

Honorary Fellow Citation for Ingrid Parent



Ingrid Parent brought her passion for the transformative possibilities of information technology and the enabling role of librarians to IFLA and the international library environment.

Ingrid's contribution to IFLA includes many and varied roles. Ingrid has participated in the Cataloguing, and National Libraries Sections, a range of working groups, steering and joint committees, the Professional Committee, IFLA Treasurer, the Governing Board, and as President from 2011 - 2013.

Her Presidential theme of 'Libraries: a force for change' emphasized the global, digital potential of libraries to provide inclusive and transformative services, innovative ideas, and forge new collaborative alliances. In her wide ranging visits she sought to energize librarians to become champions of access to information for all and stressed the close relationship between the national advocacy of library issues and IFLA's advocacy programmes and partnerships at the international level.

Ingrid's signature achievement during her presidential term was the development and publication of the IFLA Trend Report which models the evolving digital information environment. A landmark work, it has been published in over a dozen languages. The key Insights Document encourages the library community to join and foster a conversation regarding five high level trends shaping the information society. The IFLA Trend Report will remain a fundamental point of reference for the library community for years to come.

Ensuring a diversity of voices in the world of information, Ingrid oversaw the development of IFLA's multilingualism initiative with the implementation in 2013 of French and Spanish versions of the IFLA website.

Ingrid is acknowledged as an important and insightful spokesperson for libraries at the highest levels across Canada. She was a key player in the development of Canadiana.org, the organization championing the digitization of Canada's printed heritage, and helped create the Canadian Research Knowledge Network to implement collaborative licensing of electronic books and journals. Throughout her career, Ingrid's energy and enthusiasm has engaged and changed the consciousness of library networks and professionals within Canada and her leadership around technical advancements in library and information science is well recognized.

Ingrid Parent's significant achievements on behalf of IFLA and her respected contributions to the development of information access within international and Canadian librarianship make her a very worthy Honorary Fellow of IFLA.