

My journey to Iran at a glance

Jan Richards | I have just returned from a four day visit to Iran which included: three cities (Tehran, Shiraz and Mashhad); 14 library visits; two presentations; and the opening of the fabulous new Mashhad Central Library. All this and the chance to meet with so many wonderful colleagues. What an opportunity!

During my visit I was often asked how public libraries in Iran compare to those in other countries. This is only natural, we all like to compare ourselves to others. I responded that it would be disrespectful of me to comment on this as, despite everything that was crammed in, my visit was so brief and the libraries I was able to visit limited. More importantly when we are comparing ourselves to others it is important to remember that we are all different. Our culture, history and economic situation make it difficult. As we would say in Australia 'you can't compare apples with oranges' - they are two different fruits.

What we do all have in common is the enthusiasm, dedication and professionalism of our staff. I was humbled to be met with such hospitality and generosity of spirit and was deeply interested in the programs that have been developed to meet the needs of the communities that each specific library serves.

In my role with IFLA I am part of a group

currently reviewing the IFLA/UNESCO Public Library Manifesto which was ratified in 1994. The Manifesto is important as it proclaims UNESCO's belief in the public library as a living force for education, culture and information, and as an essential agent for the fostering of peace and spiritual welfare through the minds of men and women. It identifies the public library as being central to freedom and equity of access to knowledge and information for all people.

Over the next few months IFLA's Public Libraries Standing Committee will be curating stories from around the world that demonstrate one or more of the Manifesto's key missions at work. During my time in Iran I was mentally reflecting on how public libraries in your country deliver on some of these and how we could share this story.

In almost every library I visited there was a

strong focus on services to children and young people, reflecting the importance of creating a nation of readers with the resultant benefits that this brings to the individual and to society. This ranged from inviting children's spaces with storytime programs within the larger library, to the libraries which are only for children in Shiraz. I was honoured to be part of an awards ceremony at one of these libraries where the children and young people were recognized for many achievements. The



pride and delight on their faces showed how they valued reading. Creating and strengthening reading habits in children from an early age and stimulating the imagination and creativity of children and young people are core to public library provision.

In several libraries I visited there was a strong focus on collections of cultural sig-

nificance, newspapers, manuscripts and archival materials and the digitized collections at the Central Library of Astan Quds Razavi in Mashhad was breathtaking (as was the building!). In Shiraz I was able to witness Mission 8 'supporting the oral tradition' first hand when a storyteller held a group of teenage boys rapt with his recitation of a traditional tale.

While these examples that can be linked back to the Manifesto provide a starting point for talking about public libraries in Iran what struck me most was the genuine interest in what others are doing and how we can learn from one another. This sharing of knowledge is a two way street. I returned to Australia with many ideas in my head of how we, the international library community, can work more effectively together and share our experience and expertise. I don't necessarily have any answers - yet! I will however be discussing it further with my fellow IFLA Standing committee members in Finland this March. As we say 'watch this space'!

Thank you again for having me in your beautiful country. I hope to return soon.

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Iranians in the 36th IBBY Congress

International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY) is a non-profit institute which had been founded in Zurich, Switzerland, in 1953 in response to a proposition made by Jella Lepman, an English-German Journalist (1891-1970), with the aim of improving the quality of children and young adults' books, extension of their libraries and making an understanding between young generations of various nations via books.

Holding the International Children and Young Adults Literature Congress once every two years in the member nations is one of the most important activities of IBBY.

The 36th international congress of IBBY under the title of East Meets West around Children's Books and Fairy Tales was held in Athens, Greece, from August 30 to September 1.

This congress was attended by Roya Maktabi-fard (Two Women, Two Continents and A Single Ideal: Jella Lepman and Touran Mirhadi), Bahar Eshraq (Footprint of Little Prince in Iran's National Children Literature), Hamid Peymani and...



Iranians in the ISSN Workshop

On the occasion of Books Week, the ISSN National Center with the support of NLAI held an educational workshop for representatives of 30 Iranian Journals on Nov. 20, 2018. In this one-day workshop, employees of Iran ISSN National Center and journal publishers discussed about international and national rules and instructions about allocation of ISSN, launching the new ISSN portal and free accessibility for publishers to this portal and services and facilities of ROAD. It is necessary to note that besides Iranian journals' publishers, authorities of nationwide journals from Islamic Culture and Guidance Ministry, Health and Medical Education Ministry attended the workshop.

...Delneshin Danaie (Children Books Publishers' Perspective about Copyright in Iran).

In the Posters category, Soudabeh Nowzari and Mitra Samimi proposed their poster as "Iranian Children and Young Adults Look to the World: A Report about a 38-year Project in Iran". Likewise, this congress appreciated candidates of the IBBY Honour List. Farhad Hassanzadeh, author of Call Me Beautiful (Institute for the Intellectual Development of Children and Young Adults), Farzad Farbod, translator of The Ocean at the End of the Lane (Paryan Press) and Nazanin Abbasi, illustrator of Warning, The Risk of Mice and Others' Attack (Neyestan Press) were three Iranian artists and authors whose works in compilation, translation and illustration categories became candidate in the IBBY Honour List and received appreciation plaque from juries of Hans Christian Andersen Awards.

International Guests on ISE Congress

Ten international faculty members and active practitioners attended various courses of the 4th Information Sciences Experts Congress both personally and online. These people were:

-The opening panel and UNIMARC panel: Gordana Mazić, Permanent UNIMARC Com-mittee (PUC), Olga Zhelobinskaya, Presidential Library of Yeltsin, and Ales Bosnjak, National and University Library of Slovenia.

-Digital Development Panel; Paving way for emergent opportunities: Mehdi Ghane, Faculty Member of University of Stuttgart.

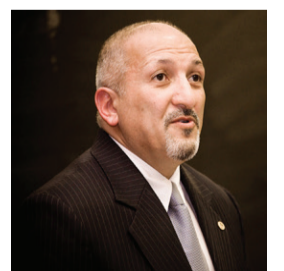
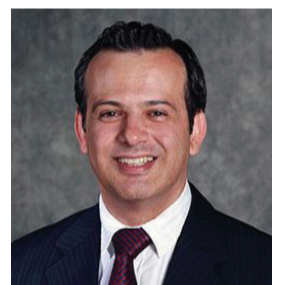
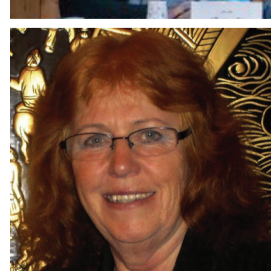
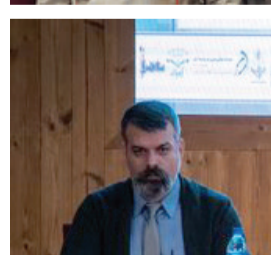
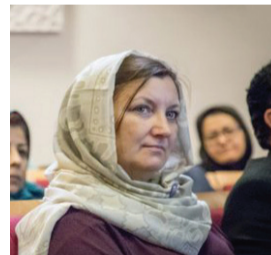
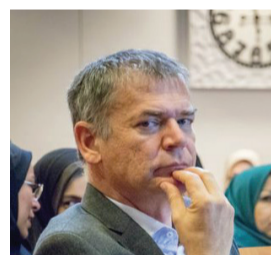
-Sustainable Development in Libraries: Petra Hauke, Secretary of Environment, Sustainability and Libraries (ENSULIB) Special Interest Group of IFLA.

-Educational, Research and Professional Challenges and Opportunities in Scientometrics Field Panel: Ehsan Mohammadi, Faculty Member of South Carolina University.

-Knowledge Organization Panel: Michael Gorman, Former President of American Library Association and Researcher of Knowledge Organization Field, Mauro Guerrini, Former President of Italian Library Association and Researcher of Knowledge Organization Field in Florence University, Italy.

-Students and Graduates Panel: Jamshid Beheshti, Faculty Member of McGill University.

-Public Libraries Panel: Jan Richards, Manager of Central West Libraries and Chair of Public Libraries Standing Committee.



Iranian Books in The White Ravens Catalogue

From the large quantity of books, which the International Youth Library (IYL) Internationale Jugendbibliothek, (IJB) in Munich receives every year, it selects some new releases for its White Ravens Catalogue.

This year, they examined the written books which have been published for the first time in Iran in 2017 (from January 1, 2017 to January



21, 2018). The number of books sent to this library was not very much and the necessary condition to insert a book into this LIST is to make available at least one copy of it in IYL.

The four books from Iran which have found their ways into this catalogue are as follows:

- Be Careful, Birds Are Eating Their Breakfasts, Hossein Toulai;
- Padishkhwārgar: Over the Existence Foundations, Arman Arian;
- Good Night, Torna, Jamal al-Din Akrami;
- The Boxer, Hassan Mousavi.

The Considerable Growth of Iranian Researchers List

Web of Science (WOS) published the Highly Cited Researchers List. In this list, the world's most influential researchers who play key roles in sharing science across the international arena by highly being cited are identified and introduced. This list only considers the highly cited articles published in the science and social sciences journals, which have been published and cited in WOS website within 2006-2016. These articles are elicited from the Essential Science Indicators (ESI) and only a limited percent of superior researchers who have recorded articles in this website are appeared in the highly cited researchers list. There are 16 researchers from Iran in the list published on the most cited scientists of the world, which it has become more than doubled in contrast to what had been published last year. The subjective categories such as chemistry, mathematics and engineering, engineering, agricultural sciences and interdisciplinary fields are evident in this list. In the highly cited researchers list of 2018, there are 14 Islamic countries, which they were 11 and 7 countries in 2017 and 2016, respectively. It makes it clear that Muslim researchers are increasingly play more serious roles in the scientific arenas and it emphasizes their eye-catching growth.

60% Growth in Times Ranking 2019

Times Higher Education World University Rankings is one of the most authentic international ranking systems which ranks the world's universities, 11 new Iranian universities were added to the list; as, today 29 universities from the Islamic Republic of Iran are amongst the 1258 best universities of the world from 86 countries. It is a promising fact that shows the capable Iranian universities would advance more in



terms of the authentic international rankings.

Amir Kabir University of Technology's ranking has been advanced in compare to the last year. It is while, Iran had only a university in this ranking in 2012-2014 and it had two universities, i.e. Sharif University of Technology and Isfahan University of Technology in 2015. Iranian universities in this list increased to 8 cases in 2016 and it continued its growing trend in 2017 and 2018 by increasing to 13 and 18 universities, respectively. Iran ranks the first among other Muslim countries in terms of number of universities in this ranking list.

Cypriot Ambassador to Tehran Meets NLAI

Attending the NLAI, Petros T. Nacouzis, the Cypriot ambassador to Tehran, visited different departments of this organization and then met and talked with Ashraf Broujerdi, the Director of NLAI. "The NLAI is composed of two important departments of library and documents which had been integrated since 2003. Besides trying to safeguard our cultural heritage and maintain millions copies of books and documents, we have paved the way for both growth and development of scientific foundations of both Iranology and Islamology. On the other hand, we are committed to bring about international communications in cultural field and to increased education of interactions related to maintaining books and documents, because today the cultural diplomacy may play more influential and effective role than the political one," Broujerdi said in this meeting.

For his part, Petros T. Nacouzis, the Cypriot ambassador to Tehran, said, "In Cyprus, the national archives and national library are two separated entities. The former, not only protects and maintains documents, but it also serves researchers to conduct their studies. The latter both maintains the resources and starts a good communication with the European councils." Declaring their enthusiasm to sign any sort of MOU with the NLAI, he said, "Iran and Cyprus have many shared historical experiences, hence we can cooperate with each other in different fields. In a common cultural activity, we can provide a condition for the researchers to elicit a proper historical background of both countries using the historical references and documents."

Republic of Lithuania's Ambassador in Iran

Andrius Brouzga, Republic of Lithuania's ambassador to Tehran, visited National Library and Archives of Iran on Nov. 27, 2018. On the sidelines of this visit, a common exhibition of paper-cutting art in association of Lithuania's

both needs to maintain works and to extend and promote the culture and information. So, it is a vital entity for the new generation which will make them familiar with the written works. Like Iran, Lithuania is an ancient land with a long history which finally found



Folklore Artists Association was opened.

Speaking in the opening ceremony of the exhibition, Broujerdi, the Director of NLAI said, "We are ready to start interaction and even exchanges in bibliographic and documentary information with various countries and certain events such as holding common gatherings and exhibitions in both countries would help people to be familiar with the other country's culture,

For his part, Andrius Brouzga, Republic of Lithuania's ambassador to Tehran, said, "Since the National Library of Iran is an integrated entity of two important organizations, it plays a key and significant role, because it

its independence after many years of occupation. The traditional language of this country has an Indo-European origin and is categorized as a branch of Sanskrit; so despite the fact that our script is Latin, but we have tried our best to safeguard our language in order to save our history. However, there is an ancient language which has become obsolete, but we are trying to revive and keep it over the time. The oldest ancient monuments of Lithuania date back to 16 and 17 centuries. It is necessary to maintain people's language and tradition and this fair is an excuse to show just a corner of this culture to Iranian people."

Chair of the UNIMARC Committee in Iran

Gordana Mazić, Chair of the Permanent UNIMARC Committee, and her entourage first met Gholamreza Amirkhani, Vice President of NLAI, and then paid a visit to the Information and Data Processing and Organizing Departments General

cataloguing of references in Rasa In another separate schedule on Tuesday morning, Nov. 20, both Gordana Mazić and Ales Bosnjak, a member of Information and Communication Technology Department of University of Maribor and Presi-



on Monday, Nov. 19, 2018. In this visit, Chair of the Permanent UNIMARC Committee and her entourage closely became familiar with Rasa software and its usage in organizing the bibliographic references, cataloguing in publication (CIP), International Standard Serial Number (ISSN) and information dissemination process, e.g. borrowed books and inventory of the National Library. Gordana Mazić expressed astonishment at the extent of development National Library and Archives of Iran has experienced in terms of scientific products of librarianship such as Persian Library of Subject Headings (bilingual) and precise

dent of Slovenian Information Science Institute, made a tour on the Iran National Achieves Building and started a discussion with the authorities of the Iran National Archive including Hamed Iranshahi, Archive-based Services Director General, about the new approaches of UNIMARC on the world's archives, the instructions of international brand, problems in accessing an integrated system and reaching an ideal level, similarities amongst archives and libraries across the world. The meeting was followed by a visit they paid to the different departments of NLAI.

4th Annual Congress of Information Science Experts (ISE): A Brief Report

4th Annual Congress of Information Science Experts was held by ILISA in cooperation with educational schools and relevant nationwide institutes and organization in the National Library of Iran's auditorium on Nov. 17 and 18, 2018. In the opening ceremony, Fariborz Khosravi, Chairman of BD of ILISA, Rahmatallah Fattahi, the Scientific Secretary of the 4th congress, Ashraf Broujerdi, the Director of National Library and Archives of Iran, Mohammad Joharchi, representative of Alireza Mokhtarpour from Iran Public Libraries Foundation, Parviz Shariari, the Research Deputy of Iranian Research Institute for Information Science and Technology, Mohammad Reza Ahanchian, General Manager of Education Planning Department of Ministry of Science, Research and Technology, and finally Gordana Mazić, Chair of the Permanent UNI-MARC Committee, respectively delivered their speeches.

In this two-day event, twenty special meetings on various topics related to information were held which all were attended by more than 1000 students, university professors and occupational experts in each day. The opening ceremony's agenda will be followed by a summary of discussions made through these meetings.

The Opening Ceremony: The opening ceremony was held concerning the fundamental challenges of Information Sciences in Iran. The secretary of this ceremony was Rahmatallah Fattahi, its special speaker was Mohammad Reza Neyestani, the Deputy of Supervision and Quality Assurance Center of Ministry of Science, Research and Technology (MSRT) and the members of its panel were Abdolhossein Farajpahlou, Department Chair of Information Sciences of Ahwaz Chamran University and president of planning committee of Information Sciences of MSRT, Mohammad Hassanzadeh, secretary

of planning committee of Information Sciences of MSRT, Dariush Ali-Mohammadi, Faculty Member and Director of Kharazmi University Central Library and Hassan Mahmudi, PhD graduate and faculty member of Semnan University. The main topics posed in this meeting were as follows: drafting and categorizing the challenges concerning Information Sciences, viewpoint of the higher management of MSRT to demands,



imperatives and curricula, strategies to enhance quality and effectiveness of education in Information Sciences.

Students and graduates: The meeting between students and graduates was held with the topic of education ethics and tutorage manner. The secretary of this meeting was Farahnaz Soltani, MS of Islamic Sciences Researches Center (NOOR). The main topics posed in this meeting: education ethics from viewpoint of university professors and the necessity of its execution education ethics from viewpoint of students and strategies to its implementation, tutorage manner and its effective factors in improving the interactions between students and professors, improving students' knowledge level through offering education proper with their interests and talents.

Evaluation of Educational Departments: The panel of Evaluation of Educational Departments was held with the rubric of evaluating the quality of educational departments of Information Sciences. Its secretary was Faramarz Masoudi, Counselor of Quality Management Systems of National Iranian Steel Company. The main topics posed in this meeting: Analyzing the internal and external evaluative indicators of the educational departments, the challenges one may face in current evaluations of the educational departments, experiences on evaluation of educational departments, new models for educational evaluations and to which extent they may be employed in Iran, analyzing the extent in which the educational departments may play roles in the international arenas.

Public Libraries: The panel of Public Libraries was held with the rubric of libraries as platform's secretary was Mehrnaz Khorasanchi, Director of Public Library of Hosseiniyeh Ershad and BD Member of ILISA. The main topics posed in this meeting: Platform-based thinking, quiddity and haecceity Dictionary, specifications of platform libraries, the necessity to redefine library in the digital arena, the network effect on public libraries.

Children Libraries: The panel of Children Libraries was held with the rubric of teaching experiences about lesson of materials and services of libraries for children and young adults. Its secretary was Parisa Pasyar, PhD candidate of Information Sciences and research expert of NLAI. The main topics posed in this meeting: Teaching experiences about lesson of materials and services of children and young adults' libraries, analyzing the proposed curricula for the MS course of children and young adults' librarianship and educational libraries management.

Archives: the panel of Archive was held

Sustainable Development: The sustainable development was held with the topic of sustainable development at libraries. The secretary of this meeting was Mahboubeh Ghorbani, its special speaker was Petra Hauk, Secretary of Environment, Sustainability and Libraries Special Interest Group of IFLA. The main topics posed in this meeting: concepts of sustainable development and national and international policies, sus-

tainable development in libraries, concept of green library, identification of metrics and analyzing them, training sustainable development in Information Sciences, librarian-ship activities in realization of sustainable development.

Scientometrics: Scientometrics meeting was held with the topic of educational, research and occupational challenges and opportunities on Scientometrics. The secretary of the meeting was Saeed Asadi, Faculty Member of Shahed University. The main topics posed in this meeting: Education Agenda: MS Curricula, complementary education, internship ad educational imperatives; Research Agenda: new topics of this field in Iran and the world' Occupation Agenda: available and proposed opportunities, necessary skills to find jobs and duties

with the rubric of academic education, empowering manpower, dynamicity of archive profession. Its secretary was Gholamreza Azizi, Faculty Member of NLAI, its special speaker was Eng. Ali Zarafshan, deputy of NLAI. The main topics posed in this meeting: Archive as a science, academic and in-service education, pathology.

LEI: The panel of LEI (Librarians Experiences and Ideas) was held. Its secretary was Amir Reza Asnafi, Head of Information Sciences Department of Shahid Beheshti University. The main topics posed in this meeting were various experiences and ideas, explaining ideas and innovations.

Digital Development: The panel of Emergent Technology was held with the rubric of digital development; paving the way for the emergent opportunities. Its secretary was Mostafa Amini, PhD candidate of Information Sciences. The main topics posed in this meeting: development, quiddity and haecceity, the effect digital development on Information Sciences, the effect of digital development on formation of emergent opportunities.

UniMARC: A meeting with IFLA'S UniMARC Committee was held. Its secretary was Akbari Darian and member of its panel Morteza Kokabi, Rahmatollah Fattahi, Zahra Shademan, Hassan Bagheri, Ales Bosnjak and Gordana Mazić. The main topics posed in this meeting: Sharing experiences of Iran on UniMARC and IranMARC, the brief history of IranMARC, data organization in Iran, IranMARC's challenges in NLAI's comprehensive software (Rasa), IranMARC Project, UniMARC experiences in Yugoslavia and Slovenia.

School Libraries: The School Libraries panel was held with the rubric of necessary academic and professional training for the scholastic librarians. Its secretary was Nastaran Poursalehi, Professor of Tehran University, and school Librarian. The main

of scientometrics experts in universities and research institutes.

Special Libraries: The meeting of special libraries was held with the topic of standards of Iran's special libraries. The secretary of the meeting was Giti Heidari, supervisor of Special Libraries Committee of ILISA. The main topics posed in this meeting: definition, concept and diversity of the special libraries, role and the significance of standards in empowering libraries, from quantitative standards to resultant standards, guidelines for compiling standards of the special libraries, organizational capacities to compile and validate standards of special libraries in Iran, supplying Latin information resources for the CBI library after sanctions.

Knowledge Organization: Knowledge organization panel was held concerning challenges of knowledge academic organization in Iran. The secretary of the panel was Maliheh Dorkhosh, PhD candidate of Information Sciences, Director of organizing Office in central library of Tehran University. The main topics posed in this meeting were as follows: number of courses and curricula proposed to the organizing lessons, teaching methods of knowledge organization in universities, capability and quality of knowledge organization trainers, using knowledge organization experts and professionals in academic training.

Guild Studies: Guild studies panel was held with the topic of updating job description and occupational thinking. Secretary of panel was Mahsa Pourhaghani, The Public Relations Director of Didehban Press. The main topics posed in this meeting: The Analysis report of Classification and Evaluation of Public Servants Occupations, with the latest reforms and additions of 2017, a report about updating librarian job description, explaining occupational experiences.

Medical Libraries: The Medical Librar-

ies and Librarians meeting was held with the topic of analyzing the educational content of medical librarianship and information and its appropriateness with the labor market and the current rules and regulations. Its secretary was Abdolrasoul Khosravi, faculty member of Medical University of Boushehr. The main topics posed in this meeting: Training Medical Librarianship and Information, in-service trainings for librarians, empowering librarians, employment and job labor of the graduates.

The second day's panels are as follows:

Management of Research Data: The panel of Management of Research Data was held with the rubric of free accessibility to information. Its secretary was Behrooz Rasouli, PhD candidate of Information Sciences of Iranian Information Sciences and Technology Research Center. The main topics posed in this meeting: free access to theses and dissertations of students and the problems they may encounter, the role of IRANDOC in managing students theses and dissertations in Iran, accessibility to research data in Iran, free access, free data, free knowledge.

Academic Libraries: The panel of Academic Libraries was held with the rubric of empowering and continuous training of academic librarians and using their capacities. The secretary of this panel was Maryam Asadi, Deputy of Central Library off Sharif University of Technology. The main topics posed in this meeting: the role of academic librarians in achieving to research and educational purposes of universities, the role of academic libraries, educational and research and professional qualities of academic librarians to pace with the structural shift in the academic libraries, empowering related librarians in the framework of academic and in-service trainings, sharing experiences on empowerment and training academic librarians.

topics posed in this meeting: roles and expectations from an ideal scholastic librarian, communicational skills of scholastic librarians, book-reading promotion skills (space-building and executive activities), organizing and coherent management of libraries.

Information Ethics: Information Ethics panel was held with the rubric of professional ethics of information expert with a look to Ethics and Honesty in Libraries. Its secretary was Nadiya Haji Azizi, Director of IRANDOC's Scientific Relations Department, Director of Information Ethics Group of Iran Information Management Scientific Association. The main topics posed in this meeting were as follows: ethics of information experts, book review, theoretical dimensions of professional ethics, and practical dimensions of professional ethics.

Awards: In the closing ceremony the selected ones were appreciated by awarding trophies, appreciation plaques and golden coins. By offering a report about the analyzing procedure of works, The Scientific Committee of Awards of Iranian Librarianship and Information Scientific Association introduced the selected ones. Accordingly, the selected ones of the third course of National Awards were introduced as follows:

Abbas Horri Award: Using the Information Literacy Model for Information Literacy Instruction: A Case Study. By Marzieh Siamak, Alireza Esfandiary Moghadam and Tybor Kolati.

Nooroallah Moradi Award: Analyzing Archives Evaluation Bylaws Focusing Annihilation of Papers in Iran and Other Countries Archives Centers [MS thesis, Alzahra University]. By: Elham Jalali Farahani.

Pouri Soltani Award: The research project of IranMARC Development/ NLAI research project.

Higher Delegates of Iran and Oman Attend a Meeting

Hanieh Geraeeli, the General Manager of Public Relations and International Affairs Department of NLAI, along with a higher delegate of authorities of various libraries of the Islamic Republic of Iran paid a visit to Sultanate of Oman on Oct. 13, 2018.

In this meeting, Hanieh Geraeeli said, "The Documents Centers of all countries are the real heir of those countries' identity and it is necessary to struggle to maintain and make available them for the researchers. In Iran, the national library and archives center are a single organization where more than 7 million and 500 thousand catalogued references are available for the clients, who are more than 1000 people/day in average."

Elsewhere in her remarks, she pointed to activities of the NLAI in the international arena and said, "NLAI is our nation's historical memory, so a great effort is made to keep and promote it. The head of board of trustees of this organization is the President who appoints the director of the organization personally."

Hamd Mohammad al-Zoyani, Director of National Documents and Archive Organization of Oman, referred to the history of historical and long-standing relations of his country with Iran and said, "Iran-Oman Relations indicates how deep the historical relations between two nations are and we are actually much honored to deepen Tehran-Muscat relations through strengthening the cultural and scientific relations."

Tanzania's National Archive Experts in Iran

Tanzania's National Archive experts, who had come to Iran to participate in a 5-day theoretical and practical training course on "maintaining and repairing paper works", met Ashraf Broujerdi, the Director of National Library and Archives of Iran. "We are tasked with completing a mission, which is achieving a shared understanding about the universe through interaction and dialogue. and also said:



NLAI enjoys a precious spiritual heritage of documents and books which all of them are used to reach the shared understanding. Returning to their own home, our Tanzanian friends will be tasked with teaching what they have learnt from this course to their colleagues. In the same way, given the Tanzania's historical background, especially the British despotism and declaration of independence by Tanzanian people, they need to protect their own documents and keep them safe for their coming generations. To do so, we are ready to start interactions." Broujerdi said. Declaring their satisfaction about the quality of trainings, the Tanzanian delegate asked for continuance of such courses and they also asked the National Library and Archives of Iran to help them in terms of providing tools and supplies.

NLAI & Hungarian Sciences Academy Sign a MOU

A MOU was signed in NLAI between Istvan Monok, Director General, Library and Information's Centre of Hungarian Academy of Sciences, as the representative of Information Department of Hungarian Sciences Academy and NLAI On Oct. 2, 2018. Besides visiting different departments of NLAI, Monok met and talked with the deputies of NLAI. He also declared readiness to start common cooperation between Iran and Hungary.



In this meeting, Fariborz Khosravi, Deputy Director for Research and Digital Resources of the NALI, said, "Iran-Hungary interactions and exchanges have a long-standing history and it can pave the way for boosting their cultural relations." Khosravi pointed to the manuscripts treasure of NLAI and said, "This treasure includes about 4090 books. We have collected the 50-volume collection of FANKHA (catalogue of manuscripts of Iran). We are looking for our more cooperation with the national library and information department of Hungarian Sciences Academy. So, formation of shared electronic system and introduction of shared heritage of Iran and Hungary, recording common works in the international memory of UNESCO and sharing experts can be some examples of the common activities between us and Hungarian centers."

Iranians in Beijing 26th International Book Fair

Beijing International Book Fair (BIBF) (22-26 August 2018) was held in the Beijing's International Exhibitions Center. Currently, this book fair is categorized as one of four authentic international book fairs in the world.

In the last BIBF, more than 2500 publishers from 93 countries sold their latest releases about various subjects. More than 20000 people including publishers, distributors, literary delegates and digital media companies participated in this book fair, as well. The Islamic Republic of Iran's booth succeeded to exhibit more than 250 selected literary books and also some works about history, arts, literature, and language of Iran and Iranology in Chinese language.

Islamic Culture and Relations Organization, Iran Cultural Fairs Institute, Al-Mustafa International University and Soore Mehr Publication presented their cultural activities in this fair. Likewise, on the efforts made by the cultural advisor of Iran, the Day of Iran ceremony was held on the sidelines of the fair.

On the sidelines of this event, an exhibition of the world's illustrators, called "2018 BIBF Ananas Illustration Exhibition" was held which was attended by illustrators from various countries of the world. Hamideh Khosravian was ranked third in this competition.

In 2017, Islamic Republic of Iran took part in BIBF as the special visitor and China will participate as the special visitor to Tehran International Book Fair in 2019.

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