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My participation at the 4th Leipzig Library and Information Congress was a rewarding experience. First of all, I was impressed by a high level of organization. Logistics of the event, such as signage, timing, locations, were well thought of and executed. The Congress Center building was a perfect venue for the event, it turned out to be spacious, modern, well situated and well equipped. I greatly appreciated the assistance I received from BI-International and Hella Klauser in particular. Prior to my arrival she answered my questions, sent directions and a list of English-language presentations at the Congress, which was of great help. With very minimum knowledge of German, I felt pretty comfortable at the congress. Since I was the only speaker coming from Canada I am grateful to the Bibliothek & Information International for making me part of the events arranged for the international delegation of invited guests. It helped me to feel connected to the group, to network and to build useful contacts. I enjoyed presentations of my colleagues from other countries, especially the talks by Ramón Abad (Spain), Paul Sturges (UK) and Thea Lindquist (USA). It is a pity that there was no English translation of sessions in German, I feel that I could have learnt much more about the innovative projects and advancements of librarianship in the host country.

It was my great pleasure to make a presentation in the framework of Vermittlung von Informationskompetenz an den Hochschulen: Konzepte für die Praxis. I was happy to share my experience and to present the best practices of applying technology in Information Literacy classes at the University of Alberta. Numerous questions and comments that I received from attendees were a proof that my speech was of great interest and value to the audience. I was really fortunate to take part in the Congress that happened to be a true venue of professional, intellectual and cultural exchange.