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# EDITORIAL

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## WE ARE IFLA! IFLA STRATEGY 2019-2024

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The Pacific was represented at the 85th International Federation of Library and Information Associations (IFLA)

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General Conference and Assembly held at the Megaron International Conference Centre, Athens, Greece from 24-30 August, 2019 by Lorin Pai, Secretary, Fiji Library Association, Nina Nakaora, Suva City Library. I was the third representative.

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The Conference was attended by 3630 library personnel from 140 countries with access to 250 sessions involving 500 speakers under the theme 'Dialogue for Change'.

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It was the library field at work and we were all invited to be a part of the movement to implement the IFLA Strategy 2019-2024 <https://www.ifla.org/strategy>, the universal library call to action.

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Our Pacific libraries are part of this call to action and the IFLA Strategy 2019-2024 encourages us to be a part of this world-wide movement. Each of the four strategic directions of the Plan includes four initiatives:

- Strategic Direction 1 - Strengthen the Global Voice of Libraries
- Strategic Direction 2 - Inspire and Enhance Professional Practice
- Strategic Direction 3 - Connect and Empower the Field

- Strategic Direction 4 - Optimise our Organisation

Under Strategic Direction 1, the following two initiatives stand out immediately:

**1.1 Show the power of libraries in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals:** the Fiji National Development Plans (5&20 years) are built on the SDGs and libraries can play an important role in the achievement of the SDGs.

**1.4 Shape public opinion and debate around open access and library values, including intellectual freedom and human rights:** open access addresses issues of equity to information and particularly relevant to the Pacific.

I invite the Pacific Libraries Network (PLN) and all those working in libraries to use the IFLA Strategy and its initiatives to strengthen the role of libraries in national development of each of our regional countries.

It is pleasing to note that Ms. Christine McKenzie of Australia, from our part of the world is at the helm of IFLA as President.

*Elizabeth Reade Fong*

# REGIONAL CONNECTIONS

## HISTORY BOOK LAUNCH

Students, staff and guests gathered at the AUSPAC performance theatre a few minutes after 3pm on Thursday 27 June 2019 to witness the launch of three history books. Organised by USP Bookshop and FALE, the event introduced A quiet revolution: Catholic education and the schooling of girls in Kiribati, a thesis published as a book, by Sister Alaima Talu. The second book launched was An ideal colony and epitome of progress: Colonial Fiji in picture postcards, written by Pacific historian and former USP academic, Max Quanchi, and Max Shekleton. In appraising the book, Dr. Morgan Tuimaleali'ifano, called postcards "an often overlooked source of archival evidence about the historical past". Finally, the third book launched was Professor Brij Lal's Road from Mr Tuli's store: stories from Fiji with the author joining the forum via Skype from his Brisbane home.

## BOOKS IN PRINT ABOUT THE PACIFIC

Grow your library collection with some great texts for sale by UBIQ Pasifika.

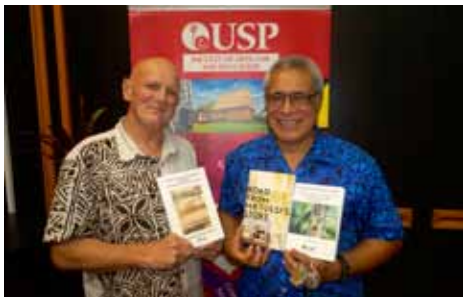
Check out this link <https://ubiq.co.nz/t/category/non-fiction/pasifika> for books intended for children as well as adults, catering to various genres from non-fiction to myths and legends of the Pacific.



## USP LAUCALA OPEN DAY

A record 95 schools with around 7,800 students visited Laucala Campus and the visitors were met with engaging sectional displays, entertaining performances and an overall celebratory atmosphere.

Chaired by Natasha Skeen, Librarian – Reader Services, the Library Open Day Committee organised tours to showcase the Library's Learning Commons. The Regional Libraries and Reader Services sections jointly put together the winning display themed i-Jungle, or Information Jungle.



*Dr Max Quanchi and Associate Professor Morgan Tuimaleali'ifano with the three books that were launched.*



*Library staff, some in full concentration whilst others enjoying the camaraderie, putting together the winning display.*



*Group photo of attendees.*

*Photos courtesy of George Toganivalu*



*Students take part in the displays at the FSTE booths at the USP gymnasium.*

# REGIONAL CONNECTIONS

## TONGA'S FIRST PUBLIC LIBRARY

Tonga will soon open its first ever public library with thousands of books donated from more than 50 Auckland Council libraries. Access the full report from <https://www.rnz.co.nz/national/programmes/first-up/audio/2018711371/tonga-to-open-first-public-library-system-with-thousands-of-books-donated-from-nz>



*Tongan children helping to put their library together.*

*Photo credit: Kahoa Corbett*

## MALAYSIAN DELEGATION BOOK DONATION

In mid-August, a Malaysian delegation visiting Fiji headed by Professor Jamilah Ariffin, formerly of Development Studies, Faculty of Economics University of Malaya, Malaysia visited the USP Library to donate a number of her publications on women and development, economic development and cultural change in Malaysia. The delegation of retired Academic Professors including a Librarian were received by Library Senior staff. A presentation of the Library website to highlight our services was shown to them before afternoon tea.



*The Malaysian delegation with USP Librarians.*

# DEVELOPMENTS AND FEATURES

## IFLA WLIC 2019

The World Library and Information Congress, held 24-30 August 2019 in Athens, Greece, was attended by Lorin Pai and Nina Nakaora, both young para-professionals and former DLIS students. Lorin presented during the first panel of the IFLA President's session on Dialogues for change: inspiring, engaging, enabling and connecting the motors for change.

USP's University Librarian Elizabeth Fong also presented at the conference, on the topic National information and library policy development in support of the UN Sustainable Development Goals: the case of Fiji in a Pacific context.

## NOW ONLINE! THE GANDHARA SCROLL, A RARE 2,000-YEAR-OLD TEXT OF EARLY BUDDHISM

The Gandhara Scroll, one of the world's oldest Buddhist manuscripts, has been painstakingly preserved and digitised by the Library of Congress, making it available to readers online after years of

delicate work. The fragments, written on birch bark about 2,000 years ago, from ancient Gandhara in present-day Pakistan and Afghanistan, may represent the oldest surviving Buddhist texts ever discovered.



*Conservators used gold-handled dental tools and specially-made bamboo lifters to work on the scroll. Photo credit: Yasmeen Khan*



*Conservation staff turning the Gandhara scroll during its digitisation. Photo credit: Jonathan Loar*

## SISTERS OF CHARITY AT CAWACI, FIJI

A significant collection of photographs from the first overseas mission of the Sisters of Charity for the period 1957 – 1965 was discovered, catalogued and rehoused. A short narrative written by Carlos Lopez, from Charles Sturt University who will be on placement at the USP Library's Pacific Collection is accessible from [https://www.sistersofcharity.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/6074\\_KIT\\_June\\_2019.pdf](https://www.sistersofcharity.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/6074_KIT_June_2019.pdf)

Launch of the IFLA Strategy 2019-2024 IFLA's first ever truly bottom-up Strategy, accessible from <https://www.ifla.org/strategy> was built on the contributions of the whole global field and its success will depend on individual and collective actions which includes every person working in the library field from wherever we are in the vast Pacific Ocean.

# PEOPLE

## PACIFIC GAMES SAMOA

The 16th Pacific Games held in Apia Samoa was attended by Martin Burrows, Oceania Sport Information Centre Coordinator and Francis Dominiko, Library Attendant. Francis attended the largest Pacific Games in his capacity as Team Fiji's Archery Manager. They brought back home a total of seven medals: 3 gold, 3 silver and 1 bronze, the best performance from Archery thus far.

This was no small feat given that one could feel the static in the air in the

Fiji Camp with the collective focus and determination from the various sports as they prepared to go up against the best in the Pacific. The Games Village was full of energy despite a kava and alcohol ban in the premises.

For Francis, the highlight of the tournament was spotting for Fred Leota as he shot against Henry Shiu from New Caledonia who led the match until the very end when Fred turned up the heat and fought his way to victory.

*Adapted from information supplied and photos by Francis Dominiko*



Team Fiji Archery in action and after with their spoils.

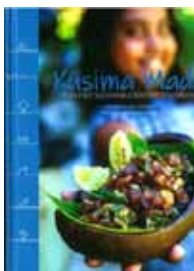


## LIVIANA TABALALA IS NEW DEPUTY UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN

Beginning as a secondary school teacher, Livi as she is affectionally known, joined USPL as a graduate trainee before transiting to become Serials and Training Librarian, LIS Programme Coordinator and now Deputy University Librarian after a brief stint as PAC-TAFE's Head of College Arts & Humanities.

In taking on her new role, she aspires to lead by example, motivate staff and contribute to IRS development using her academic experience. She values peoples' knowledge, experience and ideas and is ready to accept others' views to complement her strengths.

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**KUSIMA MADA: FIJI'S FIRST SUSTAINABLE SEAFOOD COOKBOOK** / Jason Allport and Sangeeta Mangubhai. Suva, Fiji : Wildlife Conservation Society, 2019. ISBN: 9780990385240 155 p. USD30.00

This cookbook was written in collaboration with an Australian Chef, Jason Allport, who

designed original mouth-watering recipes using a range of locally-sourced seafood and produce. Only species currently thought to be sustainable are included in the cookbook. The cookbook features over 80 recipes organized in terms of the habitats the species that are found, from rivers, mangroves, coral reefs and the open ocean. What also is unique, is the way the book uses vibrant photography to showcase women in the fisheries sector.

Kusima Mada has been designed to inspire new menus and as well as other methods to promote sustainable seafood choices by consumers and protection of local fisheries including compliance with the current size limits for fish and invertebrates in Fiji.



**POLYNESIAN TATTOOS: 42 MODERN TRIBAL DESIGNS TO COLOR AND EXPLORE** / Roberto Gemori. Boulder: Shambhala, 2018. ISBN: 9781611806304 112 p. USD20.00

"The author presents here modern tattoo designs inspired by Polynesian art to color and contemplate for inspiration and transformation. In addition to a short introduction on Polynesian art and symbolism, the book features 42 designs for coloring, each accompanied

by a description of the image's unique meaning. Color these stunning designs and discover the depth of Polynesian art!"



**THE NEW PACIFIC DIPLOMACY** / Greg Fry and Sandra Tarte. ACT : ANU Press, 2016. ISBN: 9781925022810 305 p. USD55.00

"The New Pacific Diplomacy brings together a range of analyses and perspectives on these dramatic new developments in Pacific diplomacy at sub-regional, regional and global levels, and in the key sectors of global negotiation for Pacific states – fisheries, climate change, decolonisation, and trade."

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