

SESSIONS ATTENDED AND LIBRARY VISITS



We attended the conference sessions on:

- **Academic and Research Libraries**
- **Digital News**
- **Reference and Information Services**
- **Information Literacy**
- **Document delivery and resource sharing**
- **Quality Issues in Libraries**
- **Copyright and Legal Matters**
- **Health and Bioscience Libraries**



Generally all papers presented were focusing on:

- **Theoretical aspect of issues discussed**
eg: Digital reference
- **Libraries' experience (practices and perceptions)**
eg: Marketing analysis of information services in Korean Library
- **New challenges and expectation from our users**
eg: - How information literacy answers the knowledge society challenge
- Measuring the impact of Knowledge management

Product Demo

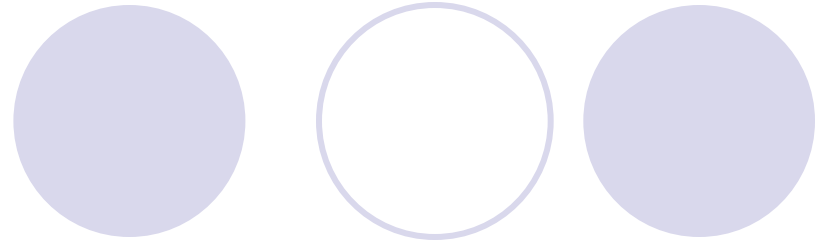
- EBSCO
- ProQuest
- Elsevier

Exhibitions

- Libraries
- Publishers
- IT Companies

Poster Sessions

- There were many attractive and creative posters presented at the exhibition.



LIBRARY VISIT : YONSEI UNIVERSITY



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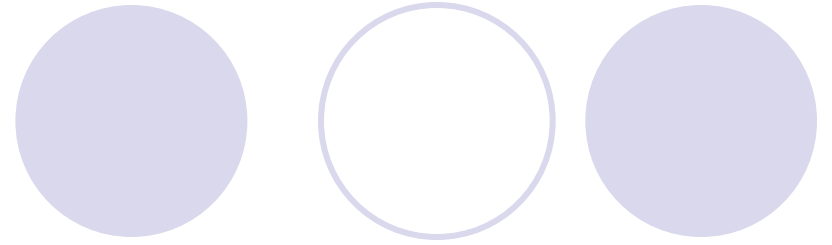
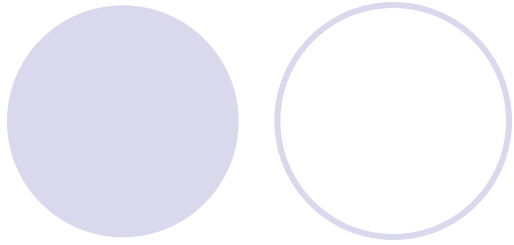


Library Visit : KIM DAE JUNG PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY & MUSEUM



LIBRARY VISIT: YONSEI MEDICAL LIBRARY





OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT

A. TO CONDUCT BRIEFING FOR FIRST TIMERS

- a. Registration
- b. Open sessions
- c. First timer's session
- d. Ticketed events
- e. Pre-conference workshop
- f. Committee Meetings
- g. Field Trips
- h. Exhibition
- i. Poster presentation
- j. Preparation – attire / food / hotel / climate / maps / etc.

METHODS FOR BRIEFING / SHARING IDEAS AND EXPERIENCE

- **Meet together**
 - **Group Email**
 - **PPM website – continually updated**
- } Before departure**

Who will benefit ? The Next First Timers!

B. FIRST TIMERS INITIATIVE : Prior to conference

- a. Put in writing what we want to accomplish at the conference.
- b. Have some ideas about specific people or interest groups that we want to meet.
- c. Prepare some questions for problems that we face at work or to get ideas for improvement.



B. FIRST TIMERS INITIATIVE – during the conference

- a. Schedule ourselves
- b. Orient ourselves. Familiarize ourselves with the conference location.
- c. Aware on conference updates available at the Information Booth.
- d. Exchange business card.



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- e. Networking / Social Events during special events, dinners, meeting in the hotel lobby, etc. (Malaysian and International)

Ice Breaker Questions:

“Hi. I’m _____ from _____. Where are you from?”

“See anything new at the conference?”

“Attend any great sessions?”

“Learn something new?”

B. FIRST TIMERS INITIATIVE – after the conference

Write a report to your Library and explain the value of the conference such as:

- formal and informal learning experience
- person we met
- discussion with vendor
- fun



CONCLUSION



- **A great career-related experience. Sharing a sense that what we do is truly important.**
- **Opportunity to see how IFLA is run as an organization.**
- **One of the things that impressed us most was the high quality of every aspect of the conference: the speakers, the facilities, exhibitions – everything was well planned and professional.**
- **It was intriguing to observe so many librarians who are pursuing different areas within the profession and such a colorful variety of personalities and values.**

CONCLUSION

- **At IFLA Conference, there are always so much going on, so many people and so much to share and talk about.**
- **With the limited time, it is up to us to grab the opportunities up to the maximum for our personal and professional development.**

