



# IFLA Section Africa

## IFLA AFRICA SECTION, SATELITE MEETING

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The IFLA Africa section had their satellite meeting for IFLA 2018 congress in Malaysia Kuala Lumpur . The pre-conference was themed **"Libraries as centers for community engagement for development"**. The topics covered and presented during the session were:

- Public Libraries and community engagement.
- Information Literacy for Development.
- ICTs for LIS Development
- Information Literacy for Empowering the community
- Quality information empowers society.
- Exploration of the way in which local libraries can contribute to community development

The host , **Serambi Ilmu Rakyat (SIR) Library** is located at the Seventh Floor of Tower 1 Menara Kembar Bank Rakyat. It occupies an area of 13,789 sq ft and has a seating capacity of 500. The concept is based on Digital, 80% digital and 20% printed resources.

- Their motto is 'Budaya Ilmu Budaya Rakyat' which is 'Clean and Simple Design with Digital Ambience'.

It is the Bank Rakyat's social responsibility in improving the socio-economic status of the people of Malaysia through the generation of knowledge. The establishment of the SIR library is intended to increase knowledge among citizens of Malaysia, especially members of the bank, its employees and Yayasan Bank Rakyat sponsored students.







**IFLA AFRICA SECTION, MEETING Malaysia.  
2018**



Meetings for Africa Section were held in Malaysia where the Chairperson, Dr. Shefack gave an update on the progress in terms of the sections activities which happened during the year 2018







## International Data Week, Botswana 2018



this issue:

**International Data Week 2018 (IDW 2018)** was held on **5-8 November 2018** in **Gaborone, Botswana**. Hosted by the Botswana Open Science and Open Data Forum, IDW 2018 brought together data scientists, researchers, industry leaders, entrepreneurs, policymakers and data stewards from all disciplines and geographies across the globe.

It was Co-organized by the **ISC World Data System (WDS)**, the **ISC Committee on Data for Science and Technology (CODATA)**, the **Research Data Alliance (RDA)**, **University of Botswana (UoB)** and the **Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf)**, IDW 2018 combines





## Ghana Library Association activities

A Workshop on International Advocacy Programme (IAP) for West African Librarians was organized from the 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 at the Balme Library-University of Ghana in Accra, Ghana. This was a collaboration between the national library associations in Ghana and Nigeria with their respective local IAP Teams with funding from IFLA. The theme was **‘Awareness Creation, Advocacy and relevant Data Collection Strategies for UN 2030 Agenda for Librarians in West Africa’**. Dr. Helena Asamoah-Hassan and Dr. Victoria Okojie were the main resource persons. The IAP team from



Nigeria were Dr. Osuigwe, Nkem Ekene and Dr. Okiy, Rose Bini. The IAP team from Ghana were Mr. Samuel Bentil Aggrey and Mr. Edward Addo-Yobo. There were 25 participants from Ghana, Nigeria, Togo, Benin, Ivory Coast, Senegal, Burkina Faso, Mali, Gambia and Sierra Leone. The GLA is still grateful to IFLA for the funding and the resource persons .



## Sedgefield, 26 December 2018

Dear Friends and Colleagues Thank you for your cards and messages.

It's been good to hear from you. I'm sorry that I'm not able to respond to each of them individually. Following last year's XYZ, here is the first instalment of the second series of my Library ABC and the customary brief report on my professional activities, this time for 2018. This year has been dominated by my efforts to complete my book, International and comparative librarianship: concepts and methods for global studies, which I aimed to complete in the first quarter. Inevitably, it expanded yet again when I added two chapters on the international political economy of information. Cell division also occurred in the chapters on LIS development. But I am happy to report that it has now almost been completed. The front matter, text and bibliography have already been vetted by my patient editor. Two tasks remain before the publisher (De Gruyter, in Berlin) takes over: first, a final and quite exhaustive/exhausting revision of the index.

Secondly and finally, obtaining permission from right holders for the reproduction of a few diagrams. The latter is quite a chore. Copyright holders place considerable organizational and financial obstacles in the way of authors who seek to "stand on the shoulders of giants" – a Latin expression used most notably by Isaac Newton. After the typesetter's work, proof-reading awaits me, probably in March 2019. Quite a big job, since the book runs to over 330,000 words. The book is to be published before the 2019 IFLA World Library and Information Congress in Athens. Finances permitting, I hope to be there for the launch.



## Sedgefield, 26 December 2018

Given that I worked intensively on the book, my published output in 2018 has been modest. My article on “Democracy, information, and libraries in a time of post-truth discourse” appeared in print in the journal *Library management*. A Russian translation of my 2015 IFLA conference paper, “Who was to blame? The genealogy of the ‘Anglo-American’ national library service model” appeared in the journal *Bibliotekovedenie* last year but only came to my notice recently, while an article “Bibliotecas, internacionalismo y paz”, a Spanish translation by Jhonny Pabón Cadavid of my “Libraries, internationalism, and peace” appeared recently in the Colombian journal *Signo y pensamiento*. It is gratifying to find one’s work being translated into other languages. (I’ve not forgotten that I owe my friend Mauro Guerrini a long-promised article for the Italian journal *JLIS.IT*. That’s on the to-do list for early 2019.)

My only professional travelling this year was to Pretoria, to speak at the bicentenary celebrations of the National Library of South Africa, which had its origins in the South African Public Library, founded in 1818 by Lord Charles Somerset, Governor of the Cape Colony, as mentioned in the attached ABC. My topic was “Libraries and survival: reflections on the role of the National Library”. Afterwards Douwe Drijfhout kindly took me on an extensive guided tour of the library building, the planning of which, led by my deputy, Joan de Beer, started during my term as National Librarian. She had worked closely with architect Jeremie Malan. The result was an impressive and functional building





## Sedgefield, 26 December 2018

I skipped IFLA this year, but we compensated for that by embarking on a long birding safari in Namibia, during all of October, after all the chapters of the book had been completed. We drove from Sedgefield to Windhoek and there met up with our two companions, Pentti Vattulainen and Steve O'Connor. There we hired a serious 4x4 twin cab "bakkie" (pickup truck) with two roof tents and spent the best part of four weeks travelling through the western and north-western parts of Namibia, right up to the Kunene River. We also spent time in the Etosha National Park. It was not without some discomfort and misfortunes, but overall it was a memorable and worthwhile



experience, a highlight of the year. I close with my warm greetings and good wishes for health, prosperity too you and, everywhere, good sense, civility and peace, in 2019.

Peter .





## Cameroon activities by Rosemary Shafack

The International Annual Conference of the International Council on Archives took place on the African Continent for the first time in Yaounde Cameroon in November 2018. The theme of the conference was, "Archives, Governance and Heritage". This came to boost the LIS profession in the host country and gave an advocacy opportunity for the information professionals to get the profession on the government's agenda. This conference was opened by the Prime Minister accompanied by the Minister of Culture and other government dignitaries. A vivid idea of the conference can be seen in the pictures.



1. Conference Centre Yaounde, Cameroon

2. Prime minister and dignitaries during the official opening

3. Picture of Prime Minister and Dignitaries after Opening Ceremony





## LIASA ( At glance)

Researchers, academics, postgraduate students, librarians and speakers from different institutions are gathered for a panel of discussion at the 1st Annual University of Limpopo Library Open Access Symposium: 'Designing equitable foundations for open knowledge' to address issues of copyright ownership in open access publishing, benefits of open access to authors, knowledge institutions, and enquiries around the Open Access model to knowledge.



LIASA EXCO Handover 2016-2018 to 2018-2020 at City Lodge, Pretoria



**Division V. (Regions) joint with Management of Library Associations Section and LIS Education in Developing Countries Special Interest Group**

**Theme: *"Leadership roles in international librarianship: how can information professionals from Africa, Asia & Oceania, Latin America & Caribbean be part of it?"***

**Date** 20-21 August 2019.

**Venue** Bibliotheca Alexandria, Alexandria, Egypt

**Organizers** Division V. (Regions) joint with Management of Library Associations Section and LIS Education in Developing Countries Special Interest Group

**Satellite Meeting focus.**

The IFLA Division V. (Regions) which includes regional sections of Africa – Asia & Oceania – Latin America & Caribbean jointly organizing this satellite meeting as a pre-conference of 85th World Library and Information Congress, in the beautiful and historical Bibliotheca Alexandria, Alexandria, Egypt on August 20-21, 2019.

This satellite aims to get input and new ideas to increase the participation of professionals from the Division V regions in all IFLA Sections Standing Committees and others strategic functions. Its purpose is to discuss and understand the presence, participation, contribution and impact of the Africa – Asia & Oceania – Latin America & Caribbean professionals in the Information and Library Science field at the international level. More precisely, to understand, measure and analyse the environment of the participation of professionals from this region in the strategic positions in the national, regional and international associations to make sure that the culture, vision, characteristics, and needs from those regions will be better understood and considered in all decision making levels/process.

It will be open for any professional with the interest to participate in the discussion about leadership roles in international librarianship in Africa, Asia & Oceania, Latin America & Caribbean. So, we welcome research papers, case studies, experiences and papers with innovative and practical perspectives on current and forward looking on the role of libraries and librarians at international level.





## **Possible Topics for Proposals.**

- Leadership roles in international librarianship in Africa, Asia & Oceania, Latin America & Caribbean.
- Advocacy and leadership in Africa – Asia & Oceania – Latin America & Caribbean
  - Add Value to Your
- Entrepreneurship for international leadership
  - Second Story
- Library and Information Science in developing countries
  - Back Page Story
- Social, economic and political advocacy in the LIS field in Africa
- Asia & Oceania – Latin America & Caribbean
- International curricula for LIS professionals in Africa – Asia & Oceania – Latin America & Caribbean
- LIS curriculum and national and international associative participation
- Specifics skills to focus on associative movements in Africa – Asia & Oceania Latin America & Caribbean
- Social, economic and political advocacy for active participation at international associations of LIS professionals
- International exchange of good practices of Library Associations from Africa, Asia & Oceania and Latin America & Caribbean
- National libraries associations and international participation
- IFLA structure and the opportunities for Division V members
- IFLA WLIC and participation of Division V members
- Perception of Division V professionals about their participation at IFLA.

## **How to submit a proposal**

Interested persons are invited to submit proposals for a paper and presentation on any of the topics listed above, as well as poster presentations. The proposal/presentation/poster must be in English. The initial proposal should be not more than 500 words long (1 page), be submitted in electronic format, and be accompanied by a brief bio of the author(s), 150 words maximum. Paper length will be between 10 to 15 pages, and posters standard size will be 24" x 36" (60 X 90 cm).





Proposals should be submitted electronically no later than **22 March 2019** and indicate **“DIVISION V. Satellite Proposal”** in the subject line to:

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The first phase includes evaluation of abstracts, and Second Phase includes the evaluation of full papers and power points presentations. The evaluation will be based on content quality: pertinence, theoretical base, methodology, best practice, originality, etc.

**01 March 2019:** Deadline to submit proposals (an abstract up to 500 words) EXTENDED TO 22 MARCH

**15 March 2019:** Notification of abstract acceptance EXTENDED TO 05 APRIL

**01 May 2019:** Deadline for authors to submit the full paper

**15 May 2019:** Notification of paper acceptance and recommendations

**15 June 2019:** Final paper submission at IFLA platform

**31 July 2019:** Final PowerPoint submission

**20-21 August 2019:** Satellite Meeting

Authors will have 20 minutes for their presentation.

The Satellite Conference is free of charge, but **registration is still required**. It is possible that lunch and refreshments on the day of the Satellite Conference will be provided.

All papers that are presented at the WLIC 2019 will be made available online via the [IFLA Library](#) under the [Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 license](#).

Authors of accepted papers must complete the IFLA [Authors' Permission Form](#).

All expenses for attending the satellite meeting (eg. travel, accommodation, etc.) are the responsibility of the authors/presenters. No financial support can be provided by IFLA, but a special invitation letter can be issued to the author(s)/presenter(s) of accepted papers and also to get the Egyptian VISA.

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