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ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR THE SUPPORT OF LIBRARIES

Library Services to Refugees and Immigrants

4 Workshops 4 Prominent Speakers

From Germany **Barbara Schleihagen** **(IFLA Governing Board)** with the support and contribution of **Goethe-Institut Athen**

From Norway **Ruth Ørnholt** **(IFLA Management & Marketing Section)** with the support and contribution of **Nordic Library**

From USA **Sophie Maier** **(Free Public Library of Louisville, KY)** with the support and contribution of **Information Resource Center, American Embassy**

From Spain **Adela d'Alòs-Moner** **(Social Library Foundation)** with the support and contribution of **The Library Instituto Cervantes de Atenas**

Save the Date!

Friday November 25th, 2016 Goethe Institute (14-16, Omirou str.) **& National Library of Greece** (32, Panepistimiou av., Athens)

Program

9.00-9.30: (Goethe Institute) Registration

10.00-12.30: 4 separate workshops (15 participants in each workshop – Priority in preregistration))

12.30-14.00: Lunch Brake

14.00-15.00: (National Library of Greece)

Welcome by Filippos Tsimpoglou, (General Director of NLG)

Open Discussion with the 4 Speakers

(Sophie Maier, Adela d'Alòs-Moner, Ruth Ørnholt & Barbara Schleihagen)

Moderator: Tonia Arahova (NLG, IFLA Officer)

Participation from Germany with the support of Goethe-Institut Athen

Speaker: **Barbara Schleihagen**

Workshop Title: **Libraries welcome Refugees: Services, Ideas and Funding Possibilities**

Short Bio:

Barbara Schleihagen is Executive Director of the German Library Association representing about 10,000 libraries and based in Berlin, Germany. She is a trained librarian and holds a Master degree (MSc Econ) in "Management of Libraries and Information Services" of the University of Wales. After completion of her studies she worked in various positions in foreign cultural policy.

Her engagement in the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) goes back to 1997, when she gave a presentation on European lobbying for libraries as EBLIDA director. She is a personal member of IFLA since 2001, and was member of the IFLA/FAIFE (Free Access to Information and Freedom of Expression) Committee between 2002 -2007. In 2007, she was elected member of the IFLA Governing Board (re-elected for the second term 2009-2011), in which she also served as IFLA's treasurer. Since 2007, she is as a member of the Standing Committee of the IFLA Management of Library Associations section, currently serving as "Chair". In this capacity, she is again a member of the IFLA Governing Board 2015-2017.

Since 2013, she is the German representative in NAPLE, the European non-governmental association pursuing the interests of the national library authorities in Europe, deputy chair of the Executive Board of the "Reading Foundation" and deputy chair of the Advisory Board of the "Foundation Digital Opportunities".

Participation from Norway with the support of Nordic Library

Speaker: **Ruth Ørnholt**

Workshop Title: **Public libraries - a gateway to society**

Short Bio:

Ruth Ørnholt lives and works in Bergen, Norway. Since 2001 she has been head of the County Library at Hordaland County Council. Her academic background includes studies at the University of Bergen, the Norwegian Academy of Librarianship and the University College of Oslo. She has been working in all the fields of Norwegian public library service, in addition to the oil industry.

The County Library is a driving force in the county's library development with regards to strategies for competence, cooperation between libraries and innovative new services.

Her IFLA engagement goes back to 2001, when she joined the Round Table of Mobile Libraries. She has been a member of the IFLA Public Library Section since 2005. From 2013 she is a member of the Management and Marketing Section.

Participation from USA with the support of Information Resource Center, American Embassy

Speaker: **Sophie Maier**

Workshop title: **Immigrant Services in the Louisville Free Public Library: Welcoming Through Engagement and Programming**

Short Bio: **Sophie Maier** has worked over fourteen years serving immigrants and refugees in Louisville, KY, having earned a Friends of the Louisville Free Public Library scholarship to fund a Masters in Library Science. While attaining a Masters in Political Science she focused her studies on the Middle East and has continued to have an interest in the politics of that region of the world. Sophie earned The Cambridge CELTA (Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) at Kanagawa University and taught extracurricular English to students of Tokyo Kogei University. A year in England as a student at Harlaxton College raised awareness of global activism through work on animal rights issues. A year in Spain included study of the Spanish Civil War at the University of Alicante and exposure to the plight of African migrants in the coastal cities of Spain. Sophie lived four years in NYC working with children in state care – including first generation youth from Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic and the West Indies. This interest has led to hopes that Louisville will join other cities in the U.S which provide refugee resettlement foster homes for unaccompanied minors. Raised by a couple active in the civil rights and open housing movements, Sophie is happy to have found a secular, inclusive, free institution of life time learning in which to continue a commitment to social justice by fostering civic engagement through volunteerism and the welcoming of newcomers.

Participation from Spain with the support of The Library of Instituto Cervantes de Atenas

Speaker: **Adela d'Alòs-Moner**

Workshop Title: **Best practices in the Spanish public libraries for refugees and immigrants**

Short Bio:

Graduated in Library and Information Science from the University of Barcelona (1973). Head of the Science Department, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Central Documentation Center – Barcelona City Council (1981-1987). Subsequently, she coordinates (1998-2001) the municipal web projects (www.bcn.es). Founding member of the company doc6 (www.doc6.es), and Chairman of the Board of Directors for more than 20 years and, until 2012, when she sold her shares. Teaching activities: MA in Documentation - Universidad Carlos III, Consulting Professor in the Universitat Oberta de Catalunya, Universidad de Barcelona. Coordinate of the University extension of the Aula Rubió. From July 2000 until October 2003, President of "Col.legi de Bibliotecaris-Documentalistes de Catalunya". From June 2014, holds the Presidency of the Fundación Biblioteca Social promoting its activity.