

**SHARING EXPERIENCES AND NETWORKING BY PUTRI SANIAH MEGAT ABD RAHMAN
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PPM is a good platform for knowledge sharing, networking and professional development at national and international level. PPM's affiliation with other associations, organisations and institutions facilitate PPM to develop and organise training programs, conferences and quality management services and activities. The programs initiated benefit all librarians from all types of libraries in Malaysia.

Local Training Programs

Information literacy workshops jointly organised with UKM were conducted in several places in Malaysia, the main objectives of the workshops were to increase awareness of information literacy among the library users and to promote and improve usage of library databases that will contribute to lifelong learning skills. Participants were taught on search strategies, information retrieval skills and building of home pages. The workshops allow librarians to share experiences and established network among the librarians in the academic, public and special libraries. The workshops had been held in various states as follows:

- 29-31 July 2002 at Perlis Public Library, Simpang Empat Branch. Jointly organised with Perlis Public Library Corporation.
- 28-30th July 2003 at Kuala Terengganu – Jointly organised with the Terengganu Public Library & Department of Educational Technology, Ministry of Education.
- 28-30 July 2004 at Penang State Library - Jointly organised with Penang State Library Corporation.
- 29 – 30th July 2005 at UMS Library, Kota Kinabalu – Jointly organised with Universiti Malaysia Sabah.

The workshops were conducted in my capacity as Vice President 1, responsible for training programs and also as the Chief Librarian UKM.

International Staff Development & Training Program

PPM Monash University Library: Staff Development and Training Program 2004 was the first ever international attachment program initiated by PPM for Malaysian librarians. The program was conducted in Monash University library, Melbourne from 7-28 June 2004. It was attended by 10 librarians from various university libraries. Initial discussion was made with Mrs. Ho Chooi Hon, the Senior Librarian from Monash University during CONSAL 2003 in Brunei Darussalam. The objectives of the training program were to:

- Provide exposure to librarians on the management and services of advance libraries with international visions and missions.
- Impart knowledge on issues relating to delivery of electronic information services.
- To develop a culture of quality information services.

The training program was conducted in two modules. Module 1: Overview of policies and operations. Module 2: In-depth briefing/practical experiences.

The program includes lectures, seminars, workshop and library visits in Melbourne.

Monash University also arranged accommodation in the university campus. The training program was a success and Malaysian librarians gained exposure and networking.

Subsequently another program was conducted with the cooperation of University of Queensland, Brisbane held from 16 June to 1st July 2006 and participated by 11 librarians. The program was organised with the cooperation from Ms Heather Todd of University of Queensland. This was also made possible with the networking that existed between UKM and University of Queensland.

PPM's Travel Packages to Book Fairs & Library Benchmarking Visits

PPM has made it affordable for librarians to travel abroad to attend conferences, book fairs and benchmarking visits.

- London Book Fair April 2005 which includes visit to British Library, Loughborough University of Technology and Cambridge University Library.
- PPM's Package to New Delhi World Book Fair, 26 January – 2 February 2006
- PPM's Package Medical Library Group (MLG), 11-18 April 2006, Beijing, China
- PPM's Package ICADL, November 2006, Kyoto, Japan.

Conferences/ Seminars/Workshops

The following Conferences and Seminars were organised in 2006:

- International Conference on Information Literacy (ICIL) 14-15 June 2006, Hilton Kuala Lumpur jointly organised with the Faculty of Information Management, UITM, IFLA, UNESCO and Paradigm Systems.
- Seminar on Digitisation, 5th July 2006 at the National Library of Malaysia.
- Seminar on Knowledge Sharing: Experiences from IFLA, 28th November 2006 at the National Library of Malaysia
- International Workshop on Information Literacy (IWIL), 7-12 June 2006 in Shah Village Hotel, Petaling Jaya jointly organised with the Faculty of Information Management, UITM, IFLA and Ministry of Education.
- Training for Library Assistants, 4-7 Dec. 2006, Port Dickson, Negri Sembilan

Deregistration of PPM by Registrar of Societies (ROS)

PPM was briefly deregistered by ROS in 2007 due to technical problems. Several activities had to be postponed due to this. Despite de-registration, PPM continued to organise the visit by IFLA Bid Committee.

Bid for IFLA WLIC 2009/2010

PPM was shortlisted to bid for IFLA WLIC 2010. PPM council agreed to appoint Dato Dr. Zaiton Osman as Chair of the Organising Committee which also include National Library of Malaysia, Ministry of Tourism, Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre and Malaysian Airlines. The organising committee received the IFLA Bid Committee members for visits from 29th June to 1st July 2007. Unfortunately, PPM was not successful to bring WLIC 2010 to Kuala Lumpur.