



IFLA Management of Library Associations Section (MLAS)

IFLA MLAS Standing Committee Mid-Term Meeting

MLAS SC Meeting I

February 19, 2010

Stellenbosch Institute of Advanced Study

Stellenbosch, South Africa

MLAS Standing Committee members present:

Janice Lachance, Chair, Silvia Stasselova, Secretary, Sinikka Sipila, Hellen Niegaard, Tore Andersen, Keith Michael Fiels, Johnny Roj-Larsen, Rosemary Gitachu, Kelly Moore

Guests / Observers:

Ellen Tise, IFLA President, Claudia Lux, ex IFLA President, Jennefer Nicholson, IFLA Secretary General, Stuart Hamilton, IFLA HQ, Theo Bothma, University of Pretoria, Inga Lundén, Swedish Library Association, Rachel More, LIASA, Lindile Innocentia Nhlapo, IFLA Africa Regional Section / University of South Africa, Naomi Haasbroek, LIASA, Constantine Nyamboga, Chair, Kenya Library Association, Jacobina Mwiyale, Namibian Information Workers Association, Nthabiseng Kotsokoane, Convenor of IFLA WILSIG / Monash South Africa

Apologies for absence:

Sue Hutley, Edita Bacic, Alicia Ocaso, Barbara Schleihagen, Maya Shaparneva, Maria Cotera, Loida Garcia Febo, Regine Horinstein, Jesús Lau

Without apology / any reply:

Pedro Hipola, Tamina Noddy, Piyadasa Ranasinghe, Marcello Sardelli, Aliya Sarsembinova, Emilce Noemi Sena Correa

Minutes

Welcome & opening by Janice Lachance, MLAS Chair

MLAS Chair expressed her gratitude to all participants of MLAS Standing Committee Mid-Term Meeting who have arrived to Stellenbosch in South Africa from the long distance destinations.

According to a large number of the attending guests / observers Janice Lachance, MLAS Chair recommended that everybody should briefly introduce including the information on the library association / institution / IFLA Section / IFLA activity they represent.

Approval of the agenda

Keith Michael Fiels recommended to plan at least 20 minutes at the end of MLAS SC agenda to make possible that SC meeting local guests from Africa region could tell more about the issues they see useful to discuss under the framework of MLAS Standing Committee.

Janice Lachance recommended to add the important issue to MLAS SC agenda on IFLA's plans of help to Haiti libraries destroyed during the natural disaster.

Apologies for absence (see the list of apologies above)

Welcome of the new co-opted MLAS Standing Committee member

MLAS Chair addressed her welcome to the new co-opted MLAS SC member Kelly Moore, Executive Director of Canadian Library Association.

Approval of the Minutes of the MLAS SC Meeting in Milan, August 2009

Keith Michael Fiels referred to the incorrect information on the status of the Women, Information and Libraries Discussion Group at the minutes from the first MLAS SC meeting in Milan. As the WIL discussion group was expected become a Special Interest Group some time later than mentioned in the minutes draft, Janice Lachance recommended to delete the following sentence from the minutes draft:

Last, they reported that the group will officially become a Special Interest Group in Milan.

Sinikka Sipila recommended to add the information on the IFLA Congress review committee where she is an active member to the Report from Governing Board Meeting of the minutes. She also recommended to add the information on the pre-conference satellite workshop to be held before IFLA 2009 in Greece. Edita Bacic from Croatian Library Association and the MLAS SC member had a presentation at the workshop organized in cooperation of IFLA Marketing Section and Management of Library Associations Section.

Sinikka Sipila referred to the mistake at the chapter MLAS 2010 Programme of the minutes draft, as Marian Koren is not the Chair of the Library Theory and Research Section. She also referred to the misprint at the name of Fiona Bradley at the chapter Building Strong Library Associations.

Sinikka Sipila recommended to remove the chapter Friends of Libraries SIG of the MLAS SC minutes draft as it is not possible to start this process and no one participant came to the meeting mentioned at the minutes:

Friends of Libraries SIG

Organizers are seeking the 25 signatures required to form a Special Interest Group. A meeting will be held on Thursday to gauge interest and hopefully move forward.

There were not any other objections and MLAS Chair asked MLAS SC members to approve the minutes. After all mentioned corrections the minutes of the MLAS SC Meeting during IFLA 2009 in Milan / August 2009 were approved.

Update on IFLA - Secretary General Jennefer Nicholson

MLAS Chair Janice Lachance asked the IFLA Secretary General to inform MLAS SC on IFLA.

Jennefer Nicholson provided comprehensive information on the excellent work of the IFLA Governing Board during and after the busy period while the IFLA President elect - Ellen Tise became the IFLA President after Claudia Lux, previous IFLA President.

IFLA Secretary General informed MLAS SC members on the decision of the IFLA Governing Board in December 2008 to give more attention to the WLIC and make it more financially sustainable, even there were few reviews of the World Library and Information Congress realized in the past by IFLA Professional Committee. IFLA Governing Board feels responsibility to bring IFLA Conference to the first decade of the 21st century.

Sinikka Sipila, member of MLAS Standing Committee and the member of IFLA Governing Board works as a member of the Finance review committee and the Congress review committee.

IFLA Secretary General informed on the process of reviewing the legal structure so that the ownership of the IFLA Congress comes back to IFLA. IFLA is taking all risk and it must have more control over finances.

She informed on the ongoing IFLA survey among IFLA conference delegates, standing committees, past chairs of national committees, sponsors, exhibitors and whole range of people connected to congress.

Congress usually costs IFLA over 2 million EUR, more than a whole operating budget of IFLA. IFLA Congress income from registration is just a half of the whole costs (1 million EUR). Sponsorship and exhibition costs income account approx. 600 000 EUR.

IFLA Governing Board would like to keep the high quality of the IFLA Congress. It depends on the size of congress centre to keep the size of the congress, quality of interpretation and a lot of volunteer time. Publishing of the IFLA Express costs are very expensive.

There was a workshop organized at the IFLA Headquarters in Haag on the topics how to use the new technologies as the communication and publishing tool at the IFLA Congress which should reduce the costs of the IFLA Express.

Jennefer Nicholson, IFLA Secretary General provided comprehensive information on the next IFLA World Library and Information Congress 2010, 76th IFLA General Conference and Assembly to be held from 10th – 15th August 2010 at the Swedish Exhibition and Congress Centre (Svenska Mässan) in Gothenburg, Sweden.

IFLA Secretary General underlined a great job the IFLA 2010 Conference national organizing committee and the Swedish Library Association. IFLA 2010 seems to be a very sociable and comfortable congress with a very good programme. The Swedish Library Association will have their Annual General Meeting on Saturday and they will invite all IFLA delegates to attend in case they are interested.

Jennefer Nicholson informed on a very good situation with the sponsorship of grants focusing on three regional divisions to support newcomers / new participants to enable them to participate at the IFLA Conference 2010.

IFLA Secretary General informed on the new IFLA strategic planning process currently developing. The IFLA Governing Board is preparing an IFLA Strategic Plan for 2010 - 2015.

The IFLA professional units (Sections and Core Activities) will remain responsible for their own unit level planning, within the framework of the IFLA 2010 - 2015 Strategic Plan. This Plan should be used as the guiding document by all units for developing and reviewing their action plans for the 2010 - 2011 period.

IFLA Governing Board tries to simplify the IFLA Strategic Plan. The aim of the strategic plan is that it becomes organizational one.

To connect the action plans of the professional units with the Strategic Plan, all units will be expected to include in their plan at least one action that can be measured against the Strategic Plan Priority Activities 2010 - 2011.

All instructions to the IFLA Strategic Plan implementation will be introduced to all IFLA professional units before / during the coming IFLA Congress in August.

Jennefer Nicholson mentioned that two members of the MLAS Standing Committee are members of the IFLA Governing Board so the Standing Committee will stay very well informed.

IFLA Secretary General introduced the tools of the new membership management system, which would allow IFLA to offer comfort for the information dissemination and communication, updating reports, sharing information on the new IFLA section members and it will reduce duplicated manual processes. It will be more open to the IFLA members, web accessible and it will be more easier for IFLA section standing committee members to get information.

Jennefer Nicholson informed on the current situation in Haiti after the whole library system was destroyed by natural disaster and it will be a long process to rebuilt it. She informed on meeting in Paris on 19th February 2010 attended by Danielle Mincio, member of IFLA Governing Board and the International Blue Shield representatives. Pascal Sanz, member of IFLA Governing Board attended the UNESCO meeting on Tuesday to discuss the perspectives of aid in the

cultural areas. Danielle Mincio also met with the Libraries without Borders representatives. Danielle Mincio visited the National Library in France was nominated to be the collection point for publications. Prince Claus Fund for Culture and Development based in Netherlands is expected to offer financial help.

Jennefer Nicholson provided comprehensive information on all IFLA aid activities to help the libraries in Haiti planned under the framework of IFLA.

Ellen Tise, IFLA President is planning to visit Haiti after attending the ALA Conference in Washington in June 2010.

Keith Michael Fiels recommended to place the photographs of Haiti destroyed libraries including the description to the IFLA website to help run financial donations.

IFLA Secretary General confirmed there are first photographs of destroyed Haiti National Library at IFLA website already.

Jennefer Nicholson gave information on the IFLA membership analysis. The most important IFLA members to which IFLA rely heavily still remain organization members, mainly the national libraries. She informed MLA SC members on the current IFLA financial situation.

Janice Lachance expressed her thanks to IFLA Secretary General to inform MLAS Standing Committee members.

Address by IFLA President Ellen Tise

IFLA President Ellen Tise expressed her thanks to MLAS Standing Committee members for bringing a new dimension to the IFLA Presidential Meeting held in Stellenbosch, South Africa.

IFLA President Ellen Tise expressed her thanks to MLAS Standing Committee members for the commitment to IFLA, not just in terms of library associations but people as well.

Ellen Tise said it is important to inspire many others to make our profession survive. She believes the library profession will survive because IFLA has people like members of the MLAS Standing Committee.

IFLA President Ellen Tise expressed her thanks to MLAS SC for attending the IFLA Presidential Meeting in Stellenbosch. She welcome all to IFLA Congress in Gotheburg in August 2010.

IFLA President believes that IFLA is going to be stronger and stronger.

Janice Lachance expressed her thanks to IFLA President Ellen Tise for inviting all to South Africa and for the opportunity to interact with the library community in Africa and for an extraordinary experience for all of MLAS SC members. MLAS Chair expressed her thanks also to LIASA.

Discussion after update on IFLA

Tore Andersen expressed his compliments to IFLA Governing Board and IFLA Headquarter administration for a successful leading of IFLA.

Hellen Niegaard appreciated the way of IFLA to give the grants to newcomers not focusing on the new professionals but also offering a chance to not so young librarians, what creates more chances to support and energize more target groups.

Jennefer Nicholson expressed her positive feedback from her meeting with Africa Section members and also from MLAS Workshop. She gave her thanks to MLAS Standing Committee for the possibility to be involved.

IFLA Secretary General put the idea to continue in organizing the model of MLAS Mid-Term Meeting combined with MLAS Workshop in the hosting country as it showed to be more than 100% success. She recommended to put a project proposal to IFLA Professional Committee.

Keith Michael Fiels was interested in financing of IFLA Presidential meeting participants from the region of Africa.

IFLA Secretary General informed on various sources of supporting African participants to make them possible to attend the IFLA Presidential Meeting and MLAS Workshop and she gave her thanks especially to LIASA.

IFLA World Report 2009 / 2010 Possible MLAS involvement

MLAS Chair welcomed the guests Stuart Hamilton and Prof. Theo Bothma and she asked them to inform MLAS SC members on the IFLA World Report and she expressed the possible MLAS cooperation at the process of the World Report data collection.

Stuart Hamilton informed on developing the new version of the IFLA World Report during the last eighteen months.

World Report was previously developed by FAIFE Committee and the FAIFE World Report was available in print format only until two years ago.

FAIFE Committee decided to take full advantage of new technologies and asked the expert team of the University of Pretoria in South Africa under the leadership of Prof. Theo Bothma to produce a new version of the World Report completely based online and will be accessed by a graphical map interface / Google maps. A simple click on the country map links to the online country report. Stuart Hamilton has informed on the current beta testing phase of the IFLA World Report.

Stuart Hamilton draw MLAS SC members attention to some of the difficulties they had getting the information from each country and he asked for advice how to prove this process and take advantage of the fact that the World Report can be a rolling data collection process since now.

The global survey of IFLA members is a very complicated process and this was a Stuart Hamilton's PhD dissertation theme. In comparison with the previous way of collection of

questionnaires by emails it will be more effective to collect data to the IFLA World report by an online form. For the IFLA World report presentation during the IFLA 2010 Congress in Gothenburg it is expected to have available data on 100 countries.

The team of Theo Bothma spent a months on communication with library associations while collecting data from various countries. There were many problems concerning the data collection: sending reminders, out-of-date contact information at the IFLA membership database, out-of-date contact information at the websites of national library associations, national library association websites were not available in English language, still difficulties to get data on the important IFLA member countries - there was no report from South Africa, where the project team was based, no report from Australia, Canada and many other countries.

Theo Bothma has recommended to send the data to the IFLA World Report until March 2010.

World Report originally was concerning FAIFE type issues / intellectual freedom issues in libraries, now it is much more expanded and covers information on more issues: copyright law, library activities in the field of social responsibility and more various topics, what makes the questionnaire to be more complicated than before. Stuart Hamilton informed on planned cooperation with IFLA Sections to take care on the correct information of certain areas.

Professor Theo Bothma demonstrated the new online version of the IFLA World Report to MLAS Standing Committee members.

He demonstrated more options of the online report formats: full report, customized report, country report, section report, etc. IFLA World report online version also makes possible to compare more countries across the various categories by comparative tables and comparative studies what was demonstrated by Prof. Theo Bothma to the MLAS SC members at the IFLA World Report demo version available containing data on more than fifty countries.

The next future extension of the project could contain previous reports online to make possible to compare the various categories at the various years at the same country.

Stuart Hamilton informed on the IT projects intense meeting held at IFLA Headquarters on the topics how to better use information technologies (as Jennefer Nicholson informed already) and one of the topics was bringing different IFLA databases together.

Stuart Hamilton informed on plans to develop a sort of social network / creating of profiles of IFLA Section Standing Committee members in each country to get easily contactable and linked to reports, conference papers, etc.

Hellen Niegaard put the question on the same possible perspective for all IFLA members. Professor Theo Bothma answered it could be a possibility.

Stuart Hamilton informed on previous discussion with Michael Dowling and Dough Newcomb how to involve the information developed for GLAD programme and library associations indicators.

Stuart Hamilton asked MLAS Standing Committee members for close cooperation at the library associations data collection process and later after the data quality control. Keith Michael Fiels and Janice Lachance discussed the topics of updating the database structure, Rosemary Gitachu expressed her own experience under the framework of South Africa library association.

Silvia Stasselova proposed to extend the database on information not only on IFLA member library associations but to cover the information on non-member associations too including the information on the number of libraries in the country, etc. Theo Bothma answered it is already covered in country overview.

Keith Michael Fiels, Janice Lachance, Theo Bothma and Stuart Hamilton discussed the topics of MLAS involvement in IFLA World Report Database.

IFLA Secretary General Jennefer Nicholson informed on the IFLA membership database to be the core IFLA database and IFLA World Report database is the value added product.

Stuart Hamilton summarized the workflow before the presentation of IFLA World Report at IFLA Congress 2010 in Gothenburg.

Keith Michael Fiels expressed his thanks to Stuart Hamilton and Professor Theo Bothma for great results they both showed.

Tore Andersen recommended to cover the introduction / methodology that the database contains the quality controlled information by various library associations, not by IFLA.

Theo Bothma confirmed the methodology is already available and that the quality of the database of course always depends from the correct data sent by associations.

Inga Lunden expressed her opinion that beta version is a great tool even it is not the final version. Professor Theo Bothma added he agree as it is always better to have at least a beta version than to have nothing.

Silvia Stasselova added that maybe the database could probably help IFLA to recruit new members when visible at the country map that there is not any IFLA member or not many of them in the country. She pointed to the possible reasons of data collection process caused by missing language skills in the certain country.

Jennefer Nicholson pointed to available online translation tools they could help to break the language barrier in many countries.

Hellen Niegaard as one of the members of GLAD Programme who came with the idea on wiki on the library law offered her help together with Janice Lachance and Keith Michael Fiels.

Discussion with Africa Section guests

Moderator: Keith Michael Fiels

Reports on the various topics, problems, needs or recommendations for MLAS SC by:

Rachel More, LIASA,

Lindile Innocentia Nhlapo, IFLA Africa Regional Section / University of South Africa,

Naomi Haasbroek, LIASA,

Constantine Nyamboga, Chair, Kenya Library Association,

Jacobina Mwiyale, Namibian Information Workers Association,

Nthabiseng Kotsokoane, Monash South Africa

Rosemary Gitachu, Daystar University

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Minutes

Welcome & opening by Janice Lachance, MLAS Chair

MLAS Chair opened the second MLAS Standing Committee meeting and asked Stuart Hamilton to continue at its official programme by his information on IFLA BSLA Programme.

Status Report of the Building Strong Library Associations Programme

Stuart Hamilton provided provided comprehensive information on the current status of the Building Strong Library Associations Programme.

IFLA has begun development on the Building Strong Library Associations training package. The training package will cover the full breadth of the work of library associations, from starting an association and writing a strategic plan, to developing member services, fundraising and advocacy. The modules will be illustrated with success stories from library associations and case studies. Examples and case studies will be sought in consultation with MLAS.

The Building Strong Library Associations Programme is an IFLA programme and will be delivered under the Action for Development through Libraries Programme (ALP). ALP Programme Coordinator is Fiona Bradley and ALP office moved to IFLA Headquarters in Haag.

Stuart Hamilton informed on five modules were completed and they were currently in the hands of team of education designers in United Kingdom. Each module contains a series of topics, learning objectives, case studies, and opportunities for self-assessment.

Module 1: Library Associations in Society: An overview

Module 2: Building Your Library Association

Module 3: Sustaining your Library Association

Module 4: Developing Strategic Relationships: Partnerships and Fundraising

Module 5: Libraries on the Agenda

Stuart Hamilton informed on evaluation using an impact assessment framework. IFLA will hold an expert meeting in The Hague in April 2010 to develop the framework.

IFLA HQ started to look after core trainers for BSLA which are expected to be a highly qualified members of IFLA. The meeting of the core trainers will be held at IFLA HQ at the end of April. There were already selected the following core trainers: Bob McKee (CILIP), Cladia Lux (ex IFLA President) and Vinnie Witzansky (Danish Library Association).

The timeline and selection process in 2010 is as follows:

February 2010 – call for projects. This call for projects will be for the initial three countries that will participate in the programme, one in each region. The call for applications will be promoted via the IFLA website, email lists, and other networks

February-March 2010 – regional sections and MLAS discuss possible participants in the programme at their midterm meetings

9 April 2010 – deadline for BSLA project applications to reach ALP

20 April 2010 – ALP committee meets to consider project applications. The committee will approve three projects to commence in 2010

May 2010 - Successful applicants are notified and planning commences, including planning visits to each country

August 2010 – Successful applicants are announced at the WLIC in Gothenburg

September 2010 – projects commence

Stuart Hamilton informed how will the selection process for the programme work: three countries will be selected to participate in 2010. As 2010 will be the launch of the programme, it is important to select countries that will be good examples in the region as we continue the development and rollout of the programme. The input of the regional sections will be essential in assisting IFLA to identify suitable countries and needs in the regions. The regional standing committees are asked to each suggest a country, and a second option.

There is expected a close cooperation and financial support of the Mellinda & Bill Gates Foundation, especially to start the selected country visits of coordinators to customize the training packages from May 2010. The successful applicants will be announced to public during IFLA Congress 2010 in Gothenburg.

In addition to BLSA country projects there will be available also ALP Small Projects possible to apply for one training module by various countries.

Stuart Hamilton informed that next three country projects will be selected in 2011 and another three country projects in 2012. In case Mellinda & Bill Gates Foundational wish to continue the contract it is expected that together up to eighteen countries could apply at the length of the project from 12 to 18 months.

Stuart Hamilton and Fiona Bradley will attend a three day meeting with the representatives and programme officers of the Mellinda & Bill Gates Foundation in Seattle during December 2010.

Keith Michael Fiels asked for more information on the number of training modules available for each country project. Stuart Hamilton answered it would depend on the certain country project.

Lindile Innocentia Nhlapo from the IFLA Africa Regional Section asked if it is possible to recommend the core trainers, for example for the region of Africa. Stuart Hamilton informed on expectation to have 6 core IFLA trainers till the end of April 2010. After a strong interest he has twenty-eight applications for the trainers position already, but he stayed open to Lindile's

recommendation too. IFLA HQ will organize a meeting on this topics during IFLA 2010 in Gothenburg and it is planned to train more trainers.

Stuart Hamilton asked MLAS to create small subcommittee to review the applications of the Gates Foundation countries.

Keith Michael Fiels asked about the possibility to train the library association in the local language. Stuart Hamilton confirmed this should be possible to translate the materials into the local language and send there a trainer with needed language skills.

Janice Lachance asked members of MLAS SC members to express their interest to be a member of the MLAS subcommittee or let inform Stuart Hamilton as soon as possible.

Brainstorming on the topics:

How any GLAD program or wiki would fit into the Building Strong Library Associations Programme, or how MLAS fits in?

(moderator: Keith Michael Fiels)

Keith Michael Fiels introduced the possible two topics of the discussion concerning the GLAD programme and a concept of wiki which should be self created by library associations or individuals which Hellen Niegaard brought to MLAS last year.

Discussion on wiki among Stuart Hamilton, Theo Bothma, Keith Michael Fiels, Janice Lachance, Jennefer Nicholson and Hellen Niegaard. Keith Michael Fiels informed on the ALA wiki containing fifty chapters. Janice Lachance informed on example of another platform run by Special Libraries Association: the Idea Bank.

Leadership Training Programme

Jennefer Nicholson informed on the idea of setting Leadership Training Programme for library associations already discussed by IFLA President and IFLA Secretary General. The platform to bring together leaders and potential leaders would be very useful for building strong associations.

Keith Michael Fiels informed on ALA Emerging Leaders Programme which started in 2007. The Emerging Leaders program enables newer librarians from across the country to participate in problem-solving work groups, network with peers, gain an inside look into ALA structure, and have an opportunity to serve the profession in a leadership capacity. It puts them on the fast track to ALA and professional leadership. He informed on ALA experience with the programme.

IFLA Secretary General Jennefer Nicholson asked MLAS SC members for help in bringing more ideas and success stories to inspire IFLA Leadership Training Programme.

Hellen Niegaard asked information on the deadline of sending the recommendations.

Jennefer Nicholson confirmed there is not any deadline at the process of preparation but she has recommended to discuss this topics during the MLAS SC meeting in August in Gothenburg.

Keith Michael Fiels and Janice Lachance showed interested to send some more information and links to the website of other successful leadership programmes could be used for inspiration.

IFLA Secretary General recommended MLAS SC members to prepare one integrated information package.

Silvia Stasselova recommended to involve Maria Cotera and WILSIG to use their leadership experience.

BSLA Guidelines for partnership

Stuart Hamilton informed on future plans to develop a sort of module at the platform of BSLA: Guidelines for Partnership.

Kelly Moore was interested to help under the framework of the IFLA International Relations Group. Hellen Niegaard expressed her comments on integration of GLAD Programme / BSLA. Keith Michael Fiels has recommended to inform on running partnership programmes, for example the partnership programme of the Danish Library Association.

Jennefer Nicholson expressed her recommendation to MLAS to have a sort of mentoring capacity. Stuart Hamilton expressed his opinion that after the BSLA training package is developed upon the specific needs to be delivered to the country the mentoring aspects could follow.

LLindile Innocentia Nhlapo from IFLA Africa Regional Section Lindille pointed to the fact that inactive the library associations should not be sponsored and asked for MLAS attention in this matter.

IFLA Secretary General has confirmed the rule that in case some association is going to be sponsored it would be active.

Sinikka Sipila informed on the planned sponsorship / financial support of Finnish Library Association to the Namibian Library Association.

Call to Action from IFLA President Ellen Tise: An Opportunity to Directly Influence International Copyright Law

Stuart Hamilton informed on Copyright and Legal Matters (CLM) Committee developed the principles on copyright exceptions and limitations.

On 10 February 2010 the Secretariat of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) on behalf of the Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR) sent all WIPO Member States a Questionnaire on Exceptions and Limitations related to:

- the activities of libraries and archives
- educational and research activities
- the implications of digital technology
- provisions for disabled persons
- Social, cultural, and religious activities

The SCCR is undertaking this fact finding mission “with a view of strengthening international understanding on exceptions and limitations.”

Strengthening, expanding, and harmonizing international copyright exceptions and limitations is a top priority for IFLA. And the first step toward achieving our goals in this regard is to educate and influence those in positions of power about the essential role that exceptions and limitations play in the library, educational, and disabled communities. Participating in the completion of this Questionnaire is an important step in that direction.

Stuart Hamilton asked MLAS for help in contacting the national WIPO / copyright offices and assist in answering the questionnaire and ensure it is returned to WIPO by the May 10, 2010 deadline. The next Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR) meeting will be in 20 - 25 June 2010. Stuart Hamilton, Jennifer Nicholson, Winston Tabb, Rima Kupryte from eIFL will attend the meeting.

Stuart Hamilton informed on the Copyright for Creativity Declaration is signed by many international organizations including IFLA, eIFLA, many national library associations and can be signed by others interested. He recommended to visit the Copyright for Creativity website: www.copyright4creativity.eu

Tore Andersen was interested on current copyright issues of the digital content / digital books.

Stuart Hamilton recommended him to look at the statement and principles of the document Copyright in the digital age and Digital material for libraries available on the internet.

Stuart Hamilton at the end of his information expressed the statement that exceptions and limitations should be stronger than copyright law.

Status Report on the IFLA Multicultural Manifesto – a success story: from lobbying to endorsement by UNESCO at its General Conference in October 2009
(reporters: Tore Andersen / Hellen Niegaard)

Hellen Niegaard informed on the meeting with Stuart Hamilton during IFLA 2009 in Milan to prepare the process of lobbying at UNESCO in the matters of IFLA multicultural manifesto.

Tore Andersen informed on close cooperation of Canada and Norway delegations which were very active and helped a lot. During the UNESCO General Assembly they were 18 delegates having their speech to support the IFLA Multicultural manifesto.

Tore expressed his congratulations to Stuart Hamilton for this extraordinary international success and for leading the process to its successful end when this political decision of UNESCO was made.

Brainstorming on the topics:
MLAS input on possible changes to the format of the annual IFLA conferences (WLIC)
(moderator: Janice Lachance)

During the first MLAS Standing Committee meeting Jennifer Nicholson, IFLA Secretary General informed on the process of reviewing the legal structure so that the ownership of the IFLA Congress comes back to IFLA. IFLA is taking all risk and it must have more control over finances. She also informed on the ongoing IFLA survey among IFLA conference delegates,

standing committees, past chairs of national committees, sponsors, exhibitors and whole range of people connected to congress.

MLAS Chair Janice Lachance acquainted MLAS Standing Committee members with the questions of the IFLA survey online questionnaire:

- selection process on how the place and region is selected with the aim to involve all regions (the selection process is now running in 7 years cycle, in 3 years cycle changes the region)
- the governance models for the IFLA conference
- flexibility of the present structure of the conference & size of the conference venue
- availability of IFLA Express in the digital format only
- proposal of limiting simultaneous translation

Janice Lachance, Jennefer Nicholson, Hellen Niegaard, Keith Michael Fiels, Tore Andersen, Silvia Stasselova, Sinikka Sipila, Johnny Roy-Larsen expressed their opinions and recommendations based on previous experience from the past IFLA conferences and also their recommendations to use the new information technologies for better communication at the IFLA congress site and among IFLA congress participants.

Silvia Stasselova proposed to offer a live web broadcasting from the IFLA Congress opening ceremony and at least at least one key presentation from each Session to attract librarians to become IFLA Conference participants in the future. To watch the atmosphere of IFLA Congress at live broadcasting on IFLA website or other international or national library portals should help to make IFLA Congress to be more attractive. She mentioned her experience from the Slovak Librarians Association conference. The live web broadcasting from the conference was fully sponsored by the private company and it brought many new participants the next year.

IFLA Secretary General Jennefer Nicholson and MLAS Chair Janice Lachance expressed their thanks to all MLAS SC members for their valuable recommendations to make IFLA Congress to be more successful, more interesting and more comfortable for all.

Planning the Gothenburg 2010 MLAS Session Programme

(moderator: Hellen Niegaard)

Hellen Niegaard informed on the current preparation of the Programme of the Sessions in cooperation of MLAS and other IFLA Sections during IFLA Congress 2010:

Session in cooperation of IFLA Section

Management of Library Associations, Library Theory and Research, Management and Marketing, Education and Training, Statistics and Evaluation, LIS in Developing Countries SIG

Part 1: Towards national library strategy: opening up access to research

Part 2: Looking for relevant research

Hellen Niegaard informed there are six papers planned for one session. The session organizing committee has received approximately thirty abstracts already and it will be hard to choose.

Jennefer Nicholson recommended to use the not selected conference papers to be used for wikis and those conference paper abstract should be collected for other purpose.

Janice Lachance informed on MLAS SC meetings planned during IFLA 2010 Congress. The first is planned on Tuesday 10th August 2010 and the second MLAS SC meeting is also available to be held on Saturday 14th August 2010.

Janice Lachance, Jennefer Nicholson, Hellen Niegaard, Keith Michael Fiels, Tore Andersen, Sinikka Sipila, Nthabiseng Kotsokoane, Convenor of IFLA WILSIG and Lindile Innocentia Nhlapo from IFLA Africa Regional Section discussed the topics on the advantage or disadvantage of having two MLAS SC meetings and also the training session was showed to be a successful idea in 2009.

MLAS SC members decided to have two SC business meetings and not have a training session during IFLA 2010 Congress in Gothenburg.

Instead of the training session the IFLA National Library Association meeting platform will be used for the purpose of MLAS activities. Volunteers to help at the IFLA National Association meeting: Keith Michael Fiels, Kelly Moore, Silvia Stasselova.

Planning the next MLAS SC Mid-Term Meeting in February 2011

(moderator: Janice Lachance)

Janice Lachance informed that she received many suggestions to organize MLAS Workshops together with MLAS SC meetings after the idea of having MLAS Workshop in Stellenbosch showed to be a great success.

MLAS Standing Committee was invited to held the Mid-Term meeting in Split, Croatia by Edita Bacic, member of MLAS Standing Committee.

Hellen Niegaard expressed the proposal of IFLA President to organize the MLAS Workshop with close cooperation of the local national library association.

Silvia Stasselova informed on her opinion of the possible cooperation with the Croatian Library Association as it is a well organized and strong library association. She offered a possible communication on MLAS Workshop with Edita Bacic and if necessary also with the president of the Croatian library association.

IFLA Chair Janice Lachance asked MLAS Secretary to contact Edita Bacic regarding the possibility to organize the MLAS Mid-Term Meeting in February 2011 in Split, Croatia.

Planning the San Juan 2011 MLAS Session Programme

(moderator: Janice Lachance)

Janice Lachance asked Hellen Niegaard to take care after the Session Programme planning in cooperation with IFLA Library Theory and Research Section and IFLA Management and Marketing Section. Hellen Niegaard invited to programme committee also Sinikka Sipila but she apologized being busy in 2011. Regine Horinstein will volunteer with Hellen Niegaard.

Silvia Stasselova informed on planned WILSIG satellite meeting before IFLA 2011 on behalf Maria Cotera. WILSIG Satellite meeting will be held at the Universidad Michoacana de San

Nicolas de Hidalgo, in Morelia, 3 hours far from Mexico City (on the kind invitation of Jesus Lau). The support comes from IFLA Regional Office of Latin America and the Caribbean and the AMBAC (Mexican Library Association); and the IFLA Information Literacy Section showed interest in cooperation with WILSIG.

Final version of the MLAS Strategic Plan 2010 - 2011

(reporter: Silvia Stasselova)

Janice Lachance informed on the two members of the MLAS strategic plan team during IFLA 2010 in Milan: Silvia Stasselova and Johnny Roy-Larsen. MLAS Strategic Plan proposal draft was sent to all MLAS SC members by email after meeting in Milan.

MLAS Secretary Silvia Stasselova informed on three proposed corrections to the MLAS Strategic Plan by SC members they have been included in addition.

Janice Lachance asked MLAS SC members for the last corrections of the MLAS Strategic Plan.

Sinikka Sipila proposed to correct the "ALP Advisory Board" to "ALP Committee" at chapter: 3.3 Foster the work of the IFLA ALP Core Activity programmes in cooperation with the ALP Committee.

MLAS Financial Report

(reporter: Tore Andersen, MLAS Treasurer)

Tore Andersen contacted IFLA HQ with the request to transfer MLAS budget left from the year 2009 to 2010 and it was allowed.

MLAS Treasurer informed on the amount 1630 EUR available (MLAS budget 815 EUR a year).

In Milan MLAS SC decided to support some travel grants / sponsorship. Tore Andersen informed on the IFLA Africa Section request for the travel grant to help Victoria from Nigeria in the amount of maximum 400 EUR. *MLAS budget left – approx. 1250 EUR.*

Tore Andersen asked for the additional travel grant for another MLAS Workshop participant from Malawi Library Association to share his travel expenses with Norwegian Library Association up to 600 EUR. *MLAS budget left = approx. 650 EUR.*

Janice Lachance informed on request from New Professional Special Interest Group for financial support of their Satellite meeting before IFLA 2010 Congress.

Loida Garcia Febo has sent an email request for the MLAS financial support as the NPSIG expenses for the Satellite meeting show to be 2 800 EUR. These include keynote speakers' expenses and drinks for the Networking session at the end of the event.

She has also asked for help with the registration process. The NPSIG doesn't have a bank account and needs help with the checks to be sent by those registering for The Global Librarian. Loida Garcia Febo wrote it would be extremely helpful if the MLAs could help NPSIG to streamline a process to register attendees and issue checks to pay expenses.

MLAS Secretary recommended the MLAS Treasurer to discuss the registration process issues with the IFLA Headquarters.

Janice Lachance recommended to keep the amount of 250 EUR for the refreshment during the IFLA National Association Meeting during IFLA 2010 in Gothenburg.
MLAS budget left = approx. 650 EUR.

The rest of MLAS budget in the amount of 400 EUR was approved by MLAS SC members to support both events of the New Professionals Special Interest Group upon their request.
MLAS budget left = approx. 0 EUR.

Nthabiseng Kotsokoane, Convenor of IFLA WILSIG informed on WILSIG do not need any financial support in 2010. Maria Cotera found sponsors also for the WILSIG Satellite meeting to be held in Mexico in 2011.

Evaluation of the MLAS Workshop on 17th February 2010 in Stellenbosch (moderator: Janice Lachance)

Jacobina Mwiyale from the Namibian Information Workers Association was missing a showcase of some African library association to offer more comparison. She found the MLAS Workshop interesting and usefull.

Nthabiseng Kotsokoane, Convenor of IFLA WILSIG offered the close cooperation to Jacobina Mwiyale under the framework of WILSIG.

MLAS Workshop participants from Africa section evaluated the workshop to be very usefull.

Information Coordinator's Request for the contributions to the next edition of IFLA MLAS Newsletter in April 2010 (reporter: Silvia Stasselova on behalf of Sue Hutley)

MLAS Secretary informed on the request of Sue Hutley, MLAS Information Coordinator to send her short reports / photos to be published in the next MLAS Newsletter. Deadline: April 2010

Status Report of the New Professionals Special Interest Group NPSIG (reporter: Silvia Stasselova from the report sent by Loida Garcia Febo)

Detailed report prepared by Loida Garcia Febo, chair of the New Professional Special Interest Group was attached to the agenda of MLAS SC meeting. Satellite meeting The Global Librarian will be held in Boras, Sweden before IFLA 2010 Congress. Janice Lachance asked for volunteers to help NPSIG to select conference papers. Keith Michael Fiels was willing to help.

Status Report of the Women, Information and Libraries Discussion Group WILSIG

Nthabiseng Kotsokoane, Convenor of IFLA WILSIG informed on WILSIG planned activities during IFLA 2010 Congress and during the year 2011.

Detailed report prepared by Maria Cotera, chair of the New Professional Special Interest Group was attached to the agenda of MLAS SC meeting.

IFLA HQ overview of the National Association members that receive sponsorship and IFLA HQ complete overview of current members registered for the MLAS Section (reporter: Silvia Stasselova)

MLAS Secretary informed on the current MLAS membership figures received from IFLA HQ:

MLAS membership is represented as follows:

8 institutional members, 17 international association, 123 national library associations,
4 other library associations and
1 personal affiliate – IFLA Secretary General Jennefer Nicholson.

Various topics

MLAS Secretary expressed the best wishes from MLAS SC member Alicia Ocaso who was planning to attend MLAS Standing Committee Meeting during IFLA 2010 in Gothenburg.

MLAS Secretary informed on message she received from MLAS SC member Edita Bacic who was planning to send the abstract of her presentation at MLAS Session at IFLA 2010 in cooperation with Alemka Belan-Simic on the following topics: National strategy for library advocacy in Croatia and “I have the right to know, I have the right to a library campaign”.

Closing statement by Janice Lachance, MLAS Chair

MLAS Chair expressed her gratitude to present MLAS SC members for their attending MLAS meeting in Stellenbosch and expressed her wish to meet MLAS Standing Committee members at IFLA Congress 2010 in Gothenburg.

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