



IFLA Metropolitan Libraries Section

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Business Meeting of the Standing Committee meeting of the Metropolitan Libraries Section in Columbus Ohio on Tuesday August 16th, 2016.

Meeting commenced at 8:05 a.m.

Attendance and general introductions

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); Shu Qing Chu (Hangzhou); Anca Cristina Rapeanu (Bucharest); Stanley Tan Tik Loong (Singapore).

Corresponding Member(s) attending:

Abeer Saad Al Kuwari (Doha)

Also attending: Davorka Bastic (Zagreb); Sonja Burme (Zagreb); Barbara Lison (German Library Assn.); Xiaoxi Ye Hangzhou Library, China; Christine MacKenzie (IFLA Governing Board); Ai Cheng Tay (Singapore); Josephine Siegrist (Zurich); Raissa Tedori (IFLA Division I); Kathleen Imhoff (consultant); Sharan Harvey (Brisbane AU).

Permission of Observers to attend the meeting was unanimously granted

1. The members filled the questionnaire *What makes a dynamic IFLA Unit?*
2. Siobhan Reardon reviewed notes from the SIG the meeting on policies and protocols – Services from Birth to 5.
3. Jasmina Ninkov invited all to Belgrade for MetLib 2018 – May 7th through 12th, 2018;
4. IFLA Communication Plan document – Section needs to complete a plan with a SWOT analysis for each established goal area noted in the action plan – the Standing Committee will review and write a first draft of the plan for the Section – Abeer Al Kuwari (Qatar) as the Corresponding member is to

manage the process;

5. Committee on Standards – MetLib Section is required to fill out the form on existing and new standards:
 - a. What do we need to do to respond by September 9th;
 - b. Working groups on guidelines on statistical reporting for large and public libraries
 - c. We need to recruit member libraries from Africa and Latin America – hopeful representative from Cuba;
6. IFLA is searching for new policy submissions for the IFLA Journal – we are asked to encourage speakers of the various conferences to write a white paper on their preferred topic;
7. IFLA Poland – Metropolitan Libraries Section – what will be our topic for discussion – Suggestions:
 - a. Refugees
 - b. IFLA Trend Report
 - c. Internet and web are becoming more closed – access challenge as the next billion users of the web are coming from developing countries
 - d. How do we make collections available to lower socio-economic persons
 - e. Broad social disruption and its impact on libraries – Black Lives Matter; Flooding; Refugees..
 - f. Management of staff at a branch level
8. The short film awards at the IFLA conference in Wroclaw will be at an off-site location – this is an opportunity to meet the finalists; the idea of a loop projection of all the short films in a space during the WLIC or the MetLib Conference was proposed.
9. Chairman DiTillio is interested in recruiting Standing Committee members for the Metropolitan Libraries Section – membership is between 10 and 20 max. Possibilities for virtual participation – active participation. If you miss two consecutive congresses you are considered non-participatory or resigned;
10. Specific projects – what else other than the film project should the MetLib section be considering – Sister Cities exchanges? The Children’s SIG is also working on this idea. We could look at combining this concept with the Public Libraries Section.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Siobhan A Reardon (Secretary/Treasurer)