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Information Literacy Section, Africa Section, Access to Information Network - Africa

**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”*
- Francis Kirkwood from *Canada*, Convenor, IFLA Riga 2012 and Access to Information Network -Africa (ATINA/RAIA), *“Conference objectives and agenda”*

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. Mezхова 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 étudiante : 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 Brivibas 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 Azubuikwe 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:

- Abraham Azubuikwe from *Africa and the United Nations Library, New York*, “*Nurturing youth for good global citizenship - how United Nations programmes contribute to youth global civic literacy and engagement*” [in English]
- Viacheslav Zaychikov and Irina Voznesenskaya from *Russia*, “*молодёжь в лабиринтах поиска информации и принятия решений = Molodyozh' v labirintakh poiska informatsii i prinyatia resheniy (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 navuikov kriticheskoy 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.