

Special Reports

NCL Participates in Core Affairs of the IFLA

Over the years, the NCL has participated in 13 international library organizations, including the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA). This involvement has included attending organization conferences, the presentation of reports and the arrangement of book exhibitions to strengthen exchanges with library professionals around the world. Through these activities, the NCL also promotes high quality Taiwan publications and Taiwan's library achievements on the international stage, as well as fosters closer links with the international library world. In 2006, the NCL nominated Director Yu Hsiao-ming and Ms. Cheng Pao-mei as candidates for the standing committees of the IFLA's Genealogy and Local History Section (GLHS) and Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning Section (CPDWLS), respectively. Both were elected to the said positions for terms between 2007 and 2011. In August 2007, Ms. Cheng went to Durban, South Africa to attend the CPDWLS Standing Committee Meeting. She also represented Director Yu at the GLHS Standing Committee Meeting. During her visit, Ms. Cheng met with New IFLA President Dr. Claudia Lux to foster closer exchanges between the NCL and other IFLA member countries.

Prof. Jana Varlejs, the former CPDWLS chairperson and an associate professor at the School of Communication, Information & Library Studies at

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, visited the NCL on August 11, 2006, at the invitation of the Library Association of the Republic of China (Taiwan), accompanied by Prof. Wu Mei-mei of the Graduate Institute of Library & Information Studies at National Taiwan Normal University. A strong advocate of continuing education, Prof. Varlejs listened to a report by Ms. Cheng on the NCL's E-Learning Campus courses and development. After the report, she encouraged Ms. Cheng to stand for election to the CPDWLS Standing Committee.



2007 IFLA General Conference: Ms. Cheng Pao-mei (second from left), current CPDWLS chairperson Mr. Ian Smith (second from right), former CPDWLS chairperson Prof. Jana Varlejs (far right), and other CPDWLS Standing Committee members (Photo provided by Cheng Pao-mei)

The IFLA has 45 sections, each with its own standing committee. The core operations of the sections are to assist in developing policy and conducting specialized surveys and programs. The NCL has joined many IFLA sections related to its operations, including the National Libraries, Acquisition and Collection Development, Document Delivery and Resource Sharing, Government

Information and Official Publications, Rare Books and Manuscripts, Preservation and Conservation, Information Technology, Asia and Oceania, Genealogy and Local History, and Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning sections. Section members all receive a section newsletter, attend the section meetings at the IFLA's annual conference, participate in online forums, develop programs, and have the right to elect members to the standing committee or stand for election to the committee.



2007 IFLA General Conference: Members of the Genealogy and Local History Section (Photo provided by Cheng Pao-mei)

European Library Visit and Book Exhibition

The NCL sent a delegation to Europe for a book exhibition and library visit tour this September with support from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The delegation included Bibliographic Information Center and ISBN Center Director Ku Li-jen, Acquisitions Division Director Yu Hsiao-ming, International Publication Exchange Department Director Katie Su, and Special Collection Division Director Peng Wei.

Dr. Ku represented the library at the 27th Annual Conference of the European Association for Sinological Librarians in Sweden, while Director Yu, Dr. Su and Director Peng held a book exhibition in Rome and visited other European libraries.

The book exhibition was held on September 17, 2007, at Vatican's Freinademetz Center. After the exhibition, the books on display were donated to the newly established Chinese Information Center of the Societas Verbi Divini as references for cultural research by members and scholars of the church. ROC Ambassador to the Holy See Tou Chou-seng invited over 50 guests to attend the exhibition and donation ceremony, including the Australian and Philippine ambassadors to Italy. Fr. Robert Kisala represented



the Societas Verbi Divini in receiving the donation.

ROC Ambassador to the Holy See Tou Chou-seng (third from right) represents the NCL in donating books to the Vatican's Societas Verbi Divini, represented by Fr. Robert Kisala (second from right). Also attending were Freinademetz Center Director Paulino Belamide (far right), NCL International Publication Exchange Department Director Katie Su (third from left), NCL Acquisitions Division Director Yu Hsiao-ming (second from left), and NCL Special Collection Division Director Peng Wei.