

# IFLA SECTION LIBRARIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS

## ANNUAL REPORT 2012

### THE SECTION

#### Membership

Status August 2012: 100 members

#### Standing Committee

22 members as elected in 2011

Decease in an accident of Maha Alwan, member from Lebanon, in December 2012

Chair: Viviana Quiñones, Secretary: Kirsten Boelt, Information

Coordinator: Ian Yap

#### Meetings

SC Mid-year meeting in New York, March 31-April 3, 8 SC members attended

SC meetings in Helsinki, August 10 and August 12, 12 SC members attended, 28 observers

### PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

1. *Guidelines for Children's Library Services* : new translation, into Korean  
*Revised Guidelines for Library Services for Young Adults* : new translations, into Korean, Japanese, Arabic and Romanian

#### 2. **Sister Libraries for Children and Young Adults' reading**

- Project launched in November 2009, cf <http://www.ifla.org/libraries-for-children-and-ya/projects>
- Funded by PC from 2010 to 2012; request for exceptional funding to PC in November 2012, for three years 2013-15 : 1500 euros were allocated for 2013 and this will be the last contribution from PC. PC suggested not to start a complex database, to look for funding for the future and to work with sections Public Libraries and Management of Library Associations.  
The Section SC decided in San Juan that this successful IFLA project should become a permanent programme of the Section.
- 26 new registrations in 2012 (as to October 22 2012), from UK, Congo, Uruguay, Spain, France, Portugal, Lithuania, México, Côte d'Ivoire, Canada, Russian Federation, Serbia, Ecuador, Haiti and Egypt. This makes a total of 143 registered libraries
- 20 libraries have paired in 2012, for a total of 39 pairings (see List of Participants)

Their joint activities are very diverse: email and photo exchanges, Skype conversations, professional visits (Peru-Argentina, Congo-Cameroon), book donation, digital exhibitions, exchange of book selections... Some of them have been described in the project blog <http://sisterlibraries.wordpress.com>

- The Godmother system has been coordinated by Annie Everall. As decided in San Juan, the project paired libraries off instead of just letting it happen. This worked well in some cases.
  - The project evaluation was carried on by Carolynn Rankin (Leeds University, UK) and presented in Helsinki in a session dedicated to the project where different Sister Library pairs reported on their work - see <http://conference.ifla.org/past/ifla78/session-195.htm>
- C. Rankin also wrote a Confidential Report for the SC
- Promotion : Presentation by Chair at IBBY's (International Board of Books for Young People) conference in London (September 2012); promotion in the Section Newsletter ; by SC members in their country
  - Expenses: the 1500 euros allocated for 2012 were spent for evaluation and coordination costs (see Financial Report)

### **3. The World through Picture Books**

The [project](#), launched in 2011, came to its first results in 2012, with participation from more than 30 countries.

A poster and an illustrated, annotated catalogue was published for IFLA Finland as a prototype and uploaded on IFLA side, to be downloaded or printed without charge.

Two copies of each book were asked to publishers, one for each of two exhibition sets : one located at the Bibliothèque nationale de France, the other being in Finland where it was shown at Joensuu Public Library during the section Satellite Conference, then at Pasila Library in Helsinki during WLIC. This set was then sent to the National Library of Japan for exhibition in Japan and neighboring countries in 2013. The set in France was equipped (book protection, labels, reviews of each book) was exhibited in Guyancourt Library Network (France). This was achieved thanks to the commitment of many colleagues and institutions.

The request for funds to PC end 2012 was accepted and 3 160 euros were allocated for 2013.

### **4. Partnership with ALMA (Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award)**

The Section nominates outstanding reading promotion programmes. In 2012 were nominated the same three organizations as in 2011, with new updated forms : IBBY International (prepared by Ruxandra Nazare), Lubuto project (US-Zambia, prepared by Barbara Genco) et Planète des jeunes (Burkina Faso, prepared by V. Quiñones).

### **5. Partnership with IBBY (International Board on Books for Young People)**

Hélène Schar (Switzerland) represented IBBY at IFLA conference; she presented IBBY actions during the section SC meeting. IBBY national sections are partners in The World through Picture Books project. V. Quiñones attended IBBY conference in London in September, and was invited to speak during the General Assembly: the talk presented IFLA and the section's activities, and suggested different ways for the two organizations to cooperate. The conference also allowed VQ to discuss with Thai colleagues about the possibility of a satellite conference in Bangkok in 2013, which was then confirmed. This satellite conference is indeed organized with the Thai section of IBBY; the President of IBBY international will attend and give a talk.

## **6. Collaboration with FAIFE**

(By K. Boelt) For the publication of *Guidelines on Social Media and Privacy*, the section contributed with advice on how children's library staff can work with the social media, how to get acquainted with them and how to teach children and parents to use the media regarding privacy issues. A draft was made after IFLA meeting in Helsinki and FAIFE is working on finishing the guidelines.

## **7. Publications**

- *SCL Newsletter* – two issues – editor Ian Yap
- Section Leaflet (annual update) and flyer
- News and others on IFLA site, mailing list, Sister Libraries blog
- *The World through Picture Books* : poster and prototype of the catalogue

## **CONFERENCES**

- Satellite conference in Joensuu, Finland, "Libraries for Young People : Breaking through boundaries", organized with the Finnish Library Association and the city of Joensuu. 100 delegates (the maximum possible) from 21 countries.
- Exhibition "The World through Picture Books" at Joensuu library.
- Open session in Helsinki "The World through Picture Books" : 240 delegates. Very appreciated, but SI, which had been requested, would have been necessary.
- Exhibition "The World through Picture Books" at Pasila library.
- Open session in Helsinki "Sister Libraries Programme – new developments and evaluation of an international network for children and libraries" 140 delegates.

- Off-site session in Sello Library “Surprising Library!” organized with Public Libraries and School Libraries and Resource Centers. 120 participants.

Viviana Quiñones, Chair, July 2013