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IFLA Serials and Other Continuing Resources Section

**2009 IFLA General Conference and Assembly
Milan, Italy**

Minutes of the Standing Committee Meetings

FIRST SESSION, Saturday, August 22nd, 2009, 11:30-14:20

Attendance:

Standing Committee Members:

Helen Adey (Nottingham Trent University, UK)
Eva-Lisa Holm Granath (Linköping University, Sweden), Secretary
Midori Ichiko (Keio University, Yokohama, Japan)
Luisa Maria Landáburu Areta (Biblioteca Nacional de España, Madrid, Spain)
Harry Nkadimeng (National Library of South Africa, Pretoria, South Africa)
Ann Okerson (Yale University, New Haven, USA), Chair
Simonetta Pasqualis dell'Antonio (Università degli Studi di Trieste, Italy)
Stephanie Schmitt (University of Massachusetts Amherst, USA)
Edward Swanson (MINITEX Library Information Network, Univ. of Minnesota, Minneapolis USA)
Marie-Joëlle Tarin (Bibliothèque Universitaire Sorbonne, Paris, France)
Maria del Tura Molas Alberich (Biblioteca de Catalunya, Barcelona, Spain)
Jina Choi Wakimoto (University of Colorado at Boulder, USA)

Corresponding members:

Helen Heinrich (California State University, Northridge, USA)
Francoise Pellé (ISSN International Centre, Paris, France)

Observers:

Zuzanna Wiorogórska (University of Warsaw, Poland)

Regrets:

Affra Alshamsi (Central Medical Library Royal Hospital-Sultanate of Oman, Muscat, Oman)
Philippe Cantié (Bibliothèque Nationale de France, Paris, France)
Anne McKee (Greater Western Library Alliance, Glendale, USA)
Hildegard Schäffler (Bayerische Staatsbibliothek, München, Germany)
Alicia Wise (Publishers Licensing Society, London, UK)

1. Welcome and introductions

Ann Okerson, Chair, welcomed the members and the observer of the Standing Committee meeting. She was pleased to see so many members present. The new members were especially acknowledged. Ann confirmed that Françoise Pellé and Helen Heinrich are corresponding members and reminded that Helen needs to be nominated as SC member in 2010.

2. Apologies for absence

See the attendance list above.

3. Adoption of agenda

The suggested agenda was adopted.

4. Minutes of meetings at 2008 IFLA General Conference and Council

The section minutes were approved. Alain Roucolle's paper was published in "International cataloguing & bibliographic control" instead of "IFLA journal". The Spanish translations (made by Luisa Maria) of our Quebec papers have now been sent to IFLA for posting on IFLAnet. Edward reported that idea of a preconference on government serials and government Web sites seems "dead".

5. Various IFLA information mostly regarding this year's conference

Ann informed the committee about IFLA's new structure. The Standing Committees are from now grouped into 5 divisions instead of 8. SOCRS is placed in Division 2 (Library collections) and Ann is the new Division 2 chair.

Ann made announcements about important meetings and interesting sessions during the conference. Several members expressed concern and critique regarding the "invitation only" workshops that are announced in the conference program. For example the "Digital libraries workshop" became instantly full and many people did not get the chance to participate. Information was also given by Ann regarding the change of venue for next year's conference from Brisbane to Gothenburg. The raising of the conference fee was discussed. Simonetta informed us that if a member cancels their attendance for an emergency, the fee is not refunded, not even with a doctor's certificate. Concern was also expressed regarding the fact that the hotels this year had to be paid 2 months in advance. It used to be enough to pay a deposit in advance.

6. Discussion of (canceled) Bolzano satellite conference 2009

The decision to cancel the Bolzano satellite conference was made late in July due to lack of a sufficient number of registrations. The organizers waited that long in hope of getting more participants. Great thanks to everybody who worked hard to organize the satellite conference! It is most unfortunate that the event had to be cancelled since the program was very strong.

Ann informed that a couple of speakers need to be reimbursed for their non-refundable air fares. At the division meeting yesterday, Ann asked participants if their sections would contribute a little of their administrative money to help SOCRS with this and there was a willingness to consider such a request.

Discussion about what to learn from this:

- There are too many satellite meetings, they are too long and often too far away from the main conference, they accumulate costs both in time away from work and in expenses.
- The marketing needs to be robust and reflect the essence of the topic and the speakers.
- The “on-ground local people” are particularly important in marketing the event and its success.
- The world economy has to be considered.
- It is important to cooperate with other sections and to not be in conflict with other conferences.

7. Section activities for Milan 2009

The SOCRS session “Serials in the 21st century” will be held Wednesday August 26th 13:45-15:45. Eva-Lisa, Helen H and Jina from the planning committee informed how the session is to be held with 5 speakers each getting 15 minutes to summarize their papers. Eva-Lisa will chair the session. At the end there will be time for questions and discussion moderated by Jina. Ann expressed thanks to the committee for their work.

All papers are available in English on IFLAnet as also are French translations by Philippe of 2 of the papers. Spanish translations made by (or revised by) Luisa Maria will soon be available. We thank the translators for their great work!

8. New officers: nominations and elections

Ann gave background about the restructuring of IFLA (see item 5). As Ann has been elected chair for Division 2 she will step down as chair of the standing committee and a new chair has to be appointed. Eva-Lisa’s term as standing committee member has come to an end and she has chosen not to be re-nominated for a second term. Therefore the committee needs a new secretary.

Chair: Helen A was nominated and accepted the nomination. Since there was only one nomination Helen was appointed new chair for 2009-2011.

Secretary: Philippe was nominated and had accepted the nomination via e-mail. Edward volunteered for the post. Jina was nominated but declined the nomination for this period. Since there were 2 candidates, a ballot was held conducted by Eva-Lisa. The ballot was in Philippe’s favour and he was appointed new secretary for 2009-2011.

9. Role of Information Coordinators & Web Editors

Simonetta has been Information officer but she will step down due to personal reasons. We thank Simonetta for her work! Ann volunteered to take over as IC and web editor for 2009-2011. All the section’s public information has been moved from IFLA’s old website to the new IFLAnet. There is a need to move documents from the section’s “working website” at Yale to the new IFLAnet. Other additions and improvements to the website will be made, with the advice of the committee.

SECOND SESSION, Tuesday, August 25th, 13:15-14:45

Attendance:

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10. Plan for Open Program for Gothenburg 2010

After some discussion it was agreed on that the open session for next year will be a version of the theme for the cancelled Bolzano event. The focus would be on maintaining perpetual access rather than on preservation. The focus would also be on **electronic** serials and continuing resources. (Maybe the aspect of maintaining "the last printed copy in a region/country" would be included.) Opinion from this year: it would be good to have an evaluation form to hand out to the audience next year.

Program planning committee: Helen A and Stephanie volunteered and it was suggested that the group should include 2 persons who worked on the Bolzano event (Hildegard, Alicia and Ann were on the program committee).

11. Plan for satellite conference in Sweden 2010

Our section had already received approval for a satellite conference on usage statistics (“Understanding usage; understanding users”) for Australia for next year. Now a new request has to be submitted to IFLA HQ by November 1st. After some discussion it was agreed to plan for a satellite conference in Sweden. The theme would still be usage statistics and cooperation would be sought with the section on statistics and evaluation (Ann has been in discussions with them and will follow up). Additional ideas for the program were: What to do once the data are collected? Analyzing and promotion. How do the students use the resources? (Information literacy issues) Why are they not used more? Why are we paying for resources that are not much used? (Collection development issues).

Program planning committee: Helen A, Helen H and Ann. Ann will also involve Yale’s Electronic Resources Head, Nisa Bakkalbasi.

The issue about finding the right location was discussed. Different tracks: either in Gothenburg (or close by) or in Stockholm or Copenhagen, since those are two principal entry points into Sweden. Eva-Lisa will check with possible libraries who might be interested in arranging the satellite meeting.

The possibilities of getting vendors to sponsor the event was discussed.

12. The work of the section: Public Relations and outreach

A. Discussion about how to raise membership

The institutional membership of the section could be increased as well as the membership of the standing committee. It was noted that the SOCRS standing committee can have up to 20 members so we currently have a number of vacancies for which we could nominate interested people.

Ann and Helen A reported from the Officer’s training session that it is ok to nominate corporate persons to the standing committee, for instance vendors or publishers.

Helen A focused on why “serials people” need IFLA as well as, for instance, UKSG (United Kingdom Serials Group) or NASIG (North American Serials Interest Group). It’s great for the international perspective! Therefore it would be good if the section could host a wide open serials mailing list. In addition to the SOCRS list moderated from Yale University, IFLA also offers the chance to have an IFLA SOCRS discussion list that could be open to anyone who wanted to access the knowledge and resources of the members of the Standing Committee. The SC approved this idea as an additional means of outreach.

ACTION: Ann to follow up with IFLA.

Francoise volunteered to send a message about the section to the ISSN network.

B. Newsletter

Ann hopes to publish an issue of the Newsletter early this fall. This will give a chance for all members to contribute to the work of the section. Everybody was requested to write around 200 words about themselves (preferable with a photo), their work and interests regarding

serials. Everybody was also requested to write about something interesting from their country regarding serials (for example an event, an interesting project, a new standard etc).

Zuzanna (observer from Poland), volunteered to write about her personal impressions of the upcoming open session on Wednesday.

Ann would like the contributions to be sent to her within the next couple of weeks.

C. Publications

Ann reported on our earlier discussions about bundling together the proceedings from the 2 last conferences into a printed publication in the IFLA series. IFLA HQ is highly positive to the idea. The problem is the cost for professional editing, as the section doesn't have any money for that. We discussed the pros and cons of a printed publication versus just having the papers in the online conference proceedings.

13. Conference reviewing & information sharing

The committee is very unhappy about the fact that OCLCs industry symposium for 2 years in a row has clashed with the section's open session. There was discussion about how to avoid that in the future and Ann will feed back our concerns to IFLA and the organizing committee.

Ann reported from the meeting for web editors. So far there aren't different authentication layers for IFLAnet, but there will be in the future. The mailing lists set up by IFLA have no archive yet. For this reason it is helpful to maintain the SOCRS list currently hosted at Yale but there may be issues in allowing Helen A as the incoming Chair to moderate the list. SOCRS will also need to plan for the future when Yale may no longer be represented on the SC. In the light of these uncertainties, it was agreed that SOCRS would explore setting up an IFLA mailing list (see section 12A above). Ann to action.

General views of the conference:

- Critique regarding "invitation only" workshops (see item 5).
- Critique regarding the timing to be in Milan in August, lack of open services regarding health, food, and shopping.
- There could have been signs for direction in the large area around the conference center. Very difficult to find your way around the first days.
- More information about Italy on the conference program agenda would have been good.
- Language difficulties were experienced in some hotels.
- The social evening: the idea about different restaurants was good, but more information about advance booking was needed and also apparently more eating places. A lot of people didn't get the chance to participate in the dinner as restaurants quickly filled up.

14. Strategic plan 2009-2010

Due to the unfortunate circumstance of the theft of Ann's laptop en route to Milan, there was no draft to be discussed. The discussion about the new Strategic plan will held via e-mail during the fall.

15. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned and Ann thanked everybody for their participation.

Helen A thanked the outgoing chair and secretary for their work. They were presented with beautiful gifts from the committee members.

Short informal meeting after our open session, Wednesday, August 26th:

The session was successful and well attended. A lesson to be learned is that it's very important to make sure that the speakers are aware of the requirements regarding sessions with simultaneous interpretation. Paper no .5: "New journal models and publishing perspectives in the evolving digital environment" (Maria Cassella & Licia Calvi) will be forwarded as the section's recommendation for publication in IFLA journal.