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INTRODUCTION

You may know your public library or remember the one you used at college, but do you realise the vital role libraries play around the world in informing and education citizens, developing society and acting to protect access to information in all its forms?

The World Library and Information Congress offers the opportunity for the press to learn how libraries and librarians support many of the basic human rights.

The World Library and Information Congress is held each year in a different region of the world. This is the first time the congress comes to Kuala Lumpur. Join us to find out about the incredible work happening around the globe.

BACKGROUND

The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) is the leading international body representing the interests of library and information services and their users. It is the global voice of the library and information profession. IFLA is an independent, non-governmental, not-for-profit organization with over 1400 members in over 140 countries.

We work to improve access to information and cultural heritage resources for the global community in this rapidly changing digital and print environment. Our key initiatives include access to digital content, international leadership, outreach, cultural heritage, and multilingualism.

In our professional programmes we build the capacity of our members, and set the professional agenda through development of guidelines, standards, publications and events around the world.

IFLA’s status as the global organization for library and information services ensures that our voice is represented through formal relations with the UN and other organizations.

IFLA WLIC 2018 Kuala Lumpur

84th IFLA General Conference and Assembly | 24–30 August 2018, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Transform Libraries, Transform Societies

The IFLA World Library and Information Congress is the international flagship professional and trade event for the library and information services sector. It brings together over 3,500 participants from more than 120 countries. It sets the international agenda for the profession and offers opportunities for networking and professional development to all delegates.

It is an opportunity for the host country to showcase the status of libraries and information science in their country and region as well as to have their professionals experience international librarianship and international relations in a unique way.

The congress also offers an international trade exhibition with over 80 exhibitors and an exhibition of approximately 1000 m².

The combined buying power of all delegates carries a sizable impact on the local economy of the host and can be estimated at more than 1.2 billion dollars.
This year’s conference is expected to again bring together thousands of participants from more than 120 countries. Between 24 and 30 August, more than 260 individual sessions covering the broad spectrum of Library and Information Science and its many related fields (copyright, access to information, safeguarding of cultural heritage, development, etc.) will be held in Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre. A number of high-level officials will also be participating throughout the conference week; see our list of key speakers and key sessions below. In addition, dozens of satellite meetings and offsite sessions will take place in various locations throughout Kuala Lumpur and Malaysia.

REGISTRATION/ACCESS
To register as a media representative, please contact the Congress Secretariat at wlic2018-registration@kit-group.org in order to receive a media registration form. There is no registration fee for accredited media representatives. However, to register as a media representative, you must submit a copy of your official press credentials.

MEDIA INQUIRES
A detailed conference programme is available upon request.

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KEY SPEAKERS
• Tan Sri Dato Sri Ali Hamsa, Chief Secretary General to Government of Malaysia
• Dato’ Sri Hajah Nancy Shukri, Minister in the Prime Minister’s Department
• Dato’ Mohd Ali Hanafiah Mohd Yunus, Chief Officer Communications and Digital Ecosystem, Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC)
Consortium delegates will come together on Saturday, 25 August for the official opening of IFLA WLIC 2018. The main theme of the official Opening Ceremony will reflect the main Congress theme: Transform Libraries, Transform Societies.

**PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS**

- Welcome Remarks by **Dato' Nafisah Ahmad**, Malaysia National Committee, Director General National Library of Malaysia & President Librarian Association of Malaysia.
- Welcome Address by **Tan Sri Haji Mhd Amin Nordin bin Abd Aziz**, The Mayor of Kuala Lumpur.
- Opening Speech by **Gloria Pérez-Salmerón**, IFLA President.
- Speech by **Gerald Leitner**, IFLA Secretary General.
- Speech by **The Hon. Mohamaddin Ketapi**, Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture Malaysia.
- Cultural Performance by **Istana Budaya**.
- Keynote Address by **Tan Sri Dato’ Sri Ali Hamsa**, Chief Secretary General to Government of Malaysia.
- Official Opening by **Gloria Pérez-Salmerón**, IFLA President.
- Special Message from **The Hon. Tun Dr. Mahathir Bin Mohamad**, The Prime Minister of Malaysia.
IFLA PRESIDENT’S SESSION: LIBRARIES: MOTORS OF CHANGE: CHANGING OURSELVES TO CHANGE OUR WORLD

26 August 09:30 – 12:00 | Plenary Hall

Libraries – by providing meaningful access to information to all – are motors of change. Yet to fulfil this role into the future, libraries themselves need to be ready not just to adapt, but to stay ahead of trends. IFLA is working to make this possible by building a united library field, better able to work together to face the challenges of globalisation, and turn them into opportunities to serve our users. In the second phase of the Global Vision, IFLA is focusing on actions – clear, new ideas for what we can do ourselves, and with partners, to achieve our goals. Success will depend on new ways of thinking, on changes in mindset. The President’s Session at the 2018 World Library and Information Congress will therefore look at what it takes to change mindsets and mobilise, to change ourselves in order to better change our world.

Chair: Glòria Pérez-Salmerón, IFLA President

POSTER SESSIONS

26-27 August 12:00– 14:00 | Exhibition Halls 1 & 2

In the Exhibition Hall, you will find almost 200 unique poster presentations. Together these form a kaleidoscopic and representative overview of library and information initiatives and projects—large and small—from around the world. Posters will be on display in the Exhibition Hall throughout the week and will be presented with authors present during two, two-hour sessions: from 12:00 to 14:00 on Sunday and Monday—26 & 27 August. The “Best IFLA Poster 2018,” awarded during the Closing Session on Wednesday 29 August, will be selected from the posters presented in Kuala Lumpur, by a jury on behalf of the IFLA Professional Committee.

IFLA GLOBAL VISION DISCUSSION

26 August 13:45 – 15:15 | Plenary Hall

IFLA is inviting you to the launch of the Global Vision call for actions, a global call which aims to create the biggest ideas store for actions in the library world. The most important key finding from the IFLA Global Vision discussion is the discovery that we are globally united in our goals. After the successful launch of the Global Vision Report Summary, with its 10 highlights and 10 opportunities, Global Vision has kicked off once again in a second phase of discussions—this time to create the biggest ideas store for actions! This session will explore the findings from the Global Vision Report Summary and share insights about how we could turn our ideas into actions.

Our vision, our future! #iflaglobalvision www.ifla.org/globalvision
Intellectual Freedom in a Polarised World

26 August 16:00-18:00 | Plenary Hall

In many national contexts, citizens are seen to be either "with the government or against it," leaving little opportunity to freely and safely express more nuanced views of current social, political or economic issues. While notable authoritarian regimes quite transparently monitor and limit societal discussion, others, ostensibly democratic, may work in practice to blunt potentially unfavourable social commentary on the pretense of defending political stability or public morality. IFLA’s Freedom of Access to Information and Freedom of Expression (FAIFE) Advisory Committee explores this phenomenon--and the potential role of civil society and information professionals in advancing freedom of expression--through the experience and insights of an NGO leader, an academic public intellectual, and an officer of UNESCO.

Presentations

1. Internet and the freedom of expression in Indonesia: opportunity and challenges
   Indriaswati Dyah Saptaningrum, University of New South Wales; former Executive Director of the ELSAM human rights organization (Indonesia), Australia

2. Freedom of Expression in Malaysia
   Azmi Bin Sharom, Faculty of Law, University of Malaysia, Malaysia

3. What's up with WhatsApp - polarisation and lynchings in India
   Swaraj Paul Barooah, The Centre for Internet and Society, India

4. How to align national laws with international standards on freedom of expression?
   Ming-Kuok Lim, Programme Specialist for Communication and Information, UNESCO, Indonesia

TO HAVE AND NOT TO HOLD: THE END OF OWNERSHIP

27 August 9:30-11:30 | Ballroom 2

IFLA’s joint Copyright and other Legal Matters (CLM) Advisory Committee and Freedom of Access to Information and Freedom of Expression (FAIFE) Session

Chair: Martin Wade, United Kingdom and Evelyn Woodbury, Australia

Presentations

1. The Limits of Licensing
   Tom Lipinski, School of Information Studies, University of Wisconsin, United States

2. The Possibilities of Licensing
   Ann Okerson, Centre for Research Libraries, United States

3. The Balance among Licenses and Exceptions and Limitations to Copyright
   Swaraj Paul Barooah, The Centre for Internet and Society, India

4. Privacy Concerns and Other Side Effects of Licensing
   Brent Roe, Laurentian University, Canada

5. Special Issues in the Developing World: Open Access as a Recapturing of Ownership
   Jonathan Hernandez-Perez, Instituto de Investigaciones Bibliotecologicas, UNAM, Mexico
PLENARY SPEAKER: DATO' SRI HAJA NANCY SHUKRI

27 August 08:30 – 09:15 | Plenary Hall

Dato' Sri Hajah Nancy Shukri's lifelong zest for learning and advancement led to her reading Law in University of Hull, England. Upon completing her degree, Nancy served as an officer with the Law Division at the Kuching North City Hall (KNCH) from 1994 to 1997. During this period, Nancy further pursued her Master's Degree, the Executive Master of Business Administration, a twinning programme with UiTM and Ohio University from 1996 to mid-1997. In 1996, she was promoted to head the Law Division until 2003. She left the service in 2003 to establish her own training and consultancy firm.

In 2006, Nancy made a successful entry into politics when she was appointed the Political Secretary to the Sarawak Chief Minister until 2008. As a female force to be reckoned with, it was only appropriate for her to contest in the Parliamentary election. In 2008, she stood as a candidate for the Batang Sadong constituency; she won against other contenders. Five years later, she contested in the same constituency, and won with a bigger majority. She was subsequently appointed Minister in the Prime Minister's Department until 2018. In the recent Parliamentary elections in 2018, Nancy won, yet again, with a bigger majority than in 2013.

IFLA AWARDS PRESENTATION

27 August 12:45 – 13:45 | Expo Pavilion / Tech Lab

A number of important IFLA-related awards will be handed out to their recipients during this session, including:

- IFLA Academic and Research Libraries Section Attendance Grants by Sage/Ex Libris
- IFLA BibLibre International Library Marketing Award
- IFLA Green Library Award
- IFLA Metropolitan Libraries Short Film Award
- Angela Bersekowski Conference Grant
- Dr. Shawky Salem Conference Grant
- Naseej Conference Grant

Presenter: Barbara Lison, IFLA Treasurer
**PLENARY SPEAKER: DATO' MOHD ALI HANAFIAH MOHD YUNUS**

28 August 08:30 – 09:15 | Plenary Hall

Dato' Mohd Ali Hanafiah Mohd Yunus is Chief Officer Communications and Digital Ecosystem, he is responsible for various MCMC initiatives, namely, smart community, infrastructure, e-commerce and postal, public service delivery, technology and society. With the importance in getting input from the national perspectives on the needs of information and communication technology and broadband infrastructure for libraries, Dato’ Mohd Ali has been appointed to the National Library of Malaysia Advisory Board Council for the term 2017-19. Under the MCMC’s smart community initiative, libraries are recognized as amongst the enablers for the lifelong learning platform (LLL) whilst MCMC’s Internet Centres nationwide support the awareness on u-Pustaka (u-Library) services embarked by MCMC where it provides knowledge and information services to foster an engaging lifelong learning experience anytime, anywhere for continued enhancement to quality of work and life.

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**IFLA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

28 August 16:15 – 18:00 | Plenary Hall

During the General Assembly, IFLA members have the opportunity to vote on several strategic issues concerning the Federation.

Agenda:
1. Opening by the President, Glòria Pérez-Salmerón
2. Appointment of Tellers
3. Establishment of a Quorum
4. Adoption of the Agenda
5. Minutes of the previous meeting, held in Wrocław, Poland, 23 and 24 August 2017
6. In memoriam of those members who have died during the past year
7. Presentation of the Report of the President
8. Presentation of IFLA's Annual Report by the Secretary General
9. Presentation of the Annual Accounts by the Treasurer
10. Motions and Resolutions
   10.1 Motion to approve the holding of the next General Assembly in August 2019 (Art 8.2 of the Statutes refers)
   10.2 Motion to reduce membership fees for individuals – Personal Affiliates
11. Motion to adjourn and reconvene at 16:15 on Wednesday, 29 August 2018

**Note:** The General Assembly reconvenes at the Closing Session (Session 249) at 16.15 on Wednesday, 29 August.
LET'S WORK TOGETHER: COLLABORATING AND PARTNERING TO ACHIEVE IFLA VISION - IFLA PRESIDENT-ELECT'S SESSION

29 August 08:30 – 10:30 | Conference Hall 1

Let's work together: collaborating and partnering to achieve IFLA's vision.

With a focus on collaboration and introductions from IFLA’s President-elect, Christine Mackenzie and Secretary General, Gerald Leitner, a panel of speakers will discuss how collaboration is the key to achieving opportunities that are identified in the Global Vision report. There will also be the opportunity to discuss why and how to collaborate, what the challenges are and how to overcome them.

Presentations

Introductory remarks: Gerald Leitner, IFLA Secretary General

1. Let's work together: collaborating and partnering to achieve IFLA's vision
   Christine Mackenzie, IFLA President-elect, Australia

2. Developing and connecting young library professionals, the INELI-Oceania story
   Allison Dobbie, Community Services Auckland Council, New Zealand

3. Advocacy improves perceptions to achieve our goals, AfLIA and the African Ministers responsible for Libraries
   Buhle Mbambo-Thata, African Library & Information Associations & Institutions (AfLIA), South Africa

4. Taking advantage of digital innovations in National Digital Library of India
   Partha Pratim Das, National Digital Library of India, India

5. Providing access to documentary heritage through innovation and collaboration, the British Library
   Kristian Jensen, The British Library, United Kingdom

6. Supporting collaborative reading and literacy programs in Peru
   Ana Maria Talavera, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, Peru

CLOSING SESSION

29 August 16:15 – 17:30 | Plenary Hall

The General Assembly reconvenes at the Closing Session, where official IFLA Awards (Best IFLA Poster, Most Dynamic Unit, Honours and Premier Awards) will be handed out.

Agenda:

1. Address by the President Glòria Pérez-Salmerón
2. Presentation of Awards
3. Announcement of WLIC 2020 location
4. Vote of thanks WLIC 2018
5. Invitation to WLIC 2019 in Athens, Greece
6. Close of the Assembly

— END OF IFLA WLIC 2018 —
SEE YOU IN ATHENS, GREECE!

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