



84th IFLA General Conference and Assembly, 24–30 August 2018, Kuala Lumpur Malaysia

IFLA National Libraries Standing Committee - Meeting I

Friday August 24 15:45 – 17:45, Room: 401

Minutes

1. Welcome

The Chair, Guy Berthiaume, welcomed NLSC members and observers to the meeting. The Director of the National Library of Malaysia, Nafisah Ahmad, and the IFLA President, Glòria Pérez-Salmerón welcomed all to the conference.

a. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Hans Jansen and Jaesun Lee who have retired. The SC thanked them for their important contribution to the Committee over the years. Katarina Kristofova also sent apologies

2. Adoption of the Agenda.

The agenda was adopted.

3. Announcements and report from the from the Leadership Forum

Membership survey: The Chair introduced the membership survey which received 1036 responses. 85.1% provided a least one write-in response. 46% provided feedback on what IFLA could do to improve their personal experience and 43.3% reported on how IFLA could make membership more valuable to their organization.

Regarding reasons for membership, reason number one was to create opportunities for international relations, and the second was to build international networks.

In response to questions about how to improve the IFLA experience, better communications was answer one, followed by demonstrating how people can get more involved, and then creating more opportunities for mentoring was three.

Organisations wanted tools for local action, better communications, and increased transparency for IFLA activities.

The President-Elect's Presidential Theme is "Let's Work Together". There will be more details in the President-Elect's Session, August 29th, 8:30-10:30, Conference Hall 1.

4. **Approval of the minutes from Wroclaw and matters arising**

The minutes had been sent out to SC members and made available on the Section's page the IFLA website (<https://www.ifla.org/node/37103>). The SC adopted the minutes with no changes.

5. **Action Plan – review of activities**

i. **Revision and update of annual report of the Section and SIGs to take into account completed activities**

The Secretary, Genevieve Clavel, discussed a number of items in the action plan, which is available on the Section's webpages (<https://www.ifla.org/publications/42>). She explained our focus on communications, organising our WLIC activities, and also the Working Group on Digital Reunification.

She also discussed the relationship between the Section and CDNL, and the regional groupings of national libraries around the world. The action plan also addressed developing synergies with CDNL and this has been carried out with regular meetings and communication with CDNL colleagues.

Work on a logo for the section had been undertaken, but IFLA HQ has some delays in making them available for use. This will be addressed in the larger question of the development for the new website.

Regarding the Committee's work on national library functions, she reported that we had unfortunately lost access to the site that held the data on the survey work carried out. We have some of the data, but presently it is in an unusable form. Work will need to be carried out to identify any missing data, and restore the data we have left.

ii. **Communication with members (mailing list, web pages, etc.). Information Coordinator's report**

The Information Coordinator, Stuart Hamilton, reported that the Section's mailing list and web pages are now up-to-date. He has opened a Twitter account for the Section @IFLANatLibs and encouraged colleagues to follow this and contribute (see <https://twitter.com/IFLANatLibs> for the latest tweets). He has also started a round-up on national library news, sent out to SC members on a monthly basis and encouraged all to submit news to him for inclusion. SC members gave positive feedback on these initiatives.

iii. **SIG reports**

NILP SIG: the Convener, Winston Roberts, reported on the work of the SIG. HE thanked Rocky Ralebipi-Simela, who handed over the convenorship of the SIG in Wroclaw, for her work on the SIG. The annual report was revised and uploaded to the IFLA HQ, and the webpages for NILP have also been updated. A session for this year in KL has been arranged with four presentations and a discussion, but capacity for further activity outside the annual meeting is presently low.

SIG NOIR: the Convener, Katharina Beberweil talked about the work over the last year. The SIG had reached out to more National Libraries to discuss how they engage with international relations. The group of conveners was expanded to bring in

representatives from South Africa and Russia. During the WLIC conveners will meet with the current ALA President and representatives from ALA IRRT to see if collaboration is possible over the next year. Finally, she explained that the SIG is waiting to know whether the PC will authorise the SIG to continue for another year. Assuming it continues, it will liaise with selected groups and institutions to move the issues forward, and begin planning activities for next year's WLIC.

[Following the meeting, IFLA HQ confirmed that the SIG review was positive and that the SIG may continue].

iv. Survey on preservation standards

Renate Gömpel reported on the SC's response to the survey. It looked at guidelines, best practices and standards. The survey was conducted in the autumn of 2016 but analysis of the results needed to take place. The Working Group looked at part of the results of the survey, focusing on IFLA-related standards etc. Nearly all standards assessed are still relevant, but many are lacking information relating to digitisation and digital preservation. Further work will need to be done to improve the situation, but the Professional Committee will guide the timeline for what happens next.

6. WLIC National Libraries Section's program at IFLA 2018 (open session, SIGs and other sessions of interest)

The Chair presented the sessions and encouraged all to participate

Sunday August 26th, 09:30 – 11:30

Room: Plenary Theatre

Session 093 National Libraries and social media – meeting the challenges of acquiring, preserving and providing long-term access

Sunday August 26th 2018, 13:45 – 15:45

Room: Conference Hall 1/2

Session 117 International Relations: How far have we come and where do we go from here? Progress, feedback and feasibility - National Organizations and International Relations SIG

Sunday August 26th 2018, 16:00 – 18:00

Room: Ballroom 2

Session 126 Social networks - Joint Division I and Division IV session Looking for the next big thing: libraries and social networks.

Wednesday August 29th 2018, 10:45 – 13:15

Room: 305

Session 228 SC II - National Libraries

Wednesday August 29th 2018, 13:45 – 15:45

Room: Ballroom 2

Session 245 Lessons learned from new developments in information and library policy at national level - National Information and Library Policy (NILP) SIG

7. IFLA Global Vision

- a. Introduction
- b. Summary of results of online consultation
- c. Discussion

The Secretary reported on the Global Vision project. She recapped the report from the Officers' Forum held on Friday 24th in the morning, including key findings and response rate. The summary of the first round of discussions is to be found in a four-page leaflet in the conference bag, listing ten highlights and ten opportunities. Maximising access to the world's documentary heritage (No. 9) is of particular interest to the Committee/National Libraries.

Regarding next steps, she reported on the Barcelona meeting, held earlier in 2018 to provide ideas to address the opportunities. She detailed how a request for actions on the part of national libraries was circulated, but did not receive a response from all Committee members due to time constraints. She will now make it available to everyone (attached to minutes), and urged all to submit any outstanding ideas.

[Following the meeting, IFLA officially launched the Idea Store <https://ideas.ifla.org/> to which proposals should be submitted by September 30th 2018]

The ideas should be worked into the IFLA strategy and action plan for 2019-2024. IFLA will set its priorities and take decisions on governance/structural changes as a result of this process. A new approach will be taken with the strategy, as membership is being consulted to create it, not to react to a strategy already developed by the Governing Board.

She shared the overall development roadmap, showing the process from January 2017 through to August 2021. New statutes are expected, along with revisions of governance and organisational structure. Concerning Standing Committees, a key takeaway will be that new Committee members will be invited to participate from the first meeting at the WLIC, rather than join for the second meeting only.

Rocky Ralebipi-Simela asked what the impetus for large governance changes was. Genevieve explained that the organisation still had some aspects (e.g. timelines for communications) which are outdated for the digital age.

Stuart Hamilton asked if the Membership would be asked to authorise the new strategy for 2019-2024 in April 2019. Genevieve reported that the process is unclear but will be clarified by the Governing Board in the coming time.

8. WLIC NL session for 2019 General theme - Libraries : dialogue for change

- a. Programme ideas / Brainstorming
Different formats for the session might be interesting e.g. lightning talks, 'chat-show', panels.
- b. Volunteers for the Conference organizing team : to report back in SC II
The following people volunteered to discuss format and content and report back in the next meeting: Isabelle Nyffenegger, Katarzyna Slaska, Stuart Hamilton, Felene Cayetano, Rocky Ralebipi-Simela, and Genevieve Clavel

9. History Hub – Dana Allen-Greil, NARA

Dana Allen-Greil introduced the History Hub platform for people interested in researching history. It is a digital reference platform hosted by NARA, but is purposefully unbranded to encourage crowd-sourcing and partnership activity. It aims to build a community of citizen experts, and a knowledge base that scales and increases over time.

It is based on the same sort of platform that Apple uses for its user forums. The idea is that over time they will create a knowledge base for history research, tackling regularly asked questions – to transform reference for the 21st century.

The presentation is available at: <http://bit.ly/historyhub-wlic>

10. Any other business

1. Digital Legal deposit working group
2. Guidelines on internet access in libraries
3. Message on ISO

Due to lack of time the points were moved to the second session

11. Next meeting of the Standing Committee : August 29, 2018 10:45-13:15 Room: 305

Attendees

Chair: Guy Berthiaume

Secretary: Genevieve Clavel

Information Officer: Stuart Hamilton

SC Members

Nafisah Ahmad

Renate Gömpel

Lars Ilshammar

Isabelle Nyffenegger

Liisa Savolainen

Katarzyna Slaska

Mark Sweeney

Kristel Veimann

SIG Conveners

Katharina Beberweil

Winston Roberts

Corresponding member

Melita Ambrožič

Apologies

Hans Jansen
Jaesun Lee
Katarina Kristofova

Observers

Francesco Manganiello
Hesham Azmi
Felene Cayetano
Svetlana Belova
Sophie Vandepontseele
Gerard Bouwmeester
Saleh Zamani
Blessing Mawire
Juok Park
Filippos Tsimpoglou
Abhishek Modi
Mikhail Rodionov
Fadhilah Aini Yusof
Zawiyah Baba
Parisa Pasyar
Beghum Ulfat Shenaz
Eddy Maepa
Rency Thomas
Irina Gayshun
Liudmila Zaytseva
Rocky Ralebipi-Simela
Dana Allen-Greil
Luciana Grings
Elena Sanchez Nogales
Dimakatso Methula
Sonto Moleme
Hyang Nam
Suyoung Kwak
Saerom Lee

Not attending

Elsa Barber
Aakki Hassan
Angela Maria Monteiro Bettencourt
Ismet Ovcina
Hajer Sahli
Munalbaeva Umutkan Daurenbekovna
Han Yongjin

