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Follow Your Passion and Think Globally

By Laila Hussein Moustafa

In conjunction with my position as the Middle East and North Africa Studies Librarian at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, my research and service focus on the preservation of Middle Eastern world cultural heritage in times of war and conflict, plus the development of a network among librarians and scholars in the U.S. and the Middle East. I feel fortunate because what I do is meaningful to me and to other people, and my research provided the opportunity for me travel to the land of the Barber and of the Pharos in Africa over the last three months. Travel is now integral to my work.

When I started to write about preserving culture heritage in times of war I was inspired by the work of international organizations such as [IFLA](#), [UNESCO](#), [Blue Shield](#), [MELA](#), the [Mortenson Center](#) and national library organizations' committees such as the ALA International Relations Round Table ([IRRT](#)). These organizations called my attention to the need for pro-active librarianship: librarians willing to advocate for the protection and preservation of world heritage in the Middle East and to actively participate in building a network of resources to

support professional development for librarians. I was also motivated by witnessing events such as the Arab Spring and the burning of the French Scientific Library in Egypt; the damage to libraries, archives, and ancient cities caused by ISIS in Iraq and Syria; and the burning of the manuscripts in Timbuktu, Mali.

Since 2013, I have presented a poster at ALA Annual, published an article in *Library & Archival Security*, and most recently conducted a survey on the current status of disaster management plans in Middle Eastern libraries and

archives (survey results soon to be published). This year, because of the disasters that took place in the Middle East and the extensive damage to libraries and archives, my topic received more attention. At the end of April 2015, my school, the University of Illinois and its library administrators supported my trip to present at the [MELCom International](#), a conference organized by the European Association of Middle East Librarians. The organization's goal is to promote cooperation among individuals and institutions

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Alexandria, Egypt, the site for the IFLA-AFLI Regional Conference 2015.

Message from the Editors

ALA 2015 draws near! This year's conference is being held in San Francisco, June 25 – June 30. The ALA International Programs schedule can be found on pages 9-10, and the chair-elect gives a more in-depth look at the IRRT 2015 meetings and events on page 4.

The feature article for this issue of International Leads focuses on the preservation of Middle Eastern world cultural heritage in times of war and conflict and on the development of a collaborative network of librarians and scholars in the Middle East and United States. Author Laila Hussein Moustafa describes her experience as a presenter at the April 2015 MelCom International Conference, held in Constantine, Algeria, and at the June 2015 IFLA-AFLI Conference, held in Alexandria, Egypt.

Beth Cramer and John Hickok discuss the harrowing effects of April's 7.8 magnitude earthquake on libraries and schools in Nepal. Almost all of the big and national libraries were damaged, hundreds of

public libraries were damaged, as were thousands of school libraries. The article provides information about the Nepal Disaster Relief Fund, established by the American Library Association (ALA) to assist libraries in Nepal in recovery efforts.

Also found are articles about past IRRT Chair Lorie Roy receiving the AILA Distinguished Service Award, Loida García-Febo's being awarded the REFORMA Lifetime Achievement Award, and about Dorothy Terry, this year's Bogle-Pratt Awardee.

Finally, the co-editors of International Leads will complete their two-year appointment on June 30, 2015. It has been a gratifying experience for both of us but it is time to turn over the opportunity to new leadership.

See you in San Francisco!

~Kevin Murphy and Beth Cramer

Call for Submission

Do you have news about...

International library activities?

People in international librarianship?

Upcoming international conferences?

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Message from the IRRT Chair

As my year of being IRRT chair is drawing to a close and I write my final column, I appreciate the efforts and support of my colleagues in IRRT even more. It has been fun and rewarding to keep IRRT steady and growing for one more year and I have been honored to serve in this capacity. Thank you to my fellow executive board members for their dedication, thank you to the standing and ad hoc committee chairs and members that give us such wonderful projects and programs, thank you to those that contribute content to our newsletter and online communications, and a big thank you to **Delin Guerra** of the ALA International Relations Office. Delin is the constant, all-knowing presence behind all of the work that we do. **John Hickok** will begin his term as chair on July 1. I know he will carry on the work of IRRT superbly.

Congratulations and welcome to our newest board members in the elections: Chair-Elect: **Beth Cramer**, Secretary/Treasurer: **Angelique Simmons**, Member-at-Large: **Chris Shaffer**, and IRRT Councilor at Large: **Sandy Hirsh**. Thanks to chair **Ven Basco** and the nominating committee for our fine slate of candidates.

Our bylaws changes passed overwhelmingly! Thanks to **Joan Weeks**, Immediate Past-Chair **Carol Kem**, **Marilyn Lewis**, and **Ravil Veli** (our bylaws ad hoc committee) for their work last fall.

Our committees have been hard at work with the theme of leadership and IRRT has a full slate of activities for you to attend at Annual. Starting with our Pre-Conference Friday morning and International Librarians Orientation Friday afternoon and ending with our fantastic International Librarians Reception on Monday night, you will find many international programs and events to enjoy.

Our reception is going to be held at the main branch of the San Francisco Public Library and is always my favorite event at Annual. A special thanks to **Luis Herrera**, the City Librarian of San Francisco, and his team, along with reception committee chair **Athena Michael** and her committee, for making this happen.

One program I am particularly excited about is my Chair's Program on Monday afternoon. If you attend, you will hear global stories of leadership initiatives, from the free global conference Library 2.0 to work in Ghana, Canada, and India. If you need a break from the hustle of conference, stop by the International Visitors Center. Don't forget to check out the 30 International Posters in the exhibit hall late on Sunday morning. You can find information on all of the IRRT and IRC ALA Annual events in this issue.

The pilot ALA international mentor program, jointly ran with IRC, will be ending in June. Thank you to everyone who participated. We hope

some lasting connections have been made. We will be assessing the program and figuring out the best way to continue it.

Hopefully, I will see you soon at the ALA Conference in San Francisco! It has been my pleasure to be your chair.

Robin Kear

Open Letter to IRRT Membership

IRRT Chair, 2014-15

Unfortunately, natural and man-made terrible events happen all over the world. During those times, our IRRT members reach out to their connections. They find out about the safety, health, and welfare of those people first. Secondly and belatedly, they may find out about the state of information and libraries. Recent events in Nepal have catalyzed our executive board to do more. We want to remind our membership that they can communicate with the board about international crises. If you know the status of people or information relating to libraries and information during a crisis situation please inform us. We can pass this information on to the ALA International Relations Office and it can assist in their efforts to reach out. If you have ideas for other ways we can help, please let us know.

~IRRT Executive Board, 2014-15

Message from the Chair Elect

Greetings fellow IRRT members!

ALA Annual in San Francisco is nearly here, and it will be great! If you haven't already seen the wonderful array of IRRT and internationally-related program scheduled, you can see a full list here: <http://www.ala.org/offices/iro/iroactivities/meetingsprograms>.

As a teaser:

IRRT's Preconference (Fri, 8am-1pm, MCC- 122 N), featuring a terrific theme of librarian leadership (registration required).

IRRT's Orientation (Fri, 2:30pm-4pm, Marriott Marquis, GG-A), which always provides a lively introduction to the conference for our international visitors. Come sit at a table with them, and offer your mentoring insights about attending the conference!

IRRT's All-committees meeting (Sat, 8:30am-11:30am, Westin St. Francis, Tower Salon A&B), which is our main event for getting down to business! 8:30-9am chairs attend; 9am-10:30am all committee members attend; 10:30-11:30am chairs report again.

IRRT's Paper Session (Sat, 1pm-2:30pm, MCC-2010 W), featuring several peer-reviewed papers from around the world on the theme of Mentoring across/within borders.

IRRT's Chair's Program (Sat, 3-4pm, MCC-3012 W), presenting a terrific theme of "Libraries Creating Positive Change" and examples from around the world.

IRRT's Poster Session (Sun, 10:30am-12noon, Exhibit floor), featuring this year's peer-reviewed posters by IRRT members (see topics [here](#); scroll to page 43).

IRRT Chair's Program (Mon, 1-2:30pm, MCC-3003 W), featuring the theme of global library leadership initiatives, will showcase inspiring examples from around the world

IRRT International Librarians' Reception (Mon, 7-9pm, SFPL, 100 Larkin St.), which is IRRT's crescendo social event each annual conference, this year at the San Francisco Public Library (ticketed).

In Robin's "Chair's Column," she acknowledges many of you who have helped so much in preparation for Annual. I enthusiastically echo this; the wonderful dedication of IRRT members and committee volunteers is amazing! But one more thank you is due: to Robin, herself! She is IRRT's hero, giving us tremendous time and effort this entire past year. When you see her in San Francisco, give her a big "high-five" for an awesome job done!

John Hickok
IRRT Chair-elect, 2014-2015

Jane Mirandette receives 2015 John Ames Humphry/OCLC/Forest Press Award

Jane Mirandette is this year's recipient of the American Library Association (ALA) International Relations Committee's John Ames/Humphry/OCLC/Forest Press Award. OCLC/Forest Press donated the cash award of \$1,000, which is given to an individual for significant contribution to international librarianship.

Mirandette receives this award for her exceptional contributions to international librarianship during her professional career. In 2003, she founded the Hester J. Hodgdon Libraries for All Program (HJH), a charitable foundation established in 2003 to support the San Juan del Sur Biblioteca and to promote lending libraries in Central America. Mirandette is also being recognized for her support of the San Juan del Sur Biblioteca, the first full-service lending library in Nicaragua, located in the coastal town of San Juan del Sur.

Mrs. Mirandette will be recognized during the International Reception on Monday, June 29 at the ALA Annual Conference in San Francisco.

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in regards to all topics related to Middle East librarianship and book collecting. The MELCom International 2015 conference was held in Constantine, Algeria and hosted by the University of Constantine Library School. The conference was well organized by the library school and had participants from the U.S., Europe, Turkey, Morocco, Lebanon, Algeria, Egypt, and other countries. The presentations were very interesting and covered topics such as cataloging of rare books and manuscripts, digitization, collaborative projects between libraries, and the history of libraries, librarianship, and information science in the Middle East. Presenters were from public, national, and academic libraries. The conference attracted a lot of library school students from Algeria, some of whom presented and others who simply attended.

In June 2015, I was invited to present my research at the [IFLA-AFLI](#) Regional Conference in Alexandria, Egypt. I received an invitation and generous funding from the organizers of the conference and they covered air travel, registration, and accommodation. The conference theme was “Arab Libraries: Keeping Abreast of the Continual Information Environment” and had almost 300 participants from countries such as the U.S., the U.K., Iraq, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Yemen, Saudi Arabia, The Emirates, the West Bank, Oman, and Sudan. Participants included librarians from all types of libraries, vendors from throughout the Middle East, plus academics, donors, and even members of royal families.

The IFLA-AFLI conference was a great opportunity to bring attention to and advocate for the creation and

implementation of disaster management plans in time of war and I was excited to present my work. My presentation was very well received because the region has been facing disaster after disaster, most recently in February when ISIS destroyed 5000 year-old statues in Iraq at Mosul and looted the Syrian ancient cities. At the conference, I expanded my network of librarians and scholars that supports Middle East librarians wanting to follow the lead of the U.S. in advancing their librarianship and creating heritage preservation plans. In turn, the network helps me to better assist scholars in U.S. institutions who need information that only exists in the libraries of the Middle East.

I am sure that my participation in national and regional conferences such as ALA, MELCom, and IFLA-AFLI helped my research reach its audience. I returned from these

conferences with many new ideas to share with my colleagues, plus I made many new friends to add to my international network. The conferences confirmed my belief that librarians in the U.S., young librarians in particular, should form broad-based alliances and contribute pro-actively to the preservation of world culture by traveling the world to share skills, experiences, and knowledge. Libraries in the Middle East need support and training at all levels and in all areas of librarianship: in preservation and restoration certainly, but also in digital humanities, data creation, data management, cataloging, and reference. Librarians must be willing to travel and to contribute our time to assist fellow librarians to build their libraries and their knowledge and our universities and institutions need to support us in our efforts.



Laila Hussein Moustafa, presenting at MELCom International 2015 in Constantine, Algeria.

ALA Disaster Relief for Nepal: Impact on Libraries

On April 25, 2015 Nepal suffered a 7.8 magnitude earthquake, followed by a series of aftershocks in the following days. Hundreds of thousands of persons were left homeless, with an estimated 8,800 deaths and 23,000 injuries.

Emergency relief was immediately issued and focused on saving lives, and providing water, shelter, medical care, and food to those areas affected by the quakes.

Schools and libraries in the earthquake areas were hit hard.

According to a Ministry of Education Report on Nepal Libraries, almost all of the big and national libraries were damaged, including the Kaiser Library and the Tribhuvan University Library. More than 450 public libraries were damaged, 300 severely. 7,000 schools with libraries were damaged, compounding the problem of providing lessons and materials to students. The report states that librarians, professional associations, and supporting organizations joined forces to commit to library recovery

in Nepal with an eight-point document. Among their objectives: to gather and publish reliable data about damaged libraries; to recover as many library resources as possible; to provide temporary relief library services; to appeal to government, corporate and non-profit sources for emergency relief; and to build earthquake-safe libraries in the future.

It is now two months after the earthquakes. Those of us with friends and colleagues in Nepal have been in contact to inquire about their safety and welfare. In addition to our service on the IRRT Executive Board as Chair and Chair-Elect in the coming year, we have both been fortunate to travel to Nepal in 2013 and 2015 to meet and interview Nepalese library colleagues, plus to learn more about the country's professional library associations and non-profit library development groups. During our visits, we met dedicated and personable library and development workers, plus we toured more than a dozen libraries, including the

Tribhuvan University Library and the Kaiser Library—both damaged in the quakes. Our time in Nepal and interactions with the library community enabled us to provide contact and background information to the ALA International Relations Office and motivates us to ask our U.S. colleagues to contribute to the Nepal library relief efforts. In our experience, the Nepal library community is a close group that works together to advocate for libraries, to improve access to professional development, and to provide the best resources and services with the limited funds at their discretion. **They deserve and need assistance from their colleagues throughout the world.**

In response to the earthquakes, the American Library Association (ALA) has initiated the [ALA Nepal Disaster Relief Fund](#). The website includes instructions on donating by credit

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card or mail, plus additional information about libraries in Nepal. The International Relations Office is working to compile a list of Nepal libraries for potential partnership with U.S. libraries. Those interested in becoming a Sister Library with a earthquake affected library may contact Michael Dowling, Director of the ALA IRO, mdowling@ala.org.

Of related interest, Deborah Jacobs, Director of Global Libraries at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and Tina Sciabica, Executive Director of READ Global, will be speaking at the IRC Chair's Program at ALA Annual 2015, San Francisco. The program is entitled: Libraries Creating Positive Change: Championing Access to Information Globally, and will be held Saturday, June 27, 3-4 pm, Moscone Convention Center, 3012 West. The American Library Association is partnering with READ GLOBAL (a beneficiary of funding from the Gates Foundation), other NGOs and government organizations in Nepal to collect

monetary donations, which will be sent to continue leading the relief effort.

For those interested in more information about library damage and relief in Nepal, we provide a list of Facebook pages and web sites from various professional library organizations within Nepal, the U.S. Embassy-Nepal Library, and three non-profit agencies working for library development within Nepal: READ Nepal (in conjunction with INGO READ Global), Room to Read, and the Nepal Library Foundation.

- [Nepal Library Association](#)
- [Nepal Community Library Association](#)
- [The Nepalese Association of School Librarians](#)
- [American Library at the U.S. Embassy and American Corners](#)
- [READ Nepal](#)
- [Room to Read](#)
- [Nepal Library Foundation](#)

~Beth Cramer and John Hickok,
IRRT Executive Board members

ALA awards 2015 Presidential Citations to International Libraries

The International Relations Round Table (IRRT) announces four recipients of the ALA Presidential Citations for Innovative International Library Projects for 2015.

- The **Outreach Worker Service and Digital Literacy as a Core Service** programs at the Edmonton (Alberta) Public Library, Canada.
- The **Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies** at Taiwan's National Central Library.
- The **NLB Mobile Application** created by the National Library Board of Singapore.
- The **Science and Technology Academic and Research-Based Openly Operated Kiosk Station (STARBOOKS) Project** of the Department of Science and Technology of the Republic of the Philippines.

Recipients will be recognized by President Young at the 2015 ALA Annual Conference in San Francisco during the IRRT's International Librarians Reception on Monday, June 29, 7:00 pm—9:00 pm, San Francisco Public Library, 100 Larkin Street.

[Full press release](#)

Donate blood for the relief of earthquake victims



Blood Donation

Date: May 23, 2015



Organized By:
NEPAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Nepal Library Association conducted a blood drive and has created a 17-member taskforce for disaster relief (Facebook).

Past IRRT Chair, Dr. Lorie Roy, receives AILA Distinguished Service Award

Dr. Lorie Roy, 2012-2013 IRRT Chair, has received the Distinguished Service Award from the American Indian Library Association (AILA). Dr. Roy served as 1997-1998 President of AILA, 2007-2008 President of the American Library Association (ALA), and is a professor at the School of Information of Texas at Austin. Her service and research have focused on indigenous cultural heritage development and international indigenous librarianship efforts. Dr. Roy is enrolled on the White Earth Reservation, a member of the Pembina Band, Minnesota Chippewa (Ojibwe) Tribe. She will receive her award during the Honoring Our Elders ceremony at ALA San Francisco, Saturday, June 27, 3-4 pm, Hilton, Franciscan A/B.



Dr. Lorie Roy, recipient of the AILA Distinguished Service Award

IRRT Member-at-Large, Loida García-Febo, receives REFORMA Lifetime Achievement Award



Loida García-Febo,
REFORMA Award recipient

Loida García-Febo has received the 2015 REFORMA Elizabeth Martinez Lifetime Achievement (LAA) Award. García-Febo served as REFORMA President 2009-2010 and as the Chair of the ALA Legislative Committee 2012-2013. She currently coordinates and develops IFLA's Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning Section (CPDWL) and is representing IFLA at the Post2015 development agenda meetings at the United Nations in New York where she advocates for inclusion of access to information in the Sustainable Development Goals to be launched in January, 2016. Loida García-Febo will receive her award at the REFORMA GALA on: Friday, June 26, 2015, 6:30 – 11:00 pm, Mission Cultural Center for Latino Arts, 2868 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA.

Dorothy Terry receives 2015 Bogle-Pratt Award

Dorothy Terry is the 2015 recipient of the American Library Association (ALA) International Relations Committee's "Bogle-Pratt International Library Travel Fund." The Bogle Memorial Fund and the Pratt Institute School of Information and Library Science will provide a \$1,000 cash award for her to attend her first international conference in Cape Town, South Africa. Terry, is an instruction and digital initiatives librarian at Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland. Her responsibilities include developing and implementing digital initiatives, providing instructions to various subject areas, creating a social media presence, and providing reference services and serving as a liaison to 15 programs,. Dorothy Terry will be recognized during the International Librarians Reception at the 2015 American Library Association Annual Conference in San Francisco.



Dorothy Terry, recipient of 2015 Bogle-Pratt Award

International Programming at 2015 ALA Annual, San Francisco

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

[Leading from Any Position: Libraries which are Leaders in their Communities and Librarians who Lead - IRRT Preconference](#)

8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Moscone Convention Center -122 (N)

Description: The library profession is constantly adjusting to new technical developments, standards and innovative new services. These changes may occur without additional funding, or in an environment where the relevance of library services may not be widely known, or may be questioned as larger institutions face rethinking of structures. Libraries need to be leaders in their communities in order to ensure they are full participants in the future of those communities. Learn how librarians from around the world are addressing how to lead and how to nurture leadership of both individuals and libraries.

Cost: \$90 USD

[International Relations Committee I](#)

1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Marriott Marquis San Francisco – Yerba Buena Salon 4

[International Librarians Orientation](#)

2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Marriott Marquis San Francisco – Golden Gate A

Description: An overview of ALA, the conference, exhibits, and the city of San Francisco, including recommended programs and social activities, plus the chance to meet colleagues who will help you get the most of your conference experience as an international attendee.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

[IRC*/IRRT+ All Subcommittee Meeting](#)

8:30 am - 11:30 am

Westin St. Francis Hotel – Tower Salon A&B

+8:30 - 9:00 am IRRT Chairs Meeting

+9:00 - 10:30 am IRRT Subcommittee Meetings

+10:00 - 11:30 am IRRT Chairs report back to IRRT Executive Board

*8:30 – 11:30am IRC Committee Meetings

[IFLA Columbus 2016](#)

10:30 am - 11:30 am

Moscone Convention Center – 3006 (W)

[Learning from One Another: Mentoring Across and Within Borders-IRRT Paper Session](#)

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Moscone Convention Center – 2010 (W)

Description: Mentoring is an effective way of assisting people to progress in their careers through a partnership between two people, an experienced mentor and a less experienced mentee. Formal mentoring programs exist in librarianship as in other professions and may be found within libraries, library associations, or other professional settings. This program will feature presentations on mentoring projects and programs from around the world.

[Developing and Strengthening Library Collections with Culturally Relevant African Materials](#)

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Moscone Convention Center – 3020 (W)

Description: As libraries and information networks grow across Africa, and more Africans make their home in North America, librarians on both continents are challenged to respond to local needs and provide culturally relevant materials to their patrons. Librarians and information professionals in many African countries, sometimes partnering with American colleagues, are finding innovative ways to ensure that libraries serve ALL the people in their target populations. Presenters will discuss projects, services, research studies, culturally relevant materials including local languages, preservation and dissemination of indigenous knowledge, and locally relevant digital projects. Come, to hear creative ideas and meet potential partners.

[Libraries Creating Positive Change: Championing Access to Information Globally-IRC Chair's Program](#)

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Moscone Convention Center – 3012 (W)

Description: Deborah Jacobs, Director of Global Libraries at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and Tina Sciabica, Executive Director of READ Global will share experiences and practices from the global library field fostering positive change, sustainable libraries and development. The program includes best practices, models and recommendations. The purpose of the program is to motivate librarians and show them the many positive things happening around the globe. We need more positive examples to show that library workers, librarians and those providing access to information can bring positive change to their communities!

[Access to Government Information: the Case of US and China](#)

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Moscone Convention Center – 2000 (W)

Description: In the US and China, a wide-range of sources are available to access government information. The sources in the US range from local to Federal government. Users can access government information either by using federal depository libraries or through Internet connection. In China, users can access government information through government gazettes, government websites and press conferences, or state archives and public libraries, as well as through newspapers, television and other methods. This presentations will explore how users are able to access government information in the US and China, will look at the history of the development of government information in the two countries, sources that could be used to access government information, and discuss the policies governing them. It will further explore where the differences and similarities are in accessing government information in the US and China.

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

[IRRT Executive Board Meeting](#)

8:30 am – 11:30am

Moscone Convention Center – 222 (S)

[An Opportunity to Serve: American Librarians in Eurasia](#)

10:30 am - 11:30 am

Moscone Convention Center – 2004 (W)

Description: An Opportunity to Serve: American Librarians in Eurasia will provide a glimpse into the experiences of three American-based librarians who have worked or are working in institutions in Afghanistan, Georgia and Kazakhstan. Each speaker will talk about the rewards and challenges of working in Central Asian and Eurasian libraries.

[International Poster Session](#)

10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Exhibit floor - [View list of poster session](#) (opens in PDF file, scroll to page 43)

Description: Come to the Exhibit floor and find out about innovative programs and transformative ideas that are shaping libraries all over the world.

International Programming at 2015 ALA Annual, San Francisco

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

[Leaning International: Recipes from the Field](#)

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Moscone Convention Center - 3001 (W)

Description: For MLS students through seasoned information professionals interested in working internationally, this annual program hosted by IRRT's International Connections Committee features American librarians discussing their own unique international experiences. Discussions are split between prepared topics and audience Q&A time. These interactive sessions have included such diverse topics as leveraging networks to find work abroad, pre-departure language and etiquette training, adapting to regional librarianship as well as cultural standards, the practicalities of life overseas, and more!

[Current Practices and Trends in East/Southeast/Pacific \(E/SE/P\) Asian Libraries](#)

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Moscone Convention Center – 3001 (W)

Description: Come hear a panel of various U.S. librarians—who have experience with E/SE/P Asian libraries. Panelists will include those who have lived/worked in E/SE/P Asia, as well as those in the U.S. who work collaboratively with E/SE/P Asian libraries. A variety of aspects will be discussed, from technical services (digital preservation projects, E/SE/P Asian language cataloging issues) to public services (reference & Information Literacy instruction efforts there), to practices and trends (library construction, national library associations, library legislation, etc.) While not every country of the region will be covered, this program will provide a variety of representations, with Q&A time provided at the end.

[Strategic Collaborations: Sister Libraries in Sister Cities](#)

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Moscone Convention Center – 2009 (W)

Description: In 2013, Nancy Bolt and Janet Lee formed the International Library and Cultural Exchange Interest Group (ILCE-IG) of the Colorado Association of Libraries. The forming of this organization was an outgrowth of partnerships with libraries in Colorado and Bulgaria, and with the Axum, Ethiopian Committee of the Denver Sister Cities International. Their work was

expanded to include Aurora, CO Sister Cities International. In this presentation, Nancy and Janet will highlight the successes and challenges of dovetailing Sister Libraries with existing Sister Cities partnerships as they share a grass roots perspective from the local level. Additionally, Carol Brey, past ALA President who works as an IRO for the State Department, will report on the ALA Past-Presidents group promoting international issues through a top-down connection with the Sister Cities National Organization.

MONDAY, JUNE 29

[Building Sustainable Libraries in Asia: Success Stories-ISLD-Interest Group](#)

8:30 am - 10:00 am

Moscone Convention Center – 2009 (W)

Description: The International Sustainable Library Development Interest Group (ISLD) will present a program on Building Sustainable Libraries in Asia. This interest group works to identify and then share information about sustainable library development outside the United States. Presenters will highlight factors that in their experience contributed to the success of library development projects in Asia. This will be an interactive program with speakers and audience participation.

[Culture under siege and our response: scholars and librarians in action](#)

10:30 am - 11:30 am

Moscone Convention Center – 2006 (W)

Description: The Near East and South Asia Subcommittee of ALA's International Relations Committee invites you to a roundtable discussion about the role librarians can play in preserving and protecting the cultural heritage that is being threatened in several countries in our region. During the last few years, libraries and collections have been destroyed in Timbuktu, Lebanon, Egypt, Syria, Iraq and other countries in the region. We invite all interested scholars and librarians who wish to participate in the discussion on what steps and risk management strategies can be taken to protect manuscript and book collections from further destruction.

[IRRT Chair's Program: Library Leadership Initiatives - Stories from a Global Perspective](#)

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Moscone Convention Center – 3003 (W)

Description: We all need to continually evolve as professionals but due to time and budget constraints, it isn't always possible or easy. These constraints are especially true for our colleagues in developing countries. How do individuals, country associations, or international library organizations present, plan, and train for library leadership roles and/or succession planning? How do international conferences promote individual leadership skills? How can these help you to be a better leader and professional? These questions and more will be addressed during the IRRT Chair's Program as we hear leadership stories and solutions from a global perspective.

[The E-Book Landscape in Europe](#)

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Moscone Convention Center – 3004 (W)

Description: This session will explore the e-book landscape in several European countries. Using a panel format, discussion will focus on topics such funding models, subscription/ownership models, assessment, acceptance, infrastructure and other areas.

[International Relations Committee II](#)

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Moscone Convention Center – 222 (S)

[International Librarians Reception](#)

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

San Francisco Public Library

100 Larkin Street (\$40, ticketed event)

Description: Please join the International Relations Round Table in welcoming and celebrating with librarians from more than 80 countries. This reception offers a unique opportunity to network with hundreds of information professionals from around the world. Join us for a mixing of culture and ideas, hors d'oeuvres and open bar. ALA President, Courtney L. Young, will announce the recipients of the ALA Presidential Citation for Innovative International Projects. Winners of the Bogle Pratt Award and the Humphry/OCLC/Forest Press Award for International Librarianship will be announced. International librarians registered for the full conference will receive one complimentary ticket. Tickets will be sold in the convention center. ***No tickets will be sold at the reception site.**