



IFLA Geography and Map Libraries Section Newsletter

July 2007

FROM THE CHAIR

For many Section members Seoul is a long way from home and as a result attendance at this conference was not as large as it was in Oslo. Planning a program that far away was also a challenge, but in the end everything fell into place. The topic for the Open Session was "Which Name Is It? The Geographic Naming of Places." Originally we had three speakers, but one speaker was not able to attend. The session was somewhat controversial, because the topic of our Korean speaker addressed the issue of the East Sea vs. the Sea of Japan. The Japanese raised some objection to the topic, but it all worked out well. As always the members of the Section went on several field trips. We visited the Gyujanggak Archives at Seoul National University and the Hyejung Museum at Kyung Hee University. But the highlight of our activities was a visit to the National Geographic Information Institute. NGII "is a national organization which plans and manages policies and institutions relating to surveying and mapping. It also produces, maintains, and disseminates various geographic information i.e. geodetic controls, topographic base maps and so on." The president of NGII, Bong Gyun Sohn, greeted us and gave us an overview of their activities. Then he treated us to an authentic Korean lunch at a local Korean restaurant. In the afternoon several of the staff members made presentations. Our visit concluded with a tour of their National Map Museum. Needless to say everyone not only thoroughly enjoyed the visit but also found it very educational.

There were a number of issues that came up at the conference that everyone should be aware of. Probably the most important one is IFLA's proposal to make a number of organizational changes. These are outlined in the document **IFLA's Professional Organization: Suggestions for Change** (GB6-105). **The essence of the document is that sections will be required to have a minimum of 50 members and at least 10 members serving on the Standing Committee. Any section with less than 50 members will be disbanded or asked to merge with another section.** This directly affects our Section, since we currently have only 45 members (we do have 18 members on the Standing Committee). IFLA's rationale is that the smaller sections "consume a larger proportion of IFLA staff time and can distract attention from IFLA priorities." Whether we agree with this statement or not is irrelevant at this point. The fact is that IFLA is determined to pursue this. The deadline for reaching this magic number of 50 keeps changing. Initially the deadline was set for December 2006, now it has been delayed for at least one to two years. But if we are determined to keep our Section alive, it behooves us to raise our membership to at least 50 and to do this as soon as possible.

At the Standing Committee meetings several issues were discussed. It was suggested that a change of name for the Section might create more appeal for prospective members. Instead of "Geography and Map Libraries Section" shorten it to "Geography Section" or a similar title. There was some talk about revising the World Directory of Map Collections. Instead of a paper version, it was suggested that an online version might be the way to go. We were approached by the Rare Books and Manuscripts Section about sponsoring a joint satellite meeting for the 2008 IFLA conference in Quebec City, Canada (probably in Montreal or Toronto) on maps of North America created by Native American Indians. Plans for the Durbin conference in South Africa are well under way. The title of our program is "Mapping the African Continent." We have four speakers lined up for the two hour session.

Just some final thoughts . . . Next year is an election year for IFLA. We will have to elect a Chair and a Secretary/Treasurer. The term of office is for two years. We have one volunteer to be Chair of the Section. If you are interested in being Secretary/Treasurer, please let me know. One of the concerns IFLA has is that some sections have become little "fiefdoms" i.e. the same people holding office year after year. So it is to our advantage to have some new faces running for office.

Hope to see all of you in Durban!

FROM THE CHAIR – UPDATE

The “From the Chair” column was written in January so some of the information is dated. This includes the proposal for changing the organizational structure of IFLA. IFLA has issued a new document (GB07-028RRR) outlining proposed organizational changes. The minimum number of members for a section (50) and the Standing Committee (10) remains the same. However, the timetable for this to occur, if the proposal is accepted, has changed. Sections now have until 2009 to comply with the new guidelines. Also the joint satellite meeting with the Rare Books and Manuscripts Section now has an official location – the Library of Congress in Washington, DC (USA).

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STANDING COMMITTEE – I

August 19, 2006

**Geography and Map Libraries Section
72ND IFLA General Conference and Council
WORLD LIBRARY AND INFORMATION CONGRESS
COEX CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE**

**Seoul, Korea
2006**

Present: Henrik Dupont (Denmark), Ludmila Kildushevskaya (Russia), Johan Mannerheim (Sweden), David C. McQuillan, Secretary/Treasurer (USA), Anita K. Oser, Chair (USA), Helge Salvesen (Norway)

The meeting was called to order at 8:50 a.m. by Chairman Anita K. Oser.

Minutes of the August 13, 2005 Standing Committee – I and August 19, 2005 Standing Committee – II in Oslo, Norway, were approved.

The chairman gave her report for 2005 – 2006.

David C. McQuillan, Secretary/Treasurer, gave the financial report for 2005 – 2006. The Professional Board has requested that questions, for the special session concerning the future structure of IFLA and its divisions and sections, be put on cards to be collected by the committee.

The Coordinating Board – David McQuillan reviewed project funding, discussed the issue of “noshows” and its effects on programming, future sites for IFLA 2009 – Florence, Lisbon, and Milan, the wearing of conference badges in the COEX, and programs for Durban, South Africa in 2007.

Details for the Seoul program were shared with the standing committee members. The *Guidelines for Paper Maps in Libraries* was reviewed and a suggestion made for an online World Map Directory hosted by IFLA.

Future plans for the Durban, South Africa meeting, August 17 – 24, 2007 and Quebec, Canada, August 10 – 15, 2008 were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David C. McQuillan, Secretary/Treasurer

DRAFT MINUTES

STANDING COMMITTEE – II

August 25, 2006

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**Seoul, Korea
2006**

Present: Henrik Dupont (Denmark), Ruth Hedegaard (Denmark), Ludmila Kildushevskaya (Russia), David C. McQuillan, Secretary/Treasurer (USA), Anita K. Oser, Chair (USA), Helge Salvesen (Norway), Marcia Reed (USA)

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chairman Anita K. Oser.

A review of the program for Seoul, Korea was done. Ideas for papers in Durban, South Africa on the theme "Mapping of Africa" were discussed. The Rare Books and Manuscripts Section proposed a joint session on early mapping of North America (encounters and explorations) and the Reading Section is interested in a program on Geographical literacy for Quebec, Canada. An offer was made to contact an individual who could help with the Milan meeting in 2009.

There was considerable discussion on plans to make the Geography and Map Libraries Section more active. In the area of communications it was proposed that 2 newsletters be put out each year, the Section serve as a data clearinghouse, and a central on-line directory of map collections be hosted by IFLA. A listserv should be developed and a leaflet with links to resources on the website.

The strategic plan for 2007 – 2008 should include 15 good reasons for the need for the Section. Members should be contacted for support of our goals and the Section.

Guidelines for Handling Paper Maps in Libraries may need to add digital maps to the content.

Nominations for standing committee members are due by February 2007. Members were urged to contact IFLA member institutions with map collections and ask them to consider joining the Geography and Map Libraries Section. Member institutions can join 2 sections free and additional sections for a nominal fee.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David C. McQuillan, Secretary/Treasurer



COEX, the convention center, Seoul



Visit to the National Geographic Information Institute

DRAFT SCHEDULE

Geography and Map Libraries Section 73RD IFLA General Conference and Council WORLD LIBRARY AND INFORMATION CONGRESS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE

Durban, South Africa
2007

Friday, August 17

----- IFLA Registration
15:00 – 18:00 Special Libraries Coordinating Board I (#4, Room 22def, Convention Center)

Saturday, August 18

----- IFLA Registration
11:30 – 14:20 Geography and Map Libraries Standing Committee I (#27, Room 11d, CC)
18:00 – 19:00 National Caucuses (#56 -- #67)
20:00 - Reception for IFLA Officers (on invitation only)

Sunday, August 19

----- IFLA Registration
09:30 – 11:30 Opening Ceremony (#69)
11:45 – 13:30 Hearing on Professional Structure of IFLA (#70)
16:00 – 18:00 Exhibition Opening (#80)
16:00 – 16:30 Extraordinary Meetings Coordinating Board to Elect PC Representative (#81, Rm 12cd)

Monday, August 20

----- IFLA Registration
09:30 – 17:00 Exhibit Hours
09:00 – 17:00 Inland Safari (Tala Game Reserve) Suggested IFLA Tour. €120 (includes lunch)
16:00 – 18:00 Officers Training Session (#106)
18:30 - Mayor's Beach Party (Location: New Beach)

Tuesday, August 21

09:30 – 17:00 Exhibit Hours
08:30 – 10:30 Open Session -- Geography and Map Libraries Section (#110)
Mapping the African Continent

**The Politics of Resources and Conflicts in Africa: A Hydro-Geoinformatic Analysis of Selected Regions.*
PETER OCHOLLA and KALVIN GOVENDER (University of Zululand, KwaDangezwa, South Africa)
**Creating Unique Geological Maps: International Library Resources and Services that Shape Undergraduate Projects.*
ELIZABETH TILLEY (University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK)
**Maps and Geospatial Data in Africa: Acquisition Challenges, Copyright and Licensing Challenges, and Other Issues from the Front Lines.*
JOSEPH NJANGIRU (East View Cartographics, Minneapolis, USA)
**Maps of Africa in Russian Libraries.*
LUDMILA KILDUSHEVSKAYA (National Library of Russia, St. Petersburg, Russian Federation)
13:30 – 17:00 Valley of 1,000 Hills Tour. Suggested IFLA Tour. €42
Evening Open Free Time

Wednesday, August 22

09:30 – 15:00 Exhibit Hours
08:30 – 13:00 Visit to the Geography Department, University of KwaZulu-Natal.
Includes a visit to the Howard College and Westville Campuses
We will visit the map collection and GIS laboratory on both campuses

and there will be several brief presentations of some of the current research in progress. Host: Dr. Helen K. Watson.

18:30 - Cultural Gala (Location: City Hall & Church Walk)

Thursday, August 23

09:00 – 12:00 Durban Orientation Tour (Suggested IFLA Tour. Cost €36)

14:00 - Visit to the Oceanographic Research Institute. Includes a visit to the library, their GIS facilities, presentation by one of the scientists, and a visit to the aquarium (there may be a small fee for this). Host: Brigid Kleu.

13:15 – 14:45 Closing Session (#159)

15:00 – 18:00 Council (#160)

Friday, August 24

08:30 – 10:50 **Geography and Map Libraries Standing Committee II (#164, Room 11d, CC)**

17:00 – 18:30 Special Libraries Division Coordinating Board II (#209, Room 11b, CC)

18:30 – 21:00 DINNER

Saturday, August 25

07:00 – 19:00 Hluhluwe Game Reserve (Recommended IFLA Tour. €155)

19:00 – 21:00 DINNER

(IFLA Tours will need tickets purchased with registration or onsite. Other travel arrangements will be announced at the G&M Standing Committee I meeting.)

The World Library and Information Congress, 74th IFLA Council and General Conference, will be held from August 10 through August 15, 2008 in Quebec City, Quebec, Canada. Future conferences are: Milan, Italy, August 2009. Log on to www.ifla.org for the most up to date information.



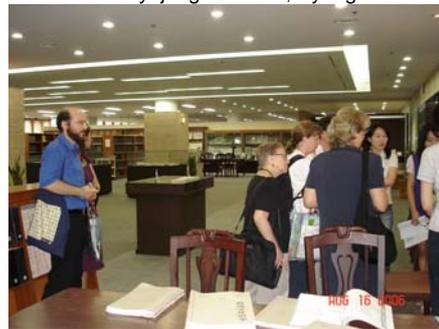
At the National Geographic Information Institute



Visit to the Hyejung Museum, Kyung Hee University



Enjoying a traditional Korean Lunch, courtesy of the National Geographic Information Institute



Visit to the National Library of Korea

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