



IFLA SOCIAL SCIENCES LIBRARIES SECTION-STANDING COMMITTEE,
DIVISION 1

ANNUAL REPORT 2014

Introduction

The Annual Report highlights main activities of the IFLA Social Science Libraries Section-Standing Committee (SSLS-SC) and the IFLA Religious Libraries Special Interest Group (Relindial)for the year 2014. The main highlights of the year under review were: The IFLA Lyon conference 2014, the formulation of a strategic plan for 2015, the publication of three Newsletter issues, and Section web page completion. Strong collaboration with partner Special Interest Groups enabled the Section to undertake more activities than would have been possible. We thank both the IFLA Religious Libraries in Dialogue Special Interest Group and the IFLA Women, Information & Libraries Special Interest Group for the wonderful spirit of collaboration.

Members of the Standing Committee Includes:

- Chiku Mnubi-Mchombu (Chairperson)- Namibia
- Sylvia Piggott (Secretary & Treasurer)- Canada
- Eugene Hayworth (Web Editor) – United States
- Kayo Denda (Information Coordinator/Newsletter Editor) – United States
- Odile Dupont (Relindial Convener) – France
- Araceli Garcia Martin - Spain
- Britta Biedermann - Switzerland
- Debora Cheney- United States
- Fred Hay- United States
- Jennifer Ward – United States
- Liudmila Kilyushevskaya- Russia
- Liz Cooper-United States
- Maria Elena Dorta- Dogue- Cuba
- Patricia Wand – United States
- Sebastian Nix- Germany

We thank them sincerely for their dedication and hard work which enabled the committee to achieve its objectives for 2014.

IFLA Key Initiatives

The following IFLA Key Initiatives provided the broad framework under which activities of the Section were undertaken:

1. Digital Content Programme: Driving access to content, and digital resources, for informed library users and communities
2. International Librarianship Leadership Development Programme: capacity building to raise the voice of the profession nationally, regionally and internationally
3. Outreach for Advocacy and Advancement of the Library and Information sector: connecting, collaborating, representing strategically
4. Cultural Heritage Disaster Reconstruction Programme: Culture is a basic need, a community thrives through its cultural heritage it dies without it.

Main Report

The SSLS in collaboration with Women, Information & Libraries Special Interest Group successful organized a conference in Lyon, France, 2014 entitled "Librarians as Change Agents: and Social Movements: finding, using and managing data for social purposes". This program was developed taking into consideration both the presidential theme, "Libraries a Force for Change," as well as the congress theme, "Libraries, Citizens, Societies: confluence for knowledge". There were eight very interesting papers representing social science and women's issues from Canada, Germany, Italy, Philippines, Uganda, Uruguay, and United States. The presentations addressed the IFLA key initiatives nos. 1, 2 and 3.

At the beginning of the year 2014, members of SSLC had an opportunity to come up with a strategic plan for the section. The discussions took place electronically guided by the chairperson of the section.

The SSLS members managed to meet twice in Lyon, France on the 16 and 19 August 2014. The meeting discussed various issues and planned activities for 2015. The meetings were well attended with only two apologies from members. The meeting was attended by a large number of guests. The meeting was chaired by Chiku Mnubi Mchombu while Ms Sylvia Piggott kept record of the proceedings.

We managed to publish 3 Section Newsletters which have been posted on our website. The newsletter has been updating IFLA members on the activities of the Committee and of its members in different parts of the world.

We also have our IFLA Social Sciences Section Webpage which is active and updated regularly to reflect the aspirations and the works of the committee.

The SSLS-SC set in motion preparations for IFLA 2015, this includes a Satellite Meeting in Windhoek 11-12 August 2015; and a joint session with Parliamentary Libraries Section on the theme "*How Libraries Support Social and Economic Development for Societal Improvement: assessment, products, marketing and information access*" More details are available at IFLA Webpage at <http://www.ifla.org/social-science-libraries>

The following section provides a list of activities carried out by IFLA Religious Libraries in Dialogue Special Interest Group (Relindial)

Initiate a team organization of Relindial with 3 librarians from Chile, France and Lebanon: Javiera Bravo, Magali Hurtrel, Randa El Chidiac

Members of Relindial under leadership of Fabien Vandermarcq, prepared the Satellite Meeting in Paris and the 80th IFLA WLIC meetings

Complete the Publication of the book "Libraries Serving Dialogue" by De Gruyter

Host the Relindial's World Café meeting, 18 August 2014, in Lyon and Relindial's Business meeting, 21 August 2014

Host Relindial's Satellite meeting in Paris, on 25 and 26 August 2014
"Libraries at the Heart of the Dialogue between Cultures and Religions"

Members of Relindial nominated Fabien Vandermarcq, from the Bibliothèque de Port Royal, in France as the "Communication officer" for Relindial. He will be working closely with Kayo Denda and Eugene Hayworth

Prepare a session for Cape Town in August 2015: Including preparing a Call for Paper on the topic: "Libraries as a Safe Place for Religious Dialogue and for the Promotion of Cultural Understanding" There was a suggestion that the person from the Interfaith Tour Group be invited to be a guest speaker in South Africa – this issue is still under discussion.

Manage the changes following the ideas gleaned from of the "World Café Meeting":

- a. Reviewing the goals of Relindial
- b. Improving the communication, especially to broaden the links with other IFLA Interest Groups
- c. Initiating a database of Interreligious Initiatives all around the World in communicating and collaborating with Interfaith Tour :
<http://www.interfaithtour.com/>
- d. Initiating a bibliography on dialogue

Relindial are planning an Offsite Meeting in Columbus, Ohio in 2016

The group plans to initiate contacts with “Interfaith Tour II” to open up interreligious activities all over the world.