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**Section Projects**

The Chair, Holger Knudsen, asked a small committee composed of Blair Kauffman, Frank Hurinville, Radu Popa and Claire Germain to draft a strategic plan for the Section. The Draft Plan was adopted by the Standing Committee in October 2010. It is reproduced at the end of this annual report. It is aligned with the IFLA Strategic Directions.

During the Standing Committee meeting, Blair Kauffman stated that he saw two goals for the Section: 1. To educate members, in a way similar to IALL courses; and 2. To think of policy issues at the international level and advance the agenda of the section. He further stated that the Section did not want to miss the opportunity to have an effect on policy setting. Donna Scheeder emphasized that IFLA was the trusted global voice on information policy issues, and that it was appropriate to identify issues for advocacy.



Standing Committee members, left to right. Pedro Padilla, Blair Kauffman, Jules Winterton, Claire Germain, Holger Knudsen, Frank Hurinville, and Radu Popa.

## Conference Activities and Programs

At the IFLA Conference in Göteborg, Sweden, the Section sponsored two programs and one reception. For the program on “Creating an International Information Policy Agenda,” the Section came up with an innovative program format, a round table, which was particularly lively and successful, attended by over 80 participants from several sections. Blair Kauffman, Program Chair, explained the novel concept of “lightning speeches, “that is, seven speakers, followed by roundtable discussions and reports. Radu Popa brought a timer and Blair challenged the seven speakers to raise issues in 5 minutes each, and then chair round table discussions, 30- 40 minutes per discussion group. This program was then used as the springboard to develop a strategic plan for the Section. The second program, “Librarians in Action,” with prominent speakers such as Ayodeji Fadugba, International Criminal Court for Rwanda, attracted over 50 participants.



Librarians in Action program. Left to right, Ayodeji Fadugba, Claire Germain, Reggie Raju, and Jerry Mansfield.

## Reception

The law librarians of the University of Göteborg organized a great reception which was the occasion to network with other librarians from all over the world. The Section is grateful to the organizers, Swedish colleague Anna Isaacsson, with the help of Catarina Carlsson.

## More information on the Programs

### ***Creating an International Legal Information Policy Agenda: Issues and Challenges***

Session 96. Law Libraries, Government Libraries and Government Information and Official Publications. 12 August 2010 13:45 - 15:45.

<http://www.ifla.org/en/conferences-session-day/2010-08-12>

Speakers from the sections on Law Libraries, Government Libraries, and Government & Official Publications introduced an important topic, and then chaired round table sessions where participants discussed the impact of these topics on their services, and considered the role of IFLA and other partners in finding solutions. The outcome of these discussions was to create an information policy agenda for the section(s).

**Chair and moderator:** BLAIR KAUFFMAN (Yale Law School, New Haven, Connecticut, USA)

- **Future of law collections (print/electronic)**  
RADU POPA (New York University School of Law Library, New York, New York, USA)
- **Online access to government information worldwide**  
JERRY MANSFIELD (Congressional Research Service, Washington, D.C., USA)
- **Open access in law** JULES WINTERTON (Institute for Advanced Legal Studies, London, United Kingdom)
- **ILL, document delivery, and copyright issues**  
FRANK HURINVILLE (Cujas Library, Paris, France)
- **Authentication and preservation of digital law**  
CLAIRE M. GERMAIN (Cornell University Law School, Ithaca, New York, USA)
- **Legal research competency**  
HOLGER KNUDSEN (Max-Planck-Institut für Ausländisches und Internationales Privatrecht, Bibliothek, Hamburg, Germany) and BLAIR KAUFFMAN (Yale Law School, New Haven, Connecticut, USA)
- **Professional development and training of librarians**  
ELEANOR FRIERSON (National Agricultural Library, Beltsville, Maryland USA)

### ***Librarians in Action: Information Policy and Human Rights***

Government Libraries, GIOPS, Knowledge Management, Preservation and Conservation and Law Libraries 13 August 2010 09:30 - 12:45

Conference Session 105 papers available at <http://www.ifla.org/news/lecture-of-the-law-libraries-section-in-g-teborg>

- **Introduction to the Program**  
CLAIRE M. GERMAIN (Cornell University School of Law, New York, USA)  
**Sustaining the legacy of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda**  
AYODEJI FADUGBA (United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, Arusha, Tanzania)  
**Comisión Nacional sobre la Desaparición de Personas (National Commission on the Disappearance of Persons)**  
ELSA BARBER (Biblioteca Nacional Argentina, Buenos Aires, Argentina)
- **The road to unity and social justice: gathering, accessing and preserving Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) records**  
REGGIE RAJU (J S Gericke Library, University of Stellenbosch, South Africa)
- **The U.S. 9/11 Commission Records: history, collection access, and issues**  
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## **IFLA Law Libraries Section. Strategic Plan 2010-2015**

**Mission.** As an international policy forum for all law librarians, the Section on Law Libraries:

- promotes understanding and cooperation among law libraries, and increases awareness of the value and importance of law libraries to the world;
- encourages growth in the development of new law libraries, with a particular focus on emerging nations;
- fosters the profession of law librarianship and legal research competencies worldwide;
- develops professional standards and practices;
- and provides leadership in the field of legal information policy, recognizing that equitable and permanent public access to authentic legal information is a necessary requirement for a just and democratic society worldwide.

### **Goal 1 [IFLA Goal 1a].**

**To promote access to free legal information as a basic human right.**

**Actions:**

1. Each member will advocate in their country to encourage governments to make their laws available free, official, authenticated, and sustainable.
2. Measure with an index which countries are leaders in making their laws authenticated. Promote good practices and feature model countries.
3. Sponsor programs which measure progress in various countries of the world.

### **Goal 2 (IFLA Goal 3a).**

**To advance professional knowledge of law librarianship worldwide.**

**Actions:**

1. Consider training programs for librarians in emerging countries who do not have library schools.
2. Emphasize online education and free open access sources.
3. Focus on specific issues that all librarians have in common and that encourage comparisons.

### **Goal 3 (IFLA Goal 4a]. To develop information literacy in law by promoting legal research competencies.**

#### **Actions:**

1. Support IFLA capacity with strategic alliances, and offer joint programs with other sections
2. Offer programs on legal research for non-lawyers.
2. Create a network of experts in law to help associations from other countries.

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