



## Meeting Minutes

### Law Libraries Section: Standing Committee (First Session)

83rd. IFLA World Library and Information Congress, Wrocław, Poland.  
Saturday 19 August 2017, 12:30-14:30, Room IASE first floor Session 41

**Chair:** Sonia Poulin

#### *Present S.C. Members:*

Sonia Poulin (Chair), Elizabeth Naumczyk (Secretary), Edita Bačić, Hélène Besnier (representing Marisol Florén-Romero (Information Coordinator), Anne Burnett, Michel Fraysse, Sarah (Sally) Holterhoff, Margo Jeske, Teresa Miguel-Stearns, Robert R. Newlen, Donna Schreeder (President)

#### *Absent S.C. members:*

Ursula Bödecker, Heather Casey, Jeong-Kwon Cho, Carole Hinchcliff, Caroline Ilako, Yolanda Jones, Rodrigo Obrador, Radu D. Popa, Lagdhir Rabari, Amal Tarhini.

*Observers:* 8. Stuart Basefsky, Judit Gerencsér, Claire Germain, Maropene Ramabina.

#### **1. Call to order and welcome (Sonia Poulin, Chair)**

Sonia Poulin, IFLA Law Libraries Section Chair, welcomed all participants to the first Standing Committee (SC) meeting at IFLA's 83rd World Library and Information Congress (WLIC), Wrocław, Poland.

#### **2. Introduction of attendees (Sonia Poulin)**

The attendees, which included members of the SC and observers, introduced themselves (all together 14 participants with the President, Donna Schreeder visiting). Participants were asked to include their names and contact information on the attendance sheet which was circulated.

#### **3. Approval of the agenda, last-minute changes (Elizabeth Naumczyk)**

The agenda was distributed. The Chair stated that she would combine agenda items 11 and 13. The agenda was approved.

#### **4. Election (Elizabeth Naumczyk)**

The Secretary explained that, according to IFLA, there was no need to hold an election as there were only three nominees for the positions of Chair, Secretary and Information Coordinator. An email was sent to the Standing Committee members to ensure a proxy vote could be used. No other nominations were put forward by the deadline. The three nominees Sonia Poulin (Chair), Anne Burnett (Secretary) and Heather Casey (Information Coordinator) were approved by acclamation.

#### **5. Approval of minutes of the previous meeting (Columbus, Ohio) (Elizabeth Naumczyk)**

Minutes of the past Standing Committee meetings at Columbus, Ohio, United States of America in August 2016 were circulated and approved electronically. Copies are available on the IFLA website.

#### **6. Report of the Chair (Sonia Poulin)**

Sonia explained that the Action plan for 2016-2017 was submitted, and that the Communication Strategy has been uploaded on the IFLA website. The second Africa Workshop on Open Access to Law titled: *L'Atelier « l'Open Accès à l'Information Juridique »*, was held on 29 and 30 May, 2017 in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. It was based on the workshop in English held in Uganda, December 6 & 7, 2016. At the second Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, Sonia will report more on this workshop. Information about the workshop was also communicated by email to members of the Standing Committee.

Robert Newlen thanked the Standing Committee for their work, and for Sonia Poulin wanting to continue in the role of Chair. Sonia Poulin replied that this was possible because of the confidence and support she had received from the Standing Committee members. Over the past two years Elizabeth Naumczyk (Secretary), Marisol Florén-Romero (Information Coordinator) had communicated on a monthly basis using Skype and emails. She had also worked on the Global Vision with Sarah (Sally) Holterhoff and had input from the Standing Committee members. The Information Coordinator had posted information concerning the activities of our Section to other listservs, including promoting our workshops. Sonia would

like to expand the list of listservs and contacts and Teresa Miguel-Stearns agreed to assist in indicating the areas or regions that needed to be added.

### **7. Report of the Secretary (Elizabeth Naumczyk)**

During the year the following documents were finalised which are on our Section's IFLA website.

- Minutes of the two Standing Committee meetings at the WLIC in Columbus, Ohio, 2016.
- Action Plan 2016-2017 was finalised.
- The Law Libraries Section Annual Report.
- Report on the Access to Legal Knowledge Workshop (Kampala, Uganda) held December 6 & 7, 2016, was finalised by Sonia Poulin. The Organizing Committee included: Heather Casey (Georgetown University, USA), Mark Engsborg (Emory University, USA / Board member (ex-officio), IALL), Joseph Hinger (St. John's University, USA), Caroline Ilako (Makerere University, Uganda / Member, IFLA Law Libraries Section), Sonia Poulin (Alberta Law Libraries, Canada / Chair, IFLA Law Libraries Section), Bård Tuseth (University of Oslo, Norway / 2016 Corresponding Member, IFLA Law Libraries Section)
- Report on the second workshop in French titled: L'Atelier « l'Open Accès à l'Information Juridique », Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, 29 et 30 mai 2017 is being finalised by Michel Fraysse. The Organizing Committee included: Sonia Poulin (Alberta Law Libraries, Canada / Chair, IFLA Law Libraries Section), Adama Koné (responsable documentation et archives, Assemblée nationale de Côte d'Ivoire), Heather Casey (Georgetown University) Michel Fraysse (Université Toulouse 1 Capitole, France).

### **8. Report of Information Coordinator (Hélène Besnier for Marisol Florén Romero)**

Hélène Besnier spoke on behalf of Marisol Florén Romero. Marisol had already submitted the *Information Coordinator Annual Report, 2016-2017* as well as the *Communications – Action Plan 2016-2017* and annexes comprising *Foreign and International Law Libraries Listservs* and *IFLA Law Libraries Communication Team*. The Communications Team established in 2015 includes Marisol Florén Romero (United States), Edita Bacic (Croatia), Helene Besnier

(France), Margo Jeske (Canada), Yolanda P. Jones (United States), Rodrigo Obrador (Chile), Lagdhir Rabari (India).

The website has been updated regularly. The Communications Team had considered at their business meeting in Columbus, Ohio the feasibility of using social media such as a blog or twitter account. The issue was discussed with Louis Tákacs, IFLA's Webmaster. It was decided that the Section is still young and that opening an account on Twitter or creating a blog is currently not feasible and was not the main goal of the Team. The main concern using social media is the capacity to sustain these efforts over time and maintain a constant flow of information. Instead, it was decided to identify and expand the list of professional organizations who could promote our activities and sessions. Fourteen professional organizations from different countries were identified and used through the year to disseminate news and events of the Section as well as the call for papers for the 2017 WLIC in Wroclaw, Poland. The collaboration with the International Association of Law Libraries (IALL) initiated in Oxford in 2016 at the annual conference was encouraging.

One of the challenges that remain from the 2016-2017 Communication Action Plan is the translation into other languages of core documents of the Standing Committee. The Information Coordinator stated it was preferable to prepare executive summaries highlighting the main events instead of translating the full text of the documents because of their length.

More volunteers were required from the Standing Committee to assist in the dissemination of information and promote the visibility of our Section.

The Information Coordinator also made the decision not to continue with the newsletter but will put more on the IFLA website instead.

#### **9. Report of Treasurer (Sonia Poulin)**

The only funds available are provided by IFLA to purchase small gifts for speakers. The EUR 100 available was used to buy gifts for speakers.

IFLA allocated EUR 5,000 for the African workshops in Uganda. For the Uganda workshop fundraising resulted in sponsorship by William S. Hein & Co. Collaboration with IALL also helped with a contribution of USD \$1,000.00.

For the African Workshop in Côte d'Ivoire workshop IFLA again allocated EUR 5,000. A publisher in France (CAIRN) offered a lunch and there was also collaboration with IALL, which resulted in an additional contribution of USD 3,000. This enabled the Organizing Committee to award travel bursaries, supporting seven law librarians to attend the workshop, covering travel and accommodation costs. The Parliament of Côte d'Ivoire was also supportive providing one lunch for the event. The Secretary General of the National Assembly opened the session which was reported on the National Assembly's website as well as on page two of the local newspaper.

#### **10. Action Plan for Statement on Authentication (Sally Holterhoff)**

In December 2016, the IFLA Governing Board approved a declaration on authentication of legal information titled: *Statement on Government Provision of Public Legal Information in the Digital Age*. The Statement has been translated into Spanish, German and French.

Marisol Florén Romero also agreed that an Action Plan is needed to disperse the Statement. Sally proposed that Claire Germain, Sonia Poulin and Anne Burnett meet tomorrow to discuss the possibilities of promoting the Statement around the world. Sally will also meet with Stephen Wyber, Manager, Policy and Advocacy, IFLA and she will report back on her meeting with him at the second Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday.

Sally also acknowledged Frederick Zarndt's encouragement and assistance with facilitating meetings, when he was on the Governing Board last year at the WLIC in Columbus, Ohio. Thanks were also expressed for the encouragement provided by Claire Germain.

Sonia Poulin endorsed that the Law Libraries Section will provide Frederick Zandt with a certificate and a gift to thank him for his support.

#### **11. Events in Wroclaw, Poland, 2017 (Sonia Poulin)**

Sonia Poulin invited all SC members and observers to attend events in Wroclaw, Poland especially our Section programs and Sonia reminded colleagues of all the sessions and speakers. Although not part of the Law Libraries Section programme, **Session 168** How to Find It? International Legal Institutions Informing the Public by Government Information and

Official Publications Section was also included for relevance as it contained a paper on Global Online Access to Legal Information (GOALI) - A New Legal Training : Resource for Developing Countries.

A) Two business meetings of the Standing Committee (SC), The first meeting will take place on Saturday, 19 August 2017, 12:30 - 14:30 - IASE 1st. Floor.

The second meeting will take place on Wednesday August, 23, 10:45 - 13:15 – at Conference Room B.

B) Three **thematic sessions**. These sessions will be discussing:

#### **Session 104**

Monday, August 21, 2017: 11:45 – 12:45. IASE 1st. Floor

Access Monday 21<sup>st</sup> session and papers [here](#)

**Theme: Law in Transition - Challenges for Legal Research and Legal Methodology in Post-Communist Europe.** Law Libraries with Government Libraries Section. Monday, August 21, 2017: 11:45 – 12:45. IASE 1<sup>st</sup>. Floor - **Chair:** Anne Burnett (University of Georgia, United States)

**Speakers:** Przemysław Kaczmarek and Jakub Łakomy, Department of Theory and Philosophy of Law, University of Wrocław, Wrocław, Poland, *Overview of Polish Legal System* and *The Role of the Judge in Poland: Ethics, Law and Legal Education*.

Peter Roudik, Director of Global Legal Research Center, Law Library of Congress, Washington, D.C., United States, *Comparing Laws for Better Governance: Case Study of Researching Laws of Central and East European Countries in the Law Library of Congress*.

Josef Skala, Legal Advisor to the Swiss Institute of Comparative Law, *Reflection of the Swiss Institute of Comparative Law on Legal Transformation in Eastern Europe*.

#### **Session 120**

Monday, August 21, 16:00 - 18:00 - Auditorium Hall (SI)

Access Monday 21<sup>st</sup> session and papers [here](#)

**Theme: Optimizing Subject Access to Legal Resources: Solidarity in Divergence. Subject Analysis and Access Section with Law Libraries**

**Chairs:** George Prager (New York University Law School, United States); Maja Žumer (University of Ljubljana, Slovenia); H el ene Besnier (Biblioth eque Cujas, France)

**Speakers:** Barbara Szczepanska (Hogan Lovells (Warszawa) LLP, Poland), *Law Cataloguing and Classification in Poland: A Journey through Time (and Practices)*.

Filiberto Felipe Mart nez-Arellano, Federico Hern andez-Pacheco, and Efr n Ch vez-Hern andez, National Autonomous University of Mexico, Mexico, *Classification and Subject Indexing System of the Institute of Research on Law at the National Autonomous University of Mexico*.

Rudolf W. Strohmeier, Willem van Gemert, Christine Laaboudi and Anne Waniart, Publications Office of the European Union, Luxembourg, *Optimizing Subject Access to Legal Resources: EuroVoc and VocBench. Benefits of Using Multilingual Controlled Vocabularies and an Open Source Collaborative Tool for their Maintenance*.

Carla Davis-Castro, Law Library, Library of Congress, United States, *Legal Pluralism: Library of Congress' Indigenous Law Portal*.

### **Law Libraries Section – Reception**

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm.

### **University of Wroclaw Law Faculty**

**Guest Speaker – Pawel Borszowski, Professor of Law and Deputy Dean for Finance and Evaluation of the Law Faculty, Administration and Economics, University of Wroclaw.**

**Talk:** Professors at the Faculty of Law, Administration and Economics at the University of Wroclaw, yesterday and today...

Building D, 7-10 Uniwersytecka Str., 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

*Sponsored by Wolters Kluwer.*

### **Session 168**

Tuesday, August 22 16:00 - 18:00 Auditorium Hall (SI)

Access Tuesday August 22 sessions [here](#).

**Theme: How to Find It? International Legal Institutions Informing the Public. Government Information and Official Publications (SI)**

**Chair:** James Church (UC Berkeley Library, United States)

Speakers: Richelle Van Snellenberg (ILO Library, Switzerland), Edit Horváth (ILO Library, Switzerland) Global Online Access to Legal Information (GOALI) - A New Legal Training: Resource for Developing Countries. Paper in English

Anthi Katsirikou (Library of the University of Piraeus, Greece), Vicky Rigakou (Athens University, Greece) From the European Institutions to the European Citizens: The Information Channels Through the European Documentation Centers (EDCs) Paper in English

Genevieve Woods (Library of the European Court of Human Rights, France) Human Rights Set Sail from Strasbourg. Paper in English

Monica Filomena Steletti (European University Institute, Italy), Eulalia Mestre Lampreia How to Find it? EU Documentation: Perspectives from a Research Library

### **Session 211 - Division I**

Wednesday, August 23, 13:45 to 15:45 - (IASE 1st. Floor) –

Access Wednesday Sessions [here](#)

**Theme: Demonstrating value and / or assessing the impact of different types of libraries and information services: can you spot the difference?"**

**Chair:** Raissa Teodori, Chair- IFLA Division I.

**Speaker:** Edita Bacic will introduce the Law Libraries perspective, one of eight lighting talks delivered by different Sections within the Division.

Access the full WLIC program at <http://2017.ifla.org>

### **12. Representation at other meetings at IFLA (Sonia Poulin)**

Sonia Poulin encouraged attendees to network in order to create opportunities for partnering for next year's conference such as with Public Libraries and Government Libraries Sections.

Sonia and Sally Holterhof attended the President's session on Monday where there was an update on the Global Vision and a report on the meeting in Greece this year. A final report on the Global Vision is expected at the end of December, 2017. This will require another meeting organized by IFLA on how to implement the report.

### **13. Reception (Margo Jeske and Sonia Poulin)**

Margo Jeske invited everyone to attend the Law Libraries Section Reception sponsored by Wolters Kluwer on Monday 21 August, 2017 between 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm, at the University of Wroclaw Law Faculty, Building D, 7-10 Uniwersytecka Str., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor. The guest speaker will be Pawel Borszowski, Professor of Law and Deputy Dean for Finance and Evaluation of the Law Faculty, Administration and Economics, University of Wroclaw. His talk is entitled: “Professors at the Faculty of Law, Administration and Economics at the University of Wroclaw, yesterday and today...”

Jean-Christophe Goris, International Account Manager, International Group, Legal & Regulatory Solutions U.S, Wolters Kluwer will be attending. Wolters Kluwer provided EUR 2,000 towards the event. Sonia Poulin also wanted to thank the assistance of Monika Mitera, Deputy Director National Library of Poland whom she met in Greece during the Global Vision meeting and who is part of the Copyright and Other Legal Matters (CLM) Advisory Committee.

Sonia Poulin encouraged attendees to take away leaflets about the reception and share this information to ensure we get a high attendance. The event will also be advertised prior to our programs. She expected John Hostage, Senior Continuing Resources Cataloger, Harvard Library and George A. Prager, Head Cataloger, New York University Law School to attend.

#### **14. Program planning for Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 2018 (Sonia Poulin)**

The theme of next year's WLIC 84th General Conference and Assembly is *Transform Libraries, Transform Societies* and will be held between 24-30 August, 2018 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. She urged attendees to start thinking about ideas for topics and with which Sections to partner. Every year our Section gets allocated 2 hours. If we partner with another Section, it allows us to add programming time and increase the number of attendees. This year we are involved in 3 programmes.

One idea put forward was to invite Jane Sánchez, the new Law Librarian of Congress to our session but we would need to think of a theme. There is no funding from IFLA to assist the speakers with travel costs to attend IFLA.

Elizabeth Naumczyk suggested to look at the IALL program for 2011 when that Conference was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. IALL would be able to perhaps assist with putting us in

contact with relevant people. Contacts could also be made through United Nations offices in Kuala Lumpur and international organizations.

Last year Kristina Alayan proposed the topic *Solidarity and Stability in Time of Crisis: the role of libraries in times of turmoil*. This program would look at the tension between the rule of law / or the lack thereof and role of libraries, examining the role of libraries as memory institutions during critical times in countries around the world, Ukraine, Poland, Nigeria, Russia, and Argentina among others. How libraries have an impact on society and their role in preserving memories. One example of the role that libraries may play during times of turmoil is the Peace Library at the University of Juba in Southern Sudan, created to support Sudan's huge peace and development challenges.<sup>1</sup> This program would not require a call for papers.

Sally Holterhoff suggested it would be good to join with Freedom of Access to Information and Freedom of Expression (FAIFE) Advisory Committee and/or Copyright and other Legal Matters (CLM) Advisory Committee where Monika Mitera was a member. It was also proposed inviting academics in the region, such as Singapore Management University from the Applied Research Centre for Intellectual Assets and the Law in Asia (ARCIALA). Another suggestion would be to look at fake news and fake academic articles as a topic.

Robert Douglas Taggart involved with the Veterans History Project, Library of Congress was also proposed as a good speaker that could be considered.

Sonia Poulin stated the topic would be reconvened through email.

### **15. Project planning for 2017-18 (Sonia Poulin)**

To be discussed on Wednesday at the second session of the Standing Committee. The idea was floated to offer another workshop in a francophone country such as Cameroon or Senegal in Central Africa. Other countries could be the Republic of Congo or Rwanda. Michel Fraysse said they already had a person to assist with the organization in Cameroon. A French publisher, Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie, is interested in sponsoring us again.

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<sup>1</sup> ANDREW BLUM, *Building South Sudan's First Peace Library*, at <http://www.usip.org/publications/building-south-sudans-first-peace-library>

Sonia Poulin said that she had informed IFLA that the workshop in Côte d'Ivoire, our third, was to be our last. The idea was to produce materials to train the trainer which would be posted on the IFLA website. However, such materials are not popular and people prefer workshops. Raissa Teodori, Chair of the Professional Committee at IFLA is supportive and believes in our Section's work. Since we already have an external sponsor, Sonia will see if she can get IFLA on board. Sonia is not sure whether IALL will contribute again.

Bård Sverre Tuseth from Norway, and formerly a Standing Committee member, gave a talk in May in Georgia to the local law libraries association where he talked about our workshops. The law librarians in Georgia expressed interest in hosting a workshop in their country.

At this point, Donna Scheeder, the President of IFLA joined the meeting and gave a short history of our Section which Claire Germain worked to establish with her petition of signatures. Since then our Section has grown in influence raising issues of the collection and dissemination of laws, inside and outside IFLA.

As the President of IFLA, she saw an urgency to respond in a way to shape change that we wanted to see rather than to have change forced on us. She has been around the world and seen wonderful innovative work done but there is no common vision story to describe to people. With the Bill Gates Foundation giving the last lot of grants to three organizations (IFLA, TASA, and Public Libraries, USA) she saw an opportunity to come up with a proposal to globally connect our field to bolster its survival. Her aim was to engage the global library community and communicate what our profession does in a globally transformed world. In Athens, IFLA Standing Committees were represented, updating us on trends and what the world would be like without libraries. Since then, six regional workshops have been held collecting more visionary reports.

Stage 2 of the project will be presented at the President's meeting on Monday. She urged all librarians to vote using the online voting form to establish what is the most important role of libraries. The voting will be open until the end of September, 2017. She urged us to be ambassadors for the idea, attend to her session and be involved in helping to involve people to vote. A report will be produced from all the information gathered. This will be followed by regional meetings in 2018 to develop a workplan.

She also informed us that IFLA has received USD 31.8 million over 10 years. Libraries need to develop access to information and how libraries are relating to the United Nations development goals. Libraries have solid statistics which need to be analyzed. A gender gap has been identified in accessing the internet which relates to the UN development goals re gender equality. Libraries can do things and be effective in affected countries. She ended by thanking us all for the work we are doing.

### **16. Satellite Meeting, Singapore, 2018 (Elizabeth Naumczyk)**

In March, a proposal was submitted to IFLA to hold a pre-Conference Satellite Meeting in Singapore between 20-22 August, 2018 in conjunction with the 84th IFLA World Library and Information Congress that will take place in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia between 24 – 30 August 2018. The theme of the Satellite Meeting is: *Teaching legal research: innovations and trends*. It would be held at the Kwa Geok Choo Law Library and the School of Law at Singapore Management University. The University Librarian was supportive in providing the venue and on site logistics.

Elizabeth Naumczyk was nominated Chair, and other members of the organizing committee were Sally Holterhoff, Carole Hinchcliff, Margo Jeske, Heather Casey and Leslie Street.

#### **About the IFLA Law Libraries Section Satellite Meeting**

This niche meeting expects to attract around 50-70 local and international law librarians in leadership and decision making positions ranging from Directors and Heads of Law Libraries to Law Librarians in teaching roles. These delegates may also hold affiliations with other associations of law libraries at the national, regional and international level.

The **Singapore 2018 Theme** is **Teaching Legal Research: Innovation and Trends**. The meeting will discuss the changing landscape of legal research training for law libraries, law schools and librarians. The conference programme will include speakers representing various jurisdictions and types of law libraries, and law schools sharing their innovations and trends in legal research instruction. The globalization of legal research in the digital age and the role of librarians and libraries will be explored. As well as speakers from national jurisdictions, the meeting also hopes to attract speakers focusing on foreign, international and comparative law research.

Elizabeth Naumczyk sent out letters to potential sponsors (LawNet, Lexis, Westlaw, Kluwer, Informa Law) in May giving them a deadline of 31 July, 2017 to respond to various packages on offer to host receptions, a dinner, lunches, teas and conference kit. The benefits of sponsorship were described: “The 2-day meeting will be an excellent platform to introduce and promote new products and services, to meet and update your existing clients, to network and build new customers and to reach out to the growing Asia-Pacific market and beyond. The programme will include opportunities for sponsors to give short presentations depending on the package sponsored. There will be opportunities for 1-1 consultations as well. Sponsors will also be able to share their innovations and trends in relation to legal research training.”

A reminder was sent to the sponsors and only Westlaw responded saying they were not interested in supporting the event. “Apologies for the delay in responding, we’ve had a number of discussions and decided to decline this opportunity due to the global nature of the attendees. We very much look forward to working with you on Asia based initiatives in the future.”

Discussion regarding the Satellite meeting will be continued at the second session of the Standing Committee on Wednesday.

## **17. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 14:30.

*Respectfully submitted by: Elizabeth Naumczyk, Secretary*

The second meeting will take place on Wednesday August, 23, 10:45 - 13:15 – at Conference Room B.