

Honorary Fellow Citation for Ellen Tise



The contribution of Ellen Tise to librarianship in South Africa, the African continent, and internationally, serves as a model of inspiration to all those her career has embraced.

Ellen was the first President of the Library and Information Association of South Africa, LIASA, from 1998 - 2002. From the outset of the new South Africa Ellen worked to bring together the scattered South African library associations, and also to bring them within IFLA as a strong partner. She has served in many other capacities in LIASA and other African library related organisations. Her encouragement of young and new professionals was recognised by LIASA through the Ellen Tise Leadership Grant established in honour of her Presidency of IFLA. She has used every opportunity open to her to promote the professions, including through appointments to international representation such as UNESCO Memory of the World, OCLC Members Council, and in an advisory capacity to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

*Ellen excelled as IFLA President 2009 - 2011. Her Presidential theme *Libraries driving access to knowledge* was crucial to bringing the library and research communities together and putting Open Access on IFLA's agenda as an advocacy priority. She has also showed great leadership in her work in many of IFLA's other activities. Wherever she goes she carries the IFLA flag.*

Ellen Tise is a worthy recipient of IFLA's highest honour of Honorary Fellow.