Human Networks: International Library Associations
Enabling Co-operation among Academic Libraries

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Globalization

- International trade and foreign investments
- ICT development
- Cultural exchange
- Migration
- Standardization
Internationalization Higher Education

“The process of integrating an international, intercultural, or global extension into the purpose, functions or delivery of university education”

→ response to the impacts of globalization
→ integration via co-operation rather than competition
Trust, Co-operation, and Libraries

TRUST

LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS

CO-OPERATION
IFLA

is an independent, international, non-governmental, not-for-profit organization

Aims:
→ Promote high standards of provision and delivery of library and information services
→ Encourage widespread understanding of the value of good library & information services
→ Represent the interests of our members throughout the world
IFLA STRUCTURE

Membership = Council

Votes for President-elect and Governing Board members

Professional Committee (9 members)

Council (General Assembly)

Governing Board (21 Members)
- President (Chair)
- President-elect
- 10 elected members
- Professional Committee
- CEO, ex-officio

Executive Committee (6 members)
- President
- President-elect
- Treasurer
- Chair of the
  Professional Committee
- 2 Members of the
  Governing Board
- CEO, ex-officio

Core Activities

Committees and Working Groups

Sections Discussion Groups

* D = Divisions
An institutional member of IFLA: what’s in there for the institution?

IFLA three pillars
1. Society
2. Profession
3. Members

Four themes that pierce the action lines for the strategic development of Helsinki University of Technology
1. Internationalization
2. Interaction with the society
3. Digital environment
4. Quality and ability to reform

IFLA: Over 1500 Members in 150 countries around the world

Helsinki University of Technology, Finland. 15,000 students, 3000 researchers
How to get involved?

During an IFLA conference:

• Section Standing Committees: observers are welcome in SC meetings
• Presenting papers and/or posters
  • Call for papers usually at the end of the year
  • Check the IFLA conference website at www.ifla.org
• Brainstorming sessions, workshops etc.
Work in a section

Biannual Standing Committee elections
→ Get nominated and become a SC member

Contribute in projects
→ Sections initiate projects, have publishing activities, work on guidelines etc.

Plan programs
→ Conferences, satellite events, meetings
IFLA standing committee membership

Personal benefits for an individual

• Insight to IFLA and its work
• A great international network of colleagues
• Management experience of international joint efforts

Enthusiastic people are needed!
See you in IFLA 2008!
Challenges

Calendars
Communication
Commitment
Culture
Web 2.0?

- Wikis
- Blogs
- Face Book
- Second Life
- Etc.
Strategic benefits for the institution

Case:
Information Literacy Program Development
Thank you!

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