The IFLA World Library and Information Congress

Opening ceremony at 2006 Congress. Photo: Sophie Felfoldi
The Congress

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• Known until 2002 as the “IFLA General Conference and Council” or “IFLA Conference”
• Annual
• Venues selected by region
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2002 Glasgow
2003 Berlin
2004 Buenos Aires
2005 Oslo
2006 Seoul
2007 Durban
2008 Quebec
2009 Milan
2010 Gothenburg
2011 San Juan, PR

2012: Helsinki, Finland
Seoul
4083 participants
Volunteers, IFLA Congress 2006. Photo: Sophie Felfoldi
## Congress programme 2012

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<td>Thu 9</td>
<td>Committee meetings</td>
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<td>Fri 10</td>
<td>Governing Board &amp; Professional Committee meet</td>
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<td>Sat 11</td>
<td>Standing committees meet</td>
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<td>Caucus meetings</td>
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<td>Sun 12</td>
<td>Opening Session</td>
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<td>Sessions, plenaries, posters, exhibition</td>
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<td>Tue 14</td>
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<td>Professional Committee &amp; Governing Board meet</td>
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<td>Sat 18</td>
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The Congress: programme

- Durban: 215 meetings
- Simultaneous interpretation: 33
  - 7 languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Russian, Spanish
  - For 2 of the 6 parallel sessions
  - *IFLA Express*
- Durban 2007: 393 papers
  - 226 in English
  - 80 posters
- Translations on IFLANET

### Helsinki programme as at 24 April:

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<td>SC &amp; Adv Committees</td>
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<td>Other committees &amp; misc</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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The Congress: grants

- Various sponsors
  - Durban: 202 grantees
  - 176 from South African government, NRF, SABINET
  - 41: IFLA Foundation plus Australian initiative
  - Francophonie: 22
  - Others
Brainstorming session, IFLA Congress 2006. Photo: Sophie Felfoldi
Cultural Evening, IFLA Congress 2006. Photo: Sophie Felfoldi
Beach party, IFLA Congress Durban 2007. Photo: Sophie Felfoldi
Exhibition at 2006 Congress. Photo: Sophie Felfoldi
Exhibition at 2006 Congress. Photo: Lidia Putziger
Exhausted delegate, IFLA Congress 2006. Photo: Sophie Felfoldi
Cultural evening, Seoul 2006

Photo: Sophie Felfoldi