



**IFLA Singapore 2013
Government Libraries Section
Standing Committee Meeting II
20th August 2013
Suntec Convention Centre, Singapore**

Present: Sanjay K Bihani - Chair (India), Anoja Fernando - Secretary (UK), Beacher Wiggins (USA - Member), Inger Jepsson (Sweden - Member), Maria Goeckeritz (Germany - Member), Pavel Kiselev (Russia - Member), Jérôme Fronty (France – Corresponding member)

Apologies: Miguel Navas Fernandez, Past Chair (Spain), Guillermo García-Capcha (Information Coordinator)

Guests Present

Reyna Josvah-Rabiaza (Madagascar)

Dr. Satendra Singh Dhaka (MEA, India)

Rebecca Davis (UK)

Dipendra Manocha (President, Daisy Forum of India)

Morgan Pakdaman (PhD student, LIS, Iran)

1. **Welcome:** Sanjay K Bihani, Chair, welcomed the Standing Committee members and guests to the meeting. Everyone introduced themselves and the Chair acknowledged apologies. Sanjay commended the efforts of the Committee in organising the Programme because these were well attended with a few more joint-events in the pipeline until the end of Conference. The Committee recorded agreement.
2. **Agenda:** The remaining agenda items were accepted and the meeting commenced.
3. **Strategic Plan 2013-15:** The Committee had already agreed to adopt in full the objectives as laid before the meeting by Jerry Mansfield at the first section meeting. This document already available on the Government Libraries Section website, formed the basis of the Section Meeting II, together with ideas and suggestions for the Government Libraries Section (GLS) Programme of sessions for IFLA 2014 in Lyon.
4. **Finalization of GL Section Programme in Lyon: *Congress theme: Libraries, Citizens, Societies: Confluence for Knowledge*:** Maria said she liked the word “Confluence” and everyone seconded her view. She asked whether we were going to collaborate with other Groups and Sanjay confirmed we will continue to do, especially given how successful this format had been at IFLA 2013 Singapore.
5. **Selection/Discussion on theme for the GL Section Programme:** Much of the discussion centred on the possibilities of looking at themes and exploration around

how the library can act between administrators and the citizen. Suggestions included:
i) Demographics: Beacher Wiggins said the US Census is taking place during the year and suggested a theme which could demonstrate how the census data can inform the citizen.

ii) Government Libraries as a Knowledge Platform for citizen engagement: Anoja Fernando said she had met several librarians at the conference (in particular, from the US) who were already involved in exciting projects which could feed into this theme.

iii) Sub-Group: The Committee agreed a Sub-Group with a remit to come up with *A Statement, solicit papers and distribute papers* to the wider Committee to determine the final Programme. The Sub-Committee members are: Beacher Wiggins (USA - Member); Maria Goeckeritz (Germany - Member), Pavel Kiselev (Russia - Member), Jérôme Fronty (France – Corresponding member).

iv) Libraries and Lyon: The Committee invited and accepted with appreciation Jérôme's offer for suggestions and contributions to make the GLS sessions relevant and successful in Lyon.

6. **Planning/Discussion on programmes with other Sections:** Sanjay offered to lead and liaise with other sections on collaboration following the successful format of IFLA 2013 in Singapore.
7. **Mid-Conference meeting during 2015:** Sanjay offered to look into this and work together with GIOPS to organise a mid-conference meeting in New Delhi. February 2015 was seen as a possibility. There was enthusiasm towards this idea.
8. **Feedback of GL Section Programme:** It was agreed to collate and feedback after all the sessions had taken place [there were a couple after the 20th August]
9. **IFLA Projects 2013-15:** Maria suggested an example of a detailed brochure for Government Libraries and Sanjay will check the proposed version and circulate to the Committee.
10. The meeting concluded on a happy note with the Chair offering a vote of thanks to everyone present, noting the successes of IFLA Singapore 2013 and looking forward to IFLA 2014 in Lyon.

Minutes prepared by Anoja Fernando