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## ERIK ARFEUILLE'S CURRENT AWARENESS LISTS

(John Sumsion)

Every two-three weeks Erik Arfeuille produces a list of L.I.S. Research articles and reports entitled **Application of New Technologies in Libraries - Citations**. Based in Belgium he brings a small country approach to the task, so that the bibliographic lists are distributed even handedly among the major countries worldwide. Over 90 per cent of items are English language. The content summaries are short - one or two sentences - but to the point and generally sufficient to indicate where you want to explore further. The Belgian origin seems to have advantages in yielding an interesting international perspective.

Joining the List costs nothing and scanning these contents takes up very little time. I usually find one or two items to interest me - that I have not yet come across. Probably there is a bias towards ICT, networking and management topics. Altogether a site worth trying out if you do not know it already:.

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## UNUSUAL VIRTUES OF THE IFLA WEB SITE

(EDITOR)

Professor John Feather has found the IFLA web site invaluable for locating colleagues and individuals in foreign countries whose e-mail address may otherwise be difficult to find.

Also, this site contains the full text of papers delivered to the IFLA Annual Conferences - both past conferences and this year's conference in advance of the actual event. Cynics might argue that this saves you the £500 - 700 needed to attend the conference itself. That ignores the advantages of personal networking and the social programme - but it is a point!

Very well organised, the address is:
http://www.ifla.org

## THE RESEARCHING LIBRARIAN

(Pat Gannon-Leary)

http://www2.msstate.edu/~kerjsmit/trl/

This site was created for information professionals who need to perform research. It gathers links to selected web resources useful for research: freely searchable citation and full-text databases, funding information, relevant journals, statistics and statistical methods, useful research tools, current awareness sources, and conference papers and proceedings.

Because it is American, the funding information is not particularly useful but the rest of the links are. It is kept up to date and is very user-friendly. *LIRN* is not listed among the journals - perhaps we should notify them of this serious omission!

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