



Library and Information Association of South Africa

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LiSLIG has four active branches, i.e. Eastern Cape, Free State, KZN, and Western Cape.

With the branch committee elections for the 2008/2009 term of office towards the end of last year (2008), the Gauteng Branch had also elected a committee, but it seems that they have never become operational. They promised to assign portfolios and send the report to me, but unfortunately I was not able to get hold of any of them. I've received no report or any information during the year from this branch.

I would like to report on the following:

1. COMMITTEES

1.1. Committee Members

1.1.1. National Committee

As elected at the National AGM in October 2008 in Cape Town:

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1.1.2. Eastern Cape

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1.1.3. Free State

RUSSELL, Dorothy Chairperson	051-444- 1867 051-444- 3230 f	gnpddcr.MD@ufs.ac.za	Bfn Child Information Centre, UFS
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1.1.4. Gauteng

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1.1.5. KwaZulu-Natal

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1.1.6. Western Cape

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1.2. Committee Meetings

Eastern Cape: 1 committee meeting was held in October 2008 and 3 committee meetings in the months of February, March and July 2009.

Free State: 22 January, 18 March, 27 May, 22 July, 19 August.

Gauteng: No information

KwaZulu-Natal: Apart from meeting earlier this year to discuss our Business Plan, committee members have regularly communicated via telephone or e-mail concerning all LiSLIG matters.

Western Cape: 21 October, 26 November 2008, 4 February, 13 May, 28 July 2009.

2. ACTIVITIES

2.1. Eastern Cape:

Library and information workers are widely spread due to the large geographic area of the Eastern Cape. It has thus been heartening to have good attendance at the two meetings arranged. In March 24 people were in attendance at the meeting in the Beethoven House, RU Department of Music & Musicology, where the director of SANLIB, Francois Hendrikz gave a very stimulating presentation entitled 'South African Library for the Blind – getting everybody on the same page'. The meeting also included a report back by Cory Librarian Shirley Kabwato entitled 'Library leadership in a World community', and Music Librarian Fiona Still-Drewett led a tour of the RU Music Library. The afternoon ended with a tour of the library at the South African Institute of Aquatic Biodiversity led by librarian Margie Shaw, and there was also a fascinating tour of the newly completed building and facilities where the national fish collections are housed.

In July 17 people were in attendance at the meeting at Stenden South Africa, in Port Alfred. Professor Don Craig gave a general talk on the Stenden campus and the Stenden philosophy of education, and Kathy Ord, the Stenden librarian, gave an interesting and humorous account of the library facilities. In addition Ann Torlesse gave important feedback on a recently attended Disaster Planning Workshop held in Kimberley. Opening of champagne at lunch by the hosting institution was a first for LiSLIG EC! The afternoon feedback session by the librarians on their libraries was concluded with much frivolity.

The 2009 AGM and October meeting will be held at the East London Museum, hosted by Rachel Williams of the East London Museum Library.

2.2. Free State

On 18 March a group of 15 members met in the *Music Library* at the Odeion of the UFS to learn more about what the library is about from Ms Annette Bester, the librarian. The library delivers a service to the staff and students at the Music Department and the material is mainly concentrating on that which is taught at the university, i.e. formal classical music.

There is no other library of this kind in the Free State and, therefore, they are also rendering a community service to the residents of the province. These 'outside' members have to pay a visitor's fee of R30 per day.

Ms Marisa Venter of the IT Department at the Bloemfontein Campus of CUT FS gave an insightful lecture on 27 May to the 9 participants on *web page design*. To design a web page is not so difficult if one has the right tools. The design aspects are the most important, because it has to look good, be functional and easy to navigate.

On 22 July 2009 Ms Lianda Coetzer of the UFS Library, Bloemfontein Campus presented a PowerPoint presentation on the *Reference Interview* where after the members had an interesting discussion on their experiences. 11 members attended.

The AGM was held on 19 August, with the business part first and then joining up with the bigger LIASA FS AGM for the presentation by Dr Reggie Raju on the constitutional matters of LIASA.

2.3. Gauteng

No information received.

2.4. KwaZulu-Natal

The first workshop for this year, titled "*The big five databases - wild beasts or tame animals?*" was held on 29 April 2009 at EG Malherbe Library-Conference Room, UKZN Durban Campus. This well received workshop was presented by Anita Kromberg. It was a practical session on how to search databases available on the UKZN library website.

The second workshop on "*Library Advocacy and Marketing*" took place on 18 June. It was presented by Anne Johnson of CICD. This workshop was well attended.

The final workshop for this year was Project Management for Libraries presented by Mark Francis of UKZN, PMB on 19 August. The AGM was part of the day's program.

2.5. Western Cape

In partnership with the Sub-Saharan Chapter of the Special Libraries Association (SLA) they held a joint meeting on 5 November 2008 at the SA Astronomical Observatory (SAAO) with guest speaker, Yvonne Halland of the CSIR Information Services. She presented the paper entitled "*Connecting People and Information: How an African Special Library is Building Bridges*", which was produced for the annual SLA conference. The meeting was attended by 16 people. The SAAO provided the venue free of charge and SLA covered the costs of the speaker and refreshments. There was no charge for LiSLIG, LIASA or SLA members but non-members were charged R50.00.

4 March 2009 – *Event management for librarians*, the planned presentation which was to be held at the SAAO had to be cancelled due to a poor response, as only 7 people indicated that they would attend.

In conjunction with the Sub-Saharan Chapter of the Special Libraries Association (SLA) and Allan Gray, LiSLIG hosted a presentation by Arthur Goldstuck, the CEO of World Wide Worx, entitled, "*The revolution begins here: the trends shaping broadband, social media, social networking and online business in South Africa*" on 26 May

____. His presentation highlighted the current status & future advances in broadband connectivity in the country and its impact on LiSLIG information technology, telecommunications and cellular usage. The presentation led to lively debate, especially the impact of social media on the publishing industry. They had to arrange a bigger venue as the attendance figure of 45 people went way beyond their expectation.

The LiSLIG AGM took place at the SAAO Auditorium on 18 August 2009. The notification for the AGM was sent out to the members in the form a newsletter. A further notice was posted on the WC mailing list. The meeting was attended by 23 people, of which 16 people were LiSLIG members.

The business meeting was followed by a presentation by Nohra Moerat from e.tv, entitled "*Inside: behind the scenes at e*". She traced the start of her career at e.tv when she was tasked to set up a library. She highlighted the developments to the digital environment and how the library and archives department have expanded over the last few years. Ms Moerat also generously provided each attendee with a copy of the special e.tv 10th anniversary commemorative book.

2.6. National:

On 8 October 2008 after the LiSLIG AGM during the 10th Annual LIASA Conference in Cape Town, we had a workshop *New Technologies for the Changing Role of LIS: How to Create your Own Wiki*, presented by Mr Dave Duarte (programme director of *Nomadic Marketing* at UCT Graduate School of Business) and Ms Maximilian Kaizen (from *HuddleMind* that seeks to develop information, communication and technology skills and businesses in Africa through educational programmes and materials). The workshop, attended by 36 delegates, was held at Tshiba Education College, a private funded college for business training, in Pinelands. There the librarian, Ms Ilana Barling, welcomed the delegates and gave some background on the college. She showed a DVD with visuals of students enrolled at the college, their classes and what it meant to them to be able to fulfill their dreams.

Our thanks and gratitude to the sponsors who made this workshop possible. They are "*Engen Petroleum*" and "*Bateman, Watling & Associates for IHS*", as well as *TsiBA* for the use of the venue and their computer facilities.

3. MEMBERSHIP

3.1. Eastern Cape:

The Secretary has worked on updating the list of current branch interest group members (67 names) and contact details, and plans to encourage more branch interest members to also become formal members of LIASA

3.2. Free State:

28 names on address list, but only 17 paid-up members.

3.3. Gauteng:

No information received.

3.4. KwaZulu-Natal:

All expired memberships are contacted telephonically or via e-mail. Renewal forms are regularly forwarded.

3.5. Western Cape:

Membership has been a huge concern this year. The latest LISLIG Western Cape membership numbers received from the National Office (August 2009) stand at 47. They understand this number is not accurate due to the various problems experienced in the National Office over this period.

3.6. Membership as from LIASA National Office:

EC	=	37
FS	=	16
GN	=	52
GS	=	36
KZN	=	35
Limp	=	09
Mpm	=	08
NW	=	04
NC	=	01
WC	=	21
Foreign	=	01

4. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

4.1. Eastern Cape:

The financial statement has a positive balance of R2,678.90 and the treasurer and secretary are signatories to the Post Office Account. Committee members have donated Rands towards thank you presentation gifts, and meeting costs have been kindly carried by the hosting institutions.

4.2. Free State:

Money available = R443.59.

4.3. Gauteng:

No information received.

4.4. KwaZulu-Natal:

Money in the bank = R1,674.03.

4.5. Western Cape:

The LISLIG WC bank account balances as of 30 June 2009:

Cheque Account - R2,064.13

32 Day Call Account - R17,195.41

4.6. National:

DATE	SOURCE	INCOME	EXPENDITURE	BALANCE
3 Oct 2008	Brought forward	R11,677.65	R8,470.00	R3,207.65
2009/08/19	Sponsor <i>Caxton Books</i>	R2,000.00		R5,207.65
2009/09/30	Travelling Costs for Speaker at Conference		R384.00	R4,823.65
	SALDO			R4,823.65

5. ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

5.1. Eastern Cape:

At present the branch has an acting Chairperson as the Chair Shirley Kabwato has stepped down for personal reasons. It is hoped the position of Chair will be clarified by the October meeting.

Zukiswa Maya, Deputy Chairperson of LIASA EC congratulated the LiSLIG EC branch on their activities. She mentioned that LiSLIG is the only constituted and active IG in the Eastern Cape.

5.2. Free State:

Although they are a small group, they stay within their planned programme and find all the meetings enjoyable and helpful with relevant information.

5.3. Gauteng:

No information received.

5.4. KwaZulu-Natal:

They extend their sincere thanks to Catherine Dubbeld, who is the campus librarian at UKZN-DBN, for her assistance in accommodating all LiSLIG workshops for 2009 on this campus.

5.5. Western Cape:

In the past year they attempted to present programmes that would be of interest to their members. They've had some mixed results but have identified some of the lessons learnt during the period. They also acknowledge that in most of their one-person special libraries, it is difficult for members to get away to attend the interest group meetings. However they will continue to strive to provide events that would be of benefit and interest to all members and provide a space for members to network. They would like to acknowledge and thank the *Sub-Saharan Chapter* of the *Special Libraries Association*, *Allan Gray*, *SA Astronomical Observatory* and *Sabinet* for their generosity and continued contribution to the success their meetings over this period.

5.6. National Chair:

5.6.1. Marketing

LiSLIG Link on *LIASA Web Page*:

Names of the Branch committees are available; Photo of EC Branch Committee; Article of FS branch meeting

Published in *Liassa-in-Touch*:

- Article on the Conference workshop "How to create your own Wiki" (Dec 2008)
- Names of National Committee (Dec 2008)
- Article "Bloemfontein Child Information Centre by FS Chair, Dorothy Russell (Mar 2009)
- SA Library Week: two news items from FS LiSLIG members (Jun 09)
- News item of FS branch activity at the UFS Music Library (Jun 09)
- Article "SA Mobile Library Project in the FS" by FS Vice-Chair, Erna Mostert and Secretary, Anna-Marie Jonker

Frequent announcements of branch activities were published on *Liassa Listserv*.

LiSLIG EC was congratulated by the LIASA EC Chair as the only active IG in the province.

Should there be other items / articles by LiSLIG members not stated here, I do apologise. The reason will just be that I was not aware that the responsible person is a LiSLIG member.

5.6.2. Vote of thanks

We received a generous sponsorship from *Caxton Books* for the session at the LIASA Conference – our sincere thanks to Mr Jonathan Ferreira!

I would like the opportunity to thank the National Committee, LiSLIG branch committees and the branch members for their hard work and commitment to LiSLIG and LIASA during the past year.

My wish is that the other branches would also follow the examples of the four active branches. Together we'll make a difference and promote our association and profession!

Ms Erna Mostert

LiSLIG National Chair

30 September 2009