

Draft Minutes of the IFLA Library Theory & Research Section, standing committee meeting 1, World Library and Information Congress, Helsinki (Revised 04-09-2012)

11 August 2012 12:30-15:00

SC members present:

Terry Weech (Chair), Marydee Ojala, Raphaelle Bats (Information Officer-Newsletter Editor), Heidi Kristin Olsen, Eileen Breen, (Co-Information Officer), Peter Lor, Krystyna Matusiak, Anna Maria Tammaro, Steve Witt, Lynn Silipigni Connaway, Hermina Anghelescu (Convenor, Library History SIG)

Observers:

Bill Fisher, Hilde Kaaleile, Rumyana Koycheva, Maija Miettinen, Susan Myburgh, Muxe Nkondo,, Pussadee Nonthacumjane, Molly Schwartz, Michael Seadle,

Apologies: Helen Partridge, Yasuyo Inoue, Chu Jingli, Bernd Lorenz

Introductions and welcome

- Introductions were made of officers, SC members and observers
- Peter Lor proposed and Marydee Ojala seconded that the proposed agenda be the actual agenda. The agenda was approved as drafted.
- The draft minutes from San Juan, Puerto Rico 2011 were approved as drafted and will be posted on the Section website

Officer reports

Terry Weech reported on IFLA budgets as follows:

- Section operating budgets used to relate to the size of Sections – the more members a Section had, the larger an operating budget. Beginning this year, Sections are asked to reduce operating budgets to only essential expenditures. Each Section received a maximum administrative budget of 400 Euros. Next year it is intended that the administrative budget will be reduced to 350 Euros for all sections.
- It was proposed by Raphaelle Bats that this year's 400 Euros budget be considered Newsletter production costs and be used to fund student membership of IFLA for those who help her publish the Section newsletter. The proposal was seconded by Lynn Silipigni Connaway and approved by the Standing Committee members present. There were no objections or abstentions.

SC and officer elections are scheduled to take place in February of 2013. SC members who are eligible for another term were urged to make preparations to seek re-nomination. Only member organisations or institutions can make SC nominations.

The Researcher-Librarian mentoring project finished in December of 2011. All of the budget was spent and a final report/article will be published within 12 months.

Raphaelle Bats reported that:

- The newsletter has been restarted, and two issues have been published in English and in French
- Raphaelle called for Section members to send her their institutions' research news and any general LIS research news they come across
- The Section has a Twitter account which has 69 followers. We follow 208 others. Raphaelle will remind everyone of the account details. The LTR Twitter handle is (@IFLA_LTR)
- Raphaelle has been posting Section news items to the general IFLA news service

Eileen has been keeping the website up to date and took the Section listserv out of commission in 2011 as agreed at the last SC meeting in Puerto Rico.

The Division IV Chair, Anna Maria Tammaro and the Co-Chair of the Education & Training Section, Clara Chu reported back from the PC meeting as follows:

- A representative from each Section is requested to attend the President and President-elect sessions. Krystyna Matusiak volunteered to attend the Tuesday session, and Peter Lor the Thursday session. Both will report back to the SC.
- All are invited to the IFLA Standards meeting, which will discuss guidelines for IFLA awards, unit sponsorships, proposed manifestos and the drafting of similar statements. Guidelines are to be established for all of these areas.
- The IFLA website is to be developed to be multi-lingual. French and Spanish will be the first languages in which information will be published.
- IFLA's funding of the Sections to do projects also is to be very focussed going forwards. About 26,750 Euro have been allocated to projects this year, and less than 22,000 Euro for Section admin/operating funds. Project applications are more likely to succeed in the future if they link clearly to IFLA's strategic plan and are seen as likely to have high impact.

Conference programme planning

Peter Lor reported that there had been 32 proposals in response to the call for papers for the programme on comparative librarianship, which is jointly being presented with Education and Training Section and the LIS Education in Developing Countries. After peer review, seven papers were selected, including papers by two of the mentees from the Researcher-Librarian Partnership. The session will be in two parts and have simultaneous interpretation.

Steve Witt reported that there is a description of the planned Singapore satellite meeting in the June edition of the Section newsletter. It will provide an international and global perspective on research habits and how libraries can provide support. The venue is a central location, and has been secured free of charge. 20-30 participants are sought. Heidi Kristin Olsen and Lynn Silipigni Connaway volunteered to help with the organization of the event going forward:

- Issue a call for papers
- Recruit peer reviewers
- Create a web site which can handle registrations and payment

There was some discussion of the pros and cons of charging a registration fee (pros include being able to provide break refreshments and a dinner). A decision is needed on this by October when Terry makes his annual report of the Section to HQ.

A query was raised that since Library Theory & Research does a lot of joint sessions with other groups, particularly Education and Training, why don't Education and Training and LTR merge since research shouldn't be separate from education in the field? Terry Weech explained the history of their separateness, and also the issue was raised of Education and Training also being perceived by some as more about practice than theory.

Raphaelle and Yasuyo are meeting representatives of the Multicultural Section, while in Helsinki to propose a joint session for the main conference in Singapore. They will report at the 14 August SC meeting with a proposal.

Discussion of the 2014 conference planning was deferred until the venue is known (somewhere in Europe)

Projects and publications

There is still no final report from Ragnar Audunson on the Professional Norms Project, since he has not responded to inquiries. It was decided that this item be removed from future agendas. Marydee Ojala reported that publication of papers from the 2008 session in Quebec and the 2009 satellite in Turin had not been achieved and that the work reported on in the papers would now be out of date. There followed some discussion of the Section actively seeking timely publication of its work. Eileen Breen clarified that Emerald has a 'special partnership' with IFLA which means that papers not selected for publication in the IFLA Journal can be published in Emerald journals as soon as possible. Emerald makes the publication open source 9 months after publication.

Terry explained that no new project proposals have been received to date and that late drafts of any new project proposals were needed before the 2nd SC meeting, to enable them to be discussed and to allow time for revision before the HQ deadline.

LTR strategic plan

This agenda item was deferred to SC meeting II.

Library History Special Interest Group

Hermia reported that as Convenor of the SIG she has reached the end of her 4-year term. The group can continue if a new Convenor can be appointed. Nominations are sought and Steve Witt expressed an interest. The deadline for receipt of expressions of interest is October when the Section annual report is due at HQ.

Hermia reported that the SIG is very successful and has a big programme in Helsinki.

Drafted by Ellen Breen. Revised by Terry Weech



Draft Minutes of the IFLA Library Theory & Research Section, standing committee meeting 2, World Library and Information Congress, Helsinki, Finland

14 August 2012 13:15-14:45

SC members present:

Terry Weech (Chair), Raphaëlle Bats, Lynn Silipigni Connaway, Yasuyo Inoue, Peter Lor, Krystyna Matusiak, Heidi Kristin Olsen, Marydee Ojala, Anna Maria Tamaro

Observers: James Agee, Jennifer Weil Arns, Cara Chiessi, Teresa Peratta, Michael Seadle

Apologies: Helen Partridge, Eileen Breen (Co-Information Officer), Bernd Lorenz, Steve Witt

Introductions and welcome

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Report on President's program

Krystina K. Matusiak reported from the President's Program:

After the President's introduction, there were three Presentations:

- Hanna Nikkanen (fi): Media and communications influences transforming societies
- Anna Troberg (se): Civil Rights in a digital environment
- Paul-Andre Baran (ro): Public Libraries: Defining their Society's Future

After a break, Christine Mackenzie and Frédéric Blin gave an overview of the IFLA Trend Report

project followed by Roundtable discussions bringing together the issues arising from the presentations and the thoughts of delegates on "inclusive libraries - transforming our libraries, transforming our societies".

LTR Program 2012: Peter Lor summarized the LTR Program (Session 105) — *International and comparative librarianship: toward valid, relevant and authentic research and education*. The session was arranged in cooperation with Education and Training and LIS Education in Developing Countries Special Interest Group. It is estimated that approximately 100-150 participants attended the session. Most papers were good and relevant. Clara M Chu's prepared conclusion worked very well. There was enough time for discussion, but it might be better if questions came directly after each paper rather than held to the end. It is a challenge to make the speakers follow the instructions regarding translators. The SC Planning Committee (Marydee Ojala, Steve Witt, and Peter Lor (Chair of the Program Planning Committee) were thanked.

LTR Program 2013: Singapore proposal: Raphaelle Bats and Yasuyo Inoue are planning the session in Singapore. They proposed the session to be entitled "Diversity in libraries: theoretical approaches and practical experimentation". They are looking for other sections for co-operation. The subject was approved, and possible content of the content was discussed. The subject was seen as a good one, but there was some concern about it being too broad. It was suggested that the topic might be split into two programs over two years (2013 and 2014) as LTR has done in the past. Raphaelle and Yasuyo will submit a more focused proposal after the meeting.

Some of the subtopics that were discussed were: diversity in libraries, libraries in communities, fighting stereotypes, multilingualism, inclusion/exclusion, indigenous knowledge, classification regarding indigenous matters, how to train librarians to serve diverse societies. More emphasis on the library user – how to encourage research focusing on users was also discussed. It was emphasized that a focus on *research* should be included in the call for papers.

The call for papers should be posted no later than November of 2012 with a deadline for abstract submissions as February 1.

Professional Norms project

The Chair received a response from Ragnar Audunsson regarding the report from the Professional Norms Project. The section decided that an electronic copy would be reviewed by the Standing Committee and will be posted on our web site when it arrives. The Standing Committee can then review the material and decide if further publication should be undertaken.

Report from Division 4

Anna Maria Tammaro gave a review from the Division 4 meeting: The division wishes to be more involved in guidelines and discussions related to key initiatives. Several suggestions for improvement were introduced.

Concerns were expressed about Section communication with IFLA HQ: There are many tools available in the IFLA web site, but they could have been used more. The internal communication is perceived hierarchical, division member want more two way communication. Terry Weech finds that the communication matters with IFLA headquarters has improved.

The possibility of starting a blog for the section was discussed, concluding that this is not the time for this in LTR.

Strategic plan:

The strategic plan should be revised before November 2012. . Krystina Matusiak volunteered, assisted by Peter Lor and Raphaelle Bats.

Four members of LTR had posters at IFLA 2012 and all LTR members were invited to review the posters in the Exhibit Hall.

The Meeting was adjourned at 14:45.

Minutes drafted by Heidi Kristin Olsen. Revised by Terry Weech 3-9-12