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LRCN attends IFLA conference in Puerto Rico

The IFLA 2011 Conference attracted 2593 participants from many countries across the globe. Fifteen librarians from Nigeria attended the 77th IFLA Conference held from 13 - 18 August, 2011 in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Two Nigerian Diaspora librarians also participated in the conference. The conference was organised into 219 congress sessions, 165 poster sessions, meetings and exhibitions. The Conference attracted over 80 exhibitors all over the globe. Visits to many libraries and places of interest was also organised. The cultural night was of high quality where participants enjoyed themselves in form of dance and fun. It was a well organised conference, as many participants expressed satisfaction with the organisation of the event. Highlights of the conference are as follows:

Election and Awards
Election of the Registrar/CEO of Librarians' Registration Council of Nigeria (LRCN), Ms Victoria Okojie as the Chair of IFLA Africa Section.



The 2012 Jay Jordan IFLA/OCLC Earlier Career Development Fellow was awarded to Mrs. Ngozi Ukachi, University of Lagos Library and four others. The first Nigerian to be so awarded.

Professor Paul Sturges, formerly of Loughborough University of Technology, UK won the IFLA medal award for 2011.

Coming IFLA Conferences

The next IFLA Conference will be held in Helsinki, Finland from 15 - 22 August, 2012 with the theme "Libraries Now: Inspiring, Surprising and Empowering".

Singapore was chosen as the venue for the 2013 IFLA Conference, it will be held 13 - 17 August, 2013.

Meeting of Nigerians

A meeting of Nigerian participants was hosted by the Registrar of LRCN on Tuesday 16th August 2011. At the meeting the Chair of IFLA Africa Section solicited for the cooperation of all to succeed. The Chair of IFLA Africa Section tabled the possibility of Nigeria hosting of IFLA 2015 conference which has been ceded to Africa. Members present at the meeting were strongly of the view that Nigeria should bid for the hosting of 2015 conference with the fact that Kenya (1983) and South Africa (2007) have hosted IFLA conference

before.

A three member steering committee was constituted to work out the modalities of securing the bid. The committee consists of the Director/CEO of the National Library of Nigeria (NLN), the Registrar/CEO of LRCN and the President of Nigerian Library Association (NLA).

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? The committee was mandated to broaden its membership to accommodate other librarians who can work towards the success of the bid.

LRCN Representatives

? The Council was represented by the following officers:

- i. Ms Victoria Okojie Registrar/CEO
- ii. Mr. Dele Omotoso Director (PSD)
- iii. Ms Ifaka Inazu Principal Librarian

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MAHMUD M. MUSTAPHA - PSD

LRCN at the Northumbria International Conference, UK

The 9th Northumbria International Conference on Performance Measurement in Libraries and Information Services, a biennial conference was held at the University of York, Yorkshire U.K between August 22 and 26, 2011. The Conference with the theme "proving value in challenging Times" was held at the Exhibition Hall of the University and it attracted about two hundred participants from across the globe, among them was the Deputy Director Professional Services, LRCN Abuja, Mr J. J. Olowookere.

The Conference which attracted professional librarians, vendors and publishers word wide dwell extensively on impact assessment of the value of library and information services to the enviroment they are located. Major attention of the assessment impact of the Conference was on academic libraries with emphasizes on the determination of the protocols that can be used as an instrument to achieve the needed result in the value assessment process.

The major protocols that were discussed in the conference which were seen to be valuable instrument for performance assessment in academic libraries are: LibQUAL, DigiQUAL, ClimateQUAL and MINES for

libraries. The foremost among the protocols is LibQUAL+ (R) which is a total market survey intended to help library staff understand user perceptions, thereby improve library service quality and better meet users' information needs.

The conveyor of the conference, Mr. Stephen Town emphasized the need for a periodic meeting of librarians to share experiences on the performance of their libraries and reason together on how service delivery can be improved. In all one hundred and fifty six papers were presented with the parallel sessions divided into three strands namely; impact/value strand, quality strand and statistics strand.

The closing keynote speeches titled Conferences past, future and present were delivered by Prof. Sheila Corral of University of Sheffield and Steve Hiller of University of Washington.

The high point of the conference is the focus on what value the library is expected to have on its immediate environment.

Mr. J. J. Olowookere - PSD



A cross section of participants at the conference including Mr. J.J. Olowookere, DD (PSD)

THE PLACE OF LIBRARIANS IN NATION BUILDING

The frequently sang "nation building" amongst Nigerians is simply the efforts and processes geared towards attaining a state of sustained socio-economic development in the Country. This state of sustained socio-economic fortune is the major challenge of most developing nations in the world. The challenge does not only lie in the quest for it, but its sustenance.

In a bid to achieve this lofty goal, nations have at one point or the other, devised means of marshaling their resource endowments by way of engaging the various sectors of the economy in consonance with



A cross section of librarians at LRCN 2nd Induction Ceremony in Abuja

their territorial peculiarities. This therefore, implies that the task of leading a nation to the Promised Land is a collective one with the practitioners of library and information science profession amply inclusive. Simply put, a Librarian is a person trained to take charge of library by guiding the users on how to make effective use of its services. He/she among other things, provide access to relevant information, preserve them, and ensure their timely, proper, and effective use.

Be this as it may, librarians could be convincingly regarded as custodians of information. A careful deduction from the foregoing, would reveal that librarians are pivotal to the existence and survival of education which is in turn a sine qua non for nation building.

Just as other professionals have their exclusive ways of championing the cause of

building the Nigerian nation, librarians also take a substantial place in the national crusade. No one doubts the indispensability of information in the planning for nation building. Being custodians of information, librarians provide easy access to relevant and up to date information in this regard. Developmental plans and decisions can neither be formulated nor executed without the relevant information. They further avail advantages of the contemporary revolution in ICT to ensure proper management of this information for onward use.

In another perspective, librarians conduct researches on different aspects of our national life to promote nation building. Findings from various researches have been published as articles in journals while some, presented as papers in seminars, symposia, and workshops. On several occasions, seminars/workshops have been held in different parts of the country all geared towards the attainment of the thrust of this write up. Over the years, political office holders and government officials have found these papers and articles very useful blueprints for running official affairs and

planning.

Nonetheless, practitioners of library and information science profession have also distinct themselves in the aspect of facilitating or rather enhancing knowledge acquisition through the promotion of reading culture among students, professionals and people from all walks of life.

This indeed, is a wholesome attempt at capacity building which is no doubt an integral part of nation building. Also to this effect, a number of campaigns and public lectures have been held.

Conclusively, it is pertinent at this point to observe that this piece only provided a synoptic clue on the subject matter and not a comprehensive note.

Musa Dauda- Admin

Thermostat or Thermometer

These are two different temperature instruments. Thermometer reports the temperature of the environment while the thermostat adjusts the temperature. If you look around you, there are two types of people in our families, offices, churches, mosques, societies, organizations, schools, etc. Those who make things happen and those who watch and report what happened.

In LRCN, you are either a thermostat or thermometer. Some of us are thinking every day how to improve the process, procedure and practices, making recommendations and implementing changes. While other categories of staff merely engaged in rumor mongering, idling away or discouraging the actors.

In our environment today, out of 100 people, 80% are likely to be grumbling, complaining or discouraging others daily, and probably 20% others are thinking how to improve the environment.

Theologically speaking, Jesus disciples reported to Him what other people were thinking or saying "they say that you are Elijah..." He asked them "what do you say?" It was only Peter who volunteered his opinion, the rest is history.

To be a thermostat, you are affecting the environment, you must be agent of change; you must be adding values, you want to get things done, and you want to improve the process. When the temperature is getting too hot, you want to douse the tension, you want to motivate your staff or mentor somebody young or old; superior or subordinate. You are likely to be predominantly melancholy temperament in nature. It requires a lot of self-sacrificing to be a thermostat; you are result oriented individual. You are not waiting for anybody's commendation or direction. You are the direction. You will not mind what others are saying, like "eye service", "the boss favorite", etc.

Meanwhile, to be a thermometer is simple; you are likely fond of using "let's see what they are up to this time", "we shall see", "don't mind them". You are not creative; you are a 'yes sir/ma employee'. You will require a lot of push to get things done. You complain about everything without doing anything about it. You are a self centered individual. You are "what's in it for me person". You need help. We all do.

As you read this piece, you would have discovered yourself as a Thermostat or Thermometer, that is the first wise decision you will take; rather than blaming me. Then determine to change or do something, or you may not like the change during the appraisal period. Are you a Thermostat or Thermometer?

DID YOU KNOW

- Did you know that all planets in our solar system rotate anti-clockwise, except Venus which is the only planet that rotates clock-wise?
- Did you know that a fact about onions is that it has no flavour, only smell?
- Did you know that a hard working adult sweats up to 4 gallons per day, but most of the sweat evaporates before a person realizes it's there?
- Did you know that it's impossible to tickle yourself, because the cerebellum (a part of the brain) warns the rest of the brain that you are about to tickle yourself.
- Did you know the first computer ever made was called ENIAC (Electronic Numerical Integrator and Computer), unveiled on 14th February, 1946.
- Did you know that a blue whale can eat as much as 3 tonnes of food every day, but at the same time can live without food for 6 months?
- Did you know that a crocodile's tongue is attached to the roof of its mouth but its Digestive juices are so strong that it can even digest a steel nail?
- Did you know that Bill gates house was designed using a Macintosh Computer which is a brand of Microsoft rival company?
- Did you know that a snake is smarter than you think, it can even see through its eye lids even when its eyes are closed?

THE LIBRARIAN

An information professional, cataloger, indexer
Trained in the organization and management of
information services
and materials for those with information need
That's a librarian!.

Researching topics of interest for sustainable
national development
Suggesting appropriate books for people of all
levels
Recommending novels for recreational reading
Facilitating and promoting reading clubs
Developing programs for library users of all ages
and backgrounds
That's a librarian!

Building collections to respond to changing
needs and demands
Managing access to electronic information
resources
Mobilizing, advocating, sensitizing all to
embrace literacy
That's a librarian!

Education is the antidote to poverty and ignorance
Education is the key for unlocking natural
resources.
Education is the fulcrum on which all other national
plans and global commitments revolve.

A nation not reading
Is a nation not progressing
A nation with a poor reading culture
Is a nation without a bright future
A nation not investing in education
Is a nation not interested in development

Arise great information managers
Arise noble Librarians
With hands held together
Restore high standard in education
Build better and greater Nigeria
That builder is the Librarian
That Librarian is YOU

Explore Club, Abuja

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CAST IN STONE

- "You are your own scriptwriter and the play is never
finished, no matter what your age or position in life."
Denis Waitley

- "You are what you are in this world! There should be
one of these two things; either you are somebody or
you are nobody."

- "The first qualification for success in my view is a
strong work ethic."
Henry Ford II

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Birthdays

1. Mr. Shehu Allahde - Sept. 9
 2. Mr. Madalla Ajemasu - Sept. 10
 3. Mr. Okwara Kenneth - Sept. 10
 4. Mrs. Adeje O. Bukola - Sept. 14
- LRCN wishes you all happy birthday.

IFLA CONFERENCE IN PICTURES



The Director (PSD) Mr. Dele Omotoso at the conference venue



Ms V. Okojie, Registrar/CEO of LRCN at the IFLA conference in Puerto Rico



Some of the Nigerian delegates at the IFLA conference including Mr. Dele Omotoso (3rd from left) and Ms. Ifaka Inazu (1st from right)



More of the Nigerian delegates at the IFLA conference



Some of the Nigerian delegates at the conference



Ms V. Okojie, Registrar/CEO of LRCN chairing the Africa Section of IFLA



The conference attendees being treated to Puerto Rican cultural music



Puerto Rican cultural music on display at the IFLA Conference