



National Libraries Section Standing Committee

77<sup>th</sup> IFLA General Conference and Assembly, San Juan, Puerto Rico

Standing Committee Meeting 1, Saturday 13 August 2011, 2.45pm-5.15pm

Puerto Rico Conference Centre, Room 104b

Minutes

Members present (includes outgoing, continuing and new members):

Melita Ambrozic, Slovenia (2009-2013)

Janne Andresoo, Estonia (2011-2015)

Jasmine Cameron, Australia (2009-2013)

Genevieve Clavel-Merrin, Switzerland (2007-2011)

Magdalena Gram, Sweden (2011-2015)

Gerald Grunberg, France (2009-2013)

Winsome Hudson, Jamaica (2011-2015)

Kristiina Hormia-Poutanen, Finland (2007-2011)

Irina Lynden, Russia (2009-2013)

Tomasz Makowski, Poland (2011-2015)

Deanna Marcum, United States (2009-2013)

Elisabeth Niggemann, Germany (2009-2013)

Lek Choh Ngian, Singapore (2011-2015)

Monica Rizzo Soares Pinto, Spain (2011-2015)

Andy Stephens, England (2011-2015)

Liudmila Tikhonova, Russia (2011-2015)

John Tsebe, South Africa (2007-2011)

Martyn Wade, Scotland (2011-2015)

Observers present:

Lynne Brindley, England

Habib Jato, Nigeria

Hao Jinmin, China

Steen Bille Larsen, Denmark

Jaesun Lee, Korea

Chen Li, China

Kelly Moore, Canada

Henrietta Inedua Oman, Nigeria

Anne-Marie Schwirtlich, Australia

Jin Yung Woo, Korea

#### Item 1 Welcome by the Chair

The Chair welcomed those present to the meeting and explained that there would be two Standing Committee meetings in Puerto Rico. The Chair noted that the second meeting would be held on Tuesday 16 August from 4.45pm-6.15pm in Room 102b of the Puerto Rico Convention centre.

The Chair noted the names of new members:

Winsome Hudson, Executive Director, National Library of Jamaica

Hans Jansen, Deputy Director General, National Library of the Netherlands

Patrice Landry, Head of Subject Indexing, Swiss National Library

Tomasz Makowski, Director General, National Library of Poland

Ngian Lek Choh, Deputy Chief Executive, National Library Board of Singapore and Director, National Library of Singapore

Ismet Ovcina, Director, National and University Library of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Monica Rizzo Soares Pinto, Director, Reference and Diffusion Centre, National Library Foundation of Brazil

Andy Stephens, Board Secretary and Head of International Engagement, The British Library

Liudmila Tikhonova, Deputy Director General, Russian State Library

Heping Zhou, Director, National Library of China

## Item 2 Apologies

The following apologies were noted:

Hans Jansen, Deputy Director General, National Library of the Netherlands

Patrice Landry, Head of Subject Indexing, National Library of Switzerland

Colette O'Flaherty, Keeper, Printed and Visual Collections, National Library of Ireland

Heping Zhou, Director, National Library of China

## Item 3 Introduction of members

The Chair invited members to introduce themselves and state whether they were new, continuing or outgoing members.

## Item 4 Adoption of the agenda

The Chair noted that Item 12 (Presentation on Project ARROW) has been deferred to the second Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday and a short item on national bibliographies would be presented in its place by Genevieve Clavel-Merrin. The amended agenda was adopted.

#### Item 5 Approval of the SC1 Minutes, Gothenburg, 2010

The minutes were approved without amendment.

#### Item 6 Election of the Chair and Secretary 2011-2013

The Chair reminded members that the need for an election had been notified some time ago and a call made for nominations. The Chair then handed the management of the meeting to the Secretary for the election of the Chair for 2011-2013. The Secretary informed members that the current Chair, Martyn Wade, has indicated a willingness to continue as Chair for 2011-2013 and called for any other nominations. In the absence of any other nominations members elected Martyn Wade by acclaim as Chair for 2011-2013. The Secretary then handed the meeting back to Martyn Wade.

The Chair then explained that the current Secretary, Jasmine Cameron, has resigned from the Standing Committee effective from the end of the second Standing Committee meeting. One nomination for the position of Secretary has been received from Irina Lynden. No other nominations were forthcoming and Irina Lynden was elected to the position of Secretary by acclaim.

The Chair also noted that Andy Stephens has volunteered to take on the role of Information Officer to replace Genevieve Clavel-Merrin whose second four year term on the Standing Committee has come to an end.

#### Item 7 Report on the Leadership Brief to Chairs and Secretaries held on Saturday 13 August 2011

As the Chair had been unable to attend the Leadership Brief Jasmine Cameron and Genevieve Clavel-Merrin gave an overview of the meeting chaired by Patrice Landry:

- Conference attendance is approximately 2,000, down on the numbers for recent conferences due to the cost involved in travelling to Puerto Rico for many regular conference attendees and visa complications for some others
- The theme for the incoming President, Ingrid Parent, will be “Libraries – a force for change” and will promote the positive impact that libraries have on communities. Members were encouraged to attend the President Elect’s open discussion session on Tuesday 16 August at 9.30am.
- A summary was given of the achievements of the Professional Committee over the past two years which include implementing a new divisional structure; defining the responsibilities of IFLA officers; developing guidelines for satellite conferences; introducing conference themes to assist with programming and justification of attendance at IFLA conferences and commencing a review of IFLA publications.
- Anne Okersen is the new chair of the Professional Committee; she will be assisted by Ingeborg Veurheul from IFLA Headquarters who will act as Secretary to the PC.

- The Governing Board has developed five initiatives which will guide strategic planning and activities in the coming year: a digital content program; international development; advocacy; cultural heritage/disaster programs and multi-lingual programs. The digital content program will be highly relevant to the National Libraries Section. It has been proposed that working groups be established to progress work in key areas including advocacy with WIPO on open access policies; an IFLA statement on legal deposit and an IFLA statement on orphan works. The Chair encouraged members to consider how they might participate in or contribute to the proposed working groups once more information is available.

#### Item 8 Update on the National Libraries Section's joint conference sessions

The Chair reminded members that this year the National Libraries Section is collaborating on two conference sessions. The first is with the Literacy and Reading Section to present a session called *Beyond the United Nations Decade of Literacy: What Libraries Can Do*. This session is on Monday 15 August in Room 208 from 4.00pm-6.00pm. The session will open with a keynote address by Janis Karklins, Assistant UNESCO Director General for Communication and Information. Following the keynote audience members will rotate to three different 15 minute table top presentations.

The second session is a joint session with the Bibliography, Information Technology and Knowledge Management sections and ICADS (IFLA-CDNL Alliance for Digital Strategies program). The topic is *E-legal deposit: from legislation to implementation; from ingest to access*. It is in two parts, separated by a fifteen minute break, on Thursday 18 August from 8.30am-10.30am and 10.45am-12.45pm in Grand Salon A. Kai Ekholm, Director and Chief Librarian, National Library of Finland, will be the keynote speaker.

#### Item 9 Update on the National Organisations and International Relations Special Interest Group

The Chair invited Kelly Moore, convenor of the NOIR SIG to give members an update on the activities of the SIG over the past year. The main achievement during the past year was the completion of a survey of the international activities of national library associations conducted by Peter Lor and colleagues at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. The NOIR SIG is seeking greater participation from those interested in the objectives of the SIG and members were encouraged to attend the NOIR SIG session on Wednesday 17 August in Room 104 from 11.30am-1.45pm.

#### Item 10 Report on the proposed National Information and Library Policies Special Interest Group

The Chair invited Mr Woo, Chief Executive of the National Library of Korea, to speak to members about the objectives of the proposed new National Information and Library Policies Special Interest Group. Mr Woo noted that the idea for a SIG that would provide a forum for the exchange of information and ideas about national library policies had arisen in discussions last

year with the IFLA President, Ellen Tise. Mr Woo encouraged members to attend the inaugural meeting to be held on Thursday 18 August at 1.45pm in Exhibition hall A. An information sheet was given to all present at the meeting.

Item 11 Presentation on the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's Access to Learning Award by Steve Bergen, ATLA Administrator

The Chair welcomed Steve Bergen, Administrator of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Access to Learning Award, to the meeting. Mr Bergen gave a brief overview of the Award program, emphasising that the annual award of US\$1m is to assist existing programs that provide free access to computing facilities and the Internet. He left brochures for members wishing to find out more about the Awards.

Item 12 News from members and observers

The Chair invited members and observers to give a brief news report. There were several common themes including the impact of declining budgets on library operations; increased emphasis on public/private partnerships; progress towards e-legal deposit; new building works and digitisation projects.

Genevieve Clavel-Merrin reported that the Bibliography Section has asked national libraries to update information about their national bibliographies through the form available on the IFLA web page for the Bibliography Section.

Item 13 Other business

The Chair thanked outgoing members for their service to the Standing Committee and noted the contribution of the outgoing Secretary and Information Officer.

There were no other items of other business.