IFLA News Media Section Standing Committee Meeting

Business Meeting, WLIC 2017, Wrocław
August 19, 2017
12:30 – 14:00 h

Agenda:

1) Welcome
2) Introduction of participants
3) Approval of agenda
4) Elections. Chair and secretary for the next two years.
5) Mid-term conference in 2018.
6) Pre-conference for WLIC 2018 in Malaysia.
7) Templateless action plan for a headless section in the year to come.
8) Agenda for second business meeting
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1) Welcome

As the Chair of the Section, Douwe Drijfhout, is not present, the Secretary of the Section, Niels Bønding chairs the session.

2) Introduction of participants

Hanna Arpiainen, National Library of Finland (guest)
Niels Bønding, Royal Danish Library (chair)
Ulrich Hagenah, Hamburg State and University Library (minute taker)
Minna Kaukonen, National Library of Finland
Alenka Kavčić Ćolić, National University Library of Slovenia (guest)
Michael Lueting, Zeutschel GmbH (guest)
Pär Nilsson, National Library of Sweden
Teri Sierra, Library of Congress, Washington DC
Maria Sonjonen, National Library of Finland (guest)
Frederick Zarndt, IFLA Division II [13.30 – 14.00]

3) Approval of agenda

Agenda was reviewed and approved.

4) Elections. Chair and secretary for the next two years.

As they had announced beforehand, Douwe Drijhout and Niels Bønding step down from the functions with this WLIC. For the necessary elections the status on 17 August 2017 was: no one is running. After discussing the situation and prospects for the next two years the Standing Committee elects Teri Sierra (Library of Congress) as Chair by acclamation. The Section will not have a Secretary for the time being. Action and organizational tasks will be assigned to small teams for certain purposes. Mazelan Anuar is willing to continue as communication officer.

The Standing Committee thanks Teri and Mazelan for their kind readiness to be officers of the Section. Special thanks to Niels for his dedicated, efficient work and good humour in all circumstances as our Secretary, and to Douwe for being Chair in the past two years.
5) Mid-term conference in 2018

The 2016 idea of having a mid-term meeting on Cuba is discarded as long as political circumstances make it impossible for US-American colleagues to attend it. Alternatively, Ana Krahmer proposed a conference in Miami. Michael Luetgen could imagine to activate contacts to Binghamton University, NY. Other ideas are still welcome. After having two midterm-conferences and a satellite conference in Europe and the next WLIC taking place in Malaysia, a midterm-conference in the Americas seems favourable.

Niels will very soon call a ZOOM-conference of all Standing Committee members (doodle for a choice of dates) in order to discuss the conference planning with all members, especially those not present in Wroclaw. The organization committee has to be formed. Mary Feeney, Ana Krahmer and new member Anke Winsmann (SuUB Bremen, Germany, replacing Ulrich Hagenah in the SC 39) offered beforehand to take part; more volunteers are welcome.

6) Pre-Conference for WLIC 2018 in Malaysia

The National Libraries of Vietnam and Laos – asked by Frederick Zarndt – already declined to invite the News Media Section for a Pre-Conference. There might be more alternatives in the region, but the general opinion of the present members is that it became too much effort to organize a midterm-conference, a pre-conference and an open session at the WLIC as well which seems to be particularly important in order to reach a broader public of IFLA members.

Alenka Kavčić Ćolić, newly elected Chair of the IFLA Preservation and Conservation (PAC) Section, mentions the enormous problems of newspaper preservation in South East Asian countries and intends to organize a PAC meeting on this topic, if possible a joint event with our Section, joint open WLIC session (2 or 3 hours) preferred.

The organizational committee and drafting procedure of a call for papers will be topic of the next ZOOM conference mentioned above. Alenka will be in the group anyway.

7) Templateless action plan for a headless section in the year to come.

Omitted (see 4)

8) Agenda for second business meeting

After some discussion it was decided not to hold the second meeting, since we had no substantial items for the agenda. Zoom-conference will be next meeting (see 5 above).

Item to the agenda by Frederick Zarndt: Application for IFLA funding for another digitization workshop in Kampala, Uganda, in 2018 (proposal by Frederick Zarndt).

9) AOB

Teri Sierra is interested in collecting topics, fields of interest and essential needs for discussion in the Section, such as copyright, microfilm use and preservation, webharvesting. Others mention the continuing necessity to keep the collection and preservation strategies discussion alive, as well as the problems of e-legal-deposit usage. Michael Luetgen stresses that from the service providers’ point of view it is essential to gain planning reliability in respect of the strategies of libraries and archives.

Niels and Frederick are going to find out formal details about the membership of Zeutschel GmbH resp. Micheal Luetgen personally – how can he sign up for the Section and perhaps could take over functions. The next election period starts at the end of 2018. Michael offers to support the Section and assist with contacts as far as he can in the meantime.