



**Minutes of the General Assembly Meeting 2010  
held on Saturday, 14 August and Sunday, 15 August 2010, in  
Hall B of the Swedish Exhibition and Congress Centre,  
Gothenburg, Sweden**

Saturday 14 August 2010, 16.15 – 18.00

1. Opening by the President, Ellen Tise

The President of IFLA, Ellen Tise, opened the Assembly meeting on Saturday, 14 August 2010 at 16.15, welcomed the delegates and thanked them all for their attendance at the congress. She introduced Ms Wilma Mossink, Netherlands, who had been appointed to act as Parliamentarian for this meeting, to advise the President and office bearers on correct parliamentary procedures, should this be necessary. She mentioned that IFLA HQ had received an apology from Alex Byrne.

2. Appointment of Tellers

At the request of the President the Secretary General proposed the following persons to serve as tellers for the General Assembly meeting:

Victoria Okojie (Nigeria)  
Ivanka Stricevic (Croatia)  
Michael Dowling (USA)  
Jan Bos (Netherlands)  
Mijin Kim (Canada)  
Kerry Smith (Australia)

She proposed that Michael Dowling be designated as head teller. The meeting **approved** the appointment of the tellers.

3. Establishment of a Quorum

The President announced that at the beginning of the meeting there were 128 National and International Association Members in good standing (had paid their fees for 2010 and were not in arrears). A quorum of 65 Association Members was therefore needed. The Tellers counted 67 such members. A **quorum** was therefore **established**. The President announced that the meeting would proceed as provided for in Statute 11.2.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was **adopted** by the meeting. It is attached as Annex 1.

5. Minutes of the previous meeting, held in Milan, 26 and 27 August 2009  
The minutes were **adopted**.

6. In memoriam of those members who have died during the past year

The President read the name of a colleague who had passed away since the Milan Congress and of whose death IFLA had been informed:

Robin Fortelius, Finland, who died December 2009, was Chair of the Finnish-Swedish Library Association and has been Standing Committee member of IFLA Information Technology Section (2005-2009).

She asked members to stand to observe a moment of silence in remembrance of these colleagues and any other colleagues who had died during the past year.

7. Presentation of the Report of the President

President Ellen Tise reported on the achievements of IFLA during the past year, acknowledging the contributions of Governing Board (GB) members, officers, members and staff.

An important accomplishment was the new Strategic Plan 2010-2015 – it is available at <http://www.ifla.org/en/strategic-plan>

There have been reports throughout the year in the form of the Presidential Letter <http://www.ifla.org/en/president/lop> as well as the Letter from the President in *IFLA Journal* 35 (2009) and 36 (2010).

8. Presentation of the Report of the Secretary General

Secretary General Jennefer Nicholson presented a report on IFLA's operational matters in the period since the last General Assembly meeting (Milan, August 2009) and major activities for 2010.

9. Presentation of the Annual Accounts by the Treasurer

Barbara Schleihagen, IFLA Treasurer, presented IFLA's Annual Financial Report for 2009. Consolidated figures were printed in the IFLA Monitor which was distributed to all delegates in their conference bags.

In summary the Treasurer was pleased to announce that IFLA's Auditor had issued an unqualified Management Letter for 2009. She reported that the financial results for 2009 showed a surplus of EUR 83.505 and described IFLA's financial situation as "stable".

The Annual Accounts for 2009 were accepted as presented.

10. Motions and Resolutions

10.1 Motion to approve the holding of the next General Assembly in August 2011 (Art 8.2 of the Statutes refers)

The Rationale was explained by the Secretary General and presented on behalf of the Governing Board the motion:

“That the General Assembly authorizes the Governing Board to convene the General Assembly to coincide with the next IFLA World Library and Information Congress which shall take place in August 2011. In the case of an unavoidable delay the General Assembly may be convened at a later date, but no later than 30 November 2011.”

The motion was resolved unanimously in the affirmative.

## 10.2 Membership fees 2011-2013

The Secretary General explained the Rationale: Every three years Council (now General Assembly) had been called upon to approve the membership fees. In 2006 Council approved the motion to give power to the Governing Board to increase the IFLA membership fees in all categories by the percentage of the official retail price inflation, as recorded by the Netherlands Government, since the time of the last increase. This came into effect in 2007 for the fees of 2008, 2009, and 2010. In the same motion it was also stated that the Council would also maintain its right to continue to approve the IFLA membership rates for all categories at intervals of no less than three years.

Since 2008 the annual increase percentage for membership fees is calculated referring to the average consumer price index percentage (retail price inflation) in the Netherlands in the period July-June. The new rates for the following year were then adjusted with this percentage and approved by the Governing Board at its meeting in August/December. In 2009 and 2010 the World Economic Downturn has had its effects on average consumer price index percentages. To ensure financial sustainability for IFLA it is proposed to build in a minimum level for the increase percentage between 1-2%, in case the average consumer price index percentage is below 1%.

On behalf of the Governing Board the following motion was presented:

“That the General Assembly continues to empower the Governing Board to increase the membership fees in all categories by the percentage of the official retail price inflation, as recorded by the Netherlands governing, since the time of the last increase.

In a year when the average retail price increase is below 1.0 % the Governing Board may increase the membership fees in all categories up to 2.0 % in order to ensure financial sustainability.

The General Assembly will continue to approve the IFLA membership rates for all categories at intervals of no more than three years.”

An amendment to the motion was proposed by Roberta Stevens, President of the American Library Association and seconded by Bidy Fisher, President of CILIP: *For the membership year 2011 the membership fees in all categories be increased by 2.0% in order to ensure financial sustainability.* The amendment was carried 625 in favour, 351 against and 57 abstentions.

The motion as amended was then put and carried in the affirmative:

“That the General Assembly continues to empower the Governing Board to increase the membership fees in all categories by the percentage of the official retail price inflation, as recorded by the Netherlands governing, since the time of the last increase.

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### Professional Resolutions

The President reported that two Professional Resolutions were received by the resolution deadline of 12 noon on Friday, 13 August 2010. These two resolutions were considered by members of the Governing Board’s Executive Committee, which included the Chair of the Professional Committee. The President advised that though Professional Resolutions are considered by the Professional Committee and not the General Assembly it is her intention to advise the Assembly that these Resolutions had been received. For the benefit of Members, the two Professional resolutions were published in today’s IFLA Express.

#### *Professional Resolution 1*

- *that IFLA signs the Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities;*
- *that the Governing Board produces a White Paper on Open Access that clarifies IFLA’s position and strategy for action concerning Open Access and other areas of information;*
- *that the President’s Working group for Open Access should be commissioned to prepare this White paper;*
- *the White paper will among other matters elaborate on recommendations that have been compiled by the organizers of the IFLA Satellite Meeting on Open Access and the Changing Role of Libraries that was held on 9 August in Gothenburg.*

The President responded that:

- *IFLA not signing the Berlin Declaration is an oversight as signing the document would be within IFLA’s policies and intentions. This will be discussed at the Governing Board meeting on Monday 16 August.*
- *For points 2, 3 and 4 – on 9 August the Professional Committee established a working party to investigate the situation of all IFLA publishing in regard to open access in consultation with the CLM committee regarding IFLA copyright policy, and to report to Governing Board at its December 2010*

*meeting. The Chair of the Professional Committee will now broaden this to include this resolution and the participation of the President's working group, and asks that the President's Working group provide further information on their discussions on 9 August so this may be fully considered.*

*Professional resolution 2: that IFLA examines carefully all requests for stands in the professional exhibition, and rejects any request from organizations whose values are contrary to those defended by libraries.*

The President responded that the Professional Committee will be asked to consult with the Free Access to Information and Freedom of Expression [FAIFE] committee to develop principles for IFLA on how our FAIFE-related policies apply to our Congress, and report to the Governing Board.

#### 11. Address by the President

President Ellen Tise addressed the General Assembly by a further presentation of her Presidential Theme *Libraries Driving Access to Knowledge (A2K)* – it is available at <http://www.ifla.org/en/president/theme>

Following her address, the President put the motion to the General Assembly that it adjourns to meet at 16.15, Sunday, 15 August 2010. This motion was carried unanimously.

#### **Continuation on Sunday, 15 August 2010, 16.15-17.30**

#### 12. Closing Session

##### **Presentation of Awards**

##### **Honorary Fellow**

Honorary Fellow is IFLA's highest award, and is awarded on the basis of outstanding achievements within service to IFLA; and service that has brought distinction to IFLA in the international arena. The President invited Claudia Lux to the stage in order to present her this award in recognition of her outstanding achievements within IFLA over the last twenty years, and the distinction she had brought to IFLA in the international arena.

##### **IFLA Medal**

The IFLA Medal is awarded to a person or organisation that has made a distinguished contribution to IFLA or to international librarianship.

The President presented the following medals:

To Ms Jacqueline Gillet representing the director of INIST:

“To INIST, France, for its significant contribution to IFLA as the worldwide host for the IFLA website from 2002 to 2009. “

To Elizabet Ramos de Carvalho

“for your significant contribution to IFLA as the Regional Manager and in promoting the Latin America and Caribbean region. “

### **IFLA Scrolls**

The President presented to Agneta Olsson, chair of the National Committee the scroll

“in grateful recognition to the National Committee of the IFLA World Library and Information Congress 76<sup>th</sup> IFLA General Conference and Assembly”

### **Other awards**

Patrice Landry, Chair of the Professional Committee, announced the runner-up ‘best improved newsletter’ is the Newsletter of the *Knowledge Management Section*, the runner-up ‘continuous improvement’ is the *Africa section* newsletter. The winner of the Newsletter of the Year Award for the year 2010 is *Library services to multicultural populations newsletter*.

Furthermore he announced the best Poster Session of the Year Award 2010 to *Système Africain de Documentation et d’Information sur l’Eau (SADIEau)*, presented by Kabou Kambou-Kadio from Burkina Faso. Runners up were 1, Laptop Referral Service for Senior Citizens and 2. Improving Access to Health Information: The Emerging Role of Medical Librarians.

### **Invitation to the IFLA World Library and Information Congress 2011, San Juan, Puerto Rico**

The President invited Luisa Vigo-Cepeda, Chair of the National Committee, to address the delegates.

Luisa Vigo-Cepeda invited all those present to come to Puerto Rico next year, to attend the IFLA World Library and Information Congress 13-18 August 2010 in San Juan. Following she showed a promotional film about the island. Her invitation is now available at <http://conference.ifla.org/ifla77/official-invitation>

### **Vote of thanks**

The President asked Ingrid Parent, President-elect, to present the vote of thanks to all those who had offered their collaboration and worked hard to make this Congress a success.

The President invited Agneta Olsson to present her words of thanks.

### **Close of the Assembly**

President Ellen Tise closed the General Assembly meeting at 17.30 hrs.

Gothenburg, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010

**Draft resolution for the IFLA General Assembly, Saturday August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**Topic:**

IFLA's position on and future activities related to the promotion of Open Access to Scholarly Literature.

**Background:**

We highly welcome that IFLA's president so strongly has placed Open Access on top of IFLA's agenda.

In line with this and as a follow-up to the statement on 'Open access to Scholarly Literature and Research documentation' taken by the Governing Board in 2004, we ask that IFLA in its relevant activities and communications take an explicit and clear stand on the Open Access issues and that it develops a strategy for action. As an organization of library groups and librarians, we now wish to point IFLA even more energetically to a desired endstate of widest possible information access for all: where possible, in collaboration with other partners in the academic, public, publishing, and other communities.

Libraries and librarians are among the most important drivers in the global movement for Open Access. Open, unrestricted and immediate access to information is a fundamental requirement for the development of societies, for participatory governments and for the improvement of global health and human well-being. Such access also enables libraries and librarians to become maximally effective in supporting these societal needs.

The current predominant model – for example, of high-priced subscriptions to academic journals – is not sustainable and is not optimal for societal benefits in an age of new technology and communications.

For example, about 300 universities, research centers, research funders, academic and library associations have signed the Berlin Declaration on Open Access and bodies of research and higher education as well as political bodies all over the world have publicly endorsed the principle of Open access to publicly funded research.

The following recommendations have been compiled by the organizers of the IFLA Satellite Meeting on Open Access and the Changing Role of Libraries that was held on August 9 in Gothenburg:

- IFLA should reduce the definitional confusion by explicitly referring to Open Access according to the definition in the Berlin Declaration. and in relations and discussions with organizations such as UN, UNESCO, WHO, WIPO - etc. take an explicit position, affirming that Open Access

is required in order for libraries to fulfill their role, for societies to develop, for the improvement of global health and human well-being.

- IFLA should work with key organizations that explicitly focus on Open Access and partner with or support initiatives, and community funded services that are in line with Open Access, prepare a joint statement with OASPA (Open Access Scholarly Publishers Association) and support all efforts to develop sustainable business models for Open Access publishing.

- IFLA should encourage its member associations and institutions to build capacity and to engage in activities that promote Open Access, engage its relevant sections, committees etc. in making the Open Access issue strongly visible in their activities and make official IFLA publications available in an Open Access mode.

**Text of resolution:**

The General Assembly

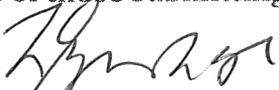
- calls upon IFLA to sign the Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities

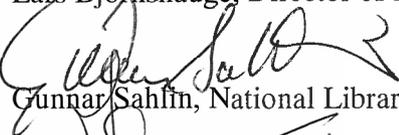
- calls upon the Governing Board to request a White Paper on Open Access that clarifies IFLA:s position and strategy for action concerning Open Access and other areas of information.

- The Presidents Working Group for Open Access should be commissioned to prepare this White paper.

- The White Paper will among other matters elaborate on recommendations that have been compiled by the organizers of the IFLA Satellite Meeting on Open Access and the Changing Role of Libraries that was held on August 9 in Gothenburg.

**Names of those submitting the resolution**

  
Lars Björnshauge, Director of Libraries, Lund University, Sweden

  
Gunnar Sahlén, National Librarian, National Library of Sweden

  
Bas Savenije, Director General, National library of the Netherlands

## Professional resolution 2

### 1. Topic

Professional exhibition

### 2. Background

The signatory regrets the presence on the professional exhibition of a stand by "New era publications international APS". This organisation promotes books by Ron Hubbard and the Church of scientology.

The Church of scientology is considered by several European countries as a sectarian organization. It promotes values contrary to those defended by libraries whose missions are to develop the autonomy of judgement of citizens.

### 3. Text of resolution

The signatories ask that IFLA examines carefully all requests for stands in the professional exhibition, and rejects any request from organizations whose values are contrary to those defended by libraries.

### 4. Name of those submitting the resolution

Raymond BERARD  
Member organization: ABES. FR -1022

Emilie BARTHET

Date: 13 August 2010.11 am

**CONVENING NOTICE FOR THE IFLA 2010 GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
14 & 15 August 2010, Gothenburg, Sweden**

To: Voting Members of IFLA

***Copies for information to:***

Governing Board members  
Directors of Core Activities  
Regional Managers

Institutional & Individual Affiliates  
Corporate Partners  
Bodies with Consultative Status

Date: June 2010

The Governing Board of IFLA has pleasure in submitting this Convening Notice for the General Assembly meeting of the Federation.

***Please forward this document, including your IFLA Voting Form, to your voting delegate who will attend the IFLA General Assembly to be held on Saturday, 14 August and Sunday, 15 August 2010, in Hall B of the Swedish Exhibition and Congress Centre, Mässons Gata 29, Gothenburg, Sweden.***

**AGENDA**

Saturday 14 August 2010, 16.15 – 18.00

1. Opening by the President, Ellen Tise
13. Appointment of Tellers
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15. Adoption of the Agenda
16. Minutes of the previous meeting, held in Milan, 26 and 27 August 2009
17. In memoriam of those members who have died during the past year
18. Presentation of the Report of the President
19. Presentation of the Report of the Secretary General
20. Presentation of the Annual Accounts by the Treasurer
21. Motions and Resolutions
  - 21.1 Motion to approve the holding of the next General Assembly in August 2011 (Art 8.2 of the Statutes refers)
  - 21.2 Membership fees 2011-2013
22. Address by the President  
Following her address, the President will put the motion to the General Assembly that it adjourns to meet at 16.15, Sunday, 15 August 2010.

Sunday, 15 August 2010, 16.15-17.30

23. Closing Session

- Presentation of Awards
- Invitation to WLIC 2011 in San Juan, Puerto Rico
- Vote of thanks
- Close of the Assembly

Jennefer Nicholson  
Secretary General

NOTES

1. Voting delegates should take their seats in the designated area in the front of the hall.
2. Voting may take place during General Assembly on any motions and resolutions submitted in accordance with the Statutes.
3. **National and International Association Members:** The attendance at General Assembly of a simple majority of eligible National or International Association members will constitute a *quorum*. If you are representing a National or International Association Member, you will receive, upon presenting your voting form, an envelope with a white slip together with the voting instructions and coloured voting slips (see also point 4). At the General Assembly meeting delegates representing National and International Association members directly or by proxy will be asked to produce their white slips to be counted by the tellers. Quorum will be reached if the number of National and International Association members present or represented by proxy is 50% +1 of the total number of National and International Association members who have paid their fees for the current year. It is therefore especially important for representatives of National and International Association members to obtain their voting slips from the IFLA Voting Office located in the Secretariat office in **Room 24/25 of the Swedish Exhibition and Congress Centre, Gothenburg**.
4. **Voting Slips**

To be able to vote, voting delegates must obtain the necessary voting slips at the IFLA Voting Office located in the Secretariat office in **Room 24/25, open from Monday, 9 August 2010, 09.00 until Saturday, 14 August 2010, 15.00**. Voting slips will be distributed only to those delegates who are in possession of the IFLA Voting Form 2010, duly signed by the appropriate authority.

The IFLA Voting Form has been sent to those whose membership fees for 2010 have been paid.

Please collect your voting slips as early as possible. **Please do not leave it until the last minute!**

**FOR PROXY HOLDERS:** Proxy holders should not forget to call at the Voting Office during the period set out above. Upon submission of the voting form(s) 2010 (see also point 3) they will receive, in addition to their own, the voting slips of the member they represent by proxy.

5. If you have **not paid your 2010 membership fees** at the time of distribution of this convening notice, your voting form will be sent to you upon receipt of payment. If your payment is received after 12 July 2010, please confirm your payment at the Voting Office in Gothenburg so that you will be able to vote at General Assembly.
6. **Representation**  
Each Member is entitled to be represented at any General Assembly by one or more representatives. One such person shall be designated by the Member to exercise the right to vote. Honorary Fellows are entitled to be present and have the right to vote.  
Each Member may nominate another Member to exercise proxy votes on the Member's behalf at a General Assembly. Such Member must notify the Secretary General of the appointment of a proxy holder no later than 48 hours prior to the start of the meeting and on the designated form.
7. **Resolutions of an exceptional and urgent character** proposed after the deadline specified in Article 9.5 of the Statutes, that is at least three months before the date of the meeting, must be submitted to the IFLA Secretariat office by the **deadline of 12.00 on Friday, 13 August 2010**.

In very exceptional circumstances, the President may accept a resolution from the floor of the General Assembly with the consent of the majority of the Members present or represented. It must, at the same time, be handed over in writing to the Chair.

All resolutions must be proposed and seconded by authorised representatives of Members whose names and affiliations must be included and must clearly express the action recommended to be taken by the Federation.

All resolutions must be brief, clear in intent and legible. Brief additional background or explanation may be attached if necessary. The Executive Committee may seek clarification or rephrasing to ensure that the meaning and intent of a proposed resolution are clear and may nominate a delegate or delegates to assist the proposer to revise a proposed resolution in order to conform with these Rules.

Professional resolutions may be drafted in sessions and meetings held during the World Library and Information Congress. Such resolutions shall not be tabled in the General Assembly, but shall be submitted to the Professional Committee.

The Governing Board shall take appropriate action on resolutions passed by the General Assembly.

- Encl. (to Members having paid their 2010 dues only)
- Voting Form 2010
  - Proxy Form

Agenda item 10

- 10.1 Motion to approve the holding of the next General Assembly in August 2011 (Art. 8 of the Statutes refers)

Motion

to authorize the Governing Board to convene the General Assembly to coincide with the next IFLA World Library and Information Congress which shall take place in August 2011. In the case of an unavoidable delay the General Assembly may be convened at a later date, but no later than 30 November 2011.

MOTIVATION:

The legislation of the Netherlands, as stated in the Dutch Civil Code, Part 2, Sections 48 and 49, requires that the Governing Board must submit an annual report and annual financial statements to the General Assembly within six months of the end of the financial year, unless the General Assembly has extended this period. The period may be extended on account of special circumstances for no more than five months. This is reflected in Article 8.2 of the amended Statutes.

IFLA's financial year ends on 31 December, and its General Assembly (formerly Council) meets during the Congress, normally in August, more than six months later. The General Assembly must therefore authorize the Governing Board to present the annual report and financial statements at the next Congress. IFLA's lawyers advise that this authorization has to be given every year. A blanket authorization is not permissible.

## 10.2 Membership fees 2011-2013

### **Motion on Annual Membership Fee Increase**

**A proposal from the Governing Board for member fees for 2011-2013 will be considered under the General Assembly Agenda point 10.2**

#### **Background**

Every three years Council (now General Assembly) had been called upon to approve the membership fees. In 2006, Council approved the motion to give power to the Governing Board to increase the IFLA membership fees in all categories by the percentage of the official retail price inflation, as recorded by the Netherlands government, since the time of the last increase. This came into effect in 2007 for the fees of 2008, 2009 and 2010. In the same motion it was also stated that the Council would also maintain its right to continue to approve the IFLA membership rates for all categories at intervals of no less than three years.

This means that the General Assembly this year again has to approve this motion, for the years 2011, 2012, 2013; with a new approval moment at the General Assembly meeting in 2014.

Since 2008 the annual increase percentage for membership fees is calculated on the average consumer price index percentage (retail price inflation) in the Netherlands in the period July – June. The new rates for the following year were then adjusted with this percentage and approved by Governing Board at its August or December meeting. In 2009 and 2010 the World Economic Downturn has had its effects on average consumer price index percentage. To ensure financial sustainability for IFLA it is proposed to build in a minimum level for the increase percentage between 1 – 2 %, in case the average consumer price index percentage is below 1 %.

#### **Motion**

As a follow up of the Resolution on the establishment of the annual Membership fees from 2007 the Governing Board calls upon the General Assembly to vote on the following motion:

**“ The Governing Board proposes that the General Assembly continues to empower the Governing Board to increase the membership fees in all categories by the percentage of the official retail price inflation, as recorded by the Netherlands government, since the time of the last increase.**

**In a year when the average retail price increase is below 1.0 % the Governing Board may increase the membership fees in all categories up to 2.0 % in order to ensure financial sustainability.**

**The General Assembly will continue to approve the IFLA membership rates for all categories at intervals of no more than three years.”**