



International Federation of
Library Associations and Institutions

***Libraries Serving
Persons with Print Disabilities
Section LPD / IFLA***

Minutes of SC meeting

Saturday 22 August 2009 11.30 – 14.20 (Blue 1)

Thursday 27 August 2009 8.00 – 9.30 (White 1)

Fiera Milano Convention Centre, Milan, Italy

Attendees:

Marja-Leena Ahola-vom Dorp

Jenny Craven

Bente Dahl Rathje (chair)

Sanja Frajtag

Elena Zakharova

Galina Elfimova

Thomas Kahlisch

Koen Krikhaar (minutes)

Misako Nomura

Sanela Osmanagic

Julie Rae

Geert Ruebens

Helen Brazier

Saskia Boets (observing)

Minna von Zansen

Keun Hae Youk

Ju Ok Park

Hiroshi Kawamura (came in at end of session due to flight changes)

Observers

Tone Eli Moseid (LSN), Helle Mortensen (LSN), Saskia Boets

Apologees:

Margaret Mcgrory

Jon Hardisty

Kari Kummeneje

Francois Hendrikz

Missing:

Steve Prine

1. Opening

- a. Bente welcomes all new and existing members
- b. Bente reads apologies from Kari, Jon, Margaret and Francois. Also Paivi sends her regards and wants to be taken of the communication list.
- c. Bente explains that she has decided not to carry on as chair because of the changed situation and the extra workload due to this. Bente sees the P3 conference as very succesfull and tells that the chairs of division 1 and the former division 3 all wish to support the resolution. Ellen Tise is aware of the resolution. Tone Moseid from LSN will support it from the governing board.
The World Braille Council has asked LPD to nominate a Braille specialist from LPD to the council. Thomas Kahlsh is nominated. Thomas informs that the council is set up by WBU and is working on the unification of the Braille code. In 2011 there will be a Braille World Conference. The council is also setting up a database for storing all information on Braille. They ask whether IFLA can take responsibility for this database. If anybody wants to support this, please report back to Thomas. Koen volunteers to be the minute taker
- d. Koen will also be the time-keeper

2. Acceptance of agenda

- a. The meeting agrees on “sharing news” to be done at a LPD on Wednesday night. Minna and Jenny will pick a restaurant. Item 6 of the agenda will be swapped with 10, because of Helen needing to leave on Monday.

3. SC meetings Paris, 9-10 Jan. 2009

- a) The minutes of the Paris meeting were approved.
- b) Some business arising out of the action list (most actions were done): Elena and Sanja will send in more info on Braille activities and also pictures to be used in the sections communications. Jenny will not be leading the work on the Manifesto. Thomas has not been able to get a positive results from his contact at Monza, Italy. Bente has no new logo to show. Geert will make another effort to get in contact with a Once delegate.
- c) Financial Report. Jenny informs us that the UK account is now emptied and closed. We now only have the official IFLA account. It

holds € 350,- and must be used before 31 December 2009. Money not used will be transferred back to IFLA. Ideas on how to spend the money are welcome.

4. Nominating and electing SC Officers

- a) Chair. Jenny nominated Julie as chair. Julie is chosen as chair with the full support of the section. Discussion was held around appointing a chair elect as suggested by Francois. Although many acknowledged the reasons for the idea, it was not passed as a formal decision, since there is no IFLA structure for doing this.
- b) It is agreed that Julie will chair the meeting beginning at our second SC meeting at Thursday.
- c) Secretary. Koen is nominated and chosen as secretary.
- d) Minna and Jenny are happy to continue their work as IFLA information-officers for the section.
- e) Treasury function. The section feels that the treasury job is well handled by Jenny, who is willing to continue with this responsibility.

5. Strategic plan 2008-2010

Koen summarizes the strategic plan as it was conceived at the Paris meeting. On the whole the members are now satisfied with it. Helen points out that IFLA requires a strategic plan every 2 years. So with the amendments that are suggested, the section can commit this plan to IFLA HQ for the years 2010 -2011. Before November 2011 we need to give an update for the next period.

At our coming midyear meeting, we will devote a full day on connecting the strategic plan with the marketing and business plan. A concept of that has already been circulated thanks to Julie. Now with the P3 resolution on the table and the WIPO negotiations under way, Koen suggests that we put more emphasis on actions taken for the ratification of the UN Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities, the WIPO treaty and the Right2Read campaigns. Geert suggests to include points 3.2 and 3.5 of the P3 conference summary (on reading groups and user boards) to be mentioned in the strategic plan. After some discussion both Koen's and Geert's suggestions are agreed upon. Koen will write these into the definite strategic plan, and with that the plan is now agreed upon and approved for the years 2010-2011.

6. **Performance measures for libraries serving print disabled people**
Helen makes a point that without having a basis to compare our services objectively, we can learn a lot from each other, but we will never get a objective sense of where we stand or how to improve. She proposes to launch a project together with the Statistics section of IFLA to develop a toolkit that allows our respective organisations to compare performances with each other. She has been in contact with the chair of the statistic section (Mike Heaney) and he agrees on working together on a project like this. We will put it up for an IFLA funded project for a 2 days workshop with 1 day of follow-up. The section agrees and there is interest from TPB, Dedicon, Celia, Cerlim and Moscow to participate. Helen will drive this forward, and interested parties should see whom they can delegate to this workgroup.
7. **Update on DAISY Consortium**
This item is moved to SC meeting on Thursday.
8. **Other projects (13.30)** (30 min)
- a) **Status on Manifesto.** The manifesto is continuing to be developed and will mostly come out of the P3 summary and the marketing plan. Marja Lena and Julie will discuss further.
 - b) **Marketing plan.** The marketing plan will fall out of the final strategic plan and this will be worked on at the midyear meeting
 - c) **Ulverscroft updates.** Helen informs us that Ulverscroft has put up another grant of UKP 20.000,- for projects and travel grants for work experience. The info and applications form can be found in the conference bag. Also it should be noted that Ulverscroft is funding the Jodi Mates award for innovative and accessible web design which is now available for any organisation to enter . Accessible services from one of our libraries might have a chance of winning it. So please have a look at the RNIB website where the proceedings for entering the competition can be found.
 - d) **Survey/list of project on digital libraries .** There has been no update from Steve Prine.
 - e) **Satellite conference in Oslo.** Tone en Helle from LSN inform the section that they want to organize a satellite conference in conjunction with the Gotenborg WLIC in august 2010, in Oslo Norway. 2010 is the national year of reading in Norway. Also there is a strong tradition of making Easy-To-Read books and strong

national reading campaigns. The reading-for- all theme will go well with Ellen Tise presidential theme. They have also talked to the Literacy and Reading Section, and that section wants to contribute also. Bente thanks the LSN for the invitation. The section feels that there is good ground for participating and contributing, however it will be difficult to assist in the organizing at a local level.

f) Poland as possible host for midyear meeting in 2010. Sanja informed the section that she has been in contact with Poland and they expressed the wish to host the midyear conference, in Warsaw. She points out the importance of this, because the section does not have a member in this region of Europe. The section will consider this offer again at the 2nd SC meeting on Thursday.

g) Crimea conference 2010. Elena informs the meeting of the Crimea 2010 international conference on the role of libraries in enhancing information Culture and preserving cultural heritage in the current social development context, to be held on June 5-13 2010 in Sudak and other Crimean cities.

9. **Finalising Session on Thursday.**

The section's session is on Thursday in the Auditorium. There will be 4 presentations. Bente will be the convener and present the speakers.

Bente adjourns the meeting till Thursday.

Note: Helen informs that RNIB, two years after the merger with NLB will now soon replace its library system. If members have strong opinions about what that system should (not) be, please contact Helen.

Second SC meeting: Thursday 27th of August; 8.00 – 9.30

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10. Update Project Global Library

Julie gives a short update on the status of the project. There are four working groups. The Discovery & Access group is now asked to give high level functional requirements about what it is that we are actually trying to build, especially about the “access” part; how to get the book. That needs to be delivered at the end of 2009. The Collection Sharing group describes the Library-to-Library part of the Project. OCLC will come up with a preliminary solution for those members that are already member of OCLC’s worldcat. With this members can see each other’s collection and possibly also their works-in-progress. The Business Model group has delivered the first draft of a governance model. They recommend a consortium model where the participating libraries come together and share their collections through a network. The Partnership workgroup has not really started. They will be more active once the D&A group has specified more in detail what it is we actually want. A survey has been conducted among 35 libraries for the print-handicapped. 25 responded. An extra effort will be made to get responses from Spanish, Chinese and Japanese countries. The funding for the first year has run out. The steering committee is now trying to find funding for the next phase of the project.

11. Midyear meeting 2010, Helsinki

The section feels it is wiser to do a 1 –day workshop in Warsaw and possibly do the next midyear meeting a year later in Warsaw in 2011. Thomas is willing to organise this together with Sanja. Julie will inform Sanja of this decision. The workshop will also be used to develop the

marketing tools we need to reach out to new members and tell them why they should be a member of our section. It will also involve some promotion and demonstration of Daisy, possibly together with and supported by vendors such as Plectalk and Humanware. Thomas will get in touch with the vendors to see what they can do to support. Minna and Jenny will help with the development of the marketingtools.

The midyear meeting 2010 will be held at 28-29 January in Helsinki. Minna will organise this.

12. WLIC Gothenburg 2010 and Oslo satellite

The theme of the Gothenburg conference is open access. The section feels it is important to be visibly present since this theme is so close to our mission. Tone Moseid tells about LSN idea to have a roundtable session with short presentations. LPD decides to join this, possibly with a 2x 90 minute time-slot. Ellen Tise can be asked to be present, also a speaker from Unesco and the WBU representative. Bente, Koen and Francois are willing to help organise this from LPD side. Francois will coordinate with LSN. Also we need to be quite sure on the deadline of asking IFLA for the timeslots. Francois will look this up in the IFLA handbook/website.

Marja-Leena will check with IFLA organising committee about the library tours and see if the libraries for services to the print handicapped are included.

As for the LSN satellite in Oslo: Kari will be asked to be LPD contact for the local organising committee in Oslo. It is the expectation that at least two presentations from LPD members will be included in the satellite.

13. WLIC, Puerto Rico 2011

It is worthwhile to get in contact with Ingrid Enriquez the NLS regional contact at Puerto Rico. Without strong regional support it will be almost impossible to organise a satellite. There has been an invitation from Jesus Lau (Vera Cruz, Mexico) to help set up a satellite in Mexico. Steve Prine will get in contact with Ingrid to see what the possibilities are. Francois will send the Satellite Manual to Steve. Jenny will put this handbook on how to organise a satellite at the website. To be discussed further at the midyear conference at Helsinki. Julie will contact Jesus Lau about the possibility of a satellite

meeting in Cuba or Mexico.

14. Section communication

a) **Directory.** Misako Nomura asks the members to please update the directory that is maintained at JSRPD website (www.?????.jp) Jenny and Minna will try and link it to the IFLA website. The spreadsheet with all the members of the section is maintained by IFLA itself and it is apparently difficult to get new information across at IFLA HQ. This is the reason we maintain ourselves the list of the standing committee members.

b) **Section newsletter .** Minna and Jenny suggest the following items for the newsletter. Word from chair(Julie), Word from new SC members + photo's , Update on Global Library(Julie), Update on the P3 resolution(Bente), The P3 conference itself(Geert, Koen, Helen and Marian Koren), WIPO treaty(Victoria Owen?), Braille in Russia (Elena).

Also they like suggestions for using the website more and better. They want to transfer the Yahoo archive to the website. The Daisy version of the newsletter will be on the website too. They like to use the wiki and the discussion forum at the website for active exchange between the members.

15. Any other business

Hiroshi informs that the new standard for electronic publishing that will be put forward by the IDP-forum will be the next version of ePUB. This ePUB standard can be considered as a subset of the Daisy standard and can be very easily converted into Daisy.

Steve informs that the NLS has now started to shift their services to a digital format on USB - memory stick.

16. Julie closes meeting

Actions:

- Thomas: Will nominate to the World Braille Council
Contact Sanja about one-day workshop in Warsaw
- Geert: Will contact with ONCE
- Koen: Amends strategic plan and submits it to IFLA
- Helen: Works with Mike Heany on the Performance Measures Project (PMP). Koen, Marja-Leena, Minna, and Jenny see who from their organisation can participate in the PMP.
- Julie: Informs Sanja about Warsaw decision
- Minna: Organises Helsinki midyear meeting on 28-29 Jan. 2010
- Francois : Together with Bente, Koen organise with LSN the roundtable session at WLIC in Gothenborg.
Find deadline for claiming time slots for the WLIC in Gothenborg
Send satellite manual to Steve Prine
- Marja-Leena: Checks the Gothenborg library tours for printhandicapped services.
- Kari: Will be LPD contact for the local LSN organising committee in Oslo
- Steve: Contacts regional NLS officer for possible satellite support
- Jenny & Minna: put the satellite manual up the IFLA website. Transfer the Yahoo archive to IFLA website

kk, august 27th , 2009
