

5th Congress of ISE: Achievements and Demands

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The 5th Congress of Iranian Information Science Experts held in July 2019, in contrast to the previous congresses, its executive procedures still were behind schedule. However, since the early days, it was tried to pave the way for maximum participation of interested ones in various programs of the 5th congress through a precise planning in steering, executive and scientific committees. The general direction was set when the congress's theme, "We and the Future: Emerging Developments in Information Sciences, Libraries and Archives", was determined. Now it seems appropriate to highlight some achievements and demands of this event in order to be recorded in the history and also to fulfill more pursues and to hold the 6th congress more magnificently.

The first demand from authorities of Iranian Library and Information Science Association (ILISA) can be this that we expect them to pursue discussions and issues posited in the 5th congress and to facilitate their realization through holding forums

and meetings for making decisions and also through following the congress current within the entire year. Also, the association is expected to create a future students section, run by thinkers and stockholders, for monitoring the future developments in this



major and profession. For strengthening and supporting the thinkers, the association can extend the website of recording experiences and ideas of Experts of information science, which in turn can develop a condition in which Experts can interact with the activists of the information industry.

The second demand is from all members

of the scientific and professional community of information science, librarianship and archives to start change for effective survival in the risky future. As it has been declared in most meetings of the 5th congress, the changes procedure is very quick and the procedures which would affect the information science are very diverse, so the risk of omission in the case of inefficiency is very serious. For showing an effective presence in this risky future, we need to deal with the changes and developments with an open mind and to apply necessary alterations in libraries, archives and other professional spaces as well as educational and research sectors in order to be able to render useful and effective services to our users community.

The main meetings of the 5th congress were held in days when the internet connection has been cut for security reasons and it made very difficult holding this congress. However, holding the congress in these days was accompanied with the request of experts of information science to keep and safeguard the free access of people to data and scientific information.... [continued to Page 3]

Iran Public Libraries Standards Project

"Iran Public Libraries Standards", a national project, was signed in 2017 between Iran Public Libraries Foundation (IPLF) and Iranian Library & Information Science Association (ILISA).

The Project aims at formulating, seven set of standards for public library programs, information services, marketing and public relations, customer service, staff, operating hours, and collections. This Project will be implemented with the support and under the supervision of IFLA's International Advocacy Program (IAP).

IAP has been designed to promote and support the role libraries can play in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations 2030 Agenda in corporate with International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA).

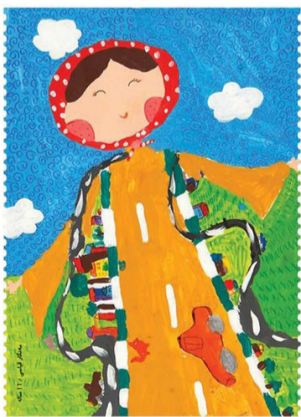
Iran Public Libraries Standards Project was accomplished in the winter of 2019, forthcoming as a binded volume. *Bulletin* gives more information around this valuable project in advance.

The city I love

The city I love: Selected artworks of the Tehran's children's painting contest with the aim of introducing today's urban community with the wishes and ideals of the children and youths living in this metropolis, Tehran's children's painting contest which has titled "The city I love" was held.

Receiving more than 9.400 drawings with different techniques have attracted the jury's attention. Jury members Noshafarin Ansary, Mohamadali Baniasadi, Jamal Akrami, Mahnoush Moshiri and Vahid Toufani evaluated the artworks in separate age groups and finally selected 140 top paintings among them to be granted rewards and honorary diploma.

Selected artworks of this contest have published in a book format at October 2019. At the beginning of the book, Tehran mayor



Pirouz Hanachi in his message mentioned: "Perceiving its children as a current citizens and creators of future, city respects, hears and appreciates their viewpoints. Such a city can awaken the sense of attachment to receive their admiration and children could have a dialog with the city and the city could see and hear their voice."

Iran and Iraq in the Common Sphere of Cultural and Historical Works

On the occasion of anniversary of "Sacred Defense" Week (September 22 to 29), The Book and Documentary Heritage Museum of Iran held an exhibition, "Iran and Iraq in the Common Sphere of Cultural and Historical Works". This exhibition showcased 28 historical and artistic works on cultural commonalities of the two countries. The works have been chosen out of documents, manuscripts, lithographic works, coins, pictures, etc., which are kept in the Malek National Library and Museum.

Nahj al-Balagha manuscript scribed by Hussein bin Muhammad Husseini Shirazi, which has been scribed in Baghdad in 5th century, Alaghani written by Abulfaraj Isfahani, as the most important ancient Arab culture and literature encyclopedia and a copy of Nejat al-Ibad fi Yum al-Ma'ad with the calligraphy and seal of Sheikh Morteza Ansari were among the most important works of this collection.

Arab-Sassanid coins (21 AH), coins minted when Imam Reza (AS) used to be the crown Prince of Abbassid caliph (203 AH), and Mongol Hulagu Khan Coins which have been minted in 656 AH were other items showed in this exhibition.

(Conversation about countries and peo-

ple, current situation and political narratives are in fact borderlines which makes them separated, but narration of cultural and historical collections which are based on works and signs of this issue is a glance from another window, a window full of common memories, a collection of sor-



rows and joys which now ties people together using these common memories. Watching Iran and Iraq in a shared frame in fact is narration of connection and close historical relations' the story of Iran and Iraq is narrated through their common cultural and historical borders. It's a narration of an old familiarity and common memories which had been paled by

the shadow of political relations, war-mongering of aliens and unequal imposed war.)

Book and Documentary Heritage Museum of Iran is a subset of National Library and Archives of Iran (NLAI), in which invaluable historical works, manuscripts, rare and exquisite printed books and works related to a number of Iranian celebrities are shown.

Malek National Museum and Library is a museum and national library in Tehran, Iran. Malek National Library and Museum Institution (MNLMI) is the first private museum of Iran and one of the six large libraries holding exquisite manuscripts.

SHL & NLAI

In order to meet goals and responsibilities of NLAI's Provision Department General, Exchange and Award Group of NLAI started to exchange books with Shanghai Library IN July-August 2019. Accordingly, a total of 139 books about China's culture and in the framework of Window of Shanghai were gained from that library.

Window of Shanghai is a cultural interchange project which has been started in 2003 by Library of Shanghai with the aim of introducing Chinese culture.

The Shanghai Library, which also houses the Shanghai Institute of Scientific and Technological, is the municipal library of Shanghai, China. It is the second largest library in China after the National Library in Beijing. At 24 stories and 348 feet



(106 m) tall, it is the second tallest library in the world, as well as one of the largest.

The building has a tower that looks like a giant lighthouse. The Bibliotheca Zi-Ka-Wei is the first modern library to have been established in Shanghai. It was established in 1847

Library of Shanghai with the land area of 127000 sq-ms has more than 56 million resources in Chinese and other languages.

“Peace of Children” Exhibition

Concurrent with the arrival of the International Day of Peace on September 21, the Peace Celebration was held in the Children and Young Adults Library of NLAI and attended by Fariborz Khosravi (NLAI’s deputy) and Reza Shahrabi (NLAI’s Information and Public Relation’s General Director). This program was held with the aim of institutionalizing the concept of peace among the children. About fifty children participated in this three-hour program.

Children participated in this ceremony with white uniforms and held an exhibition of their works with the subject of peace through depicting peace on papers.

Sanely Behnood, Children Rights Activist and Journalist, referred to the purpose of this program as promotion of respecting children’s rights and said, “Since it has stagnated as a motto and slogan, we are going to realize it as far as possible.”

The International Day of Peace, sometimes unofficially known as World Peace Day, is a United Nations-sanctioned holiday observed annually on 21 September.



Director of the Afghanistan National Archives in Iran

Mohammad Afsar Rahbin, Director of the Afghanistan National Archives, visited Ashraf Broujerdi, Director of the National Library and Archives of Iran, in Tehran on September 4, 2019.

While explaining about the status of Afghanistan National Archive, Rahbin announced about one hundred thousand historical documents and about 7000 manuscripts in the Afghanistan National Archive and said, “Only a limited number of certain manuscripts are scanned and digitalized and we hope to launch the digital department of Afghanistan National Archive under trainings and co-operation offered by Iran.”

Pointing to the fact that national library and archive center in Afghanistan are two separated organizations, he said, “Afghanistan’s archive center and public library of the country have been established more than 50 and 70 years, respectively. And except the National Archive building, national and historical documents are kept in other places such as Arg Archive in which there are more than 100,000 documents.”

Explaining about how these documents are kept in Afghanistan, Rahbin said, “Currently, the national archive of Afghanistan

is located in a palace with over 150 years of history, which enjoys proper condition for maintaining historical documents in terms of various standards.” He also said, “Unfortunately, the National Museum of Afghanistan was plundered during civil wars of Kabul and there are problems for conducting works and related affairs and they won’t be solved as far as the war is concerned and the country suffers from the insecurity.”



Later in this meeting, Broujerdi said, “Along with holding a joint exhibition of Iranian and Afghan manuscripts, NLAI is ready to provide the Afghan experts with necessary trainings about repairing, maintaining and digitalizing the manuscripts and documents.”

On the sidelines of this meeting, both Rahbin and Broujerdi emphasized the necessity of inscription of Rumi’s Masnavi (which has been translated into 70 languages so far) to on the UNESCO World Heritage List. In this regard, Broujerdi said, “We have made negotiations with Turkey to inscribe this work as a common heritage of three countries (Iran, Turkey and Afghanistan) on the UNESCO World Heritage List and after that we would conduct similar activities about certain works such as Diwan-e Shams-e Tabrizi.”

One Million Iranian Manuscripts in India

Persian font is very prevalent in the scientific resources of India and as Rabbani, Cultural Ambassador of Iran to India, says, there are 10 million manuscripts in the India, out of which about 1 million manuscripts had been written with Persian font. Mostly, there manuscripts are kept in the National Mission for Manuscripts, The National Archives of India, University of Calcutta, the Asiatic Society, the Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, Odisha State Museum, the KhudaBakhsh Oriental Public Library, Sri Pratap Singh Museum, and also Oriental Research Institute.

In a meeting on September 8, in which Rabbani visited Broujerdi, Director of the National Library and Archives of Iran, the latter said that currently NLAI has a MOU with India, which is valid by 2020, and NLAI tries to sign a MOU with National Library of India.

She also announced the NALI’s readiness to hold training workshops on repairing manuscripts, binding etc. for Indian officials. Broujerdi also emphasized on development and continuation of interactions for sending resources and written files, in the form of digital versions, between Iran and India libraries.



ISO/AWI 34000

ISO/AWI 34000 is a model for appraising the maturity level of human resources processes in a single organization. ISO/AWI 34000 has 16 human resources processes which has 20,000 scores. It also includes 12 variables in the field of results and viewpoints of human resources which has 14,000 scores. It appraises organizational puberty in five levels and improves them. In this appraisal, it has been tried to appraise organization through different indicators such as



satisfaction in the body of organization and the type of process which is conducted works.

The inventor of this standard is Aryan Qolipour and his colleagues from Human Resources Management Department of Management School of Tehran University who are trying to make it an international standard. It is the second time in which NLAI appraises its human resources using this standard. NLAI, which has participated in the former appraisal voluntarily, gained the bronze medal.

“Identification of outputs of the former appraisal led to identification of both weak and strength points of NLAI’s human resources. Hence, a new route was discovered in which NLAI is now able to work on its weak points and improves them. Now, we are waiting for issuance of the new appraisal results in order to compare them with the last year’s results,” Zendejdel, Director General of Planning and Organizational Inspection of NLAI said.

Italy’s and Kazakhstan’s Boards in Iran

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Exclaiming his happiness for being in the NLAI, Perrone, and the Italian Ambassador to Tehran, said, “The historical and civilization depth between Iran and Italy is both long and close, so building new cultural interactions between the two countries is vitally important and National Library of Iran

would play an undeniable role in this regard.”

Elsewhere in his remarks, Perrone said, “A job I am very interested to kick off is interaction and cooperation of NLAI with a great encyclopedia in the Italy, although they had cooperation already, which was accompanied with some positive outcomes and consequences.”



Kazakhstan manuscript experts from National Library of Republic of Kazakhstan, General State Archive of the Republic of Kazakhstan and National Academic Library of the Republic of Kazakhstan participated in 22nd theoretical and practical course of protecting and repairing paperback works which

was held on August 27 to September 1, 2019. NLAI holds this academic course for foreign experts since 2007. In this regard, Muhammad Haddadi, Director General of Repair and Protection Department of NLAI said, “One of common problems in Kazakhstan is their low knowledge about Persian Language which would result in some problems in cataloging the manuscripts. Such trainings by Iran to foreign manuscript experts are for keeping the mankind heritage.”

NLAI & Uzbekistan

A memorandum of understanding was concluded between Uzbekistan National Library and NLAI for developing and extending library-related activities based on joint endeavors on cultural, scientific and technical fields. The MOU was signed by Broujerdi, Director of the National Library and Archives of Iran, and Umida Teshabayeva, director of National library of Uzbekistan.

Some contents of this MOU are as follows: studying, researching and cataloging manu-



scripts, rare old books and sharing information about how to keep books, electronic transaction of books and documents in the international level, regular information dissemination about books and magazines, interchangeable documents based on national rules of both countries and also sharing experiences and professional and scientific achievements related activities of both parties.

Later in this MOU, preparing and compiling and updating bibliographic database on identification of Iran and Uzbekistan and also interchanging information and other findings, function of technologies and new scientific achievements on the field of libraries and information dissemination have been emphasized.

In this meeting, Teshabayeva granted some gifts, with the purpose of being familiar with culture, history and identity of Uzbekistan, to Broujerdi. And then the symbol of NLAI along with Persian Nobles was granted to director of National Library of Uzbekistan.

Iran Participates in IFLA WLIC 2019

Negin Shokrzadeh [IFLA's 85th World Library and Information Congress was held in Athens, Greece, on August 24th-30th 2019. This event was attended by delegates and volunteers from various countries around the world.

Participating in the IFLA's World Library and Information Congress has been grown in the last years. As six experts from National Library and Archive of Iran (NLAI), two researchers from Islamic Consultative Assembly's library, an expert from Iran Public Libraries Foundation (IPLF), and an expert from Shahid Beheshti University Library participated in the IFLA's annual congress.

Currently, some Iranian Experts have been appointed as members of different IFLA committees. Fatemeh Pazooki Has appointed been as a member of the Committee on Standards and Public Libraries Committee. Masoomeh Niknia has been appointed as a member of the Workgroup on Bibliographic Conceptual Models (BCM Review Group). Hamideh Memari and Parisa Pasyar have joint Serials and other Continuing Resources Section of IFLA. Saeedeh Akbari-Daryan was appointed as a member of UNIMARC Committee. Also, Farnaz Daneshjoo, MA student of Allameh Tabataba'i University, succeeded to gain the IFLA Conference Participation Grant and presented her article in this worldwide congress.

At the opening meeting of the Public Libraries Panel, which was held on August 24, Fatemeh Pazooki, Head of the International Relations Committee of ILISA, and member of IFLA's Standards and Public Libraries Committee, presented an article entitled Public Libraries and Crisis Management in Iran.

In her presentation, Pazooki outlined the ac-

tivities of Iran's public libraries through recent calamities occurred in Iran including Kerman and Kermanshah earthquakes and the flood occurred during new solar year of 1398. Also, she presented a summary of the activities of Iranian public libraries through the "Bahare Mehrabani (Spring of Kindness)" campaign.

Eventually, the head of the International Relations Committee of the Library and Information Society of Iran said: "We believe that information centers (consisting of librarians, libraries and even library members) have to be active when crises occur. They are expected to be among the most active sectors of society, and to play an effective role, both before and after the crises.

On the sidelines of the 85th IFLA World Congress in Athens, the Iranian delegation met Ms. Gloria Pérez-Salmerón, the IFLA's President. The participants discussed about the areas of cooperation with IFLA. The Iranian delegation appreciated the efforts of Ms. Gloria Pérez-Salmerón during her tenure as IFLA' President. At the end of the meeting, Dr. Fariborz Khosravi, Director of ILISA, donated a gift to Ms. Pérez-Salmerón. Likewise, in a meeting with Ms.

Jan Richards, the Chair of Public Libraries Committee of IFLA, the Iranian delegation donated a gift memorial to Ms. Richard.

This year Iranian Experts presented five articles in IFLA WLIC 2019; these articles are as follows:

- A problem-solving approach to clinical practice: Evidence-based Nursing in Iranian Scientific Publications and assessing using American Association of Critical Care

Nursing-Levels/ Maryam Kazzerani, Fatemeh Babaei and Azam Shahbodaghi;

- National Library of Iran as a platform for social dialogue: an analysis of an Experience/ Fariborz Khosravi and Saeedeh Akbari-Daryan;
- A conceptual framework for organizing Persian TV series based on the PRESSoo model

- Perceptions of Love in telling the love story of Leily and Majnoon using images of the products derived from it among adolescents in the library of the 5th district of Ekbatan, Tehran

- Free access to information in Iran, in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Also, four Iranian posters were presented in IFLA WLIC 2019; Iranian posters are as follows:

- A Study about Organizational Climate with



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[continued from Page 1] ... It is a serious demand from the government and other decision making institutes in this field.

- In this congress, especially in two meetings of children libraries and school libraries, more attention to children and educational system was asked for effective support of reading habits, it seems that we need to leave superficial activities in the field of promoting reading in order to be able to start some most pivotal and fundamental works in this regard. Changing the educational system given the role of libraries and its information resources in the process of formal education and also the necessity of paying attention to train information literacy to children and students and making them accustomed with reading since childhood are among the important demands to which the education organization and other responsible organizations and individuals who are working in the field of children education need to pay attention. These organizations need to pursue the revival and strengthen of children and school libraries and all of us need to play significant roles such as informing, warning and helping in this regard.

- As a serious demand, it is expected that all libraries, especially the public ones, to redefine their services to meet daily and emerging needs of people and also based on technological capabilities and to provide a proper space for people to take part in social activities as a dynamic social organization. Likewise, authorities of other libraries such as national library and university libraries, given the platform thinking, need to pave the way for the effective participation of stockholders and also offering new and creative and affective services to them. The stance of university libraries

should be enhanced and improved and full-time professional managers should be recruited to start a constructive development.

- It is expected that the increasing trend of recruiting non-specialist managers in the specialized and professional organization to be ceased and recruiting aware and specialized people to play some more constructive and effective roles to be considered more than ever.

- For expanding the employment of the graduated ones there is a serious demanding: when lose their specialized forces for any reason, libraries, archives and other professional institutes need to recruit new forces based on transparent and meritocratic criteria. It is natural that the side effects of unwise decisions in this field would be felt by the society through evacuation of the professional spaces and removal of cultural services. The weakening of the society's culture is gradual and its destructive power would be incremental. In this regard, the Guild Studies Committee has conducted some proper studies in recent years and has proposed various recommendations to the relevant organizations such as Administrative and Recruitment Organization for occupational development. One of the most important recommendations in the 5th congress was posited along with the idea of establishing the information consulting services system. Although it needs more contemplation, it can pave the way for the purposeful presence of the graduated students of this course in the society for providing effective information services to various walks of life (including academicians, researchers, businessmen, craftsmen, managers and others). So, it is necessary to conduct some effective mea-

asures in the field of academic educations and also in the field of profession diplomacy area. Following other courses such as psychology as role models, the association can accelerate this professional development. The first step has been taken and we hope members of scientific and professional communities materialize this demand through their participation and recommending their viewpoints and perspectives.

- In the session of ethics of information in the 5th congress, the destructive role of some of upstream documents, including circulars defined for improving the faculties, to create some immoralities in the scientific and research community and necessary warnings were given to the Ministry of Science, Research and Technology and Ministry of Health and Medical Education to reform this trend in order to prevent more harms in the future. Also regarding to training in two sessions of information science education and medical libraries, the demand for applying new changes in university syllabes and also creating new majors and courses was declared.

- As a serious demand, paying attention to people and their needs in archives was posited in the 5th congress. Archives should not be only research organizations anymore and should redefine themselves to serve people and their needs. Archivists, as Experts of this area, are expected to propose proper scientific solutions to meet people's concerns, especially in regard to organizing and protecting various sorts of family documents.

- Paying more attention to the international relations and more active participation in the effective and strategic institutes and organizations, particularly IFLA, were among other demands posited in the 5th congress.

Customer-Satisfactory of Library of Art & Cultural Organization of Tehran Municipality

- An Investigation on Factors Affecting Performance Improvement of Public Libraries based on Customer Relationship Management (CRM)

- Promotion of Environmentalism through Green Information Literacy in Iranian Public Libraries

- Natural Library: An Opportunity for Children to Familiarize with Practical Life Skills

Also, two Iranian papers were presented in a satellite meeting, which was held on August 23. Papers are as follows:

- Gray literature as valuable resources in the Natural Library of Iran: from Organizing to Digitization

- Survey of Grey Literature of National Library and Archives of Iran

IFLA is like a theoretical and practical knowledge checklist with nearly 60 specialized areas in which standing and ad-hoc committees are established. IFLA is led by its librarians and affiliated institutions.

Historically, various experts, such as Ms. Poori Soltani, Ms. Zahra Shadman and others, were members of IFLA committees and played a key role in its decisions. Fortunately, in the last few years we have had young and dynamic Iranian librarians who joined the IFLA's specialized committees and participated in decisions taken by these committees. However, it is not enough to fulfill capacity of our libraries. Iranian librarians and the related institutions need to have a serious plan to support Iran's active presence in IFLA's management and board of directors.

In the recent congress, ten senior authorities of IFLA and outstanding scientific associations sent their messages and asked for more interaction and cooperation between Iranian Experts and organization with their international counterparts. Despite the valuable efforts, it is expected that Iranian Experts to play more important roles in the international level, especially across the specialized committees and workgroups.

- Paying more attention to the next generation of this occupation and course was another demand posited in the 5th congress. Helping to improve the science, skills and also intellectual and personality of students of this course through strengthening the student scientific associations were among issues posited in this congress and we hope that paying more attention to such associations will help us to train more future-making students.

What reviewed in this short note were some of the most important demands posited in the 5th congress. Most of these demands were posited in the early days of this congress and then they were reflected in the mass media, including programs of the National Media. This editorial was written to complete these activities and to conclude the efforts made in this regard. It is natural to meet these demands all members of the scientific and professional community are tasked with sparing no efforts and the association is also committed to reflect these efforts as best as possible to the society through congress of Experts of information and its other programs. I seize the opportunity here and ask all interested people and stockholders to help the association to achieve its goals.

The Oldest Tehran Public Library Reopened

Parkeshahr (Tehran Central Library) Public Library, the oldest library of Tehran City, started its activities since 1961 in a part of Parkeshahr, located in the Sange-laj Neighborhood, one of old districts of Tehran. Upon completion of reconstructing, reinforcing and equipping based on library-based standards was reopened in a ceremony attended by its loyal members and other people who interested in it.

"Book resources on children section have been increased, an also a section has been considered by the blind people," General Director of Tehran Public Libraries, said. He also said that new rooms for researchers have been designed which are equipped with special facilities and they can use them as their private rooms. With its modern and different design, this library, as the central library of Tehran, owns one of the most beautiful designs for children section. Also another section has been considered especially for young adults.

The public library's member, librarians, LIS professors accompany the Culture Ministers of and general director of IPLF in this ceremony.



POL & the Greatest Literary Agency

During the 26th Beijing International Book Fair, a memorandum of understanding was signed between POL literary and Translation Agency and Rightol, the greatest literary agency of China, in order to start marketing for selling copyright of Iranian works in China. According to the MOU, in the first phase, 50 book titles of Iranian books, which would be proper for the China's market, are selected by Rightol Agency, and will be introduced in favor of POL Literary Agency and they would be marketed for selling their copyright to the Chinese publishers.

On the other hand, POL Agency, in the first phase of this MOU, selects 30 Chinese books, which are proper for the Iranian Market, and introduce them in Iran and negotiates with the Iranian publishers to buy their copyrights.

Jafari Aghdam, Director of POL Agency, also announced about signing MOUS with two Chinese publishers, Educational Central Land and Jay Yu, with the aim of publishing 6 books and said, "In accordance with this agreement, Chinese publishers pay costs of translation and publishing of 1000 copies to Iranian publishers. Also, Chinese publishers translate and print 3 Iranian books."

The 26th Beijing International Book Fair was held in a land as large as 106800 sq-m in August 21-25, 2019. It was attended by more than 2600 publishers from 95 countries.

POL Agency, founded in 2005, is a full-service agent that translates Iranian books to other languages and represents Persian language publishers, authors and illustrators across the world.

POL Agency tries to introduce the Iranian books to the world through introducing and presenting them in the major international cultural events such as book fairs and also tries to sell their rights. It's another mission is identifying and introducing useful books from other countries to be translated and published in Iran.

Russia Book Fair Hosts Iranians

The 32nd Moscow International Book Fair (MIBF) was held on Sep. 4 to 8. A total of 300 title books on religion, children and young adults, Iranology, Classic and contemporary literature, arts, Sacred Defense were presented in this fair. Jaml al-Din Akrami, Illustration researcher and Mahdi Rajabi, Children and Young Adults writer, handled Iranian booth. The main pivot of this round of MIBF was about

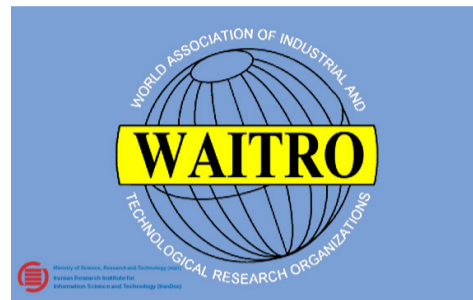


children and young adults' literature and its programs were held with the cooperation of Bologna Children's Book Fair. Speakers explained about various events about children and young adults publishing arena and intensifiers of relations with the international community. In another part of this booth, some cardboard masks were showed which could be put on the faces and used as masks for telling stories and performing plays. These masks-which even children can make them- are made using Jamal al-Din Akrami's, we can make cardboard masks. After being made, these masks were used by children and storyteller for performing ancient Iran tales such as tale of Fox and Raven, Uninvited Guests.

IRANDOC: New Member of WAITRO

Iranian Research Institute for Information Science and Technology (IRANDOC) became member of World Association of Industrial and Technological Research Organizations (WAITRO).

Founded under the auspices of the United Nations system and consultative status of its various specialized agencies, WAITRO provides a wide range of services that underline R&D capacities and facilitate the transfer of technolo-



gies around the globe. For our members and partners, we create incentives and integrated approaches to start collaborations that respond to the complexity of the transformation necessary for sustainable development. From opening WAITRO's Open Innovation Hub, providing its services to companies, start-ups and organizations, participating in programs, co-hosting and co-organizing events, we are committed to provide opportunities for our members and partners.

Beforehand, only Iran Scientific and Industrial Researches Organization was the only Iranian member of this association, but now IRANDOC is another member of WAITRO. Regarding its missions, WAITRO provides its members with opportunities of international ventures and research grants.

Tamass Agency in IIBF 2019

As the Iran's literature representative, The Literary Agency of Tamass was the special guest of 39th Indonesia International Book Fair (IIBF) in 2019.

The Literary Agency of Tamass, founded in 2014 (Tehran), represents Persian and Arabic language publishers for selling translation rights into the English and Arabic language markets.



The major goal of the agency is development of literary activities in the areas of authoring, translation and publishing of fiction. Tamass also represents authors, mostly Iranian, worldwide.

Indonesia International Book Fair (IIBF) is a book-publishing trade fair held annually in Jakarta, Indonesia. In addition to selling books the fair provide opportunity for publishers and writers as a gateway for international book market. The book exhibition is arranged by Indonesian Publishers Association (IKAPI), which was inaugurated as Indonesia Book Fair (IBF) in 1980.

The 39th course of IIBF was held in Jakarta Convention Center for 5 days on September 4-8, 2019. It was attended by 20 foreign publishers and 45 Indonesian publishers.

Iranian Candidates of ALMA 2020

The Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award is an international children's literary award established by the Swedish government in 2002 to honor the Swedish children's author Astrid Lindgren (1907-2002). The literary award not only is awarded to authors and illustrators, but also story-tellers, promoters and children literature institutes and promoters of book reading can gain it, as well. Each year, this award is awarded to one or more artist or promoter, etc. depart from what language and nationality they have.

Works of these artists should have high artistic quality and humane values to which Astrid Lindgren used to believe.

The prize is five million SEK, making it the richest award in children's literature and the second richest literary prizes in the world (after Hans Christian Andersen Award).

The Children's Book Council of Iran, an independent and non-governmental organization whose aim is developing an "original and enriched children literature", and the representative of IBBY in Iran, introduced Farhad Hassanzadeh (1962-), Iranian author, journalist and humor columnist, in the category of authors, Farshid Shafiei (1968-), painter, illustrator, animator, in the category of illustrators and the project of "Read With Me" (a project for promoting reading books in Iran), the Research Institute of Children Literature History (a non-governmental and non-profit whose job is researching about history of children literature in Iran) to the secretariat of The Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award (ALMA 2020).

Currently, the Children's Book Council of Iran, Institute for the Intellectual Development of Children and Young Adults, Research Center of Children Literature History and Iranian Association of Writers for Children and Youth are four Iranian organizations which are allowed to introduce candidates to taking this award.

Iranian Candidate of Emerald Literati Awards'

It is for more than 25 years that Emerald Publishing Group awards the Emerald Literati Awards to researchers and juries in various scientific fields. The inclusion criteria of this award are the research must be international, comprehensive, supportive, effective, high-quality, respecting the audiences, creators and customers.

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In the scientific journal category, the valuable journals will be introduced as "winner" and "highly commended" by the outstanding reviewers. The joint paper of Joachim Schopfel and Behrooz Rasuli, Are electronic theses and dissertations (still) grey literature in a digital age. A FAIR debate, have been succeeded to win the title of "Highly Commended" of Emerald Literati Awards in 2019.

This article emphasizes that despite new technologies in the digital era, we can classify electronic dissertations and theses among the Gray Literature against the Black and White works. It is supposed that new tools such as digital things detector, internet, databases, etc. have challenged the traditional definition of these works.



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