IFLA RIGA 2012
INFORMATION FOR CIVIC LITERACY
CONFERENCE PROGRAMME
The Small Guild Hall, 3/5 Amatu Street, Old Town, Riga, Latvia
8-10 August 2012

WEDNESDAY, 8 AUGUST 2012

9:00-10:00  Registration. Coffee

10:00-10:30  CONFERENCE OPENING

- Dzidra Shmita, Head of the Culture Board of the Education, Culture and Sports Department of Riga City Council, “Greetings and welcome to Riga”
- Dzintra Mukane, Executive Director of the National Library of Latvia, “Welcome from the librarians of Latvia”

10:30-12:30  SESSION 1: WHAT IS CIVIC LITERACY AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Moderators: Franziska Wein from Germany, for the IFLA Information Literacy committee; Francis Kirkwood from Canada, for IFLA Africa and ATINA/RAIA

PRESENTATIONS:

- Emmanuel Kabou from Sénégal, “L’information pour une culture civique (Information for civic literacy)” [in French]
- Yan Xiangdong and Guo Wanli from China, “Library service and civil information literacy” [in Chinese or English]
- Doloresa Veilande from Latvia, “Information for civic literacy in Latvia: an overview” [in English]

OPEN FORUM: Finding a working definition and terminology for civic literacy in the different IFLA languages - discussion led by Franziska Wein from Germany

12:30-13:30 Lunch

13:30-16:00 SESSION 2: THE ROLE OF LIBRARIANS IN PROMOTING CIVIC LITERACY

Moderator: Herman Roesch from Germany, for the IFLA FAIFE Committee (Free Access to Information and Freedom of Expression)

PRESENTATIONS:
- Hermann Roesch from Germany, “Public libraries and their contribution to a civil society” [in English]
- Vincas Grigas from Lithuania, “The preparedness of librarians to undertake educational activities in the context of civic literacy development” [in English]
- Samar El-Mikati El-Kaissi from Lebanon, “Librarians as advocates of civic service” [in English]
- Francis Kirkwood from Canada, “Promoting civic literacy through library reference work: confronting selective information delivery, media and political spin, lack of governmental transparency and propaganda” [in English and French]
- Dennis N. Ocholla and Lyudmila Ocholla from South Africa and Russia, “Integration of the open access agenda into civic literacy” [in English]

16:00-17:30 Reception

THURSDAY, 9 AUGUST 2012

9:00-13:00 SESSION 3: CIVIC LITERACY DEVELOPMENT AROUND THE WORLD

Moderators: Dennis and Lyudmila Ocholla, from South Africa and Russia, for the Riga conference international organizing committee

PRESENTATIONS:
- Yolanda Blue and Elaine McCracken from California, USA, “Civic literacy in a diverse Southern California community: sustaining local political knowledge” [in English]
- Ahmed Ksibi from Tunisia, « Le programme OpenGov de l’alphabétisation civique pour le Printemps arabe (The OpenGov program of civic literacy for the Arab Spring) » [in French]
• Saknicté Pisté Beltrán from Mexico and Spain, « Propuesta: La alfabetización en información como motor de la educación cívica en México (A proposal: information literacy as the driving force of civic education in Mexico) » - discussion led by Francis Kirkwood from Canada [in Spanish or English]

10:30-11:00 Coffee

• Wang Yuping from China, “The cultivation and study of civic information literacy in Chinese rural communities” [in Chinese or English]
• Marina V. Mezhova from Russia, “Гражданская грамотность в условиях межкультурной коммуникации = Grazhdanskaya gramotnost’ v usloviyakh mezhkul’turnoy kommunikatsii (Civil literacy in the sphere of intercultural communications)” [in Russian or English]
• Joyce Kinyanjui from Kenya and Dennis N. Ocholla from South Africa, “The missing link: civic literacy when information literacy or financial literacy are lacking?” [in English]

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-16:00 SESSION 4: THE CHALLENGE OF CIVIC AND INFORMATION LITERACY IN FRANCOPHONE AFRICA

Moderator: Reyna Josvah-Rabiaza from Madagascar, for IFLA Africa and ATINA/RAIA

PRESENTATIONS:

• Reyna Josvah-Rabiaza from Madagascar, «Accès à l’information et à la documentation : enjeu pour le développement de l’individu et de la société (Access to information and documentation: a challenge for the development of citizens) » [in French]
• Mandiaye Ndiaye from Sénégal, « La maîtrise de l’information pour un meilleur exercice de la citoyenneté (Information literacy for a better exercise of citizenship) » [in French]
• Simon Jules Koudjam Yameni from Cameroon, « La fonction didactique de l’information dans une bibliothèque universitaire comme outil de sensibilisation à la citoyenneté de la jeunesse studentaine : cas de la Bibliothèque Centrale de l’Université de Douala au Cameroun (The instructional role of information delivery in a university library as a tool for developing awareness of citizenship among student youth : the case of the Central Library of the University of Douala in Cameroon) » [in French]
• Élie Youmba from Gabon, « La maîtrise de l’information par les étudiants des filières Sciences de l’information et de la documentation du Gabon : pour une éducation dans la culture civique (The achievement of information literacy by students in the information science and documentation streams in Gabon : for an education in civic literacy) » [in French]
16:00-16:30 Coffee

16:30 Departure to Riga Central Library (49/53 Briviba s Street, www.rcb.lv)

17:00-18:30 Visit to the Riga Central Library – our hostess, Doloresa Veilande, Director

18:30 Departure to the “Lido” Recreation Complex, 76 Krasta Street

19:00-22:00 Conference Dinner with national cuisine and entertainment at the Lido Latvian Kitchen

FRIDAY, 10 AUGUST 2012

9:00-12:30 SESSION 5: CIVIC, MEDIA AND INFORMATION LITERACY FOR YOUTH AND IN THE SCHOOLS

Moderators: Abraham Azubuike from the United Nations, for IFLA Africa and ATINA; Natalia Gendina from Russia, for the IFLA Information Literacy committee; Dennis and Lyudmila Ocholla from South Africa and Russia, for the international organizing committee

PRESENTATIONS:

- Viacheslav Zaychikov and Irina Voznesenskaya from Russia, “молодёжь в лабиринтах поиска информации и принятия решений = Molodyozh' v labirinhtakh poiska informatsi i prinyatia reshegni (Young adults in the labyrinths of information search and decision-making)” [in Russian]
- Natalia I. Gendina from Russia, “Триада ‘Гражданская, информационная и медиаграмотность’ в контексте новой инициативы ЮНЕСКО - Учебной Программы ЮНЕСКО по медиа- и информационной грамотности (The triad of civil literacy, information literacy and media literacy in the context of a new initiative of UNESCO, the Media and Information Literacy Curriculum for Teachers)” [in Russian or English]

10:30-11:00 Coffee

- Natalia Balyasnikova from Russia, “Использование средств массовой коммуникации для формирования навыков критической и гражданской грамотности = Ispol'zovaniye sredstv massovoy kommunikatsii dlya formirovaniya navukov kriticheskoj i grazhdanskoy gramotnosti (Using media resources to build a critical literacy for responsible citizenship in a Russian foreign-language classroom)” [in English]
• Dalia Naujokaitis from Lithuania and Canada, “The changing face of civic literacy education in the 21st century – a Canadian perspective” [in English]

OPEN FORUM: New approaches and challenges in educating youth for civic literacy - discussion led by Francis Kirkwood from Canada and Natalia Gendina from Russia

12:30-13:00 SUMMING UP THE CONFERENCE AND NEXT STEPS
• Franziska Wein from Germany, for the IFLA Information Literacy Section, “What have we learned about civic literacy and information literacy during these last three days?” [in English]
• Francis Kirkwood from Canada, for IFLA Africa and ATINA/RAIA, “Information for civic literacy – next steps” [in English]
• Proposals, discussion, motions
• Andris Vilks, National Library of Latvia
• Doloresa Veilande, Riga Central Library

13:00-14:00 Farewell reception

14:00-17:00 Tours of the Old Town of Riga (optional)

Note: Delegates who have meetings early on Saturday at the IFLA conference in Helsinki may have to leave for Riga airport at 14:00. The Chinese delegation will not attend the Friday sessions at all, as they must catch the morning ferry to Helsinki.