



83rd IFLA General Conference and Assembly, 19–25 August 2017, Wrocław, Poland

IFLA National Libraries Standing Committee - Meeting I
Saturday 19 August 12:30 – 14:30, Room: Conference Room A

Minutes

1. Welcome

The Chair, Guy Berthiaume, welcomed all present, current and future SC members and observers.

- a. Apologies were received from Roger Jøsevoid, NL Norway
- b. All present briefly introduced themselves

2. Adoption of the Agenda.

The agenda was adopted

3. Standing Committee membership matters

- a. Introduction to the Standing Committee for new members.
The Secretary, Genevieve Clavel, welcomed incoming members of the SC and encouraged them to study the pages on SC activities and requirements - <https://www.ifla.org/officers-corner/sc-members> , also to look at the Officers' pages in general as there is a wealth of information for all members, and not specifically just for officers. She informed the SC that a Basecamp area would be set up to manage SC matters and encouraged all SC members to accept the invitation to join.
- b. Election of new Officers by incoming Standing Committee (ongoing and new Standing Committee members). See <http://www.ifla.org/officers-corner/election-procedure>
The Chair handed the floor to Winston Roberts who had organized the email ballot. He reported that in response to the call, Guy Berthiaume stood for re-election as Chair and Genevieve Clavel stood for re-election as Secretary. In the absence of other candidates, they were thus re-elected tacitly. The Chair thanked Winston Roberts for his management of the election process, and thanked the SC members for the re-election.

- c. Distribution or revision of other Standing Committee roles: Information Officer, new Convener NILP <http://www.ifla.org/officers-corner/sc-members>
Melita Ambrožič, Information Officer for 7 years stepped down as she had completed her two terms of office in the SC. The Chair thanked her on behalf of all SC members for her work for the Section over such a long period. The Chair proposed Stuart Hamilton, Qatar National Library as the new Information Officer. The proposal was accepted unanimously.
The Chair thanked Katharina Beberweil for taking on the role of convener of NOIR SIG, and proposed that she continue in this role for the next two years. The proposal was accepted unanimously.
Rocky Ralebipi-Simela had announced that she was stepping down as convener of the NILP SIG. the Chair thanked her for her work in promoting the SIG over the past two years. The SC unanimously accepted the proposal that Winston Roberts become the convener of the NILP SIG for the next two year period.

4. Approval of the minutes from Columbus and matters arising

The minutes of the meetings were approved with no changes

5. Action Plan – review of activities

- i. Report on the results of the National Libraries functions survey
<http://library.ifla.org/1722/1/223-landry-en.pdf>
Patrice Landry briefly presented the results of the survey, and encouraged all to attend the Session 223, National Libraries' Core Functions and Best Practices – National Information and Library Policy Special Interest Group on 24 August 8:30.10:30 .
The SC needs to consider how to follow-up on the results of the survey: promote it via articles, use it to promote national libraries, discuss within CDNL (the results were to be presented at CDNL the following Tuesday). SC members were encouraged to reflect on this. The Secretary will follow up in the next months
- ii. Revision and update of annual report of the Section and SIGs to take into account completed activities
https://www.ifla.org/files/assets/national-libraries/Strategic-Plan/nlsc_action_plan_2017_web.pdf
https://www.ifla.org/files/assets/national-libraries/Strategic-Plan/nl_sc_strategic_plan_2015-2017_web.pdf
https://www.ifla.org/files/assets/national-libraries/annual-report/nlsc_2015-2016_annual_report_web.pdf
The strategic plans and annual report will be updated to reflect the results of the NL survey and the SC's response to the IFLA Global Vision discussion. They will be circulated to members before submission to IFLA
- iii. Communication with members (mailing list, web pages, etc.). Information Coordinator's report

Melita Ambrožič reported that she had undertaken an extensive review of the nat-lib list. There are currently 148 subscribers. The bounce rate (reports of incorrect email addresses) has been reduced from 7% to 0%. Genevieve Clavel indicated that it was not possible to add all members of the section to the list as some libraries had not given permission to release their email address. She encouraged all present to check that their institution has provided an email contact address and agreed to let this be used.

Melita Ambrožič reported that the Section has not used Facebook or Twitter until now. The incoming Information Officer will evaluate the opportunity to use these. There has been no newsletter for a number of years. In the past, colleagues were keen to share news and good practice in this way, but the PDF format is maybe no longer appropriate - perhaps it would be useful to add these on the Section's web pages. This will also be evaluated in the coming months.

iv. SIG reports

The outgoing convener of the NILP SIG, Rocky Ralebipi-Simela, reported that the session in Columbus 2016 on the role of national libraries in advancing the UN Development Agenda was well attended and also received an echo in the media. She encouraged those present to attend the NILP session (223) which would provide opportunities for a round table discussion on the results of the NL survey presented by Patrice Landry.

The convener of the NOIR SIG, Katharina Beberweil, reported that with the help of colleagues an internal list of key contacts for international relations was being compiled. A survey on the meaning of international relations in NL work had been carried out and 46 responses were received. Results would be presented at the NILP session 245, How a Focus on International Relations Can Add Value to Your Work - New Insights (Perspectives) on Sustainable Collaboration - National Organizations and International Relations SIG 24 August 13:45-15:45 which would feature presentations from Winston Roberts, Francesco Manganiello and Stephen Wyber, as well as information on the survey results followed by round table discussions. Francesco Manganiello would be assisting as co-convener in 2018. The goal is to have representatives from different continents as a core working group for the SIG.

6. WLIC National Libraries Section's program at IFLA 2016 (open session, SIGs and other sessions of interest)

The Chair reminded all of the sessions pertinent to the Section:

Session 186, A Memory Bank for the Digital Society: National Libraries and Web Archiving - National Libraries with Information Technology (SI)
23 August 9:30-12.45 Main Court

Session 211, Demonstrating Value and/or Assessing the Impact of Different Types of Libraries and Information Services: Can You Spot the Difference? - Division I - Library Types
23 August 13:45 - 15:45 IASE 1st Floor

Session 223, National Libraries' Core Functions and Best Practices - National Information and Library Policy Special Interest Group
24 August 8:30-10:30 IASE First Floor

Session 227 NL SC II
24 August 10:45-13:15
Conference Room C

Session 245, How a Focus on International Relations Can Add Value to Your Work - New Insights (Perspectives) on Sustainable Collaboration - National Organizations and International Relations SIG
24 August 13:45-15:45 IASE First Floor

7. IFLA Global Vision

Donna Scheeder, IFLA President, attended the meeting between items 5 and 6. Her comments on the Global Vision are reported under item 7 as they concern the IFLA Global Vision.

She thanked all SC and Section members for their work over the past two years and encouraged the SC to reflect on how to involve NLs from regions that are unable to attend WLIC. Speaking of the IFLA Global Vision, she told how she had been inspired by the Trend Report which underlined how libraries need to see how to be successful in a time of change. The Global Vision will provide a global approach to uniting libraries, with \$31.1 Million over the next ten years from the Gates Foundation to ensure that this is a global movement. She encouraged all to attend the President's Session (Monday 21 August at 9:30), to vote, and to urge all to do the same, whether involved or not in IFLA. A work plan will be finalized in 2018. The Chair asked who should fill out the survey: users, librarians, advisory boards, decision makers, the whole GLAM sector? The President mentioned the focus should be on libraries and their advisory boards and archives where appropriate.

a. Introduction

Genevieve Clavel briefly presented the report drawn up on the basis of SC members' responses to the Global Vision vote, underlining that as national libraries the responses were focused on cultural heritage and the need to provide long term access to collections.

b. Summary of results of online consultation – see report distributed

c. Discussion

SC members felt that the thrust of the survey was very general and focused on public libraries thus difficult to respond as national libraries, but agreed that it is essential for national libraries to be involved and to contribute. National libraries are also a 'space' but it is necessary to go deeper than speaking just of 'safe spaces'. There needs to be a focus on collaboration – national, international and with GLAMS. In order to encourage more people to vote the survey needs to be

available in different languages [this is now the case]. Members also felt it necessary to discuss the future of IFLA as this was not addressed in the survey. Genevieve Clavel indicated that there will be an IFLA membership survey in the 4th quarter 2017. Rocky Ralebipi-Simela indicated that AFLIA also produced a report.

8. WLIC session for 2018

a. Programme ideas / Brainstorming

The Secretary reminded the group that there would no longer be opportunities for 3 hour sessions (as in 2017) so a programme must fit in 2 hours, but could be organized in cooperation with other sections. The Chair opened the floor to ideas on for the 2018 programme. Jaesun Lee reported an idea coming out of the Preservation and Conservation SC meeting : management of digitally-born publications and multimedia collections. Katarzyna Ślaska suggested “How to present national libraries on the media” – potentially with Management and Marketing. Another suggestion was a session on harvesting, curating and preserving social media (IT/P&C/NL) taking as examples Slovenia, Finland and New Zealand. The discussion was postponed until the second SC meeting.

b. Volunteers for the Conference organizing team : to report back in SC II

9. Logo

The Secretary presented the new logos proposed by IFLA:

“we would like to standardize the way in which the IFLA logo is used by the Professional Units, particularly with regard to social media. To assist in doing this we have developed a logo format or framework. The framework identifies IFLA, the name of the unit and includes a visual icon for the subject of the unit.”

The proposed log for the NL section is a flag:



Members did not feel this accurately represents national libraries – suggestions for alternatives should be sent to the Secretary by September 20.

10. Any other business.

Patrice Landry presented the work on the new ISO standard for performance and impact measurements for national libraries (#21248) that is expected to be published at the end of Summer 2017.

Melita Ambrožič was appointed corresponding member for the period 2017-2019

11. Next meeting of the Standing Committee : August 24, 2017 10:45-13:15 Conference Room C

Attendees

Chair: Guy Berthiaume

Secretary: Genevieve Clavel

Information Officer: Melita Ambrožič

Members, current

Renate Gömpel
Aakki Hassan
Hans Jansen
Katarina Kristofova
Angela Maria Monteiro Bettencourt
Isabelle Nyffenegger
Isemet Ovcina
Katarzyna Ślaska
Mark Sweeney
Rocky Ralebipi-Simela
Katharina Berberweil
Winston Roberts

Incoming SC members attending

Jaesun Lee
Liisa Savolainen
Stuart Hamilton
Lars Ilshammar
Elsa Barber
Kristel Veimann

Observers

Bill Macnaught
Patrice Landry
Francesco Manganiello
Mireille Laforce
Antenie Carstens
Puleng Kekana
Sonto Moleme
Andrey Zaytsev
Anastasia Drozdova
Lahlou Abdelati
Sohair Wastawy
Andrew Finegan
Solji Jeon
Suyoung Kwak
Tanja de Boer
Ted Westervelt
Claudia Serbanuta
Dimakatso Methula
Cecilia Ericson
Liudmila Zaytseva

Apologies

Roger Jøsevold

Not attending

Howayda Kamel

Nancy Machado Lorenzo

Rachel More

Han Yongjin

Sook Hyet Lee

Munalbaeva Umutkan

Nafisah Ahmad

Hajer Sahli