



IFLA Management of Library Associations Section (MLAS)

IFLA MLAS Standing Committee Mid-Term Meeting

MLAS SC Meeting I

February 17, 2011

Conference Room, Hotel President
Split, Croatia

MLAS Standing Committee members present:

Janice Lachance/MLAS Chair, Silvia Stasselová/MLAS Secretary, Sinikka Sipila, Hellen Niegaard, Tore Andersen/MLAS Treasurer, Kelly Moore, Barbara Schleihagen, Edita Bacic, Maria Cotera/WILSIG Convenor

Guests / Observers:

Jennefer Nicholson/IFLA Secretary General, Stuart Hamilton/IFLA HQ Senior Policy Advisor, IFLA HQ, Marian Koren/Netherlands, Margarita Taladriz/Spain, Anna Popova/Bulgaria, Gerald Leitner/Austria, Alina Jaskuniene/Lithuania, Radmila Dabanović/Serbia, Svetlana Mircov/Serbia, Goran Petrović/Serbia

Apologies for absence:

MLAS SC members: Alicia Ocaso, Rosemary Gitachu, Keith Michael Fiels, Johnny Roj-Larsen, Sue Hutley, Régine Horinstein, Sebastian Wilke/NPSIG Convenor, Jesús Lau/MLAS SC corresponding member

Without apology / any reply:

MLAS SC members: Pedro Hipola, Tamina Noddy, Piyadasa Ranasinghe, Marcello Sardelli, Aliya Sarseminova, Emilce Noemi Sena Correa, Maya Shaparneva

Minutes

Welcome & opening by Janice Lachance, MLAS Chair

MLAS Chair addressed her welcome to MLAS Standing Committee members and all guests and observers who had arrived to Croatia.

Janice Lachance expressed her special thanks to the Croatian Library Association and especially to MLAS SC member Edita Bacic, who helped to prepare the current MLAS Mid-Term meeting and MLAS Workshop in Split, the same as she prepared the MLAS Mid-Term meeting in Zagreb/Croatia five years ago.

Additional information included the Chair welcome to MLAS Workshop 2011 to be held on Saturday 19th February 2011, the second MLAS Workshop after the first successful workshop held in Stellenbosch, South Africa after the 1st IFLA Presidential meeting of Ellen Tise, IFLA President. MLAS Workshop 2011 in Split expected 65 registered participants and maybe more as informed Edita Bacic, MLAS Workshop local coordinator.

According to a large number of the attending guests and observers Janice Lachance/MLAS Chair recommended that everybody should briefly self-introduce, including information on library association, institution or IFLA activity they represent.

Short self-introduction gave the following MLAS SC members, guests and observers: Stuart Hamilton/IFLA HQ Senior Policy Advisor, Maria Koren/Netherlands Public Library Association, Tore Andersen/Norwegian Library Association, Gerald Leitner/Austrian Library Association/EBLIDA, Alina Jaskuniene/Lithuanian Library Association, Edita Bacic/Croatian Library Association, Silvia Stasselová/Slovak Librarians Association, Janice Lachance/CEO, Special Libraries Association, Jennefer Nicholson/IFLA Secretary General, Sinikka Sipila/Finnish Library Association, Hellen Niegaard/Danish Library Association, Barbara Schleihagen/German Library Association, Maria Cotera/WILSIG Convenor, Margarita Taladriz/FESABID, Anna Popova/Bulgarian Library and Information Association, Radmila Dabanović/Serbia, Svetlana Mircov/Serbia and Goran Petrović/Serbia.

Apologies for absence

Janice Lachance/MLAS Chair asked Silvia Stasselová/MLAS Secretary to mention all received apologies of absence among MLAS SC members: Alicia Ocaso, Rosemary Gitachu, Keith Michael Fiels, Johnny Roj-Larsen, Sue Hutley, Régine Horinstein, Sebastian Wilke/NPSIG Convenor, Jesús Lau/MLAS SC corresponding member.

Approval of the agenda

MLAS Chair asked for the approval of MLAS SC Meeting agenda in Split, Croatia. MLAS SC meeting agenda was approved after Janice Lachance made sure everybody will attend the both meetings as the presentation of Stuart Hamilton was planned for the second day of meeting.

Maria Cotera/WILSIG Convenor proposed the minute of silence on the memory of Bob McKee/CEO of CILIP from United Kingdom, who died during IFLA Annual Conference in 2010. She introduced his life, activities and personality before all MLAS SC members and observers expressed their mourning after Bob McKee during the minute of silence.

Jennefer Nicholson/IFLA Secretary General informed all MLAS SC Mid-Term meeting participants on *CILIP/IFLA Aspire Award*, which was launched in memory of CILIP's Chief Executive Bob McKee. Award will be jointly sponsored by the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (CILIP) and IFLA. The Award will support Bob's strong interests in developing new professionals and strengthening international relationships by providing bursaries for new professionals to attend CILIP and IFLA conferences. Regarding the unfortunately unfulfilled plans of Bob McKee to be the co-trainer of BSLA programme in Ukraine, IFLA decided to support *CILIP/IFLA Aspire Award* from Ukraine in coming two years.

Approval of the Minutes / MLAS SC Meeting during IFLA 2011 in Gothenburg

Minutes from MLAS SC Meetings held during IFLA Annual Conference in 2010 in Gothenburg in Sweden were approved. Silvia Stasselova/MLAS Secretary informed on publication of the minutes at the IFLA MLAS website already, from where are accessible for all interested in MLAS activities. <http://www.ifla.org/en/mlas/meeting-minutes>

Report on MLAS Project Proposals

Silvia Stasselová/MLAS Secretary prepared two IFLA Project proposals on behalf of MLAS in October 2010 which were approved by Janice Lachance/MLAS Chair:

1st MLAS Project 2011 proposal:

MLAS Workshop 2011 for library associations in Central and South East European Region – building a strong library associations and establish a model for future cooperation.

MLAS project expected close collaboration with the Croatian Library Association.

Term of the event: February 2011

MLAS project budget: 4.000 EUR

Brief description:

MLAS Workshop presentations, panels and discussions on how we could build strong library associations in the targeted region, the importance of regional communication and cooperation, fundraising and library advocacy practice. Discussions would focus on different library association advocacy experience in Central and South East European Region and how to establish successful model for future cooperation. Participants from several countries across the region would be invited to share their experiences and knowledge of working in library associations. There would be expected about 60 representatives from the national library associations of Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Slovenia and Macedonia and also some representatives of the national associations from other European countries, some members of expert reference group working on BSLA Programme and members of IFLA MLAS Standing Committee who would deliver content from the BSLA program as well as discuss their own experiences with the regional attendees. The MLAS SC conducted a similar workshop last year in conjunction with the President's meeting in Stellenbosch. MLAS SC followed up with an online evaluation survey and received very high satisfaction scores across the board. In addition, the participants expressed their unanimous opinion that the MLAS SC should conduct more workshops of this type.

2nd MLAS Project 2011 proposal:

Library Advocacy best practice on the example of ALA and IFLA New Professionals Special Interest Group presentation at the biennial conference INFOS 2011 in Slovakia, attended by Central European library associations representatives.

MLAS project proposal expected close collaboration with the Slovak Librarians Association.

Term of the event: April or May 2011

MLAS project budget: 3.500 EUR

Brief description:

Central European librarianship has a specific need to host the official representatives from IFLA Sections to be able to attend the event directly in the region without any expensive travel costs and if possible translated to the local language. IFLA is a global voice of librarianship, but librarians from this region have not so many possibilities to travel and there is still a large language barrier, as most of librarians don't speak English. Understanding of the international trends depends on the mentioned factors. Therefore it would be very effective to use for this purpose the biennial conference INFOS held in Slovakia, attended by Central European library association representatives. The last IFLA event was held in Slovakia in 1978, when the IFLA Annual Conference / General Assembly took place at the High Tatra Mountains resort. This would be a symbolic comeback of IFLA to the same region after 33 years, giving the opportunity to talk about topics of international best practices of library advocacy and about involving new professionals in the international development of our profession in the digital world. Expected number of biennial conference participants is 150-170 from the following countries: Slovak Republic, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Austria, Croatia. Keynote speakers except the mentioned countries would be from USA and European countries. The conference programme includes the panel discussion and workshop to give opportunities for team discussions.

Silvia Stasselová/MLAS Secretary informed MLAS SC Mid-Term meeting participants that just the **1st MLAS Project proposal was supported by IFLA Professional Committee and its whole budget of 4.000 EUR was approved to organize MLAS Workshop 2011 in Split.**

She expressed that thanks to this successful project MLAS SC could support the travel costs of Anna Popova from Bulgarian Library and Information Association, Alina Jaskuniene from Lithuanian Library Association and many representatives from Croatia, Serbia, Bosnia and Hercegovina and also Slovenia. The plan to support the travel costs of MLAS SC member Rosemary Gitachu was not possible to realize as she had problems with her visa to Croatia.

MLAS Secretary also informed that regardless the fact that the 2nd MLAS Project proposal was not approved by IFLA PC she is planning to invite as much MLAS SC members, MLAS representatives and Convenor of New Professionals SIG to attend the international symposium INFOS 2011 to be held in May 2011 in Slovakia to support the promotion of IFLA and MLAS activities and the role of library advocacy on the best practice of ALA in CEE countries.

The following speakers/MLAS representatives were invited by Silvia Stasselová/MLAS Secretary and the main organizer of INFOS 2011 international symposium: Marijana Misić/President of Croatian Library Association, Gerald Leitner/CEO of Austrian Library Association and President of EBLIDA, Sebastian Wilke/NPSIG Convenor and Roberta Stevens/President of American Library Association (her 10 days visit to Slovakia was supported by US Embassy in Bratislava).

Another IFLA Project 2011 proposal "International Librarian Exchange" program (ILE) sent to IFLA PC with the support of MLAS after its short presentation by Sabine Stummeyer during MLAS SC meeting at IFLA 2010 Annual Conference was not supported by IFLA PC.

MLAS Financial Report

Reporter: Tore Andersen/MLAS Treasurer

Financial Report / 14th August 2010

- Administration costs for 2010 + transfer from 2009	1.628,15 EUR
- Coverage of travel expences (Malawi, Stellenbosch)	- 400,00 EUR
- MLAS Workshop in Stellenbosch (shortfall)	- 212,10 EUR

BALANCE (August 2010) 1.016,05 EUR

Financial Report / 17th February 2011

- Administration costs for 2011	815,00 EUR
- Administration costs (2009 & 2010) balance	1.016,05 EUR

BALANCE (February 2011) 1.831,05 EUR

Additional IFLA Project budget

- MLAS Workshop 2011 project budget	4.000,00 EUR
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Janice Lachance/MLAS Chair asked Jennefer Nicholson/IFLA Secretary General and Barbara Schleihagen/MLAS SC member and IFLA Treasurer to explain the detailed financial procedures of IFLA and financial reimbursements to all IFLA Sections.

MLAS Workshop 2011 budget is not allowed to be used for other purpose due to the IFLA rules.

Tore Andersen, Hellen Niegaard, Barbara Schleihagen and Maria Cotera presented their innovative ideas to improve some financial procedures related to organizing next MLAS Workshops. Jennefer Nicholson and Barbara Schleihagen explained all conditions of financial procedures within IFLA, what was useful for all MLAS SC members.

Jennefer Nicholson/IFLA Secretary General recommended to transfer the rest of MLAS budget from the bank account of the Norwegian Library Association to IFLA HQ bank account after Tore Andersen/MLAS Treasures finish his MLAS service in August 2011.

Edita Basic/MLAS SC member and MLAS Workshop 2011 local coordinator expressed her special thanks to President Hotel in Split, which reduced the conference room rental fees, to Split City Library and University in Split for organizing lunch for participants of MLAS events held in Split, what helped to reduce MLAS expences.

MLAS Information Coordinator's Report

Reporter: Silvia Stasselová/MLAS Secretary on behalf of Sue Hutley

Janice Lachance/MLAS Chair apologized Sue Hutley/MLAS Information Coordinator who couldn't attend MLAS SC Mid-Term Meeting in Split and she asked Silvia Stasselová/MLAS Secretary to report on the current stage of MLAS Information sharing with all MLAS members.

MLAS Secretary informed on updated MLAS website containing published minutes from all MLAS SC meetings and six MLAS Guidelines leaflets available to be downloaded. She recommended to correct one blind link to MLAS brochure, which was missing at MLAS website.

Janice Lachance and Sinikka Sipila cooperated at editing of MLAS brochure a few years ago with Sue Hutley, so they recommended to contact Sue and ask her to update the link.

Silvia Stasselová/MLAS Secretary recommended to modernize the MLAS website and place available photogalleries from MLAS meetings and events, which are valuable sources to document the history of MLAS events. She also recommended to involve Sebastian Wilke/NPSIG Convenor to start using progressive tools of social networking to promote MLAS activities what should make the MLAS website to be more interactive.

Janice Lachance/MLAS Chair recommended to involve Sebastian Wilke/NPSIG Convenor in all mentioned proposals of MLAS Secretary.

MLAS Secretary informed that she translated together up to 30 IFLA documents/Manifestos, Statements and Guidelines, including MLAS Guidelines to Slovak language. She recommended MLAS SC to promote the possibility to volunteer and translate MLAS guidelines to more languages among IFLA members, as these were the basic guidelines on how to run library associations sooner than IFLA BSLA Programme started and MLAS Guidelines are still very helpful in addition to BSLA Programme modern tools.

Silvia Stasselová/MLAS Secretary asked MLAS SC members on behalf of Sue Hutley/ MLAS Information Coordinator to send her contributions to the new issue of MLAS Newsletter. The last MLAS Newsletter 2010 is available online at MLAS website and it could inspire each MLAS SC member to publish information on any successful MLAS related activity or successful national or international library event anywhere worldwide.

<http://www.ifla.org/en/publications/mlas-newsletter>

Update on MLAS Workshop 2011 / 19th February 2011 in Split, Croatia

Reporter: Edita Bacic/MLAS SC member and MLAS Workshop 2011 local coordinator

Janice Lachance/MLAS Chair asked Edita Bacic to inform MLAS SC members on the most important details on the stage of preparation, venue and structure of participants expected to take part at MLAS Workshop 2011 to be held on 19th February 2011 in Split, after the two-day MLAS SC Mid-Term meeting. MLAS Chair offered Edita Bacic any help of MLAS SC in case it should be needed.

Edita Bacic informed about 65 expected participants from Croatia, Serbia, Bosnia and Hercegovina, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Lithuania. The number of countries from where participants applied to take part at MLAS Workshop 2011 exceeded all expectations. MLAS Workshop 2011 is located at the conference room of the Split City Library and all equipment needed is prepared. Marijana Missetić/President of Croatian Library Association will open the MLAS Workshop 2011.

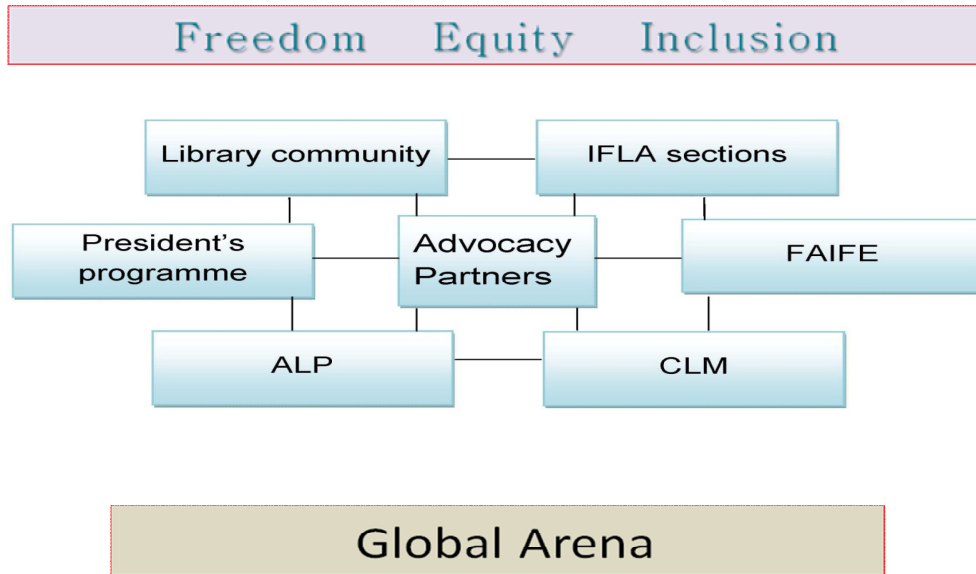
IFLA Update / IFLA 5 Key Initiatives

Reporter: Jennefer Nicholson/ IFLA Secretary General

Janice Lachance expressed her thanks to Jennefer Nicholson/IFLA Secretary General for her attending of MLAS SC Mid-Term meeting what she expressed to be a privilege in a number of levels, also regarding the previous involvement of Jennefer Nicholson in MLAS Standing Committee in the past as representative of Australian Library Association before her IFLA HQ service at the current position of IFLA Secretary General.

Jennefer Nicholson/IFLA Secretary General introduced three IFLA Governing members present at MLAS SC meeting in Split: Sinikka Sipila, Barbara Schleihagen and Janice Lachance.

IFLA Secretary General presented IFLA as the trusted global voice of the library and information community, which drives equitable access to information and knowledge for all.



IFLA Secretary General introduced to MLAS SC meeting participants the following

5 IFLA Key initiatives

1. Driving access to content, including digital resources, for library users
2. IFLA International Librarianship Leadership Development Programme
3. Outreach for advocacy and development of the profession
4. Cultural heritage disaster reconstruction
5. Multilingualism

Jennefer Nicholson/IFLA Secretary General described the details of each IFLA Key initiative.

IFLA Secretary General informed on coming IFLA President's Meetings in 2011:

- Pretoria, South Africa 7th – 8th April 2011
- The Hague, Netherlands 14th – 15th April 2011
 - “**Libraries driving access to knowledge: Action for Europe**”
 - 3 themes, with speakers and panels:
 - *Access to information as a Human Right*
Planned outcome will be a statement relating to user privacy issues at the European level.
 - *Access and copyright*
Outcome will be the launch of the ‘Library Treaty’ planned to be introduced at the WIPO SCCR session on copyright exceptions and limitations in Geneva in November 2011

- *Open access and the changing role of libraries*
Outcome will be the statement on Open Access
(first proposed by the President's Working Group in WLIC 2010)

IFLA Secretary General recommended MLAS 2 proposals for consideration and discussion:

- *MLAS role in the Strategic Plan 5 Key Initiatives*
- *Association membership incentive*

MLAS and Key Initiative 1

Driving access to content, including digital resources, for library users

Some roles for national associations in collaboration with IFLA:

- Advocacy at international, regional and nation levels
- Influencing governments and decision-makers
- Influencing country committees/delegations such as for WIPO
- And more ...?

MLAS and Key Initiative 2

IFLA International Librarianship Leadership Development Programme

- Mentoring
- Links with local leadership programmes
- MLAS leadership programme?
- Links with BSLA country programmes
- Regional networks?
- And more ...?

MLAS and Key Initiative 3

Outreach for advocacy and development of the profession

"Stellenbosch model"

MLAS and Key Initiative 4

Cultural heritage disaster reconstruction

- Links with national committees of the Blue Shield
- Identification of volunteers and expertise
- Fundraising

MLAS and Key Initiative 5

Multilingualism

- Assist in translations of IFLA documents and information to make IFLA more inclusive, especially if not one of 7 official languages
- Local promotion in mother language
- Host workshops, meetings
- And more ... ?

Janice Lachance expressed her thanks to Jennefer Nicholson/IFLA Secretary General for all her valuable information, especially on the model of MLAS involvement to IFLA 5 Key Initiatives.

Hellen Niegaard mentioned that MLAS Workshop 2011 in Split will be in fact the third one as the first trial of MLAS Workshop was held during IFLA 2009 in Milan, Italy the year sooner than MLAS Workshop 2010 in Stellenbosch was held. She expressed her believe that organizing

MLAS Workshops is a useful way to share current leadership of perspectives. In addition to BSLA training programmes the MLAS GLAD Programme and “Stellenbosch model” are developing ongoing strong library associations.

The topics of MLAS and Key Initiative 2 “*IFLA International Librarianship Leadership Development Programme*” was discussed into details by Marian Koren, Barbara Schleihagen and Jennefer Nicholson/IFLA Secretary General.

Silvia Stasselová/MLAS Secretary asked Jennefer Nicholson/IFLA Secretary General on the perspective of the common international IFLA Code of Library Profession Ethics as the national Codes of Ethics published at IFLA website are very different by their content, length and their year of approval, some of them are very old and not suitable for the 21st Century.

IFLA Secretary General informed about the started cooperation of IFLA and International Society of Ethics 18 months ago already. Stuart Hamilton informed on the working group established to prepare the draft of the International Code of Ethics for the field of librarianship.

IFLA Update / Report from IFLA Governing Board meetings

Reporter: Sinikka Sipila, Barbara Schleihagen, Jennefer Nicholson

Sinikka Sipila, Barbara Schleihagen, who are members of both IFLA GB and MLAS SC and Jennefer Nicholson/IFLA Secretary General informed MLAS Mid-Term Meeting participants on the current topics of last IFLA Governing Board meetings related to:

- IFLA 5 Key Initiatives
- cultural heritage disaster reconstruction in Haiti
- enhancing of digital communication media at the IFLA Congresses
Both paper and digital communication media in Puerto Rico, following the model used at the Congress in Gothenburg last year. It is expected that the IFLA Congress 2012 will have a strong technical approach so the two years evaluation of Gothenburg and Puerto Rico will provide a solid base for a decision on whether and when to move to an online only option.
- new data protection and privacy policy of IFLA
- new technical tools of IFLA website providing benefits for IFLA members, including IFLA membership online system and interactive tools for IFLA Sections/IFLA Officers
- IFLA Publications Series

Report on IFLA Presidential Meeting / 14th – 15th April 2011, The Hague

Reporter: Marian Koren, Netherlands Public Library Association

Marian Koren, IFLA Presidential Meeting 2011 co-organizer invited all MLAS SC Mid-Term meeting participants to attend IFLA Presidential meeting to be held in April in The Hague related to IFLA Presidential theme “Libraries driving Access to knowledge”.

Main Organisers: IFLA, FOBID Netherlands Library Forum

European partners: EBLIDA, LIBER, SPARC

Sponsors: NBD library supplier, KB National Library (venue)

Main topics: “Libraries driving Access to knowledge” / Focus on Europe

- Access to knowledge as a human right
- Copyright and libraries
- Open access and the changing role

Marian Koren introduced the reasons why to participate at the IFLA Presidential Meeting:

- Your local issues at stake
- Advocacy first class
- Joining forces Europe and global
- Bring and meet your European members of Parliament
- Meet the experts
- Prepare your next event/network

Marian Koren informed on all useful details of the IFLA Presidential meeting 2011 programme and the reception hosted by the municipality in the Public Library The Hague. She invited all to visit this important IFLA event to be held in The Hague – World Library Capital.

Report on the Women, Information and Libraries Special Interest Group (WILSIG)

Reporter: Maria Cotera, WILSIG Convenor

Short report on WILSIG activities during IFLA WLIC 2010 in Gothenburg

“Global Women’s Fair: Sharing Best Practice in Support of Women Users, and Women Library and Information Workers”

Women, Information & Libraries SIG (WILSIG) held a successful off-site session on 13th August 2010 at the National Resource Library for Women’s, Men’s and Gender Studies, Gothenburg University. WILSIG off-site session was attended by approx. 80 delegates.

This was followed by a closing session with speakers Ellen Tise and Agnetta Olsson, who received the Strong Women Medal from a representative of the Strong Women Project, and a small reception to commemorate 20 years since the Women Issues RoundTable was first created at the IFLA Congress in Sweden in 1990. WILSIG off-site session was sponsored by Gothenburg University Library which provided the venue, equipment, support staff and refreshments and printed leaflets and maps.

WILSIG Satellite Pre-conference, IFLA WLIC in Puerto Rico 2011

“Information Literacy and its Impact on Women”

We are planning a joint pre-conference with Information Literacy Section at Turabo University, Puerto Rico (24kms Southeast of San Juan) on 11th -12th August 2011.

The University is sponsoring the venue and equipment, refreshments and lunch on both days.

The aim of the satellite conference is to form and inspire library and information professionals working on information literacy in all sectors, especially in public libraries and local community centres, and disseminate research projects on the impact this work has on women in their local communities and society as a whole.

WILSIG pre-conference website: <http://www.ucm.es/BUKM/ILWIL/>

WILSIG Session, IFLA WLIC in Puerto Rico 2011

“Libraries Providing Integration, Innovation and Information for Women”

The WILSIG session will be held Tuesday 16th August 2011 from 16:00-18:00.

The session papers aim to provide case studies illustrating how libraries and information centres are responding to the needs of women around the world, providing services for the benefit of women, and helping them to survive the current world economic crisis.

WILSIG Satellite Pre-conference in Tampere 2012

“How can libraries and information centres improve the accessibility and visibility of women’s information and contribute to preserve women’s cultural heritage”

Maria Cotera informed on planning a WILSIG pre-conference for 2012, in association with the Women Information Network Europe (WINE), the network of women's libraries, archives and information centres in Europe <http://www.women.it/wine/index.htm>

The pre-conference is scheduled to open on Wed. 8th August early evening with a networking event and/or reception, and close on Friday 10th August at lunch time. It will take place at University of Tampere in Finland.

The satellite conference aims to discuss:

- ways libraries and information centres provide access to women and gender information
- ways they preserve women’s cultural heritage
- the role of women’s libraries and information centres in the internet era.

Janice Lachance/MLAS Chair asked MLAS SC members to confirm they agree with the planned WILSIG Pre-conference in 2012 in Tampere, what was confirmed unanimous.

Maria Cotera/WILSIG Convenor opened the discussion on the future of WILSIG as her role of WILSIG Convenor will finish soon and the next steps regarding SIG sustainability are needed. Janice Lachance/MLAS Chair, Marian Koren, Sinikka Sipila, Jennefer Nicholson and Barbara Schleihagen, proposed their useful recommendations on WILSIG sustainability, including recommendation to engage Agnetta Olsson to WILSIG as she might be interested.

Report on the New Professional Special Interest Group (NPSIG)

Reporter: Silvia Stasselová/MLAS Secretary on behalf of Sebastian Wilke/NPSIG Convenor

Silvia Stasselová/MLAS Secretary received apology from Sebastian Wilke/NPSIG Convenor who couldn't attend the MLAS SC Mid-Term meeting due to his study duties as he is a student. MLAS Secretary reported all past and future activities of NPSIG on behalf of Sebastian Wilke/NPSIG Convenor based on his report and presentation with photos from events.

NPSIG activities during the IFLA WLIC 2010 in Gothenburg

- **Satellite Meeting “The Global Librarian”** in Borås (9 August) attended by 70 librarians, professors and students; keynote speeches by [The Schanachies](#) and by Pernille Drost; including a joint networking drinks session, co-organized with the Section of Education and Training.
- Participation in **MLAS sessions and SC meetings** which, among others, included the implementation of the NPSIG’s new mission statement in the MLAS Strategic Plan 2010-2015 (according to the IFLA Strategic Plan).
- Presentation and introduction to the NPSIG at the **Newcomers Session** by Federica Marangio (IFLA HQ, Advocacy Support Officer).
- Participation in **FAIFE business meeting** about the social media plan of the committee.
- Participation in Ingrid Parent’s **President-Elect Planning Session**. Sebastian Wilke had been invited as one of four panelists to speak about “Libraries and innovation”.
- Participation in the **IFLA President’s Information Society Working Group / ICT4D Group business meeting** as one of the invited IFLA Sections and Special Interest Groups with a possible connection to the activities of the working group.

- An **open NPSIG business meeting** was held for everyone interested. Topics included: Preparations for NPSIG program during the IFLA Congress 2011, the creation of an internal working wiki, active participation in future conferences such as the Internet Librarian 2010 and BOBCATSSS 2011, ways to foster the online involvement of New Professionals in the IFLA and NPSIG network.

A summary on all NPSIG conference activities is available in the NPSIG blog post
My IFLA 2010 experience: <http://npsig.wordpress.com/2010/08/30/my-ifla-2010-experience/>

NPSIG workshop at BOBCATSSS 2011 in Szombathely, Hungary (31st January – 2nd February 2011)

- Title: “This is how we do it: New ways of social networking, innovative skill sets and competencies – The 2011 New Professional”
- Around 40 participants (= 5 working groups)
- Agenda: introduction to IFLA and the NPSIG, introductory paper about library advocacy and social media, active workshop part (group work, discussing key skills of “The 2011 New Professional” and picture the findings in an illustrative drawing)
- Some impressions: pictures & videos attached – extended report in our blog will come soon

NPSIG Plans for the IFLA WLIC 2011 in Puerto Rico

- Off-site session during the Congress entitled “New Professionals beyond New Professionals - skills, needs and strategies of a new generation of LIS professionals”
- Cooperation with the University of Puerto Rico. On-site coordination via Luisa Vigo-Cepeda and Noraida Dominguez.
- The purpose of the session is to examine the current generation of New Professionals from a variety of perspectives, to showcase best practices and case studies from New Professionals from all over the world, and at the same time to provide space for informal networking and exchange through some exciting new and open formats.
 The reviewing process already started. NPSIG received 46 proposals from all over the world.

Update on MLAS Programme Session / IFLA WLIC 2011 in Puerto Rico

Reporter: Hellen Niegaard

Hellen Niegaard informed MLAS SC Mid-Term Meeting participants on the very successful MLAS Programme Session during IFLA WLIC 2010 in Gothenburg, which was held in cooperation of following partners: MLAS, Library Theory and Research, Management and Marketing, Education and Training, Statistics and Evaluation, LIS in Developing Countries SIG.

More than 200 participants attended the whole day session held on 12th August 2010:
Policy, strategy and advocacy. Towards national library strategy: opening up access to research.

1st Part: Improving library advocacy

2nd Part: Looking for relevant research

After this successful IFLA WLIC 2010 Session it was strongly recommended to continue in cooperation with CPDWL Section also during IFLA WLIC 2011 in Puerto Rico.

Hellen Niegaard informed on the joint MLAS & CPDWL Session Programme
 on 16th August 2011 from 9.30 - 12.45
Continuing Professional Development (CPD) as a strategy to build strong libraries and library associations.

Hellen Niegaard invited all MLAS SC Mid-Term Meeting participants to attend the session.

Update on IFLA elections and MLAS nomination

Reporter: Jennefer Nicholson, IFLA Secretary General

Janice Lachance/MLAS Chair asked Jennefer Nicholson/IFLA Secretary General to inform MLAS SC Mid-Term Meeting participants for update on IFLA elections and MLAS nominations.

IFLA Secretary General informed on received **17 new nominations to MLAS**. Due to decision of IFLA HQ the following **7 MLAS SC members will have their first term period extended untill 2013**: Janice Lachance (current MLAS Chair), Rosemary Gitachu, Regine Horinstein, Kelly Moore, Helen Niegaard, Barbara Schleihagen and Silvia Stasselova. MLAS Standing Committee has 13 members vacancies and IFLA HQ will run ballot elections.

Jennefer Nicholson/IFLA Secretary General informed on stage of IFLA Governing Board elections with received 15 valid nominations for 10 positions of IFLA GB. IFLA Secretary General informed also about stage of IFLA Division Chairs elections and elections of new IFLA President-elect with two strong candidates.

MLAS Listserv Report

Janice Lachance/MLAS Chair informed on the current number of registered MLAS Listserv members. Together 1.136 individuals were registered at IFLA MLAS Section Listserv to February 2011 (ifla-mlas@lists.sla.org) and during 2010 there were 40 messages sent together.

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Public Policy and Building Strong Library Associations (BSLA) Report

Reporter: Stuart Hamilton, IFLA Senior Policy Advisor

Janice Lachance/MLAS Chair asked Stuart Hamilton/IFLA Senior Policy Advisor to inform MLAS SC Mid-Term Meeting participants on the current stage of IFLA BSLA Programme.

Stuart Hamilton informed on the updated IFLA BSLA new website since IFLA WLIC 2010 in Gothenburg, which includes:

- Basic BSLA Programme information
- Country Reports
- Online Learning Platform
- Training Packages Overview
- Policy-based learning materials
- Case studies

IFLA BSLA Programme website is available at: <http://www.ifla.org/en/node/5704>

IFLA BSLA online learning platform is available after registration and there is a growing interest in using this unique platform. Registering to access the materials is simple after completing the short form and learning materials are available to download. Registration is free for members, and provides the access to the most up to date materials. Stuart Hamilton asked MLAS SC for any valuable feedback on BSLA platform.

IFLA BSLA already started the training programmes in the first 6 selected countries:

- Peru, Lebanon, Cameroon, Lithuania, Ukraine, Botswana.

Country reports are available at IFLA BSLA website: <http://www.ifla.org/en/bsla/country-reports>

Stuart Hamilton informed MLAS SC on the fact more co-trainers are needed to cover all regions. Pre-conference in Panama is organized for co-trainers in Latin America, co-trainers from Caribbean are investigated and there will be another workshops held in Africa and Asia.

Application for BSLA country projects is open until 1st April 2011.

<http://www.ifla.org/en/news/applications-for-bsla-country-projects-in-2011-close-april-1>

One country will be selected from each of IFLA's three regional sections in 2011. BSLA country projects are capacity building activities designed to support library associations and the development of the sector in a country. After IFLA GB decides the supported countries, Fiona Bradley will visit the chosen countries in June/July 2011. Successful applicants will be announced during IFLA WLIC 2011 in San Juan.

Stuart Hamilton presented 20 excellent BSLA case studies asked MLAS to help to gain more.

Barbara Schleihagen expressed her special thanks to IFLA for the idea of BSLA Programme which she consider to be the best IFLA platform created ever and extremely useful and she informed on the initiative to translate part of BSLA documents to be translated to German.

Stuart Hamilton/IFLA Senior Policy Advisor informed on planning the "Mini-Congress" in 2012 for participants from the first 6 BSLA countries sponsored by IFLA and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Association Membership Overview and status of associations sponsorship

Reporter: Jennefer Nicholson, IFLA Secretary General

Janice Lachance/MLAS Chair asked to inform Jennefer Nicholson/IFLA Secretary General to inform MLAS SC Mid-Term Meeting participants on IFLA Association Membership Overview and status of associations sponsorship.

Jennefer Nicholson/IFLA Secretary General presented the proposal of a new membership category of **[National] Association Affiliate**.

IFLA Statutes Article 6: Governing Board may give affiliate status to individuals, institutions and organisations that support the purposes of the Federation and may assess a fee or other conditions as given in the Rules of Procedure.

Currently have Institutional and Personal [Individual] affiliates [Rule 3]:

Shall pay an annual affiliation fee set by GB; GB may set different levels of fees for Affiliates in developing and developed countries;

Minimum level should cover the basic costs of membership;

GB may set fees for new Affiliates in selected low-income countries at a lower level if the Treasurer approves.

Associations membership incentive:

- May not vote in elections for President-elect and elected places on the Governing Board;
- May speak but not vote at the General Assembly [are not included in the quorum]
- Have all other member services and entitlements

Why this incentive proposal?

Would enrich IFLA and make it more inclusive and representative

Makes IFLA more credible as an international association

Makes it easier for emerging and small associations to join

Makes it easier for organisations to sponsor an emerging or small association

Would not disadvantage IFLA financial

What is it?

- New band – 13
- Operating expenses of less than €10,000 [same as Band 12]
- No voting rights
- No free sections [automatically have MLAS and their regional section membership included]

Fee basis?

Band 12 is €218

Deduct financial benefit of 2 free sections €104

Deduct entitlement to vote [priceless!]

Could compare with Student Affiliate €58 fee which includes the Adopt-a-student programme set up by Education and Training Section

Presented proposal of a new membership category of *IFLA [National] Association Affiliate* was accepted by MLAS SC members and many MLAS SC members supported this idea.

IFLA Secretary General presented the IFLA Associations and Other Affiliates fees structure:

IFLA Associations fees structure

Operating expenses (in Euros)	band	votes	fee (Euros)	free sections*
less than 10,000	12	10	218	2
10,000–25,000	11	10	239	2
25,000–50,000	10	10	324	2
50,000–100,000	9	20	702	4
100,000–250,000	8	20	1079	4
250,000–500,000	7	20	2159	4
500,000–750,000	6	30	3237	8
750,000–1,000,000	5	30	5397	8

1,000,000–3,000,000	4	30	7555	8
3,000,000–7,000,000	3	40	10793	16
7,000,000–10,000,000	2	40	16188	16
more than 10,000,000	1	40	21585	16

IFLA Other Affiliate fees structure

Category	Fee (Euros) *
Institutional Sub-units	106-228
One-person Library Centres	106-228
School Libraries	106-228
Personal Affiliates	133
Student Affiliates	58

Deleted/to be deleted IFLA association members

Deleted 2009

- Venezuela ABINIA
- Paraguay ABIGRAP
- El Salvador Asociacion de Bibliotecarios de El Salvador
- El Salvador FECEAB
- Colombia Colombian Librarians Association
- Cuba Library Association of Cuba
- Cuba Sociedad Cubana de Ciencias de la Información

Nominated for deletion 2010

- Korea, DPR Library Association of the DPR of Korea
- Nigeria Nigerian Library Association
- Peru Colegio de Bibliotecologos del Peru
- Trinidad and Tobago Library Association of Trinidad and Tobago
- Nepal Nepal Community Library Association

Association Sponsorships 2010

Region	Sponsor	Recipient
LAC	Vereniging van Openbare Bibliotheken (VOB)	Stichting Cultureel Centrum Suriname / Cultural Centre Suriname (CCS)
AFR	Swedish Library Association	Kenya Library Association
	Comité français IFLA	Assoc. des Bibl., Arch., Documentaliste et Museographes du Cameroun (ABADCAM)
	Comité français IFLA	Association des Amis de la Lecture (ASSOCLE) (Benin)
	Comité français IFLA	Association of Professional Librarians (Mauritius)
	Comité français IFLA	Association Nationale des Informatistes (Morocco)
	Comité français IFLA	Association des Bibliothecaires, Archivistes, Documentalistes et Museologues (Congo)
	Comité français IFLA	Association Burkinabé des Gestionnaires de l'Information Documentaire (ABGID) (Burkina Faso)
	GLAD	Uganda Library and Information Association (ULIA)
	Finnish Library Association	Namibian Information Workers Association (NIWA)
AO	Comité français IFLA	Cambodian Librarians and Documentalists Association
	Vereniging van Openbare Bibliotheken (VOB)	Nepal Library Association (NLA)
	National Library of Australia	Myanmar Library Association
	Norwegian Library Association	Palestinian Library and Information Association (PLIA)

In addition, Sinikka Sipila informed on sponsorship of Namibian Library Association by the Finnish Library Association.

Update on GLAD programme and MLAS Wiki

Reporter: Hellen Niegaard

Hellen Niegaard informed MLAS SC Mid-Term Meeting participants that the planned joint BSLA &GLAD workshop planned prior to the 2011 Congress in Puerto Rico as discussed during IFLA WLIC 2010 in Gothenburg will be not realized this year.

There was not any progress related to wiki since IFLA WLIC 2010, so Hellen Niegaard recommended the deadline August 2011 for the final decision on its future, as this topic is still opened since 2007.

Janice Lachance/MLAS Chair expressed her impression that the Michael Keith Fiels vision was to run wiki in a "World Report" style place, where library associations could add more information than it is available at the world report form. MLAS Chair recommended to reevaluate the former idea from year 2006.

Hellen Niegaard, Maria Cotera, Stuart Hamilton and Barbara Schleihagen discussed the influence of the information technologies development which may cause that wiki could be replaced by other tool and recommended some ideas, for example to use BSLA platform.

Public Policy update

Reporter: Stuart Hamilton, IFLA Senior Policy Advisor

Stuart Hamilton/IFLA Senior Policy Advisor informed on the last activities in cooperation with WIPO since the 21st Session of the World Intellectual Property Organisation Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR) took place in Geneva on November 8-12, 2010. At the meeting's conclusion the SCCR agreed a work plan for 2011/12 concerning copyright exceptions and limitations which not only takes forward the proposal by Brazil, Ecuador, Paraguay and Mexico for the World Blind Union's (WBU) proposed 'Treaty for Improved Access for Blind, Visually Impaired and other Reading Disabled Persons', but additionally allocates equal time for "text-based work on appropriate exceptions and limitations" for libraries and archives, educational, teaching and research institutions, and persons with other disabilities.

<http://www.ifla.org/en/news/unprecedented-opportunity-for-libraries-and-archives-wipo-to-work-on-library-and-archive-copyri>

Stuart Hamilton informed on the planned schedule of negotiations for the treaty which has many strong opponents.

He recommended attention to the key IFLA event on copyright related issues:

IFLA Presidential Meeting 2011 to be held in April 2011 in The Hague

"Libraries driving access to knowledge: Action for Europe" with 3 main themes:

- *Access to information as a Human Right*
Planned outcome will be a statement relating to user privacy issues at the European level.
- *Access and copyright*
Outcome will be the launch of the 'Library Treaty' planned to be introduced at the WIPO SCCR session on copyright exceptions and limitations in Geneva in November 2011
- *Open access and the changing role of libraries*
Outcome will be the statement on Open Access
(1st proposed by the President's Working Group in WLIC 2010)

„Copyright for library associations“ workshop in Africa was held and others are planned to be organized especially in countries without appropriate copyright law.

Stuart Hamilton informed on the current internet legislation related issues in various countries.

Maria Cotera informed on the Library and Information Manifesto published by CILIP in 2010 „Six priorities for the next Government“ which can be used as a model for other library associations

<http://www.cilip.org.uk/get-involved/campaigning-toolkit/manifesto/Pages/default.aspx>

Stuart Hamilton/IFLA Senior Policy Advisor highlighted the necessity of close cooperation with MLAS.

Planning of the next MLAS Workshop and MLAS SC Mid-Term Meeting in 2012

Moderator: Janice Lachance, MLAS Chair

Barbara Schleihagen highlighted the impact of MLAS Workshops which bring more possibilities to local library association representatives who might not be able to attend IFLA WLIC conferences. Janice Lachance highly recommended to continue in idea of organizing MLAS workshops in relation to MLAS SC Mid-Term meetings. She mentioned the previous connection of the 1st MLAS Workshop with IFLA Presidential meeting and she asked IFLA Secretary General on the possible places of the coming IFLA Presidential meetings. 1st IFLA Presidential meeting of Ingrid Parent will be held in Vancouver, what probably would not be the appropriate area with the need of MLAS Workshop 2012.

MLAS SC members discussed the best possible location to organize the MLAS Workshop 2012:

- Stuart Hamilton/IFLA Senior Policy Advisor recommended to combine MLAS Workshop 2012 with the already planned "Mini-Congress" for participants from the first 6 BSLA countries sponsored by IFLA and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Barbara Schleihagen expressed she supports this idea.
- Maria Cotera recommended London in UK and offered a possible support of CILIP.
- Silvia Stasselová/MLAS Secretary recommended to organize MLAS Workshop 2012 in Lithuania, where librarians from more neighbouring countries Latvia, Estonia and Ukraine could be interested. Her recommendation was based on the information of Alina Jaskuniene, president of Lithuanian Library Association who attended MLAS SC Mid-Term meeting as observer and mentioned some problems at her library association. Lithuania is also one of the supported BSLA country projects in 2011. The recommended area is very close to Helsinki, where IFLA WLIC 2012 will be held.

Jennefer Nicholson recommended to look after the MLAS Workshop location, where some additional funding could be possible. Janice Lachance/MLAS Chair announced the final MLAS Workshop 2012 location decision during the next MLAS SC meeting during IFLA WLIC 2011 in Puerto Rico.

Update of MLAS Strategic Plan

MLAS SC members were asked to send their comments to MLAS Strategic Plan by email before MLAS Mid-Term meeting in Split. As only NPSIG sent their comments, this request on cooperation to finalize the update of MLAS Strategic Plan still continues. Janice Lachance/ MLAS Chair asked MLAS SC members for their kind cooperation and send their valuable comments to MLAS Secretary.

Closing Statement by Janice Lachance, MLAS Chair

MLAS Chair expressed her gratitude to all MLAS SC members, guests and observers for their attending the MLAS Mid-Term Meeting in Split and expressed her wish to meet all MLAS Standing Committee members at MLAS SC Meeting during IFLA WLIC 2011 in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

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