



## IFLA – Knowledge Management Section (no. 47)

### Annual Report 2007

The Knowledge Management Section enjoyed its second full year as a section in 2007. This section was created to provide a place for dialogue about the various aspects of knowledge management including how knowledge management is practiced and the technological aspects of implements highly sophisticated knowledge management systems. .

#### **Membership:**

The section has 47 regular members, 7 personal members and 2 student members for a total of 56.

The standing committee consists of 17 members. Four members were elected in 2007. Europe, with Russia, North America and Africa are well represented. We have one representative from Asia but none from Latin America.

Standing committee members at the end of the conference in Durban, August 2007 are:

Agnes Hajdu Barat (*1<sup>st</sup> term: 2005-2009*)

Theo J. D. Bothma (*1<sup>st</sup> term: 2005-2009*)

Raju Buddharaju (*1<sup>st</sup> term: 2005-2009*)

Lois Mai Chan (*1<sup>st</sup> term: 2005-2009*)

Jane Dysart (*1<sup>st</sup> term 2007-2011*)

Judith J. Field (*1<sup>st</sup> term: 2005-2009*)

Elisabeth Freyre (*1<sup>st</sup> term 2005-2009*)

Margaret Haines (*1<sup>st</sup> term 2005-2009*)\*\*\* *she resigned*

Magdy Hussein Nagi (*1<sup>st</sup> term: 2005-2009*)

Jasper Lee Maenzanise (*1<sup>st</sup> term 2007-2011*)

Christel Mahnke (*1<sup>st</sup> term: 2005-2009*)

Sally McCallum (*1<sup>st</sup> term 2007-2011*)

Claire R. McInerney (*1<sup>st</sup> term: 2005-2009*)

Ekaterina Nikonorova (*1<sup>st</sup> term: 2005-2009*)

Ruth Pagell (*1<sup>st</sup> term 2007-2009*)\*\*\* *replacement for Margaret Haines*

Xuemao (Shimo) Wang (*1<sup>st</sup> term 2006-2009*)

Irene Wormell (*2<sup>nd</sup> term 2005-2009*)

Zhigiang Zhang (*1<sup>st</sup> term 2007-2011*)

**Officers:**

**2007-2009**

**Chair and treasurer:** elected August 2007

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**Secretary:** elected August 2007

Agnes Hajdu Barat

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**Information Officer:** elected August 2007

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**Web Master:** elected August 2007

Theo J. D. Bothma

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**Meetings: August 2007, Durban**

The Section's Standing Committee met in two sessions during the Seoul conference, attended by 25 and 20 persons, respectively, observers included. The main discussion for the first meeting focused on election of officers for 2007-2009. Discussions then turned to evaluating the divisions first one day pre-conference entitled "Best Practices, lessons learned". The success of this meeting led to a decision to plan pre-conferences for both Quebec and Milan. Jane Dysart in her role as information Officer assumed responsibility for the planning of these conferences. The second meeting reviewed our conference program which drew approximately 400 attendees in spite of being held at the end of a conference day. The evaluations of the session were overwhelming favorable. It was decided that for Quebec we would do a call for papers a Elisabeth Freyre and Shimo

Wang would assist Jane Dysart in selecting the papers. It is also our intent to have some of the papers translated at least into French. There was discussion about whether to do a stand alone session or to work with another Standing Committee. It was discussed to do our session alone.

**Conference Program:**

The Section program this year was entitled “Using knowledge management to facilitate information transfers in our multicultural world”. The invited speakers for this session included Stephen Abram as the keynoter who discussed the role of 2.0 and then three speakers presented specific examples of their KM projects. Approximately 400 people attended.

**Relationships with other Bodies**

There are no formal interactions with other organizations at this time. Some initial conversations have been held.

**For the Knowledge management Section:**

Judith J. Field  
Chair

February 2008