



Minutes of the Standing Committee meeting held at the 2015 MetLib Conference in Zurich, Switzerland

IFLA Metropolitan Libraries Section - Standing Committee

Friday, 8th May, 8:45-12:00

1. Attendance and general introductions

Standing Committee members attending were:

Ai Cheng Tay (chair), Corrado Di Tillio (secretary / information secretary), Assumpta Bailac Puigdemol, Barbara Lison, Siobhan A. Reardon,

Standing Committee members not attending were: (*= prior notice given)

Jeff Barber, Barbara Clubb, Nancy Davenport, Markus Feigl, Sharan Harvey, Jasmina Ninkov, Ophélie Ramonatxo, Tomáš Reháč, Carolyn Robertson, Hannelore Vogt, Jianzhong Wu

Observers attending were:

Fatma Al-Mannai (Qatar), Saadi Al Said (Qatar), Gihan Baraka (Qatar), Davorka Bastić (Croatia), Rajka Gjurković-Govorčin (Croatia), Louise Guillemette-Labory (Canada), Jason LeDuc (Canada), Claudia Lux (Qatar), Suzanne Payette (Canada), Rachel Preisig (Switzerland), Josephine Siegrist (Switzerland), Dzidra Smita (Latvia), Anna-Maria Soininvaara (Finland), Stanley Tan (Singapore), Aleksandra Vicentijevic (Serbia), Nagham Yassin (Qatar)

2. Permission of Observers to attend

Permission of Observers to attend the meeting was unanimously granted.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as proposed.

4. Presentation of MetLib 2016 in Doha (Qatar)

Saadi Al Said announced that Qatar National Library will host the 2016 MetLib conference, which will take place in April 23-28 at the Qatar National Convention Centre in Doha. He presented some of the outlines of the country and the new library, i. e. the outreach programs and a cutting-edge technology building. He announced that conference attendees will be offered a special preview of the building. A short discussion followed about the theme of the conference.

"Metropolitan libraries as means of people's development" was one of the suggested themes.

6. News from IFLA

Barbara Lison, member of the Governing Board, updated the SC members about some of the IFLA news:

- the next conference in Cape Town (South Africa)
- the Key Initiatives
- the upcoming deadline for Governing Board elections
- the Lyon Declaration (more signatories from NGOs are needed)
- the IFLA Trend Report

7. The MetLib annual statistical survey

Corrado Di Tillio reminded that a "Standard Development Proposal Form" about "Guidelines for Statistical Reporting for Public Libraries" was presented by a working group with members from the Section on Metropolitan Libraries, the Public Libraries Section and the Statistics and Evaluation Section. The form was sent to the Professional Committee for approval.

Jason LeDuc of Counting Opinions presented some of the news about the measurement of public libraries and the current issues about the MetLib annual survey: new metrics, participation, time frame, gaps, import of other data sets (i.e. PLA data are freely available), sustainability and future funding models.

8. Future MetLib Conferences

The attending observers from Canada confirmed their intention to host the 2017 MetLib conference in Montreal.

Aleksandra Vicentijevic proposed Belgrade (Serbia) as host city for the conference in 2018.

9. Programme in Cape Town (2015)

The theme and the presenters of the programme were reminded.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12.00.

Respectfully submitted by Corrado Di Tillio (Secretary / Information Officer)