



**International Federation of Library Associations
and Institutions**

Minutes MIDYEAR Meeting 2019 Libraries for Children and Young Adults Section Tokyo, March 4-6, 2019

Japanese Library Association, Shinkawa 1-11-14, Chuo-ku, Tokyo

Present

Maria Alekseeva	Russia	Observer
Emiko Goeku	Japan	SC Member
Marianne Martens	USA	SC Member
Søren Dahl Mortensen	Denmark	SC Member
Naoko Nakajima	Japan	SC Member
Anton Purnik	Russia	SC Member
Benjamin Scheffler	Germany	Info Coordinator
Jorun Systad	Norway	Chair
*Carolynn Rankin	UK	Corresponding Member - Participated via zoom on March 6 from 9:00-10:00 am

1. SC Chair Jorun Systad gave a welcome, and noted apologies from:

- Razina Akhter, Bangladesh
- Charlotta Boström, Sweden
- Dajana Brunac, Croatia
- Cosmos Mabeya, South Africa
- Antonella Lamberti, Italy
- Ulla Pötsönen, Finland
- Viviana Quiñones, France
- Daniela Skokovic, Serbia
- Ruxandra Nazare, Romania

The committee has not heard from:

- **Amal Al Shammari, Secretary, Qatar**
- Charles Kamdem Poeghela, Cameroon
- Taina Tranquille, Haiti
- Weesook Yeo, Republic of Korea

Apologies from Corresponding members:

- Eva Fred, Sweden
- Irina Mikhnova, Russia
- Joanne Plante, France
- Carolyn Rankin, Great Britain

The committee has not heard from:

- Annie Overall, Great Britain

The Midyear Agenda was approved.

2. Interim Secretary

The SC members present named Marianne Martens as interim secretary until August 26th, 2019.

3. Library Visit Wednesday Afternoon

1. International Library of Children's Literature / National Diet Library, 12-49 Ueno Park, Taito-ku, Tokyo 110-0007
2. Tokyo Children's Library, 1-19-10 Ehara-cho, Nakano-ku, Tokyo

4. Minutes from SC meeting Kuala Lumpur

<https://www.ifla.org/publications/node/37093?og=51>

- These will be formally approved in Greece.
- If anyone has comments/questions/corrections, email to MM.

5. Updates on ongoing business – Action Plan

- New strategic plan for IFLA – our SC needs to comply / incorporate new points.
- More for Athens!

6. Newsletter

a. Marketing

- Promote on Social media
- Call for papers – limit to 2,000 words, encourage lively submissions of practitioner stories from libraries from around the world
- Want to combine library news and best practices from around the world with short *articles*
- Anton – gave the example of the Gazeta – WordPress blog

b: Theme for next newsletter: **Jorun** had the idea of coming up with an annual theme, connecting all work of the SC – from newsletter, to satellite conferences, etc. For 2019-2020: we propose: Digital Opportunities and Challenges for Library Services to Children and Youth.

Timeline:

- March 11, 2019: Deadline for Marianne to draft a call for papers / articles / news stories (photos welcome) in a Google doc
- March 25, 2019: Feedback due from SC members on the draft call
- April 2, 2019: Call goes out (include something about possibility of not using all articles)
- May 2, 2019: Deadline for mini descriptions (about 100 words) about people's proposed article and contact details
- June 2, 2019: Full Papers / stories / articles due

7. Communication (Social Media Team)

- Benjamin is making a Basecamp Box for the Social Media team. Current people in charge of FB: Emiko, Ulla, and maybe also Razina – tbc.
- New Social Media Team: Jorun and Benjamin (as observer), Razina, Marianne, Emiko as active members, Ulla (leaving in 08-2019) for passing on the collected knowledge and experiences to the new team. Invitations to the Basecamp group have gone out.
- Mailing list: received more applications to join our mailing list – Benjamin gets about one a week.
- Benjamin has twice sent news mails, and feels that people are interested in our SC emails.
- Suggest minimum of 4x per year for newsletter. Need to consider how much overlap there is with FB etc. Tentative: Quarter 1 news mail: end of March, report on MM Tokyo. Quarter 2 news mail: mid-May, presentation of future members, Satellite Meeting Belgrade (?), Session in Athens
- Søren suggests that contributing content for newsletter could become a required “job” of serving on the SC.

Jorun's idea: Merge Best Practices with the Communication Team. Discuss in Athens.

8. The World Through Picturebooks –

a. Updating the 2011 guide

- **Jorun and Marianne** will send a new letter to IFLA, asking to keep this as a program
- Need to look for funding (Jorun)? Maybe for translation?
- External partner? (commercial?) IBBY?
- Anton has a beautiful template for a similar program in Russia – he offered that we can copy and use here.

b. Physical Traveling National Collections: Once we update the guide, Benjamin will host future collection in Berlin, Naoko at National Library in Tokyo, Marianne in US.

- IBBY Congress in Moscow next year.

- Need to make a decision about the collection currently residing in France. Viviana needs it to leave Biblioteque National de France, and Jorun pointed out that the collection belongs to the SC.
- We will consider making a smaller traveling collection for future boxes.
- Emiko suggested International Youth Library (IJB) as possible home for Viviana's collection. **Benjamin** will ask them!

9. Sister Library Program –

- Currently have 96 libraries in the program. But we don't know much about the work.
- Russia has sister library partnership with Stockholm's Library. They do projects together, but this is not being promoted.
- Russia also has an agreement with National Library for children and young adults for South Korea – but not in an official sister library capacity. **Jorun** – Russian library serves as a good example. Want to make it official – not on a list.
 - Anton: System should help you choose a library with whom to partner.
 - Jorun: System needs to be easier, for example with a template that you could send to a library with whom you want to collaborate. Perhaps this could be an example of an introductory letter online that people could download, modify, and email to a proposed sister library.

Ulla is leaving after August – need someone else to take over this project. Maybe **Antonella** could take over (Jorun's suggestion, depends on Antonella's ongoing membership) – and **Anton**. Will make templates, making it easy for people to apply.

Ulla still is owner of the SL mailing list. Make sure that the owner is changed in time!

10. Best Practices – YouTube Video project. This is a project that IFLA headquarters wants us to maintain as it connects to both STG Sustainable Development Goals, and Global Vision.

Naoko noticed that there are a lot of different level of videos in YouTube channel (differing quality) – Visual PDF could be enough too. Maybe section should make it easier for people to share best practices. Doesn't have to be a video. To do:

- We need access to YouTube – Ulla has the password now. Two junky videos need to be deleted. **Anton** pointed out that what we have is a “playlist” rather than a “Channel.” **Marianne** already wrote to Ulla asking for log-in info.
- **Anton**- perhaps we can find other best-practices-in-children's (and youth) -services videos online and add them to the playlist.
- **Emiko** will research making a Playlist of best practice videos.
- **Anton** will migrate videos from Playlist to our own channel. If we want to re-upload to our own channel, we'll have to first secure permission from the owners.
- **Naoko** will work on permission letter for adding videos to our Playlist.
- **Benjamin** – will put on Athens agenda to ask for new commitment to the group in Athens, and new members who might want to join (and give fresh energy to this project).

11. The New Guidelines – we discussed at 9am Wednesday – with Carolynn Rankin - midnight in the UK.

- Discussed creating an infographic for the guidelines that combines **Benjamin's** idea of a bulleted list of key points with interesting graphic design.
- **Carolynn** – will work on creating something that's more of a briefing with the headlines emphasized.
- In terms of infographic design, **Anton** will help with the design aspects.
- **Benjamin**: an "official" short version, might have to be approved by IFLA.
- **Carolynn** thinks perhaps there is an opportunity to get this approved more quickly as a version of the guidelines (which have been approved).
- **Benjamin** will organize order of edits:
 - Carolynn will start,
 - then Marianne,
 - then Benjamin, then whomever else volunteers!

Status of translations of guidelines:

- German is done and available on the website. Russian has been completed, and will soon go to IFLA.
- Japanese, Norwegian, and Italian are in-progress. Spanish and French are missing.
- **Benjamin** will ask headquarters if there have been other applications for translations in different languages.
 - **Carolynn** – perhaps IFLA headquarters could help with translation of IFLA languages.
 - **Benjamin**: that will take a long time and slow the process down
 - **Jorun**: Maybe National Library Associations can help in local countries? Ask all members to contact their national library association (if existing) and asking for support on translating the Guidelines.

Disseminating Guidelines:

- We are hosting a PDF version on IFLA website, under the SC.
- We will provide a link from the IFLA website to a dynamic, searchable, web-based version.
 - **Anton** will work on this.
 - Must make sure that SC Board has username and password for sustainability.
- An archive Word doc version is in Basecamp.

12. Session with Japanese librarians

In short, it was AMAZING! Congratulations to Naoko and Emiko for a job well done, and thanks to the JLA for hosting us, too! 94 librarians attended the half-day conference at the Japanese Library Association (JLA). The organization of this conference was mainly done by Naoko Nakajima and Emiko Goeku. 4 presentations were given:

- Yoshiki Asami (Japan): Current status of Japanese children's libraries
- Søren Dahl Mortensen (Denmark): Library services to children – with focus on their reading habits

- Benjamin Scheffler (Germany): Events and educational programs at children's libraries in Germany
- Marianne Martens (USA): Contemporary trends in library services to young people in North America

After the presentations, 55 questions were submitted to the Q&A section – too many to answer them all!

13. Satellite Meeting 2019 - Belgrade, Serbia. Dates: 22-23rd.

We are not sure it can be called a "satellite meeting" because of deadlines. **Jorun is checking with Helen Mandel for answer.** Also she has to apply for changing the date, because we originally applied for 21-22nd and it will be the 22nd and 23rd instead.

Maria Alekseeva is contact.

- There is already a committee organized from the National Library, but they are on hold until we know if this is approved.
- Tentative theme: New library professionals for children and young adults.
- We will feature presentations by new professionals
- Joint effort between us and the Serbian National Library

Maria/Anton/Jorun/Marianne will work on this.

14. Session for WLIC 2019: Where are we with the session?

- **First thing**, Jorun will work to get the 2-hour session approved. Helen Mandel is the contact.
- Then we have to decide if we do a **CFP or look for "invited speakers."**
- If we get it, theme will be related to our "annual theme:" **Digital Opportunities and Challenges for Library Services to Children and Youth**

15. Main Conference Athens and Off-site session

Our first SC Meeting will be at 8/24. The date for the second meeting is not fixed yet.

Issues with identifying SC members:

We did not have name cards in KL for SC members, and noticed that those attending did not know who we are. **Marianne** will bring folded cardstock name card signs and fat markers for people's names to Greece. Everyone can then make their own folded card stock name card. Also possible – name tag stickers.

Benjamin also suggested adding everyone's bios and photos in basecamp so that we can get to know each other before IFLA Greece. We will know names of new members by **May 1st** – **Benjamin** will write to ever ongoing and new member after end of April for completing a attached form with their bios and photos. The document will be finalized by **Benjamin** and sent out around July 15 to all new and ongoing members, together with a short description of the programs and projects and future tasks. Everyone will be requested to pick tasks, also to read

the last Minutes from Kuala Lumpur and MM Tokyo to be prepared for discussing the ongoing business.

Jorun, Søren, and Marianne – will come up with ideas of making standing committee meetings more interesting for attendees. Søren suggested to have two short presentations during the first meeting, where many observers are present. The organizational issues of the SC's work are not THAT interesting to them... Two presentations of ca. 10 minutes each would bring more content to the meetings.

- Mon: 8/26, Wed: 8/28 possible offsite dates.
- Perhaps we make a children's literature mixer: librarians, professors, bookstores, publishers – anyone in the children's services community. **Marianne** has asked Greek colleague and IFLA member Athena Salaba. **Benjamin** will ask his Greek contacts for suggestions.
- There can be also presentations on the offsite meeting. For those and for the ones at the first meeting we can reuse the presentations from Tokyo. We have
 - Emiko with Asahis presentation on Japanese Children's Libraries
 - Søren with Denmark's Libraries Focusing on Children's Reading Habits
 - Benjamin with Events and Programs at German Children's Libraries
 - Jorun with the Guidelines
 - Maria A. with a (new) presentation on Russian Youth Libraries
 - Marianne Martens Contemporary Trends in Library Service to Young People in North America
- This should be enough to bring interesting content to the first meeting and the offsite meeting

16. IFLA Global Vision

We will add to the agenda for Greece. Will definitely be one of the new tasks for new members, too.

17. Elections for the SC 2019

We have 22 applications for 8 spots. A ballot is held, deadline for voting is March 29. Only IFLA members who are registered for Section 10 can vote. The names of the elected new members will be published in April.

Election for Chair and Secretary

In terms of tracking nominees for Chair and Secretary, we can start a Google sheet – people can nominate people on the sheet, or nominate themselves with the following info:

- 1) What position are they are running for;
- 2) 1 paragraph description of why they want to do serve in this capacity;
- 3) 1 paragraph description of their past experience that relates.

Benjamin will send description of positions to existing and new members.
Marianne will create a Google Sheet.

Ideally the first SC meeting during Congress is for all SC members - both new members, ongoing members, and those ending their term. During this meeting new Officers should be elected so it is important that the new SC members are invited to participate in this process (see below).

At the first SC meeting:

- invite nominees for each position to introduce themselves to the SC
- arrange a secret ballot to take place during the meeting if there is more than one candidate for a position; only incoming and ongoing SC members may vote
- if two or more candidates receive the same number of votes, then the secret ballot must be repeated to decide between these two candidates.
- ensure proxy votes are counted (=absent members can proxy someone to vote for them. This must be documented.)
- declare the results of the election
- ask the newly elected Officers to complete the registration form and submit this to the IFLA Secretariat as soon as possible after your SC meeting.

Ideally the second SC meeting during Congress is for the new SC - both new members and ongoing members, and is led by the new Officers. However it may be helpful for outgoing members to also attend.

All SC meetings are open for anyone to attend, but the Chair of the meeting should make sure the agenda is clear to all attending and that it is also clear who can vote and how observers can participate.

SC members elected for the terms 2017–2021 and 2019 - 2023 are eligible to be elected as Chair or Secretary for the period 2019-2021. The Chair and Secretary are the “Officers” and are the official channels of communication between the Section and the Professional Committee and HQ on matters relating to activities, funding, projects, etc.

The term for each Officer position is two years, once renewable, providing the person's SC term has not come to an end.

- An out-going member should oversee process of election in Athens in the first meeting. They should send out Call for Nominations and collect the suggestions (mid-April). Possible people to supervise: **Ulla**, with **Ruxie** as back-up. **Jorun** will ask Ulla if she is willing to oversee the elections.
 - Ulla (or Ruxie) will need to collect nominations by July 15th, 2019.
- Only new and on-going members can vote.

- **Jorun** is compiling a list of voting members (NB: Benjamin and Marianne have joined as personal IFLA members)

18. ALMA Award 2019

Prize given at Bologna Last year – Ingrid Kallstrom – Charlotta did a lot of work on that –

We decided at the Midyear Meeting 2018, Florence, to nominate a person or organization only three times. If they don't get the prize after that, we move on.

- New nominations from the SC must be sent before May 1st.
- Call for nominations = April 15, set a date April 31, can handle on Basecamp.
- **Benjamin** will check dates and organize on Basecamp.
 - Those who nominate must write *short* description of why they are nominating this person. 250 word limit.
 - If we get more than 3, then committee will discuss.
 - Make clear, that everyone whose nominee is accepted, has to deliver ALL information needed on the form in time to Jorun by e-mail. If not, his/her nominee is out!
- Jorun is nominating Kristyano-Islam (KRIS) Peace Library Philippines
- Emiko is re-nominating Kyoko Matsuoka
- Benjamin is re-nominating Stiftung Lesen
- Søren nominated Biblo.dk.

19. July 28-August 5th = IFLA Conference in New Zealand. If we have a Satellite it will be in NZ.

Midyear 2020:

We have decided on Odense, Denmark. Søren Dahl Mortensen volunteers to organize. Berlin is Plan B, with Benjamin as organizer.

20 and 21. Responses to query letters from Esmat Momeni from Iran and Cheryl Lynne from Indonesia:

Jorun is emailing replies.

21. Cheryl Lynne – insight for IFLA about the library in schools and religious institutions in Indonesia.

Jorun wrote and suggested using the Guidelines, the sister library project, reaching out to IBBY Indonesia for additional help, and possibly joining our section.

22. Other matters

- a. China – **Jorun** has been invited to present the guidelines, but is unable to go. Jorun suggests Carolynn instead.
- b. IFLA: Seeking list of English children’s books, with a book that is related to each of the global vision goals. Want to have about 3 books each month. SDG SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS & LIBRARIES. It seems that this is a very large project, and at the moment, beyond the capabilities of the committee. Jorun will contact Annie, and if she is interested, great – if not, Jorun will reply that she is glad “Atlanta” is helping for now, and that they should reach out to us again in the future.

Marianne Martens
Interim Secretary
March 6, 2019