



**METROPOLITAN LIBRARIES SECTION MEETING HELD ON 17 AUGUST 2013; SINGAPORE.  
DRAFT OF MINUTES**

**Present**

Claudia Lux, Qatar National Library (Chairman)  
Tay Ai Cheng, National Library Board, Singapore (Secretary/Treasurer)  
Corrado Di Tillio, Roma Capitale – Sistema Biblioteche Centri Culturali (Info Coordinator)  
Hannelore Vogt, Cologne Public Library  
Barbara Lison, Bremen Public Library  
Sharon Robertson, Brisbane City Council  
Hans van Velzen, Amsterdam Public Library  
Louise LaHatte, Auckland Libraries  
Marja Hjeld, Helsinki City Library  
Virva Nornsiainen-Hiiri, Helsinki City Library  
Sharan Harvey, Brisbane City Council  
Susan Benton, Urban Libraries Council  
Janette Wright, State Library of Queensland  
Christine Mackenzie, Yarra Plenty Regional Library  
Laurinda Thomas, Library and Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa  
Chaducque Lucas Massingue, Maputo Municipality  
Kepi Madurio, City of Ekurhuleni  
Stanley Tan, National Library Board, Singapore (Minute taker)

	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Minutes of METLIB SC Meeting held in Amsterdam 2013</b>	
1.1	Chairman thanked the SC members for their contributions to the Metropolitan Library (MetLib) Section and welcomed onboard newly appointed SC members. She urged new SC members to actively contribute to future MetLib SC discussions and Section initiatives.	
1.2	The minutes were approved with no further amendments.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Election of Office Bearers</b>	
2.1	Chairman informed that current office bearers of the MetLib Section SC had completed their two-year term, and thanked them for their contributions to the Section. She highlighted the need for the Section to elect its new set of office bearers and introduced eligible SC members and pre-submitted nominations – Tay Ai Cheng, Barbara Lison, Hannelore Vogt, Corrado Di Tillio and Sharan Harvey. Chairman informed that only SC members were allowed to vote.	

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2.2	MetLib SC concurred and elected unanimously for a new two-year term (2013-2015), new MetLib Section office bearers:  (i) MetLib Section Chairman & Treasurer - Tay Ai Cheng (ii) MetLib Section Secretary & Information Coordinator – Corrado Di Tillio	
2.3	Chairman congratulated the newly elected Section office bearers and noted that the names of new office bearers would be submitted to IFLA HQ immediately. She informed that the next SC meeting would be helmed by the newly elected Chairman to discuss about future MetLib Section meetings and agenda.	Secretary to note
<b>3</b>	<b>IFLA-MetLib Open Session 2013, Singapore</b>	
3.1	Chairman highlighted that the MetLib Open Session at the 2013 Conference would take place on 19 Aug (Session 109) and jointly organised with the Public Libraries Section in a world café format. She noted that the theme of the session was ‘Exploring an e-book future (e-book lending models, copyright and other issues)’, and encouraged all members to attend the session.	
<b>4</b>	<b>IFLA-WLIC 2014, Lyon – Proposed MetLib Open Session Theme</b>	
4.1	Aicheng updated the meeting that MetLib Section had written to the IFLA Marketing Section to propose a joint MetLib-Marketing session to be presented at WLIC 2014 in Lyon, but had not received a response from the Marketing Section. Hence, a proposed theme – “When Stacks Meet Hearts: Communities as the Pulse of Libraries” and description were submitted for SC’s consideration.	
4.2	Chairman noted the meeting’s concurrence, in principle, with the proposed theme and agreed with comments that taking a community focus for MetLib Section’s 2014 theme was a good option and that it should be further discussed at the next SC meeting, when the IFLA Trend Report would have been launched, and greater clarity with the Marketing Section’s interest to co-present the session could be established. Chairman noted the importance for the MetLib Open Session theme to be aligned to discussing Metropolitan Libraries’ approach and strategies in addressing key trends highlighted in the IFLA Trend Report.	Secretary (elect) to note
<b>5</b>	<b>Future MetLib Section Mid-Term Meetings</b>	
5.1	The meeting confirmed the proposed hosts/locations for MetLib Section Mid Term Meetings in 2015 (Zurich) and 2017 (Montreal). Chairman noted interests for 2016 MetLib Section Meeting to be held in Qatar, and informed that the Qatar National Library would have been opened for about a year by then and could be a timely opportunity for the MetLib Section to convene at Qatar to visit the	Secretary (elect) to note

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5.2	<p>new library facility and explore new collaboration ideas.</p> <p>Louise LaHatte, Auckland Libraries took the opportunity to introduce the range of programmes that the Auckland Libraries had lined up for participants when the Section Meeting was due to convene in Auckland in 2014 – Visits &amp; presentations by 55 Libraries and Central Library, including feature on Indigenous Librarianship. Louise invited members and guests of the meeting to participate in the MetLib Section Conference and Meeting at Auckland between 11-16 May 2014.</p>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Projects</b>	
	<u>Library Evaluation &amp; Benchmarking Survey</u>	
6.1	<p>Chairman informed that the project aimed to collate and aggregate key library statistics across a range of participating libraries that could be used to inform future library development strategies as well as justify the continued relevance of libraries. Chairman noted Aicheng’s update that project funding allocated by IFLA would only be sufficient to sustain the project for another year of study and informed that there would be no further funding allocated by the IFLA to support the project. She stated that the project lead, Helsinki Library should be alerted not to commit to a new annual contract until funding availability had been established.</p>	Secretary (elect) & Project Lead
6.2	<p>Barbara Lison, Bremen Public Library further informed about the IFLA Professional Committee’s rationale that IFLA should not fund the project beyond a three-year period as it had to dedicate resources to piloting other development projects and that the Section should take over the sustenance of the project after its three-year pilot, should it be deemed useful to the Section members. Noting the Professional Committee’s plan to fund a standards establishment project, Aicheng suggested that the library evaluation and benchmarking survey could be proposed to the Committee as a component of the standards project. She opined that the survey and its results were not restricted to public or metropolitan libraries hence could provide relevant base data and information required to establish library standards.</p>	Secretary (elect)
6.3	<p>Chairman noted interest of the Auckland Libraries on the software used to collate and aggregate the survey data and asked that information about the project be shared with them. She noted that the 2011 Survey report should be published and uploaded online for access.</p>	Info Coordinator to note

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	<u>Geek! The Library</u>	
6.4	In response to Chairman’s call for interest to embark on the Geek! The Library campaign project, Hans, Amsterdam Public Libraries updated that four major Dutch libraries were in the midst of implementing the Geek! The Library campaign and would update the Section on its experience and learning points.	Secretary (elect) to note
6.5	Barbara Lison, informed the meeting that the campaign was a movement created by the OCLC with support from the Bill and Melande Gates Foundation, and that interested libraries worldwide could adopt the campaign branding and acquire campaign guidelines and collateral templates from the OCLC at a fee. She added that libraries were not bound by conditions to adopt the Geek! Tagline and were able to change the tagline to better align to their local context. Pilots in Germany, Austria and the UK were highlighted as examples of possible customisations of the Geek! The Library campaign and branding – Four German library pilots adopted the tagline of “BiblioFreak!” in place of ‘Geek!’ and in the UK, the Geek! Campaign was presented as a public testimonial of the value of libraries rather than the original Geek! Campaign objectives of promoting libraries through connections to trending subjects/themes.	
6.6	The meeting concurred that as a follow up, MetLib members would explore the feasibility and approach to adopting the Geek! Campaign at its libraries and update the Section at the next meeting.	Members & Secretary(elect) to note
<b>7</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
7.1	Chairman informed the newly elected office bearers and newly appointed SC members about the relevant meetings and sessions at the Conference that they should attend, and encouraged all members to attend the launch of the IFLA Trend Report. She urged all members to stay active in charting new developments and directions for future libraries. The meeting thanked Chairman for her stewardship of the section.	
7.2	There being no further matters, the meeting ended at 4.40pm.	

Recorded by: Mr Stanley Tan

Reviewed by: Ms Tay Ai Cheng

Approved by: Ms Claudia Lux