

Bibliography Section Meetings
Milan, Italy
August 22 and 26, 2009

Standing Committee I

Attendees:

Members

Beacher Wiggins, Neil Wilson, Maja Zumer, Carsten H. Andersen, Naoko Harai (for Yukio Yokoyama), Glenn Patton, Federica Paradisi, Natalia Lelikova, Anke Meyer, Charlene Chou, Regina Varniene, Tuula Haapamäki, D. Whitney Coe, Christian Lupovici.

Observers

Patrice Landry (Suisse), Geneviève Clavel (Suisse), Amadou Bekaye Sidibé (Mali), Judy Kuhagen (USA), Kleiber Karin (Austria), Hanne Horl Hansen (Denmark), Sirje Nilbe (Estonia), Julianne Beall (USA), Dorothy McGarry (USA), Jay Weitz (USA).

Notes prepared by the secretary, **Christian Lupovici**

1 Welcome & introductions

Beacher Wiggins, Chair of the section, open the meeting with welcome and introductions.

2 Adoption of agenda

The agenda is adopted without any change:

- Division IV—Bibliographic Control Coordinating Board report (Beacher)
- Section financial report (Beacher)
- Section Milan programme update—Sunday, 13:45-15:45, Blue (Glenn, Federica, Regina)
- *Guidelines for National Bibliographies in the Digital Age* update and celebration (Maja)
- Future of *ICBC*: Meeting to discuss—Mon., Aug. 24, 12:15-13:15, White 1 room
 - Keep publishing as a printed journal with new editorial content
 - Publish as an e-journal with new editorial content
 - Propose to cease publication
- Section *Newsletter*
- Bibliography Section's co-sponsor of International Bibliography Congress, St. Petersburg, Russia, September 2010
- Election of new chair and secretary; determining treasurer
- Review Guidelines from headquarters
- Second Bibliography Section meeting, Wed., Aug. 26, 11:30-13:00
- Other matters

3 Division IV—Bibliographic Control Coordinating Board report

Patrice Landry reports to the section, some issues discussed at the Coordinating board and Professional Board meetings and gives some information.

3.1 Information and agenda

- Newcomers session is planned to stands on Sunday from 13:45 to 15:45, in the Auditorium;
- More than 3500 delegates are expected at this Milan conference;
- The evaluation questionnaire should be filled, it is important for IFLA to get this feedback in order to improve the format of Conference.

3.2 Report on the decision to move the IFLA Congress 2010 from Brisbane to Gothenburg (Göteborg, Sweden)

The decision to re-locate the congress was an exceptional circumstance and was a difficult for IFLA to make. The decision had to be made under very tight time constraints and on July 6 the IFLA Executive Board, after consulting with the Brisbane 2010 National Committee decided to move the conference because of the economic viability of the conference. Because of time constraints, Malaysia, which was the main competitor in the bidding with Brisbane, could not be considered because of lack of definite budget and economic information.

On June 22-24, Gothenburg had participated in the investigations for the 2012 site selection and demonstrated its suitability to host an IFLA Congress. The Swedish Library Association indicated its logistical capacity to host 2010 within the tight time schedule with the necessary budget and support guarantees.

3.3 Propositions from WLIS working group on future congresses

5 principles:

- Strategic planning; (7 year cycle of selection of regions)
- Ownership: IFLA is the true owner (and responsible) of the conference;
- Transparency
- Flexibility (of venue, to adapt to the local conditions).
- Affordability

We need to look at what is working or not during the next 2 years.

3.4 The new Division and a Bibliographic control structure

With the new Division III (Library services), there is no more a structure dedicated on *Bibliographic control* to act as a common platform on bibliographic issues and a place where are grouped standard. Patrice Landry advocates for keeping such a structure as it is, for pragmatic reasons.

ICADS which could have taken over the coordination of Bibliographic standards, dropped the B (for bibliographic) to adopt a D (for Digital) in the acronym. It is may be necessary to create a Working group with the sections concerned. It should propose something before the Professional Board meeting in December.

Beacher Wiggins indicates that Division III could take over the question of Bibliographic standard but no meeting is forecast. We have to pass on a proposition from the section to the professional Board.

4 Future of ICBC publication

A meeting is scheduled on Monday Aug. 24 from 12:15 to 13:15 in *White 1 room* in order to discuss on the future of the ICBC publication. Issues are:

- To keep publishing it as a printed journal with new editorial content?
- To publish it as an e-journal with new editorial content?
- To cease the publication?
- To change it in a special issue of IFLA Journal?

5 Section financial report

We have requested for 2000 euros. Only some has been spent for the WG on the Guidelines. 600 euros from administrative funds have been reserved for the section's Newsletter but Claudia Werner didn't ask for any charge and never will.

The Francophone conference in Mali asked for Section's funding, but due to difficulties in organizing this event, it is postponed to 2010. A request to the section for 2010 will be addressed and a proposal will be submitted in November (deadline).

6 Section Milan programme update

The Bibliography section programme will stand on Sunday, 13:45-15:45, in Blue room. It is the first time we have our programme on a Sunday. We will see if it is a good agenda.

4 papers were selected upon 7 proposals submitted:

- The Italian national library service: a cooperative library service infrastructure and the bibliographic control / Gabriella Contardi
<http://www.ifla.org/files/hq/papers/ifla75/77-contardi-en.pdf>
- Methodological and organizational aspects of digitization and bibliographic access of cultural heritage: the Lithuanian approach / Regina Varniene-Janssen
<http://www.ifla.org/files/hq/papers/ifla75/77-varniene-en.pdf>
- Frbrization: towards a bright future for national bibliographies / Jan Pisanski, Maja Zumer, Trond Aalberg
<http://www.ifla.org/files/hq/papers/ifla75/77-pisanski-en.pdf>
- 50 years of Indian National bibliography: a critical study / Maitrayee Ghosh
<http://www.ifla.org/files/hq/papers/ifla75/77-ghosh-en.pdf>

Glenn Patton will act as the moderator and Federica Paradisi as the timekeeper.

Beacher Wiggins thanks all translators of the papers.

7 Guidelines for National Bibliographies in the Digital Age

7.1 An update given by Maja Zumer.

A final proof was given in early June and the announcement made on July 11th on IFLANET. We underestimated the effort for editing. Now the publication is available and it is very much rewarding for the working group. Authors have received their complimentary copy. There will be two presentations of the Guidelines: one during the IFLA new publication session on Wednesday (by Beacher) and another during the Division IV session on Thursday (by Maja). The new Standing committee will keep track of the feedback remarks in order to be able to prepare a new edition. The section will nominate a new group for the maintenance.

7.2 Translation issues

IFLA do not object to translations in the 7 official languages. But we need to ask IFLA HQ (Sjoerd Koopmann) for permission for any translation; the language must be indicated along with the type of publication (hard copy, e-publication...). An English e-version of the Guidelines will be loaded on the IFLA web site.

7.3 Promotion

The Saint Petersburg Conference will be an opportunity for the promotion of the Guidelines. A short meeting is planned on Monday 2:45 outside of the Yellow corner on *Subject access to National bibliography*.

8 Section Newsletter

The Information coordinator worked with Beacher to plan the Newsletter's issues. Carsten H Andersen asks the question: do we continue with the Newsletter? Or instead shall we set up a blog? The objective is to enable all of us to share information, challenges, experience... This means shall be used to get the reaction to the use of the Guidelines. Patrice Landry: Nancy Gwin at the closing ceremony will present the best Newsletter of the year, but she also will bring this idea of going forward. The question is to combine the new way of communication and the need of keeping the memory of the institution. This new direction is welcome by the section.

9 Bibliography Section's co-sponsor of International Bibliography Congress,

International Bibliography congress in Saint Petersburg, Russia, September 2010.

Proposition from Natalia Lelikova to have in Saint Petersburg an International Bibliography Congress under the umbrella of IFLA.

SI will be provide in some languages

Ask for money to help people to attend.

Tuula proposes to take care of accommodation in Helsinki for those who want to fly to Helsinki first and then to take the train to St Petersburg, which may be very convenient.

Maja proposes to take the Guidelines and see what issues can be exploited and will ask for people to present a paper.

10 Election of new chair and secretary; determining treasurer

Beacher Wiggins invites candidates to show up and to introduce themselves.

10.1 Election of the Chair

Carsten H. Andersen and Neil Wilson both apply to become chair of the section. Each of them presents his motivation.

Results of the formal election: 11 votes with 3 ballots rejected (2 names on the same ballot).

Carsten H. Andersen is elected as the new Chair of the section for 2 years.

10.2 Election of the Secretary

Glenn Patton was the only candidate. He is nominated at unanimity.

The Coordination officer will be designated on Wednesday during the SCII meeting as well as the treasurer (among the officers).

11 IFLA Certificate of appreciation

Beacher Wiggins thanks all outgoing members of the section and distributes to those present, IFLA certificate of appreciation.

A second Bibliography Section meeting, is scheduled on Wednesday, August 26, 11:30-13:00 in White 1 room

Beacher Wiggins thanks participants and close the meeting.

Standing Committee II

Attendees:

Members

Neil Wilson, Carsten H. Andersen, Naoko Harai (for Yukio Yokoyama), Glenn Patton, Federica Paradisi, Françoise Bourdon, Anke Meyer, Charlene Chou, Regina Varniene, D. Whitney Coe, Christian Lupovici.

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Notes prepared by the secretary, **Glenn Patton**

1 Welcome & introductions

Carsten H. Andersen, incoming Chair of the section, opened the meeting with welcome and introductions. He noted that there are 8 outgoing members and 5 newcomers. He also reported that Glenn Patton had agreed to serve as section treasurer.

2 Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without any change:

- Reports from various meetings
- Assessment of Milan programme
- Gothenburg WLIC section programme
- St. Petersburg International Bibliography Conference, 2010
- Guidelines follow up
- SC activities and communication

3 Reports from various meetings

Patrice Landry, Carsten Andersen and Glenn Patton reported to the committee on various meetings that had taken place since the first standing committee meeting.

3.1 Place of standards:

Discussions at all of the standing committee meetings drew positive reactions to the need to find a way for continued focus for bibliographic standards. The ICADS advisory board also acknowledged the situation and the need to resolve. There is the potential of setting up a new core activity with associated funding. Patrice has proposed forming a small group of 3-4 people to prepare a 1-2 page report with recommendations concerning initiating, maintaining and approving standards for presentation to the December Governing Board and Professional Committee meetings consider. Carsten will call for volunteers after consultation with Judy Field, chair of Division III.

3.2 Future of ICBC:

The meeting held on August 24th resulted in a consensus to keep the publication going but with the realization that it may not be meeting current needs. It was suggested that the publication should become peer-reviewed with both scholarly content and news/reports from various activities, standards, etc. Patrice will be sending a report to division and section chairs and will ask Sjoerd Koopman for some time for a working group to prepare a proposal for transition. ICBC should continue as is for this year to provide time to develop a new model and a team to assist the editor. It was suggested that this working group should be considered as a project in order to ask for funding (travel, etc.). Patrice is fairly optimistic that a successful proposal to save the publication can be made. Françoise Bourdon volunteered to be part of the working group.

3.3 Leadership forum:

Carsten reported that he and Glenn had attended the Leadership forum held on August 23rd. He noted that there will no longer be a Division program time. Attendees at the forum expressed

many concerns about the new division structure and its effects on long-standing relationships. It was reported that the new structure will be evaluated over the next couple of years.

3.4 Officers training

Carsten also reported that he and Glenn had attended one of the new officers training sessions. Section project proposals will be due late in October. Satellite meeting proposals should be submitted as soon as possible for Gothenburg (2010) and by March 2010 for the 2011 conference in Puerto Rico.

Since the overall IFLA strategic plan has not been revised, section should make updates to their existing strategic plans. Updates should be completed by November in preparation for the GB/PC meetings. It was agreed that Carsten and Glenn should suggest revisions and circulate by email.

4 Section programme:

There was general agreement that the session was successful in spite of the fact that one of the speakers did not appear. Attendance was about 130-140 people through most of the session, with very good participation in terms of questions.

5 Gothenburg program:

Carsten asked for suggestions for a theme for the section programme for 2010. Overall theme of the 2010 conference is "Open access to knowledge - promoting sustainable progress". Standing committee members should discuss via email during September and decide on the theme as well as considering the possibility of combining with other sections.

6 St. Petersburg International Bibliography Congress, 2010:

Carsten talked more with Natalia following the first standing committee meeting. It was agreed that the programme should include a presentation on the Guidelines. Section members are also being asked to help with evaluation of the proposed papers and practical advice on arrangements for the congress. The organizers are also anxious to have section members attend the conference. The organizers don't need financial support and may even be able to pay some for expenses for presenters. They are also asking that presentations emphasize practical focus. Regina Varienne-Jansen reported that she is a member of the organizing committee. Carsten will suggest that the Organizing Committee contact Maja about participating. Federica Paradisi, Charlene Chou and Anke Meyer agreed to assist with review of papers.

7 Guidelines follow up

Committee members discussed various ways of promoting the new guidelines. Should we try to do regional meetings or to get on the agendas of existing conferences? It was suggested that we need a promotion plan; Neil Wilson volunteered to create a draft. The group discussed the potential of a satellite meeting for the Puerto Rico conference in 2011 since it is being positioned as a Latin American/Caribbean conference. Carsten and Anke will start working on a proposal for

that. It was noted that we need more information on which institutions are already members of the section. (Since the meeting, the chair and secretary have received an official list of section members.)

8 SC activities:

The group discussed several ideas about how the new standing committee might approach its work during the coming year. Included was the idea of some kind of “bibliography network” that would be more active all year around and would employ technology in appropriate ways (keeping in mind that not all parts of the world are equally able to use technology). It might be possible to create separate activity tracks, such as advocacy, national bibliographies as data records (business models and process models for distribution and use), the changing roles of national libraries and the reality that national libraries are not the only agents of bibliographic control. A potential starting point could be soliciting current information about various NBs? Some possible next activities include investigation of the challenges that national bibliographies and national bibliographic agencies faces as they develop and implement new services and an investigation of gaps in legal deposit.

9 Communication

It was agreed that we need a communication plan to focus on the Section web site since, under the new IFLA web site, the section’s web pages are more under our control. There is also the potential of a wiki or a blog to aid in the SC’s business and in broader communication. Consideration should also be given to whether the section mailing list should be open to anyone who is interested rather than limited to section members and standing committee and/or limited to section.

Neil Wilson volunteered to become the new Information Coordinator, with assistance from the other officers.

It was also noted that having a group dinner during the conference (as some other sections do) would help standing committee members become better acquainted.