

## **IFLA News Media Section Meeting Minutes**

### **September 28, 2018**

Meeting held in Teri Sierra's office, Library of Congress, Washington, DC

Present: Teri Sierra, Chair; Kopana Terry, Secretary (joining by phone); Ana Krahmer, Information Officer; Mary Fenney, Standing Committee representative

1. **The IFLA website** is poised to get a much needed make-over. In June, the Standing Committee was asked to review the News Media web pages and make recommendations on what should be archived, and what should be discarded. Several SC members provided feedback via email. Those exchanges are attached to the end of these minutes for ease of review by Officers (note that there was a slight digression concerning Mid-year meeting papers, but all email exchanges are represented here for transparency). We must send IFLA HQ our recommendations soon.
2. Frederick Zarndt asked the **News Media Section to sponsor** his upcoming digitization workshop held in Nairobi, Kenya, Africa. This sponsorship does not involve funding, and therefore does not implicate IFLA HQ. It is only an endorsement of the workshop's value to the participants. The officers, and Mary Fenney representing the Standing Committee, agreed to this endorsement.
3. The News Media Section needs to **submit an "action plan" to IFLA HQ**. This will outline what the News Media Section plans to do for the upcoming year (2019), primarily the meetings we'll hold and their themes where applicable.
4. **A great deal of discussion** was had about 2019 mid-year meeting locations, the annual meeting location in Athens (satellite meeting vs. main meeting), combining with another unit in Athens, and the mid-year meeting of 2020.
  - a. **2019 mid-year meeting** (held mid-to-late April/early May) location possibilities floated were Nairobi, London, Wales, Northern Ireland, and Denmark. Nairobi and Denmark were struck down as being politically problematic and professionally uncertain, respectively. The three remaining locations will be put to a vote with the Standing Committee.
    - i. Contact for London is Patrick Fleming ([Patrick.Fleming@bl.uk](mailto:Patrick.Fleming@bl.uk) )
    - ii. Contact for Wales is Glen Robson ([glen.robson@iif.io](mailto:glen.robson@iif.io))
    - iii. Contact for Northern Ireland (Dublin) is Fergus Gillespie ([fgillespie@nli.ie](mailto:fgillespie@nli.ie))
  - b. The Officers agreed that a **satellite meeting** in 2019 Greece was financially taxing for participants in addition to the main congress meeting and a mid-year meeting. It was decided to put this question to a vote with the Standing Committee.
    - i. Michael Lutgen suggested University of Patras, in Patras, Greece as a satellite meeting location should the Standing Committee choose to move forward. <http://www.upatras.gr/en>
  - c. The idea of combining with another IFLA Unit for a **joint-meeting** was introduced. Such a meeting has proven successful in the past. This idea, too, will be put forward for a vote from the Standing Committee.

- i. Digital Humanities Section was suggested but was quickly declined
  - ii. Genealogy and Local History Section was suggested. Cecelia Salvatore is that section's chair.
  - iii. IT was suggested (we've paired with them in the past)
  - iv. Preservation and Conservation Section was suggested (we just did a joint meeting with them in Kuala Lumpur)
- d. Frederick Zarndt suggested Mexico City was suggested as a **mid-year meeting location in 2020** because of their interest in News Media. Waiting until 2020 is ideal allowing their 2019 election results to solidify government.

**Action items:**

1. Teri will call Division Head, Ann Okerson, to confirm all paperwork is complete for installing Terry and Kraemer as officers. Will also ensure no further action is necessary.
2. Teri will check with IFLA HQ on a form, if it exists, for associate members such as Michael Lutgen.
3. Kopana will create a Doodle Poll for the Standing Committee on the following questions:
  - a. Are you interested in sitting on the mid-year organizing committee?
  - b. Where do you want to hold our 2019 mid-year meeting: Wales, Northern Ireland, or London?
  - c. Do you have a theme to suggest?
  - d. Are you interested in holding a satellite meeting in addition to the main congress meeting?
  - e. If yes, what's your location of choice in Greece for a satellite meeting?
  - f. Do you have a suggested theme for one or both meetings (satellite and main meeting)?
  - g. Should our Main meeting be held as a joint meeting with another section?
  - h. If yes, what's your section of choice?
4. Officers must siphon through Standing Committee replies for the IFLA website and determine what recommendations should be put forward to IFLA HQ. This should be done promptly.
5. Officers must determine how best to respond to the IFLA Global Vision Report introduced on October 1, 2018 (after this meeting, but during the making of the notes).

## **IFLA News Media Unit (website) Content Review: Standing Committee Comments:**

Terry, Kopana  
Mon 6/18 2:49 PM

Hi Teri,

Thanks for sharing this. I really appreciate that IFLA have already gone through our pages and made suggestions, most of which I agree with. I do have two questions that hopefully you can help with (maybe the answers are in the provided documentation but I've overlooked them).

1. When a page will be archived, will it be archived in a location we can get to from our main page? If not, then where exactly will the be archived and who will have access?
2. The items to be deleted: while they have no immediate value, I could see some value in knowing they existed. Take, for example, node 9223: International Newspaper Archiving and Digitization Summit. It might one day be useful to know that we held a meeting with CRL to "convene a meeting of major actors in the newspaper digitization community to consider a strategic, cooperative approach to future digitization of the world's legacy news collections." The archivist in me hates the idea of throwing away information.

Thanks for any insight you might have.

Kopana

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James Simon <simon@crl.edu>  
Tue 6/19, 4:51 PM

Due to the upcoming ALA conference, I don't have much time this week to look closely at this. Despite the guidelines included, I haven't quite determined how they determined what to delete vs. migrate in certain categories. And it's a little tough without seeing the hierarchical structure of the pages. I'd happily volunteer to devote a little time to this in July, especially for pages related to past events.

In general, I don't have a problem archiving (or deleting) "Call for Papers" or event invitation pages, so long as there is a page somewhere that aggregates those past events and the papers presented.

I'd also comment that many of those conference sites were externally hosted beyond IFLA's control, and I've found several have since gone offline (including the presented papers and abstracts). Should we make an effort to ensure Section papers presented at Satellite and News Media conferences are brought into the IFLA site for long-term retention?

James

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Sierra, Teresa <tsie@loc.gov>

Tue 6/19, 5:08 PM

I would love it if you could take a bit of time in July to go through the list and make recommendations. I think trying to keep the Sections papers permanently is what I am thinking IFLA is trying to achieve. Thanks for the input. Maybe I'll see you at ALA.

Teri Sierra

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Terry, Kopana <klterr0@uky.edu>

Tue 6/19, 5:23 PM

James,

Sometimes the papers are not where one might expect them to be.

For instance, KY hosted the 2016 Satellite meeting, but some of the papers are actually found under the Columbus meeting, not KY. I'm not entirely sure why, or who made those decisions, but it took a bit of searching to find all the papers. I don't want to give the impression that this is the way all IFLA papers are organized. It's possible this was a one-off instance, and that just happened to be what I stumbled upon. But for what it's worth, that's been my experience.

Kopana

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Mazelan ANUAR (NLB) <Mazelan\_ANUAR@nlb.gov.sg>

Tue 6/19, 10:37 PM

Hi everyone,

From 2013, Cally and myself would upload under Papers Presented for every conference when the organising team pass us the word docs and/or ppt slides which would be converted to PDFs. Sometimes the instruction to us is to just link back to the conference's page.

I may have missed it but I receive no email/instructions or papers/slides from the Kentucky conference to be uploaded to IFLA News Media.

At present, only papers presented during IFLA's WLIC would be uploaded to IFLA's Library. I think there were some discussions to include papers from mid-year and pre-conferences to be included in IFLA's library as well but I'm not aware of any decision/outcome of the discussions.

Thank you.

Regards.

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Terry, Kopana  
Wed 6/20 11:20 AM

Mazelan,

Worry not. All the papers from KY's Satellite meeting in 2016 are now available through IFLA's library. A few papers had fallen through the cracks, but I suspect it had more to do with miscommunication between the working group members than anything. It definitely wasn't on your end. We only discovered some papers were missing back in the spring when one of the authors mentioned it. Frederick Zarndt kindly sorted it out.

To your point about WLIC papers only; Since 2016 when I became involved, all the News Media authors, even those presenting only at the Satellite and mid-year sessions, are asked to sign the same paperwork as the WLIC authors. I am, of course, assuming the author forms we've been using for the satellite and mid-year meetings are the same as that used for WLIC authors, but correct me if I'm wrong. I've attached a sample to this email. In the case of KY's satellite meeting, those authors were expecting their papers to be available through IFLA because that's what the paperwork said would happen. "IFLA will make available all accepted Papers through the IFLA website under the terms of the CC-BY License."

All that to say, it would be nice to have a clear policy for what does or does not qualify for IFLA Library publication. If mid-year and satellite authors won't be published, it seems unnecessary to have them sign paperwork to that effect or give the illusion that their papers will be published online through IFLA.

I'm VERY pleased that IFLA is working toward a new website if for no other reason than to make our publications easy and simple to find. As it is now, at least for me, I don't find it very intuitive, either for our section or for IFLA overall.

Kopana

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Kaukonen, Minna M <minna.kaukonen@helsinki.fi>  
Wed 6/27, 7:24 AM

Dear Teri and all,

I think it was noted in some of the IFLA Guidelines that satellite events etc. would be covered as well.

Otherwise I very much agree with James and Kopana about the need for guidelines and the importance of the end results of the events. This could be forwarded to IFLA officials. Had a quick look at the "to-be-deleted" links and most of them really can be deleted. I think the choice was made based on the years, the older call for papers etc. they had left out. But make sure the papers and reports exist, at least in archive (where that is...).

kindly, minna

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Feeney, Mary E - (mfeeney) <mfeeney@email.arizona.edu>  
Wed 6/27, 1:18 PM

Hello everyone,

I agree with what Kopana asked about how/where will “archive” pages be archived? Some of the pages are for past events, but the information may still be useful. And while most of the suggested “delete” pages probably aren’t needed, some of the information on them may be helpful for future reference/committee memory for future committee members. The standing committee has had discussions at past meetings about including midterm conference papers in the IFLA Library, but I don’t remember if there was any follow up on that.

On another note, Teri, James, and I attended the Newspapers Interest Group meeting the American Library Association Annual Conference this past weekend. Patrick Reakes, our host for the 2018 IFLA International News Media Conference in Florida, gave a summary and mentioned that it was a great conference.

Best,  
Mary

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Niels Bønding <nieb@kb.dk>  
Thu 6/28, 4:35 AM

Greetings from Denmark,

Yes, we had discussions about adding the papers from midterm conferences to the IFLA Library, so the reason, Mazelan, that you never received the Kentucky papers was that they were added to the IFLA-library. It should have started a new practice but unfortunately ended up as an anomaly to the existing one.

Cheers,  
Niels

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Mazelan ANUAR (NLB) <Mazelan\_ANUAR@nlb.gov.sg>  
Fri 6/29, 5:08 AM

Hi Niels,

I’ve linked the Kentucky papers in IFLA Library under “Current, upcoming and past conferences” in News Media page.

“It should have started a new practice but unfortunately ended up as an anomaly to the existing one.” – I think we should continue to push for the inclusion of papers presented in mid-term and satellite conferences in IFLA Library. If it’s not possible to do it for 2017 papers, let’s re-try with 2018 ones.

Thank you.

Regards.

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James Simon <simon@crl.edu>

Fri 7/6, 2:12 PM

I've have taken a pass at the News Media site recommendations and have made some revisions to the suggested actions. Those "Status" actions in green were approved as suggested – those in red represent my recommended changes.

While this addresses the immediate review questions, there are still many considerations we need to take up under the "revise and re-write" portion of the migration. Per the guidelines provided:

- "Event pages are primarily meant to inform users about *upcoming* conferences, satellite meetings, etc. and should focus on the future. But any *Outcomes* from Events such as presentations, papers, recordings, etc. can be of longer-term value and should be added as Publication content-types. The situation is similar for News: please make sure that any important work described or linked in News pieces is also available via other webpages such as Publications."

JTS recommendations:

Events: 2017- to migrate to new site, previous years to be archived. Need to make sure links to event pages & original calls for papers are kept on "Papers Presented" pages

News: 2017- to migrate. Previous years' "call for papers" news items to be archived or deleted (note: if we want to retain PDFs of the themes in the call for papers, make sure they are added to the "papers Presented" pages). Other relevant but old news to be archived.

- "All Publication content-type webpages will be migrated"

JTS recommendations:

Change "Papers Presented" pages to Publication types (as recommended). Make sure internal/external links work and relevant documentation (Calls for Papers, slides, presentations) are included in IFLA repository.

- Page content-types will be migrated.

JTS recommendations:

Make sure content is relevant and up to date. Pages needing revision include:

[Digitisation projects and best practice](#)

[Directory of Newspaper Collections](#)

[Minutes of Meetings](#) (add 2017-2018)

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Sierra, Teresa <tsie@loc.gov>

Today, 2:02 PM

'Krahmer, Ana' <Ana.Krahmer@unt.edu>; Terry, Kopana

Here's the list of site recommendations. I'm hoping to send this by the end of this week. Do you have the time to look at it?

