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INTRODUCTION

You may know your public library or remember the one you used at college, but do you realise the vital role libraries play around the world in informing and education citizens, developing society and acting to protect access to information in all its forms?

The World Library and Information Congress offers the opportunity for the press to learn how libraries and librarians support many of the basic human rights.

The World Library and Information Congress is held each year in a different region of the world. 2017 marks the congress's return to Poland for the first time since 1959. Join us to find out about the incredible work happening around the globe.

BACKGROUND

The [International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions \(IFLA\)](#) is the leading international body representing the interests of library and information services and their users. It is the global voice of the library and information profession. IFLA is an independent, non-governmental, not-for-profit organization with over 1400 members in over 140 countries.

We work to improve access to information and cultural heritage resources for the global community in this rapidly changing digital and print environment. Our key initiatives include access to digital content, international leadership, outreach, cultural heritage, and multilingualism.

In our professional programmes we build the capacity of our members, and set the professional agenda through development of guidelines, standards, publications and events around the world.

IFLA's status as the global organization for library and information services ensures that our voice is represented through formal relations with the UN and other organizations.

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The [IFLA World Library and Information Congress](#) is the **international flagship** professional and trade event for the *library and information services* sector. It brings together over 3,500 participants from more than 120 countries. It sets the **international agenda** for the profession and offers opportunities for networking and professional development to all delegates. It is an opportunity for the host country to **showcase** the status of libraries and information science in their country and region as well as to have their professionals **experience** international librarianship and international relations in a unique way.

The congress also offers an **international trade exhibition** with over 80 exhibitors and an exhibition of approximately 1000 m².

The combined buying power of all delegates carries a sizable impact on the local economy of the host and can be estimated at more than 1.2 billion dollars.

This year's conference is expected to again bring together thousands of participants from more than 120 countries. Between 19 and 25 August, more than 240 individual sessions covering the [broad spectrum of Library and Information Science](#) and its many related fields (copyright, access to information, safeguarding of cultural heritage, development, etc.) will be held in [Wrocław's Centennial Hall](#). A number of high-level officials will also be participating throughout the conference week; see our list of key speakers and key sessions below. In addition, dozens of [satellite meetings](#) and offsite sessions will take place in various locations throughout the Poland and Europe.

REGISTRATION/ACCESS

To register as a media representative, please contact the Congress Secretariat at wlic2017-registration@kit-group.org in order to receive a media registration form. There is no registration fee for accredited media representatives. However, to register as a media representative, you must submit a copy of your official press credentials.

MEDIA INQUIRES

A detailed conference programme is available upon request. For all media inquiries, please contact:

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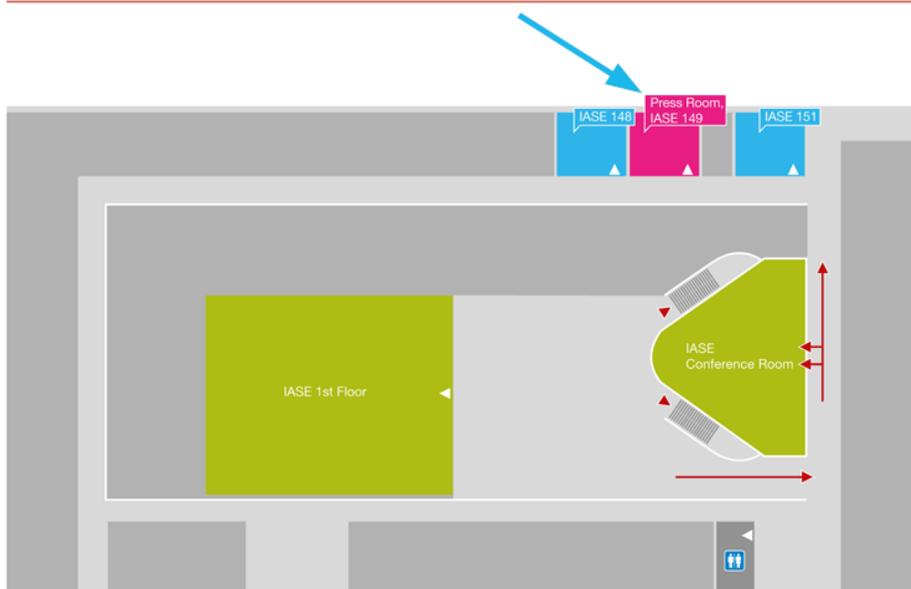
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PRESS ROOM

IASE 149

in Wrocław's Centennial Hall

IASE Building | Level 1



KEY SPEAKERS

- **Ewa Bartnik**, Biologist and researcher
- **Richard Butterwick-Pawlikowski**, Professor of Polish-Lithuanian History
- **Leonhard Dobusch**, Professor of Business Administration, University of Innsbruck
- **Rafał Dutkiewicz**, Mayor of Wrocław
- **Annie Everall** OBE, Director, Authors Aloud UK
- **Piotr Gliński**, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Culture and National Heritage
- **James Neal**, President, American Library Association
- **Francesco Pisano**, Head, UN Library in Geneva
- **Krzysztof Szubert**, Secretary of State and Deputy Minister of Digital Affairs
- **Bogdan Zdrojewski**, MEP (former Mayor of Wrocław, Former Minister of Culture)

KEY SESSIONS

OPENING CEREMONY: INVENTION AND INOVATION

20 August 10:30 – 12:00 | Main Court

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Doors open at 9:30



Donna Scheeder
IFLA President



Gerald Leitner
IFLA Secretary
General



Piotr Gliński
First Deputy Prime
Minister and
Minister of Culture



Rafał Dutkiewicz
Mayor of Wrocław



Elżbieta Stefańczyk
President of the
Polish Librarians'
Association



Dr. Tomasz Makowski
Director of the
National Library of
Poland



**Richard Butterwick-
Pawlikowski**
Keynote speaker

Congress delegates will come together on Sunday, 20 August for the official opening of IFLA WLIC 2017. The main theme of the official Opening Ceremony will be the history and culture of Wrocław and Poland.

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

- An official address to Congress delegates by **Donna Scheeder** (IFLA President) and **Gerald Leitner** (IFLA Secretary General)
- An official address to Congress delegates:
Letter by **Andrzej Duda**, President of the Republic of Poland
- An official address to Congress delegates by **Prof. Piotr Gliński**, the First Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister of Culture and National Heritage
- Welcome to Wrocław and Poland by the chairs of the National Committee:
Rafał Dutkiewicz (Mayor of Wrocław), **Elżbieta Stefańczyk** (President of the Polish Librarians' Association) and Tomasz Makowski (Director of the National Library)
- Keynote speech by **Prof. Richard Butterwick-Pawlikowski**: Where Were You Going, Poland?
- **A Short Story of Wrocław**: A theatrical show which presents the history of Wrocław, starting from the legendary settlement Budorigum and ending with the European Capital of Culture. The show will be coordinated by a narrator who guides the spectator through the history of the city. Seven parts of the show will represent historical periods of time by means of singing/music, motion, and adequate projections.

FIVE DAYS IN FORTY-FIVE MINUTES? CHALLENGE ACCEPTED! - IFLA HIGHLIGHTS SESSION

21 August 08:30 – 09:15 | Main Court **LIVESTREAM**  

The Highlights Session is the quickest way to find out about all of IFLA's main projects and initiatives. Come along, plan your week, make the connections, discover something new, and meet the IFLA President, the IFLA Secretary General and the team from IFLA Headquarters who'll be there to answer your questions throughout the week.

IFLA PRESIDENT'S SESSION: LIBRARIES: A CALL TO ACTION

21 August 09:30 – 12:45 | Main Court **LIVESTREAM**  



Bogdan Zdrojewski
MEP (former Mayor of Wrocław, Former Minister of Culture)



Nancy Weiss
Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)



Francesco Pisano
Head, UN Library in Geneva



Leonhard Dobusch
Professor of Business Administration, University of Innsbruck

The IFLA President continues her call to action with this session. IFLA has launched and is facilitating a Global Vision, which will empower all of us not just to survive, but to thrive into the future. The President's Session will offer the biggest opportunity yet to listen, to reflect, and to contribute to this work.

A first panel will share insights on the changes and challenges we face, and a second will explore how we can turn these into opportunities. The highlight, however, will be your participation, as IFLA asks you to share your views on the key questions we are asking as part of the Vision. During this session, we will be launching the next phase in the IFLA Global Vision journey – an online voting platform.

IFLA Secretary General, Gerald Leitner will facilitate the interactive voting portion of the session.

Chair: Donna Scheeder, IFLA President

IFLA GLOBAL VISION DISCUSSION

21 August 13:45 – 15:45 | Multifunctional Hall

IFLA's Global Vision discussion brings together thousands of representatives of the library field worldwide to explore how a united library field can meet the challenges of the future. Join us in this exciting effort! Delegates and library professionals all over the world can vote on what they think are the core values of libraries plus five other key questions that will help shape a global library roadmap for the future.

**TOGETHER
WE CREATE
THE FUTURE!**

#iflaGlobalVision

During this session, we will walk the participants through the Global Vision discussion process and reflect on highlights from the Global Vision workshops organized by IFLA between April and July 2017: the kick-off meeting in Athens, Greece and the regional workshops in six regions: Africa, Asia and Oceania, Europe, Middle East and North Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean and North America. Attend and have your say about the future of the united library field against the trends in globalised societies. Find out more about the [IFLA Global Vision discussion](#).

POSTER SESSIONS

21-22 August 12:00– 14:00 | Centennial Hall

In the Centennial Hall, you will find almost 200 unique poster presentations. Together these form a kaleidoscopic and representative overview of library and information initiatives and projects—large and small—from around the world. Posters will be on display in the Exhibition Hall throughout the week and will be presented with authors present during two, two-hour sessions: from 12:00 to 14:00 on Monday and Tuesday—21 & 22 August. The “Best IFLA Poster 2017,” awarded during the Closing Session on Thursday 24 August, will be selected from the posters presented in Wrocław, by a jury on behalf of the IFLA Professional Committee.

BREAKING NEWS – BURNING ISSUES AND EMERGING CHALLENGES IN COPYRIGHT

21 August 16:00 – 18:00 | Main Court

IFLA's [Copyright and other Legal Matters \(CLM\) Advisory Committee](#) Session

Chair: Winston Tabb, Johns Hopkins University, United States

Debate: Fair Use/Fair Dealing Is the Most Helpful Copyright Exception for Libraries (16:00 – 17:00)

- Victoria Owen, Library, University of Toronto Scarborough, Canada
- James G. Neal, Columbia University, United States
- Denise Nicholson, Scholarly Communications and Copyright Services Office University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa
- Jessica Coates, Australian Libraries Copyright Committee and Australian Library and Information Association, Australia

Emerging Issues (17:00 – 18:00)

1. 3D Printing and Libraries
Agnieszka Koszowska, Information Society Development Foundation (FRSI), Poland
2. Ancillary Copyright
Armin Talke, Berlin State Library, Germany
3. The Court of Justice of the European Union Ruling on E-Lending, and its Impact in Europe and Beyond
Vincent Bonnet, European Bureau of Library, Information and Documentation Association (EBLIDA), Netherlands

PLENARY SPEAKER: KRZYSZTOF SZUBERT

22 August 08:30 – 09:15 | Auditorium Hall

The Polish Way to a Digital Market

Krzysztof Szubert is a graduate from the Warsaw University of Technology, Faculty of Industrial Organization and Management, specialization in industrial IT systems.

For more than twenty years Krzysztof Szubert has held managerial posts in Polish and foreign enterprises in the ICT industry. He is an author of many articles and commentaries in the daily press, specialist press and television. He was nominated for the title of “Personality of the IT” for his contribution to the IT industry.



Since March 2017, Szubert has been Poland’s Secretary of State and Deputy Minister of Digital Affairs, responsible for international affairs and The Government Plenipotentiary for Digital Single Market. Since the end of 2015 he has been the Strategic Advisor to the Minister of Digital Affairs, and from May 2016 - Plenipotentiary of Minister for International Affairs.

IFLA AWARDS PRESENTATION

22 August 12:45 – 13:45 | Expo Pavilion / Tech Lab

A number of important IFLA-related awards will be handed out to their recipients during this session, including:

- IFLA Academic and Research Libraries Section Attendance Grants by Sage/Ex Libris
- IFLA BibLibre International Library Marketing Award
- IFLA Green Library Award
- IFLA Metropolitan Libraries Short Film Award
- Angela Bersekowski Conference Grant
- Dr. Shawky Salem Conference Grant
- Naseej Conference Grant

Presenter: Christine Mackenzie, IFLA Treasurer

INFORMATION INEQUALITY

22 August 13:45 – 15:45 | Main Court

IFLA’s [Freedom of Access to Information and Freedom of Expression \(FAIFE\) Advisory Committee](#) Session

From “Digital Divide” to “Information Inequality”

Chair: Martyn Wade, IFLA FAIFE Committee

Twenty years ago, we worried about the “digital divide” and hoped that it would be resolved by the simple expansion of Internet access the country and around the world. But while billions of people now have access to the Internet—in one way or another—not all access is equal. The FAIFE session this year explores three kinds of “information inequality” that remain or have become real issues for the world’s Internet users.

Speakers:

1. Information Poverty: Case Studies from Chicago and How Libraries Can Help
Barbara M. Jones, iSchool, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, United States
and **CM Winters-Palacio**, Malcolm X College, United States
2. Linguistic Minorities and Information Inequality
Laurie Bridges, Oregon State University, United States
3. The Price of Freedom of Expression in Eastern Europe: Access Denied or Eagle-Eyed?
Olga Kyryliuk, Digital Defenders Partners NGO

PLENARY SPEAKER: EWA BARTNIK

23 August 08:30 – 09:15 | Auditorium Hall

Professor Ewa Bartnik is a biologist and researcher at the Institute of Genetics and Biotechnology of Warsaw University's Faculty of Biology, and at the Polish Academy of Sciences Institute of Biochemistry and Bioethics. The focus of her research are human mitochondrial diseases. She is a member of the UNESCO International Bioethics Committee and an honorary member of the Polish Genetics Society. In addition to academic teaching and research she is an expert in biology curricula and textbooks for school students as well as well-known populariser of science. In 2008, she was the laureate of the Polish Association of Journalists Award for the most media friendly scientist. She was also awarded the Knight's Cross of the Order Polonia Restituta for scientific achievements and popularization of science.



IFLA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

23 August 16:15 – 18:00 | Auditorium Hall

During the General Assembly, IFLA members have the opportunity to vote on several strategic issues concerning the Federation.

Agenda:

1. Opening by the President, Donna Scheeder
2. Appointment of Tellers
3. Establishment of a Quorum
4. Adoption of the Agenda
5. Minutes of the previous meeting, held in Columbus, Ohio, United States of America, 18 and 19 August 2016
6. In memoriam of those members who have died during the past year
7. Presentation of the Report of the President
8. Presentation of IFLA's Annual Report by the Secretary General
9. Presentation of the Annual Accounts by the Treasurer
10. Formal announcement of the Results of the Postal Ballot for the Election of President-elect and for places on the Governing Board by the Secretary General
11. Motions and Resolutions –
 - 11.1 Motion to approve the holding of the next General Assembly in August 2018 (Art 8.2 of the Statutes refers)
12. Motion to adjourn

Note: The General Assembly reconvenes at the Closing Session (Session 247) at 16.15 on Thursday, 24 August

MAKING CHANGE HAPPEN:

LEADERS FOR A UNITED LIBRARY FIELD – IFLA PRESIDENT-ELECT'S SESSION

24 August 08:30 – 10:30 | Multifunctional Hall

A united library field will not happen by itself. It will need the contribution of YOU, acting as leaders in your institution, your community, your association. The President-elect's Session will be an ideas factory where participants will share experiences and ideas, and help build the basis for the leadership we need.

With a focus on bringing the field together, the session will focus in particular on how leadership can build connections and partnerships, from the local to the global, which unify the field and allow it not just to survive but to thrive in today's world. With introductions from IFLA's President-elect, Glòria Pérez Salmerón and Secretary General, Gerald Leitner, a panel of young leaders will share their insights, before inviting participants to join the discussion and work for our future.

CLOSING SESSION

24 August 16:15 – 17:30 | Main Court

LIVESTREAM  

The General Assembly reconvenes at the Closing Session, where official IFLA Awards (Best IFLA Poster, Professional Unit Communication Award, Honours and Premier Awards) will be handed out.

Agenda:

1. Address by the President Donna Scheeder
2. Presentation of Awards
3. Thanks to the outgoing Governing Board
4. Introduction of the new Governing Board
5. Announcement of WLIC 2019 location
6. Vote of thanks WLIC 2017
7. Invitation to WLIC 2018 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
8. Address by incoming President Glòria Pérez-Salmerón
9. Close of the Assembly

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