

# **Announcement: Call for papers**

## **IFLA BERLIN 2003**

### **NEWSPAPERS FOR LIBRARIES**

*Newspapers and the Press in Central and Eastern Europe:  
Access and Preservation*

**IFLA 2003 – Post Conference Meeting**  
**Berlin, 9 –11 August 2003, at the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences**  
**sponsored by IFLA Newspaper Section**

The IFLA Newspapers Section is organising an International Meeting in Berlin immediately after the 69<sup>th</sup> IFLA Conference <http://www.ifla.org> .

The themes of the main IFLA General Conference – *Access Point Library: Media – Information – Culture* , will be covered within the International Meeting via a range of topics central to libraries that manage collections of newspapers. The problems and challenges of managing collections held in hard copy, together with meeting the needs of digital newspapers will be looked at.

The last 15 years have brought radical changes to the newspaper community – besides the rapid development of electronic products, there are noticeable changes in reader behaviour, in search strategies, and researchers needs. While information travels faster, in many cases it has become more costly. Questions of access and rights protection lead to heated discussions. Librarians have to deal with the archiving and cataloguing of electronic products, with licenses, and rising costs. While current newspapers are often available online (though sometimes in a confusing diversity of versions) historical holdings have often not been entered in union catalogues. Digitising offers new perspectives – not so much for archiving but for facilitating access and fostering research. The venue of IFLA 2003 seems appropriate to look at these developments from the point of view of newspaper experts from Central and Eastern Europe. This region has experienced not only dramatic political and economic changes, also the newspaper sector has been totally restructured. Privatisation, freedom of speech and the press, adoption of international principles and management methods, rights protection – these areas have all experienced developments which continue to evolve. So there is a vast field of issues and challenges to be analysed, discussed and tackled.

There will be four Sessions held within two days, the 9 and 10 August, with a keynote speaker introducing each Session. The Meeting will include visits on the 11 August (e.g. to the Centre for Preservation, Leipzig).

Speakers will include experts from all over the world, but mainly from Central and Eastern European countries.

There will be a full social programme to accompany the Meeting, offering the opportunity to network with colleagues in Germany and in all European countries. It will include a reception, and a Meeting dinner.

## Themes and Sub-Themes

**General introduction:** Prof. Hans Bohrmann (Institute for Newspaper Research, Dortmund)

### **Newspaper Acquisitions Policies**

Collections and Collection Development of Newspapers in Europe  
Catalogues of Newspapers to promote Access

Keynote speaker: Edmund King (British Library Newspaper Library)

### **Copyright issues for Newspaper Collection Management**

European Union Copyright Developments  
Licensing Issues for Libraries  
Copyright Law in Central and Eastern Europe

Keynote speaker: Director of EBLIDA (inquired)

### **Preservation and Digital Archiving**

Retention of hard copy and of microfilm of newspapers: a review of standards and practices  
Co-operative measures: conventional and digital storage of newspapers  
Research and development for newspaper conservation

Keynote speaker: Helen Shenton (British Library)

### **Digitisation Projects and Electronic Newspapers**

Recent Digital Project Developments in Central and Eastern Europe  
Trends in Electronic Newspaper Publication  
Libraries' role in Newspaper Knowledge Management  
Developing Training to manage Access to Digital Media

Keynote speaker: Majlis Bremer-Laamanen (Helsinki University Library)

In line with IFLA guidance, we have succeeded in keeping the costs of the International Meeting to a minimum, they are now under 200 Euros (£120; \$200).

Accommodation will not be included in the Meeting costs; all participants are encouraged to look at the Hotel Information of the 69<sup>th</sup> Conference Programme for further details of where to stay in Berlin.

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*Information and updates about this Meeting will be placed on the IFLANET, at*

<http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla69/satellite-e.htm#13>

*For further information on the International Meeting, visit the IFLANET, or send an email to*

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