



Division 1 (Library Types) Leadership Forum

Session 64

Minutes of the meeting

Sunday, 16 August 2015, 08:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Ballroom East, Cape Town International Convention Centre

Cape Town, South Africa

Attendance:

Andrew McDonald – Chair Division 1 (outgoing)
Raissa Teodori – Parliamentary Libraries, Chair (outgoing), Chair Division 1 (incoming)
Marian Morgan-Bindon – Public Libraries, Chair
Jan Richards – Public Libraries, Secretary / Information Co-ordinator
Vicki McDonald – Academic & Research Libraries, Chair
Mimi Calter – Academic & Research Libraries, Secretary
Karin Sunden – Art Libraries, Secretary (outgoing)
Sandra Brooke – Art Libraries, Chair
Karin Finer – Parliamentary Libraries, Secretary (incoming)
Dianne Oberg – School Libraries, Secretary (outgoing)
Barbara Schultz-Jones – School Libraries, Chair (outgoing)
Annike Selmer – School Libraries, Secretary (incoming)
Lesley Farmer – School Libraries, Chair (incoming)
Anoja Fernando – Government Libraries, Secretary (current) Chair (incoming)
Lillian Gassie, Parliamentary Libraries, Secretary (current) Chair (incoming)
Francois Hendrikz – Libraries Print Disability, Secretary
Koen Krikhaar – Libraries Print Disability, Chair
Liselotte Winka – Art Libraries, Information Coordinator (current) Secretary (incoming)
Geneveive Clavel-Merrin – National Libraries, Secretary (incoming)
Melita Ambrozic – National Libraries, Information Coordinator
Sonia Poulin – Law Libraries, Information Coordinator (current), Chair (incoming)
Elizabeth Naumczyk – Law Libraries, Secretary (incoming)
Marisol Floren – Law Libraries, Information Coordinator (incoming)
Roger Josevold – National Libraries, Secretary (current)
Isabel Ayres Maringelli – Art Libraries, Information Coordinator (incoming)
Kayo Denda – Social Science Libraries, Chair (current) Information Coordinator (incoming)
Hella Klauser – SIG NOIR, Convenor
Odile Dupont – SIG Religious Libraries, Convenor
Chiku Mnubi-Mchombu – Social Science Libraries, Chair (outgoing)
Sylvia Piggott – Social Science Libraries, Secretary (incoming)

Observers

Moema Salgado – National Libraries
Helen Mandl – IFLA Headquarters

1. Welcome and introductions

Andrew McDonald [Chair] welcomed Division 1 members to the meeting, both current and incoming. The Forum is important for continuing to improve communication and transparency. He introduced Donna Scheeder, President-Elect, who is briefly attending Division meetings to personally thank Officers for their ongoing work in support of IFLA. Andrew advised that he is the outgoing Chair for Division 1 and that Raissa Teodori is the incoming Chair.

2. Approval of Agenda and the Minutes of the meeting in Lyon 2014

The Agenda was approved. Minutes of the previous meeting, held in Lyon 2014, have previously been circulated to Division members. The Minutes were approved.

Andrew McDonald provided an update on the issues that had been raised in Lyon:

- Portuguese was suggested as an additional IFLA language – Andrew advised that as part of IFLA’s commitment to multilingualism it had seven official languages, rather more than most international organisations, and welcomed offers to translate documents into other languages: beyond this automatic translation had usefully been exploited.
- Section membership lists – these lists are available to Section Chairs.
- Earlier communication of Congress information – this had been improved.

3. Appointment of Division Secretary

Andrew McDonald thanked Claire Germain for her work as Division 1 Secretary and called for nominations for a new Secretary. Vicki McDonald (Chair ARL) was nominated and appointed.

4. Important sessions for Officers

Andrew McDonald suggested a number of IFLA sessions that Officers should attend:

- Officers’ Conference Brief
- Division 1 Leadership Forum
- IFLA Market
- Officers Training x 2
- President’s and President-Elect’s sessions
- UN Post 2015 Development Sessions 129 and Session 181

Prior to this Congress there had usefully been several communications: a webinar on 17 June and a Pre-Congress email in mid-July. Members commented that the Officers’ Conference Brief on Saturday was very successful. The provision of notes and links, following the meeting, was appreciated. Andrew provided a summary of feedback received at the Session.

Action: Helen Mandl to email feedback notes to Chairs & Secretaries.

There was discussion on how the Division Chair can improve communication with Section Officers. Regular Skype meetings were supported by the meeting. Multiple Skype sessions by time zone would reduce the number of participants in each meeting. Weekend Skype sessions could also be considered. The IFLA Blog and new online tools (Basecamp and Gizmo) would provide further ways of communicating.

Action: Raisa Teodori to schedule quarterly Skype sessions and provide dates in advance.

5. Brief review of Division's year

Andrew thanked Officers for their work in developing and presenting successful sessions at the Congress. He also acknowledged the helpful contributions Sections within the Division had made for the Lyon Declaration. Stuart Hamilton would be delighted to receive further evidence. This can be forwarded directly to him, via Andrew McDonald or the new Division Chair. As we move forward, IFLA will be seeking further supporting evidence from Sections of how they support development.

Action: All Section Chairs to forward any additional comments/evidence on how their Section supports development (Lyon Declaration).

6. The new draft Strategic Plan and Key Initiatives

The new draft IFLA Strategic Plan 2016-2021 was distributed. It was noted that the Plan covers 2016-2021 and the Key Initiatives are for 2015-2016. Andrew McDonald invited the meeting to consider two broad questions:

1. Reflections on the Plan? Any major omissions?
2. How the Division will align its activities and projects with the Strategic Plan and the Key Initiatives.

The Plan and KI's should be discussed at forthcoming SC meetings. IFLA HQ would like feedback by the end of September and will advise how this can be provided (Google Doc.). The Plan should be completed by December 2015.

Action: All Chairs to facilitate discussion within their Sections on the Draft Strategic Plan and Key Initiatives and send comments to IFLA HQ.

Key discussion points:

- Is there more detail on what the Key Initiatives will cover? Andrew responded that the Governing Board is working on providing more detail on what will be delivered, by whom and by when;
- Some Sections are very specific in their objectives and so it is important to have Key Initiatives that are broad;
- Are Sections required to forward a report on how they will align with the Strategic Plan? Andrew responded that he will take comments from this meeting to Governing Board and the Board will receive the feedback provided by the Sections. Section Action Plans

and Projects bids should be aligned with the new Strategic Plan and KIs. Andrew reminded Officers that the IFLA Market and Officers' Training will provide advice on how to develop Action Plans and Project Plans.

The Forum then discussed the themes:

Cultural Heritage

- Genevieve Clavel provided an example of Project funding awarded to develop Standards related to the Cultural Heritage Key Initiative.
- IFLA Standards and Guidelines demonstrate the value of the work of libraries, help drive up the quality of provision and influence bodies beyond IFLA. Project funding is available to support the development of Standards.
- Genevieve Clavel explained the activity "digital repatriation".
- Sections should consider projects where Standing Committee members could offer expertise, e.g. national and university libraries could offer expertise on digitisation which many libraries in the developing world are seeking.

Capacity building

- IFLA's work with the United Nations work is hugely significant international advocacy. It was agreed that advocacy is a shared responsibility for all members and not just an IFLA HQ one.
- IFLA has successfully achieved the inclusion of "access to information" and "universal literacy" in the United Nations Sustainable Goals.
- The Cape Town Declaration is a direct example exploiting this at national level.
- The inclusion of "Enhanced regional presence" and "Increased public library presence" was queried and Andrew McDonald provided some context. IFLA is keen to enhance the work and impact of its regional offices and build their capacity beyond HQ. It was suggested that "Enhanced regional presence" could fit within Capacity Building. IFLA is also keen to support and improve the profile of public libraries, especially where they are under-represented. In many countries public librarians do not have a high level of participation in national bodies. Similarly, public librarians are not as well recognised as national/university librarians.
- It was noted that in many countries school libraries do not have the profile of public libraries and their role is much more contested. School libraries are often the 'weak link'.
- Advocacy needs to be included in professional education, both pre-service education and continued professional development.

Information and knowledge

- It was suggested that Creative Commons should be included.
- There are several tensions here: access vs. privacy, particularly for minors; the right to be "forgotten" vs. the need for a balanced archival record.
- It is important to acknowledge the role of publishers as partners here and we need to continue to work with them on the e-Lending environment.

Libraries in Society

- It is planned to update the IFLA Trend Report in 2016 to ensure currency and relevancy.
- Reading and literacy: school libraries will contribute significantly in this area.

- IFLA Standards have been downloaded many times with frequent requests for translations, and this demonstrates the global reach of our work. These statistics should appear on the website. It was suggested that Regional Offices could assist with the translation of standards.
- The IFLA Standards Committee will be looking at promoting the use of Standards and Guidelines and at ensuring their currency.

7. United Nations 2030 Agenda and the IFLA Lyon Declaration

IFLA's considerable success in contributing to the United Nations discussion has been noted elsewhere, in particular ensuring the UN recognises the importance of access to information and information literacy in achieving its sustainable development goals.

8. IFLA Trend Report

Andrew McDonald commented that the Trend Report continues to be an important communication and advocacy tool for IFLA, highlighting the big issues in the electronic information age and the crucial role that library and information services play. It is planned to update the Report in 2016 to ensure that it remains relevant.

9. Other important developments

- IFLA is in negotiation with The Gates Foundation to explore how it can continue its work as the global partner for the Global Libraries Legacy Programme as the Foundation leaves the library field.
- The scope of the increasingly popular IFLA Library has been broadened to include the papers of Satellite meetings and Congress posters. Papers can usefully be downloaded.
- The IFLA Journal will move online.
- Other areas of work were noted: Building Strong Library Associations, Risk Register for Documentary Heritage and new Preservation and Conservation Centres.

10. Web pages for Officers

A reminder to check the new web pages for Officers (<http://www.ifla.org/node/9678>) with useful information, key dates for Congress preparations and advice on Standing Committee meetings.

11. News and developments and collaborative working

Officers confirmed that the necessary arrangements were in place for elections and handovers in their Sections. Helen Mandl reminded Officers that the election form needs to be signed and submitted to IFLA Secretariat.

12. Any other business

There were several comments regarding the purpose of National Caucus meetings. The agendas are arranged by the individual countries/regions and in some cases do not provide delegates with any 'new' information. It was agreed that it would be useful to encourage more information sharing.

13. Conclusion

Meeting closed at 10:00