



NATIONAL LIBRARIES SECTION STANDING COMMITTEE
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Standing Committee Meeting 1, Saturday 11 August 2012, 15.15–17.45
(Helsinki Exhibition and Convention Center, Room 206)

M i n u t e s

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Item 1 Welcome by the Chair

The Chair welcomed those present to the meeting and explained that there would be two Standing Committee meetings during the Congress. The second meeting would be held on Thursday 16 August from 9.45 to 11.15 in Room 206 of the Helsinki Exhibition and Convention Center.

Item 2 Apologies

The following apology was noted: Winsome Hudson, Jamaica.

Item 3 Introduction of members

The Chair invited members and observers to introduce themselves. The people present at the meeting were asked to sign an attendance list mentioning their affiliation and email address.

Item 4 Adoption of the agenda

The Chair asked if there were any items to be included in the Agenda.
The agenda was adopted.

Item 5 Approval of the SC1 and SC 2 Minutes, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 2011

The minutes were approved without amendment.

Item 6 Election of the Information Officer 2012–2014

The Chair informed members that unfortunately Andy Stevens, who was elected as Information Officer (IO) in 2011, was not able to remain as IO to the end of the term. That is why the members need to elect another person for this position. The Chair indicated that the position of IO is very important for the Section and Standing Committee. The major duties of the IO would be publishing newsletters of the Section, updating information on what is happening in the Section, and maintaining the Section's website. The Chair also pointed out that without these activities Section's work would be limited to the annual SC meetings and IFLA program. A mechanism of news and experience exchange needs to be resumed and developed.

The Chair then asked if there were volunteers. As no one indicated willingness to take the positions, the members were asked to think about this matter until the second meeting. At the second SC meeting the decision should be made and elections of the new Information Officer performed.

Item 7 Report from the Chair on the Leadership Briefing to Chairs and Secretaries held on Saturday 11 August 2012

The Chair informed that he and the Secretary, Irina Lynden, attended the Leadership Brief in the morning. He gave an overview of the meeting chaired by Ann Okerson, IFLA Professional Committee:

- One of the most significant items was the Professional Committee's budget and the way PC was going to change it. The Professional Committee is planning to move away from large allocations of admin funds towards more funds allocated on projects. This year each section was asked to return their administrative funds if they were not spent during the year 2011. Our section did so, since our administrative funds were not spent: we relied on

communication via email, and we did not support speakers or satellite conferences. The budget of the PC in 2011 was € 50 000 of which €31 560 were spent on admin needs (€ 400 per section). In 2012 administrative funds will be reduced to € 17 200, which will allow allocating € 26 750 on projects. Limitations will be introduced for spending administrative funds (i.e. speakers, travel, food). To apply for project funds the Section has to come up with a proposal. In the past we had a project which resulted in the NL Directory in Wikipedia. Proposals should be submitted by October 31, 2012. The Chair reminded members that a new project has to match the IFLA's Five Key Initiatives. The Section has to consider the impact which the project may have for national libraries and their services.

- Another important issue was the IFLA Language Program. Multilingualism has been included in the Five Key Initiatives, and the language program started in 2011. IFLA invested money in translation software, and on making the IFLA website including all the materials in two more languages: French and Spanish. In 2012-2014, two more languages will be added.

The Chair asked for comments on the issues which he mentioned in his information on the Leadership Briefing.

Patrice Landry suggested a project on Standards for the National Libraries Section. It can be collaborative with the Section on Standards which he chairs. Genevieve Clavel commented on the administrative monies. She pointed out that if a section did not spend them, the money should be returned to the Professional Committee which may pass them to other sections.

The Chair resumed the discussion asking the members to prepare suggestions for a possible next year's project. This item was included in the agenda of the Second SC meeting on August 16.

Item 8 Update on the National Libraries Section's conference session in 2012

The Chair reminded members that this year the National Libraries Section will have a two hour session: *National Libraries and Open Data: New Discovery and Access Services*. It will take place on August 15 at 3.45–15.45 in the Session Room 2. The keynote speaker is Elisabeth Niggemann, The German National Library. Other speakers are: Gildas Illien, The National Library of France, Bill Mcnaught, The National Library of New Zealand, and Gill Hamilton, The National Library of Scotland. The Chair invited all members and observers to attend the session.

Item 9 Initial ideas on the program of the session at the WLIC 2012 in Singapore

The Chair invited members to think about possible topics for next year's program and about the possibility of a joint session with other sections of IFLA. If there were immediate ideas they were also welcome.

Ngian Len Choh suggested thinking about the challenges which national libraries face in preserving the national memory.

Elisabeth Niggemann suggested looking at the e-legal deposit and collecting of e-materials that many national libraries are already doing. There is a new problem of access to web materials apart from the copyright limitations. It is a privacy issue of the materials presented in the WWW.

Steen Bill Larsen agreed about the limitations of access which result from the privacy issues. The technical solutions will be needed to resolve the problem. He suggested that the Information Technology Section might be considered as a partner.

Hans Jansen suggested including the issue of collection development policy with regard to digital collecting. It should include a web archiving policy as well.

Elizabeth Niggemann added that a paper on transition of collecting of print to e-materials and the overview of issues and implications for national libraries should be included in the program. For example, the matter of selection is new for national libraries which traditionally aimed at the most complete collections of national materials. Significant changes are going on in the cataloguing area. National libraries cannot manage full cataloguing or original cataloguing of the e-materials, especially web resources.

Vigdis Moe Skarstein noted that there are limitations in collecting and accessing digital materials which are of political nature rather than legal. A lot of Internet materials can be considered as private or not for public use.

Liudmila Tikhonova suggested that legal aspects are also important for access to e-collections, and it would be useful to have the CLM Section as a partner.

Ngian Lek Choh shared her thoughts, that collecting of national memory should include web archiving. It is a difficult task given the volume of materials on the web. She supported the proposal to include the issue of access on the program.

Monika Rizzo Soares Pinto proposed to invite FAIFE as a partner to the program. The issue of privacy and limitations of access to the NL's digital content is within FAIFE's priorities. She agreed that the program should focus on the issues of selection (what to collect) and the technical and organizational issues (how to collect). These issues will be useful for development of the new e-collecting policy.

Vigdis Moe Skarstein said that the question of which web resources are public and which are not is likely to be decided on a political level. Along with the issues of privacy there are issues regarding "watch dog" agencies. She agreed that selection is a new trend in collection practices of national libraries.

Martyn Wade pointed out that there is a difference between legal deposit and available content on the web which national libraries started to acquire. He resumed the discussion and asked the group to think about a proposal on e-collecting for the NL, as the theme of the next year's program. He also asked the Secretary to prepare a summary of the discussion. At the next meeting we will have to make this proposal more clear and precise.

Item 10 Discussion on International Standards for National Libraries

Patrice Landry, Chair of the Library Standards Committee and member of the NL SC briefed the group on the goals and objectives of the Standards Committee, as well as its membership which represents many IFLA sections. During 2011–2012 the Committee compiled a list of IFLA library standards and circulated it among all IFLA sections. Many of the standards were developed by IFLA

in collaboration with UNESCO. The list initiated the discussion on: which standards should be revised, which standards were missing. Patrice noted that under standards the Committee also considered guidelines. The Standards Committee addressed all the section with a request to identify which standards or guidelines should be created or revised. He invited the participants to attend the session of his committee which will be on Thursday, August 16.

Patrice Landry addressed the members with the questions on what international standards were needed, and which of the existing standards needed revision. He believed that development of guidelines based on best practices which should be on the agenda of the NLS. As to IFLA, Standards and Guidelines are among its key activities. We need to create guidelines on creating Standards and Guidelines. All our materials should be in open access, and be part of the IFLA repository.

Martyn Wade invited the group's initial thoughts.

Vigdis Moe Skarstein asked which standards would be useful if at all. Will there be an audience for them?

Patrice Landry noted that IFLA Standards and Guidelines always were sold very well.

The Chair asked what purposes IFLA standards should follow. We also need look at the list which was compiled and decide which of them are still useful, which should be revised, and which areas need to be addressed and covered in Standards and Guidelines should also be covered.

Vigdis Moe Skarstein noted that libraries vary, so it would be difficult to come up with one standard for all. Different countries have different metadata standards, and library services of different national libraries vary. Standards and Guidelines, if we spend time on them, should be useful, and should help librarians.

Monika Rizzo Soares said that for national libraries in Latin America and other areas standards and guidelines will be extremely useful. National libraries there are new and they do need shared expertise and knowledge of best practices.

The Chair asked what areas would be particularly useful.

Monika Rizzo Soares answered – legal deposit, role of national libraries, digitization, and basic services.

Elisabeth Niggemann mentioned that all standards in cataloguing, collection development and other areas of technical services were important and useful.

Patrice Landry answered that there was overlap, and many standards which national libraries used were developed by other sections, e.g., national bibliography, cataloguing, etc.

John Tsebe stressed that national library standards and guidelines are useful for other libraries. Many of them reflect the best practice. He suggested that the section should look at guidelines for e-legal deposit, and standards on digitization.

Patrice Landry noted that Committee on Standards will not develop standards, they will only help and advice.

The Chair suggested thinking about the project for the section on developing up-to-date guidelines on the national library role. For that we need to attract experts from countries who can share their expertise

Andy Stephens pointed out that along with common features and procedures national libraries have many differences; in selection of materials, role in the society, priorities. Given this situation it is hard to develop evaluation metrics and criteria.

Vigdis Moe Skarstein mentioned that Maurice Line whom many people mentioned wrote his books and articles on national libraries for his time. Nowadays national libraries are very different. That's why she fears standards. Guidelines would be more appropriate.

Ngian Lek Choh suggested that she agreed that there were differences, but maybe to include in standards or guidelines that minimum in which national libraries do not differ.

Patrice Landry mentioned that IFLA standards are more guidelines or best practices. IFLA standards must be international, unlike their national counterparts.

The Chair suggested thinking about the project, having in mind that the goals should be achievable. We will get back to it at the next meeting. If we come up with projects worth doing we will apply.

Item 11 AOB

The Chair brought up the issue of the country reports. It was a tradition to make small reports by each member of the committee. But since we already have CDNL reports He proposed skipping it. At the same time if some of the member wanted to share very important experiences, they would be welcome.

John Tsebe asked about the IFLA statement on digital preservation.

Genevieve, as a former board member, promised to come up with the answer at the next meeting.

There were no other items of business.

Chair of the Meeting

Martyn Wade

Secretary

Irina Lynden