Registration now open: IFLA President’s Meeting 2015

IFLA President Donna Scheeder invites you to the IFLA President's Meeting 2016, her first president’s meeting. The meeting will be held in Toronto Canada from April 6-9, 2016. The theme of the program is “A Call to Action: Building the Change Agenda for the Information Profession.” The call to action is a response to the societal trends discussed in the IFLA Trend report and our need to change and transform in an every quickly changing world. Keynotes talks, presentations and discussion will focus on the four central themes of the change agenda:

- Personal competencies and library education
- The institutional agenda building transformative services aligned with community needs
- Advocacy for a national policy agenda
- IFLA and the global policy agenda.

A dedicated website, draft program, online registration are now available; take advantage of reduced hotel rates until 1 March 2016.

Dear colleagues,

It gives me great pleasure to invite you to my first IFLA President's Meeting which is being held in Toronto, Ontario, Canada on 6-9 April 2016. Under the title of “A Call to Action: Building the Change Agenda for the Information Profession”, this President’s Meeting explores issues related to the changes faced by libraries all around the world today. The IFLA Trend Report as well as the Lyon Declaration on Access to Information and Development and the UN’s new sustainable goals set the scene for discussing important topics: personal competencies and library education, the institutional agenda for libraries building transformative services aligned with their community needs, advocacy for a national policy agenda, as well as IFLA and the global policy agenda.

The program includes distinguished speakers representing many viewpoints and interests. The aim is to advance our understanding of the needs and modes for change in libraries, their strategies and services as well as the change in our national and international agendas and our approach to advocacy. The results of the meeting will help libraries to plan their way forward. This meeting will be an exciting and rewarding experience for all participants. As IFLA President I look forward to welcoming you. Join us for stimulating discussion and reflection, led by several renowned speakers from many countries. On Wednesday 6 April and Saturday, 9 April there is be an opportunity to participate in study tours designed for different interests, including branches of one of the largest library systems in the world, a noted rare books library, a critical making lab, a new university library learning commons, and more.

I look forward to meeting you in Toronto in April 2016!

**Donna Scheeder**
IFLA President 2015-2017