Presents results of a report on development trends in librarianship and schools of library and information science in the Neue Bundeslander of the Federal Republic of Germany. Discusses political, economic, and technical factors; cites specific changes in public, union, university, scientific, and special libraries; and reviews trends in library training and the publishing industry. (Contains 111 references.)

Provides an overview of the library infrastructure of Bangladesh; the current state of special, academic, public, and school library collections; and an overview of librarianship and library education. Topics include the national library and archives, the unequal distribution of limited library resources, and support from developed countries.

Presents a current picture of Ethiopian librarianship based on articles published since 1980. Highlights include the national library and national archives, including bibliographies; public libraries and reading rooms; academic libraries; school libraries; special libraries; and development of the library profession and education.

Reports on the IFLA Pre-Session Seminar on international issues in school librarianship (Caldes de Montbui, Spain, August 1993). Summarizes papers dealing with the role of school libraries in developing countries; selection and acquisitions; management and financial support; and country reports on the school library situation. Also includes seminar resolutions.

Reports on the International Association of School Librarianship (IASL), including an overview of organizational history; a review of the 1993 annual conference in Adelaide (Australia); descriptions of professional awards; lists of 1994-97 conference sites and board members; an address to contact for more information about the organization and its activities.

Discusses the concept of international librarianship (particularly in Europe), the unique characteristics and role of national libraries, librarians working in national libraries, and the role of information strategy systems and information technology in national libraries.
Discusses the potential for linking large metropolitan public libraries to international interlibrary loan networks. Issues involved in international networking, including funding, standards, network connectivity, and protectionism, are discussed. Examples of libraries capable of participating and brief descriptions of their collections are given.

Discusses programs and services of the Society of School Librarians International (SSLI) relating to professional growth, communications and public relations, and legislative involvement. Winners of the 1992 SSLI Annual Book Awards are listed, and activities of the Learning through Media Coalition are described.

Provides a description of four seminars and three study tours organized by the IFLA (International Federation of Library Associations) Section on Library Buildings and Equipment from 1980-91. Themes include interior design and layout, library buildings in the network context, adapting buildings to library use, planning and design, and control of capital and maintenance costs. (Contains seven references.)

Reports on the activities at the Canadian Library Association (CLA) 1992 annual conference. Topics discussed include First Nations libraries; help for third world countries; censorship; IFLA (International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions) activities; financial concerns of CLA; publishing plans; work on a national information policy; and CLA awards.

Two articles discuss international library education: "The University of the South Pacific Looks ahead to the Year 2000" (Melvin D. Rainey) describes a library assistants' certification program; and "American and South Asian Library Educators Discuss Library and Information Science Education" (R.N. Sharma) reviews the first American/South Asian Librarians Conference held in New Delhi (India) in 1992.

The purpose of this collection of essays is to examine academic libraries in Greece at a time when the potential for changes and advance in librarianship is great. The 15 papers are as follows: "International Interlibrary Cooperation: Exchanging Goals, Values and Culture" (Don L. Tolliver); "Academic Libraries in Greece" (James Krikelas); "Academic Libraries in Greece: A New Profile" (Nancy Birk and Dimitris Karageorgiou); "Library Education in Greece" (Mersini Moreleu-Cacouris); "Library Automation in Greece: A Visitor's Perspective" (Michael Kreyche); "Automation of the National Library of Greece" (George D. Bokos); "Collection Development and Interlibrary Loan in Greek Academic Libraries" (Stella Korobili); "The American Center Library in Thessaloniki, Greece" (Vicki Syroglou-Bouki); "Automation and the University of Crete" (James Krikelas and Michael Tzekakis); "Academic Libraries in Transition: A Case Study of the Library at the University of Crete in Rethymnon" (Peter D. Haikalis); "The Library of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki: Organization, Operation, and Perspectives" (Nicolaos Alexandrou and Dimitrios Dimitriou); "The Library of the Department of English Language and Literature at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece" (Alex Noel-Tod); "A User Survey of the English Department Library at Aristotle University, Thessaloniki, Greece" (Martha Kyrillidou); "Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, and Aristotle University, Thessaloniki, Greece: An Exchange Program" (Thomas M. Davis); and "A Greek Librarian in America: Personal Reflections on an Eight-Month Practicum at the Kent State University Libraries" (Athena Salaba).
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The information in this report is condensed from the presentations and conversations, both formal and informal, that occurred during the 60th meeting of the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA). About 1,500 librarians attended, representing Cuba, Venezuela, Mexico, Argentina, Peru, and Colombia. Training for preservation administrators and preservation technicians was identified as a high priority need in Latin America. Because of the need for training, Latin American librarians were eager for current preservation literature. Maintenance and storage environments were also priority concerns; however, the breakdown of acidic papers was scarcely mentioned. Biological pests are perceived as a greater hazard in tropical environments. Of secondary priority, the conference participants recognized reformatting and bibliographic control, connectivity through new technologies, and opportunities for creative projects.

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The purpose of this, the first international library conference held in China and sponsored by a Chinese institution, was to enhance the development of library and information science, promote the status of library and information professionals, and exchange ideas of research and practices in the field. In addition to ceremonial speeches, 134 papers were selected and read, most either written in or translated into English. Thirty-one of these papers are abstracted here, and are intended to provide references to scholars and practitioners who are interested in studying the current status and development of library and information services in many locations throughout the world, particularly China. Topics covered by the papers abstracted include: historical development, philosophical foundations, interactions with socioeconomic changes, technology and automation, management, cataloging and classification, preservation, and education.

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