



IFLA Science and Technology Libraries Section  
**Standing Committee Meeting I - August 22, 2009, 2:30-5:00 PM**  
Milano Convention Centre, Milan, Italy.

**Attendees:**

Jill B. Mayer, Chair (USA), Deva E. Reddy, Secretary (USA), Irma Pasanen (Finland), Eva Tolonen (Finland), Marcel Brannemann (Germany), Christine Stotzenbach (France), Janet Webster (USA), James E. Andrews (USA), Maxine Schmidt (USA).  
Josée Saint-Marseille (Canada – she reached the venue by 5 pm, flight delayed).

**Regrets:**

Olga Lavrik (Russia), Raymond P. Schwartz (USA), Ruvini Champa Kodikara (Sri Lanka), B.S. Kademani (India), Billie Joy Reinhart (USA), Anne Powell (UK), Christina Birdie (India), Xiwen Liu (China), Sriyani Ileperuma (Sri Lanka), Ajay Pratap Singh (India), James L. Mullins (USA), Caroline Wiegandt (France - no information)

**Observers:**

Maria Luisa Arenas Franco (Chile), Lisbeth Tangen (Norway)

**1. Welcome and introductions**

Jill Mayer, chair of the committee, welcomed the committee members & observers and conveyed regrets of members unable to attend the meeting.

**2. Election of Section Officers 2009-2011**

**Election of Chair:**

In response to a call for nominations in July 2009 by Jill Mayer, the names of Deva E. Reddy and Janet Webster were received for the office of chair. Biodata of both these candidates was communicated in advance to the SC members. As suggested by Dr. Sjoerd Koopman, Director of professional programs, those who will not be able to attend the meeting at Milan were requested to send their proxy votes by August 13, 2009 to Jill Mayer and Irma Pasanen. Nine proxy votes were received.

At the Standing Committee meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2009, the names of Deva E. Reddy and Janet Webster were put to vote by secret ballot by Irma Pasanen and Jill Mayer. Secret ballot votes together with proxy votes received by the deadline were counted. The result was a **tie between** Deva E. Reddy and Janet Webster as they received **nine** votes each.

Irma Pasanen was advised by IFLA office to conduct a re-election. The SC members present at the meeting casted their votes a **second time** by secret ballot. On counting of votes together with proxy votes, Janet Webster was declared as chair elect.

**Election of Secretary:**

At the SC meeting held on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, the name of James Andrews, the only nomination received in advance for the office of secretary, was put to vote by secret ballot. On counting of votes by Jill Mayer and Irma Pasanen, James Andrews was declared as secretary elect.

**4. Approval of the SC 2008 Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of standing committee held at Quebec City in August 2008, published in section publications (<http://archive.ifla.org/VII/s7/meetings/min08.pdf>) were accepted by the standing committee.

**5. Report on the Coordinating Board Meeting**

Jill Mayer and Deva E. Reddy reported on the Coordinating Board meeting held on August 21, 2009. Jill Mayer summarized the reorganization of Divisions and Sections and mentioned that the Science and Technology Section will be part of Division I - Library Types.

**6. IFLA President Elect's Brain Storming Session**

Jill Mayer asked the members to attend president elect Ellen Tise's brain storming session. Deva E. Reddy volunteered to attend the meeting and report to the committee.

**7. Open Access – IFLA Resolution**

Janet Webster brought to the notice of the members an IFLA resolution on open access to scholarly communication. Several members expressed their views on open access. They include Marcel Brannemann, Lisbeth Tangen, Janet Webster, Maria Luisa Arenas Franco, and Deva E. Reddy

**8. Election of Information Coordinator**

Deva E. Reddy mentioned that the committee has to elect Information Coordinator, as required by the new statutes. Maxine Schmidt said that she will attend the Web editors meeting and decide whether she could serve as Information Coordinator.

## 9. Open Sessions at the Conference

Chair Jill Mayer encouraged the members to attend the open sessions of Science & Technology Libraries, Geography & Map Libraries (being held in association with STL section), and Agricultural Libraries SIG

## 10. Budget Review

Irma Pasenen, the Treasurer of the Section, presented the financial report and showed a prospective balance of 250.88 euros in administrative funds to be transferred to the section treasurer 2009-2011. However, in Irma's email dated October 27, 2009 to Deva E. Reddy she has mentioned that because IFLA has reimbursed the museum guide + bank charges involved, there is a balance of 363 euros to be sent over to the new treasurer account.

Sincerely, Deva E. Reddy Secretary

IFLA Science and Technology Libraries Section  
**Standing Committee Meeting II - August 26, 2009, 8:00-9:30 AM**  
Milano Convention Centre, Milan, Italy

### Attendees:

Jill B. Mayer (USA) Chair, Deva E. Reddy (USA) Secretary, Marcel Brannemann (Germany), Christine Stotzenbach (France), Janet Webster (USA), James E. Andrews (USA), Eva Tolonen (Finland), Maxine Schmid (USA), Josée Saint-Marseille (Canada), Anne Powell (UK)

### Regrets:

Irma Pasenen (Finland), Olga Lavrik (Russia), Raymond P. Schwartz (USA), Ruvini Champa Kodikara (Sri Lanka), B.S. Kademani (India), Billie Joy Reinhart (USA), Christina Birdie (India), Xiwen Liu (China), Sriyani Ileperuma (Sri Lanka), Ajay Pratap Singh (India), James L. Mullins (USA) and Caroline Wiegandt (France-no information)

### Observer:

Anthi Katsirikou (Greece)

### 1. Review of Open Sessions

The committee reviewed the open session held by Science & Technology Libraries Section (<http://www.ifla.org/en/sci-tech-libraries>) on the theme *Open access to science and technology research worldwide: strategies and best practices* and felt the program was a success. The session was attended with over 150 delegates. SC members congratulated James Andrews for ably monitoring the session.

An Open Session was organized by Geography & Map Libraries Section in association with Science and Technology Libraries Section on *Cultural Heritage Preserved: The Role of Digital Map* was very much appreciated. Several members welcomed such cooperation. However, they were of the view that since this joint session was in the morning, Science and Technology section lost its prime time and session was pushed to the fag end of the day. Other wise STL session could have been attended even by more participants.

The session by Agricultural Libraries Special Interest Group (<http://www.ifla.org/en/agricultural-libraries>) on the theme *worldwide trends in open access to agricultural information* was reviewed by the committee. The convener of the group, D.E. Reddy, mentioned that the session was attended by about 100 participants that included the president and secretary of IAALD (International association of Agricultural Information Specialists). Janet Webster suggested that the participants should be given an opportunity to pose questions or clarifications immediately after the presentations rather than waiting till the end of all the papers.

### 2. Study Tour

Jill Mayer informed the group that the Science and Technology Section has scheduled a study tour for the benefit of the members that afternoon (August 26<sup>th</sup>), to the "Museo Nazionale Della Scienza e Della Tecnologia Leonardo da Vinci" in Milan. She encouraged SC members who have given their name earlier to assemble at the Museum at 1:30 PM for a guided tour.

**3. Subjects for conference at 2010** Jill Mayer sought possible topics for STL session to be held in Gothenburg, Sweden in 2010 in the light of IFLA's general theme for the conference "Open access to knowledge - promoting sustainable progress". After a great deal of discussion by Janet Webster, James Andrews, Marcel Brannemann, Jim Andrews, and D.E.Reddy, below mentioned topics emerged for consideration. Janet Webster and Jim Andrews were requested to finalize the topic.

*Impact of science and technology library services on society*  
*Role of libraries in sustainable development*  
*Institutional repositories and open access*

**4. Report on IFLA president's Brain Storming Session** Deva Reddy briefly reported on the brainstorming session of the IFLA President-Elect, Ellen Tise (South Africa), on her presidential theme: Libraries Driving Access to Knowledge (A2K). He said that she identified a number of points such as libraries as critical providers of information creators of new knowledge for development and sustainability of knowledge societies. Pascal Sanz (France) introduced a mind map, which was created by students of Ana Maria Tamaro (University of Parma, Italy). Jesus Lau (Mexico) chaired the whole session with several panelists. Janet Webster mentioned that she too attended the session after the coffee break

#### **5. Corresponding Members**

Deva Reddy suggested that the committee could co-opt some persons to the standing committee as corresponding members from un-represented continents such as Africa and South America. It was agreed to suggest the below mentioned persons as proposed by Janet Webster, Eva Tolonen and Deva Reddy. The committee agreed to send the below mentioned names to IFLA office for necessary action:

1. Ronald Muntasi, Law Library, Zimbabwe Parliament Library, Harare, Zimbabwe
2. Wahid Gdoura, Manouba University, Tunis, Tunisia
3. Anthi Katsirikou, Deputy Librarian, University of Piraeus Library, Piraeus, Greece
4. Maria Luisa Arenas Franco, Director of Library , Catholic University of Chile, Avenida Libertador Bernardo O'Higgins 340 , Santiago, Chile.
5. Kayvan Kousha, Department of Library Science, University of Tehran, Tehran, Iran

#### **6. Pre Conference in 2010**

Anthi Katsirikou (Greece), volunteered to organize a pre-conference meeting in Greece. She said she will correspond with Janet Webster and finalize the program.

#### **7. Information Coordinator**

Maxine Schmidt reported that she attended the Web editors meeting and familiarized herself with the jobs to be performed. She has agreed to be the Information Coordinator.

**8. Papers for IFLA Journal** Jill Mayer mentioned that the Section has to select a paper for possible publication in the *IFLA Journal* and she would send her choice to members for consideration. She asked Deva Reddy to select a paper from Agricultural Libraries SIG for consideration by IFLA office.

#### **9. Other Issues**

Certain members suggested publishing the STL Newsletter immediately after the conference. However, it was agreed to continue publishing at least two issues, one in January and the second in July every calendar year as post-conference and pre-conference issues as was done in 2008 and 2009.

Jill Mayer asked the members to submit proposals for funding of projects, if any, to Janet Webster.

Sincerely,

Deva E. Reddy

Secretary