

Expressions of interest for IALC

The International Association of Library Centres (IALC) was formed in 2003 as a framework for co-operation among companies providing services — primarily bibliographic services and/or lending materials — to library communities. Before the formation of IALC the co-operation was organised as a round table (ROTNAC) within IFLA. Due to changes in the IFLA statutes this round table had to be dissolved.

The active members of IALC are the following companies:

- Biblioteksentralen, Norway
- Bibliotekstjänst, Sweden
- Dansk BiblioteksCenter, Denmark
- NBD/Biblion, The Netherlands
- EKZ, Germany
- SBD, Switzerland
- National Library Board, Singapore

IALC also has members which participate more infrequently in the activities of the association, in the following countries: Czech Republic (Moravska Zemska Knihovna); Hungary (KELLO); Israel (Israeli Center for Libraries); and Jamaica (Jamaica Library Service).

During the recent IFLA gathering in Buenos Aires the future of IALC was

discussed among its members. It was a general opinion that the association, so far, has not been able to attract members to constitute a critical mass legitimising the existence of an association in its own right. The committee is now seeking candidates which meet the IALC membership criteria.

The membership criteria according to the statutes of IALC are the following:

- the company must be a member of IFLA.
- the company must have a product line within the field of bibliographic services and/or lending materials delivered to libraries on a commercial basis.
- the company must act on a state or national scale.

If your company meets the criteria mentioned above and is interested in joining IALC, please contact the ALIA executive director who will pass your nomination on to the IALC committee. The committee is well aware that the requirement that the companies must act 'on a commercial basis' is the one that disqualifies most potential candidates, and they are prepared to consider a softening of this criteria. ■

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