

Published articles about IFLA personalities

Work in progress: Biographies, obituaries and interviews encountered in the course of my research. Items Extracted from my Zotero database

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General

Wijnstroom, Margreet. 1984. "IFLA Presidents: The Prophets of the Library Profession?" In *Liber Amicorum Herman Liebaers*, edited by Frans Vanwijngaerden. Brussels: Bibliothèque Royale
ABSTRACT: Looks at the development of IFLA from 1927 through the work of its president, specifically based on a thoughtful evaluation of their almost fifty presidential addresses. Collijn, Bishop, **Godet** (long), Munthe, Bourgeois, Hoffman, Francis, **Liebaers** (long), .Kirkegaard, Granheim. Q1 QA-Hist

Bishop, William Warner

Kaser, David. 1956. "William Warner Bishop: Contributions to a Bibliography." *The Library Quarterly: Information, Community, Policy* 26 (1): 52–60
ABSTRACT: Brief biography. Long list of publications. mentions Bishop's international involvement, but no mention at all of IFLA. (He was IFLA's second president and played a major role in the founding of IFLA, starting with his participation in the Expert Committee of Librarians of the League of Nations' International Committee of Intellectual Cooperation.) L15 (?)

Mohrhardt, Foster E. 1977. "USA Librarians and IFLA." In *IFLA's First Fifty Years; Achievements and Challenges in International Librarianship*, edited by Willem R. H. Koops and Joachim Wieder, 83–100. IFLA Publications 10. Munich: Verlag Dokumentation. <https://doi.org/10.1515/9783111356655.83>
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Francis, Sir Frank

Francis, Frank. 1977. "Reminiscences of IFLA." In *IFLA's First Fifty Years; Achievements and Challenges in International Librarianship*, edited by Willem R. H. Koops and Joachim Wieder, 108–12. IFLA Publications 10. Munich: Verlag Dokumentation. <https://doi.org/10.1515/9783111356655>
ABSTRACT: Q1; Q4; G3 QA-Biog QC-Remin

Carroll, Frances Laverne. 1986. "Some Impressions of Former Presidents of IFLA 1963–1979: Francis, Liebaers and Kirkegaard." *International Library Review* 18 (2): 147–52. [https://doi.org/10.1016/S0020-7837\(86\)80050-4](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0020-7837(86)80050-4)
ABSTRACT: Based on Carroll's interviews with Sir Frank Francis, Herman Liebaers and Preben Kirkegaard Q1 QA-Biog QC-Interv

Geh, Hans-Peter

Carroll, Frances Laverne. 1994. "IFLA: From Turmoil to Turmoil: Based on an Interview with Hans-Peter Geh." *Information Development* 10 (December): 279–84. <https://doi.org/10.1177/026666699401000412>
ABSTRACT: "Hans-Peter Geh, President of IFLA from 1985 to 1991, talks to Laverne Carroll about his time in office and his views on international librarianship." Geh's own career; involvement in IFLA started with his work preparing for the IFLA Conference in Frankfurt in 1968. Political issues with the DDR in Frankfurt, invasion of Czechoslovakia during the conference week; more political problems with East Germany at the Leipzig Conference in 1981; workings of the Executive Board (why it should have closed meetings, not open); proposal for a joint meeting of FID and IFLA in 1996, but that did not happen. IFLA's Medium-Term and long-term programmes; genesis of the core programmes; place of library schools in IFLA; general role of librarians in relation to users; problems relating to the selection of Havana as the venue for the IFLA Conference in 1994 and Beijing in 1996; place of South Africa in IFLA; the events during the IFLA Conference in Moscow in 1991. Q1 QA-Genl QB-Biog QB2-Politics QC-Interv

Godet, Marcel

Sevensma, Tietse Pieter. 1949. "Marcel Godet overleden." *Bibliotheekleven* 34: 225–26.
ABSTRACT: Obituary for Dr Marcel Godet, third president of IFLA [In Dutch].
Q1; QA-Biog

Weibel, Andrea. 2020. "Marcel Godet." In *Historisches Lexikon Der Schweiz*.
<https://hls-dhs-dss.ch/de/articles/031752/2020-01-21/>
ABSTRACT: Very brief biography of IFLA's third president, who kept IFLA alive during WW2. Q1; QA-Biog

Granheim, Else

Carroll, Frances Laverne. 1991. "Word from an IFLA Fox: An Interview with Else Granheim." *Information Development* 7 (1): 12–18.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/026666699100700104>

ABSTRACT: Edited text of an interview with Else Granheim, Director General, Statens Bibliotekstilsyn (Norwegian Directorate for Public and School Libraries), Oslo, and former President of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA). The role of president of IFLA is discussed from the point of view of a woman, the only one who had held the office at that time. Also, the structure and problems of IFLA are discussed." Touches on relations with USSR and countries of Central & Eastern Europe; participation of countries in South America, Africa and Asia, relations with FID & ICA (very little), ALP, UBC, UAP, support of development agencies, conferences in developing countries: Philippines (political problem) and Nairobi (logistics); UNESCO; UDT; how can IFLA exercise influence; interdependence , p. Q1 QA-Genl QA-Biog QC-Interv

Henriot, Gabriel

Meuvret, Colette. 1965. "Une Carrière de Bibliothécaire: Gabriel Henriot, 1990-1965." *Bulletin d'informations de l'A.B.F.*, no. 049: 233–43

ABSTRACT: Quite detailed biography of Henriot, who put forward the resolution at the Prague Conference of 1926 which ultimately led to the founding of IFLA. Not much information on IFLA. Q1; QB-Biog

Kirkegaard, Preben

Carroll, Frances Laverne. 1986. "Some Impressions of Former Presidents of IFLA 1963–1979: Francis, Liebaers and Kirkegaard." *International Library Review* 18 (2): 147–52. [https://doi.org/10.1016/S0020-7837\(86\)80050-4](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0020-7837(86)80050-4)

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Liebaers, Herman

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Wijnstroom, Magreet. 2010. "Herman Liebaers 1919-2010." IFLA. 2010. <http://www.ifla.org/files/hq/news/documents/liebaers-wijnstroom.pdf>

ABSTRACT: Liebaers was an influential post-WW2 President of IFLA. Some background on IFLA's history. Q1 QA-Biog QC-Obituary

Milam, Carl

Mohrhardt, Foster E. 1977. "USA Librarians and IFLA." In *IFLA's First Fifty Years; Achievements and Challenges in International Librarianship*, edited by Willem R. H. Koops and Joachim Wieder, 83–100. IFLA Publications 10. Munich: Verlag Dokumentation. <https://doi.org/10.1515/9783111356655.83>

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Raseroka, H. Kay

Wieldraaijer, Eimer. 2002. "Toekomstige IFLA-Voorzitster Kay Raseroka: 'Wie Zijn Informatievrijheid Verliest, Verliest Uiteindelijk Alles.'" *Bibliotheekblad* 6 (19): 6–9

ABSTRACT: Interview with Kay Raseroa, at the time President-Elect of IFLA (In Dutch) Q1 QA-Biog QC-Interv

Sevensma, Tietse Pieter

Breycha-Vauthier, Arthur C. 1966. "T. P. Sevensma (1879-1966)." *Libri* 16 (4): 312–13
ABSTRACT: Obituary by Sevensma's assistant secretary and later successor as the Chief Librarian of the League of Nations/UN Library in Geneva. Q1 QA-Biog QC-Obit

Groot, J.R. de. 1970. "Tietse Pieter Sevensma (1879-1966), IFLA Secretary General 1929-1958." IFLA, 1970. <https://www.ifla.org/tietse-pieter-sevensma-1879-1966/>.

Groot, J.R. de. 1970. "Tietse Pieter Sevensma (Sneek 22 juli 1879 - Hilversum 30 juni 1966)." *Jaarboek van de Maatschappij der Nederlandse Letterkundere* 1971 (1970): 195–202.
More detailed, in Dutch.

Valauskas, Edward. 2004. "The Pioneers: Tietse Pieter Sevensma." *World Libraries* 14 (1): n.p.
ABSTRACT: "Tietse Pieter Sevensma was one of the most significant Dutch librarians in the last century with remarkable influence on international librarianship for decades. Sevensma was Secretary General of the International Federation of Library Associations longer than anyone in the history of the Association. He was also the influential director of the library at the League of Nations in Geneva for over a decade." Some background on early days of IFLA. Q1; L15 QA-Biog

Tisserant, Cardinal Eugène

Breycha-Vauthier, Arthur C. 1972. In Memoriam 1884-1972, Le Cardinal Tisserant dans la Vie Internationale des Bibliothèques." *Libri* 22 (3): 252–70.
<https://doi.org/10.1515/LIBR.1972.22.3.252>

ABSTRACT: Homage to Cardinal Tisserand, who had been a good friend and supporter of IFLA in its early years. Tisserant was an influential member of the Roman Curia. He was responsible for the Vatican Library and in that capacity became an important supporter of IFLA in its early years.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eug%C3%A8ne_Tisserant . Q1 QA-Biog QC-Obit

Wieder, Joachim

Pflug, Günther. 1993. "Joachim Wieder (1912-1992), In Memoriam." *IFLA Journal* 19 (1): 14–15

ABSTRACT: Obituary. Wieder served as IFLA's Secretary General from 1958 to 1962. After retiring from that position, he remained active in IFLA and authored/co-authored a number of publications about IFLA. Q1 QA-Biog QC-Obit

Wijnstroom, Margreet

Carroll, Frances Laverne. 1984. "The Structure of IFLA, Based on an Interview with the Secretary General Margreet Wijnstroom." *International Library Review* 16 (4): 147–52

ABSTRACT: Article outlining IFLA as an organisation through an extensive interview with Secretary General, Margreet Wijnstroom. Excerpt: "Asked in 1983 if she had a job description, she quickly replied that one did not exist when she accepted the position and said, 'I would have had to make it myself, so I did not spend any time on that.' [...] Margreet Wijnstroom's administrative function is, as in any international secretariat, primarily to find new forms of co-operation. Her second vital function involves the promotion of IFLA's legitimacy as a global actor with global perspectives. [...] Margreet Wijnstroom concluded the interview by saying, 'Librarianship is international by nature; the foundation of librarianship is to make sure that information reaches people and to safeguard that right to information. I believe that librarianship without international contacts and international awareness would decline rapidly.'" Q1 QA-Management QB-Biog QC-Interv

Bakker, Jane. 2018. "Margreet Wijnstroom: A Life Dedicated to Ensuring Universal Access to Information." *Informatics Studies* 5 (4): 05–10

ABSTRACT: "Margreet Wijnstroom (1922-2018) from Bloemendaal, in Netherlands was live in sports and information management two streams of her passion [sic]. She was the Secretary General of IFLA from 1971 to 1987; its formative period. She was a farsighted leader of library movements worldwide, has fostered the advancement of international librarianship, provided leadership to the library and information community worldwide, demonstrated a comprehensive understanding of all types of libraries and the interrelationships among them,

showed a great concern for establishing information systems in developing and underdeveloped countries which can reach all classes of people and was keen on IFLA supporting projects to narrow the digital divide and achieve universal access to information. Margreet passed away on 1 October 2018 and her death is a great loss to the library and information science community.” [This looks like a Google Translate product.]

Quite comprehensive biography, including a fair amount on her work at IFLA. The bibliography lists 6 articles on her and mentions a festschrift article in the IFLA Journal 13(3) Oct 1987 by William J. Welsh

<https://doi.org/10.1177/034003528701300340>). The Festschrift issue (Volume 13 Issue 3, October 1987) is entirely devoted to Wijnstroom and contains about two dozen brief articles and tributes; it may be useful for background information on the period 1971-1987.

Q1; Z92 (Festschrift) QA-Biog QC-Obit

Leitner, Gerald. 2018. “Margreet Wijnstroom (1922-2018).” *IFLA* (blog). 2018.

<https://www.ifla.org/news/margreet-wijnstroom-1922-2018/>

ABSTRACT: Brief but quite insightful obituary. Q1 QA-Biog QC-Obit