Beacon on Freedom of Expression Conference
19 th May 2003

09:30 - 10:00  Registration

10:00 - 11:30  Opening of Conference

H.E. Ms. Valgerd Svarstad Haugland  The Norwegian Minister of Cultural & Church Affairs
Ismail Serageldin, Director of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina
Bishop Desmond Tutu, South Africa Nobel Laureate, via video
Aung San Suu Kyi, Burmese Nobel Laureate, via video conference

"Arabic Poetry and Freedom of Expression"
Ahmed Abdel Mooti Hegazy, writer
Gere Andarssen, Deputy Director, Worldview Rights introduces Exhibition
"Art for Freedom"

11:30 - 12:00  Coffee Break

Press Conference
Conference Moderator: Kay Raseroka, IFLA President-Elect

12:00 - 12:45  Session 1:

"Artistic freedom of expression"

Arne Ruth, former editor-in-chief of the Swedish newspaper Dagens Nyheter
presently guest professor in residence at the University of Oslo

"Fundamentalism and Art Oppression"

Mostafa El Razzaz, Chairman of the Visual Art Committee of the Supreme Council of Culture and Folklore Art Society

12:45 - 01:30  Session 2:

"Censorship of films, broadcasting and Internet"

Andrew Puddephat, Executive Director of Article 19, representative of IFEX - International Freedom of Expression exchange and Board member of the International Steering Committee
Gehad Odah, Vice-Dean, Faculty of Political Science, Helwan University

Break
01:30 - 02:30  Session 3

02:30- 03:15  "The end of history: censorship and libraries"
Alex Byrne, IFLA Governing Board Member / Chair of IFLA/FAIFE Committee and member of the International Steering Committee for the Beacon for Freedom of Expression

"Role of public libraries in promoting freedom of expression"
H.E. Ambassador Abdel Raouf Elreedy, Chairman of the Board of Mubarak Public Library, former Ambassador to the USA

Session 4

03:15 - 04:00  "Censorship in a local and international perspective"
Eugene Schoulgin, Chair of Writers in Prison Committee, International PEN
Hani Shukrallah, Managing Editor -Al Ahram Weekly

Coffee Break

04:00 - 04:30  Session 5

04:30 - 05:15  "The importance of dialogue serving intercultural and inter-religious communication on freedom of expression"
Bendik Rugaas, Director General of Education, Culture and Heritage, Youth and Sport, Council of Europe

Egyptian Participant

05:15 - 06:00  Session 6 - Round table discussion

"The continued development of Beacon for Freedom of Expression"

Mette Newth, Project Leader and Chair of Beacon for Freedom of Expression international Steering Committee
Frode Bakken, President of the Norwegian Library Association, Chair of the Norwegian Steering Committee and member of the International Steering Committee
Gere Andarssen, "Nobel Peace Lauretates Follow up Fund"
Ismail Serageldin, Director of the BA

Announcement of International Conference in September 2004 (during BA Book Fair)
06:00 - 07:00  Tour of Library (Library closes at 7:00 p.m.)
08:00 - 09:30  Dinner hosted by the Norwegian Minister of Cultural and Church Affairs