

# **IFLA PUBLICATIONS**

## **NEWSPAPERS IN INTERNATIONAL LIBRARIANSHIP**

- Papers presented by the Newspaper Section at the IFLA General Conferences. Compiled by Armut Wolrovens & Edmud King. 2003. 260 pages Hardbound. 78.00 Euros. Special price for IFLA members: 58.00 Euros ISBN 3-598-2183-7.0
- The present volume unites paper read at the IFLA General Conferences and sponsored by the IFLA Round Table of Newspapers from the last decade. A broad spectrum of subjects are covered from production and aquisition to access, preservation and digitization. A special feature is the ocassional focus on individual regions giving details otherwise not easily available, ranging from China to Latin America. On account of the original oral presentation, some papers are concise surveys while others are in-depth studies that were given in abbreviated form at the conferences. This wealth of material emphasizes the growing importance of newspapers as source material for historical research the need for more systematic preservation, the desirability of more comprehensive digitization projects, and in general of improved access to newspapers on a worlwide scale. This volume also demonstrate the motivation and enthusiasm of members of the IFLA Round Table ( now Section) on newspapers in alerting librarians and archivists to pay more attention to this difficult but most interesting and influential media.

## **KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT**

Libraries and Librarians Taking Up The Challenge. Edited by Hans Christian Hobohm. 2004. 220 pages. Hardbound. 74.00 Euros  
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It is widely accepted that knowlege management constitutes a key asset for the information proffesional. Management theory has always pointed to the fact libraries and librarians in librarians in particular play an important role in an organization (be it an enterprise, activity, or a society as a whole). The papers collected in this volume demonstrate why and how – from the libraries perspective. They discuss some

fundamental implications of knowledge management as a key activity area for libraries, analyse key issues and instruments and give examples. Among the contributing authors the reader will find Larry Prusak, James Matarazzo, Michael Koenig, Rafael Capurro, Susan Henczel, Irene Wormell and Rainer Kuhlen. The book brings together 18 important texts from IFLA workshops and conferences and other sources such as the SLA (Special Libraries Association). Including several original contributions, this reader is essential for all concerned with the future role of the library in business and society.

### **LIBRARIES AS PLACES: BUILDINGS FOR THE 21 ST CENTURY**

Proceedings of the thirteenth seminar of the IFLA Section Library Buildings and Equipment together with the IFLA Section Public Libraries. Paris, France, 28 July – August 2003. Edited by Marie-Francoise Bisbrouck, Jérémie Desjardins, Celine Ménil, Florence Poncé and Francois Rouyer Gayette. 2004.II, 210 pages.Hardbound. 74.00 Euros. Special price for IFLA members 55.50 Euros. ISBN 3-588-21839-7

This book contains the Proceedings of the 13<sup>th</sup> Seminar of IFLAs Library Buildings and Equipment Section, which was co-organized with IFLAs Public Libraries Section this time. The event took place as one of the satellite meetings of the World Library and information Congress 2003 in Berlin, and was held in Paris at the end of July 2003. Seminars like this have been held every two years (The Hague 1997, Shanghai 1999, Boston 2001 ) to allow architects and librarians to share experiences in the field of library planning and the building process. The goals of this seminar were to explore the issues affecting the future development of library space, and to help prepare to envision innovative library spaces that are responsive to user needs and community interests. This compilation of the 12 papers given at the Paris seminar includes a huge amount of information regarding the state of the art in library building. The book is illustrated with approximately 125 pictures.

**IFLA Series on Bibliographic Control  
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SUBJECT RETRIEVAL IN A NETWORKED WORLD**

Proceedings of the IFLA Satellite Meeting held in Dublin, OH, 14 – 16 August 2001 and sponsored by the IFLA Classification and Indexing Section, the IFLA Information Technology Section and OCLC. Edited by I.C. McIlwaine. 2003. IX, 193 pages. Hardbound. 78.00 Euros. Special price for IFLA members:58.00. ISBN 3-598-11634-9

The Librarian must remain at the forefront of organizing knowledge and responding to requests for information in an environment where knowledge itself is constantly changing and new fields are emerging daily. The IFLA satellite meeting on subject retrieval was conceived in this light, with the specific purpose of exploring ways in which the needs of the information seeker can be met with quick, appropriate action. The papers in Subject Retrieval in a multilingual environment, retrieval across multiple vocabularies, cross-sectoral retrieval, domain specific retrieval, tool development for retrieval and transformation of traditional tools for the web environment.

**IFLA CATALOGUING PRICIPLES: STEPS TOWARDS AN INTERNATIONAL CATALOGUING CODE**

Report from the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Experts on an International Cataloguing Code, Frankfurt, 2003. Edited by Barbara B. Tillett, Renata Gönpel and Susane Oehlschlager. 2004. IV, 186 pages. Hardbound. 78.00 Euros. Special price for IFLA members: 58.000. ISBN 3-598-24275-1.

Intended to be the first in a series of regional meetings worldwide to discuss a new statement of cataloguing principles with the rule makers around the world, this meeting continued the goal of the 1961 International Conference on Cataloguing Principles (also under the auspices of IFLA) to provide international standardisation of cataloguing rules and principles. It aimed to increase the ability to share cataloguing information worldwide by promoting standards for the content of bibliographic records and authority records used in library catalogues. This report examines cataloguing codes currently in use in Europe, thus allowing the comparison of similarities and differences and addressing the question of developing an International Cataloguing Code.

## **Preparing for the Worst, Planning for the Best: Protecting our Cultural from Disaster.**

### **INTRODUCTION**

With a year's perspective, as we worked through the conference papers, it became even more clear that libraries, archives and other memory institutions around the world must take seriously the need for effective disaster management. This need has been further emphasized by the multiple hurricanes that struck the Caribbean region and the United States in the fall of 2004.

This IFLA ( International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions ) conference, held in Berlin from July 30 to August 1, 2003, resulted from discussions of the IFLA Standing Committee on Preservations and Conservations (<http://www.ifla.org/VII/s19/indexhtm>) that recognized the increasing occurrences of disasters and conflicts worldwide and their impact on cultural heritage. Conference organizers wished to inform and enable administrators to effectively prepare for, react and respond to, and recover from disasters. The intensive 2-1/2 day program included sixteen speakers from twelve countries representing a cross-section of expertise from the library, archive and museum communities, both public and private sectors. The ninety participants from twenty-five countries also reflected this rich diversity. The program's six sessions proceeded from high-level disaster planning to the specifics of collection recovery. To complement the presentations, conferences enjoyed talking with company representatives engaged in various aspects of disaster management.

The conference papers pointed to some common trends, challenges, pitfalls and achievements:

The increasing success of cooperative efforts at all levels – local, regional, national and international;

The value of sharing the experience of disaster plans in action;

The critical need to understand the human factor in disaster response;

The practical difficulties of implementing plans during major disasters;

The consequences of ignoring human communications issues;

The importance of building local capacities through training;

The value of effective and integrated pre-planning-people and materials resources;

The importance of the risk assessment process that enables careful direction of scarce resources;

The continuing need for affordable and accessible recovery techniques and technologies;

The recognition that accepted response measures are often not possible when disaster strikes especially in the developing world; and

The important role that libraries and archives can play in providing disaster prevention and recovery information to their own communities and the public.

This conference provides an important opportunity for participants to learn from the experience and expertise of countries worldwide. Closing discussion indicated that, in spite of, the progress made toward disaster prevention and planning in recent years, there is a continued need to identify and disseminate information on suitable and effective strategies and technologies, to develop effective interdisciplinary collaborations and to build awareness of the requirements for successfully protecting and preserving our cultural heritage.

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