



IFLA- Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania (RSCAO)
Minutes of the Meetings held at WLIC IFLA 2018, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Item	Agenda	Remarks
1	<p>Welcome, Introduction, and Apologies</p> <p>Chair Sanjay K Bihani opened the meeting and welcomed all members to the meeting. A special welcome was extended to observers.</p> <p>SC I meeting</p> <p>Present: Sanjay K Bihani (Chair), Tina Yang (Secretary), Takashi Nagatsuka (Information Coordinator), Dolores Carungui, Nor Edzan Che Nasir, Premila Gamage, Cendrella Habre, Hiroshi Kawamura, Wathmanel Seneviratne, Arshad Mahmood (Corresponding Member), Dil Ruksana Basunia (Corresponding Member), Chihfeng P. Lin (Corresponding Member), Winston Roberts (Corresponding Members), Rashidah Begum Bt. Fazal Mohamed (Advisor), Jayshree Mamtora (Advisor), Shawky Salem (Advisor), Lin Li Soh (Regional Office) and Ai Cheng Tay (Regional Office)</p> <p>Apologies: Mya Oo, Madhu Bhargava, Paul Nielson, Ji-hye Song, Chakraborty, Irina Shubina, Ramesh Gaur</p> <p>Absent: Eulsoon Ma, Margaret A. Terry, Rindra Mohktar B. Ramli (Corresponding Member)</p> <p>Observers: Zaruddin Moss (Malaysia), Deva Eswara Reed (U.S), Sun Yigang (China), Shivanthi Weerasinghe (Sri Lanka), Jane Hill (New Zealand), Dilgit Singh (Malaysia), Randa Al Chidiac (Lebanon), Fauz Abdallah (Lebanon), Kanwal Ameen (Pakistan), Lydnal Osborne (Australia), Fariborz Khosravi (Iran), Juok Park (South Korea), Jennefer Nicholson (Australia), Suyoung Kwak (South Korea)</p> <p>SC II Meeting</p> <p>Present: Sanjay K Bihani (Chair), Tina Yang (Secretary), Takashi Nagatsuka (Information Coordinator), Dolores Carungui, Nor Edzan Che Nasir, Premila Gamage, Cendrella Habre, Hiroshi Kawamura, Wathmanel Seneviratne, Arshad Mahmood (Corresponding Member), Dil Ruksana Basunia (Corresponding Member), Chihfeng P. Lin (Corresponding Member), Jayshree Mamtora (Advisor), Shawky Salem (Advisor), Lin Li Soh (Regional Office)</p> <p>Apologies: Mya Oo, Madhu Bhargava, Paul Nielson, Ji-hye Song, Susmita Chakraborty, Irina Shubina, Ramesh Gaur, Winston Roberts, Rashidah Begum Bt. Fazal Mohamed</p>	Chair

	<p>Absent: Eulsoon Ma, Margaret A. Terry, Rindra Mohktar B. Ramli (Corresponding Member)</p> <p>Observers: B, Shadrach (India), Dilgit Singh (Malaysia), Sara Taylor (Australia), Xiaofang Zhang (China), Deva Eswara Reed (U.S), O.N. Chaubey (India), Fauz Abdallah (Lebanon)</p>	
2	<p>Adoption of agenda.</p> <p>The Chair asked members to adopt the agenda, and this was done.</p>	Chair
3	<p>Confirmation of the Minutes of the mid-term meeting held at Seoul, April 2018</p> <p>The Minutes, which had previously been circulated, were confirmed.</p>	Chair
4	<p><u>Matters arising</u> from the Minutes, if any...</p> <p>Follow-up actions were taken and indicated in the hyperlinked document. Some items are covered by the new agenda and will be further discussed at this meeting.</p>	Chair
5	<p>Reports from Division V and IFLA HQ</p> <p>5.1. Sueli Mara Soares Pinto Ferreira, Division V Chair appealed to members for support to the Division and A&O Section.</p> <p>5.2. Ingrid Bon, Manager of IFLA Development Programmes updated members on the recent development of the International Advocacy Programme (IAP).</p>	
6	<p>Report from the Chair, IFLA- RSCAO</p> <p>Sanjay reported on RSCAO work achievements and progress since the mid-term meeting in April. Most of work is covered by the new agenda and will be discussed at the meeting. In addition, it was noted:</p> <p>6.1 A series of professional events was associated with RSCAO in support of IFLA's global vision and strengthening IFLA and RSCAO in the region (Also see 19.2 & 19.3)</p> <p>6.2 Satellite Meeting at Kolkata with Education and Training attracted 125 participants including 10 from abroad.</p> <p>6.3 Satellite Meeting at Penang with Genealogy and Local History was well received. Takashi attended it on behalf of RSCAO.</p>	Chair
7	<p>Report from the Information Coordinator, IFLA-RSCAO</p> <p>Noted that from Takashi:</p> <p>7.1. Fifteen people joined the RSCAO listserv during 31 March and 15 August 2018. Only one was unsubscribed. There are 375 current subscribers.</p> <p>7.2. The new A&O electronic newsletter was uploaded to the Section's website in May 2018.</p> <p>7.3. Improvement was seen in using the Section's social media for promoting and publicizing Section's or Region's activities and</p>	Information Coordinator

	events.	
8	<p>Reports from Sub-Regional Conveners</p> <p>Noted from Tina:</p> <p>8.1 The guidelines for submitting sub-regional reports were developed and the report template was revised focusing on events of high impact in the each sub-region. Both were uploaded to the Section website.</p> <p>8.2 Written reports were received from all sub-regional conveners.</p> <p>8.3 Events from some major countries were missing</p> <p>Action: Sub-regional Conveners should liaise with the libraries, library associations, and engage RSCAO members from respective sub-regions to collect news and events of high impact.</p>	Sub-Regional Conveners
9	<p>Reports from the Regional Office/ IFLA HQ</p> <p>Noted from Lin Li:</p> <p>IFLA memberships</p> <p>9.1 As at 31 July 2018, there were 280 members and 39 member countries compared with 270 members and 51 member countries as at 19 January 2018. There was an increase of 10 members (4%) and a decrease of 12 member countries (24%).</p> <p>9.2 Lin Li requested IFLA HQ to send a list of IFLA members for RO to review the memberships in A&O.</p> <p>Action: Sub-Regional Conveners will assist RO to fill the gap in their respective regions. Top universities in each country may be the potential candidates for them to reach out.</p> <p>9.3 Tell us your story: IFLA’s “Libraries and the Sustainable Development Goals: A Storytelling Manual” is now published.</p> <p>Action: All members are encouraged to submit their stories. RO will provide assistance when needed.</p> <p>9.4 Global Vision workshop for A&O was held in May 2018 in Hanoi. Subsequently, a series of Global Vison workshops were organized by the various countries in A&O Libraries. RO during June – July 2018. RO submitted a report to IFLA HQ in July 2018.</p> <p>9.5 RO updated the Funding Agencies and Organizations in A&O Region.</p> <p>9.6 For RSCAO 2018 Mid-term meeting, IFLA will not be transferring the meeting fund of €5,500 to RO as was done previously. They will track the budget and make payment upon RO confirmation and receipt of invoices after the activity.</p> <p>9.7 RO coordinated a list of collaborative projects in A&O countries.</p> <p>9.8 The A&O electronic newsletters will be published in April 2018, July 2018, October 2018 and January 2019.</p> <p>Action: Members are invited to contribute articles including news from other IFLA Sections to the electronic newsletters.</p>	<p>Manager, RO</p> <p>RO & Sub-regional Conveners</p> <p>All members & RO</p> <p>All members</p>

	<p>9.9 RO collaborated with the National Library Board Singapore for eight book donation projects for the period 1 April 2018 to 31 July 2018 and encouraged members to participate in future donations.</p> <p>Action: Members can initiate the donation projects in A&O. The A&O IFLA member list will be circulated to all members to locate potential project partners.</p>	RO & All members
10	<p>Silk Road Alliance Forum Mr. Sun Yigang presented the development and future of the “Silk Road International Library Alliance” and called for co-operations and partnerships in the One-Belt-One-Road region.</p>	Sun Yigang, Deputy Director of National Library of China
11	<p>Other Reports Noted from Tina</p> <p>11.1 Twenty RSCAO members contributed to the Global Vision Discussion Phase II and the report was submitted to IFLA HQ in mid-July.</p> <p>Noted from Sanjay</p> <p>11.2 Six RSCAO members participated in the A&O Structure Review and four in Division V Structure Review.</p> <p>11.3 The report was submitted to Sueli Mara Soares Pinto Ferreira, Division V Chair in August.</p> <p>11.4 Some members were not active in Global Vision Discussion and the Section and Division Structure Review.</p> <p>Action: Members are requested to actively participate in IFLA, Division V and Section activities.</p>	Chair/Secretary All members
12	<p>Update on RSCAO Open Session at WLIC IFLA 2018 at Kuala Lumpur</p> <p>12.1 Received a written progress report from Ramesh, the Programme Convener.</p> <p>12.2 In the absence of Ramesh, Sanjay chaired the Open Session which received over 300 attendees (to be finalized by IFLA HQ). One presenter was not able to come, so there were six presenters in the end. The Open Session went well. Sanjay and Tina thanked the Programme Committee and Library Association of Malaysia for their support.</p> <p>Action: An evaluation report on the Open Session shall be produced by the Programme Committee.</p>	Programme Convener/Chair Programme Convener
13	<p>Update on IFLA/WLIC 2019 at Athens, Greece</p> <p>Asia and Oceania Open Session at Athens</p> <p>13.1 Premila and Edzan were appointed as the Convener and Co-Convener for 2019 Programme Committee.</p> <p>Action: The 2019 Programme Committee will review the Open Session</p>	2019 Programme Committee

	<p>submission guidelines, consider adopting an online submission system and prepare the Call for Papers.</p> <p>Satellite Meetings during WLIC 2019, if any</p> <p>13.2 Chihfeng proposed a joint session with Genealogy and Local History. 13.3 Hiroshi mentioned the possibility of co-organizing a pre-conference with Libraries Serving Persons with Print Disabilities Section (LPD)</p> <p>Action: Chihfeng and Hiroshi will follow up on the proposals.</p> <p>Division V Satellite Meeting in Egypt</p> <p>13.4 The Satellite Meeting will be hosted by Bibliotheca Alexandrina during 19-20 August 2019 in Alexandria, Egypt. 13.5 Sanjay, Tina and Takashi will be involved in the organization. 13.6 The theme is related to international leadership and will be further confirmed.</p> <p>Action: Sanjay, Tina and Takashi will work with Division V to finalize the meeting details.</p>	<p>Chihfeng and Hiroshi</p> <p>Sanjay, Tina and Takashi</p>
<p>14</p>	<p>Review of IFLA RSCAO Handbook</p> <p>14.1 RO updated RO relationship with RSCAO and Finance arrangements. 14.2 Tina updated the guidelines and template for submitting Sub-Regional Biannual Report.</p> <p>Action: Members are invited to submit further changes to Takashi.</p> <p>Review of IFLA RSCAO website</p> <p>Noted from Takashi:</p> <p>14.3 Duplicated pages were to be deleted as advised by IFLA HQ that there is limited web space to archive them. 14.4 IFLA is creating a new website which provides an opportunity to give a makeover to A&O Section website.</p> <p>Action: Members are encouraged to contribute ideas for the new A&O Section page.</p>	<p>Information Coordinator</p> <p>All members & Takashi</p> <p>All members & Takashi</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>Strategic Plan and Action Plan 2018-2019</p> <p>15.1 Cendrella and Dolores were appointed as the Convener and Co-Convener of the Action Plan and Strategic Planning Committee 2018-2019. 15.2 It was agreed that the proposed projects in the Action Plan should be actionable and achievable.</p> <p>Action: Members in charge of the projects in the Action Plan should provide a biannual progress report to the Convener who will submit a consolidated report for the mid-term meeting and the SC meetings at the annual WLIC IFLA.</p>	<p>Convener / Chair</p> <p>Project organizer and Convener</p>

<p>16</p>	<p>2019 Mid-Term Meeting Noted from Dolly and Lin Li: 16.1 RO worked with Dolly, Chief Librarian, Reference Division from the National Library of the Philippines on the hotel accommodation, arrangements, proposed meeting expenses for the RSCAO 2019 Mid-term Meeting scheduled to be held at Manila during 3-8 March 2019. RO submitted the overall hotel and meeting budget at the Asia and Oceania Standing Committee Meeting for the Section Chair's approval. Action: RO and Dolly will further confirm the meeting details.</p> <p>2020, 2021 Mid-term Meetings 16.2 It was agreed that the 2020 Mid-term Meeting would be held in Beirut, Lebanon. Action: Cendrella will lodge the application. RO will send a sample application to Cendrella.</p> <p>16.3 Vicky proposed to host the 2021 Mid-term Meeting in Australia. The application is still open and interested members may inform Sanjay or Tina.</p>	<p>Chair / RO /Dolly</p> <p>RO and Dolly</p> <p>RO and Cendrella</p>
<p>17</p>	<p>FOIR Update Noted from Tina that the existing list of FOIR is incomplete and from Jayshree that FOIR was created to stay in touch with the past RSCAO members who may be interested in RSCAO recent developments and activities. It was suggested FOIR should reach out to all the past members. Action: RO will request a list of past RSCAO members from IFLA HQ for Tina to update the FOIR.</p>	<p>Chair/Secretary</p> <p>RO and Tina</p>
<p>18</p>	<p>IFLA Membership Update 18.1. Lin Li briefed members on the membership status in her report (see 9.1 & 9.2).</p> <p>RSCAO nomination and election for 2019-2023 18.2. The nomination will begin in October 2018. 18.3. Noted that the existing RSCAO has no members from Mainland China, and Irina Shubina from Kazakstan will finish her 1st term by 2019 and we may be lack of members from Central Asia. Mr. Sun Yigang, Deputy Director of National Library of China agreed to coordinate the nominations in Mainland China. 18.4. The country imbalance in RSCAO was discussed. Members proposed the issue be brought to IFLA HQ for advice. Action: Sanjay will consult Helen Mandl in IFLA HQ on this issue regarding country imbalance in RSCAO.</p>	<p>Chair/RO</p> <p>Chair</p>

	<p>Corresponding Members and Advisor</p> <p>It was agreed:</p> <p>18.5. Corresponding Members are those whose countries are not represented in RSCAO.</p> <p>18.6. Only the outgoing RSCAO Chair is eligible to serve as RSCAO Advisor for two consecutive years.</p> <p>Post-meeting notes (email dated 28 Sept. 2018 from Lin Li): IFLA mid-term meeting funds would only be used for providing hotel accommodation, meals and airport transfers to Standing Committee Members of RSCAO from now onwards. Corresponding Members and Advisors are not eligible for this facility as per IFLA guidelines. However, they may attend the meeting on their own personal expenses.</p>	
<p>19</p>	<p>Other Business, if any</p> <p>19.1 Noted from Sanjay that a nomination for IFLA Dynamic Unit and Impact Award was submitted on behalf of RSCAO. The nomination was based on Criteria 3: Membership and leadership engagement and development.</p> <p>19.2 Noted from both Sanjay and Dr Fauz Abdallah, President of Lebanon Library Association, the 4th Lebanese Library Association Conference was organized in collaboration with IFLA-Asia and Oceania section during May 2018 in Beirut. Sanjay was invited as a special guest and a keynote speaker.</p> <p>19.3 Noted from Sanjay that Pakistan Library Club for its first held the International Conference on the theme “A Journey from UN Millennium Development Goals (MGDs) to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): Proactive Role of Libraries.” at Marriot Hotel in Karachi, Pakistan from 2-4 August 2018. This was the first such association of IFLA and RSCAO in Pakistan in recent years.</p> <p>19.4 Noted from Heather IFLA will actively promote Open Access in order to tackle the crisis in scholarly communications. RSCAO will support IFLA Statement on Open Access to Scholarly Literature and Research Documentation. Open Access will be built it into our Action Plan.</p> <p>Action: Members are encouraged to submit proposals in support of Open Access for our Action Plan 2018-2019.</p> <p>19.5 Deva E Reddy from the United States requested the Chair for an exploratory meeting and proposal for a new SIG (Special Interest Group) namely FAN (Food, Agriculture and Nutrition) and also would like that RSCAO should support the SIG, if it is formed. He briefed his ideas to the Committee and also signed a letter/ petition for conducting such a meeting from several RSCAO members for approaching IFLA HQ to organize such an exploratory meeting during WLIC 2019 at Athens. RSCAO agreed to support his ideas. He will be contacting IFLA HQ for the same in due course and intimate the outcome.</p>	<p>All members</p>

20	Close of the Meeting There being no other business, Sanjay thanked all the members present in the meeting and closed the meeting.	Chair
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