

Curriculum vitae: Peter Johan Lor

Education

- D.Phil. (Doctor of Philosophy in Library and Information Science) University of Pretoria, 1990.
Dissertation: "The development of a model for monitoring the South African interlending system". Supervisors: Prof J.A. Boon, University of Pretoria, and Dr Maurice B. Line, Harrogate, England.
- M.Bibl. (Master's degree in Library Science) (*cum laude*) - University of Pretoria, 1978.
Major thesis: "An analysis of the cognitive and working environment of the general practitioner used as a method of constructing a theoretical model of his information needs".
- Hons.B.Bibl. (Honours bachelor's degree in Library Science) (*cum laude*) - University of Stellenbosch, 1975. Librarianship.
Note: The South African honours degree is a separate one year postgraduate qualification permitting further specialization in one of the undergraduate majors and providing preparation for the master's degree, which is usually by major thesis.
- B.A.Hons. (Honours bachelor's degree in Arts (*cum laude*) - University of Pretoria, 1972. French language and literature.
- Licence d'Enseignement de Lettres Modernes - Université de Caen (France), 1971.
French language and literature; general linguistics.
- B.A.Bibl. (B.A. in Librarianship) (*cum laude*) - University of Stellenbosch, 1967.

Professional experience

Chronological summary

- 2009- Visiting Professor, School of Information Studies, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, USA.
2005-2008 Secretary General, International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions, The Hague, The Netherlands
- 2004-2005 Part-time lecturer, Department of Information Science, University of Pretoria
- 2000-2003 National Librarian and Chief Executive Officer, National Library of South Africa.
1999-2000 Acting National Librarian.
- 1998- Professor Extraordinary, Department of Information Science, University of Pretoria (concurrent position).
- 1992-1999 Director, The State Library, Pretoria.
- 1991 Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, University of South Africa, Pretoria.
- 1986-1990 Associate Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, University of South Africa, Pretoria.
- 1982-1986 Assistant Director, The State Library, Pretoria.
- 1980-1982 University Librarian, University of Bophuthatswana, Mafikeng, South Africa.
- 1976-1980 Senior Librarian, Library Services, University of Pretoria.
- 1971-1975 Junior Lecturer/Lecturer, Department of Librarianship, University of Stellenbosch.
- 1968-1970 Assistant Librarian (Assistant Technical Officer), Information and Research Services Department, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, Pretoria.

Qualitative summary

Management experience in executive positions in complex multicultural and international settings; culminating as chief executive officer of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), an international non-governmental organisation with members in over 150 countries. During 1999-2003 managed the merger of the two former national libraries in Cape Town and Pretoria and led the transformation process to build the new National Library of South Africa, created November 1, 1999. As a member of the Board of the National Library and as a director of three non-for-profit companies, gained valuable exposure to issues of corporate governance and financial accountability. Extensive involvement in library and information services (LIS) policy development at national level, with emphasis on developing appropriate LIS policies and structures for post-apartheid South Africa. Consultancies nationally and internationally (national library

legislation, Namibia; wrote UNESCO guidelines for legislation for national library services; served on evaluation team, Royal Library of the Netherlands). Teaching experience in most areas of librarianship, including theoretical foundations of librarianship, research methodology, national LIS planning and policy development; supervision of masters and doctoral students. Currently a visiting professor in the USA as well as an extraordinary professor, University of Pretoria.

For details, see Annexure 1.

Honours and awards

1982 Awarded the *SAILIS Certificate for Research*, an award made to promising younger researchers in library and information science by the South African Institute for Librarianship and Information Science (SAILIS).

1986 Elected a *Fellow* of SAILIS.

1990 Received the University of Pretoria's *P.C. Coetzee Award for Research in Library and Information Science*.

1997 Named "*Library Personality of the Year*" by the Northern Transvaal Branch of SAILIS.

2008 Awarded honorary doctorate (D.Phil.) by the University of Pretoria.

Professional activities

Institutional and official positions

As indicated in Annexure 1, held elected or *ex officio* membership in various committees, boards, working groups, etc. Participated actively in policy making processes aimed at transforming library and information services in South Africa and took a leading role in certain of these initiatives. This involvement extends to Southern Africa more generally, including initiatives to strengthen bibliographic control and to promote library cooperation and resource sharing.

Directorships

Director of the following non-profit companies, registered under Section 21 of the South African Companies Act:

SABINET (South African Bibliographic and Information Network, the holding company of Sabinet Online Pty Ltd): Non-executive director, 2001-; deputy chairperson of the Board, 2002-2003.

Foundation for Library and Information Service Development (FLISD): Director, 1998-2002; Executive Director, 2003.

Book Development Foundation: Non-executive director, 2003.

During 2008 served as director of three limited companies registered in the UK, responsible for organizing the IFLA Congresses of 2008, 2009 and 2010 respectively:

IFLA Congress 2008 Limited.

IFLA Congress 2009 Limited

IFLA Congress 2010 Limited

Membership of international professional organizations

Conference of Directors of National Libraries (CDNL): Member, 1992-2003 ; Chair, 1996-2000.

International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA):

Personal affiliate, 2004-

Section of National Libraries: Member of Standing Committee, 1997-2004.

Section of Library and Information Science Journals: Interim chairperson of Standing Committee, 2004-2005.

Advancement of Librarianship Programme (IFLA/ALP) Chairperson of Advisory Board, 2004-2005.
Section for Library Theory and Research: member of Standing Committee, 2009-2013.
Standing Conference of African National and University Libraries, East, Central and Southern Africa (SCANUL-ECS): Member, 1996-2003; Vice-Chair, 1996-1998.
Council on Library and Information Resources (Washington): International Advisory Committee: Member, 2003.
International Committee of the Blue Shield: Member 2005-2008 (The ICBS consists of representatives of international bodies concerned with the implementation of the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict, 1954.)
Jury for the UNESCO World Book Capital City: Member, 2005-2008.

Membership of national professional organisations

Library and Information Association of South Africa (LIASA)

Member 1997-

Chair of Interim Executive Committee (IEC), 1996-1997.

The IEC was elected at the ULIS (Unification of Library and Information Stakeholders) Conference in Johannesburg, July 1996, to steer the second phase of the process of establishing a new organization to unify South Africa's library and information workers. The IEC was responsible for drafting a constitution for the new organization, holding consultative workshops throughout the country, and organizing the Constituent Conference on 8-10 July 1997 at which the *Library and Information Association of South Africa (LIASA)* was formed.

Chair of the Transitional Executive Committee, 1997-1998.

The Transitional Executive Committee oversaw the development of LIASA, to the point where it could be handed over as a going concern, with seven provincial branches and more than 1000 paid-up members, to its first elected President and Council at its first annual conference in November 1998.

Representative Council: Member and member of Executive Committee, 1998-2000.

Gauteng North Branch: Chair, 1999-2000.

South African Association for Research and Development in Higher Education: Member, 1990-2003.

Current membership of editorial boards

Alexandria; journal of national and international library and information issues (Ashgate Publishing, UK): Editorial Adviser, 1996-

Innovation: a journal for appropriate librarianship: Editorial consultant, 1999-

International information & library review: Honorary Advisory Board of Contributing Consultants, 2002-

Journal of interlibrary loan, document delivery, and electronic reserve: Consulting editor, 1989-

Library management, Member of Editorial Advisory Board 2004-

South African journal of libraries and information science: Member of Editorial Advisory Board, 2002-

Professional meetings and travel

Has participated in numerous professional meetings both locally and internationally. Since 1979 has made over sixty international trips for professional purposes, visiting more than 35 countries on all continents. Since 1992 annually attends IFLA Conferences, including (1992-2003) CDNL meetings. Has presented over 160 papers, addresses and other contributions at professional meetings and events in 25 countries. See Annexure 2 for details.

Research interests

National libraries

National library and information policies

National and international library associations

Political, economic and ethical aspects of international information flows between developed and developing countries

International library and information relations

International and comparative librarianship (with a focus on research methodology)

Publications

Over 150 professional publications, of which c. 45 in refereed journals. Articles and conference papers by Lor have appeared in journals and proceedings published in 17 countries and have been translated into French, Hungarian, Italian, Moldovan, Slovak, Swedish and Ukrainian. A full chronological list is provided in Annexure 3.

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