideas. The Access to Learning Award encourages new, innovative ways to provide computer and Internet services to people without access, and promotes greater development of public access technology programs around the world.

The recipient of the Access to Learning Award will receive US\$1 million.



### How to Apply Deadline

All completed applications must be submitted online at [www.gatesfoundation.org/ATLA?](http://www.gatesfoundation.org/ATLA?) by October 31, 2009.

### Obtaining Application Forms

The Access to Learning Award application form is available for download at [www.gatesfoundation.org/ATLA](http://www.gatesfoundation.org/ATLA).

The form is only available in English and must be completed in English in order to be eligible for review by the advisory committee. Applications may also be requested by email at [ATLA@gatesfoundation.org](mailto:ATLA@gatesfoundation.org).



## Hong Kong Library Association: 50th Anniversary Celebrations

By Michael Robinson  
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In 2008, the Hong Kong Library Association (HKLA) celebrated its 50th anniversary. A number of events were held to commemorate this achievement, culminating in the hosting of an international conference, “Looking Back, Moving Forward: Asian Libraries in the World of Information” at the Hong Kong Central Library from 4–5 November 2008.

The HKLA 50th Anniversary Conference featured a number of international keynote speakers in addition to over thirty-five submitted papers, mostly from the Asia-Pacific region. Ms. Jennefer Nicholson, the Secretary General of IFLA, made the opening keynote address on the role and function of professional library associations both now and in the future. Dr. Peter Zhou’s presentation focused on the development of research libraries and their transition in the Internet age, while the closing keynote speaker was Dr. Klaus Ceynowa, who discussed the aims and impacts of the digitisation



Michael Robinson, President of the HKLA, 2007–2008, delivers the opening address at the HKLA 50th Anniversary Conference.



Past Presidents of the HKLA gather at the 2008 Annual General Meeting to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Association.

strategy of the Bavarian State Library, one of the major libraries outside of North America to be actively involved in the Google Book digitisation programme. There was also a strong focus on Asian libraries, with the President of the Library Society of China, Dr. Zhan Furui outlining the China National Digital Library Project, and Dr. Karl Minh Ku presenting a paper which mapped out an agenda for “new librarianship” in Taiwan. One of the highlights of the Conference was a public lecture by long-standing HKLA member and former President Dr. Kan Lai Bing, and Ms. Yu Ling Ling, focusing on the development of library and information science education in Hong Kong, and the role that the HKLA has played in this.

The HKLA maintained its usual levels of activity during the year, including overseas study tours, local library visits, a public seminar on library development projects in Mainland China, and its regular Education and Careers Forum. As a final gesture of recognition of the work of many previous members, the HKLA Yearbook for 2008 featured the history of the HKLA, as well as the reminiscences of a number of previous Presidents.



The Association may be contacted via its website at <http://www.hkla.org> or via email at [hkla@hkla.org](mailto:hkla@hkla.org).



# A Review of Librarianship Conferences in Iran in 2008

By Fariborz Khodravi  
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The first short course of librarianship was held in Iran seventy years ago and librarianship was established as an academic major in Tehran less than fifty years back. Now, there are more than seventy librarianship departments in universities, offering associate courses, BA, MA, and doctorates. Their graduates have been employed in various libraries. The subjects offered in the conferences of Iranian Library and Information Science Association (ILISA) are listed below. The diversity of the subjects explains the challenges of this academic field in Iran.

Several conferences and workshops were held by different organisations in the nation last year. The number of participants taking part in the conferences is usually between 100 and 300. It is expected that the Mid-conference Meeting of the IFLA Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania Section in Iran in February 2010 will provide more opportunities for other library professionals to be more acquainted with Iran's librarianship.

- 70 Years of Library and Information Sciences Formal Education in Iran
- A Comparative Study on the Library and Information Sciences Research in England and Iran
- A Comparative Study on the Quality of Indexing and Ranking among Dublin Core Embedded and MARC 21 Embedded Web Objects by Internet Search Tools
- Application of Comparative Research Method in Scientometrics Studies
- Application of EFQM in Library Management
- Application of Sociability Approach in Library and Information Researches
- Application of Information Technology in Public Libraries: Case Study of Iranian Public Libraries
- Assessment and Evaluation of Knowledge Management Projects



Inside the National Library of Iran

- Challenges of Electronic Resources Acquisition in Iran
- Citation Databases: Persian JCR, Iran SCI, and Iran ESI
- Comparison of ISI and Web Citations: Application of Webometrics in the Study of Scientific Communication
- Information Literacy
- Critical Realism and the Research Methodology
- Iranian Documentation Center (IRANDOC)
- Knowledge Management in Theory and Practice: Role of Librarians and Information Professionals
- Librarians: Information Architects
- Link Analysis of Academic Libraries Web Sites: a Prototype
- Mapping the Chemistry of Iran in SCI (1990-2006) using Factor Analysis and PFNet
- Performance Evaluation of Library Management using EFQM
- Remarks on Impact Factor: Quantity versus Quality
- Peer-Review Criteria in Persian LIS Journals
- SID Citation Database
- Visibility and Invisibility of Information on the Web
- Webometrics: With an Emphasis on Open Access Journals

# Activities Galore at the Regional Office!

By Petrina Ang

Associate II

IFLA Regional Office for Asia and Oceania

February is a fruitful month buzzing with activities at the Regional Office in Singapore! Together with National Library Board (NLB) Singapore, we were privileged to host the following IFLA colleagues: Ms. Jennefer Nicholson, IFLA Secretary General; Ms. Ellen Tise, IFLA President-elect; and Dr. Winston Tabb, Chair of the IFLA Committee on Copyright and other Legal Matters.

Ms. Jennefer Nicholson inked the Joint Collaboration Agreement with Dr. N Varaprasad, Chief Executive, NLB in a signing ceremony held at the National Library on 12 February 2009. Members from the Library Association of Singapore (LAS) and NLB colleagues were invited to witness this significant renewal of cooperation between IFLA and NLB from 2009-2011. Ms. Nicholson was also invited by NLB to share with guests the topic "IFLA Moving Forward: Advocacy Framework, Strengthening Library Associations and Strategic Partnerships" as part of NLB Academy's Guest Speaker Series.

We were also delighted to play host to Ms. Ellen Tise on 23-24 February 2009. She was in Singapore to represent IFLA in the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Intellectual Property Rights Experts' Group (IPEG) Conference from 25-26 February 2009. Ms. Tise offered an invaluable insight into her IFLA Presidential Theme "Libraries Driving Access to Knowledge."

Also representing IFLA at the APEC-IPEG Conference was Dr. Winston Tabb. He generously shared his experience and expertise on copyright issues with Dr. N Varaprasad, NLB staff, and Singapore librarians on 27 February 2009.



Group photo after the signing ceremony between IFLA and NLB

From left: Ms. Tan Keat Fong (Regional Manager, IFLA Regional Office for Asia and Oceania), Ms. Ngian Lek Choh (President, Library Association of Singapore), Dr. N Varaprasad (Chief Executive, NLB), Ms. Jennefer Nicholson (IFLA Secretary General), Mr. Phua Kok Tee (Member, Public Libraries Advisory Committee, NLB), and Dr. R Ramachandran (Member, National Library Advisory Committee, NLB)

The successful discussions had many Singapore library professionals leaving the sessions with a renewed sense of purpose. There cannot be more good news than this for the library community.



Dr. Winston Tabb (first from left) at the sharing session with staff from NLB and library professionals from the Singapore libraries on 27 February 09.

# Welcome!

## New IFLA Members registered under Section 26 and located in Non-Asia and Oceania Region

From 18 November 2008 to 15 June 2009

Membership Category/Name	City/Country
<b>Institution</b>	
University of Alberta Libraries	Edmonton/Canada
<b>Personal Affiliate</b>	
Marwa EL SAHN	Alexandria/Egypt

## New IFLA Members located in Asia and Oceania Region

From 18 November 2008 to 15 June 2009

Membership Category/Name	City/Country
<b>Institution</b>	
Amman Public Libraries Department	Amman/Jordan
Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS)	Canberra/Australia
Christchurch City Libraries	Christchurch/New Zealand
ICDDR, B	Dhaka/Bangladesh
Indian Institute of Technology Bombay	Mumbai/India
Indian Institute of Technology Madras, Central Library	Chennai/India
Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, Reference Library	New Delhi/India
Israeli Center for Libraries	Bnei-Brak/Israel
IUB Library, Independent University, Bangladesh	Dhaka/Bangladesh
National Gallery of Australia Research Library	Canberra/Australia
National Library of Laos	Vientiane/Lao People's Democratic Republic
Princess Sumaya University for Technology, El Hassan Library and Media Center	Amman/Jordan
Seychelles National Library	Victoria/Seychelles
<b>National Association</b>	
Indian Association of Special Libraries and Information Centre (IASLIC)	Kolkata/India
Macau Library and Information Management Association	Macau/China
<b>Institutional Sub Unit</b>	
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# Mid-conference Meeting of IFLA Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania

By M. Al Mamun  
Secretary  
Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania

The Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania held its Mid-conference Meeting on 16–17 February 2009 in Bangkok. The Siam Society, Bangkok, Thailand hosted the meeting. The following members were present in the meeting:



Ms. Jennefer Nicholson, IFLA Secretary General (fourth from left) and Ms. Anne Sutherland, Honorary Librarian of the Siam Society (seventh from left, bottom) with members from Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania during the Mid-conference Meeting 2009

Premila Gamage (Chair), M. Al Mamun (Secretary), Sanjay Kumar Bihani (Member), Daniel G. Dorner (Member), S. B. Ghosh (Member), Fariborz Khosravi (Member), Michael Robinson (Member), Diljit Singh (Member), Namtip Wipawin (Member), Aree Cheunwattana, (Corresponding Member), Gary E. Gorman (Corresponding Member), Chihfeng P. Lin (Corresponding Member), Shawky Salem (Advisor), Jennefer Nicholson (IFLA Secretary General), Birgitta Sandell (ALP Programme Director), Tan Keat Fong (Regional Manager), Petrina Ang (Associate II, Regional Office).

The Chair and Regional Manager presented the progress report, the meeting budget report, and the information report. Birgitta Sandell, ALP Programme

Director, presented a verbal report on Asia and Oceania Section's project status, financial and current situation of ALP, and other grants information for the Section. Jennefer Nicholson, IFLA Secretary General, was present for the first time at the Mid-conference Meeting. She presented a report titled "IFLA's Global Voice." In this presentation, she focused on issues such as Advocacy Framework, IFLA membership, IFLA's new website and some core activities—particularly ALP and general updates of IFLA. She also shared her views and strategies which would bring about positive change in IFLA administration.

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Premila Gamage, Chair, Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania, in the workshop on "Preservation of Local Wisdom: Best Practices"

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programme at the World Library and Information Congress: 75th IFLA General Conference and Assembly, Milan, Italy, 23–27 August 2009. Award recipients of ALP scholarships and training attachments were also selected from the applications collated.

On 18 February 2009, Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania, the Thai Library Association, the School of Information Science, Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University jointly hosted an "International Seminar on the Preservation of Local Wisdom: Best Practices" at Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University. In this workshop, Prof. Gary Gorman and Dr. Dan Dorner, Prof. Diljit Singh, and Assoc. Prof. Chihfeng P. Lin presented three papers from the Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania. Workshop participants included members of the Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania members and nearly 100 Thai librarians and

LIS educators. Premila Gamage, Chair expressed her thanks and appreciation to Assoc. Prof. Dr. Pranee Sungkatavat, President, the Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University (STOU), and Dr. Chutima Sacchanand, the President of the Thai Library Association for organising this one-day workshop.

During the two-day meeting, the Thai Library Association hosted a welcome buffet dinner together with Dr. Maria LaoSunthara at her home for the Committee members. On behalf of the Committee, the Chair thanked the Siam Society, Ms. Anne Sutherland, the Honorary Librarian and her team for successfully organising the Mid-conference Meeting. She also thanked Namtip Wipawin and Aree Cheunwattana for facilitating both the meeting and the workshop and for their hospitality extended to Committee members during their stay in Bangkok.

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## Quilting an IFLA Tapestry of Asia and Oceania Region

by IFLA Regional Office for Asia and Oceania

As you know, quilts are made from sewing different fabrics together to make design. And patterns for sewing the pieces of fabric together are handed down through the times. The riot of patterns and colours makes the quilt beautiful, while meticulous stitching holds the quilt together strongly. Similarly, IFLA Asia and Oceania region is made up of 54 countries, each making their contribution to the library community through the years. The vibrancy of the members makes the organisation remarkable, while the bond and understanding between the members are essential for the strength of the organisation.



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## United Arab Emirates

### Institution

281. American University of Sharjah Library  
282. Center for Documentation & Research, Emirates Library, Ministry of Presidential Affairs  
283. Public Libraries Section – Dubai Municipality  
284. Zayed University Library

## Vietnam

### Institution

285. Central Library for Science & Technology

# IFLA/ALP Workshop to Train Library Association Leaders and Professionals from South Asian Countries on Library Advocacy and Policy Development

By Premila Gamage  
Librarian  
Institute of Policy Studies

The Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA) which is the sole body assigned with the responsibility of safeguarding the profession of Library and Information Sciences (LIS) in Sri Lanka and the National Library and Documentation Services Board jointly organised a workshop to train library association leaders and professionals from Sri Lanka, India, Pakistan, and Nepal on library advocacy and policy development from 12–13 February 2009, in Colombo, Sri Lanka.



## Other Asian Library Associations

Left to right: Premila Gamage, Chair, Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania; Prof. Piyadasa Ranasinghe, President, SLLA; Dr. V Singh, President ILA (top); and Bhola Shrestha, President, Nepal Library Association

This workshop was organised with the intention of training LIS leaders especially public librarians, educators, and activists to acquire the requisite skills in policy development and implementation, including developing government relations platforms, monitoring government proposals, effective advocacy campaigns, and public relations. The workshop was fully funded by the Action for Development through Libraries (ALP) programme of International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (<http://www.ifla.org>). There were around 100 participants at the workshop representing librarians, community development officers attached to local governments, administrators, and politicians. Mr. Michael Dowling, Director, International Relations of American Library Association, and Ms. Moira Fraser, Parliamentary Librarian of New Zealand served as prime Resource Persons with Presidents of Library Associations of Sri Lanka, India, and Nepal.

It was a very successful workshop which brought together people in the library and information field, community development, and the local government for two days for a

lively discussion on LIS advocacy and policy development, both during and outside the sessions. The group work and interactive sessions figured as major instruments of expression. The participants formulated many constructive ideas while debating and brainstorming during the group work exercises.

To assess the current status of libraries in these countries, the groups worked by focusing upon these aspects of the environment—political, economic, social, and technological. This was necessary to ascertain where we would want the libraries in five years' time.

The participants from the local government and municipal councils commended this programme and said that it was a real encouragement for their work. More of such workshops was requested by them. Since such libraries do not get much attention, they could work their way through with the above deliberations. The apparent essential need of advocacy and policy development was felt by the participants, and they also gained the practical knowledge of initiating and working out such plans.

Based on the experience gained from the workshop, the participants will be able to initiate advocacy and policy development training and activities in their provincial councils. Most importantly, with the help of library association leaders, they will be able to conduct the similar training workshops in their respective provincial councils and countries.



Some of the Participants during work sessions and Pushpamala Perera, Librarian of SLITT (standing) expressing her views

# “Push to Pull” IFLA ALP Course on Information Literacy Wellington, New Zealand 2008

By Fairunizan Akbar Malik  
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“Push to Pull” sums up what I took back home from the IFLA Action for Development through Libraries Programme (ALP) Course on information literacy at School of Information Management, Victoria University Wellington, New Zealand held in November 2008. The four-week workshop was filled with various tutorials, library visits, and project presentations by participants at the end of the workshop. Priceless knowledge and experience were gained from the workshop.

I learnt from the workshop that marketing is the way forward in transforming libraries for the future. Libraries need to restructure their strategies and approaches in their provision of services. They need to develop well-planned marketing activities and be proactive. This is important in the environment of changing demands of today’s users and their information needs. Changes in library technologies have resulted in the creation and introduction of various new facilities and services. Therefore marketing is very crucial in determining the effectiveness and usage of these new information mediums.

Libraries have to act as a powerful magnet in attracting the users. Marketing in the libraries simply means that we push out the services and facilities we can provide to the users and demonstrate their benefits. One marketing approach for libraries is to focus on using information literacy programme as a marketing tool. Information literacy is vital in pushing out valuable and relevant information to the target users. Libraries can create their own information literacy programmes based on their target users and their unique needs. Various technologies can be used as a package to grab the user’s attention. Libraries have to make radical changes in the way they think and work.

I am implementing these marketing concepts and all the knowledge I got from the workshop in the information literacy programme of DISTED Library. It is a great help in boosting and improving our existing programmes. For example, our information skills classes incorporate more activities and our teaching approach is more learner-centric. We hope we can create more awareness of our services and facilities in our users.

I would like to acknowledge and give my appreciation to Professor Gary Gorman, Dr. Dan Dorner, Mr. Philip Calvert,

Dr. Lan Anh Tran, Mrs. Brenda Chawner, Mr. James Duncan, and all the wonderful lecturers and staff at the School of Information Management, Victoria University. I would also like to give a big thank you to all the lovely people at the Victoria University Library for their generosity and warm welcome.

Thank you as well to all the 2008 IFLA ALP workshop friends: Norhayati from Malaysia; Neela and Lal Chouhan from Nepal; Nemali and Mano from Sri Lanka; Kristine from Philippines; Nicholas from Solomon Island; and Shah Nawaz from Pakistan for sharing your knowledge and experience.



*Top row, left to right:* Fairunizan Akbar Malik (Malaysia); Nicholas C. Rubosa (Solomon Island); NorHayati Razali (Malaysia); and Shah Nawaz (Pakistan)  
*Bottom row, left to right:* Neela Tamang (Nepal); Mano Ratnayake (Sri Lanka); Kristine Hubilla (the Phillipines); Namali Suraweera (Sri Lanka); and Lal Bahadur Chaohan (Nepal)

# IFLA ALP Short Course on Information Literacy and Information Technology

By S.A.D.H. Namali Suraweera

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I was awarded the scholarship and had the opportunity to attend the above course in Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand from 17 November 2008 to 13 December 2008. There were nine participants from Asia and Oceania.



At Industrial Research Limited (IRL), a special library for scientific research located in Lower Hut, New Zealand

Professor Gary Gorman and Dr. Daniel G. Dorner from Victoria University of Wellington were the course director and course coordinator respectively.

The course included lectures, demonstrations, and seminars. The lectures were on themes such as basic Information Literacy (IL) skills, student learning styles, search strategies, assessment etc. Special practical sessions were conducted and they included development of search strategies, web creation, access of Web 2.0, and methodology of producing and publishing good web teaching aids.

The application of sophisticated computer facilities for information retrieval was deeply observed and studied through library visits in New Zealand. I represented Sri Lanka, which is both an island and a developing country. Therefore my exposure gives me novel ideas to improve the library and information science (LIS) sector in Sri Lanka.

At the end of the course I presented my web projects based on “Library and Information Science Subject Gateways.”

This course was an opportunity for me to interact closely with senior leaders. I hope this exposure would help to further the advancement of librarianship in Sri Lanka as follows. I have developed new syllabi to commence a new diploma course on IL and IT in order to produce skillful, knowledgeable, and well-trained persons for the LIS sector in Sri Lanka. I have planned to conduct lecture series on IL and IT in all provinces in Sri Lanka and I am using IL and IT skills for teaching purposes and developed an exhibition item of a fully automated model library with the experience I gained from New Zealand.

I wish to thank IFLA ALP, SLLA and DELIS, and University of Kelaniya for giving me this exceptional opportunity.

# The Experience of Being a Host Institution for IFLA ALP Training Attachment Programme

By Malivan Praditteera, Library Director, Rangsit University, Pathumthani, Thailand,  
Patchara Hanchareonkit, Associate Director, Rangsit University, Pathumthani, Thailand

**R**angsit University, founded in 1985, is a private institution of higher education with the primary aim of creating graduates in the area of study meeting the requirements of national development by focusing mainly on science, technology, design and management including independent professions which are requisites in development of one's own career. Presently, the University has twenty-nine faculties and colleges.



Cultural visit at the Grand Palace and Wat Prakaew



Library visit at National Library of Thailand

Rangsit University (RSU) Library, Thailand was established in 1985 at the same with University Establishment project. The six-storey library building occupied the total area of 9,300 square metres and can serve more than 2,000 users and contain 4,000,000 volumes of information resources approximately.

Regarding the University's vision of being global and internationalised educational institute, the Library has created the national, regional, and international collaboration activities with other libraries. The activities include interlibrary loan, information resource exchange, library visits, and professional exchange programmes.

During May 4-29 2009, RSU library volunteered to be a host institution for the IFLA ALP Training Attachment Programme. The award recipients were Mr. G. Mahesh from National Institute of Science Communication and Information Resources (India) and Mr. Guruge Roshan Eshantha Fernando from University of Moratuwa (Sri Lanka).

The training programme included meetings with RSU administration, professional meetings, on-the-job trainings, library visits, and cultural visits. They also had chances to visit National Library, National Archive, Thammasat University Library, Rangsit Campus, Asian Institute of Technology Library, Bangkok University Library,

Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University Library, the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) Library, and Science and Technology Knowledge Service (STKS) Center.

The recipients also met up with the President of Thai Library Association, and professors in library and information science.

The success of the programme is also attributed to the support from IFLA Regional Office for Asia and Oceania in Singapore and "the working-together team" of many sectors in the university such as Dormitory Office, Office of International Affairs, and the Library.

The four-week training has created a good experience for all RSU Library staff in sharing and gaining professional knowledge and the better understanding among different cultures. Obviously, these benefits have proved that the ALP training programme is very useful in many ways. Additionally, the collaborative opportunity between libraries is expected to increase in future.

# Congratulations!

## IFLA ALP Scholarship and Training Attachment 2009 Award Recipients (Asia and Oceania)

There were in total twenty-eight applications for ALP Scholarship 2009 Award and eleven for ALP Training Attachment 2009 Award. A sub-committee, comprising members of the Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania selected the following candidates. Our heartiest congratulations to all successful candidates!

### ALP Scholarship 2009 Award Recipients

The six selected candidates are:

1. Domingua Abboud, Lebanon
2. Sypha Phongsavath, Laos
3. Opong Sumiati, Indonesia
4. Praveena Shyam, Fiji
5. Md. Zahid Hossain Shoeb, Bangladesh
6. Yanitha Rajchakom, Thailand

### ALP Training Attachment 2009 Award Recipients

The two selected candidates are:

1. Chulalak Hongatikul, Thailand
2. G. Mahesh, India

## Call For Applications for ALP Projects 2010 (Asia And Oceania)

Project applications can be made to the IFLA ALP Programme for support to librarians, library associations, library schools or others who want to develop co-operation, knowledge and services within the special programme areas of ALP. Applications for 2010 will be reviewed and considered subject to the availability of funding.

### The five special programme areas of ALP are:

- Continuing education and training;
- Development of library associations;
- Libraries as promoters of information literacy and lifelong learning, and combating functional illiteracy;
- The use of ICT and creation of local electronic resources;
- Increase of publishing activities and the dissemination of information to the communities, with special attention to marginalised groups.

### Submission of Proposal

It is important to send the file electronically, if at all possible. If it is necessary to send a fax version, please make sure that the original copies of your application documents are sharp and clear enough to produce legible fax copies. Please send your applications to the IFLA Regional Office for Asia and Oceania by 31 December 2009:

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IFLA Regional Office for Asia and Oceania

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Singapore 188064  
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Tel: +(65) 6332 3347  
Fax: +(65) 6332 3611  
E-mail: [keatfong@nlb.gov.sg](mailto:keatfong@nlb.gov.sg)

Kindly refer to the following website for more information:

<http://archive.ifla.org/VI/1/admin/general.htm#3>





## Librarians' Voices at Internet Governance Forum Meeting

By Sanjay K Bihani  
Member  
IFLA Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania

The third meeting of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) was held in Hyderabad, India from 3–6 December 2008 and focused on the overall theme of “Internet for All.” It was attended by over 1,200 participants from 94 countries representing the government, private sector, civil society, academia, library and information professionals, Internet community, and media. The IFLA Team comprises Stuart Hamilton, Sanjay K Bihani, ARD Prasad, Marilen Daum, and Renu Seth.

As a panelist of workshop on “Dynamic Coalition: Access to Knowledge (A2K),” Mr. Hamilton spoke on the needs of libraries in the electronic information society. He tried to cover the problems libraries face in just getting connected to the Internet in many parts of the world, and then he focused on the important role that copyright exceptions and limitation play in helping libraries provide access to knowledge. In another workshop on “Freedom of Expression in Cyberspace: Internet Filtering and Censorship,” he spoke on the subject of Internet filtering and censorship.

He also described the role of IFLA as a true representative of librarians and libraries worldwide and emphasised the need for Internet governance in libraries.

ARD Prasad spoke on the role of libraries in accessing

publicly held information as a panelist of the workshop on “Access to Public Held Information with a Development Perspective.”

I attended various workshops and open forum meetings

related to libraries and librarianship. I spoke on the requirement of low-cost Internet access for libraries as a panelist of workshop on “Low Cost Sustainability Access.” In my view free Internet access in libraries can thus fulfill the theme of this year’s IGF “Internet for All.”

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Left to right: ARD Prasad, Renu Seth, Stuart Hamilton, Marilen Daum, and Sanjay K Bihani

Committee for Asia and Oceania and Government Libraries Section. He is also a member of CLM Committee of IFLA and IFLA Journal Editorial Committee. He may be contacted at [alio@mea.gov.in](mailto:alio@mea.gov.in) or [bihanisk@hotmail.com](mailto:bihanisk@hotmail.com).



The full IGF meeting report is published in IFLA Journal Vol. 35, No. 1, March 2009 and is also available on IFLA website under WSIS at [www.ifla.org.sg/III/wsif/igf-meeting-3\\_hyderabad-2008.pdf](http://www.ifla.org.sg/III/wsif/igf-meeting-3_hyderabad-2008.pdf).

## Report of the 23rd National Seminar of Indian Association for Special Libraries and Information Centres (IASLIC) in Commemoration of the 150th Birth Anniversary of Acharya Jagadis Chandra Bose and 92nd Foundation Day of the Institute, organised by the Bose Institute

By Arun K. Chakraborty  
Librarian  
Bose Institute

The seminar inauguration programme begins with the Sanskrit Recital Bose Institute (BI) anthem—Matri Mandir, followed by the address of Dr. J. N. Satpathi, President of IASLIC. Prof. Sibaji Raha, Director, BI delivered the welcome address. He also highlighted the long association of IASLIC with the BI. He pointed out that the BI is organising six seminars throughout this year to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of their founder, Acharya Jagadis Chandra Bose and this being one of them.



From left to right: Dr. A. K. Chakraborty, General Secretary, IASLIC and Organising Secretary; Dr. S. Roy Choudhury, the Rapporteur General; Prof. P.B. Mangla, Director of the Seminar; and Sujata Sen, Director, British Council at the Valedictory Programme



Dr. A. K. Chakraborty, General Secretary, IASLIC and Organising Secretary addressing the gathering and Dr. J.N. Satpathi, President, IASLIC is sitting front

Prof. Sampa Das, Chairperson, LC, BI, highlighted the contribution of the Founder while Dr. Arun K. Chakraborty, Librarian, BI, Organising Secretary of the Seminar & General Secretary, IASLIC, highlighted the Seminar theme as well as the plan of the Seminar. The seminar was inaugurated by Justice Chittotosh Mukhopadhyay, ex-Chief Justice, India. Other guests included Prof. Sushanta Dutta Gupta, Director, IISER; Mr. Moulik D. Barkhana, American Centre; and Dr. Sunrit Mullick, USIEF. Prof. P. B. Mangla was Director of the Seminar. Dr. Rukmini Mitra, Library, BI, delivered a note of thanks. Dr. Arun K. Chakraborty mentioned that, in this Seminar of four Panel Discussions, more than 95 papers

were accepted for presentation and also the Seminar Volume has the highest number of papers and pages as compared to other Seminar Volumes published so far by IASLIC. The Exhibition was inaugurated by Prof. Debesh Das, Honourable Minister of Information Technology, W. B.

A book entitled “Academic Pride of West Bengal: A Compendium” was published during the Seminar. Prof. Dhruvajyoti Chattopadhyaya, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Calcutta University presided the Valedictory session. Dr. Shyamal Roy Chowdhury, the Rapporteur General submitted a brief account of the Seminar. The seminar was a grand success.



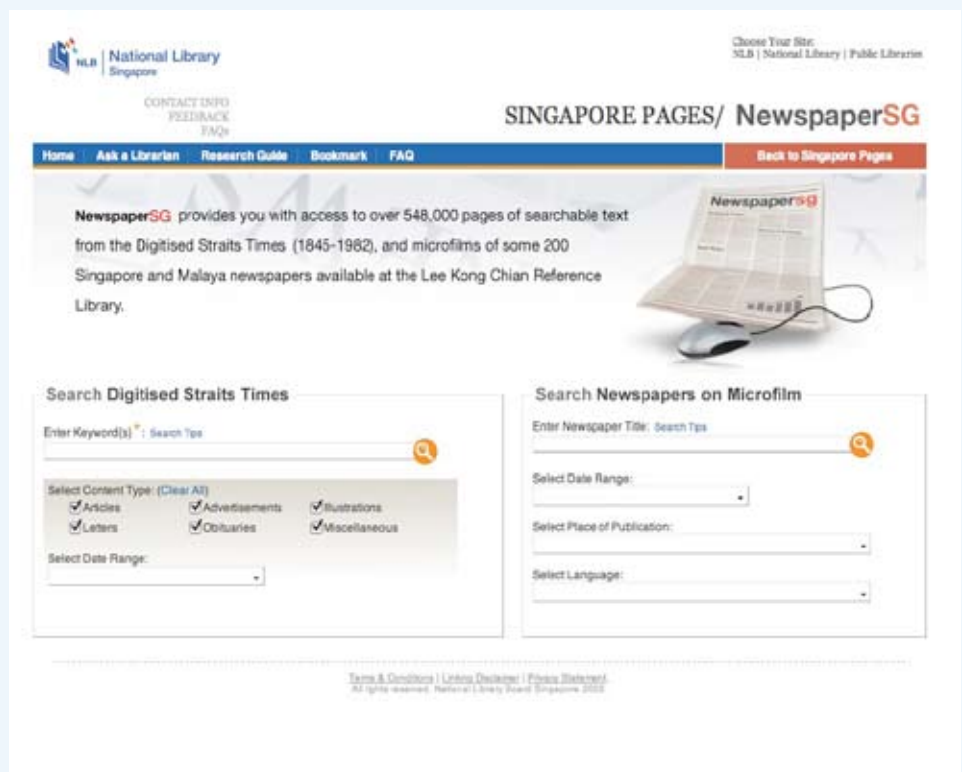
For more details on the Seminar and Bose Institute, please refer to [www.iaslic1955.org](http://www.iaslic1955.org) and [www.boseinst.ernet.in](http://www.boseinst.ernet.in) respectively.

# The National Library of Singapore Launches the Nation's First Searchable Digitised Newspaper Archive

By Lee Siew Kheng Gracie  
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In March 2009, the National Library of Singapore (NLS) launched the NewspaperSG (<http://newspapers.nl.sg>), an online service for accessing the library's electronic archives of Singapore and Malaya newspapers. Through the NewspaperSG, library users can now access over 548,000 pages of searchable text from the digitised Straits Times (1845–1982), a local English newspaper, and microfilms of some 200 Singapore and Malaya newspapers that are housed at the Lee Kong Chian Reference Library.



Landing page of NewspaperSG



Right to left: Dr. N. Varaprasad, Chief Executive, NLB and Mr. Alan Chan, Chief Executive, SPH at the signing ceremony.

The full text of the digitised collection of *The Straits Times* is available for searching, viewing, and printing at the multimedia stations (PC stations) located in our island-wide network of libraries. Users will not be able to download the full-text article remotely but the search results provide access to information, such as the article title, date of publication, and a fifty-word extract, which will help them decide on the relevance of the article before they make a visit to the library to view them.

With a history of nearly 164 years, *The Straits Times* is a rich primary source of information on Singapore's political, social and cultural life, and history. The digitisation of the paper, which has greatly improved the accessibility of its content to researchers and general users, was made possible through the partnership with the Singapore Press Holdings (SPH), the publisher of *The Straits Times*. The agreement, made in 2007, allowed the library to digitise issues of the paper since its inception in 1845 right up to 2006 issues. From 2007 onwards, the issues are digitally deposited by the publisher.

In the next phases of the project, the library aims to complete the digitisation of the paper from 1983 to 2006, and to provide remote access to the newspaper.

# NABRK is Five

By Roza A. Berdigaliev  
 Director General  
 National Academic Library of the Republic of Kazakhstan

**O**n 23 April 2009, the National Academic Library of the Republic of Kazakhstan (NABRK) celebrated its 5th anniversary. Back in 2004, visiting the library, Nursultan Nazarbayev, President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, compared the new library to a pearl in the steppe. As it is possible for a grain of sand to turn into a pearl with the passage of time, it is also possible for the pearl of the steppe to become a contemporary, automated electronic library in the period of five years.



Roza A. Berdigaliev, Director General of NABRK, greets readers and guests at the "Day of Open Doors"



They grow together with the library

It is symbolic that the Decree of Government on the establishment of the National Academic Library of the Republic of Kazakhstan was adopted on 23 April 2004–World Book and Copyright Day. Many things were made for our readers. We launched Kazakhstan National Electronic Library–“KazNEB”. And we have big plans ahead. That day is not far off when books of Kazakhstani authors will be listed in catalogues of the World Digital Library opened in Paris at UNESCO Headquarters on 21 April 2009, on the basis of the United States Library of Congress.

“Day of Open Doors” was conducted in the library on the celebration day, 23 April 2009. Congratulations poured in from our readers, lecturers, students of universities and schools, and representatives of state and public organisations. At the opening ceremony, representatives of Ministry of Culture and Information of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Nur-Otan party, Kazakh Association of Blind People, and professional lycees congratulated the library’s staff, and thanked librarians for

the competent, attentive, and friendly service for readers. They also noted the contributions made by the library to cultural and social development.

Presenters also invited the students of grade 6 of Astana school-lycee #3, who grow together with the library. Five years ago they were participants of the grand opening of NABRK. The students of Astana schools, Zhumagulov B., Baitur A., Kazynkapova D., and Abdrakhmanov K., who celebrated their sixteenth birthdays a day before, got their reader’s cards. The NABRK certificate was presented to the 700,000th visitor of the library–Aslan Alimov, a teacher of Astana school-lycee #59. A solemn part of the celebration was completed with the singing of the NABRK hymn. Then doors of the exhibition hall were opened and our readers and guests were invited to visit the exhibition on NABRK history and present activity, explore the library, and participate at the different events.

# Southeast Asian Librarians Gather in Hanoi, Viet Nam

By Le Thuy Duong  
Website Administrator and Secretariat Member  
Congress of Southeast Asian Librarians

**M**ore than 800 delegates, including 300 foreigners from 26 countries, attended the 14th General Conference of the Congress of Southeast Asian Librarians (CONSAL) in Hanoi on 21 April 2009 to discuss ways of making libraries and information centres more dynamic and effective.

At the two-day event, forty-four professors and doctorate holders are scheduled to deliver speeches on topics such as training librarians and promoting library services as well as the role of libraries in preserving cultural heritage.

Addressing the opening ceremony, Vietnamese Minister of Culture, Sports and Tourism Hoang Anh Tuan highlighted knowledge and information as a decisive physical force in the development of modern society. He stressed that libraries and information centres have played an essential role in the advancement of each country and the whole humankind.

Meanwhile, Vice State President Nguyen Thi Doan, who attended the opening ceremony, expressed hope that libraries and librarians will be more dynamic and proactively apply science and technology to serve the development of each nation in the region.

Viet Nam highly valued the targets, programmes and events carried out by CONSAL over the past forty years, Doan said, noting that the theme of this year's CONSAL gathering in Hanoi—"for the active performance of libraries and information centres in Southeast Asian nations"—gave a true picture of its goals.

Doan urged the Congress to develop a plan of action to enable libraries to collaborate more closely in enriching and supplying information.

She also asked participating Vietnamese librarians representing 25,000 librarians across the country to take full advantage of the Congress to exchange experience as well as network and boost solidarity with foreign colleagues.

As an important channel of information, the library system and library personnel needed to be more active in acquiring new technology to serve the development of the country and the region, Doan added.



Four Silver Prizes went to outstanding librarians from Singapore, Viet Nam, the Philippines, and Indonesia

Dato' Zawaiyah Baba from Malaysia was awarded the CONSAL XIV Outstanding Librarian Award, Gold Medal. Four Silver Medals went to Ms. Salvacion M. Arlante from the Philippines; Ms. Kiang-Koh Lai Lin from Singapore; Mr. Nguyen Minh Hiep from Viet Nam; and Mr. Salumbi, S. Sos from Indonesia. Commemorative Medals for Lifetime Achievements in Culture, Sports & Tourism went to Mr. Akio Yasue from Japan and Dr. N Varaprasad from Singapore.

Addressing the Congress' opening ceremony, Viet Nam National Library Director, Pham The Khang said the highlighted target of the Congress was to enhance cooperation among librarians in Southeast Asia.

Khang also said that the Congress aimed to unify thoughts on the importance of building active and effective libraries and information centres and develop projects on library and information centres in the region.

With Viet Nam hosting this year's Congress, it had an opportunity to promote the image of the nation and people as well as introduce Vietnamese libraries to international friends.

This year's Congress has attracted 800 participants from 26 countries, with presenters from the United States, Japan, New Zealand, Germany, and Sweden.

Major topics for discussion among panels during the Congress were training, promoting reading, applying advanced technology, library administration, marketing, and professional development.



Directors of the respective national libraries at the Signing Ceremony of CONSAL XIV Resolution

# Dato' Zawiyah Baba: CONSAL XIV Outstanding Librarian Award (Gold Award)

By Mohd Sharif  
Vice President 1

Persatuan Pustakawan Malaysia and Librarians Association of Malaysia

Malaysia again is deeply honoured to have another eminent Malaysian librarian win the CONSAL Outstanding Librarian Award. Dato' Zawiyah Baba was named the CONSAL XIV Outstanding Librarian Award (Gold Medal) in conjunction with the CONSAL conference held in Hanoi from the 21–23 April 2009. Dato Zawiyah's nomination was put forward by The Librarians Association of Malaysia and the National Library of Malaysia.



Dato Zawiyah giving her acceptance speech

An outstanding and dedicated librarian, Dato' Zawiyah has contributed immensely to the library profession and library development not only to Malaysia but also to Southeast Asia and also to the international community. Her excellent contribution and leadership was proven when she became the first Malaysian to be awarded an IFLA medal at the International Federation of Library Associations and

Institutions 73rd Conference in Durban, South Africa in August 2007. She was presented the Malaysian Outstanding Librarian Award 2008 by Persatuan Pustakawan Malaysia.

She is currently the Principal Research Fellow attached to the Institute of the Malay World and Civilization, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia leading several research projects:

- Documentation and digital preservation of special collection on traditional Malay woodcarvings in Kelantan, funded by Research Universities Grant
- Funded by the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation, Malaysia, a project on the roll-out of Malaycivilization.com portal.

Dato' Zawiyah received an academic fellowship at Ibn Sina Academic Research Center in Mauritius in August 2008 where she conducted a Library and Information Seminar and Workshop at the National Library of Mauritius. She received several awards and honours, the most distinguished being the Darjah Dato' Paduka Tuanku Jaafar from DYMM Yang Di Pertuan Besar Negeri Sembilan in 2002 which carries the title "Dato." A deserving winner of the CONSAL XIV Outstanding Librarian Award (Gold Award), Dato' Zawiyah Baba is a truly remarkable professional who goes beyond boundaries.



Dato Zawiyah receiving the Gold Medal award during CONSAL in Hanoi

# Library Events in Asia and Oceania Region from September to December 2009

Collated by Nor Aishah Mohamed Rashid, Associate Librarian, Lee Kong Chian Reference Library, National Library Board, Singapore

## XXII Moscow International Book Fair

Organiser "General Directorate of International Book Exhibitions and Fairs" State Enterprise  
 Date 2–7 September 2009  
 Venue Moscow, Russia  
 Link <http://www.mibf.ru/>

## 16th Beijing International Book Fair

Organiser China National Publications Import & Export Corp.  
 Date 3–7 September 2009  
 Venue Beijing, China  
 Link <http://www.bibf.net/>

## International Conferences on Digital Libraries and the Semantic Web 2009 (ICSD2009)

Organiser Organising Committee  
 Date 8–11 September 2009  
 Venue Trento, Italy  
 Contact Local Organising Chair, University of Trento  
 Heiko Stoermer  
 E-mail Email: [stoermer@disi.unitn.it](mailto:stoermer@disi.unitn.it)  
 Link <http://www.icsd-conference.org/>

## 100th Anniversary of National Library of China

Organiser National Library of China  
 Date 9 September 2009  
 Venue Beijing, China  
 Link <http://www.nlc.gov.cn/en/indexen.htm>

## 16th Lviv International Book Fair

Organiser Publishers Forum  
 Date 10–13 September 2009  
 Venue Lviv, Ukraine  
 Link <http://www.bookforum.com.ua/>

## XIV Bienal do Livro Rio

Organiser Fagga Eventos  
 Date 10–20 September 2009  
 Venue Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
 Link <http://www.bienaldolivro.com.br/>

## ALIA National Library & Information Technicians Conference

Organiser Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA)  
 Date 15–18 September 2009  
 Venue Adelaide, Australia  
 Contact Conference Convenor, Terri Pamment  
 Email: [terri.pamment@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:terri.pamment@adelaide.edu.au)  
 Kamara Schlegel - ALIA  
 Email: [Kamara.Schlegel@alia.org.au](mailto:Kamara.Schlegel@alia.org.au)  
 Link <http://conferences.alia.org.au/libtec2009/index.php>

## Göteborg Book Fair

Organiser Bok & Bibliotek i Norden AB  
 Date 24–27 September 2009  
 Venue Göteborg, Sweden  
 Link <http://www.goteborg-bookfair.com/>

## 13th European Conference on Digital Libraries (ECDL2009)

Organiser Ionian University  
 Date 27 September–2 October 2009  
 Venue Corfu, Greece  
 Contact Laboratory on Digital Libraries and Electronic Publishing, Department of Archives and Library Sciences, Ionian University, 72 Ioannou Theotoki str., 49100, Corfu, Greece  
 Email: [info@ecdl2009.eu](mailto:info@ecdl2009.eu)  
 Link <http://www.ecdl2009.eu/>

## Singapore International Story Telling Festival 2009

Organiser National Book Development Council of Singapore  
 Date 31 August–12 September 2009  
 Venue Singapore  
 Link <http://www.bookcouncil.sg/sisf/>

# SEPTEMBER

**International Conference on Academic Libraries**

Organiser University of Delhi  
 Date 5–8 October 2009  
 Venue Delhi, India  
 Contact Conference Centre, University of Delhi,  
 C/o University Librarian, Central Library,  
 North Campus, University of Delhi  
 Delhi 11 00 07  
 Delhi, IN  
 Link <http://library.du.ac.in/ocs>

**LIBER, Feria Internacional del Libro**

Organiser IFEMA, Feria de Madrid  
 Date 7–9 October 2009  
 Venue Madrid, Spain  
 Link <http://www.liber.ifema.es/>

**LIANZA Annual Conference**

Organiser Library & Information Association of New  
 Zealand Aotearoa (LIANZA)  
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**Frankfurt Book Fair**

Organiser Ausstellungs- und Messe GmbH Exhibition  
 Management  
 Date 14–18 October 2009  
 Venue Frankfurt, Germany  
 Link <http://www.book-fair.com/>

**Internet Librarian International 2009**

Organiser Information Today, Inc.  
 Date 15–16 October 2009  
 Venue London, United Kingdom  
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 Link <http://www.internet-librarian.com/>

**11th Interlending and Document Supply Conference (ILDS 2009): Strategic Alliances and Partnerships in Interlending and Document Supply**

Organiser German National Library of Science and  
 Technology (TIB), the German National  
 Library of Medicine (ZB MED) and the  
 German National Library of Economics  
 (ZBW), and IFLA  
 Date 20–22 October 2009  
 Venue Hannover, Germany  
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 Link <http://www.ilds2009.de/>

**International Symposium on Methodology and Research Methods in Library and Information Science**

Organiser Faculty of Letters, Department of  
 Information and Records Management,  
 Ankara University  
 Date 22–23 October 2009  
 Venue Ankara, Turkey  
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 tr/goal\\_eng.html](http://bilgibelge.humanity.ankara.edu.tr/goal_eng.html)

**Helsinki Book Fair**

Organiser The Finnish Fair Corporation  
 Date 22–25 October 2009  
 Venue Helsinki, Finland  
 Link <http://www.helsinki-bookfair.fi>

**5th International Symposium on Wikis (WikiSym 2009)**

Organiser ACM SIGPLAN and ACM SIGWEB  
 Date 25–27 October 2009  
 Venue Orlando, Florida, USA  
 Contact Email: [chair@wikisym.org](mailto:chair@wikisym.org)  
 Link <http://www.wikisym.org/ws2009/>

**October 29-30, International UDC Seminar 2009: Classification at a Crossroads: Multiple Directions to Usability**

Organiser Universal Decimal Classification (UDC)  
 Consortium  
 Date 29–30 October 2009  
 Venue The Hague, Netherlands  
 Contact Email: [seminar2009@udcc.org](mailto:seminar2009@udcc.org)  
 Link <http://www.udcc.org/seminar2009/index.htm>

**28th Istanbul Book Fair**

Organiser TÜYAP Fairs and Exhibitions and the  
 Turkish Publishers Association  
 Date 31 October–8 November 2009  
 Venue Istanbul, Turkey  
 Link <http://www.istanbulbookfair.com/>



**ACM 18th Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (CIKM2009)**

Organiser ACM  
 Date 2–6 November 2009  
 Venue Hong Kong, China  
 Contact Email: [cikm2009@chinatravevents.com](mailto:cikm2009@chinatravevents.com)  
 Link <http://www.comp.polyu.edu.hk/conference/cikm2009/about/>

**Sharjah World Book Fair 2009**

Organiser Department of Culture & Information, Government of Sharjah  
 Date 11–21 November 2009  
 Venue Sharjah, United Arab Emirates  
 Link <http://www.swbf.gov.ae/english/index.html>

**Basel-Literature Festival "Buch.09"**

Organiser Verein Literaturfestival Basel  
 Date 13–15 November 2009  
 Venue Basel, Switzerland  
 Link <http://www.literaturfestivalbasel.ch/>

**Multilevel, Multicultural & Multiethnic Information Society International Conference**

Organiser Yunnan Province Library  
 Date 16–17 November 2009  
 Venue Kunming, China  
 Contact Yunnan Provincial Library Training Center  
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 Link <http://www.overseaschineseconfederation.org/events/Multilevel%20multiethnic.doc>

**SOIMA 2009: Safeguarding Sound and Image Collections**

Organiser International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM)  
 Date 17 November–11 December 2009  
 Venue New Delhi, India  
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**32nd Montréal Book Fair**

Organiser Salon du livre de Montréal  
 Date 18–23 November 2009  
 Venue Montréal, Canada  
 Link <http://www.salondulivredemontreal.com/>

**23rd International Book Fair Guadalajara**

Organiser Guadalajara Feria Internacional del Libro (FIL)  
 Date 23 November–6 December 2009  
 Venue Guadalajara, Mexico  
 Link [http://www.fil.com.mx/ingles/i\\_index.asp](http://www.fil.com.mx/ingles/i_index.asp)

**16th GAUDEAMUS International Book and Education Fair**

Organiser Romanian Radio Broadcasting Corporation  
 Date 25–29 November 2009  
 Venue Bucharest, Romania  
 Link [http://www.gaudeamus.ro/index\\_en.htm](http://www.gaudeamus.ro/index_en.htm)

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**6th International Conference on Knowledge Management (ICKM 2009)**

Organiser University of Hong Kong School of Business  
 Date 3–4 December 2009  
 Venue Hong Kong, China  
 Contact <http://ickm2009.pbworks.com/contact.php>  
 Link <http://ickm2009.pbwiki.com/FrontPage>

**11th International Conference on Information Integration and Web-based Applications & Services (iiWAS2009)**

Organiser International Organization for Information Integration and Web-based Applications & Services (@WAS)  
 Date 14–16 December 2009  
 Venue Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
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# DECEMBER

## Appreciation and Welcome Lunch



The Regional Office for Asia and Oceania hosted an appreciation lunch for NLB colleagues: outgoing editors who have served on the IFLA Asia and Oceania Section Newsletter Editorial and Production Committee for the three-year term from 2006-2008. They are Joyce, Belinda, Lian Geok, and Janice. In addition, we also welcome the newly onboard editors, Aishah, Tiong Seng, and Petrina. Lek Choh, Keat Fong, and Ambika continue to serve on the Committee.

### Our Team!


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