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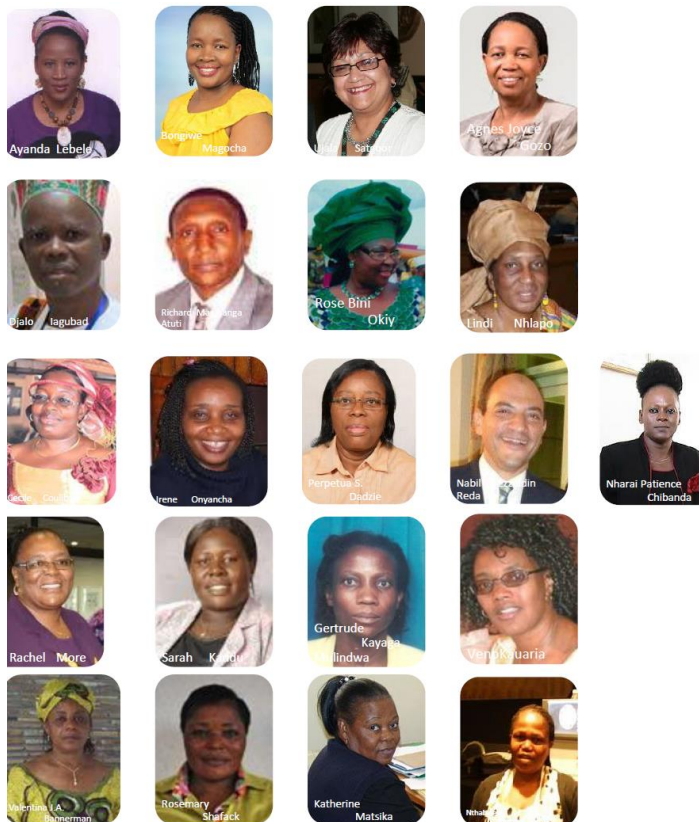
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Dear Friends and Colleagues

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. Instead I offer the following update on my professional activities, which accompanies the eighth instalment of my annual Christmas /New Year ABC. For background and earlier issues, see: <http://peterlor.com/2012/12/27/peter-lors-library-abc/>.

Last year I gave up my art lessons and pulled out of our church choir so as to concentrate on my book. This year I've made progress, but, as some of the chapters have been undergoing cell division, it has been growing in the middle rather than at the end. I'm still a long way from completing it, and it's become a bit of an embarrassment. I've had lots to occupy me during the year, but I've tried to restrict myself to papers and other tasks that bear some relationship to my book. In the Fall I again taught my online class in international and comparative librarianship in the School of Information Studies (SOIS) at the University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee. (For more information on the course click [here](#). The [syllabus](#) was updated a bit for the fall of 2015.) I again taught a half module, also dealing with international librarianship, in the Carnegie-funded MIT ([Master of Information Technology](#)) course at the University of Pretoria. I have been honoured with a two-year appointment as a Research Fellow in the [Graduate School of Library and Information Science](#) at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign, and had the pleasure of presenting an on-line to a lively group of students in Professor Terry Weech's course in international librarianship. It is a privilege to be able to do all this from our home in Sedgefield.

Some completed tasks have given rise to follow-up work. I'm co-editing a *Library trends* issue (due in 2016) on the theme "Libraries in the political process: benefits and risks of political visibility", which arises from the 2014 open session of IFLA's Section of Library Theory and Research, and I'm contributing an article to it. Together with an energetic group of colleagues in the [Department of Library and Information Science](#) at the University of the Western Cape, I co-organized a [Satellite Conference](#) which took place in Cape Town immediately before the August 2015 IFLA Congress, on "Digital Preservation as a Site of Contestation: National Heritage, Memory, Politics and Power -- Beyond Technology and Management". For a brief report and some photos, see [Kim Baker's blog](#). Currently I'm co-editing a special issue of *Innovation*, also due in 2016, arising from this event. At the IFLA Congress itself I presented a paper in the joint session of the Africa Section and the Special Interest Group on Library History, entitled "[Who was to blame? The genealogy of the 'Anglo-American' national library service model](#)", a topic I explored in Chapter

10 of the book. I adapted my public lecture given at the IFLA/UNESCO Africa Week event last year as an article, "Understanding innovation and policy transfer: implications for libraries and information services in Africa" which was published recently in the *Library trends* theme issue "Library and information services in Africa in the Twenty-first century", [volume 64\(1\)](#), edited by Ellen Tise. My interest in this also arose from work on my book.

For the first time in many years, I had an article published in Afrikaans, in the [Tydskrif vir geesteswetenskappe](#). This was on "Libraries and peace: a critical reflection on the role of libraries in promoting peace", co-authored with Hannes Britz. I contributed a short chapter on "Librarians for peace" to the Festschrift for Professor Seth Manaka, a long-term mentor and friend. I am continuing to reflect on libraries and peace, a reflection which arose from my work on Chapter 1 of the book. This caused me to look more closely at the intersection of internationalism, peace movements, and international librarianship. I am scheduled to deliver a public lecture on this topic in Florence in March 2016.

I travelled to Yaoundé in Cameroon at the beginning of this month to present a paper entitled "Libraries in Sub-Saharan Africa: colonial origins and development trajectories" at an interdisciplinary workshop held in the framework of an International Library Congress on "Formation, recherche, appui au développement : les sciences et métiers de l'information documentaire face au défi de l'émergence de l'Afrique". This was a far too brief visit to a beautiful and interesting country. Sad to say, what I saw of library development there was disheartening, a reflection perhaps of the continuing *retard* (backwardness) of library development in Francophone Africa. It reflects the situation in France, at least as far as public libraries are concerned, that was so ably analysed by Anne-Marie Bertrand, in her book, [Bibliothèque publique et public library: essai de généalogie comparée](#) – one of the best studies in international comparative librarianship in recent years.

The IFLA World Library and Information Congress in Cape Town in August was a highlight of the year. It was good to catch up with many colleagues, although, as usual, some were seen only at a distance or going in the opposite direction on the escalator, and good intentions notwithstanding, were not seen again. After the Congress, Monika and I were joined by two IFLA colleagues on a birding tour in the Western half of South Africa. Visiting five of our lesser known national parks, we recorded many endemics and the visitors went home with lots of "lifers". As for us personally, I'm happy to report that Monika and I and our immediate family are all well. We have lots to do and are in no danger of being bored. In fact, we seem to be busier than ever. But we enjoy our lovely Garden Route environment and still sometimes have to pinch ourselves to ensure that we are not dreaming.

I've missed the Christmas deadline again. But since in the Christian Church the time of Christmas traditionally lasts twelve days, I nevertheless wish all my Christian friends a blessed Christmas. And to all who receive this letter, our warm greetings and good wishes for health, prosperity and, above all, peace, in 2016.

Peter

Peter Lor's library ABC, part 8: VWX

V is for [Van Wyksdorp](#), a small rural village

in

the scenic [Little Karoo](#), South Africa. During the ostrich feather boom in the early 20th century it was an important local centre, but the boom ended, the railway passed it by, and it declined. Now quaint and tranquil, it has around 500 inhabitants, many of them elderly and/or dependent on social grants. The public library is run by the [Kannaland](#) Local Municipality and is affiliated to the provincial library service of the Western Cape Province. The library is housed in the Community Centre, formerly a school hostel. The Centre is operated by an NGO, [Oasis Community Projects](#), which operates a range of job creation and community



W is for [Worcester](#), pronounced "Wooster" after its counterpart in England. With a population of around 100,000, it is the hub of the [Breede River wine region](#). The public library is run by the Breede River Local Municipality and is affiliated to the [library service](#) of the Western Cape Province of South Africa. The current building was opened in 1988 and was at that time designed for 30,000 books, 1,500 A/V media, 4 staff members, and seating for 135. The librarian told me that it is now much too small and needs to be extended, but I thought that it remains attractive and retains a vibrant ambiance. There were a lot of users about, which is great. The circulation desk is perhaps not its most attractive space, but I decided that this year I would provide pictures of the desks of all three of the libraries, so that you



X is for [Xanten](#), a small city (c. 21,000 inhabitants) in Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. Xanten has a long history going back to Roman times. Normally I use only photographs taken by myself, but in August I realized that the letter X would be a problem. My colleague Barbara Schleihagen of the [Deutscher Bibliotheksverband](#) (German library federation) kindly referred me to the City Librarian of Xanten, Frau Anita Rosenberg, who created a new dilemma for me by sending a batch of such beautiful photographs of her public library that it was difficult to choose one. Here is the circulation desk to compare with the other two. But since there were so many other photographs of her library's modern, attractive spaces, I decided to post an extra set of photos of all three [here](#).

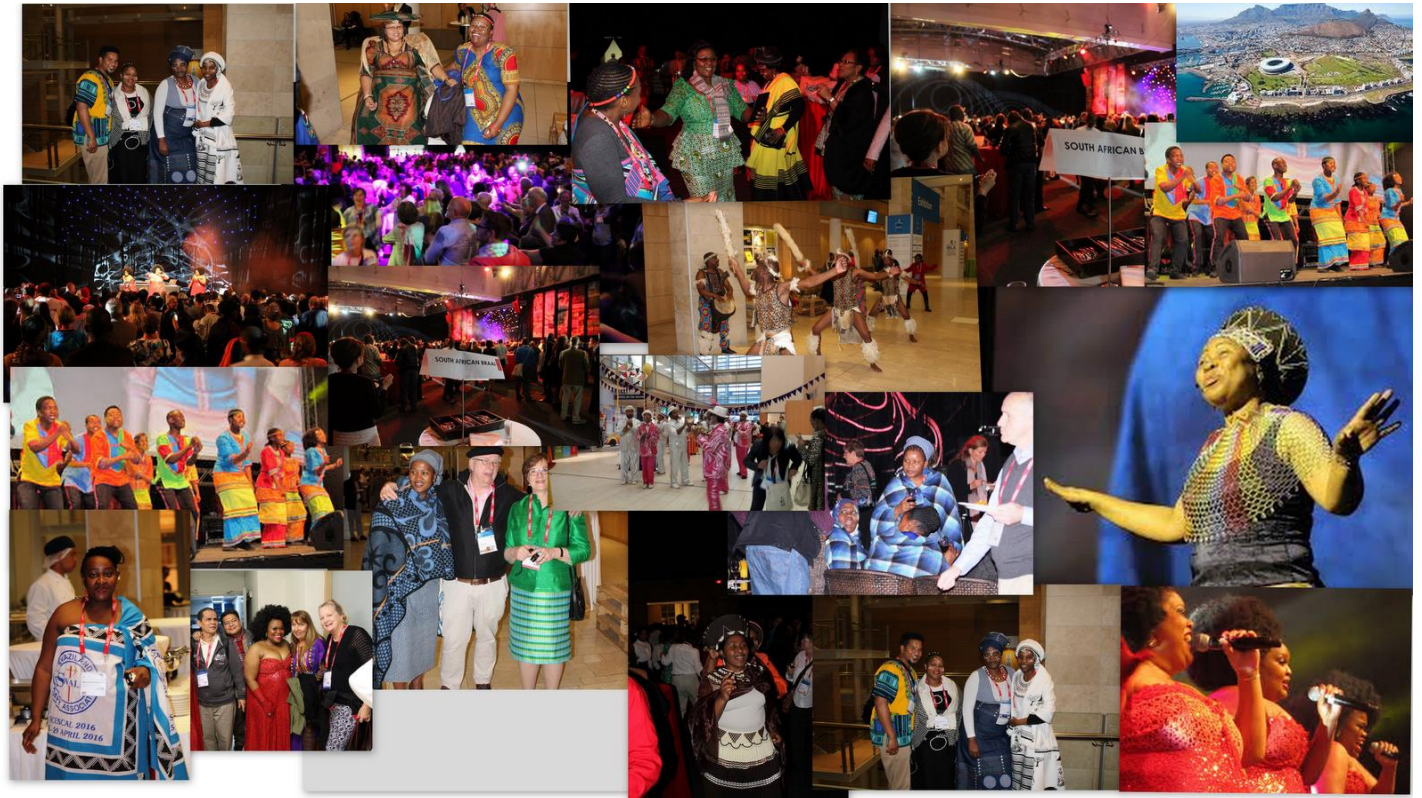




IFLA World Library and Information Congress

81st IFLA General Conference and Assembly

15-21 August 2015, Cape Town, South Africa

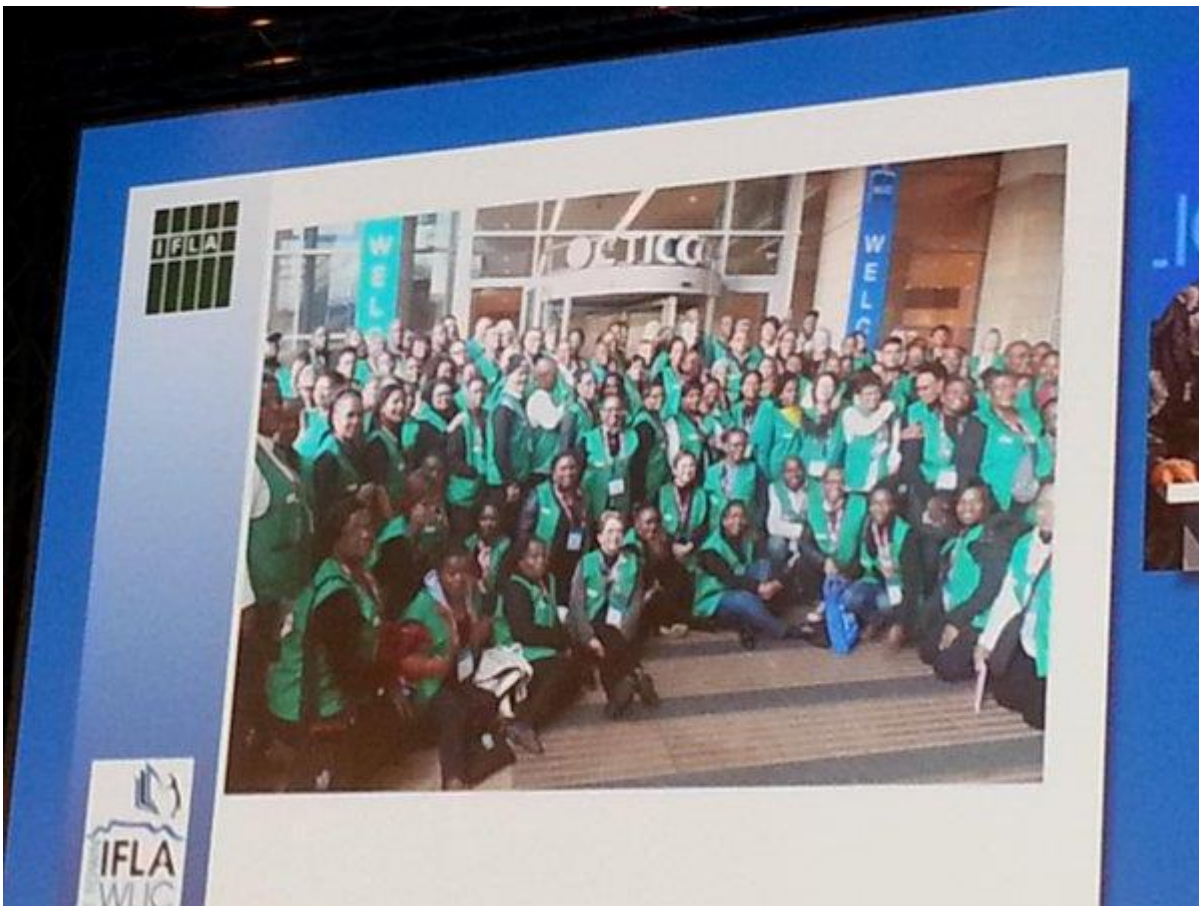


The Culture..... Food..... Music..... &..... Dance



67 Blankets for Nelson Mandela Day Campaign:

Knitting Librarian Project in support of the 67 Blankets for Nelson Mandela



The Hard working Volunteers

1. INTRODUCTION

The Africa Section held a successful satellite meeting at the University of South Africa (UNISA) Parow Campus. The Section held very well attended Standing Committee Meetings on Sunday 16th 2015, chaired by the outgoing Chair, Dr Victoria Okojie and the 19th of August 2015, chaired by the new Chair, Dr. Rosemary Shafack. On the 18th August 2015, the Section held its first ever Africa Caucus Meeting which was chaired by the Division V Chair, Dr Victoria Okojie. Between one hundred and one hundred and fifty participants attended and came from all over the Continent, with some from the Diaspora. Development partners as well as stakeholders in the LIS sector in Africa turned up. Several other Interest Groups such as ATINA with links to Africa Section, also held meetings during the Cape Town IFLA Congress.

2. SATELLITE MEETING REPORT

The Chair welcomed all who had sacrificed to attend the satellite conference. She extended special welcome to the keynote speaker, Dr. Buhle Mbambo-Thata who despite her charged schedule accepted to do the key note for this meeting. She equally thanked the paper presenters for their sacrifices. She looked forward to fruitful discussions on issues from all ramifications on the African continent relating to the development agenda (The UN SDGs 2030).

2.1 KEYNOTE ADDRESS

The Key Note address by Dr. Buhle Mbambo-Thata on the Theme: **The Post 2015 Development Agenda: An Overview and Implications for the LIS Sector** set the tone for the two day meeting. She focused on MDGs and SDGs which are built on the United Nations (UN) declaration for Human Rights. She zeroed in on African Libraries and MDGs, IFLA Pre-conference of 2007 by the African Section, Africa Section series of training workshops for all regions in Africa and the outcomes as seen in the Health information corners, Youth information services, Small business information and the Evaluation of Impact. Her presentation discussed SDGs 1-17 and highlighted what opportunities were available such as linking with AU Agenda 2063, IAP, national government agendas, role of associations, library education and how as librarians we could initiate action and advocate for access to information.

2.2 SATELLITE MEETING - PRESENTATIONS

- **Irene Onyanha** of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa presented on challenges of achieving the Post 2015 SDGs in Africa. In her paper titled, **‘Challenges of Achieving the Post – 2015 SDGs in African Societies’**, she focused on the following issues: IFLA’s message to the United Nations member states, role of libraries in the development agenda and the Lyon Declaration. She analyzed the benefits of access to information and also looked at the challenges such as the right of access to information, developing access to information legislation, supporting open information environments, access to ICT infrastructure and Public libraries as the information service providers. In conclusion, she emphasized the need for public enlightenment and awareness, sensitization and training of public institutions and officials, records keeping and information management, funding, ICT skills as a way of reducing challenges.

- **Dr. Fadehan** of the University of Lagos, Nigeria
She presented a paper on, “**Academic Women’s Perception of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) Achievement and the Role of Librarians in Africa: The Case of Cosmopolitan Lagos, Nigeria.**” The outline of the paper cut across objectives, research questions, hypothesis, methodology, data analysis, summary findings, way forward and a conclusion. Her presentation focused on the relevance of libraries to the success and survival of every area of human endeavour. The Library has been proved by her study as a veritable tool and the most venerable institution of all ages, promoting human and societal development. This was a success story of women’s involvement in the actualization of the MDGs using the library mechanism.
- **UNISA Mobile Library**
Delegates at the Satellite Meeting were given the rare opportunity to tour the famous UNISA Mobile Library that caters for their distant learners in the Western Cape.
- **Webinar on Navigating the United Nations Library Research Tools and Resources: Exploring the use of web 2.0 Technologies to enhance information access: Dag Hammaskjold Library in New York, USA.**
One of the highlights of the Satellite meeting was the webinar on the above. This was scheduled as one of the satellite sessions and it proved to be an exciting experience with a lot to learn.

2. AFRICA CAUCUS MEETING REPORT

The Africa Caucus Meeting was held for the first time on Tuesday 18th August 2015. It was chaired by Victoria Okojie. In her opening remarks, she welcomed all who were present to the first Africa Caucus and promised that this would be a regular meeting in future.

She introduced Africa Section members and thanked outgoing members for their service to the Section. She also introduced the two members on the Governing Board, Ellen Namhila, Namibia and Victoria Okojie, Nigeria -who was also the Head of Division V. The Chair encouraged more Africa members to join other Sections and emphasized the need to represent Africa well whenever they were elected to any committees. African Library and Information Associations (AfLIA) was introduced to the gathering and the Executive Director- Dr Helena Asamoah- Hassan was given an opportunity to brief the meeting. In her address, she highlighted the importance of AfLIA to the African continent. She invited all to participate in this continental Association. She gave a brief outline of the structure of AfLIA and announced the Members that were elected at the Accra Meeting to head the five sections – Academic and Research Section, Public Libraries, National Libraries, Library Associations and Library Schools and Institutions. The Chair then continued with the meeting issues and highlighted the importance of identifying and understanding partners working on the continent of Africa and what they were doing. She indicated that Africa Caucus would like to identify and work with these development partners with the hope of providing guidance.

6. SECTION MEETINGS REPORT (SCI & SCII)

6.1 Obituary

The Section observed a minute of silence for Felix Obugu, the late University Librarian of Witwatersrand University, Johannesburg, South Africa, who passed on in June 2015.

6.2 Open Forum

Africa Section had an Open Forum which was held in collaboration with the Parliamentary and Law Libraries Sections under the theme “**Access to Legal Information and Legislative Data in Africa: The Role of Libraries and Librarians**”.

Six papers were presented and these generated a lively discussion.

6.3 Strategic Plan

The Strategic Plan was circulated to members and the Chairperson appealed to members to forward comments and contribute towards the compilation of the 2016 Action Plan. Submissions were to be forwarded to the Secretary by mid-October in preparation for the discussion at the Mid Term Meeting to be held in February 2016 in Botswana.

6.4 Mid- Term Meeting in Botswana 2016

The Chairperson announced that the Mid-Term Meeting for 2016 would be held in Gaborone, Botswana. Dates- 11th and 12th February 2016. Ms Bongiwe Magocha was the Contact person in Botswana.

6.5 Guinea Bissau at WCLI 2015

The outgoing Africa Chair sponsored the President of the Library Association of Guinea Bissau to the 2015 WLIC in Cape Town. This was an effort to strengthen the association by enabling them to come to IFLA and network for the benefit of their association.

6.6 IFLA Advocacy Meeting in Namibia

Namibia hosted a successful IFLA Advocacy Meeting in July 2015. Dr Buhle Mbambo-Thata was the facilitator. It brought the IFLA Secretary-General and other IFLA officers and high officials from Africa like the Wife of the Vice President of Ghana, who is a librarian.

6.7 Mentorship Program.

The SC meeting was briefed on the mentorship program. At the Kenya meeting, it had been suggested that strong and weak National Associations in Africa develop partnerships that would provide for experience sharing in order to move the LIS profession forward. Partnership could be on a North – South basis, for example, Kenya and Sweden as well on a South-South basis. The Section encouraged south -south twinning. Suggestions included South Africa -Swaziland, Kenya -Rwanda, Nigeria-Gambia and Ghana-Sierra Leone. It was reported that Professor Angus of Mt Kenya University was already partnering with Rwanda, South Africa was already mentoring Swaziland, which is now a member of LIASA, and finally that Ghana and Sierra Leone were already working together.

6.8 Africa Section Progress

The outgoing Chair, Dr Okojie gave a summary of some of the successes of her two terms as Chair.

1. Building Strong Libraries Programme in some parts of Africa for example in Cameroon and Botswana.
2. Africa Section Support to attend IFLA WLIC- Guinea Bissau Library Association National President was supported and assisted to come to Cape Town to attend IFLA Congress in 2015.
3. The following networks came to being during her tenure. AfLIA, African Public Libraries Network, IFLA Advocacy Program (In Namibia), International Professional Leaders Program, Honored Dr Helena Asamoah Hassan, Ellen Tise, the Committee of Elders of SC, opened a Bank Account in South Africa.

6.9 SPARC, AFRICA CHAPTER

Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC), AFRICA Chapter was launched in Cape Town on August 16, 2015. It was reported that there was need to elect leadership to lead this standalone Project. It was created with the hope that it would engage the rest of Africa.

6.10 LIS Education Group

Professor Ismail Abdullahi raised the challenges that were facing Library educators and he gave a short history of the LIS Education group plus its special relationship with the Africa Section. However, the Section felt the discussions could continue outside the meeting to advise on how best to proceed - whether to bring it back as a SIG under Africa Section or ask Division V to lobby the new President- elect for assistance. Other suggestions were that it could consider joining AfLIA.

6.11: IFLA President Sinikka Sipilä's Theme

The IFLA president attended the second Africa SC meeting and appreciated all the support this section had given during her tenure. She was particularly grateful for the symposium that was organized on her theme that remains very memorable. The outcome of the symposium organized in Namibia on President Sipilä's theme, "**Strong Libraries Strong Societies**", was a book, copies of which were distributed at the Cape Town WLIC 2015.

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CAPE TOWN DECLARATION



Cape Town, South Africa—14 August 2015

We, the Ministers and country representatives from Angola, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Cote D'Ivoire Lesotho, Guinea, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, South Africa, South Sudan and Swaziland met to discuss the status of libraries and implementation of access to information agenda on 14 August 2015 in Cape Town, Republic of South Africa. The IFLA President, AfLIA President and national librarians were also present;

Deliberated on the status of libraries in the continent and the progress required to meet the global sustainable development goals;

Inspired by the principles enshrined in the Charter for African Cultural Renaissance and global sustainable development agenda;

Inspired by the level of commitment to prioritise and resource libraries as part of Africa Agenda 2063;

Aware that resources are still a challenge in most countries;

Mindful that libraries around the world are powerful knowledge partners in delivering services like literacy, ICT skills and local knowledge to communities;

Recognised that conflict, instability and underdevelopment on the continent, hinder free flow of information, skills transfer and people to people contacts;

Reminded that access to information is a universal human right and a basic tool for sustainable development;

Noted the need for the improvement of library services for the blind and people with sight impairment as well as other forms of impairment; and,

Welcomed the IFLA position regarding the post 2015 sustainable development agenda.

We thereby commit to:

Provide the necessary resources for the development of African libraries to respond to modern day challenges and provide access to emerging technologies;

Support the establishment of a Pan African library organisation to provide a platform for networking and resource mobilisation;

Encourage the establishment of institutional partnerships between libraries in the continent for exchange of knowledge and experiences;

Fast-track implementation of continental innovative strategies to improve ICT and knowledge management;

Encourage the implementation of fair and balanced copyright laws to facilitate access to Information for all;

Fast-track the implementation of the outcomes of Library Summits held in 2011, 2013 and 2015 Respectively;

Support the work of the African Library and Information Association and Institutions (AFLIA); and National Libraries, National Library Services, National Library Associations and Councils;

Encourage the use of e-books and virtual libraries more effectively to facilitate cultural and Scientific exchange and encourage a culture of reading in the continent;

Promote library policies on access to information as part of a universal human rights approach as well as rights of people to knowledge;

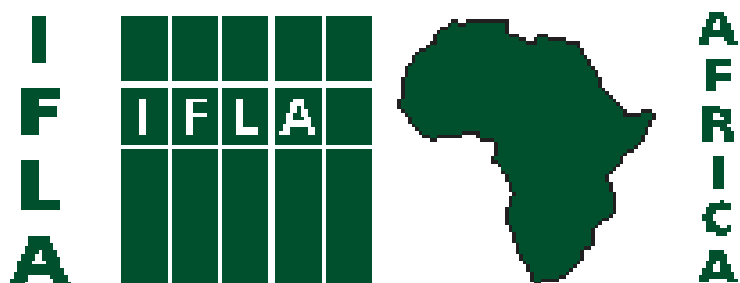
Encourage the development and promotion of local content in African libraries as part of the promotion of African Renaissance and Pan Africanism;

Encourage the sharing of skills, collection and preservation of African stories from our own communities;

Commit that the African Ministers responsible for arts and culture, libraries and access to information will meet regularly;

Adopted In Cape Town, Republic of South Africa on 14 August 2015.

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1. Ghana

The Ghana Library Association reported that they had had a busy year.

- Reading Project – their flagship project
A Webinar on Advocacy and the held a National Conference and issued a Communiqué at the end.
- **Hosted ICADLA 4 at the University of Ghana in May 2015**
- **Hosted AfLIA and African Library Summit III in May – June 2015**

2. Cameron

- Had many activities throughout the year including Workshops on Access to Information

3. Nigeria

- Nigeria held a very successful National Conference at the end of July 2015 with lots of international exhibitors. It was also well attended.
- The National Association organized the Library Week Commemoration in October 2014.
- The Association did a Curriculum review for LIS Programmes.

4. Botswana

- Botswana Library Association held its 2015 Conference.
- She commended the BSLA Programme for giving visibility to libraries
- The Association attended the Association of Parliamentary Librarians East and Central Africa Conference held in

Nairobi, Kenya in 2015.

5. Egypt

- The Chair reported that the association held their joint conference which is held every two years.

6. Guinea Bissau

- The President of the Library Association of Guinea Bissau announced the formation of the 1st National Library Association.
- He also reported that he was at IFLA for the first time supported by the Africa Section.
- He was networking and making contacts to help the association.
- The Association had held its National Conference with the help of the Ministry of Culture

7. Senegal

Three Workshops on Open Access:

- Access to Information and Copyright;
- 2 Conferences organized by NGOs including Marrakesh Treaty organized In conjunction with WIPO and the Ministry of Culture. Issues discussed included Ratification of the Marrakesh Treaty.

8. Malawi

- Malawi Library Association organized SCECSAL 2014. The Proceedings of the Conference were now available and ready for distribution.
- The Association was reported to be very active in the Country Consortium.
- The Consortium was busy coming up with strategies of

survival post INASP. INASP, an NGO which was currently winding down its operations after supporting consortia in Africa for over a decade.

- The Library Association was running the Certificate Course for Librarians.
- The Malawi Library Association appealed for the reduction of for IFLA Congress Registration Fees.

9. Zambia

- It was reported that Zambia was participating in the BSLA Programme and was beginning to see good results from this project.
- The Association had managed to work on a Bill, now at Parliament that will cover Libraries in Zambia.
- The Association held a successful conference and that it would be working closely with the Ministry of Community Development.
- The Association reported progress in the well-known Libutho Project.

10. South Africa

- Library and Information Association of South Africa attained a Professional Body Status from December 2014. It is rolling out South African LIASA members.
- LIASA hosted the IFLA President when he came to launch the SA Library Week.
- It was reported that the interim Africa SPARC Project had been launched into the SPARC Africa Chapter during the IFLA 2015. South Africa hoped to engage the rest of Africa and that the

SPARC Project will be a standalone Project.

11. Swaziland

- Swaziland reported that the Association had been revived through the BSLA Project with help from Mr John Tsebe and Dr Kay Raseroka.
- Swaziland was to host SCECSAL 2016 in April 2016.
- They were also hosting SCANUL 2016 as a preconference to SCECSAL.

12. Namibia

- Library and Information Workers Association of Namibia held a successful meeting of IFLA Advocacy. Dr Buhle Mbambo-Thata was the facilitator.
- In August 2015, they hosted a preconference Meeting for the Social Science Section of IFLA
- LIWA assisted in the preparation and publication of the IFLA President's book launched at IFLA 2015, Cape Town.

13. Kenya

- Kenya Library Association was proud to have hosted Africa Section for the Mid-Term meeting held in February 2015.
- The Association worked on a Parliamentary Bill.
- They held a successful international Conference in July 2015
- The Association organized a competition for six different categories of libraries for the
- 80 different regions of Kenya. This was to be an annual feature. Winners for 2015 competition would be announced in September 2015.

SCECS

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Botswana Library Association 6th Annual Conference and AGM

Category: Conferences and workshops

7 July 2014 - 11 July 2014

Organisation: Botswana Library Association

Venue: Majestic 5 Hotel - Palapye

Theme:

Transforming Information and Knowledge Management through Practice, Innovation, Education, Research and Development



Opening up research & education to advance society in Africa. The African Chapter of the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition. It was launched at the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) Academic and Research Libraries (ARL) Satellite meeting on the 14th August 2015.

The main focus of SPARC African chapter will be to capacitate Africans in academic and research sectors to champion free access to scientific knowledge as a means to alleviate Africa's lack of access scholarly content. SPARC Africa invites membership from academic and research institutions, library and information profession associations, funding bodies, student representative organisations and parastatal organisations located within Africa.

SCECSAL XXII. 2016

Swaziland Library Association (SWALA) is very proud to host **the 22nd Standing Conference of Eastern, Central and Southern African Libraries Association SCECSAL XXII.**

SCECSAL returns to the beautiful kingdom of Swaziland after 16 years and we are very determined to make this opportunity a memorable one.

Swaziland is a small landlocked country in the southern part of Africa. Surrounded by South Africa and Mozambique, it offers a rich array of traditional, cultural and intellectual ambience to trigger the visitors to greater heights. The beautiful scenery of the country, the humble and welcoming nature of its people provide an ample opportunity for its visitors to extend their stay.

SCECSAL 2016 will be held at the Royal Swazi Sun situated in the serene beauty of eZulwini valley. The breathtaking beauty of the valley, the enticing attitude of the country and the array of intellectual activities planned for the entire conference with a plethora of cultural and social events will no doubt provide a long lasting memory in the minds of the participants.



***ANNOUNCEMENT OF
2ND AFRICAN PUBLIC
LIBRARIES SUMMIT***

The African Library and Information Association and Institutions (AfLIA) will be holding a two-day 2nd African Public Libraries Summit as a post-conference event of the SCECSAL Conference which will be held in Swaziland.

This Summit is being co-sponsored by the Global Libraries Program of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

This post conference is meant for:

National and Public Library leaders, Policy makers in the National and Public Library sector Young

emerging public library leaders who are the future of public library services in Africa and Organisations and Professionals working in partnership with African libraries

Venue: Royal Swazi Sun Hotel, Ezulwini, Swaziland,

Dates: 30th April – 1st May 2016

Conference Theme

21st Century Public Libraries – innovation develops communities

Sub-Themes

Innovation – Creating an innovative public library environment

Community needs – Mapping and Using Community Needs

Development Agenda – Public Libraries working towards Agenda AU 2063, UN 2030, and 2015 Cape Town African Ministers Agenda.

Outcomes of Congress

Development of a plan for innovative public libraries services considering community needs

Strategies for Public Libraries in Africa towards the promotion of the AU 2063, UN 2063 and 2015 Cape Town African Ministers Agenda to meet development goals.

Registration

<http://cfx.aflia.net/>

Registration will open on the AfLIA website, www.aflia.net on 15th January 2016 under Conferences and Workshops icon.

Registration Fee is USD 100.00 which will cover Conference materials, snacks and lunch.

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Additional Information

For more information visit AfLIA website www.aflia.net. You may also visit the SCECSAL Conference 2016

website <http://scecsal.eu.pn/index.html> for information about available accommodation options.

Please note that participants going through South Africa who are not South Africa nationals and normally will require visas to travel to South Africa must obtain at least a Transit Visa from their home countries.

Eunice Jones-Arthur (Mrs)

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ZULC CONFERENCE - CALL FOR PAPERS

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND ACADEMIC LIBRARIES 1ST - 3RD JUNE 2016

The Zimbabwe University Libraries Consortium (ZULC) invites proposals for papers and posters on the theme: Higher Education and Academic Libraries in the 21st Century for its International Conference to be held on the 25th and 26th of May 2016 at the A'Zambezi River Lodge, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe.

The conference provides an international forum for Librarians and Scholarly Researchers to explore, share knowledge and experience on the current trends in service provision by Academic or University Libraries and how this is impacting on Higher and Tertiary Education.

Conference Theme

“Higher Education and Academic Libraries in the 21st Century”

Conference Sub-themes

Value Addition of Library and Information Services to Higher Education

Embedded Librarianship

Social Media Technology in Academic Libraries

Libraries and Socio-Economic Development

Digital Libraries

Strategic Partnerships among Academic Libraries

Information Management in Digital Environments

Important Dates

Abstracts for papers and posters should be submitted by 31 December, 2015

Notification on accepted abstracts and posters: 31 January 2016

Full papers and posters submission deadline: 31 March 2016

Registration Fee:

USD200.00 per participant;

USD150.00 per participant if an institution sends 3 or more participants;

Registration fee covers teas, lunch and cordials for 2 days of the conference

Information on available accommodation can be sought from the Conference Organising Secretary.

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IFLA World Library and Information Congress

82nd IFLA General Conference and Assembly

13–19 August 2016, Columbus, Ohio, [United States of America](#)

Call for Papers: Satellite Meetings Africa Section

Theme:

"Building Cross Cultural Capabilities for Universal Access to Information and Knowledge in Africa"

Date

11-12 August 2016

Venue

University of Ohio, Athens, Ohio, USA

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 82nd IFLA WLIC 2016.

The IFLA Africa Section invites Librarians, Information Scientists and other stakeholders to submit proposals (abstracts) for paper to be presented at the Africa Section Satellite Conference in Ohio, USA.

Theme

Building Cross Cultural Capabilities for Universal Access to Information and Knowledge in Africa

Sub-themes

Role of libraries in empowering communities in Africa

Libraries and Cultural Development

Social media and community library outreach

Intellectual Property

Partnerships and collaboration: inspiring and exciting opportunities for libraries

Creating synergies for research for Library professionals in Africa

Building cross cultural capabilities to build strong libraries for strong societies.

Submission Guidelines

The proposal must be 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 ABSTRACTS by email to:

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Kathy Matsika, Secretary, IFLA Africa Section

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Important Deadlines

15 December 2015 Deadline for Submission of Abstracts

20 February 2016 Notification of acceptance/rejection of papers

3 June 2016 Deadline for Submission of Full Papers

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

Submissions

All proposals must be received by 15 December 2015

Please note

Presenters are advised to approach their parent organizations for sponsorship.

At least one of the paper's authors must be present to deliver a summary of the paper during the program of the Satellite Meeting.

All papers that are presented at the WLIC 2016 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.

Congress Participation Grants

List of opportunities for support is available on our Conference Participation Grants webpage.

Call for Papers - Africa Section Open Forum, WLIC, Ohio, USA, 2016

The IFLA Annual Congress will take place in OHIO, United States of America from 13th -19th August, 2016.

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 82nd IFLA WLIC, 2016,

Africa Section chose the theme: Creating an Enabling Environment for Africa: Taking the Cape Town Declaration Forward'.

IFLA Africa Section invites Librarians, Information Scientists and other Stakeholders to submit abstracts (proposals) for papers to be presented during the Africa Section Open Forum Session in OHIO, United States of America (USA).

THEME AND SUB-THEMES

Theme:

“Creating an Enabling Environment for Africa: Taking the Cape Town Declaration Forward”.

Sub-Themes:

African Libraries using Multi-media technologies to drive the post 2015 Sustainable Development Goals

Connecting African Library communities for Development: partnerships and networking

The Role of African Libraries in Driving the Post 2015 Sustainable Development Goals.

The Role of African Libraries in Achieving the Development Agendas.

African Libraries as Agents of change

African Libraries Partnering with African Governments in Achieving the Cape Town Declaration, policy issues etc.

Information Literacy, African libraries and development

Continuing Professional Development (CPD) for building a strong African Library Community

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

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1. Title of proposed presentation
2. Outline of the proposed presentation (no more than 350 words)
3. Name(s) of presenter(s)
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5. Presenter(s) employer or affiliated institution

6. Email address, Telephone/fax numbers
7. Short biographical statement of the presenter/s, with digital photograph

Please email ABSTRACTS (Proposals) by November 20, 2016 to:

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Chair, IFLA Africa Section

Email: roshack@gmail.com

20 November, 2015: Deadline for Submission of Abstract

IMPORTANT DEADLINES:

November 20, 2015: Deadline for Submission of Abstracts

February 20, 2016: Notification of acceptance/rejection of papers

May 20, 2016: Deadline for Submission of Full Papers

Submitting an Article for Next Month's Newsletter

You are invited to submit articles to be featured In the **Africa Section Newsletter**

You may submit text in a language other than English. However, it will have to be accompanied by an English summary so that those who don't speak your language can get the gist of it. Pictures with caption are welcomed.

If you want to see what others have written so far, please go to Africa Section Newsletter

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