



**Minutes of Second Standing Committee Meeting of
Government Libraries Section, IFLA
19th August 2014, Lyon, France**

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), Elina Kähö (Finland - member), Emma Voskanyan (Russia- Member), Maria del Carmen Díez-Hoyo (Spain),

Apologies: Guillermo García-Capcha – Information Coordinator (Peru), Miguel Navas-Fernández (Spain), Kaoru Oshima (Japan), Duncan Omole, Magdalena Biota and Fatima Alloul, Muireann Tóibín (Corresponding Members),

Guests Present: James Church (USA), Agnes Fulop (Hungary), Heta Oksanen (Finland), Elena Escolano Rodríguez (Spain), Louise Ian T. de los Reyes (Philippines), Felix R. Nsiimoomwe (Uganda), Kouame Yeboua Serge (Ivory Coast), Kouï Constance Lehro (Ivory Coast).

1. Welcome: Chair Sanjay K Bihani welcomed the Standing Committee members and guests to the meeting and everyone introduced themselves.
2. Agenda: The remaining agenda items were accepted and the meeting commenced.
3. Lyon Conference Programme:
 - i) Government Libraries Section Session 211 — Government libraries as knowledge platforms for citizen engagement (Government Libraries with Government Information and Official Publications) on 21 August 2014 10:45 - 12:45: Sanjay assured to those present that arrangements were in place according to our plan and he was optimistic for a successful session. He welcomed the speakers Louise Ian T. de los Reyes (Philippines), Felix R. Nsiimoomwe (Uganda), who were present at the meeting and informed the Committee that John McDonough (Houses of the Oireachtas - Irish Parliament, Ireland) was en route from Paris. Special thanks were conveyed to Emma Voskanyan (Member-Russia) for her kind offer to be a speaker during conference. The Committee acknowledged the speakers, as well as Sanjay (who is also a speaker) and recorded their appreciation for their presence at the meeting and their offers to become speakers at the GLS session at Conference on 21st August.
 - ii) Sanjay explained the format of the session which included presentations by each of the speakers, followed by round table discussions, each of which would be chaired by member/members of the Committee. Members agreed to take responsibility to introduce the speakers to the audience.
 - Maria Goeckeritz (Germany - Member) – to introduce Felix R. Nsiimoomwe (Uganda)
 - Jerry Mansfield (USA) to introduce Sanjay K. Bihani
 - Beacher Wiggins (USA - Member) to introduce Raymund E. Liboro and Louise Ian

- T. De Los Reyes (Science Technology Information Institute, Philippines)
-Pavel Kiselev (Russia - Member) to introduce Emma Voskanyan (Russia- Member)
-Anoja Fernando (UK) to introduce John McDonough (Ireland)
iii) Sanjay, Anoja & Maria offered to visit the Conference Room to speak to co-ordinators to re-confirm the round-table arrangement.
4. **Finalization of GL Section Programme in Cape Town:** 81st IFLA General Conference and Assembly will be held from 15-21 August 2015 in Cape Town, South Africa.
Congress theme: Dynamic Libraries: Access, Development and Transformation
 5. **Selection/Discussion on theme for the GL Section Programme:** Much of the discussion centred on various themes and exploration around how Government Libraries act between administrators and the citizen. Several possibilities discussed included, Government libraries as a source of information and services for officials and Government bodies; Government Libraries as drivers for socio-economic development and transformation; Government Libraries – dynamic services to Government and the citizen.
Following animated and robust deliberation, final agreement, encapsulating all suggestions, was reached. The Government Libraries Section theme for 81st IFLA General Conference and Assembly 15-21 August 2015, Cape Town, South Africa is:
Government Libraries – providers of access to Information.
 6. **Speakers for 81st IFLA Cape Town:** Pavel suggested that the Committee considered the option of identifying and inviting key speakers to present and be involved at future GLS sessions as it had worked very well at some of the sessions he had attended with other Committee members. The Committee agreed it was a good idea to be adopted for Cape Town. Therefore, identifying and inviting key speakers will be trialled in parallel with calls for applications via the website for GLS sessions in Cape Town.
 7. **IFLA Projects 2014-16:** Pavel Kiselev's (Russia - Member) invitation for colleagues to participate in "Law and Information: the Questions of Theory and Practice" Conference at the Boris Yeltsin Presidential Library (3, Senatskaya Square, St. Petersburg, Russia) 16-17 April 2015 was considered as a suitable project to take forward. Pavel agreed to look at various options and to liaise with Sanjay and Anoja to finalise possibilities. The Committee approved.
 8. The meeting concluded on a happy and optimistic note.

Minutes prepared by Anoja Fernando (Secretary)