



PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 20 April 2009 at IFLA Headquarters, The Hague

Present:

Nancy E. Gwinn (Chair), Ingrid Parent (Division 1), Steve W. Witt (Division 2), Torny Kjekstad (Division 3), Patrice Landry (Division 4), Lynn F. Sipe (Division 5), Trine Kolderup Flaten (Division 6), Anna Maria Tammaro (Division 7), Premila Gamage (Division 8), Pascal Sanz (member), Zhang Xiaolin (member), Ellen Tise (President-Elect, ex-officio member), Jesus Lau (observer), Claudia Lux (IFLA President)

Staff:

Sjoerd Koopman, Sofia Kapnisi (minutes), Josche Ouwerkerk (during discussion on congress issues, agenda item M09-04-5), Ingeborg Verheul, Jennefer Nicholson

M09-04-1 Welcome

The Chair, Nancy Gwinn, welcomed all mentioning that this is the last meeting of this PC in The Hague. She congratulated Patrice Landry for being elected as new PC Chair (as of August 2009); and then conveyed apologies from Paul Sturges (FAIFE Chair), Caroline Brazier (ICADS Chair) and Winston Tubbs (CLM Chair).

M09-04-2 Agenda (GB 09-04-3.2)

The agenda was approved with one addition: item 6.5 Support for International offices of Blue Shield.

M09-04-3 Minutes Professional Committee, August 2008 (PC 09-04-4)

The minutes were approved.

M09-04-4 Matters arising

Action List, December 2008 (PC 09-04-4)

All actions are done with the exception of action M08-31.1.5 “Look for corporate sponsorship for IFLA Express” which is due in August 2009.

Torny Kjekstad mentioned that in action M08-33.3 “Develop suggestions on how to proceed with manifestos” she was not involved as initially planned.

Other matters not elsewhere on the agenda

Not applicable to this meeting.

Decisions taken by email

The PC approved via email the funding of the project “How do you say reference?” of the Reference and Information Services Section. The approved sum is 1.600 EUR.

M09-04-5 Congress Professional Programmes

5.1 Milan

5.1.1 Programme Overview (PC 09-04-5.1.1)

Still to be done:

Speakers to be added to the programme.

Schedule 2nd Standing Committees meeting: can be as of Tuesday, otherwise IFLA should rent more rooms. Most sections are very eager to have the 2nd meeting.

The GB suggested to proceed scheduling 2nd meetings for everyone and if problems come up to solve them.

Opening session: The NOC has scheduled a full programme from 10:00 to 12:00.

Nancy Gwinn suggested to shift the Leadership Forums from 12:00 to 12:15.

5.1.2 IFLA Express (PC 09-04-5.1.2)

Still looking for sponsors.

It will be published in all IFLA languages.

5.1.3. Digital Library Conference Milan (PC 09-04-5.1.3)

Since December, many PC members got involved and there was positive feedback received from members; responsibilities have been established; communication aspect works well.

Three speakers have been decided, can have maximum four. There is the need to be more international regarding speakers. Zhang Xiaolin will recommend someone from China. Ingrid Parent suggested to contact the director of the Brazilian Institute of Science and Technology. Caroline Brazier is doing the coordination of people.

The last session will be the longest one including conclusions coming from the two first ones.

Location has been booked: University aula, close to metro, in city center, registration area without problem, room available for coffee and lunch.

Date decided: Tuesday whole day

The Italian Government is no longer sponsoring it, but it will be sponsored through the project funds of the Ministry of Cultural Heritage.

IFLA President will be present.

Word of welcome on behalf of the Ministry by Ms Recia (architect); on behalf of the PC by Patrice Landry; closure by Chair of CDNL.

All papers will be published after, possibly as a book.

Anna Maria Tammaro suggested to:

Have an open forum and maintain discussion.

Translate the proceedings into Italian.

She also pointed out the need to discuss further the follow-up which perhaps is more important than the conference itself.

5.1.4. Poster Sessions (PC 09-04-5.1.4)

Steve Witt mentioned that decisions focused on themes close to the congress theme and on convergence.

- Ingrid Parent asked for a summary of the countries represented. Josche Ouwerkerk would prepare it.
- Sjoerd Koopman noted that there is need for feedback from the jury after the presentation: marks, comments, criticism.
- Nancy Gwinn suggested on that to have 10-12 posters highlighted before picking the winner.
- Steve Witt suggested to publish the winning poster on the IFLA website.

5.1.5. IFLA Language Symposium (PC 09-04-5.1.5)

Sjoerd Koopman explained that two and a half years ago the GB requested to evaluate and deepen the IFLA policy on languages. It took more than first expected to incorporate the new languages; that is why this thought was postponed.

In Milan there will be a special session dedicated on this issue, on Thursday 20 August.

Some issues:

- There won't be simultaneous interpretation because it is too costly.
- The programme will be 3 hours long but it still needs to be worked out.
- Torny Kjekstad proposed to ask the print disabled section to participate as they have asked IFLA to get more involved. Sjoerd Koopman will do that.
- Sjoerd Koopman will Chair the session.

5.1.6 Procedure of election of SC Officers (PC 09-04-5.1.6)

Issue about who is eligible to be elected as Section Chair or Secretary.

Nancy Gwinn noted that the procedure has changed in one respect: officers are supposed to be elected at the 1st meeting suggested by the outgoing members.

Claudia Lux suggested to state more clearly that the section must check who is member and who is not, as we don't want observers to vote.

An option is to distribute a list of eligible members before so that people are ready;

HQ must have such lists.

Also, it must be clear that information coordinators do not vote for division officers. Division chairs will have to remind this.

Sjoerd Koopman will rephrase and distribute to all officers, inviting explicitly all new members to be at the meeting.

5.1.7 Leadership Forums (PC 09-04-5.1.7)

Nancy Gwinn noted that the new division chairs must be helped for developing an agenda.

Working group: Sjoerd Koopman and Patrice Landry will draw up a list of actions on what their work will be; once ready, they will share it with Nancy Gwinn in order to finalise it.

Nancy Gwinn suggested to invite the new PC members at the first PC meeting in Milan.

Sjoerd Koopman would send out the invitation the same day.

Ingrid Parent suggested that in order to help the new PC, it would be easy to have a calendar of the PC year.

5.1.8 Officers' Training Sessions (PC 09-04-5.1.8)

Patrice Landry, Sjoerd Koopman, Ingeborg Verheul and Simon Lemstra will be present.

Addition to the agenda:

Each section should decide about appointing a web editor. This person can or should preferably serve as information coordinator as well.

The task is to have all web editors' positions filled by August 2009 (Milan congress).

The sections don't have to be limited to one person covering the position.

Roles of information coordinator and web editor to be clearly defined.

Information about the tasks will be given during the training and then sections will have to sort it out.

Simon Lemstra to talk during the meeting about web editing.

Invitation to the training sessions to be extended to information coordinators (to be done before end May).

Sjoerd Koopman and Patrice Landry to prepare communication.

Ingrid Parent noted that it should be mentioned that attendance is mandatory (re-elected officers should attend as well).

5.2. Brisbane 2010

There was no discussion on this item.

5.2.1 Satellite meetings (PC 09-04-5.2.1)

The PC decided to put as requirement for satellite meetings in the future to have their websites hosted by the IFLA website.

For further decisions the PC will await the decisions from the GB working group report (three party model/how to make use of congress and affiliated activities).

In December, Patrice Landry will appoint a work group to look into possibilities for the satellite meetings of 2011 (Puerto Rico congress). Already in Milan, he will ask the new divisions chairs to prepare for the December 2009 PC meeting.

Further discussion about potentials of satellite meetings:

- Registration support and money handling are related issues that arise if websites are hosted on IFLA website.
- Option: “Losing” country to host satellite meetings. Ellen Tise and Jennefer Nicholson pointed out that the important is to use the region where IFLA is going and not only the city: to take regional perspective.
- Option: to make distinction between sections’ satellite meetings and meetings organised by other organisations.

Of the 19 proposed meetings, 16 were approved.

Three were not approved because of lack of sufficient information: “Management of Libraries” by Division V, “Information Literacy” by Information Literacy section and “Digital Preservation” by Preservation and Conservation section.

The PC requested to investigate the possibility for two proposals to be merged into one event and preferably to be organised in Brisbane: “The Global Librarian” proposed by the New Professionals SIG and the “Next Generation users-next generation libraries: educating next generation librarians” proposed by the Reference and Information services section.

5.2 San Juan 2011

There was no discussion on this item.

M09-04-6 Finances and Projects

6.1 PC Budget 2009 (PC 09-04-6.1)

The PC decided to allocate:

5.000 EUR to the Academic & Research Libraries section for the project “Guidelines for L. Consortia/Cooperatives” (item 6.3).

1.000 EUR to the Libraries Serving Multicultural Communities section for the project “Multicultural Communities: Guidelines for L. Services” (translations).

2.000 EUR to the internship for PC Project analysis (see item 6.2).

4.000 EUR for speakers’ support.

5.000 EUR for Blue-Shield office (see item 6.5)

2.000 EUR is going back to the PC budget, because the International Workshop:

Development & Implementation of Online National Bibliographies in French Speaking West African Countries of the Bibliography section (approved in December 2008) is not going to happen in 2009.

The PC finances as of April 2009 can be viewed in Annex I.

6.2 PC Project analysis (internship) (PC 09-04-6.1)

The PC approved 2.000 EUR for the internship. Result is expected in December 2009.

6.3 Project Proposal Consortia Guidelines Academic Libraries (PC 09-04-6.3)

Project approved (5.000 EUR), see above item 6.1

6.4 Project proposal Liberia Urban and Rural Library Initiatives (PC 09-04-6.4)

The project was not approved on recommendation of the Africa section: It seems too “far away” from the IFLA organisation, the organisations involved are unknown to the section and there is no IFLA support on the ground in Liberia.

6.5 Blue Shield

5.000 EUR seed-funding of Blue Shield office approved, provided that Sjoerd Koopman would give details with action plan by the end of April.

M09-04-7 IFLA’s Professional Programme and Professional Structure

7.0 General

7.0.1 Overview of IFLA Professional Units (PC 09-04-7.0.1)

For information

7.0.2 SC Nominations / elections 2009-2013 (PC 09-04-7.0.2)

All recommendations- proposed by e-mail in March 2009- were endorsed.

Regarding the Newspapers section, Sjoerd Koopman will notify them that they do not have to wait two years before they decide to merge with another section or get disbanded.

7.0.3 Division Chairs 2009-2011 (PC 09-04-7.0.3)

The mentors of the new division chairs have already been decided:

Division I: Library types / n.a.

Division II: Library Collections / Lynn Sype

Division III: Library Services / Patrice Landry

Division IV: Support of the profession / Trine Kolderup Flaten

Division V: Regions / Premila Gamage

7.0.4 PC Chair 2009-2011 (PC 09-04-7.0.4)

For information

7.0.5 Satellite meetings in the future (PC 09-04-7.0.5)

Already discussed under item 5.2.1

7.0.6 Section’s strategic plans cycle

Sjoerd Koopman explained that all sections will be asked to provide new strategic plans for the coming years 2010-2011 before December 2009.

Patrice Landry noted that they will be discussed during the congress in August.

Nancy Gwinn noted that all should also be on line before December.

7.0.7 Further criteria for SIGs (PC 09-04-7.0.7)

The PC approved all the proposed criteria except the two year moratorium.

7.1 Division 1: General Research Libraries (Ingrid Parent)

Ingrid Parent noted that it would be preferable to host the on line directory of National Libraries on the IFLA website. It will take one year to migrate it from Wikipedia (its current

position). The problem with the current situation is that some countries are not active updating their info and that makes the database uneven.

7.2. Division 2: Special Libraries (Steve Witt)

The sections are working for Milan, more focusing on the situation with the new divisions.

7.3 Division 3: Libraries serving the general public (Torny Kjekstad)

The sections had no mid-year meeting.

The School Libraries Section post-conference IFLA Satellite meeting is actually pre-IASL meeting. Sjoerd Koopman and Torny Kjekstad to look into this: either remove it from the list or brand it.

7.3.0 Guust van Wesemael Literacy Prize 2009 (PC 09-04-7.3.0)

Sjoerd Koopman explained that the prize was awarded this year to a non profit organisation based in the favelas of Rio de Janeiro in Brazil. The proposal was to buy materials for the libraries in the favelas with a maximum of 3.000 EUR. Two thirds of this amount will be given up front and the rest after completion. An article for the IFLA Journal will also be prepared by the organisation.

7.4 Division 4: Bibliographic Control (Patrice Landry)

Division 4 is focusing on congress preparations.

7.5 Division 5: Collections and Services (Lynn Sipe)

The Acquisition and Collection Development Section had a successful mid-term meeting in Beijing including a wonderful workshop on digital libraries.

7.6 Division 6: Management and Technology (Trine Kolderup-Flaten)

The section Management and Marketing did very good work with the IFLA International Marketing Awards. There is a good spread of candidates in the world.

7.7 Division 7: Education and Research (Anna Maria Tammaro)

The division is working on three satellite conferences that will take place in Bologna, Turin and Rome. The section Education & Training, at its mid-term meeting in March started using video conferencing which was quite satisfactory though not yet perfect because of noise, time problem, etc. The agenda was followed within one hour.

7.8 Division 8: Regional Activities (Premila Gamage)

The division is finalising the conference speakers. Because the ALP funding stops, all sections are trying to find support in respective countries.

M09-04-8 President-Elect's Programme (Ellen Tise)

8.1 Libraries Driving Access to Knowledge (GB 09-04-2.1.4)

On Wednesday, at the GB meeting, Ellen Tise will talk about her proposed programme. In this session she asked for the PC's input.

The main topics that emerge are:

Knowledge collaboration is the future. Institutions (including universities) are willing to invest in that. Ellen Tise notes that this is the direction that we want to go.

Access to knowledge: Libraries should become more users oriented. Feed back from users should be more carefully listened; e.g. two groups are formed:
The traditional researchers and the people expecting to see/find everything on the web.
Possibly to bring it to practical level (workshops) in the Milan session: to assist librarians to adopt these changes by giving them the necessary tools.

M09-04-9 IFLA's Core Activities

9.1 IFLA/ALP

There was no discussion on this item.

9.2 IFLA/CLM

There was no discussion on this item.

9.3 IFLA/FAIFE

There was no discussion on this item.

9.4 ICADS (PC 09-04-9.4)

The document was not received. There was no discussion on this item.

9.5 IFLA/PAC

There was no discussion on this item.

9.6 UNIMARC

There was no discussion on this item.

M09-04-10 IFLA publications

10.1 Overview of recent and planned publications (PC 09-04-10.1)

The overview is arranged differently than previous times, namely it is arranged per division.

10.2 IFLA Publications Review and Priorities (PC 09-04-10.2)

Sjoerd Koopman and Trine Kolderup Flaten drew a first draft of a publication policy.

It should contain the following main directions:

- Economic aspect: some publications cost a lot, some give good revenue
- How to become quickly more electronic (though many want to keep for long time their printed version).

Trine Kolderup Flaten stated that this is a start on looking at publication practice. Further, considering the economy, changes should be made quickly.

Anna Maria Tammamro noted that cost and impact should be studied; adding that in her opinion to be on line would mean improvement to IFLA's impact. According to the result of a research made in her University there is no competition between published material and open access material. It is more a synergy.

Ingrid Parent noted that more tangible evidence should be provided to show that open access does not harm the traditional publishing.

M09-04-11 Any other business

1. Computerised language translation for library catalogues (PC 09-04-11)

Patrice Landry stated that he is willing to work on this matter.

What kind of connection does the PC want to have with this organisation?

Is it O.K. that the PC collaborates only with one organisation?

Does the PC know people that would like to work on this?

Feed back would be given the following week to prepare something and respond to Claudia Lux.

2. Off-site session 25th August

Divisions should be able to send people. Nancy Gwinn asked for numbers.

3. Sjoerd Koopman pointed out that the approved SIG ATINA includes in its name the French translation of its name. Some people are concerned that this will create precedent. Nancy Gwinn suggested letting it go like this and see if a problem will be created.

M09-04-12 Executive session

Not minuted.

M09-04-13 Close of meeting

The PC Chair, Nancy Gwinn, thanked everyone for their input and closed the session.

PC finances as of April 2009: Projects

Division	Section	Project Title	Project Code	Allocated Funds 2009 in EUR	Comments
Div. I	Academic & Research L.	Guidelines for L. Consortia/Cooperatives	S1.1-1/09	5.000	Approved at April meeting
	L. & Research Services for Parliaments	Guidelines for Legislative L.	S1.3-1/08	3.450	2nd year
Div. II	Government L.	German Translation "Guidelines for L. of Gov. Departments"	S2.1-1/09	300	
	Social Sciences L.	Social Science Libraries in the 21 st Century: Collections, Services and Networks in the Global Age	S2.2-1/09	1.500	
	Geography & Map L.	Guidelines for Paper Maps	S2.3-1/06	0	No funds (250 EUR) claimed in 2008/no report. If project continues can make use of section's admin funds.
Div. III	Public L.	Public L. Guidelines-Revising e-book	S3.1-1/06	3.400	Project delayed
	Public L.	Caterpillar Book Box	S3.1-2/06	1.500	Final year
	L. Serving Disadvantaged Persons	LSDP Glossary Terms	S3.2-1/09	0	The requested 300 EUR can be taken from the section's admin funds.
	L. Serving Disadvantaged Persons	Guidelines Easy-to-read update	S3.2-1/08	900	Receipts will come at the end of work. (total requested 1.800 EUR)
	L. for Children & Young Adults	Working group (IFLA, IRA, IBBY) on database Reading promotion programmes	S3.3-1/09	1.000	Planning grant to prepare detailed proposal for Stichting IFLA Foundation. PC advice:

					cooperate with Reading section. (total requested 3.500 EUR)
	L. Serving Multicultural Communities	Multicultural Communities: Guidelines for L. Services	S3.7-1/08	1.800	Pending 1.000 EUR approved at April meeting.
	L. Serving Multicultural Communities	IFLA Multicultural Manifesto. A tool for creating global understanding	S3.6-1/09	800	
Div. IV	Bibliography	International Workshop: Development & Implementation of Online National Bibliographies in French Speaking West African Countries	S4.1-1/09	0	The approved in Dec08 2.000 EUR will not be used. Project withdrawn in April meeting.
	Cataloguing	Development of ISBDXML Schema	S4.2-1/09	0	Preliminary discussions should be held by e-mail (total requested 5.898 EUR)
	Cataloguing	Extending FRBR to Archival Information	S4.2-2/09	1.500	
	Cataloguing	ISBD Updating	S.4.2-2/08	2.000	Have not claimed funds in 2008 (total requested 2.706 EUR)
	Classification & Indexing	Guidelines for subject access by national bibliographic agencies	S4.3-1/09	3.000	
Div. V	Government Information & Official Publications (GIOP)	GIOPS African seminars '06	S5.5-1/07	0	No funds (114 EUR) claimed in 2008 / no report. Funding stops.
	Reference & Information Services	How do you say reference?	S5.7-1/08	1.600	The reserved 1.600 EUR approved via email.
Div. VI	Preservation & Conservation	First do no harm- Database conversion	S6.1-1/07	0	No funds (3.500 EUR) claimed in

					2008 / no report. Div. Chair Trine Kolderup-Flaten reported that the work has been done using funds provided by the Swedish National L.
	Information Technology	Organizational preparation, clarification & flyer production & distribution for IFLA Satellite pre-conference "Emerging trends in technology"	S6.3-1/09	0	PC advises to use either admin money or cover from Satellite meetings fees (total requested 550 EUR)
	Statistics & Evaluation	Global Statistics Phase II	S6.5-1/09	3.000	Funds for L. Statistics Manifesto & promotion of it within IFLA
Div. VII	Education & Training	IFLA LIS Student Paper Award	S7.1-1/08	0	Request (1.900 EUR) withdrawn; Project already funded by Stichting IFLA Foundation
	Library Theory & Research	The Researcher-Librarian Partnership: a research mentoring program for New Professionals	S7.2-1/09	0	Is not a project that the PC would consider. PC advice: think how to sustain it, work on the details, discuss with L. schools. (total requested 2.100 EUR)
	Literacy & Reading	Publication of International Good Practices in reading Promotion Activities	S7.3-1/09	0	PC advice: to cooperate with IBBY project-refer to S3.3-1/09. (total requested 1.500 EUR)
	Information Literacy	Information Literacy Marketing/ Information Toolkit	S7.7-1/08	1.300	2 nd year/ funds to finish project
Div VIII	Africa	Sub-Saharan Africa Coll.	S8.1-1/07	0	no funds (2.042 EUR)claimed in 2008 / no report. Funding stops.

A	Total allocated project funds for 2009 (as decided in April 2009)	32.050	
B	Internship for project PC analysis	2.000	
C	Speakers' support	4.000	
D	Blue-Shield office seed funding	5.000	
	TOTAL	43.050	