**Meeting:** Academic and Research Libraries Section  
**Minutes of Standing Committee 1**  
**Time:** 08.30, August 22, 2009  
**Location:** Milan

### 1. WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS AND "THANK YOU & FAREWELL" TO OUTGOING MEMBERS

**Present:**
- Mike Berrington
- Melody Burton
- Klaus Ceynowa
- Michael Cotta-Schonberg
- Allison Dolland
- Janet Fletcher
- Carol Ann Hughes
- Ane Landoy
- Stephen Marvin
- Andrew McDonald
- Sue McKnight
- Rossana Morriello
- James Neal
- Agneta Olsson
- Jarmo Saarti
- Werner Stephen
- Lisbeth Tangen
- Xiaolin Zhang

### 2. APOLOGIES FOR NON ATTENDANCE:

- Luisa Buson
- Miguel Duarte Barrionuevo
- Zhan Changzhi
- Kari Garnes
- Marie-Dominique Heusse
- Mari-Nelli Ilus
- Gillian McCombs
- Jakobina M. Mwilyaka
- Awilda Reyes
- Kathleen Salomón
- Arnold Verhagen
- J. K. Vijayakumar

### 3. ATTENDANCE OF OBSERVERS

- Helen Adey
- Frederic Blin
- Rozane Denes
- Judy Jong
- Jennifer Joseph
- Hano Kristian Mikkelsen
- Simonetta Pasqualis
- Amadou Anta Samb
Meeting Called to order at 08:30 am on August 22, 2009.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

4.1 The agenda was approved.

5. MINUTES OF STANDING COMMITTEE HELD IN Quebec City, 2008

5.1 The Minutes of the Quebec Standing Committees were adopted as correct.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE

6.a Three essay contest winners were selected representing the areas of Latin America, Africa, Oceania/Pacific regions. One winner from last year was able to attend this year using funds held over from last year for her. One former winner intended to present a paper but was unable to attend due to her Fulbright scholarship beginning in August. Her paper on E books will be presented by another colleague. Essay winners will give an interview to IFLA express later in the week and the Essay competition initiative for selecting sponsored attendees at WLIC is now being taken up and embraced at IFLA HQ level.

6.b Twinning/Partnership funded project update – Stephen Marvin apologized for the fact that the guidelines were regretfully unavailable for discussion at the current Congress. The draft will be ready for review by the next meeting in Sweden. The winner selected from participating in the survey for a free bursary to attend the conference, Cesar Gonzalez of Peru, was unable to attend due to family illness.

6.c Proposed Social Event scheduled to be held before the SCII meeting is now being planned to coincide with the Conference evening program at the Galleria on Tuesday evening.

7. REPORTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

7a Strategic Plan

Section Committee members reported on current activities in their regions and institutions, aligned to objectives in the ARL Strategic Plan:

- Sue McKnight – reported on her activities as Chair of the JISC eBooks Working Group and the JISC eBook Observatory Project. The results will be presented to publishers next month and are intended to inform future business models. Results will also be made available to the International community.
- Stephen Marvin – copyright applications relating to social networking tools and applying redefinitions of plagiarism, and conflicts arising with fair use.
- Mike Berrington – Member of the UK RFID Standards Group working on defining standards for libraries use of RFID technology especially issues around data encoding, interoperability and migration. International standards are about to be published based on the Scandinavian model.
- Xiaolin Zhang – Working on digital preservation agreements for a National digitized archive to ensure access in perpetuity in the event of a disaster. Working on a 5 year plan for local and national government for facilitating national access to systems. It intended to reach every level of libraries from school to national.

| Sue McKnight | to email ARL SC when the report is published |
• Jarmo Saarti – merging three libraries into one. Project was passed by the legislature of Finland.
• Frederic Blin – Economic downturn also affecting libraries in France. He is also writing a chapter for the Handbook of Strategy and European community service.
• Janet Fletcher – Australian government is linking funding for Universities to their research output. Major issues include managing large datasets and the redevelopment of the University Library to create an additional 900 user spaces.
• Agneta Olsson – Coordinating the IFLA Congress for 2010. Proposed classification change from the current Scandinavian scheme to adopting Dewey. Open access publishing and creating a database with strong government support for digitization and as part of a National plan for Sweden. Working with 10 libraries in region on bibliometrics.
• Jim Neal – US libraries are facing big budget reductions, projected as being up to 30-40% over the next 3 years. Economic situation is requiring a rethink on radical collaboration far beyond the usual ILL co-operation. Research libraries have traditionally stood alone but are now looking at radical new moves. ALA budget has been hit and attendance has reduced – ALA is now looking at how to build a new virtual association. Google book settlement will be discussed at IFLA; issues of monopoly, privacy and intellectual freedom. US Research Libraries are refusing to sign non disclosure agreements for publisher deals. NIH requirement for open access publishing is possibly being expanded to include all federally funded research. US is also trying to redefine how the quality of papers should be measured – what defines impact factors etc.
• Allison Dolland – Issues include digitization in 59 states of West Indies, telecommunications and managing 168 databases and a virtual library for access to full text journals and databases. Also looking at forging internation agreements with other libraries.
• Melody Burton – Institutions are now embracing new forms of scholarship – many mandating or highly encouraging open access deposit. Accelerating the move to digital libraries and developing metric for measuring take up, usage and impact on budget. Space constraints, working with students on advocacy and use of space.
• Klaus Ceynowa – working with other large Research Libraries on National Licences – looking at a centralised solution for long term archive solutions. Google is a partner but the issues of the settlement is causing some deep concerns.
• Werner Stephan – new Copyright Law in Germany is expected and there will be further discussion in the German Parliament after the elections in September. May see changes in Open Access and copyright. National committee on academic repositores & how they work together – trying to reach agreement by the end of the year or early next year. Other issues include procedures for handling primary research datasets and the bibliographic description of this data.
• Carol Ann Hughes – Google issues of monopoly control: academics have sent a letter to the US Court expressing their concerns. Facing draconion budget cuts – may be 25% smaller next year. Also looking at next generation technical services, metadata and data sets.
• Ane Landoy – Scholars campus redifining who we are and what we want to do. Also involved in East Africa library development with the University of Southern Sudan, Markala and plans underway with Khartoom. Funding from grant to update training into the 21st
- Lisbeth Tangen – Doing well with keeping up the budget. University increased funding due to currency exchange impact. Wants to keep a competitive edge with other national libraries. New national library system in development with government and universities; Norwegian scientific index for collecting research output; National agreement on copying for students, copyright issues and agreements with authors.
- Andrew McDonald – UK libraries braced for a number of financially difficult year. May well be change in national government but effect of this is unclear; Universities dealing with capped student enrollment numbers and possible increases in fee charges, loss of purchasing power.
- Marie Dominique Heusse – sends her apologies for not being able to attend but wanted to include her activities with new law in France on universities, documentation policies, and national policy on electronic resources.

7b. **FINANCIAL REPORT**
Officers of ARL have not called on any of the administrative funds available. Administrative funds have been used to sponsor attendance at IFLA by essay contest winners.

ARL SC has sought and received a grant for the Twinning/Partnership project.

7c. **NEWSLETTER**
Contribution of articles from committee members will be appreciated. Please send articles of interest to Stephen and/or next Newsletter person. Essay contest winner articles will be included in next edition.

7d. **DISCUSSION EMAIL LIST**
ARL SC members are encouraged to check they sign up to receive email from the Standing Committee as they will not be automatically added to the list. All encouraged to contribute as it is not a very active list but c. 400 individuals are signed up to it.

7e. **SUPPORT FOR COLLEAGUES**
Used by anyone wanting to raise queries with or ask for assistance from members of ARL SC. There have been few queries this year.

8. **ELECTION OF SECTION STANDING COMMITTEE OFFICERS**
Andrew McDonald (Chair/Treasurer) and Awilda Reyes (Secretary) were elected. Note: the Information Coordinator is a new role and this position should be discussed in the next meeting during the 75th WLIC [Mike Berrington was appointed as Web Co-ordinator at the SCII meeting].

8.a. **Officers training sessions** - all Officers should attend.

8.b. **President Elect Brainstorming Meeting** – Chair encouraged as many ARL members as possible to attend and participate.

8.c. **Web editors meeting** – The IFLA website has been redeveloped and rights / permissions for entering SC information onto the Website have been delegated.

8.d. Consideration of co-option of an additional member to the Standing Committee. ARL is allowed 20 members and one vacancy exists. Vicky McDonald from the University of Brisbane was nominated and approved to fill this vacant seat.

9. **IFLA LEADERSHIP FORUM**
IFLA Leadership Forum should be attended by Chairs of SC. ARL chair should
attend Division 1 (Types of Libraries) meeting Sunday 23rd August, 12.15 – 13.30.

### 10. OVERVIEW FROM GOVERNING BOARD AND PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEE

- Over 3200 paid delegates are attending the conference, 340 are Italian librarians. There were fewer problems with visas this year. [Overall 4000 attendees including exhibitors].
- Headsets will be issued in exchange for badges.
- The Division would like to receive a report from the satellite meeting held in Turin.
- The change in location of the 2010 IFLA from Australia was explained and Gothenburg Sweden was selected due to its early preparation to become a potential host of the 2012 WLIC.
- ARL will need to recommend a paper from the conference for publication in the IFLA journal.

The new Divisions are:
- Division 1: Library Types
- Division 2: Library Collections
- Division 3: Library Services
- Division 4: Support for Profession
- Division 5: Regions

**Andrew to action.**

### 11 ORGANIZATION OF EVALUATION OF SC ACTIVITIES FOR MILAN

- Session 80, Sunday 23rd August 13.45 – 15.45 Hot topics in academic and research libraries: Sue, Jarmo, Jim, Janine Schmitt and Rosanna Moriello are all giving 5 minute introductions to the hot topics. All SC members are asked to sit at a different table and facilitate discussion. They will then be asked to make a summary of discussions for feedback and possible entry into the newsletter. Evaluation forms will also need to be collected and analysed for feeding into future programme planning.

- Session 93, Monday 24th August 09.30-12.45 – Libraries of the future: where will we stand 10 years from now? Ann and Mike to be responsible for collecting evaluation forms.

- Session 104 Libraries & mass digitization: Intellectual property challenges: Carol and Janet to be responsible for collecting evaluation forms.

**ALL SC**

**Mike and Ann**

**Carol & Janet**

### ADJOURNMENT

2nd ARL SC will be held 13.15-14.45 on Thursday 27th August in Turquoise 1. Sue McKnight was thanked for her years of service to the ARL SC and Werner Stephen proposed that Sue should be elected as an Honorary Member of the ARL SC.

The meeting was adjourned at 11.20am August 22, 2009.
### Action

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Meeting Called to order at 13.15 pm on August 27th, 2009.

## 12. STRATEGIC PLAN OF THE ARL SECTION

Andrew MacDonald as incoming Chair proposed a limited update of the ARL Strategic Plan because the new IFLA strategic plan is expected soon which will prompt a major revision to the ARL plan. Plans for the Gothenburg programme can be added as actions to the updated plan.

**Andrew M to update**

## 13. ORGANIZATION AND WORKING ROUTINES OF SC MEMBERS

### 13a. Responsibilities for implementation of the Strategic Plan

Nothing to report.

### 13b. Section Newsletter

Following discussion it was agreed that the role of web editor would be split from the role of Secretary (Awilda Reyes). Awilda, as Secretary will continue to organize the SC newsletter and Mike Berrington will provide web support.

### 13c. Email List – nothing to add following discussion at SCI.

### 13d. Liaison responsibilities with other IFLA units and programmes

- Werner - Management and Marketing (continuing)
- Jim - CLM (continuing)
- Ane Landoy – Information Literacy
- Jarmo - Statistics
- Lisbeth - Science and Technology
- Luisa - Rare books and manuscripts
- Xiaolin Zhang – Information Technology
- Alison – Latin American Region
- Andrew McDonald - Buildings and Equipment

## 14. PLANNING FOR GOTHENBURG

### 14a. Programme Plans for ARL Standing Committee

What joint or single programs to be organised?

Joint/single programs- ARL is given a guaranteed 2 hour slot. It was noted that the section can bid for additional slots, which can be organized jointly with other sections. This year ARL had 4 slots in total.
14b Proposals for Gothenburg: after discussion and consultation with the Management and Marketing section, it was agreed that ARL, in collaboration with Management and Marketing, will seek an additional session that will complement the Hot Topic session. The provisional title is “Reconstructing Library Services in challenging times“ and the session will have 4 speakers.

This will be followed by a 2 hour session for hot topics discussion on the 4 presentations.

Possible Hot topics include:
- Strategic Rightsizing,
- Radical collaboration
- Entrepreneurial strategies
- Research transfer

At the appropriate time Andrew, for ARL, and the Chair of Management & Marketing will need to apply for an additional session during the conference.

Once the session is approved, the call for speakers / papers will be selective rather than an open call and speakers should be actively forward thinking with experience of implementing such initiatives. Presentations will need to be kept very topical and grounded.

14b Satellite meeting with Reference and Information Services Section: Next Generation Users – Next Generation Libraries: Educating Next Generation Librarians:

To be held on 7th-8th August 2010 in Aalborg, Denmark (approx 1 hour from Gothenburg). Each joining section including ARL section will have one 3 hour slot in the program to fill. ARL will have full responsibility for its slot, including organizing call for presentations. Agreed that Jarmo, Lisbeth and Janet (remotely, as may not be able to be present in Gothenburg) will plan / organise on behalf of ARL.

14c. Possible topics for the 2011 WLIC

A brief discussion followed. Ideas include:
- Cloud computing & its implications / consequences for local brand & IT standards, services and collections
- Repositories for primary research data
- Non –textual documents - how should libraries deal with these; what would be the impact on traditional systems and standards e.g. metadata for 3D documents.

15. EVALUATION OF THE MILAN MEETING

15a General evaluation feedback

Steven has collated evaluations - Overall they are very positive with a 25% completion rate and many suggestions for future sessions. Over 1000 delegates attended ARL organized/co organized events.

- Hot topics session – some adverse comments about logistics with the set up of the room, but overall feedback was excellent.
- Management and Marketing joint meeting - 400+ attended expectations met and some presentations graded as excellent.
- Copyright session – 625 attendees, considered to be of a very high quality, expectations met and well received.
- Digital lib futures (off site, by invitation only) – good feedback, particularly with regard to the morning session (focus on users.)

General comments about conference -
- Excellent cultural events – organizing committee should be congratulated
- Tuesday evening meal was excellent
- No free wifi (later rectified)
- Logistics generally poor
- Poor catering in venue – too few places to get something to eat & drink, no water coolers
- Lack of places to meet-up, sit down and network

### 15b Articles for the Section newsletter
SC would like new members in particular to write something for the section newsletter about their impressions of the conference.
Action: Melody Burton/Luisa Buson/Mike Berrington to write articles.

### 15c Selection of “best paper” for IFLA Journal
ARL would have liked to propose Klaus Ceynova’s presentation on Libraries of the future but unfortunately Klaus explained that it was only a presentation and therefore not the basis for a paper. Slides of the presentation will be made available on IFLA Website and Werner will follow up on the other presentations with the Management & Marketing Section.
ARL Chair will advise IFLA that ARL will not be nominating a paper for the reasons above.

### 16. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS
There was no additional business.

### 17. ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 2.41 pm on August 27th, 2009.