



**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN
LIBRARIES SECTION OF IFLA HELD ON AUGUST 21, 2009, 0830 HOURS IN MILAN,
ITALY**

Present

Liv Saeteren (Oslo) (Chair)

Ai Cheng Tay (Singapore) (Secretary/Treasurer)

Sharon Thien (Singapore)

Claudia Lux (Berlin)

Davorika Bastic (Zagreb)

Judit Terma Grassa (Barcelona)

Jens Ingemann (Copenhagen)

Inga Lunden (Stockholm)

No	Item	Action by
1	Metropolitan Libraries Section of IFLA: Standing Committee Meeting on 9 & 15 August 2008 held in Quebec, Canada	
1.1	The minutes of the last standing meeting held in Quebec, Canada was passed without any amendments.	All to note
2	Metropolitan Libraries Section Mid-term Meeting of 14 May 2009 held in Brisbane, Australia	
2.1	The minutes of meeting was approved	All to note
3	Matters Arising from Mid-Term Meeting in Brisbane	
3.1	<u>Benchmarking Criteria for Library Evaluation</u> The meeting noted the official replies given by Toronto Public Library concerning the queries raised during the mid-term meeting held in Brisbane. Approval was given to the project based on the co-funding principle discussed at the mid-term meeting. Toronto PL would need to submit a fresh project proposal to seek funding from IFLA HQ.	Toronto PL
3.2	<u>Email replies from Shanghai Library and Barcelona</u> The meeting was informed of Shanghai Library's decision to decline invitation to host the 2011 conference. The 2012 conference would be held in Barcelona. After much deliberation, the meeting agreed to invite the following libraries to host the 2011 conference: a) Queens Library, NY b) Shenzhen PL, PRC c) Gutern Institution, Japan d) Toronto PL, Canada e) National Library Board, Singapore Claudia was requested to invite Japan and Shenzhen to join the Section as members before an invitation to host the annual conference is extended to them. <u>Post-meeting Note:</u> An official invitation has been sent to Amsterdam (OBA) to host the 2013 Conference	Ai Cheng Claudia

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3.3	<p>The dates for the 2010 Mid-term Meeting cum Conference have been confirmed from 16 – 21 May 2010. It would be a 5-day conference with a 1-day trip to another city, Zadar. The first draft of the conference programme will be ready in January 2010. There would be a contact person for the conference.</p>	
3.4	<p><u>Open Session in Milan, Italy (Session 91)</u></p> <p>A 3-hour Open Session by MetLib and Public Libraries Sections would be held on Monday, Aug 24, 2009. The theme for the open session was “Big Public Libraries Framing the Future” with sub-themes on Community, Creativity, Capability and Collection.</p> <p>(Note: There were some last-minute changes to the programme which was corrected and submitted to IFLA Express after the meeting.)</p> <p>Michael would present the keynote speech on behalf of Christine Mackenzie. Other speakers include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creativity/Innovation: Thomas Galante (Queens Library, NY) • Collections: Marian Morgan-Bindon (Gold Coast City Council of Libraries, Australia) & Paul Whitney (Vancouver PL, Canada) • Community: Jens Ingemann (Copenhagen) • Capability: Inga Lunden (Stockholm) <p>The meeting decided to do away with the round-table discussions. The session would be co-chaired by Liv Saeteren and John Lake (Public Libraries Section)</p>	
4	Election of Office Bearers	
4.1	<p>The following SC members were unanimously elected as office bearers for 2009-2010:</p> <p>Chair: Christine Mackenzie (Australia) Secretary/Treasurer: Sharon Thien (Singapore)</p> <p>Vicki McDonald will continue to be the Information Officer. Claudia Lux confirmed that SC members who were absent were still eligible to be elected as office bearers so long as they are members of IFLA. However, it is preferred that could attend the IFLA meetings in addition to the mid-term meetings.</p>	All to note
4.2	<p>The following outgoing Standing Committee members would not be renewing their term of appointment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tay Ai Cheng (Singapore) • Aline Girard (Paris) <p>Other new Standing Committee members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jane Pyper (Toronto) • Inga Lunden (Stockholm) <p>The rest of the existing SC members will continue for yet another 2-year</p>	

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5	Future Open Sessions	
5.1	<p><u>Pre-IFLA 2010 Satellite Event</u></p> <p>In view of the change in venue for IFLA 2010 to Gothenburg, Sweden, the satellite event previously planned for Melbourne will be cancelled.</p> <p>After a long discussion, the meeting agreed that preference would be given to the annual conference cum mid-term meeting as well as the open session during the main IFLA conference instead of planning to host another satellite event.</p> <p>The meeting further suggested that more marketing efforts be made to create awareness of our annual mid-term meeting cum conference</p>	All to note
5.2	<p>A 2-hour Open Session for IFLA 2010 organized by MetLib Section will be planned in lieu of the cancelled satellite event in Melbourne.</p> <p>As the overall IFLA 2010 theme in Gothenburg, Sweden is “Open Access to Knowledge: Promoting Sustainable Progress”, the theme for this open session was suggested as “Community Involvement and User-driven Innovations”.</p> <p>An interim organising committee comprising the new Chair, Secretary/Treasurer and Jens Ingemann was suggested.</p>	Christine, Sharon & Jens
6	Metropolitan Libraries Section Financial Statement	
6.1	No questions were raised with regard to the latest financial statement included within the meeting agenda.	
7	Any Other Business	
7.1	There being no other business, the meeting ended at 11 am. The second SC meeting was cancelled as there were no other outstanding matters to be discussed.	

Recorded by: Ai Cheng Tay

Approved by: Liv Saeteren