



IFLA Metropolitan Libraries Section

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Business Meeting of the Standing Committee meeting of the Metropolitan Libraries Section in Columbus Ohio on Saturday August 13th 2016.

Meeting commenced at 15:20

Attendance and general introductions

Section Chair, DiTillio welcomed all in attendance and asked for a self-introduction

Standing Committee members attending:

Corrado Di Tillio (Rome), Siobhan A. Reardon (Philadelphia), Paul Trumphour (Toronto) Jasmina Ninkov (Belgrade).

Standing Committee members not attending: Jeff Barber (Regina), Assumpta Bailac Puigdellivol (Barcelona); Hannelore Vogt (Cologne); Shuqing Chu (Hangzhou); Anca Cristina Rapeanu (Bucharest); Stanley Tan Tik Loong (Singapore).

Corresponding Member(s) attending:

Abeer Saad Al Kuwari (Doha)

Permission of Observers to attend the meeting was unanimously granted

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was reviewed and accepted

1. **Minutes of the METLIB meeting held in April 2016 in Qatar** were reviewed. We did not have a quorum so minutes could not be accepted. A number of changes regarding the MetLib conference in Montreal 2017 were noted. However, there were over 100 attendees at the conference.
2. Section Chair DiTillio reviewed information from the Professional Committee Officers Forum with all members present.
3. **Announcements and report from the Professional Committee** – Raissa Teodori (Division I Chair) presented the work of Division I to bring about discussions on demonstrating value and assessing impact across and within library and information services. She proposed it as a topic for a Division I programme to be held in Wroclaw. METLIB members provided feedback

4. **WLIC and MetLib Programs:**

- A. Standing Committee members reviewed the WLIC Agenda and members agreed to disperse among important Section meetings and conference workshops to gain information for future Metlib work.
- B. Corrado DiTillio asked that someone from the Standing Committee follow up with the Montreal conference committee as to the overall setup of the conference in May 2017;
- C. We still need to decide on the location for the 2019 MetLib conference;
- D. Theme for the IFLA Conference in Wroclaw Poland is Libraries, Solidarity and Society;
- E. Theme for the Wroclaw 2017 conference – do we want a theme around advocacy? It was decided to defer this decision to Tuesday 8/16 meeting).

5. **International AIB/IFLA contest for short films about libraries – update**

Corrado DiTillio is looking for a sponsor for the upcoming film awards. He is going to speak to all potential companies in the Exhibition area.

There were 19 entries submitted by 27 April 2016 from numerous countries among four categories – fiction, documentary, advertising, Metropolitan Libraries. The grand prize is 1k Euros – Bremen Stadtsbibliothek won first prize. MetLib needs to send the 2016 short films to IFLA HQ

- 6. **Advocacy** – how do we build this component for MetLib – discussion will continue as it was agreed that Advocacy, at a national and local level, would be a discussion at the MetLib conference in Montreal; Siobhan Reardon proposed an expert from the Free Library of Philadelphia as a speaker;
- 7. MetLib Section submitted a proposal for new Guidelines about statistics to IFLA – the proposal needs to be re-examined and potentially delayed due to the ongoing statistical work being done by IFLA thru the new Library Map of the World project.
- 8. **Global Library Atlas** Corrado informed that the Data Atlas project is currently underway – funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Philadelphia and Zurich have been pilots for this initiative. Josephine Siegrist reported about the work done by the Pestalozzi Library in Zurich.
- 9. The Chair also announced that there will be a Global visioning workshop in Athens Greece in March 2017. The workshop will include the officers of each of the IFLA sections which will then be followed up by regional meetings around the globe. The entire visioning and review will be completed by December 2017.

It was agreed that the Metropolitan Libraries Section would again meet on August 16th at 8:00 to complete the IFLA worksheets regarding “What Makes a dynamic IFLA professional Unit.”

Meeting adjourned at 4:40

Respectfully submitted by Siobhan A Reardon (Secretary/Treasurer)