

## **Library Services to Multicultural Populations Section**

### **Standing Committee Midwinter Meeting**

**Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2001**

**Granada, Spain**

Chairperson: Souad Hubert (France)

Attendance: Asbjoren Langeland (Norway), Kirsten Leth Nielsen (Norway), Carmen Madrid Vilchez (Spain), Barbara von Wahlde (USA)

Apologies: Ryoko Takashima (Japan), Adriana Tandler (USA), Lucille Thomas (USA), Kristina Virtanen (Finland), Marie Zielinska (Canada)

Recorder: Jane Dreisig (Denmark) Secretary

### **Agenda**

1. Welcome, Apologies & Introduction
2. Minutes from Jerusalem Standing Committee Meetings I and II – Approval
3. Chair's Annual report 1999-2000
4. Secretary/Treasurer's report
5. Boston 2001
  - Workshop Boston
  - Satellite meeting Buffalo / report by Barbara von Wahlde
6. Glasgow 2002
  - Satellite meeting Netherlands
7. Berlin 2003
  - Satellite meeting/Workshop
8. Election of Chair & Secretary, Boston
9. Section Newsletter
10. Homepage of Section on Library Services to Multicultural Populations
11. Graham Cormish project / report by Barbara Ladberg
12. AOB

### **MINUTES**

#### **1. Welcome, Apologies & Introduction**

Ms. Souad Hubert opened the meeting and expressed her gratitude to Ms. Carmen Madrid Vilchez and Biblioteca de Andalucia for their hospitality and their excellent social program on Saturday and Sunday. Hereafter Mrs. Hubert welcomed the Standing Committee members and gave her apologies for being absent in Jerusalem. Ms. Hubert and Ms. Vilchez briefly went through the practicalities concerning the program of the day and then declared the meeting open. Apologies above.

## **2. Committee Meeting Minutes, Jerusalem**

The minutes from the Standing Committee meetings I and II in Jerusalem were approved with the following comments: General Information – The Section's publication, *Multicultural Communities: Guidelines for Library Service*, is now available in English, French, Russian and Spanish editions. The German edition will be available at the Boston conference and the Japanese edition will possibly be available in Glasgow 2002.

Ms. Jane Dreisig will forward all information concerning the Section for posting on IFLANET.

## **3. Chairperson's Annual Report**

Ms. Hubert briefed the committee about the Annual Report of the Section to the IFLA Professional Board.

## **4. Secretary/ Treasurer's Report**

Ms. Dreisig gave a brief financial report noting that the committee asked the Coordinating Board for 10.000 NLG to cover some of the expenses for the satellite meeting in Buffalo, New York; 1.500 NLG for the German translation of the *Guidelines*, and 750 NLG for administrative funds to cover expenses (postage and charges) incurred for the Jerusalem workshop.

Since no answer was received from the Professional Board about the requested 10.000 NLG for the Buffalo pre-conference, follow-up correspondence was sent to Ms. Josche Neven at IFLA Headquarters. The committee questioned the answer from Ms. Neven stating that the committee had asked for 25.000 NLG. This indeed, is not correct, as 25.000 NGL is the full conference budget. A review of the copy of the official Financial Statement Form from the Committee indicated the amount of 10.000 NLG. The committee agreed to send a letter of complaint to Glennys Willars, chair of the Coordinating Board. Ms. Hubert agreed to do this.

## **5. Boston 2001**

A copy of the preliminary workshop program to be held in Boston was received from Lucille Thomas (USA) upon my returning to Denmark after the midwinter meeting. Thank you, Lucille.

Workshop Program for Boston

Theme: Library Services and Resources For Multicultural Populations

The presentations will be as follows:

- A. Reading Behavior in a Multicultural Perspective: a Research Project by Lourina De Voogd, NBLC, The Hague, Netherlands
- B. Saving Immigrants in Queens: The New American Program of Queensborough Public Library by Adriana Tandler, Queensborough Public Library, Queens, New York
- C. New Americans Program Forging Partnerships for Diversity: the New American Program of Queensborough Public Library by Fred J. Ginter, Queensborough Public Library, Queens, New York
- D. Strategies for Meeting the Multilingual Needs of Public Library Users by Martin Gomez, Brooklyn Public Library, Brooklyn, New York
- E. The New International Public Library in Stockholm, Sweden by Barbro Ejendal
- F. Building Partnerships: Libraries and IMLS by Joyce Ray, Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Washington, D.C.

We do hope it will be possible to have a full-day workshop.

## **6. Satellite Meeting – Buffalo, New York**

Ms. Barbara von Wahlde has done a great job up to now, but still needs support from ALL members of the Section. Please help promote the Satellite meeting in your own country wherever possible--in library magazines and among colleagues. Ms. Leth Nielsen (Norway) and Ms. Dreisig (Denmark) will inform the Nordic, Dutch, and German colleagues about things to be done with regard to the Satellite Meeting. Information about the pre-conference is available at the website: <http://libris.lib.buffalo.edu/iflabuffalo>

## **7. Glasgow 2002 – Satellite meeting, Netherlands**

There was a proposal from Mr. Langeland (Norway) and Ms. Leth Nielsen (Norway) about canceling the satellite meeting in the Netherlands before the Glasgow conference. It is hard work to set up a satellite meeting and it takes a lot of time, energy and money. Looking back at the enormous work Ms. von Wahlde (USA) has done prior to the Buffalo pre-conference, and at the difficulties receiving money from IFLA, the committee agreed not to have a satellite meeting before Glasgow. Ms. Dreisig will send a message to Ms. Marian Koren and Ms. Lourina de Voogd explaining the Standing committee's decision.

The committee also agreed to have satellite meetings every second year. Ms. Hubert will send our gratitude to Ms. Susanna Schneehorst for her commitment to organizing the satellite meeting prior to Berlin 2003 IFLA Conference and invite her to take part in further discussions at the standing committee meeting in Boston. We do hope it will be possible for Ms. Lourina de Voogd to join Ms. Susanna Schneehorst in the preliminary work of the Satellite meeting in 2003.

The next satellite meeting is scheduled for 2003. At the committee meeting in Boston we have to appoint a small working-group to prepare a workshop for the Glasgow Conference and to develop a theme. Please have some ideas ready for discussion at the Boston meeting.

## **8. Elections of Chairperson & Secretary, Boston**

The terms of both the Chairperson and Secretary end at the Boston Conference. We therefore have to vote for Officers at the Standing Committee meeting in Boston. Ms. Dreisig will send all the necessary information in April about the pre-nomination and the final election in Boston. Ms. Hubert' will conduct the meetings in Boston and complete her term as Chairperson at the end of the conference.

## **9. Section Newsletter**

Deadline for the spring edition of the Newsletter is April 1, 2001. Please send any information of importance to Ms. Lucille Thomas before the deadline.

## **10. Homepage of the Section (MCULTP)**

Due to the IFLA policy statement on independent websites, the Section decided to cancel the idea of a homepage outside the body of IFLA and in the future, to provide all information through IFLANET. The policy, approved by the Executive Board at the IFLA General Conference in Bangkok, 1999 states: "the Executive Board approved policy recommendations which recognized IFLANET as the primary and exclusive vehicle for electronic communications within IFLA, prohibits the creation of a new independent sites, and called for the migration of existing sites to IFLANET." The committee agreed to comply with the policy.

**11. Graham Cormish project – report Barbara Ladberg**

Mr. Langeland has supported the Graham Cornish program. If Mr. Cornish needs further support he is to contact the Standing Committee.

**12. AOB**

Nothing to report.