



IFLA Metropolitan Libraries Section

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Business Meeting of the Standing Committee meeting was held at the 2015 World Library and Information Congress: 81st IFLA General Conference and Assembly in Capetown, South Africa.

The Standing met on Saturday, August 15, 2015 from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at The Westin Capetown hotel.

1. Attendance and general introductions

Standing Committee members attending:

Ai Cheng Tay (Singapore), Siobhan A. Reardon (Philadelphia), Jeff Barber (Regina), Hannelore Vogt (Cologne); Barbara Lison (Bremen); Shuqing Chu (Hangzhou); Stanley Tan (Singapore)

Standing Committee members not attending:

Corrado Di Tillio (Rome), Jasmina Ninkov (Belgrade), Assumpta Bailac Puigdemivol (Barcelona)

Observers attending:

Christine Mackenzie (Yarra Plenty), Caroline Robertson (Christchurch), Josephine Siegrist (Switzerland), Claudia Lux (Qatar), Saadi Al Said (Qatar); Stanley Tan (Singapore); Inga Lunden (Stockholm); Deborah Jacobs (Gates Foundation); Jessica Dorr (Gates Foundation); Staff of the Hangzhou Public Library, Harlinah Teoh (State Library-Victoria)

2. **Permission of Observers** to attend the meeting was unanimously granted

3. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was approved as proposed

First Term members of the Standing Committee were noted and welcomed: Anca Cristina Rapeanu (Bucarest); Shuqing Chu, Stanley Tan Tik Loong. Paul Trumphour (Toronto).

4. Election for Term of Office 2015 – 2019

The Chair informed the SC that her term has been completed. The Section needed to elect a new Chairperson and introduced/nominated Corrado Di Tillio (Rome) the current Secretary/Information Officer) to be the incoming Chair of the Section, the motion was unanimously approved; The Chair

then introduced/nominated Siobhan Reardon (Philadelphia) to consider the nomination of Secretary and Treasurer – the motion was unanimously approved.

5. Comments from the Professional Committee and the Committee Standards – Evaluation Proposal of Metlib Statistics Guidelines – Standard Development Proposal

SC reviewed the responses from the IFLA Professional and Standards committee to the proposal to have the Metlib Section and the Public Libraries section join forces to provide a statistical program that could be used to inform future library development strategies as well as justify the continued relevance of libraries. Driving the issue behind the proposal is the ability to finance the statistical project as IFLA can offer no funding options.

Siobhan Reardon, Marian Morgan-Bindon (Chair-Public Libraries Section), Harlinah Teoh (Statistics Committee) were to meet with Fiona Bradley, Christina de Castell and Patrice Landry to discuss the opportunities, if any, to incorporate the current proposal with the IFLA Standards Establishment project on Wednesday, August 20th (during the IFLA conference).

6. IFLA Strategic Plan Framework, 2016-2021

The Chair reviewed the draft of the IFLA Strategic Plan encouraging the Section to review the draft and offer comments by September 2015. The Chair also encouraged the Section to engage in the following strategic directions of the organization:

- Libraries in Society – empowering libraries to build literate, informed and participative societies;
- Information and Knowledge – build a framework that promotes equitable access to information and knowledge in any format and in any place;
- Cultural Heritage – work closely with the network of cultural heritage partners to safeguard cultural heritage in its diverse forms
- Capacity Building – establish the capacity to raise the voice of libraries and librarians at national, regional and global levels.

7. Metlib Conference 2016 – Doha

The Chair invited members of the Qatar National Library delegation to present on their upcoming conference in Doha – April 23-28, 2016. The theme of the Conference is “Pearls in the desert: unleashing potential.” Saadi Al Said gave a preview of the soon-to-be-launched website. The agenda being developed will include visits to educational and cultural places as well as popular tourist attractions.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Siobhan A Reardon (Secretary/Treasurer)