



Informing Government

Government Library and Information Services in the Information Age

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IFLA Section on Government Libraries
in association with the
Government Libraries Group
of The Library Association

The IFLA section on Government Libraries and the Government Libraries of the UK Library Association have combined forces to organize an international seminar in London in the week immediately before the 68th IFLA Conference in Glasgow.

Developing the themes of the main conference – Libraries for Life: Democracy, Diversity, Delivery, the seminar will cover a range of topics on issues central to work in government libraries today. It will take the form of plenary sessions at the beginning and end of the two days, plus papers to be given at a number of UK government department libraries, including library visits offering a choice of four key themes.

Speakers will include [Lena Olsson](#), Chair of the IFLA Section on Government Libraries, [Peter Griffiths](#), Head of Information Services Group, UK Home Office, [Nancy Bolt](#), Assistant Commissioner for Libraries at the Colorado Department of Education, [Maria Göckeritz](#), Librarian, Ministry for Education, Science and Art, Thüringen, Germany, [Irja Peltonen](#), Head of Information Services, Ministry of Finance, Finland, [António José de Pina Falcão](#), Librarian, Presidency of the Republic of Portugal, [Sue Westcott](#), Head of Information Sources and Services, UK Department of Transport, Local Government and the Regions, [Christine Wellems](#), Head of Parliamentary Information Services, Hamburg Parliament, Germany, [Ansa Majuri](#), Librarian, Ministry of Finance, Finland, [Maewyn Cumming](#), UK Government Metadata Co-ordinator, [Pekka Kuittinen](#), Information Specialist, Prime Minister's Office, Finland.

There will be a full [social programme](#) to accompany the seminar, offering the chance to network with colleagues from the UK and round the world. It will include a reception at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and a Conference Dinner (sponsored by Sirsi UK) on a river boat cruising the Thames.

Themes and sub themes

IT and electronic delivery

The virtual library
Librarian skills - including user education and support
Information overload

Cataloguing – an essential skill reborn

Workshop on cataloguing government publications
Metadata
Information Asset Register - telling the public and business about the information government holds

Outside the box – broadening horizons

Reaching out - networking
Evidence-based research
Skills needed

Strategic management – shifting up a gear

Strategic thinking / influencing
Culture shifts - government, departmental, user
Co-operation and further education in government libraries

Participants will be encouraged to follow two threads out of the four, but it should be possible to mix and match.

In line with IFLA guidance we will be making every effort to keep the costs of the seminar to a minimum, certainly under £100(160 Euros, \$140). The Government Libraries Group will also be offering two free places on the seminar to colleagues from the less developed world.

Accommodation will not be included in the seminar costs, but all participants will be supplied with a list of and contact details for a range of accommodation types in Central London, from student hostels to four star hotels. Information on the hotels, travel, the attractions of London, and much more can be found on the seminar website,

<http://www.la-hq.org.uk/directory/about/gle.html>

For further information on the seminar or to register visit the website or send an e-mail to clare_rosier@hotmail.com

