

## **IFLA NEWSPAPERS SECTION**



### **Minutes of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Business Meeting, Gothenburg, Sweden**

**Location:** Swedish Exhibition and Congress Centre

**Time:** SCI - Tuesday 10 August 2010 at 1430

SCII - Friday 13 August 2010

## **SCI**

### **1. Introductions**

The Chair welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

Committee members:

Frederick Zarndt, Chair (Digital Libraries and Digitisation Projects Consultant, USA)

Pär Nilsson, Secretary (National Library of Sweden)

Ulrich Hagenah (State and University Library Hamburg, Germany)

Philippe Mezzasalma (National Library of France)

Majlis Bremer-Laamanen (National Library of Finland)

Observers:

Christoph Albers, Information Coordinator (non SC-member) (Berlin State Library, Germany)

Alexander Dzhigo (Russian Book Chamber, Moscow)

Konstantin Sukhorukow (Russian Book Chamber, Moscow)

Gabrijela Gavran, (University of Zagreb Faculty of Law, Croatia)

Lars Svensson (German National Library, Frankfurt/M.)

Inci Özal (Hacettepe University, Turkey)

Else Delauny (National Library of France)

Torsten Johansson (National Library of Sweden)

### **2. Apologies for absence**

L. Suzanne Kellerman (Pennsylvania State University Libraries, USA)

Dolores Rodriguez Fuentes (national Library of Spain)

Georgia Higley (Library of Congress, USA)

### **3. Approval of agenda**

The agenda was approved.

### **4. Minutes of meetings / matters arising**

Minutes of the 32nd Business Meeting, held during the Newspapers Section's Midyear Conference at the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) in New Delhi, India are available online at <http://www.ifla.org/en/node/862>.

## 5. The IFLA Strategic Plan 2010-2015 and Priority Activities 2010-2010

In the framework of IFLA's general Strategic Plan the Section is asked to define at least one and maximum three actions that the Section can undertake in 2010 – 2011 that link to the Priority Activities. The actions may be from those already in the current plan or can be new actions. The actions should include a measurable outcome include the Priority Activity that it links to, for example: *Action 1 / measurable outcome / Priority Activity*.

**5.1.** The first proposal is to produce *Guidelines for the digitisation of newspapers*.

For this the content has to be defined and volunteers are needed to contribute to the chapters. Examples and experiences in digitisation from different countries can be gathered. Since it is a large topic it was suggested that a framework is to be developed.

A report on the current status of *Guidelines for Newspaper Digitisation* is envisaged as a topic on the "Washington Conference".

**Action:** Christoph Albers was asked to make a first draft.

**5.2.** The second proposal refers to the *update of the Directory of Newspaper Collections*.

How the data will be collected is still to be discussed. An online web form could be one form, but not necessarily the only or the best choice. The old form should be still online on the web site. When asking institutions and associations them to deliver the data for the survey they should also be invited to become IFLA members and members of the Newspapers Section.

**Action:** Frederick Zarndt will ask James Simon if Centre for Research Libraries (CRL) and/or The International Coalition on Newspapers project would be willing to coordinate the survey, since CRL has already gathered a lot of data on newspaper holdings.

**5.3.** In order to concentrate on the two actions proposed above it was decided not to define a new third action. However, to continue with *organizing newspaper conferences* in different parts of the world to foster collaboration in the field of the Section was agreed to be the so-called "third action".

## 6. The Newspapers Section Strategic Plan

The current Strategic Plan (2008-2009) of the Newspapers Section is out of date and an update is required. At the New Delhi Conference this year it became obvious that new ways of producing news, and new ways to preserving them will change or rather broaden the Section's focus. The current strategic plan does not reflect new media content, new ways of news distribution, new technologies, does not include news on the web, news broadcasting, online newspapers, and news archiving.

Although it is clear that the section can't be expected to include all forms of news distribution it is necessary to formulate a strategic plan which takes into account the developments in the newspaper world.

**Action:** The attendees were encouraged to email their ideas for updating the Strategic Plan to the Chair and the Secretary of the Section.

## **7. IFLA Newspapers Section Conference Programmes 2010 – 2012**

**7.1.** The 2011 Newspaper Section Winter / Spring Meeting and Conference. Conference will be hosted by the National Library of Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur.

The National Library has proposed a theme “Newspapers in multiple scripts and multiple languages: Issues and challenges for national heritage”. The mid year conference of 2011 will be held in Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia) at the end of April. The Call for papers is already published on the web site of the national Library of Malaysia. Proposed sub-themes were discussed.

**7.2.** Discussion about joint meeting with American National Digital Newspapers Program at the Library of Congress in Washington DC prior to the 2012 IFLA General Conference in Puerto Rico.

The programme for the Washington conference is not yet completed, but the conference is planned to run from Monday until noon Wednesday at the Library of Congress in Washington D.C. The call for papers will follow later, but please forward suggestions of speakers to the Chair of the Section. Proposed themes/topics are, among others, the relationship between the news industry and libraries, news production, press agencies and similar topics. (Both Frederick Zarndt and Georgia Higley have personal contacts in this respect).

The “Washington Conference” was intended to be an IFLA Satellite meeting, but the application arrived too late at IFLA HQ, that it has not been accepted as a satellite-meeting to the IFLA General Conference in 2011 in Puerto Rico. However, the goal now is to hold the conference in conjunction with the annual NDNP meeting, which has been moved for this purpose to August.

**7.3.** The theme for 2011 IFLA General Conference Newspaper Section Open Session in Puerto Rico was discussed.

it is suggested to have a theme reflecting current status and challenges of the press in the Caribbean and Central America namely Mexico. Moreover, the open session could address probably a second topic, such as user training and how to use newspapers for research purposes.

Action: Ulrich Hagenah is asked to propose a theme for this conference.

**7. 4.** Philippe Mezzasalma (BNF, France) suggested a conference in conjunction with the exhibition about the French press in March 2012 in Paris.

There is some hope for financial support from the press is given and IFLA PAC should be involved as usual. The French digitisation projects will be presented around the time of the exhibition. The collaboration between publishers and newspaper libraries could be a topic for the conference. For the time being leadership and organisation of the two day conference is discussed at the BNF and also the issue of sponsorship. The proposal is to have this conference as mid year conference for the Newspapers Section in March 2012. A call for papers should be announced at September/October 2011 at the latest.

**7.5** In conjunction with the IFLA Conference in 2012 in Helsinki, Majlis Bremer-Laamanen proposed a pre-conference in 2012 which probably could be organised in collaboration with IFLA's public library section and IFLA IT Section. Besides librarians and the publishing industry, library users should be addressed. IFLA-PAC could also be asked to become a partner in this conference.

**Action:** Majlis Bremer-Laamanen will follow up this item. She will put all members on the mailing list for further information.

## **8. Discussion of Honorary Member Emeritus status**

Hartmut Walravens and Ed King. For recognizing the outstanding work of the former Chair and Secretary and long-standing members of the Newspaper Round Table and Section it was agreed that Hartmut Walravens and Ed King should be honoured with an inofficial "Diploma of Honorary Member Emeritus". In particular, Ed King is still interested in the work of the Section and in attending conferences organised by the Section.

**Action:** Frederick Zarndt will design and produce the two diplomas.

## **9. Financial report**

Pär Nilsson reported that the Section had received 300 Euros from IFLA.

## **10. Section Newsletters**

[Issue 19](#) of the newsletter is online. Volunteers are needed to assemble and publish Issue 20.

## **11. Newspapers Section Standing Committee membership**

The Standing Committee is 2 short of the 10 members required by IFLA rules. The Chair urged the attendees to encourage their colleagues to nominate themselves or others during the nomination open period which begins in October 2010.

## **12. Newspapers Section membership**

The Newspaper Section gained several new members since the last general conference (see attached membership list current as of 8-Jun-2010). The Section now has 40 members, which is 5 more than a year ago. This number meets the minimum number of members required by IFLA rules. However reaching the minimum is not cause to cease recruiting.

## **13. Online resources**

**13.1.** The Newspapers Section has a Facebook page thanks to Sue Kellerman. The Chair encouraged all attendees to become members of the Newspapers Section Group:

**13.2.** The website of National Library and Archives Canada remains a useful source for links to online newspapers and newspaper archives:

<http://www.collectionscanada.ca/8/16/r16-214-e.html>

**13.3.** The British Library website also lists sources for online access to newspapers at:

<http://www.bl.uk/reshelp/findhelpsubject/history/history/newspaperhistory/>  
<http://www.bl.uk/reshelp/findhelprestype/webres>

**13.4.** The National Library of Spain has a list of links at:

<http://hemerotecadigital.bne.es/titulos.htm>

**13.5.** The IMPACT Project website is at <http://www.impact-project.eu/>.

**13.6.** International Coalition on Newspapers (ICON) has a list of digitization projects at <http://icon.crl.edu/digitization.htm>.

**13.7.** The Newspapers Section page on the IFLA web site

The content and use of the Section's pages on the IFLA web site was discussed. In order to find out how much it is used and what may have to be changed statistics for the web pages are needed.

**Action:** Christoph Albers is asked to check the number of visits / number of views and clicks on the Section's web site.

## **14. Any other business**

**14.1.** The Directory of Newspaper Collections was covered under 5.2. and will be one of the Section's actions. The out-of-date directory can be found at:

<http://www.ifla.org/VII/s39/dir/directory.htm>

**14.2.** No written report on progress had been submitted by International Coalition on Newspapers (ICON).

**14.3.** IFLA Saur publications relating to newspapers can be found by following the links to each of the volumes at the page: <http://www.ifla.org/en/publications/ifla-publication-series>  
Then click the link to the contents pages in PDF format.

- 103 Managing the Preservation of Periodicals and Newspapers
- 107 Newspapers in International Librarianship
- 110 Newspapers in Central and Eastern Europe
- 118 International Newspaper Librarianship for the 21st Century
- 122 Newspapers of the World Online: U.S. and International Perspectives Proceedings of Conferences in Salt Lake City and Seoul, 2006

- 133 Newspapers collection management : printed and digital challenges / La gestión de la colecciones de periódicos: desafíos en impresos y digitales. Proceedings of Conferences in Santiago and Durban.
- 135 The impact of Digital Technology on Contemporary and Historic Newspapers. Proceedings of the International Newspaper Conference, Singapore, April 1-3, 2008, and papers from the World Library and Information Congress, Québec, Canada, August, 2008

## SCII

The Chair welcomed all attendees to the second part of the Business Meeting.

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Violet Radiporo (The University of Botswana Library)

Sophie Brezel (The Bpi Public Information Library, Pompidou Center, France)

### 1. Open Session

The Section's Open Session (Thursday 12 August 15:00 - 17:00) was well attended by about 80 colleagues and received very good spontaneous reviews. There were seven presentations of papers, six of which may be found at:

<http://www.ifla.org/en/conferences-session-day/2010-08-12>

The presenters were:

- Christoph Albers (Berlin State Library, Berlin, Germany)
- Lynn Copeland (Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, BC, Canada)
- Pam Gatenby (Collections Management, National Library of Australia, Canberra ACT, Australia)
- H. Inci Önal (Faculty of Letters, Hacettepe University, Ankara, Turkey)
- Armin Talke (Berlin State Library, Berlin, Germany)
- Wolfgang Novak and Stephan Tratter (TREVENTUS Mechatronics GmbH, Vienna, Austria)
- Violet Radiporo (Special Collections Librarian, University of Botswana)

## **2. Continued discussions on the topics of SCI**

The meeting discussed a number of the items covered during SCI.

From the discussions on the proposed Guidelines for the digitisation of newspapers it became clear that such a resource would have to rest heavily on the experiences of different digitisation projects and also be updated continuously.