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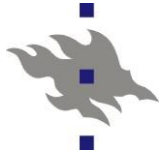
On the impact of IFLA on the Finnish Research Library field - a brief feature through the International Relations Group of the Finnish Research Library Association

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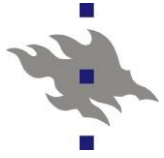
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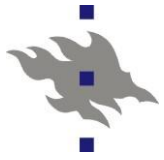
- Since its foundation in 1927, IFLA has been an invaluable forum for Finnish academic and research libraries for opening up to the global library field, keeping up with international issues, and liaising with other libraries in the world.
- IFLA greatly enhanced the foundation of the Finnish Research Library Association in 1929, as well as the setting up of the Association's International Relations Group in 1991.



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Some views by members of the IRG of the FRLA on the importance of IFLA

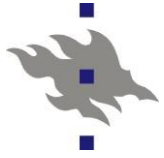
- IFLA as an International Association - an invaluable forum for keeping “libraries on the agenda”, for creating contacts with Library Associations in other countries:
“serving at the section of the Management of Library Associations made me realize how a good national association functions and how much can be achieved by good collaboration” - Tuula Ruhanen, past President of FRLA.
- IFLA conferences – an invaluable forum for meeting international experts, discussing with them, listening to their presentations, for creating contacts on which build; for giving papers, testing research projects and innovations among many others developed in different parts of the world; for working together for global issues,



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The impact of IFLA on the Finnish Research Library field featured

- **How the International Relations Group of the Finnish Research Library Association came into being and how it functions**
- **How the International Relations Group of the Finnish Research Library Association features at IFLA**
- **How IFLA features at the International Relations Group of the Finnish Research Library Association**



How the International Relations Group of the Finnish Research Library Association came into being

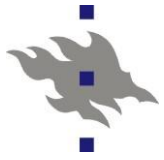
- **The International Relation Group (IRG) became an official working Group of the Finnish Research Association (FRLA) in 1991 by the initiative of three members:**

- **Kyllikki Ruokonen – Helsinki School of Economics**
- **Eeva-Liisa Lehtonen – Helsinki School of Economics**
- **Heli Myllys – Agricultural Library, University of Helsinki**

all intensively involved in international library and information professional and service activities, in particular in IFLA activities.

- **The mandate of the International Relations Group strengthened with the wave of internationalization in the mid1990s:**

- **international activities defined as one of the focal areas for the Association and its divisions and working groups.**



How the International Relations Group of the Finnish Research Library Association functions

From a group of chief librarians into a group of experts

- **The founding members of the IRG of the FRLA were all prominent chief librarians and IFLA activists, members of IFLA sections of their speciality.**
- **Within the years the IRG has changed from a group of chief librarians into a group of expert librarians with interest in and experience of international issues.**



How the International Relations Group (IRG) of the Finnish Research Library Association (FRLA) functions: Members

Members of the Group have come from all types of research libraries

- National Library of Finland**
- Special libraries**
 - Library of Parliament**
 - Library of Statistics**
 - Library of Finnish Road Administration**

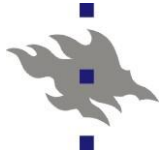


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■ University libraries

- Helsinki School of Economics Library**
- Helsinki Swedish School of Economics Library**
- Helsinki University of Technology Library**
- Helsinki University Libraries**
 - Library of Behavioral Sciences**
 - Faculty of Law Library < Library of International Law**
 - National Library of Health Sciences**
 - Viikki Science Library < Agriculture < Veterinary Medicine**
- Tampere University Library**
- Åbo Academy Library**



How the International Relations Group (IRG) of the Finnish Research Library Association (FRLA) functions: Present members

- **Eva Costiander-Hulden**, Åbo Akademy Library
- **Sirpa Haapamäki**, Library of Finnish Road Administration
- **Sirkka Havu**, National Library of Finland
- **Maija Ikonen**, Tampere University Library
- **Eeva Murtomaa**, National Library of Finland
- **Teodora Oker-Blom**, University of Helsinki, Viikki Science Library
- **Päivi Pekkarinen**, National Library of Health Sciences
- **Tuula Ruhanen**, University of Helsinki, Library of Behavioral Sciences
- **Leena Toivonen**, Tampere University Library
- **Anja Törmä**, Library of Statistics



How the International Relations Group (IRG) of the Finnish Research Library Association (FRLA) functions: Mission

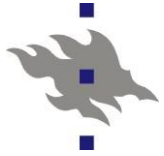
Our mission is

- to promote international relations, international cooperation in the field of library and information profession,**
- to enhance their impact on library and information services in Finland and in other countries.**



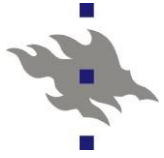
How the International Relations Group (IRG) of the Finnish Research Library Association (FRLA) functions Actions

- **We provide a forum for what is going on in the international library and information field, in particular with our contacts with IFLA;**
- **We invite important international library and information experts;**
- **We organize international seminars, conferences, workshops;**
- **We take part in international working groups, in particular those of IFLA;**
- **We give statements on international library and information issues.**



How the International Relations Group of the Finnish Research Library Association features at IFLA

- **We participate in the work of IFLA sections and working groups**
- **Our members have served in the following sections**
 - Management of Library Associations
 - Cataloguing
 - Bibliography
 - Classification and Indexing
 - Information literacy
 - Rare Books and Manuscripts
 - Health and Biosciences Libraries
 - Science and technology libraries
 - Social Science libraries
 - Government information and official publications
 - Reference and information services



How the International Relations Group of the Finnish Research Library Association features at IFLA

- **We participate in the work of IFLA working groups**
- **Eg.,the work on the FRBR - Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records and related data has been a core area; Eeva Murtomaa has played a key role in enhancing the interest in conceptual models among Finnish research librarians as the basis of knowledge organization.**

<http://www.ifla.org/VII/d4/wg-franar.htm>

http://www.ifla.org/VII/s13/wgfrbr/aggregates_wg.htm

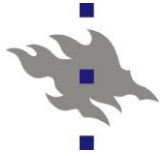


How IFLA features at the International Relations Group of the Finnish Research Library Association

We share and disseminate our IFLA experience;

We build IFLA awareness by organizing and coordinating

- IFLA information events**
- International seminars and workshops**
- International issues of FRLA journal Signum**



How IFLA features at the International Relations Group of the Finnish Research Library Association - IFLA Information Events

- **Spring meetings of the Association for members interested in participating in the forthcoming IFLA conference, sometimes with invited experts and researchers throwing light on the culture and history of the IFLA conference city,
eg.,**
 - **An Asia Event for the Bangkok IFLA conference 1999**
 - **A Middle East Event for the Jerusalem conference 2000**
 - **Events for Boston, Glasgow, Berlin, Buenos Aires, Oslo, Seoul, Durban, Quebec City,
Milan is our agenda 2009.**



How IFLA features at the International Relations Group of the Finnish Research Library Association - IFLA Information Events

IFLA information forum 16th April 2007

Representatives from IFLA:

- Sjoerd Koopman, the Coordinator of Professional activities**
- Cynthia Mouanda, the new IFLA Membership Manager,**
- Finnish IFLA experts**

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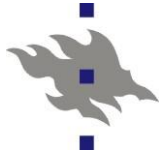
the Finnish-Swedish Library Association



How IFLA features at the International Relations Group of the Finnish Research Library Association - International seminars and workshops

**Since 2000 we have organized or participated in
organizing eight seminars on different themes:**

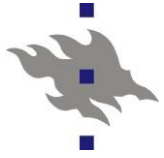
- Library buildings and library spaces (2)**
- Knowledge organization and bibliographic control (4)**
- Collections and Collection development (2)**



How IFLA features at the International Relations Group of the Finnish Research Library Association - International seminars and workshops

Library buildings and library spaces

- Nordic seminar *Biblioteksbyggnaden: Byggnadens inverkan på arbetsmiljön - miljöns inverkan på byggnaden*
Helsinki 7-9 June 2001;
we participated in the organization of the IFLA Oslo satellite conference
- *The Physical Library and Beyond –the Library as Place and the Library in Cyberspace* Järvenpää, 11-12 August, 2005



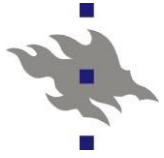
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Knowledge organization

- ***Convergence on Memory Institutions - Finnish-Italian Seminar on the Collaboration of Libraries, Archives and Museums in the Organization of Knowledge*** at the Finnish Institute in Rome, Villa Lante, 14-16th November 2002.

We participated in organizing the IFLA Oslo Conference Satellite, sponsored by IFLA cataloguing section,

- ***Biblioteca Universalis – How to Organise Chaos? FRBR, a New Effort to Organise Content, and Some Practical Applications***, Järvenpää, 11-12 August, 2005

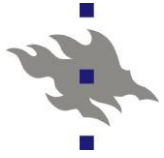


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Knowledge organization

- ***The Challenge of the Electronic Environment to the Organization of Knowledge - An International Seminar on Subject Access to Information, Helsinki, 19-20 April 2004.***
- ***The Challenge of the Electronic Environment to the Organization of Knowledge – Second International Seminar on Subject Access to Information – Helsinki, 29-30th November 2007.***

<http://tds.terkko.helsinki.fi/dspace/handle/10250/132141>



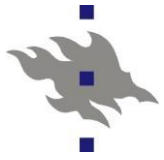
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Collections and collection development

- ***International Seminar on Collection Mapping, Helsinki 27-28th November 2005***

organized in collaboration with the Council of Finnish Research Libraries, the National Library of Finland, The National Repository Library, and the IFLA Acquisition and Collection Development section

- ***Featuring the Digital Future - seminar on mass digitization, scholar collaboration, and managing the content of digital collections, Helsinki, 20th November 2008***



How IFLA features at the International Relations Group of the Finnish Research Library Association - International seminars and workshops: Speakers with IFLA context

Seminars on Knowledge Organization

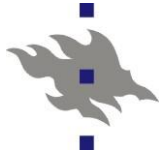
- **Christina Magliano**, Head of the Department Methodology of Cataloguing and Training , ICCU
- **Mariella Guercio**, Professor of Archival Science, University of Urbino
- **Maurizio Savoja**, Archivist, State Archives of Milan
- **Patric le Boef**, Bibliothèque Nationale, France
- **Tom Delsey**, National Library of Canada, currently consultant, Ottawa, Canada



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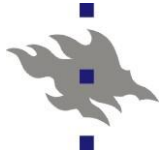
- **Vanda Broughton**, University College London
- **Lois Mai Chan**, University of Kentucky, US – active at IFLA cataloguing and Classification and indexing and knowledge management sections
- **Stephan Gradmann**, University of Hamburg
- **Dennis Nicholson**, Director, Centre for Digital Library Research, Strathclyde University, Glasgow, Scotland, UK –
- **Douglas Tudhope**, Reader, University of Glamorgan, Wales, UK



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Seminars on Knowledge Organization

- **Marcia Lei Zeng**, Professor of library and information sciences, University of Kent, USA
active at IFLA cataloguing, and classification and indexing sections,
chair of the FRBR related FRSAR working Group,
a member of the World digital library working Group
- **Maja Zumer**, professor of library and information Sciences, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
active at IFLA cataloguing and classification and indexing sections,
all FRBR working Groups: FRBR, FRAD and FRASAR

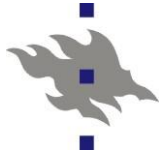


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Seminars on Collections and collection development

- **Gordon Dunshire**, Deputy Director, Centre for Digital Library Research, Strathclyde University, Glasgow, Scotland, UK
- **Bodhana Stoklasova**, National Library of the Czech Republic
- **Michael Popham**, Oxford Digital Library
- **Anita Goldberga**, National Library of Latvia
- **Patrick Danowksi**, Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin

All both active at IFLA Acquisition and Collection development sections



How IFLA features at the International Relations Group of the Finnish Research Library Association - IFLA Presidents meetings

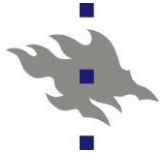
Meetings with IFLA Presidents / President-elects when they have visited Finland

- **Kay Raseroka**, October 2003, discussions on the presidential theme over dinner at the Kosmos, hosted by the FRLA and the IRG
- **Alex Byrne**, 2005 discussions on the new structure of IFLA at the Library of the Behavioral Sciences, University of Helsinki
- **Ellen Tise**, April 2008 discussions on the presidential theme over dinner at the Elite, hosted by the FRLA and the IRG



How IFLA features at the International Relations Group of the Finnish Research Library Association - International issues of the Association journal Signum

- **The results of the seminars and workshops feature in our Association journal making up an international issue to be distributed at IFLA, when appropriate, and among other international colleagues.**
- **Since 2000 we have composed and coordinated in cooperation with the Editorial board of the FRLA journal Signum six international issues.**



How IFLA features at the International Relations Group of the Finnish Research Library Association - International issues of the Association journal Signum

- Signum 4/2000

*Finnish Research Libraries on the international scene –
a foretaste of the forthcoming Nordic seminar on new library buildings,
June 2001*

- Signum 4/2003

*Balancing knowledge space in the streams of time –
Finnish Italian Seminar in Rome 2002*

- Signum 8/2004

*Organizing information in a networked environment –
Challenge of the Electronic environment to the organization of knowledge –
First international seminar, 2004*



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- Signum 3/2006

Conspectus is a cool tool –

International Seminar on Collection Mapping 2005

- Signum 5/2007

Making a difference - challenge to libraries –

*Making a difference – moving towards library 2.0 – an Anglo-Nordic-Baltic
Seminar, May 2007*

- 5/2008 New Semantic order is well on its way -

*Challenge of the Electronic environment to the organization of knowledge –
Second International Seminar 2007*



On the impact of IFLA on the Finnish Research Library field -

IFLA as an inexhaustible source of inspiration for international relations

- **We have realized how we can really make a difference on the national and international, on the local and global library scene by being involved in IFLA, by being empowered by IFLA -
by**
- **“Working locally for a global cause”.**



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