

WLIC 2011 San Juan, Puerto Rico

IFLA: School Libraries and Resource Centers Section

Standing Committee Meetings

Minutes of the Meetings

Saturday 13th August 09.30 hrs and Wednesday 17th August 08.00 hrs

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(2) Also attended second Standing Committee Meeting

1. The Chair, Randi Lundvall, welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. The Members of the Committee and the observers introduced themselves. A total of 17 people attended.
3. The minutes of the previous meetings in Gothenburg were presented. Their acceptance was proposed by Lesley farmer and Seconded by Dianne Oberg.
4. Particular thanks were given to Lesley Farmer for the Sections Newsletters.
5. The Chairs Report for 2010 was read out and accepted by the SC.
6. The Treasurer reported that none of this year's allocation of funds had been spent. They will be allocated to Lesley Farmer for the expenses incurred in the production and distribution of the Newsletter, Karen Usher (Paris mid-

year mtg) will divide the balance with Luisa Marquardt (South Africa Conference) for their participation in events where they represented the Section.

The Committee then considered Item 9 as meetings with possible partners were to take place during the WLIC. Randi has been in touch with the CYP Section, Finnish Librarians and Suzanne Payette, Chair of the Public Libraries Section with a view to a joint session. Randi is proposing that a Session looking at the Finnish PISA position should be considered. Finland is at the top of the PISA list but they have no School Librarians. However the Public Libraries, Literacy and Teachers are regarded as very important. Randi will be meeting with Public and CYP and will be suggested a themes of 'Do we need School Librarians' or 'Dodo or Phoenix'. Lesley Farmer also suggested something around the idea of a village of libraries being needed to raise a child. Dianne Oberg also suggested that projects from 'Global Perspectives' in Espo and Ulu where there are Librarians in Technical Colleges might be of interest. They reflect the diversity and tensions between the different types of libraries providing services to young people. Luisa mentioned the German Conference which featured projects between high schools and academic projects. Karen mentioned the Campaign for the Book and the thread re children having to go to School and should therefore have a Library in order to introduce libraries as soon as possible. The Committee asked that the Helsinki Organising Committee be asked to organise trips to School Libraries during the Conference.

#### 7. Election of Officers

Chair– Randi Lundvall (Proposed Karen Usher, Seconded )

Treasurer - Proposed Randi Lundvall (Karen Usher and

Secretary – Barbara Schultz-Jones

Newsletter Editor – Lesley Farmer (Proposed Randi Lundvall, Seconded Karen Usher)

Website Officer – Tricia Adams (Proposed Randi Lundvall, Seconded Karen Usher)

8. Joint Committee with IASL – Dianne Oberg, Chair of the Joint Committee wants clear guidance on what the Joint Committee will do. BSLA Advocacy Toolkits were proposed as an easily defined project. As both Lesley and Dianne are involved with Advocacy Toolkits they suggested the Section proposed they were done in conjunction with ISST, AASL and the SLRC. The Section would support such a proposal.

9. A possible Satellite Conference with IASL was also proposed –depending on IFLA's location. Karen explained that Satellites were organised at a local level

with engagement by the IFLA community. It was acknowledged that this puts a large burden on the local committees as was the case in Jamaica where Paulette Stewart and Myrtle Harris had done the organisational work.

10. Re 2013 the SC needed to start thinking about local school libraries groups that could assist with organising. It was suggested that dr. Singh could make enquiries re Qatar. The section would check whether or not we could badge a Mid Year meeting if it was attended by IFLA members.
11. Kosi from Africa raised the increasing problem in Africa of the conflict TV/Video games and the basic skill of reading. Members of the Section agreed this was a universal problem and would support any initiatives African members wished to initiate.
12. Lesley and Gail referred to the American L.A. research agenda of the Young Adult Library Service Assoc. which places emphasis on meeting the needs of the population being served.  
Albert B. was a Member of the Information Literacy Section and wanted to be able to tell the Section that SLRC might be interested in a joint Session in 2013 with Reading and Information Literacy. The Chair confirmed that SLRC would be open to suggestions.
13. Madeleine Duparc had tried to recruit Members for the Section from France, Switzerland and Belgium but had been unsuccessful.
14. Luisa thanked Karen and Yuriko for the work they had done and Randi for carrying on.
15. Members were encouraged to attend the special Publications Session where Luisa and Dianne's book would be presented to the WLIC on Wednesday. Lesley wanted to know if some of the Papers that had not been included could be used for Conferences or in the Newsletters.

#### Second Standing Committee Meeting

16. Randi reported on the meeting between SLRC, CYP and Public Sections. We will not be joining with CYN. Randi and Karen did like the PISA theme so there are areas of agreement. Lesley said that the cross generational literacy was a public library focus and that should be borne in mind. Dianne raised the issue of lifelong learners also being a focus. It was felt that local input should be important – from the Finnish and Nordic groups. Lesley mentioned Sweden ALIES campaign. Karen introduced the ideas from Tricia Adams re

the crossover literacy from school to further education. Gail wanted the Finnish experience and what others can learn from it included.

#### 17. Action Plan

Website – Luisa will send a proforma for all to work on.

Guidelines – Gail will look at and circulate comments, also there will be input from Lesley and Luisa's colleagues in Spain and Portugal

#### 18. The Newsletter deadline is 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 2011

19. 2013 – Diljit commented that Aug 19<sup>th</sup> is an important date in the Muslim calendar and may affect attendance at events. Topics were discussed and Dianne commented that the purpose of satellites being the involvement of local librarians that the subject must be relevant to them. In Malaysia mobile learning and parental involvement were hot topics.

It was noted that Christine Koontz from Marketing Section had offered to do a joint Session.

Luisa felt that the launch of 'Global Perspectives' gave the Section the opportunity to organise workshops/seminars to promote the book. Many authors were in Europe and Luisa would be organising events with the Italian LA. Luisa has agreed with De Gruyter that contributors should get a ebook copy of 'Global Perspectives'. Dianne felt that the promotion was not detailed enough and that the table of contents should be on both the SLRC and IASL website with a link to the de Gruyter website.

Lesley suggested monthly WEBINARS with the first topics being flexible and wide ranging so they were easy to use for CPD. Details should be on listserv. Dianne will action.

20. A Special Project between CYP and Literacy Section with IBBY called 'Picture Books around the World' has been organised and will be exhibited at Helsinki and in London.

21. Randi had attended the Presidents session where Ingrid Parent launched her 'Libraries – a force for change' agenda.

22. Miscellaneous items were brought up by members for discussion

23.

a) Janis Karlkins from UNESCO is interested in feedback on the media and information literacy documentary they have done. Luisa commented that

the 'Media and Information Programme for School Teachers' had been released, IASL and the Section needed to contribute re school libraries as there was only one line re libraries and the Big6. She was worried by the lack of mention of libraries and the inclusion of a commercial product. The programme will be tested and Luisa will give details of the countries involved. Nancy said Nigeria wished to harmonise the programme for teacher-librarians and any information would be useful

b) Dianne thought the joint Committee should be doing a joint bid to turn the Advocacy Kit into a BSLA training the trainers programme.

24. Randi thanked everyone for their attendance and hoped to see many of them in Helsinki.

25. CORRESPONDING MEMBERS 2012 onwards

Lesley farmer  
Dalia Naujokaitis  
Dianne Oberg  
Diljit Singh  
Karen Usher

## Reports from other meetings

### Leadership Forum – led by Patrice Landry

At a very crowded meeting in a very small room Patrice brought Members about the Co-ordinating Board thoughts.

He emphasised the importance of the meetings on the Website.

He encouraged people to attend the IFLA market and the Speakers Training Sessions.

### ***Libraries – a force for change***

Inclusion – how should libraries serve all without bias or prejudice

Transformative – libraries change lives

Innovation – to remain relevant we must keep using technology/emerging technologies

Convergence – we should be involved with sister organisations to make us more effective and efficient

How to integrate was a major theme of discussions.

The Presidents Session would give further details and the April 2012 meeting would focus on Indigenous Knowledge, local priorities and local change.

- PC – main issues
- Accountability
  - Control over satellite meetings
  - Budget control especially over Projects and their outcomes
  - Publications Review: a report had been presented to the GB
  - Congress Programme should be more streamlined, more flexible and continue the threads already set out.

#### 2011 -2013 Issues

1. Communication with the right person at HQ
2. IFLA Strategic Plan
3. Satellites ownership
4. Programmes – process, co-ordination, co-operation
5. Communication with professional units
6. PC and Core Activities
7. Publications – repository
8. Divisional secretaries – redefinition of role
9. Finance – strategic approach
10. PC role in Governing Board

Professional Units involved in IFLA Advocacy should have the following key initiatives in mind

1. Digital content of Programmes
2. International Librarianship Leadership
3. Outreach for advocacy and Advancement of profession
4. Cultural Heritage Disasters and Reconstruction Programmes
5. Multilingualism in Programmes
6. Sections – are you planning your work within the professional strategic plan?

## Joint meetings with IASL

Notes combine the two meetings with the discussion re particular subjects put together

Attendees: Ellen Tise (President of IFLA), Diljit Singh (President of IASL) and Randi Lundvall (Chair of IFLA: SLRC Section) plus Lourense Das, Lesley Farmer, Luisa Marquardt, Dianne Oberg, Karen Usher.

1. Building Strong Library Associations. School Libraries Advocacy Kit could be expanded to be part of this programme. IFLA feels that Advocacy is more important than Guidelines. A bid around 'Training the Trainers' should be constructed. Dianne Oberg would organise a gmail account so that all parties can look at the various documents on googledocs. The Bid would need to be proposed by the Section forwarded to the Division for approval before sending to thne Professional Committee who would need detail. IFLA is working with organisations like the World Bank to provide money for the BSLA programme.

One objective would need to be on-line training materials for the Trainers. The Advocacy material would include information on talking to Governments about specific areas of librarianship and should be able to be customised. It could be built around the Internet Manifesto and Public Libraries Manifesto. Lesley Farmer and Dianne Oberg both have training materials that could be useful, it should be reviewed to pull out the important features and documents should be circulated to both Committees for discussion (by Skype?) and then comments returned to Dianne for discussion with Fiona Bradley. Dianne's work in Botswana, Cameroon, Lebanon and Nepal would add weight to the document.

It was felt there should be a link on the IASL website to the SLRC Sections Advocacy Kit.

2. ALIES proclamation origination from the South African Campaign – 1 School, 1 Library, 1 Teacher Librarian should be endorsed by IFLA. The Joint Committee should contact Ingeborg at IFLA HQ who could give details on how this could be achieved.
3. Memorandum of Understanding – this is due fro renewal in 2012. Ingeborg would be able to help with arrangements and Diljit Singh would still be President of IASL which would facilitate proceedings.

4. Leaflets promoting School Libraries – for use as part of the BSLA Programme. It is important to make parents aware of the importance of the School Library, Archives and Museums as they impacted on the quality of education and something should be developed. Karen Usher talked about Leaflets under draft by CILIP: SLG for Parents and Headteachers/Governors which might be useful. Karen would check re Copyright and translation issues with CILIP.
5. Luisa Marquardt is organising a one day Conference in Milan in February 2012 on Media Information Literacy, possible attendees include UNESCO Representative. It was proposed that the section should organise its mid-year to coincide with this Conference and that a Joint Committee Meeting between the two organisation might take place. L.M. has organised this.
6. Luisa Marquardt and Lesley Farmer suggested a joint publication between IFLA: SLRC, Literacy & Reading and Children and Young Peoples Section with IASL on Literacy and the role of parents. The Literacy Section has done a project on promoting literacy – IFLA Professional Report 125 (The section does have Priorities in place that might mitigate against a joint venture and its next session/possible publication may be on cross-generational literacy)). The direct involvement of parents in library provision was also mooted citing a project in Rome, costing Euro 70,000 p.a.

Jesus Lau, the Information Literacy section and UNESCO are developing a tool for measuring media literacy (using PISA model). UNESCO have a Model Curriculum for School Teachers which includes media Literacy which is being tested in 12 countries. Luisa Marquardt impression is that this is about using online resources from the Big6. Lesley farmer was also involved in this.

7. Ellen Tise talked about the need for Statistics. We should have an outline Strategy which would detail where and who we were going to get our statistics from. The should be a framework outlining how and why we were collecting statistics and what we were going to do with them once they are obtained. Lesley queried how data could be collected. Lourense asked if a survey could be developed/disseminated through IFLA's network. Diljit what are the definitions required for the data and how much weight would IFLA put behind such a document.
8. Webpage explaining the co-operation and projects between SLRC and IASL should be constructed for both organisations containing information on the book 'Global Perspectives in School Librarianship' and possible joint Conferences



9. Joint Committee. Members would be:

IASL Dianne Oberg (Chair), Lourense Das, Diljit Singh

IFLA: SLRC Lesley Farmer, Randi Lundvall, Luisa Marquardt

10. Possible Joint Projects

Milan conference

Guidelines for School Libraries

Regional Conferences

Satellite Conference in 2013 (IFLA in Singapore, IASL in Bali) Diljit –  
theme to be around leadership in Librarianship.

With apologies from Karen Usher Feb 2012