



IFLA Section on Library Services to Multicultural Populations

Minutes

Standing Committee Meeting – Midyear.

Location: Girona, Spain.

Date: Thursday 2 March - Saturday 4 March 2006

Chair: Kirsten Leth Nielsen

Attendees: Domenico Ciccarello (Italy), Ann-Katrin Ursberg (Sweden), Kirsten Leth Nielsen (Norway), Souad Hubert (France), Susy Tastesen (Denmark), Yasuko Hirata (Japan), Robert Pestell (Australia), Benedikte Kragh-Schwarz (Denmark), Lourina K. de Voogd (Netherlands), Mijin Kim (Canada), Christine McDonald (USA), Clara Chu (United States)

Visitors: Francisca Gines (Spain), Flemming Munck (Denmark), Monica and Jordina from Acefir, our host

Apologies: Edgardo Civarello (Argentina), Jane Dreisig (Denmark), Carmen Madrid (Spain), Haiyan Kang (United Kingdom), Maria Tapaninen (Sweden), Jane Pyper (Canada), Marie Zielinska (Canada)

No response: Galina Raikova (Russia)

Reporter: Susy Tastesen

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1. Welcome, apologies

A representative from the Mayor of Girona welcomed us.

Kirsten welcomed the participants and our guests to our meeting.

2. Introduction and practical information

Kirsten went through the time schedule, and asked us to continue until 5 or 6 because of the long agenda.

3. Minutes of the SC meetings I and II in Oslo

<http://www.ifla.org/VII/s32/minutes/s32-Oslo-minutes2005.pdf>

We did have apologies from Clara.

16-17. Evaluations: Almost all the bags are sold.

20. Strategic Plan: Corrections by Susy and Kirsten.

23. IFLA Durban 2007: The pre-conference will take place in Pretoria, not in Durban.

4. Chair's report.

The CB meeting in December did not quite understand our resolution. We will receive a letter from CB. We have a draft for a Manifesto at the agenda.

Conference theme for Quebec 2008: "Libraries without borders navigating towards global understanding".

Our Strategic Plan was approved by HQ.

Anne Clyde, School Libraries Section, has suddenly passed away.

Claudia Lux from Berlin is new president elect. We are very satisfied by that.

A joined project with Children's Section: Guidelines for Library Service to Babies and Toddlers, are granted, 900 EUR.

The program in Seoul was approved.

There will be a new way in IFLA in the future for electing countries for the annual conferences: In 2009 can all countries in South Europe ask for the conference.

Susy mailed our review to IFLA one day before deadline. **Kirsten and Susy will especially thank Clara and Benedikte for their extra last-time help.**

The numbers of participants of the annual conference are increasing.
We have problems with the listserv, now Kirsten has made her own mailing-list.
Kirsten received a letter with questions from HQ: Should we make sections and division smaller?
Meet more often or more seldom? Etc. She had to answer by herself; there was no time for asking the rest of the committee.

5. Secretary/Treasurer's report (work schedule)

http://www.ifla.org/VII/s32/annual/s32_Workschedule0506.pdf

Susy went through the work schedule and asked for new deadlines for the remaining jobs.
She distributed the financial reports of the Section and of the Swap-and-Shop celebration, both dated September 28.th 2005. The Section has no money left after last years successfully celebration, especially printing bags was very expensive. The financial reports were approved.
We will not receive any administrative money from IFLA in 2006 unless we send invoices.
Luckily we all have libraries which sponsor printing and posting, otherwise no work at all could be done.

6. Definition on Cultural diversity/Multiculturalism

UNESCO:

http://portal.unesco.org/culture/en/ev.php-URL_ID=13031&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html

The Section's definition was attached to the agenda.

We had a long discussion of which words would explain and express our thoughts in the best way, some of the important words are: Respect, co-existence, cultural diversity, intercultural, multiculturalism, linguistic diversity.

Contemporary the most important thing is what kind of work this Section does, even as the name is also important.

We ended up with this title:

Cultural Diversity, Multiculturalism and Library Services

Kirsten and Susy made a new draft and the discussion continued Friday together with the discussion of the Manifesto.

A final version of Definition..... will be done by the Manifesto-working-group.

7. Manifesto. Discussion and preparation

Draft prepared by Working Group: Benedikte, Kirsten, Mijin, Domenico and Clara was forwarded and distributed at the meeting.

Kirsten thanked the working group for this great job - there has been a lot of work already though this is still a draft.

Some of our main topics are:

- democracy, tolerance and openness
- social and cultural inclusion and participation
- cultural identity and values
- mutual respect and cultural exchange
- learning and empowerment
- equality of access to information and knowledge

This title was chosen for the manifesto:

The Multicultural Library Manifesto

The working group will e-mail a new draft and we all have to respond very quickly

8. IFLA Seoul in Korea August 2007

1. Session programme. Status by Yasuko and the Working Group Lourina, Robert, Mijin

Our programme is approved. We have four speakers: 1 from Mongolia, 2 from Japan and 1 from Canada.

The theme is "Successful partnership in multicultural library services: Asian Communities

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9.1 We had a paper from our working group and a paper from a working group in South Africa. This is an outstanding opportunity to learn something about this country. We will add something about fundraising.

We were a bit worried about arranging a conference in a place with no member of the section but after the discussion Kirsten concluded that we had decided to submit the enquiry form. Benedikte, Ann-Katrin and Clara will make a proposal for a theme to use in the form. An outline of funding and program must be submitted before Seoul, so we can make a final discussion about the pre-conference.

9.2 We have a 2 hours session with Children's Section and a whole day joint with the Division. Our project Babies and Toddlers could be a theme. Susy and Christine volunteered for a working group. Lourina volunteered as well but in the background as she doesn't expect to come to South Africa. Lourina has a colleague in Children's Section (Ingrid Bon) and she will also ask Haiyan.

The theme for the Division's session: Libraries and social inclusion.

We would like to have diversity in it too, but maybe it is possible to put our point of view into this broader theme.

Kirsten suggests a theme: "Libraries empowering multicultural communities".

Mijin suggests Metropolitan's Section as a partner, and she volunteered for the working group. Lourina and Kirsten also volunteered for the working group.

10. Guidelines. Discussion and preparation of work schedule on revision. Draft from Robert attached to Agenda

Robert suggests that we use Guidelines from Public's Section as a model. Christine recommended Robert to delegate jobs to herself and to Clara, Domenico and Fred Gittner - the rest of the working group. Robert will make a work schedule with topics before April 1. Kirsten volunteered as well.

11. Strategic plan. Discussion, reviewing and approval of the plan for 2006-2007. Attached to Agenda

Revised by Kirsten and Susy in October 2005.

Benedikte, Clara, Christine and Kirsten make a working group and will try to make our mission shorter. A draft will be on the agenda in Seoul. All members must consider all items.

12. Pre conference in Vancouver, Canada in 2008. Information by Mijin

Mijin reports from two meetings in the local committee. This will be a post conference and will probably start on Monday after the IFLA conference. All Vancouver libraries will volunteer. Logo, theme and a draft budget will be ready before Seoul. Estimated participants: 500 persons.

13. Information and communication matters.

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4. Updating - list of members

Kirsten had problems with the list-server, as we can not attach files.

It makes it very difficult for this group to communicate.

Clara offers to make and host a new list server because there are no resources in IFLA to give us this basic service.

It was suggested that we use IFLA's list server to minor information to every member of the section, and Clara's list server to the committee members.

Since Robert is in charge for the IFLA list server he will have a great job updating the list but he will do that. Maybe this is a way to get new members in the Section?

Clara's list can host working papers, discussion papers, pictures etc.

Clara will start before April 1. and then we must see.

Edgardo is trying to make a blogger, so he could maybe be the manager of our blog?

Clara will contact him.

Now we have decided two different lists - Robert has to inform all members.

Newsletter:

We had a wonderful issue in December – thanks to the editors **Diana and Jane P.**

Next issue in Maj. Deadline for submitting papers: April 15. Kirsten will tell Diana.

Lourina will make a paper about Seoul, and send it to Mijin who will make a nice flyer.

Mijin will write about Vancouver.

Ann-Katrin will ask Adrian to write something about Pretoria.

Kirsten: Co operation with the other sections/division in Durban

Maybe a short summary from the mid winter meeting? Mijin volunteered

Susy will highlight 10 reasons and maybe the new definition and all the translations.

Susy will make a list over the committee members for the newsletter. Only names, institutions and e-mails and countries.

Souad will write about the Convention from UNESCO.

Website:

Robert: Our website can not host papers in more than 3 pages, and no papers from former pre/post conferences. IFLA prefer to link to the websites of the conferences but the original hosts cannot keep these papers for ever.

The Danish State Library will - together with Clara and Robert - look into the possibilities to be the archive for the section.

Publications etc.

Nothing further

14. AOB

- Re-printing of bags and t-shirts: Ann-Katrin and Susy will work on a plan for this: Budget, financial support, transportation, aso.

- Guidelines for Babies and Toddlers: Ivanka from Children's Section will coordinate the work. Lourina and Kirsten are our contact persons.

- Next midyear meeting? Proposals were Slovenia (Ljubljana) and Prague. Domenico, Mijin, Souad and Robert will have a plan in Seoul.

- Tips for Organizing a Satellite Meeting: Experiences from Lourina (Utrecht) and Ann-Katrin (Stockholm) should be added. They will mail their thoughts, and comments should be received by June 1.th. The Publication will be on the agenda in Seoul. It can be very useful for Adrian in Pretoria and for Mijin.

- We decided to send greetings to Loriene Roy who is ALA Presidential Candidate as we cannot support her otherwise. Loriene was an excellent speaker at our workshop in Buenos Aires.

- Our Section had a fantastic meeting in Girona though we have no members here. We all send warm thanks to Lourina for suggesting and organizing this and to our hospitable hosts in Girona.