

Extraordinary professor receives OBE Award



Prof Paul Sturges, an extraordinary professor in the Department of Information Science, has received an OBE (Officer of the Order of the British Empire) in the Queen's Birthday Honours list of 2010.

Prof Sturges was the Chair of the Committee on Free Access to Information and Freedom of Expression (FAIFE) of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) from 2003 to 2009. He has been involved in international librarianship for many years, and has contributed a tremendous amount through his work in the area of freedom of access to information and freedom of expression.

His work has concentrated on the value of access to information from the earliest development of human cognition through to the creation of fair and decent societies.

Particular highlights in his career include leading a project funded by the USA Department of Museums, Libraries and Archives on privacy in the digital library environment from 2000 to 2002, and authoring guidelines for public Internet access facilities on behalf of the Council of Europe from 1997 to 2001.

In addition to being Professor Extraordinary at the University of Pretoria, he is also Professor Emeritus at the University of Loughborough in the United Kingdom. He has been deeply involved with projects on African library and information-related issues since 1984. 📍