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Prior to IFLA Conferences traditionally some pre-conferences and seminars are held. We would like to give information on some pre-conferences which will take place in 1995, in this issue of our journal.

The IFLA Pre-Sessional Seminar

The theme of the seminar has been identified as "Influencing the Decision Makers" by the IFLA Professional Board. Within this overall theme, specific topics will be identified for discussion in due course. It is expected that the seminar will attract colleagues from North Africa, Eastern Mediterranean, South and Central Asia, the Black Sea countries and particularly from newly emerging democracies. Winston D Roberts, Coordinator of Professional Activities will visit Turkey later in the year to discuss the practical arrangements. Assoc Prof O Tekin Aybaş is responsible for local arrangements of this seminar.

Round Table on Library History Pre-Conference Workshop

RTLH is intending to hold a two-day meeting in Istanbul on 16th/17th or 17th/18th August. S W Massil is Secretary to the RTLH (University of London Library, Senate House, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HU, Fax. 071 436 1494). Prof Dr Meral Alpay is responsible for local arrangements.

Section of Libraries for the Blind Pre-Conference

SLB arranges a pre-conference every other year. The Section will have its next pre-Conference in Istanbul. Chairperson of the Section is Beatrice Christensen Sköld (c/o The Swedish Library of Talking Book and Braille, TPB, S-122 88 ENSKEDE, Sweden, Fax. (+46) 8 659.94 67).

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Section of Library Buildings and Equipment Open Meeting during the IFLA Conference 1995

SLBE has decided to concentrate on "Smart buildings" within the theme of the conference. Three or four speakers are expected to make presentations for 2 1/2 hours. Michael Dewe (University College of Wales, DILS, Llanbadarn Fawr, Abersytwyth, Dyfed SY23 3AS, Wales, UK, Fax. 0970 622190) is the secretary of the Section. Deniz Sezgen is the liaison person in Turkey for SLBE.

CORRECTION

We are sorry that the text on pages 299-300 in our last issue was misprinted. Please find below a correct reprint. We would like to add that the symposium mentioned below has been very fruitful with participation of 200 colleagues, and 18 papers were submitted. The papers will be published in Turkish soon.

The Turkish Librarians' Association has organised a national symposium to evaluate the state of the art in librarianship and information services in the country and discuss necessary developments to improve the services for 2000. This symposium is considered to be a preliminary national meeting before the 61st IFLA Conference, as the main theme of this conference is "The Future of Libraries". It is expected that the symposium will provoke discussion of some new issues and encourage national colleagues to submit papers for the IFLA 1995 Istanbul Conference. The symposium will be held from 22 to 24 December 1993, in Ankara, at the Turkish Scientific and Technical Research Council.

Note. Lack of abstracts in English in this issue may cause disappointment. As the contents page reveals, the reason for this is that this is a special issue on the 59th IFLA General Council and Conference, Barcelona, covering impressions of participants on the Conference and translations of some of the papers submitted at the conference. It is our editorial policy only to abstract original research and so none of this quarter's papers qualify for abstracting.