



IFLA Preservation and Conservation Centres

Annual Report Overview (2021-2022)

Workshops/Trainings/Events

Australia	<p>The National Library of Australia’s Collection Care, Digital Preservation and Social Media teams joined forces to take part in <i>International Ask a Conservator Day</i> and <i>World Digital Preservation Day</i> on Thursday 4th November. Questions received from the public on topics included 'How do you become a conservator?' and 'What surprising discoveries have you made within your own collection?'. The day resulted in more than 20 unique questions across all social media platforms, with 18,164 impressions and 268 engagements and great engagement on Twitter.</p> <p>‘Ask a Conservator’ blog post: https://www.nla.gov.au/stories/blog/ask-conservator?fbclid=IwAROBNNeX-EatknHfBN62PV8pZgoZ-8tTSvY1mxrp6ElgikjKL5mDzDmemFI</p>
Japan	<p>On November 11, 2021, a CJK IFLA/PAC Centre meeting was held with the directors of three regional centers—IFLA-PAC China Center, IFLA PAC Korea Center, and IFLA/PAC Regional Centre for Asia—in attendance. The meeting was convened by the IFLA/PAC Regional Centre for Asia in order to give the directors of the regional centers an opportunity to hold an online conference. During the meeting, each center reported on its recent activities. These three centers were able to exchange information and strengthen their cooperative relationships through this online meeting.</p> <p>https://dl.ndl.go.jp/view/download/digidepo_12117246_po_NDL-Newsletter243.pdf?contentNo=1&alternativeNo=#page=12</p> <p>From December 21, 2021, to January 17, 2022, a video of the 32nd Preservation Forum entitled “Disaster preparedness for library materials” was available online and viewed by 222 people. At the Forum, six presenters reported on material disaster prevention in museums, university libraries, public libraries and the NDL. They also gave a presentation on how to deal with water-damaged materials and training.</p> <p>https://www.ndl.go.jp/jp/event/events/preservationforum32.html</p>
Sri Lanka	<p>Conducted workshop on palm leaf manuscripts for Buddhist monks on 10.02.2021.</p> <p>Conducted a lecture for prison rehabilitation officers island wide on conservation and preservation on 23.02.2022.</p> <p>Conducted a workshop for government officers on Conservation and Preservation on 25</p>

	and 26 January 2022.
Poland	<p>This Centre has organised seven webinars in English with links to all recordings of webinars being made available online at https://tinyurl.com/IFLA-PAC-Digital (equals https://bn.org.pl/uslugi/centrum-kompetencji/edukacja).</p> <p>In December 2021, the IFLA PAC Centre for digital preservation at National Library of Poland started a series of webinars on the different aspects of digitisation projects. They were intended to provide information to CH institutions (mostly libraries) which only start with a digitisation strategy or want to improve on their ongoing projects.</p> <p>Three two-hour meetings consisting of an expert presentation and a Q&A session were held in December 2021.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Setting up a mass digitization project, 2) Measuring and ensuring the quality of digitisation 3) Insights on providing quality reproductions in mass digitisation projects. <p>The series evolved into a project of ten webinars to be held in 2022 with four held already:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Strategic approach to digitisation presenting “Heritage Made Digital” of the British Library with Sandra Tuppen and Richard Davies and “the Center for Urban History (Lviv, Ukraine)” with Oleksandr Makhanets. 2) Plans, budgets, workflow design in digitisation projects with real life examples of the Endangered Archives Programme (BL) with Jody Butterworth and Salome Phachuashvili of the State Silk Museum in Tbilisi, Georgia. Tomasz Gruszkowski follow up with a speech on the influence of a huge project on day-to-day business of a big library. 3) Conservation approach in digitisation projects with Jeanne Drewes speaking about preparations necessary for successful non damaging scanning projects and Agnieszka Helman-Ważny presenting a brief overview of the methods and tools for digitisation of Tibetan manuscript collections in remote Himalayan regions. 4) Legal issues (how to copy right in digitisation projects) was presented by Melissa Levine providing an explanation of the structure of US copyright law and key limitations and exceptions and Dr Maja Bogataj Jančič who provided a basic overview of EU copyright law especially as it relates to libraries and cultural collections.
Kazakhstan	<p>PAC Centre meeting (January 2022) invited knowledge exchange:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master class "Sewing kaptal in Central Asian bindings", which was held at the request of many specialists working in laboratories for the restoration and repair of manuscripts. <p>PAC Centre meeting (April 2022) invited participation of representatives from the National Libraries of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and organizations involved in the preservation and preservation of documentary written heritage on exploring future information-sharing.</p> <p>Following the meeting, it was decided to finalise contracts with new organizations and conduct joint activities to disseminate knowledge about the preservation and restoration of documentary written heritage.</p>

Participation in External Events

Australia	<p>Collection Care participated in a research project <i>Conservation Workflow Program: Exploring best-practice conservation workflow management systems for large organisations</i> managed through Grimwade Conservation Services at the University of Melbourne. Preliminary results and finding have been drafted, the final paper is pending completion.</p> <p>Conservation Workflow Project (unimelb.edu.au) Conservation Workflow Project (unimelb.edu.au)</p>
Japan	<p>UNESCO held a regional workshop as part of its Memory of the World (MoW) program both online and on-site in Saly, Senegal, from June 15 to 17, 2021. At the workshop, Ms. KOBAYASHI Naoko, former senior librarian of the National Diet Library, made a presentation about disaster preparedness at the National Diet Library. The IFLA/PAC Asia Regional Centre assisted in the preparation of the materials for this presentation (Cf. PAC Regional Centre for Asia Annual Report 2020-2021).</p> <p>On September 21-22, 2021, we attended the 2nd Memory of the World Global Policy Forum on Disaster Risk Reduction and Management for Sustainable Preservation of Documentary Heritage online.</p>
Sri Lanka	<p>Presented a research paper on the “efficacy of low cost simple solar heating box to eradicate insect pests of Sri Lanka” at the, Pest Odyssey Network Icon Conference (virtual), 20th -22nd September 2021.</p> <p>Presented a paper with German research colleges on screening two plant-derived extracts from Sri Lanka for their potential to control subterranean termites, <i>Coptotermes formosanus</i>, at the Pest Odyssey Network Icon Conference (virtual), September 20th-22nd, 2021.</p>
Kazakhstan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August 2021: Participation in virtual practical seminar "Preservation of handwritten heritage" held by the Russian IFLA/PAC Center to develop the professional skills of specialists working with handwritten documents. • November 2021: PAC Centre specialists were trained from papermaking at the A. Kasteev State Museum of Art. Theoretical knowledge on the history of the appearance of paper in Asia and Europe was obtained, as well as practical lessons on the manufacture of Asian and European paper were conducted. • November 2021: participated in conference "Problems of preservation and restoration of written heritage in Kazakhstan", held by the National Center for Rare Books and Manuscripts (Nur-Sultan). A report on the topic: "On the work of the Restoration, Conservation and Binding Service of the National Library of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the development perspective" was made by the head of the Service, PhD Sarsenbayeva B.Sh.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 2022: participated in VI International Scientific and Practical Seminar "Document Restoration: Conservatism and Innovation - 2022", which was held by the Russian State Library
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New Material Developed

Australia	A number of National Library of Australia preservation policies and guidelines were developed over the past 12 – 18 months including the Collection Care and Preservation policy, the Physical Collection Emergency Response procedures and the Illumination of Collection Item on Display policy. It is the aim that these documents will be available to access externally within the new financial year.
Japan	A new training video (disaster preparedness for library materials in Japanese) was developed, which will be released in 2022 on the NDL's YouTube channel.
Sri Lanka	Published a guideline on insect pests of libraries and archives in Sri Lanka with the assistance of the Conservation and preservation advisory committee of National Library of Sri Lanka.
South Africa (2018-2021)	Over the period 2018-2021, the Centre has produced: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preservation and Conversation Procedure Manuals • Digitisation of documentary heritage collections Procedure manual • Guidelines for Deacidification • Guidelines for Book binding • Guidelines for Book repair • Care and Valuing of documentary heritage collection • Training and development on GRAP 103 Compliance standards
Poland	All recordings of Digital Preservation webinars are being made available online at https://tinyurl.com/IFLA-PAC-Digital

Support - International Cooperation (including with other PAC Centres outside of Region)

Japan	<p>On November 11, 2021, a CJK IFLA/PAC Centre meeting (online) was held with the directors of three regional centers—IFLA-PAC China Center, IFLA PAC Korea Center, and IFLA/PAC Regional Centre for Asia—in attendance. During the meeting, each center reported on its recent activities.</p> <p>The IFLA-PAC China Center reported on the restoration of ancient books, construction of a database of ancient Chinese books, and development of human resources for restoration. The IFLA PAC Korea Center reported on its digitization and conservation of LP record albums and other analog media, as well as floppy disks and other digital media. The IFLA/PAC</p>
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	<p>Regional Center for Asia reported on its facilities and equipment for disaster prevention, disaster prevention measures for its materials, and recent cooperation activities related to the preservation of materials.</p> <p>Opinions were exchanged on deacidification of acid paper, cooperative activities related to the preservation of ancient books, and training in the preservation of materials.</p> <p>Mr. NAGAI Yoshikazu, director of the PAC/Asia, attended the IFLA/PAC Section Standing Committee Zoom meetings.</p>
Sri Lanka	<p>A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed with the Intangible Cultural Heritage Centre for Asia and the Pacific (ICHCAP) in South Korea to video document 10 Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) elements in Sri Lanka. The aim of this project is to safeguard and promote ICH in Sri Lanka.</p> <p>The PAC Centre expressed its consent to provide expertise and knowledge to preserve palm leaf manuscripts deposited at McGill University, Montreal, Canada. The project will commence at the end of 2022.</p>
South Africa (2018-2021)	<p>Over the period 2018-2021, the Centre has maintained cooperation with Botswana, Namibia, Lesotho, Swaziland, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Malawi, Tanzania, Uganda, and Kenya, Mozambique, and Angola.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digitisation / De-acidification • Digitisation workshop in Nairobi. • Assist the National Archives and Library of Swaziland with the digitisation of Swaziland historical newspapers. • SDG's and IFLA Strategy implementation Meeting in Zimbabwe Victoria Falls
Poland	<p>Some support and cooperation were provided for Ukrainian institutions at their request.</p>

Support - Regional / National Cooperation (including with other PAC Centres within Region)

Japan	<p>Translated PAC FAQs in Japanese and posted on NDL website:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.ndl.go.jp/jp/preservation/iflapac/pdf/pac_faq_bosai_keikaku.pdf • https://www.ifla.org/files/assets/pac/Documents/faq_disaster_plan_japan.pdf • https://www.ifla.org/files/assets/pac/Documents/faq_washi_japan.pdf • https://www.ndl.go.jp/jp/preservation/iflapac/pdf/pac_faq_wasi_shuhuku.pdf <p>An employee from the NDL's Preservation Division participated in a cooperative activity with the preservation and conservation network by attending the Executive Council of Japanese Cultural Heritage Disaster Risk Mitigation Network, which comprises members of the former Cultural Property Rescue Program for areas affected by the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake.</p> <p>An employee from the NDL's Preservation Division was appointed a member of the Japan Library Association Preservation Committee.</p> <p>The NDL replied to inquiries about preservation and conservation</p>
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Kazakhstan	<p>Active contact with colleagues from Uzbekistan, conducted joint classes on ink research in manuscripts.</p> <p>Provide support by publishing articles by restorers from other countries in the magazine published in the National Library of the Republic of Kazakhstan.</p> <p>Close contact with the Russian IFLA/PAC Center: conducting master classes and seminars in the online format.</p>
Poland	<p>The Centre has held webinars and online consultation sessions within Poland.</p> <p>Links to online materials (in Polish) are available: https://bn.org.pl/uslugi/centrum-kompetencji/edukacja</p>
Sri Lanka	<p>Identified the unique palm leaf manuscripts of Great Chronicle Mahawamsa deposited at the main library university of Peradeniya and nominated the manuscript to the UNESCO Memory of the World Register.</p> <p>Preliminary studies were conducted to prepare on Trilingual inscription slabs to propose UNESCO MOW Register as a joint nomination.</p>
South Africa (2018-2021)	<p>Engaged regionally in Disaster Management, Digitisation, Risk Management.</p> <p>Developed new preservation strategic plan for the National Library of South Africa</p> <p>Attended SCESCAL Conference in Namibia</p>

Participation with IFLA initiatives

Australia	<p>Input to requests for advice and guidance was provided for the upcoming WLIC Dublin 2022 through email channels.</p>
Japan	<p>Regular participation in IFLA PAC Zoom meetings</p>
South Africa	<p>In the initial stages of implementing web harvesting, we will reach out for advice and collaboration on the subject.</p>

Notes:

- PAC Japan notes the activities of the PAC Centre have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, with planned visits by preservation specialists from abroad having to be postponed.
- PAC South Africa notes a helpful future initiative could be offering a mass de-acidification service as well as training to libraries in the Southern Region of Africa.