



IFLA SECTION FOR SCHOOL LIBRARIES

CHAIR'S REPORT 2012-2013

The Section is growing. During the last IFLA Conference 2012 in Helsinki there was an increase of people joining us at our two Standing Committee meetings compared to previous years. This is encouraging. Our Standing Committee can hold 16 people and we now have 13 members including the new members as of today.

Most of the committee work is of course done by the officers, usually by mail and via Skype. This spring however, the Secretary, Barbara Schultz-Jones, the Web Officer, Tricia Adams, and I were able to work together for a few days at our Midyear Meeting in Oslo (April 10-13). Section members Dianne Oberg and Luisa Marquardt also attended and we had some fruitful discussions and made plans for the future work of the Section. See suggested Action Plan 2013-2014.

During Midyear Meeting we co-arranged a day conference on Information Literacy with the Norwegian *Fagforbundet*, which gathered about 50 local participants, most of them school librarians. Our Section's members Barbara Schultz-Jones and Dianne Oberg gave presentations that were well received. *Fagforbundet* is a member of our Section.

Our joint 2 year-project with IASL, *School Library Advocacy Worldwide* under The IFLA *Building Strong Library Associations program (BSLA)* is ending this year. Dianne Oberg is chairing the joint project committee. The information that the project is providing will be published on IFLA's webpage. A workshop was held at the IASL conference in Qatar in November 2012 and another workshop is coming up at the IASL conference in Bali in August this year. In Kuala Lumpur 24 August there will be a joint Satellite Meeting as a workshop on School Library Advocacy, post IFLA, pre IASL.

The Joint Agreement on collaboration between IFLA and IASL ended in 2012 and the process of renewing is now waiting for approval of the IFLA Governing Board. The agreement has been signed by both organizations and a period of 4 years is suggested.

We have started our initial work on revising the IFLA/UNESCO School Library Guidelines by mail and Skype. We have invited others to take part in the process, e.g. IASL, ENSIL. At IFLA 2013 we are arranging a workshop on the topic off site at the National Library of Singapore on Tuesday 20 August.

Our joint session with Public Libraries Section in Helsinki 2012 counted 800 attendants. This year's collaboration between our Section and Section for Information Literacy has resulted in a 3-hour joint session, *School Libraries and Information for Civic Literacies*, which will be monitored by Secretary Barbara Schultz-Jones.

Lesley Farmer has cordially edited two editions of the Section's Newsletter.

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Randi Lundvall, Chair