

**INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS
Government Information and Official Publications Section (Section 17)
Standing Committee Meetings
2015 IFLA World Library and Information Congress
Cape Town International Convention Centre
Saturday 15 August 2015 12:30 - 15:00 | Room: 2.41-2.43
Thursday 20 August 2014 08:00 – 09:30 | Room: 2.41-2.43**

Standing Committee Meeting I

1. Welcome and introductions

Chair Satendra Dhaka called the meeting to order at 12:35.

GIOPS Members present, Satendra Dhaka (Chair), Jim Church (Secretary), Richard Clement, Shadi Matsemala, Alexander Chentsov, Kay Cassell, Cornelia Butz, Benjamin Premel,

Guests: Pavel Kiselev (GLS), Sanjay Kumar (GLS), Jane Sanchez (US Government Printing Office)

2. Adoption of 2015 **agenda** and approval of meeting minutes from IFLA 2014 Congress in Lyon, France

The 2014 minutes and 2015 agenda were distributed and approved.

3. Announcements and update on GIOPS activities (Jim Church)

Jim Church reminded everyone about the statement drafted by GIOPS members, including Kay Cassell and Geoff Swindells in support of the Lyon Declaration: [Statement from the Government Information and Official Publications Section \(GIOPS\)](#). The statement recommends that access to information, including government information, be an integral part of the Post 2015 United Nations Development Agenda. He gratefully thanked all contributors.

-- Recruitment update and strategies (Jim Church)

We have six new members and two returning members on the GIOPS Standing Committee, bringing our section total to nineteen – one short of the maximum allowed. The new members are:

- Sanjay Bihani, Library and Information Officer, India Ministry of External Affairs
- Cornelia Butz, German Federal Court of Administration Library
- Hannah Chandler, Official Papers Librarian, Bodleian Law Library, Oxford University
- Benjamin Premel, Curator, Département des Périodiques, Bibliothèque Cujas
- Mohammad Zuheir Bakleh, Chief Librarian, United Nations Economic & Social Commission for Western Asia

- Richard Clement, Dean for the University of New Mexico's College of University Libraries & Learning Sciences.
- Hak-Myung Woo, Director General of Information Management Bureau, National Assembly Library

Returning Members are Jim Church from the University of California Berkeley and Jie Yin Feng from the Shanghai Public library. In addition, there are four outgoing members who either completed their terms or were not re-nominated.

These include:

- Takashi Koga, Associate Professor Research and Development Laboratory, Kyoto University
- Yu-jin Choi, Librarian, The National Library of Korea, Serials & Government Publications Division
- Shinjae Lee, Director of Legal Resources Development Division
- Jackie Druery, Head, Learning & Research Services, Stauffer Library, Queen's University.

Satendra and Jim thanked all outgoing members and welcomed new ones.

-- Update and information on the GIOPS 2015 Knowledge Café (Joint Session with Preservation and Conservation Section and Library and Research Services for Parliaments). (Jim Church)

In the Cape Town Conference GIOPS worked with the Preservation and Conservation Section (PACS) to host a knowledge Café; *Preservation and Access Challenges (PACS) for Government & Parliamentary Information*. The programme will take place on 19.08.2015, from 09:30 – 12:45 Ballroom East and will be an informal round of topics discussed at six to seven tables hosted by facilitators. All members were invited and encouraged to inform other sections. Topics will include:

The future of depository systems; how well are existing digital and print preservation initiatives working for your government or parliamentary documents; African libraries best practices for working together to ensure preservation and access to government and parliamentary documents; whose responsibility is it to preserve and ensure access to government and parliamentary information and documents; how to plan, persuade others and implement a digital preservation project, and Selecting material to preserve, how to handle material and deciding on level of access you will provide.

4. Announcements and updates of IFLA activities

-- Update on Post-2015 Negotiations in New York and the 2030 SDG Agenda (Jim Church)

Jim Church noted the Lyon Declaration had been adopted by hundreds of libraries and institutions worldwide and the key IFLA goal of including access to Information expected to be incorporated into the 2030 agenda.

5. Nomination and election of GIOPS officers

Jim Church was nominated as chair by several GIOPS members. There were no other candidates nominated so he was elected chair by declaration. Jim Church nominated Cornelie Butz to server as Secretary. The nomination was seconded and also carried. Jim Church also noted that Susan Paterson has agreed to continue to be Information Coordinator.

6. Government Information Preservation: HathiTrust and other digital archiving initiatives.

Rick Clement gave an informative presentation about the Hathi Trust Digital Library, where he serves as Chair of the Board of Governors. HathiTrust is incorporating digitized copies of US Government Publications from partner libraries across the United States.

Donna Scheeder arrived to announce her president elect meeting and invite members to an interactive president elect session.

7. The Future of the United Nations Depository System

-- Postponed until Standing Committee Meeting II

8. GIOPS Publication Proposal: *The Continuing Need for Government Information Expertise in Libraries*.

-- Postponed until Standing Committee Meeting II

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Church

Standing Committee Meeting II

1. Welcome and introductions

Chair Jim Church called the meeting to order at 08:05. GIOPS Members present Jim Church (Chair), Cornelia Butz (Secretary), Satendra Singh Dhaka, Sanjay Kumar Bihani, Benjamin Premel, Kay Cassell, Richard Clement.

Guests: From Kenya, Uganda, Lesotho, and Libya.

2. Announcements and update of GIOPS activities:

Satendra Singh Dhaka thanked Jim Church for the work done as secretary of GIOPS from 2011 to 2015.

Jim Church talked about evaluation of the Knowledge Café (Preservation and Access Challenges for Government & Parliamentary Information) which took place the previous day. The number of participants was very satisfying (63 in Round I, 63 in Round II, 68 in Round III). There were lively discussions at all tables. People talked about digitization projects and lost information because of regime changes (Kenya). Information was shared and everybody present agreed that the Knowledge Café had been a success.

One of the guests from Kenya spoke about the difficulty of information preservation in his country. There were information centers in Kenya, but not enough information technology. Government publication was generally weak and information management a challenge. Another problem in Kenya was caused by the many barriers to information access.

A guest from Lesotho reported that in his country not many government documents were online and the government did not invest in information technology. A guest from Libya said in his country the government had websites and there was no problem with open access.

Sanjay Kumar Bihani mentioned, there was no problem in India with government information. There were new policies in place and even preservation of old information had started. Jim Church stressed that getting Indian data could be very expensive.

Jim Church noted that the main business of this meeting was to talk about the paper session for Columbus, Ohio, in 2016. The topic should appeal to a US audience.

Different suggestions for topics were discussed:

Jim Church: national government publishing practices (US is not familiar with practices in Europe).

Benjamin Premel: how to preserve non-print documents.

Kay Cassell: Government information, specifically documents of government agencies in different countries.

Richard Clement: focus on born digital. He mentioned a project with Hathi-Trust he was involved in. A paper on this is also a possibility and could be easily arranged.

Kay Cassell: Do countries have a plan for born digital documents? Plans may not be in place, but they are needed.

Jim Church urged that the committee needed solid proposals like publication policies of national and international organizations. Government information outside parliament would be an interesting topic. He stated that in Ohio US government libraries would be present. It would be nice to have someone from the US Government Printing Office and someone from the research libraries to present a paper. Somebody from the UN should also be present.

Jim Church explained that UN publications were in danger of being sold on a subscription database. Instead of receiving documents for free, depository libraries might have to pay 10.000 USD per year in the future. Everybody present agreed that this was an important matter. Jim Church would like people to come from Europe to speak on this topic. He is prepared to help with visas. Benjamin Premel and Cornelia Butz should work with him on this matter. Another suitable topic for Ohio could be a talk on Indian statistics and government information

3. Other Business

Kay Cassell suggested that in Columbus, Ohio, dinner for the committee members should be arranged for Monday night. All present agreed.

Jim Church suggested GIOS draft an IFLA Professional Report called "The Continuing Need for Government Information Expertise in Libraries" ready for next year's conference. This publication had already been accepted by IFLA and GIOS got funding for an editor and graphic artist. 50 to 60 pages should be sufficient and a plan should be made as to who needs to take part from regional sections.

The meeting adjourned at 9.30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Cornelia Butz

