

Preliminary Meeting Program of NILP SIG

(NILP: National Information and Library Policy Special Interest Group)

- Time: Thursday, 18 August 2011 (1:45-3:45 pm)
- Place: Convention Center, San Juan, Puerto Rico
- Sponsor: National Libraries Section of IFLA
- Coordinator: National Library of Korea

○ **Part I : Why? NLIP SIG**

- Welcome speech
- Two or three distinguished guest speakers' presentation on
Governmental role in library and information policies
- Overview of Information and Library Policies in developing countries
- Discussion and talk with attendees

○ **Part II : How? NILP SIG**

- Presentation on future direction
 - Host nation and Convener
 - Scope of activities
 - Theme of 2012
- Closing

Petition for SIG

National Information and Library Policies

This petition proposes an exploratory meeting for the formation of a SIG for National Information and Library Policies in IFLA 2011.

Background

The national policies for information and libraries reflect a wide variety of social, economic and cultural structures in different countries. In addition, the contexts surrounding libraries and information are rapidly changing depending on diverse factors from development phases to social capitals. There have been the efforts of individual nations striving to create and maintain current, updated and customized policies in context of diverse libraries and information environments.

Discussion Topics

The proposed SIG will deal with broad issues, interests and topics for discussion in terms of national policies for information and library. While the policies pertinent to information and library are concerned with a wide range of aspects from collection related issues to user related issues by nature, the proposed SIG particularly concentrates on the full range of policy-focused issues. The discussion issues and topics include the followings, but are not limited to:

- The scope of national information policies
- The process of formulating national information policies such as resources, procedures, stakeholders, etc.
- The cultural, social and economic issues of library and information policy
- The issues on various initiatives of policy making process including top-down vs. bottom-up initiatives
- The policy making issues from the special interests groups
- Complex issues interrelated with rapidly changing and unsettled environments
- Lessons from national policy initiatives in diverse social sphere

In sum, the proposed SIG aims to discuss and share the endeavors, interests and approaches relevant to information and library policies by individual nations. The proposed SIG will discuss desirable conditions for library and information and constituents of desirable conditions for individual policies depending on the circumstances in which countries are located.

Sponsoring Section

National Libraries Section

We are hopeful that the petitioned SIG, National Information and Library Policies, will be able to discuss emerging topics and issues as an exploratory meeting at the IFLA meeting 2011.

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