

**IFLA 2007
PRE-CONFERENCE SATELLITE**

**“Managing technologies and library automated systems
in developing countries: open source VS commercial options”**

Dakar, Sénégal, August 14-16 2007

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The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) is organizing a pre-conference and satellite meeting in Dakar (Sénégal) from August 14 to 16, 2007. This is held in conjunction with the IFLA annual conference, which takes place in Durban (South Africa), the following week (<http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla73/index.htm>).

THEME AND OBJECTIVES

The theme of this meeting will be the management of technologies and library automated systems in the context of developing countries, and in the light of recent developments concerning open source software and applications, as well as new commercial products. The objectives of the conference are to:

- Bring together library practitioners, researchers, and educators in library and information science as well as designers and providers of technologies, software and other products that can be useful to libraries and their users, in order to exchange information and ideas;
- Share international experiences focusing on various approaches to the management of technologies and library systems in the context of developing countries;
- Contribute to the organization of study groups on these questions among African information professionals from different linguistic communities;
- Explore possibilities that can be offered by IFLA core programmes to support developing countries in developing their management of technologies and library and automated systems.

An international scientific committee (list at the end) evaluated the proposals received following a call for papers, and the program below has been set up. French and English will be the official languages of the meeting and a simultaneous interpretation will be available for participants.

PROGRAM

Tuesday August 14 : Arrival of participants.

Wednesday August 15

8h30 Registration

9h30 Opening ceremony

10h00 Coffee Break

10h30 **Opening presentations and discussion about the theme of the conference**

Moderator: Réjean Savard, Université de Montréal (Canada)

Can librarians manage technology in developing nations ? A library administrator's view with an emphasis on African libraries

R.N. Sharma (USA)

La puissance du développement collaboratif des logiciels libres au service du développement durable / The power of OSS collaborative work and developing countries

Paul Poulain et Henri-Damien Laurent (France)

12h00 Lunch

14h30 **Lessons from experience: recent case studies in the implementation of technologies**

Moderator: Jacques Hellemans, Université Libre de Bruxelles (Belgique)

Implantation de Koha à la Bibliothèque universitaire de Kinshasa

Filip Kabeya (R.D. Congo)

Sustainable library services built on open-source software: a case study from Kenya

Unni Knutsen and Arne Dhal (Norway)

Koha ou le choix du «libre» pour le réseau des Médiathèques Ouest-Provence

Jérôme Pouchol (France)

A long walk to automation: experiences and challenges of the University of Malawi Libraries

Dorothy Eneya (Malawi)

16h30 Pause

Evening: Visit of the Université Cheikh Anta Diop Library.

Thursday August 16

9h00 **The context of technological developments in Africa**

Moderator: Daniel Caissy, Fondation pour une Bibliothèque Globale (Canada)

Tendances des fonctionnalités des progiciels documentaires et les gratuits

Ahmed Ksibi (Tunisie)

Paradigm shift in managing technologies for libraries: Implications for developing countries

S.M. Mutula (Botswana)

Les bibliothèques africaines en mutation : nouvelles approches de gestion

Jean-Pierre Diouf (Sénégal)

10h30 Coffee break

11h00 **New technologies and new tools for development**

Moderator: Henri Sène, Former Director of the Dakar University Library and of the IFLA Regional Office

Étude comparative de Koha et CDS-Isis
Tristan Müller et Daniel Caissy (Canada)

Web 2.0 et pays en développement
Véronique Mesguich (France)

PMB: le juste équilibre entre l'entreprise et le modèle communautaire
Éric Robert (France)

12h30 Lunch

14h30 **New projects for the future of Africa**
Moderator: Bernard Dione, EBAD, Dakar

An open source, open access journal database appliance : a proposal
Edward M. Corrado (USA)

A pilot project on digital library support and development in Africa
John Rose (New Zealand)

Impact du système normalisé de gestion de bibliothèque (SYNGEB) sur le Réseau régional Inter Bibliothèques Universitaires (RIBU) en Algérie. Une nouvelle expérience.
Radia Bernaoui (Algérie)

Evaluating open source integrated library systems : «Library-in-a-Box» and business readiness rating
Bess Sadler (USA) and Tigran Zargaryan (Armenia)

16h00 Coffee break

16h30 **Conclusion and synthesis**
Moderator: Reinhard Altenhöner, Deutsche Nationalbibliothek (Germany), Chair, Information Technology Section (IFLA)

Amadou Diop (Burkina Faso) and Leona Bobb-Semple (Jamaica)

Venue: Goethe Institute, 2 rue Parchappe, Dakar