



**INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS Government
Information and Official Publications Section (Section 17)
Standing Committee Meetings
2017 IFLA World Library and Information Congress**

**Wroclaw Centennial Hall, Wroclaw, Poland
SC I - Saturday, 19 August 2017, 10:20 - 12:15 Imperial Hall (Session 023)
SC II - Monday, 21 August 2017, 16:15 - 17:45 Conference Room A (Session 125)**

Standing Committee Meeting I

I. Welcome and introductions

Jim Church called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. GIOPS members present: Cornelia Butz (Secretary), Kay Cassell, Richard Clement, Anastasia Drozdova, Richelle van Snellenberg, Kate Tallman, Jie Yin Feng. Guests: Jungwon Yang (U of Michigan, US), Beacher Wiggins (LoC, US), Abraham Azubuika (UN, Dag Hammarskjold Library), Jose R. Hernandez (Spain), Donna Scheeder (IFLA President), Fred Zarndt (IFLA Division 2 leader).

II. Adoption of 2017 agenda and approval of meeting minutes from IFLA 2016 Congress in Columbus, Ohio.

No objections, agenda and minutes were approved.

III. Announcements and update on GIOPS activities:

- GIOPS Global Vision Report:** Jim Church briefly talked about the Global Vision Workshop at Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Center (SNFCC) in Athens, Greece on 4th and 5th April, 2017. (The Global Vision Document was still confidential at the time of the SC meeting I). He then explained the main topic of the GIOPS Zoom Conference of July 5th, 2017: How can libraries fulfil their potential to build literate, informed and participative societies? Cornelia Butz clarified the different steps of the Global Vision Process from spring 2017 until summer 2018. More details would be disclosed at various meetings during the Wroclaw conference.

2. **Update and information on the GIOPS 2017 Paper Session: How to Find It? International Legal Institutions Informing the Public:** The paper session is scheduled for Tuesday, August 22nd, in the Auditorium Hall from 16:00 p.m. to 18:00 p.m. Speakers will be Richelle van Snellenberg (ILO Library, Geneva), Genevieve Woods (Library of the European Court of Human Rights, Strasbourg), Eulalia Mestre Lampreia (European University Institute, San Domenico di Fiesole) and Anthi Katsirikou (Library of the University of Piraeus). A brief summary of each paper was given.
3. **Need for revised GIOPS action plan:** Jim Church explained the necessity of a GIOPS Action Plan for the coming year and asked for help from the audience. Kate Tallman and Jungwon Yan volunteered to help with writing the action plan.

IV. Announcements and updates of IFLA activities

1. **Global Vision Summary.** No further discussion. Follow <https://globalvision.ifla.org>
2. **Report on the work of the professional committee, officer's training.** Dates of the meetings were announced. No further discussion.
3. **Libraries, Development and the United Nations 2030 Agenda:** Abraham Azubuika explained briefly the important work IFLA has done at the UN. IFLA ran two programs, one about how libraries can contribute to the UN agenda and another one about access to information. Access to information for libraries on the local and on the national level has been very important. Indicators of how development can be measured needed to be developed for each country. Jim Church suggested for the UN to adopt a system of creative common licenses and not claim copy-right for its papers. Abraham Azubuika responded that UN departments had documents for free on their websites. Jim Church referred to the UN Depository Libraries which had been asked to pay around \$12,500 annually for the UN iLibrary Database to provide access to UN digital publications. He mentioned the ALA Resolution on the Restoration of the UN Depository Library System from 2016. There were plans for a meeting with Ramona Kohrs (Coordinator, Dag Hammarskjold Library, UN) and the UN Publication Board. In accordance with IFLA's program about access to information, there should be an IFLA statement on the issue of UN Depository Libraries and the necessity for open access.
4. **Open, Inclusive Access to Information:** IFLA Speaks at UN High Level Political Forum. No further discussion.
5. **IFLA Trend Report.** The Executive summary was shown and briefly explained.
6. **Donna Scheeder**, IFLA President, entered and introduced herself. She emphasized the importance of the Global Vision Discussion and the importance of the "Call for Action". Librarians wanted a voice and IFLA had to act. She explained the project "Library Map of the World". IFLA wanted to collect statistics, policies and stories from libraries in all countries and publish them. Asked about the UN Depository Libraries problem, Donna Scheeder was hopeful that matters would be improving, thanks to the new library leadership at the UN Library. IFLA would try to connect the right people. This would be the task of Stephen Wyber, IFLA's new officer on Policy and Advocacy.

7. **Fred Zarndt**, Chair of IFLA Division 2 entered and introduced himself. He is out-going Division Leader and will be succeeded by Ann Okerson. Effective use should be made of all tools that IFLA is providing (Zoom, Basecamp). GIOPS shares documents on google and wants to continue doing so. The GIOPS members suggested to the Division Leader that in future, the information coordinator should be an IFLA officer. They complained registration fees for the annual conference were too high preventing librarians from coming to the conference. This problem might be addressed in future by making webcasts for parts of the conference. In order to make potential membership in Standing Committees easier, the IFLA Website should provide a form for candidates to fill in. The Division leader promised to pass on the proposals to the relevant committees and the board.
8. **Discussion of new IFLA Logos.** The three sections of the new logo were discussed and the new GIOPS logo introduced. There was further talk about communication tools. IFLA will have a new website with more information including more contact information. GIOPS is on Facebook, has a twitter account and a blog.
9. **Nomination and election of GIOPS officers:** Chair, Secretary, Information Coordinator, other possible standing committee roles, replacement of inactive members, corresponding members. There should be more active and less inactive members within GIOPS. After a short discussion the following officers were elected: Jim Church as chair, Cornelia Butz as secretary. Kate Tallman is new information officer. Jungwon Yang is interested in becoming a member of GIOPS Standing Committee. She has the support of the chair.
10. **The United Nations, the OECD and Open Government:** Jim Church reported that he had sent a letter to every UN Depository Library asking the library to write a letter to the acting UN Undersecretary General in support of the old publication policies.
11. **GIOPS Project Publication: The Continuing Need for Government Information Expertise in Libraries.** Kay Cassell, the editor in charge, reported. Authors are looking at the topic from a regional view. There are contributions from the UK (can be used as a sample), from the Middle East, from Western Europe, from Greece, from Latin America and Sahara Africa. All reports should be submitted by the end of 2017. Still needed are contributions from Asia, Australia, New Zealand, Russia and Eastern Europe. The publication should give an idea about what is happening on the globe. Anastasia Drozdova, Jose R. Hernandez and Jie Yin Feng volunteered to help with the missing reports.

Jim Church adjourned the meeting at 12:15.

Standing Committee Meeting II

I. Welcome and Introductions

Jim Church called the meeting to order at 16:20 p.m. GIOPS members present: Cornelia Butz (Secretary), Kate Tallman (Information Coordinator), Kay Cassell, Richard Clement, Richelle van Snellenberg. Guests: Jungwon Yang (U of Michigan, US), Jose R. Hernandez (Spain), Sanjay K. Bimani (Ministry of External Affairs, India), Pavel Kiselev (Presidential Library, Russia), Miguel Navas (Spain).

II. Brainstorming and planning for 2018 open session

Next year's conference motto will be "Transforming Libraries and Transforming Society". After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that the Section would propose an open paper session around the topic "Global e-government – trust, transparency and transformation". The paper selection will be done by a GIOPS-sub-committee. Kay Cassell, Jungwon Yan, Anastasia Drozdova, Kate Tallman and Cornelia Butz will support the chair.

III. New Business & Round Robin

The participants agreed that for the GIOPS annual report the topics "Advocacy for the UN Depository Library Program", the proposed publication "The Continuing Need for Government Information Expertise in Libraries" and the theme of the 2018 open paper session should be mentioned.

- Russia: the amount of the necessary duty of care when researching information is a topic. Example: Subway attack in St. Petersburg. Photo of a muslim was shown in the press. He was stopped in the street and taken to the police for interrogation. It turned out, he had nothing to do with the attack. The published news had not been researched properly.
- United States: A government information course was taught at library school during election time. People were afraid that certain websites were gone after President Trump was elected.
- At the ongoing IFLA conference, there was an interesting presentation on access to academic papers. Academic papers should be easily available for researchers. A good example is the illegal platform sci-hub where downloads can be made with a few clicks. Easy access tempts researchers to use illegal platforms even if the same data could be obtained legally.
- Asian Libraries take an interest in government statistics. There was a two-day-workshop for East Asian Librarians from North America at the University of Michigan.
- Germany: There is a new copyright law which makes it difficult for academic libraries to offer academic content for free to their readers. Open access still has a long way to go.
- Spain: During an economic crisis special libraries (government libraries) face hard times. Fake news and the role of libraries is an issue.

Jim Church adjourned the meeting at 17:45.