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## Press Release

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### **Winner announced for the IFLA Library and Information Science (LIS) Student Paper Award 2011 sponsored by IFLA and ekz.bibliotheksservice GmbH**

The IFLA Education and Training Section (SET) is pleased to announce the winner of the

### **IFLA Library and Information Science (LIS) Student Paper Award 2011**

The IFLA LIS Student Paper Award, which is sponsored by IFLA and ekz.bibliotheksservice GmbH, aims to encourage LIS students from across the world to submit a paper that addresses the current IFLA World Library and Information Congress theme and to then reward the best student paper submission. Beyond this, the award gives LIS students the chance to learn more about IFLA activities and encourages the new generation of LIS professionals to participate in IFLA activities.

The prize for the first place winner of the IFLA LIS Student Paper Award 2011 includes the IFLA Conference registration fee with a grant for travel and accommodation, one year's IFLA membership and the publication of their winning paper in the IFLA Journal. The 2nd and 3rd places finalists receive a certificate. It is hoped that this will stimulate further financial support from other institutions to cover the costs of travel and accommodation. This year, the selection panel chose three finalists:

The 1<sup>st</sup> place winner for 2011 is **Cletus D Kuunifaa** from the School of Information Studies, University of Wisconsin Milwaukee, United Nations. His paper is on the topic: "Access to Information legislation as a means to achieve transparency in Ghanaian governance: lessons from the Jamaican experience." The award will be presented to Cletus at the IFLA Highlights and News Session – Monday, 15 August 2011, 09:30 – 10:45, Room: Grand Salon A. Cletus will present his paper on Tuesday, 16 August 2011, 13:45 - 15:45, Room: Grand Salon A, at the ATINA ( Access to Information Network – Africa, Special Interest Group), Session 141.

2<sup>nd</sup> place went to **Petra Miotic**, Student at the Department of Information Sciences, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb, Croatia. Her paper is on "Use of data mining systems as an enhancement of digital libraries", submitted to be presented at the IFLA Information Technology Section's Conference Session. Unfortunately Petra will not be able to attend the conference because of financial reasons.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> place finalists are **Alejandro Tinoco-Carrillo and Daniel Gordillo-Sánchez**. Both are LIS students at the Carrera de Ciencia de la Información – Bibliotecología, Pontificia Universidad

Javeriana, Bogotá, Colombia. Their paper is on “The New LIS Professional from the Interdisciplinarity and Colombian Context Perspective”. They will present their paper at IFLA World Library and Information Congress on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> August 2011, 09:45 - 12:45, Off-site, Session 97: “New Professionals beyond New Professionals – skills, needs and strategies of a new generation of LIS professionals”, hosted by the New Professionals Special Interest Group.

The criteria for the IFLA LIS Student Paper Award have been developed to measure the quality and relevance of the student papers, focusing on:

- Relationship to the theme of the IFLA Congress and the sub theme/s of the relevant Section
- Relevant discussion of current issues in the topic field including reference to appropriate literature
- Quality of ideas, research methods, results or argument
- Quality of writing and referencing.

Congratulations to this year’s winners! IFLA and ekz.bibliotheksservice GmbH are thanked for their generous sponsorship of this award.

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