

NOIR SIG business meeting

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Lyon, France

The business meeting was chaired by Hella Klauser, convenor of NOIR SIG. There were 25 individuals from 15 countries in attendance.

The main purpose of the meeting was to determine a way forward for NOIR SIG in terms of its focus and activities. The Chair appealed for greater participation from individuals in the on-going work of the SIG, so that all the effort does not fall to just one or two people.

Participants agreed that it is difficult to maintain activities throughout the year between conferences; however there were a few suggestions for some projects to pursue. One idea was to develop an international module to include in the Building Strong Library Associations (BSLA) programme. Another was to do an update of the IFLA publication on twinning.

Participants further agreed that, in future, a NOIR SIG business meeting is sufficient; it is not necessary to propose a full conference programme each year. However, the business meeting should include opportunity for discussions on specific topics, to be defined and distributed in advance. Topics should facilitate both practical issues and strategy. Some suggestions included:

- tools to facilitate international work
- how to communicate remotely with others working in a similar area
- international relations “from home”
- reports on specific programmes or projects being undertaken by associations or institutions

For the 2015 conference in Cape Town, it was agreed to hold a business meeting with discussions on up to three topics:

1. international exchanges/cooperation
2. international projects: overviews of rewards and challenges
3. best/worst practices in international cooperation

Guido Jansen offered to assist with the meeting programme. Amandine Jacquet offered to help update the NOIR SIG pages on the IFLA website.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and for their contributions to the discussion.