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Dear Janice, dear SLA Board Members, dear SLA members,

On behalf of IFLA President Claudia Lux, IFLA Governing Board, IFLA Members from all over the world, and IFLA Headquarters Staff I send our warmest congratulations to all SLA board members and activists, on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of the Special Libraries Association.

IFLA, as we are still a relatively young international library organisation with our 81 years of age, remains in great admiration for SLA for reaching this centennial age.

Through the years the IFLA community has always experienced the SLA as a productive and useful IFLA member, a very active partner within the IFLA Management of Library Associations Section, and a reliable and inspirational adviser and trustworthy sparring partner and counselling sister in the various topics and challenges that crossed our paths in the global library world. We truly hope that our good cooperation continues for many years.

I would like to end my letter of congratulations with a quote from Lao Tzu, a philosopher whom I admire greatly.

‘A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step’.

To me this is a true word when building up and sustaining an international library organisation. These are guiding words for all of us, and I do hope the SLA will enter the phase of her second youth with the same inspiration and positive charisma as it has done in the first 100 years, and that SLA will reach all her goals step by step.

A happy anniversary to all of you and may our good cooperation remain for at least the next 100 years.

On behalf of the world wide IFLA family,

Jennefer Nicholson
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