# IFLA Library Services to Multicultural Populations Standing Committee

**Date:** Saturday, August 13, 2016  
**Time:** 15:15-17:45  
**Venue/Location:** Ohio Center A  
Greater Columbus Convention Center  
400 N High St, Columbus, OH 43215  
Columbus Ohio, United States  
**Type of meeting:** SC Committee – WLIC 2016  
**Chair:** Jack Leong  
**Note taker:** Mathilde Servet  

### Present:
- Jack Leong (Section Chair), Adjoa Boateng (Information Coordinator), Mathilde Servet (Secretary), Vickery Bowles (Editor MCULTP Newsletter), Siri Tidemann-Andersen, Yasuko Hirata, Stephen Stratton, Fred Gitner, Mary Grace Flaherty, Susan Schnuer, Yasuko Hirata, Kenji Murakami, Svetlana Gorokhova

### Apologies:
- Anita Basak, Ann-Katrin Ursberg, Christiana Ikeogu, Suela Jorgaqi, Susy Tastesen

### In attendance:
- Cellia Joe-Olsen (Acting Secretary of the Indigenous Matters Section, National Library of New Zealand)
- Juanita Lanaux (Pikes Peak Library District, USA) - Observer.
- Sandra Dangler (Penn State University, USA) – Observer.
- Young Park (Chicago Public Library, USA) – Observer.
- Kirsten Grünberg (Independent Scholar) – Observer.
- Elisabet Ahlquist (National Library of Sweden) – Observer.
- Vanessa Mary Labigalini (Instituto de Políticas Relacionais - IPR São Paulo, São Paulo, Brasil) – Observer.
- Daniela Greeb (Instituto de Políticas Relacionais - IPR São Paulo, São Paulo, Brasil) – Observer.
- Wendy Peters (Independent) – Observer.
- Shelli Lake (Oslo Public Library, Storner Branch, Norway) – Observer.
- Maricel Diaz (National Library of the Philippines)
- Dolores Carungui (National Library of the Philippines) – Observer.
- Camille Callison (University of Manitoba, Canadian Federation of Library Associations) – Observer.
- Selina Sharmin (Queens Library, USA) – Observer.
- Paul Hover (VirginiaTech, USA) – Observer.

## 1. Welcome
Jack Leong welcomed members of the SC Committee.

## 2. Round table – Introduction and sharing of projects/work
Each person took the time to introduce themself. This session provided a broad range of information relevant to each country and institution represented around the table.
3. **Document check**
   Completed. NB: documents emailed to members prior to meeting. For those who need copies, please let Mathilde or Jack know.

- **Minutes of last meeting in New Zealand**
- **Current members excel file**

There are 19 active members. Many of them will end their terms soon, so there will be plenty of room for new members. The nomination period is October 2016. If you become a member of the group, there is an obligation to be active and participate in the different projects.

- **Action plan**
  - This document explains the main tasks and goals of our section such as empowerment and promoting the role of IFLA.
  - This year the SC worked with the public library group to organize a common event. The mid-year meeting took place in Wellington, N.Z. We will continue to promote the toolkit and the guidelines. The online toolkits have also been developed so the guidelines and policy documents became more interactive. The SC has begun to work with the Indigenous Matters section and will continue to work closely together.
  
  This information is also available on the website.

- **Session work schedule from march 2015 - august 2016**

  This document lists all the projects we are working on and the people who are responsible for them. If changes are needed, it is important to let the secretary know so that it can be revised.

- **List of interesting events during the IFLA conference**

  The second SC meeting takes place on Tuesday, August 16th. For some sessions it is important to register in advance. It can be helpful to use the IFLA app for this.

  
  Important sessions: “Libraries in times of need” on Monday August 15th; “Sustaining the circle of knowledge” on Wednesday, August 16th; ”Libraries and Immigrants: Historical Perspectives” on Wednesday, August 17th.

4. **Chair’s report (Jack)**

   Covered in 3.

5. **Secretary report (Mathilde)**

   The minutes were reviewed with almost no amendments required.

   **Motion:**

   *The minutes from the Mid-year Section Standing Committee in New Zealand were approved.*

6. **Financial report (Jack)**

   - **A plan needs to be made for August 2016 to August 2017** on how we intend to spend the money.

   - **The money needs to be transferred to the IFLA account.** Jack believes there is about one thousand dollars left.

   - A treasurer is needed. Jack would be happy to delegate this part of the work to someone. This person could talk to Susan or Tess to get a clearer picture. **Susan Schnuer** proposed herself as the new treasurer.
### 7. Guest speaker - Dolly Carungui (National Library of Philippines)

Dolly Carungui is the chief librarian and Reference Division Head at the National Library of Philippines.

The National Library considers multicultural services to be crucial. It has an Asia and Oceania Section that develops different types of collections. The library has also an American shelf and collections on many Asian countries. There is also a China book room in the National Library as well as Chinese corners in different libraries.

The National Library of Philippines developed a partnership with the National Library of Korea and cooperation with the Archives of Iran. The National Library of Philippines is working on many collaborative programs.

### 8. Information Coordinator’s report (Adjoa + Vickery)

- We need **new articles and news items for the newsletter** on matters we want to promote or publicize. The **deadline will be the end of September**. In the last edition there was an article on Indigenous Matters.

- **Photos are always welcome** and it is important to mention the names of people in the pictures.

- One or two members should document what is happening in other sessions in relation to our SC. It would be good to write an article. **Adjoa** proposed herself to do that.

- We have a **blog**, but it is not used much. It can be used by observers as well as SC members and any new ideas or suggestions are welcome.

- We also have a **facebook page**, which has some followers.

### Action Items

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### 9. Multicultural Library Manifesto Toolkit

- The project is funded by IFLA and we have to follow IFLA guidelines as well as the protocol.

- The toolkit is hosted on the IFLA website. This is a beneficial because we don’t need to pay to host it somewhere else.

- **Question:** will the manifesto be translated in all IFLA official languages? We don’t know for sure, so we need to ask. For additional languages, we would have to ask the other SC members.

- **Susan Schnuer Proposal:** It would be useful to organize a workshop on how to use the toolkit. Susan thinks that a two hour workshop would be appropriate for teaching people how to
implement our toolkit she would like to hold it at the **main congress**.

-In the last meeting, Tess Tobin mentioned an **online survey and it is important to further promote it**.

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<td>Engage with libraries around the world who use or could use our manifesto and guidelines.</td>
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**10. Section program in Columbus (Adjoa + Siri)**

In Columbus there are two sessions we are collaborating on with other sections:

1) **“Libraries: A sanctuary in times of need – the Public Libraries response”** (Session 103) on Monday, August 15\(^{th}\) in collaboration with the Public libraries SC / (off site) 20 minute walk

Vickery Bowles will speak about Access, Opportunity and Connections: Leveraging the Powerful Brand of Public Libraries to support migrant, global populations - The Toronto Public Library’s Support for Syrian Refugees.”

Nisrin Barkouki, who is working with Siri, will present “Finding rest in your mother language.”

Mary Grace Flaherty will present “Here, there and everywhere: Disasters and public libraries”

2) **"Libraries and Immigrants: Historical Perspectives"** (Session 192) in collaboration with the Library History Special Interest Group (SIG) on Wednesday, August17\(^{th}\).

**11. Division III session in Columbus, Ohio (Jack)**

In the common sessions with division III, Jack will discuss how to promote the toolkit manifesto using the example of Toronto public library and refugees. His talk is entitled: “Library Services for immigrants and refugees: Actions and principles from a global perspective”.

*Next SC meeting to be held on Tuesday, August 16\(^{th}\), 2016, at IFLA Congress, Columbus, Ohio, USA.*