

NEWS

IFLA Nairobi 1984

The following papers were presented at the open meeting of the Division of Education and Research.

- (1) *The training of librarians, documentalists and archivists in francophone African countries* (M. Benjelloun, Rabat, Morocco);
- (2) *Education for library and information professionals in English-speaking African countries* (M. Aman, Milwaukee, WI, U.S.A.);
- (3) *Planning and development of library and information studies schools in developing countries* (S. Abidi, Kampala, Uganda).

The following papers were presented at the open meeting of the Section on Library Schools and other training aspects.

- (1) *Problems of functioning of librarians in management positions* (R. Bruyns, Amsterdam, Netherlands);
- (2) *Training and developing a professional for the widening library responsibilities: a management view* (C. Wambugu, Kenya, Nairobi);
- (3) *Main problems of library personnel training in the USSR* (V. Lesokhina, Moscow, U.S.S.R.).

In addition it was reported

- (i) that the "Equivalence and reciprocity of qualifications" project was completed and would be published by K.G. Saur at the end of 1984; and
- (ii) that Miriam Tees (Magill University, Montreal, Canada) had received funding from IFLA for "The guidelines for teaching management" project.

The following plans were proposed:

- (i) a meeting/seminar in Czechoslovakia/Bulgaria in January 1985;
- (ii) an open meeting in Chicago on UAP and its impact on curriculum at the First World Conference on Continuing Education for Librarians;
- (iii) a conference for Arab-speaking countries in Morocco in December 1985;
- (iv) an open meeting in Tokyo in 1986;
- (v) a follow-up to the Manila seminar *before* the Tokyo meeting;
- (vi) a meeting with Chinese colleagues *after* the Tokyo meeting.

Online trainers newsletter

The National Federation of Abstracting and Information Services (NFAIS) in the U.S.A. is publishing a quarterly newsletter, *NFAIS trainers' circuit*.

Contact:

NFAIS,
112 South 16th St,
Philadelphia PA 19102,
U.S.A.

Computer software library services

Mansell Publishing Limited have commissioned J.A. Gilman to write a book on computer software library services, scheduled for publication in 1985/6. This book will examine the problems associated with establishing and operating such services, particularly in public libraries in the U.K., North America and Australasia – though it will also consider parallel developments in academic, school and special libraries.

Aspects to be covered include: the acquisition and processing of software; its bibliographic description; storage and loans systems employed; integration with book and A/V resources collections; and (where applicable) the availability of hardware for home use in association with software being loaned.

In order for the book to report fully on current practice, feedback from librarians already engaged in this field is vital. Please reply to:

Mr. J.A. Gilman,
c/o Mansell Publishing Limited,
6 All Saints Street
London N1 9RL, England,
U.K.

New courses

To meet the growing demand for information professionals trained in library science and computer science, the School of Library and Information Science and the Department of Computer Science at Louisiana State University have implemented a joint degree programme in Library and Information Science and Systems Science.

The joint degree programme is intended to prepare information professionals knowledgeable in systems and computer applications in such core topics as control theory, operations research, computer science, information systems analysis and design, modelling and simulation. The Systems Science Master's degree combined with the Library and Information Science Master's degree will provide graduates with the requisite background for careers in library systems development, online bibliographic retrieval research and the administration of information centres.

A new MA course in School Librarianship is being offered by the Department of Library and Information Studies at Loughborough University. Aimed at teachers,

the course conforms to existing MA/MSc courses offered by the department. It is offered on a full-time year-long basis or as a part-time course over 33 months.

User education conference

The Fourth International Conference on User Education will be held in Brighton, England from 30th July to 2nd August 1985.

The conference will comprise papers reflecting current issues and problems in user education, including the extension of user education into the teaching of information handling skills, teaching the use of new information technology, and the use of new technology in user education. Running concurrently with the conference will be an exhibition of relevant publications, teaching materials and technology.

Fees for residential delegates will be £120.00 and fees for non-residential delegates will be £70.00. There will be a discount of £20.00 in the respective fees provided payment is received by 28th February 1985. Cheques should be made payable to 'Fourth International Conference on User Education'. Apply to

Organizing Committee,
Fourth International Conference on User Education,
13 Caernarvon Close,
Shepshed, Leicestershire LE12 9QB,
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