



**Minutes of Second Standing Committee Meeting of
Government Libraries Section, IFLA
27th August 2019, Athens, Greece**

Present: Anoja Fernando – Chair (UK), Pavel Kiselev – Secretary (Russia), Neil Murray (EU – Member, Incoming Chair), Jonathan Ginn (UK – Joint Information Coordinator), Sanjay Bihani (India – Past Chair, Incoming Governing Board member), Dr. Satendra Singh Dhaka (India – Member), Winny Nekesa Akullo (Uganda – Member), Beacher Wiggins (USA – Corresponding member), Vincenzia Iossa (Italy – Member).

Guests Present: Aspasia Papakonstantinou (Greece – Observer), Dr. Sunil Gorla (India – Observer, speaker at GLS session), Mary Moulton (USA – Observer), Stephen Kimani, Fabio Pappalardo (EU – Observer, speaker at GLS session), Nigel Browne (Netherlands – speaker at GLS session)

Welcome: Chair Anoja Fernando welcomed the Standing Committee members and guests to the meeting, announced apologies from members unable to attend and everyone introduced themselves.

Agenda: The remaining agenda items were accepted and the meeting commenced.

11. Anoja announced the conference in London in late 2019 and invited all present to attend. Mid-term conference 5th – 6th December Westminster conference organised jointly by the IFLA Government Libraries and Libraries and Research Services for Parliament Section. Theme: Informed Parliaments, Engaged citizens, Effective Government.

12. Discussion and Finalization of GL Section Programme for IFLA 2020 in Dublin, Ireland.

August 2020, Dublin, Ireland

Congress theme: Inspire, Engage, Enable, Connect

With everyone contributing, the theme of the GLS session was discussed as “Evidence-based Policy” linking with Congress theme of “Inspire, Engage, Enable, Connect” e.g. connecting people with facts. ‘Evidence based Government’ or ‘Evidence based policy making: Connecting people with facts” were discussed as a possible topic.

13. Planning / Discussion on programmes with other sections, if any: Following on from item 12 above, Neil Murray will take this forward with his incoming Secretary and Information Coordinator.

14. Feedback of GL Section Athens, Greece programme. As this year the GLS Session is later than SCII it was agreed to discuss success/lessons learnt next year.

15. Any other issue with the permission of the new Chair: Anoja thanked all speakers who were present at the meeting for their commitment to speak and for attending WLIC for this purpose. She acknowledged some speakers had funded their speaking engagement at their own expense and thanked everyone and particularly two speakers from India for presenting, even though they weren't successful in their funding applications.

16. Rome Satellite meeting: Neil & Cinzia gave an overview of the meeting which was also attached to the agenda. Several people were attending this meeting and most were leaving on the night flights of 28th August. Anoja thanked Cinzia and Neil for their efforts to organize the Rome Satellite Meeting. (please see Meeting Agenda attached)

17. Closure of meeting: Anoja thanked Pavel, Guillermo & Jonathan and everyone in the Standing Committee and Corresponding Members for all their support and faith in her during her four years as Chair of the GLS Committee. It had been an excellent period of success with three successful Satellite meetings, at the Bundestag, Berlin (2017), Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Malaysia (2018) and Biblioteca Chigiana & Ministry of Education, Rome (2019) to launch and complete the GLS Guidelines on Advocacy project. Most of all Anoja said she enjoyed working with people from different parts of the globe and had learnt from all their contributions. Anoja congratulated and wished Neil Murray every success as Chair of Government Libraries Section.

Pavel Kiselev

23rd October 2019

GLS Satellite Meeting 2019: Guidelines on Advocacy for Government Libraries

Part 2 - Country Case Studies

Rome 30 – 31 August 2019

Venue: Biblioteca Luigi De Gregori, Ministero dell'Istruzione (MIUR) / Ministry of Education, Viale Trastevere 76/a, 00153 Rome.

<https://miur.gov.it/sedi-e-contatti>

Participants attending WLIC in Athens travel to Rome on the evening of Thursday 29 August or early morning of Friday 30 August

Programme

Friday 30 August

0900-1130 Palazzo Chigi, Biblioteca Chigiana, Piazza Colonna 370	Visit to the Chigiana Library (participants must bring passport/ID)
1100-1130 Travel to MIUR	Transfer by tram to Palazzo dell'Istruzione, Luigi De Gregori Library, Viale Trastevere 76a
1230-1330 MIUR	Light lunch in the Ministry canteen
1330-1730 MIUR	Satellite Meeting to discuss Country Case Studies:- 1. Presentation of the Guidelines for Government Libraries - Anoja Fernando 2. Roundtable to discuss case studies presented: a) Ministry of Justice Library - Isabella de Cesare b) Pacioli Library (Ministry of Economy) - Paola Maddaluno c) Luigi De Gregori Library, Ministry of Education - Vincenza Iossa 3. Final conclusions
1930 Palazzo Cardinal Cesi	<i>Optional dinner with the Section for Library Theory at participants' own expense or alternative own arrangements</i>

Saturday 31 August

1100-1300	Guided tour around Trastevere with English-speaking guide - visit to the Galleria Corsini and the Basilica - Free of charge
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