NATIONAL LIBRARIES SECTION STANDING COMMITTEE
79th IFLA General Conference and Assembly, Singapore
Standing Committee Meeting 2, Wednesday 21 August 2014, 13.15–14.45
(Suntec Singapore International Convention Centre & Exhibition, Room 308)

M i n u t e s

1. **Welcome by the Chair**

2. **Apologies**

3. **Adoption of agenda**
   The agenda was adopted with a minor adjustment in order.

4. **Report from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation by Steve Bergen, CRDF Global ATLA Administrator on assignment for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation**
   30 September is the limit for next application.

5. **Report from the Chair on the CDNL conference on 20 August 2013**
   Chair John Tsebe reported from the CDNL conference. He also informed that he will retire from his position in January 2014.

6. **Report on the Professional Units Key Initiatives Session on 20 August**
   Hans Jensen reported on the 4th key initiative. Issues:
   Developing a risk-register (similar to Blue Shield) as Libraries is not on the Unesco-list; buildings, collections, included digital collections, National Libraries should put risk-awareness on the agenda in our own countries, risk-awareness should be mentioned in the annual reports.

7. **Project proposal for the NLS "Statistics for National Libraries"**
   Comments and discussion (Lek Choh NGIAN, NL of Singapore, CDNL; Lim Won-sun, Chief Executive of the National Library of Korea). (for agreements see 8)

8. **Reports from the Special Interest Groups:**
   a. NLIP – Lim Won-Sun, Korea
   Lim Won-Sun reported on the difficulties on collecting and sharing National Library statistics and indicators.
   The discussion in the committee pointed to previous works in this area and to the fact that National Libraries have different areas of responsibility. Thus comparable statistics are hard to produce and use for benchmarking purposes.

The committee agreed on the following:
- Wait until the report from Hans Jensen and Andy is finalized;
- Be descriptive not prescriptive;
- Describe *common functions / additional functions / special functions*;
- Aim at *reference guide / development framework* give examples;
- Work through CDNL to identify and check the validity of functions;
- Take this back to the SCNL and CDNL.

b. NOIR – Kelly More, Canada. Kelly More reported on the work. (the intention was to get the report from KM enclosed in the minutes, but it has not been possible to get in touch with her)

9. **Review on the proposals for the National Libraries Section´s program at WLIC – 2014**
   The following topics were suggested by the committee members:
   - National Libraries and the cultural heritage in the digital age
   - include both private collections and the Internet
   - what about material outside legal deposit?
   - what about sound, moving images, broadcasting etc?

   The Arts-libraries group and Rare-book groups would like to join and will contact the chair through an official proposal.

10. **Meetings of the Standing Committee at the WLIC 2014**
    The committee agreed on continuing with two meetings in Lyon.

11. **Other business**
    Melita Ambrožič, Monica Rizzo and Irena Lynden were elected to choose the best presentation at the NLSC seminar.