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From the GENLOC Chair

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So here we are, with the second Newsletter from Genloc. It is time for some reflections from my side on how this 'congress year' has evolved. First of all I would like to thank Elizabeth for supporting Agnes with the Newsletter. It was very interesting to read the personal introductions written by the members, the corresponding members and the Goodwill Ambassadors and to experience the energy of their writing.

I must admit it was not without anxiety that I accepted the chair-person task last year. During the first 6 months I had my doubts whether we could manage to set up an effective working group, so as to survive as a Standing Committee. I had no experience working with the IFLA organization and dealing with an international network - with individuals living in different countries and regions and time zones.



Bozena Rasmussen
Chair, GENLOC

The first GENLOC Newsletter showed clearly that we all have energy and exciting ideas about what GENLOC should be and could do. We communicated mostly by mail. I think that in the year to come we may try to talk by Skype or another form of group communication. We should become more 'digital'. But still, the most important are the issues we are working on.

Let me talk a little about the WLIC 2016 which starts in about two weeks. First of all, I'd like to mention Michael J. Hall, our previous Chair. In June he donated a kidney to a friend and is now recovering. I would like to greet Michael from all of us in GENLOC and say that he is a brave man. We must all wish him a very quick recovery.

I look forward to the pre-conference, (10th - 11th August), ***Awesome Resources - Genealogy and Local History Services Worldwide in the 21st Century*** in Fort Wayne, USA. Allen County Public Library is really putting lots of work into this two day meeting, with fascinating presenters from all over

the United States. I really hope that many delegates from different parts of the world find their way to Fort Wayne and learn new things about heritage collections, preservation, digitalization and promotion in our digital era. For those who are not able to attend, Russell Lynch has promised to monitor and report on the conference online.

As you probably know, our main session in Columbus is about

The Social Web: its relevance for family, oral and local history.

It takes place on Monday 15th of August. By choosing digital communication and tools as a topic, we are hoping to push our professional borders in a modern direction. We have also chosen a more interactive format than the traditional lecture. The Pecha Kucha format allows a good handful of presenters seven minutes each, to focus on a few central ideas and theses, followed by time for discussions at smaller tables.

I was a little anxious, since the topic and the form of presentation was a new one, but the call for papers turned out to be a success, with a total of sixteen papers submitted. After reading and evaluation, ten papers were accepted. One of presenters cannot attend, however, so we will present nine papers, coming from Australia, Chile, Uganda, Indonesia and the United States.

To get more discussion and feedback, I think that we in GENLOC could do some follow-up of the papers after the congress. All papers will be available on the IFLA web, of course, but we could also publish the papers on our blog, so that readers could add comments and authors could respond. In this way, we could initiate a broader debate and explore more questions. I only hope that we get many visitors to our session and many good discussions round the tables!

Programme for 2017

Let us also promote the plans for the next WLIC IFLA 2017 in Wroclaw, Poland.



Wroclaw Coat of Arms

GENLOC has got an acceptance from IFLA to hold its **Satellite Meeting** in Vilnius, Lithuania.



Martynas Mažvydas National Library of Lithuania
named after Martynas Mažvydas, the author of the
first Lithuanian book published in 1547

This pre-conference will be organized by the National Library of Lithuania and the topic is:

The challenge of multiple identities. Multi-ethnicity in genealogy, local history and regional memory. Connections and challenges for libraries and other memory institutions.



Dolnośląska Biblioteka Publiczna Wrocław
The Regional Library, Wrocław

We plan to arrange our main GENLOC session in 2017 off-site, in the buildings of the Regional Library in the Old City of Wrocław. The subject for the session will relate to local history - we are still working on the details. The library - its full name is

Dolnośląska Biblioteka Publiczna - will arrange a study tour for GENLOC round Wrocław. We can discuss this more during our business meeting in Columbus - and others can join the discussion by mail. I really look forward to the sessions in Vilnius and in Wrocław, especially as I come from Poland myself. I hope the coming WLIC 2017 in Wrocław will be rewarding for all of us in GENLOC, both professionally and personally.

A lot of greetings to everybody. I look forward to meeting all who are coming to Fort Wayne and Columbus. And for those who cannot attend this time, let us be in touch through social media.

IFLA GENLOC Satellite meeting

Allen County Public Library of Fort Wayne, Indiana, USA

Awesome Resources – Genealogy and Local History Services Worldwide in the 21st century.

Wednesday, 10th to Thursday, 12th August 2016

Programme details:

<http://genealogycenter.info/IFLAqlh/>

The website also has information about lodging and travel from Fort Wayne to Columbus, Ohio in order to attend the main IFLA Conference.

The Genealogy Center has one of the largest research collections in the United States of America.

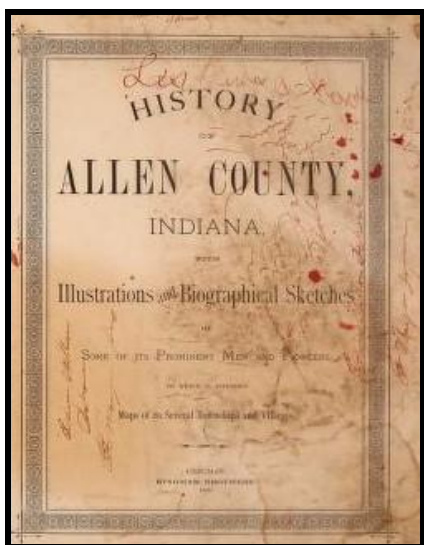
This preconference will feature presentations and discussions on technologies and strategies for finding, saving and presenting records, family histories and living memory in the twenty-first century and how these resources are made available worldwide.

The presentations on the first day include:

- FamilySearch resources for you and your Library

David E. Rencher, AG, CG, FUGA, FIGRS

FamilySearch [FamilySearch.org] provides billions of records and a specialized FamilySearch Wiki that assists reference librarians address family history research questions worldwide.



from Internet Archive
<https://archive.org/index.php>

- The 21st century Alexandrian Library: why what we are building together is so important for information & preservation

Kelly Ransom, Director of the Internet Archive's Books Group

Internet Archive [[Archive.org](https://archive.org)], founded by Brewster Kahle, has an expansive digitization programme. Learn about Internet Archive's digitizing and preservation strategies and why it is critical for individuals and organizations worldwide to participate.

- Building for the 21st century: the Indiana Archives

Jim Corridan, Indiana State Archivist

Planning and building a twenty-first century state archives requires working successfully with a number of governmental agencies, citizen groups, and educational organizations while focusing on best practices for archiving and accessing textual as well as digital records.

- Building and sustaining a Statewide Digital Resource: Seeking Michigan

Kris Rzepczynski, Senior Reference Archivist

Taking the online portal for the archives of Michigan - **Looking at Seeking Michigan** [www.seekingmichigan.org] - as an example, this program will explore how to construct, develop, and maintain an archive, as well as collection prioritization, evaluation of researchers' expectations, and collaboration. Seeking Michigan, offers free access to a wide array of rich state-wide content, including death certificates, land

surveyors' notes, historical maps, Civil War records, main street images, and much more.

- Storytelling as a way of preserving living memory

Julia Meek, a radio host, graphic artist, and community volunteer, co-producer/host of Folktales, co-coordinator/host of Meet the Music.

This presentation will focus on how best to work with diverse individuals to encourage storytelling as a means of preserving living memory. Consideration will be given to why such activities are important.

- Best Practices in Recording Oral History

Panel of experienced interviewers

This presentation will concentrate on establishing the major components of an oral history program, discussion of the opportunities and critical challenges facing Local and Family History Archives, and how to better build virtual information networks.

The second day of the conference is an Unconference Day:

The specific topics discussed will be driven by the attendees, what they identified on the first day as areas of interest or areas needing further exploration, contemporary 'hot topics' and/or topics suggested by the audience.

There will also be a tour of the Special Collections Division of the Allen County Public Library.

IFLA GENLOC Session 2016

**Greater Columbus Convention Center,
Columbus, Ohio, USA**

**Ohio Center B Session 108
Monday, 15th August 13.45pm - 15.45pm**

The Social Web: its relevance for family, oral and local history - Genealogy and Local History with Asia and Oceania

This session, chaired by Sonia Pacheco, will follow a 'lightning talk' model where each speaker will only have 7 minutes to present the highlights of their papers; a moderated discussion will follow.

- Discovery of Karamanlidika cultural artefacts via Social Media tools: towards a Digital Repository for Karamanli memories

Selenay Aytac, Long Island University, USA, and Constantia Constantinou, Stony Brook University, USA

- Promoting Genealogy and Local History collections using Social Media in Uganda

Agnes Namaganda Kanzira, Makerere University, Uganda, Andrea Stultiens, Leiden University, Netherlands, and Monica Naluwoza, Makerere University, Uganda

- A city remembers

Jan Richards, Central West Libraries, Australia

- Documentando la Historia Política Legislativa Chilena: Ciudadanía involucrada con sus raíces a través de Internet

Hector Orellana Flores, Library of the National Congress of Chile, Chile [Paper in Spanish; English translation available]



- Together we listen: generating accessible oral histories of NYC through community participatory projects

Kate Cordes, New York Public Library, USA

- Representing Local History through user experience of access points

Ana Krahmer, University of North Texas Libraries, USA

- Empowering the Pacific Island diaspora through participatory cultural heritage

Cecilia Salvatore, Dominican University, USA

- Genealogical information searches in Kawitan culture on Balinese Hinduism society: from Lontar (Palm-Leaf Manuscript) to electronic form

I Putu Ari Kurnia Budiasta, Airlangga University, Indonesia and Endang Gunarti, Airlangga University, Indonesia



A palm leaf Hindu text manuscript from Bali, Indonesia

- So you want your oral histories used? Bridging the gap between oral histories, librarians, and patrons

Jeff Corrigan, University of Missouri, USA

GENLOC BUSINESS MEETINGS

1. Saturday, 13th August, Ohio Center B
Columbus, USA

Session 016 Standing Committee Meeting

2. Wednesday, 17th August, C223
Columbus, USA

Session 175 Standing Committee Meeting

GENLOC: the IFLA Section for Genealogy and Local History: a resource for international library co-operation

IFLA (the International Federation of Library Associations) represents library associations spanning the world, from Albania to the United States, with a total membership representing over half a million library professionals.

Start of the GENLOC Section – a Discussion Group

The Genealogy and Local History Section of IFLA was formed in 1999 as a **Discussion Group** of the International Federation of Library Associations .

The driving force behind the formation of the Discussion Group was Melvin Thatcher, from the Genealogical Society of Utah in the United States. He and the international members of the first committee planned to support the co-operation of libraries and librarians concerned with genealogy and local history and to increase their importance within libraries and within the international library community.



**Mel Thatcher, Utah
First Chairman of GENLOC**

With the expansion of the internet, there was a dramatic increase in genealogical and family history data to be found online, and more and more information was being uploaded by archives, libraries and personal researchers.

Important genealogical information could be found by investigation of the internet and international Library Associations needed to be involved to support the activities of the growing numbers of family historians. Public access to sources needed to be improved. Co-operation across countries and continents over the collection, preservation and access to genealogical sources needed to be examined and enhanced.

GENLOC became a Section in 2002 and is now fourteen years old

The IFLA Conference in Glasgow, Scotland saw the transformation of this enthusiastic Group into a unique Section within the family of IFLA Sections.

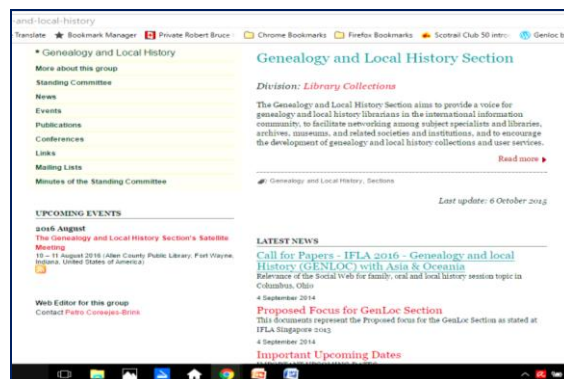
At that time only 14 members were registered to the Section – 9 Library Associations, 2 Danish Libraries, one Library from the Netherlands, the National Library of Scotland, and the Genealogical Society of Utah, USA.

Contact representatives came from Denmark, the United Kingdom, the USA, Israel, China, Australia and South Africa. Over fourteen years later the Committee is still representative of all libraries and organisations assisting genealogists and local historians, across all boundaries and borders, while our present Chair has encouraged potential members from Africa to join the GENLOC Committee.

The Committee has an individual email address [*genloc*] for correspondence on specific committee matters and we also have an email address [*genloc2*] for all the other IFLA members interested in our work.

GENLOC is a working organisation

We have a space on the main IFLA Website



<http://www.ifla.org/genealogy-and-local-history>

The Section makes every effort:

- to encourage the development of genealogy and local history collections and user services*
- to provide a voice for genealogy and local history librarians in the international information community*
- to facilitate networking among subject specialists and libraries, archives, museums, and related societies and institutions*
- to support, promote and improve traditional and electronic genealogy and local history reference services*
- to encourage the development of genealogy and local history collections and user services alongside the informed use of genealogy and*

local history collections wherever these are to be found and

- f) *We also encourage our members to work with the libraries and associations in their own countries to address data privacy and information access concerns that affect genealogy and local history collections and services*

We have a presence at all the main IFLA World Conferences.



GENLOC Stand at IFLA, Buenos Aires, 2004

We hold our main Committee Meetings during these annual IFLA Conferences.

We organise Presentations at these Conferences with distinguished speakers on topics of interest to genealogists and local historians.



Speakers at the GENLOC Session, Helsinki, 2012

This year for IFLA Columbus, USA, GENLOC is combining with Asia and Oceania, and the two Sections are staging a joint Session of nine papers.

At the **Conferences** our Section also makes public accounts of the work of genealogists worldwide.



Frank Kirkwood, Sudak, Crimea, 2012

In Sudak in the Crimea in June 2012, Frank Kirkwood, a member of the GENLOC Committee was asked to talk to the local Press Corp about Genealogy and the development of the Conference's GENLOC and Local History sessions as part of the activities of IFLA.

Days out – Study Tours of local interest - Tours to genealogical sites, archives and libraries

In 2004 the Section listened to the voice of Eva Peron on tape at the Archives in Buenos Aires and visited her burial crypt in the Ricoleta Cemetery.

The Section organised a visit to the National Library in Oslo in 2005. The previous visitor, just a few hours before, had been the King of Norway.

In 2006 a seminar in the National Library of Korea was arranged by one of our Committee members.

In 2008, another Committee member planned an outdoor visit to Grosse Isle, the staging post (and burial ground), the Canadian Quarantine Station, 1832-1937, for immigrants from Europe sailing to the New World, hoping for a new life in Canada or the United States.

Pre-conference Conferences

The GENLOC Section has also organised **Pre-conference conferences** in the countries where the main IFLA Conferences are held. These are to allow local librarians and other groups of genealogists and local historians to meet together, where they might not be able to sign up to the main IFLA Conference.

Genealogy and local history for all in Ottawa 2008 drew attention to the services and techniques required to respond to the needs of multi-cultural communities.

In 2011, one of our Standing Committee members from the Virgin Islands organised a GENLOC Satellite Meeting on ***Caribbean Genealogy***.

We consider that the Section has other achievements, such as this Newsletter which aims to keep our members up-to-date with genealogical events and education.

All our Conference Papers are uploaded to the IFLA Conference website. Each year the Standing Committee chooses one of the IFLA GENLOC Conference Presentations to forward for consideration by the publishing Committee of IFLA Journal. On several occasions our chosen Paper has been included in the publication

– for example

Patrick Cadell: Building on the Past, Investing in the Future through genealogy and local history services Glasgow, 2002

Volume of IFLA Presentations

One of the biggest projects was the publication of the papers delivered at the sessions of the annual IFLA Conferences that the Section organised between 2001 – 2005.

This title, ***International Genealogy and Local History*** contains updated papers delivered at sessions organised by the Genealogy and Local History Section at the annual conferences of IFLA between 2001 and 2005.

These included, among other topics, a discussion of the digitisation of primary genealogical sources, the new technology of DNA profiling, collaboration by Croatian memory institutions, European emigration records, 1820-1925 and the work involved in a specific Norwegian case study organising a modern combined library, museum and local archive.

A wide range of significant issues and trends in historical and family research is covered. The authors, all experts in their own fields, address those engaged in delivering genealogy and local history services in libraries, archives and museums across the world. Moreover they focus on the growing army of enthusiasts directly occupied in tracing their own ancestral and local history.

Finally (and although these need updating), there are publicity leaflets in twelve languages, from Afrikaans to Russian. Revising leaflets is a task the Committee will shortly undertake.

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1. My everyday work involves researching Korean genealogy.
2. I became a member of the IFLA GENLOC Section because I would like to share the knowledge and experiences on genealogy with the members.
3. I would like to see IFLA GENLOC achieve mutual understanding for genealogical resources in cultural context.

Adventure into Meanings on Heritage Facts

Some months ago in my institution, I witnessed the launch of a bi-lingual dictionary produced by experts in the field of linguistics. It contained the meaning of words in the local *Ibibio* dialect of southern Nigeria, with a translation in English. Having to follow up with enthusiasm details of the intellectual piece, it dawned on me that specialists in the library and information science sector can similarly venture into documenting related forms of knowledge.

For most librarians engaged in formal routine services, undertaking this step could seem distracting, but I found that special and 'out of the box' duties do add zest and zing to the information work we are constantly involved in. This probably was the feeling generated by the linguists who launched the 'first of its kind' dictionary being widely accorded by Akwa Ibom state indigenes within and in diaspora.

Dictionaries as we know are major work tools for librarians and other information workers. Somehow, I felt my pride as a librarian being accorded another profession during the presentation of the glossary (such passion wasn't out of place anyway). So, I'm simply proposing for information experts including archivists, indexers, genealogists, documentalists, heritage enthusiasts among others, to develop a **heritage glossary of terminology**. The focus no doubt can appear broad, but to attempt this can in various ways help, reveal, explain and further add meaning to genealogical expressions, serving as a secondary data. How about that?

I recall vividly that some time ago, a non-information professional known to me diligently went about gathering and compiling lists of native names. Getting to enlist relatively **all** native names with their derivative meaning according to a particular tribe was his target. We are well aware of the genealogical intricacies of names in connection with the bearer's heritage and family record. Now, having individual names is one thing most records would easily offer. Getting to know what the names stand for and the account which gave rise to those names, is yet another dimension for genealogical consideration which any of us in the field can meaningfully contribute to.

In my local dialect of African descent, a name such as *Iniekong* is a combination of two words 'ini' and

'ekong' meaning time and war respectively. In essence the name is an inference to some profound occurrence - for instance, that the bearer could have been born during a war period, or that either of the parents got involved in some concerns during the time of war. Quite revealing one would admit, for indeed most local names have genealogical underpinnings yet unexplored and undocumented.

Getting to comb out some of these facts can honestly take more than a required calendar period, and a few running years as well, to obtain a comprehensive glossary of indigenous names. An easy way to go about this, is to accord a period (time-frame) in which to consult, generate and gather local sources built into the required data. To rely solely on the net for indigenous research and data collection may not entirely help as much as having personal contact with persons concerned (primary subjects) and communities for ethical considerations. With dedication, colleagues with allied interests for stories surrounding persons and families can undertake this and leave a legacy for now and thereafter.

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The work of members of the GENLOC Committee

As both director of the library and a professor of Korean studies, I set up the Inje University Genealogy Library in 2010, where I developed the digitalized records of genealogy, the first of its kind in the nation, collected by the library since 2007, to introduce Korea's bloodline history and tradition to the world.



The library consists of over 500 Korean genealogy books, hundreds of records, that have been digitized and can be read online in Korean.

The Digital Genealogy Library allows users to search for their genealogical records - <http://genealogy.inje.ac.kr> and <http://jokbo.inje.ac.kr>

The main page describes (in English) how to access the material. Access is free.



l-r: Jaesup Park, Claudia Lux, President of IFLA 2007 - 2009), and Shin Ki-Nam standing in front of the Poster publicising Inje University's Digital Genealogy Library at IFLA Gothenburg 2010

(Paik Inje Memorial Library)

see also:

http://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/news/art/2012/08/135_71451.html

My current research interests focus on the changes of publishing genealogical records (Jokbo) in the Japanese colonial period (1919-1945).

see: Pak, J. S: Challenges building a genealogy library in Korea 2013

library.ifla.org/219/1/220-pak-en.pdf

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Using BLOGS

Blogs or web logs can be a useful tool for family history. The blog could describe a new database, a search tip, or a genealogical event. Blog posts display the most recent ones first so a website user sees the newest material and can scroll to older material.

The following blog examples are from the United States:

✕ **Dick Eastman** has a daily newsletter

<https://blog.eogn.com/>

Some of this is free and other parts require a paid subscription. The Blog started as a newsletter and Dick Eastman later changed the newsletter to a blog.

✕ **The FamilySearch Blog** has a lot of articles on many topics.

<https://familysearch.org/blog/en/dpla-familysearch-partner-expand-access-digitized-historic-books-online/>

The Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) and FamilySearch will expand access to digitized historic books online.

✕ **The U.S. National Archives** has frequent articles on family history.

<https://narations.blogs.archives.gov/>

One example is

BEWARE: It's Addicting! Citizen Scanning in the Innovation Hub.

They used to have a **Family Tree Friday** post but apparently that ended in 2012.

Try using blog articles to increase your understanding of family history resources and activities.

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Online Genealogy

Learn from the professionals by checking out what these genealogy bloggers have to say about their studies ...

10 Genealogy Blogs worth reading

<http://genealogy.about.com/od/blogs/tp/genealogy.htm>

FamilySearch Blog - Genealogy and Family History Blog
<https://familysearch.org/blog/en/>

Best Genealogy Blogs of 2015 | FamilyTree.com
www.familytree.com/blog/best-genealogy-blog-s-of-2015/

Recent Blog Posts - Family Tree Magazine
<http://www.familytreemagazine.com/Blogs/>

The GENLOC BLOG

see: <https://genlocblog.wordpress.com/>

GENLOC now has a Blog-site whose pages have been set up by Bozena Rasmussen.

Among other information this includes pages on

- *Suggestions for IFLA GENLOC in Wroclaw 2017*
- *List of members of the Standing Committee*
- *Minutes of the Standing Committee II in Cape Town 2015*
- *The scope and goals of GENLOC*

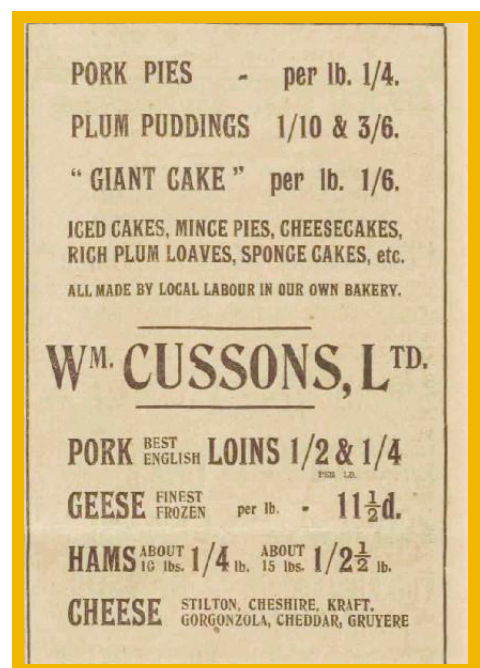
Members of GENLOC are encouraged to look at this Blog and to add to it where they can



This title, edited by Joseph Yap, Martin Julius Perez, Gladys Entico and Maria Cecilia Ayson, and published in 2015 by IGI Global, includes a chapter by Martin Julius V. Perez, Archivist at the Department of Foreign Affairs, in Pasay City, Philippines:

Local Studies Centers in the Philippines: an introductory text.

The chapter aims to present an introduction to the local studies centres in the Philippines - these were established as early as 1975 and the author attempts to identify the characteristics of these specialised information hubs.



An advert from a local English newspaper showing the prices of goods during the First World War 1914-1918

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