

## **IFLA NEWSPAPERS SECTION**

37th Business Meeting, Helsinki, Finland

Location: Helsinki Exhibition & Convention Centre (Helsingin Messukukukeskus)

Time: SC I: Saturday 11 August 2012 at 15.15pm - 17.45pm

Time: SC II: Tuesday 14 August 2012 at 8.00am - 9.30am



## **MINUTES**

### **PARTICIPANTS**

#### Standing Committee Members

Mr. Frederick Zarndt, Global Connexions, USA, Chair IFLA SC 39

Ms. L. Suzanne Kellerman, Penn State University Libraries, USA, Secretary IFLA SC 39

Mr. Christoph Albers, Berlin State Library, Germany, Information Coordinator IFLA SC 39

Ms. Majlis Bremer-Laamanen, National Library of Finland, Finland

Mr. Ulrich Hagenah, Hamburg State University and University Library, Germany

Mr. Philippe Mezzasalma, Bibliothèque Nationale de France, France

Ms. Mona Løkås, National Library of Norway, Norway

Ms. Inci Önal, Hacettepe University, Turkey

#### Guests

Mr. Pär Nilsson, National Library of Sweden, Sweden

Ms. Else Dulanne, Bibliothèque nationale de France, France

Mr. Hartmut Walravens, Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin (retired)

Mr. Alexander Dzhigo, Russian State Library, Moscow, Russia

Ms. Elizabeth Anne Melrose, UK CILIP, UK, Genealogy and Local History, Secretary IFLA SC 37

Mr. Michael Hall, Family Search, USA

Mr. Terry Dahlin, Brigham Young University, USA, Genealogy and Local History, Newsletter Editor IFLA SC 37

Mr. Randy Olsen, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, USA, Genealogy and Local History, Information Coordinator IFLA SC 37

Mr. Russell Lynch, Family History Library, USA, Genealogy and Local History, Chair IFLA SC 37

Mr. Gene Tan, National Library of Singapore, Singapore

Ms. Chow Wun Han, National Library of Singapore, Singapore (SC II only)

Ms. Päivi Hiljala, University of Helsinki, Finland (SC II only)

Ms. Christiane Baryla, Bibliothèque nationale de France, France, Programme Director PAC (SC II only)

Ms. Renata Petrušić, National and University Library, Zagreb (SC II only)

## **SC I**

### **1. Introductions**

Frederick Zarndt, Chair of the Newspapers Section welcomed all Standing Committee members and guests.

The strong attendance of Newspapers Sections Standing Committee members was noted and appreciated.

Frederick Zarndt recognized Russell Lynch, chair, Genealogy and Local History Section and chair of Division II

(Library Collections). Russell shared his experience and service to IFLA and offered an update from the Division Leadership meeting held this morning. Russell encouraged Standing Committee members to attend the President-Elect's Planning Session on Thursday 16 August at 8.30am in Session Room 6. Russell also offered an invitation to join the Genealogy and Local History Section on a study tour of the National Archives of Finland during this conference.

## **2. Apologies for absence**

Mr. Robert Allen, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand

Ms. Georgia Higley, Library of Congress, USA

Abdul Rahman Sudin, National Library of Malaysia, Malaysia

## **3. Approval of Agenda**

Agenda item 6 was moved to the beginning of the meeting to accommodate Mr. Gene Tan's conference schedule.

## **4. Minutes of meetings / matters arising**

The minutes of the 36th Business Meeting held in Paris, France 10 April 2012 and action items included were approved. The minutes are available on the IFLA website at:

[http://www.ifla.org/files/newspapers/minutes/IFLA\\_Newspapers\\_Section\\_36th\\_SC-Meeting\\_Paris\\_Minutes\\_10-April-2012.pdf](http://www.ifla.org/files/newspapers/minutes/IFLA_Newspapers_Section_36th_SC-Meeting_Paris_Minutes_10-April-2012.pdf)

## **5. Discussion of Satellite meeting prior to the 2013 IFLA Singapore General Conference (agenda Item 6.)**

Mr. Gene Tan, director of the Singapore Memory Project, National Library of Singapore offered the idea of holding a joint Newspapers Section and Genealogy and Local History Section satellite conference at the National Library of Singapore prior to the 2013 IFLA Singapore General Conference. The satellite conference would be held in conjunction with the National Library of Singapore's "Roots Reviewed," an exhibition to educate and promote family history. Gene's joint satellite conference proposal was unanimously accepted by both the Newspapers and Genealogy and Local History Sections. Gene agreed to return to the 14 August Newspapers Section Business Meeting to discuss next steps in planning.

## **6. Discussion of spring 2013 Newspapers Section mid-year conference.**

Frederick provided an update on the status of several locations previously discussed to host the mid-year conference, namely North Texas University, Dallas; Center for Research Libraries, Chicago; National Archives, Mexico and the Libraries and Archives, Canada. At this point none of these sites appeared promising. Additional locations suggested were Turkey or Luxemburg. Michael Hall and Randy Olsen offered the idea of holding the mid-year conference in conjunction with the RootsTech conference to be held at Salt Lake City, Utah 21-23 March 2013. Michael shared additional information about previous RootsTech conferences and its focus. This conference is designed primarily to help individuals learn about technology solutions to find, organize, preserve and share family history information.

Majlis Bremer-Laamanen strongly urged that should the Section hold a mid-year and satellite conferences in 2013 that the agendas and call for papers be separate and distinct activities.

**Action Item:** Set up Skype call for early September to discuss possible themes for mid-year and/or satellite conferences for 2013 (Frederick Zarndt).

#### **7. Review and progress update on the newspaper digitisation guidelines.**

Christoph Albers proposed a new direction for the digitisation guidelines. He suggested linking the current guideline categories to existing online resources from well established digitisation programs. The group accepted Christoph's idea and began to name known digitisation programs with published online resources. They included: Denmark, Australia, New Zealand, Netherlands, Singapore, Brigham Young University, and the Library of Congress (USA).

**Action Item:** Christoph agreed to re-organize the guideline categories on our wiki space and will ask IFLA to move the guidelines document from the wiki to the IFLA website. [**Update:** guidelines can now be found on the Sections website; some links are now available see: <http://www.ifla.org/en/node/6777>].

#### **8. Review of other action items from previous business meeting.**

No other action items were brought forward for discussion.

#### **9. Review of membership situation.**

Frederick reviewed the current membership of the Standing Committee. Both Frederick and Sue's officer-positions end in 2013. It was also noted that Majlis's term as a Standing Committee member ends in 2013. Pär Nilsson is currently not a Standing Committee member but will hopefully re-commit to the Section. Frederick asked Singapore to nominate someone to the Standing Committee. It was also noted that Switzerland and Luxemburg have expressed an interest in nominating someone to the Standing Committee.

#### **10. Continued discussion on the role of IFLA publications, the newsletter and online communications for the Section.**

It was noted that IFLA Helsinki Open Session papers are posted on the IFLA website and the Genealogy and Local History Section website at: <http://conference.ifla.org/ifla78/session-119>. Papers presented at the 2012 Mikkeli Pre-Conference are also available online at <http://www.ifla2012mikkeli.com/materials> It was suggested that in the future authors be asked to supply a list of keywords to facilitate online searching of conference papers.

**Action Item:** Christoph will link the 2012 Helsinki Open Session papers, the 2012 Mikkeli Conference papers and the Paris Conference papers to the Newspapers Section website. (Christoph Albers). [**Update:** all conference papers are currently available from the Newspapers Section's *Current, Upcoming and Past Conference* webpage at: <http://www.ifla.org/en/node/1255>

**Action Item:** Ask IFLA if they allow search engines to access conference papers. (Christoph Albers)

#### **11. Discuss Newspapers Section officer "shadowing" program proposal.**

This agenda item was held for future discussion.

#### **12. Review Newspapers Section 2011-2013 Strategic Plan.**

This agenda item was held over for future discussion.

## SC II

### 1. Continued discussion of mid-year conference and conference theme.

Randy Olsen and Michael Hall submitted a draft mid-year conference proposal to the Newspapers Section and Genealogy and Local History Section for consideration. The conference proposal offered the following details:

- Title and Theme: "Yesterday's News Tomorrow: Preserving Newspapers for Citizen Scholars and Other Researchers.
- Host Location: co-hosted by the University of Utah, Brigham Young University and the Family History and Church History departments of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.
- Date: March 19-20, 2013 immediately preceding the RootsTech Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah
- Attendees: Open to all members of the Newspapers and Genealogy and History Sections , other members of IFLA and staff members of co-hosting institutions.
- Registration Fee: \$125; registrants to cover their own travel, lodging and meal expenses
- Funding Support: The co-hosting institutions will provide staff, equipment, meeting room space and transportation to off-site tours. The co-hosting institutions will also cover costs associated with refreshment breaks. Vendors will be invited to support the meeting by covering all additional expenses. Among the vendors to be approached about sponsorship are Ex Libris, iArchives, Ancestry and brightsolid.
- Tours: Attendees will be invited to participate in tours of the University of Utah's Conservation Lab and the Church History Department's Storage vaults.

Discussion ensued on the costs to host conferences. Both Christiane Baryla, Bibliothèque nationale de France and Majlis Bremer-Laamanen, National Library of Finland shared their recent experiences. It was also noted that the economic burden for attendees to travel to North America (USA) and Singapore in one year would be expensive. It was thought that the current world economic situation would cause attendee to choose to attend either the mid-year conference or the Singapore satellite conference but not both. That said, holding two conferences in 2013 could dramatically affect the attendance at the 2013 Singapore satellite conference. Hearing this discussion, and knowing that the Singapore National Library is prepared to host the 2013 satellite conference, Randy and Michael formerly withdrew their mid-year conference proposal. They asked however for the Sections to re-consider this proposal for 2014.

Frederick thanked Randy and Michael for proposing their mid-year conference draft document. Based on the discussion and decisions made it was decided that the Newspapers Section would not hold a mid-year conference in 2013.

### 2. Continued discussion of satellite meeting prior to the 2013 IFLA Singapore General Conference.

Frederick recommended that discussion of the 2013 satellite conference planning be held via a Skype conference for early September. The Skype conference call was set for September 6 at 3pm UTC/GMT. All Section members were urged to send Frederick their Skype ID as soon as possible. Frederick also asked that ideas for the conference theme be sent to him via email prior to the Skype call.

### 3. Recruit new Section members

Frederick encouraged all Section members to recruit new members. Singapore plans to nominate someone to the Standing Committee.

### 4. Review Newspapers Section action plan. The three action items are:

1. Write a guideline for the digitisation of newspapers. The content will be defined and written by Newspaper Section members. The guideline will supplement the newspapers sections guidelines already published at <http://www.ifla.org/en/publications/79>. [Supports IFLA strategies 1 and 4].
2. Update the Wikipedia list of online newspaper archives and the ICON list on newspaper digitization projects at [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:List\\_of\\_online\\_newspaper\\_archives](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:List_of_online_newspaper_archives) and <http://www.ifla.org/en/about-the-newspapers-section>. [Supports IFLA strategies 1 and 4].
3. Continue to hold mid-year newspaper section conferences as in the past. [Supports IFLA strategies 1, 3, and 4].

Each of the three action plan items were discussed resulting in the following action:

**Action Item:** Christoph agreed to re-organize the guideline categories on our wiki space and will ask IFLA to move the guidelines document from the wiki to the IFLA website. [**Update:** Completed].

**Action Item:** Section members will send Christoph known digitisation programs with published online resources to be linked to the guidelines.

**Action Item:** Philippe Mezzasalma agreed to send a list of digitised French newspapers to update the current list in the Wikipedia list of online newspaper archives.

**Action Item:** Update the Wikipedia list of online newspaper archives. Section members agreed to send updates.

**Action Item:** Update the ICON list on newspaper digitization projects. Section members agreed to send updates.

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**Action Item:** Frederick asked Christoph to review the current Section website and make necessary changes to improve discovery and access.

## **5. Question: Collaboration between WAN-IFRA and the Newspapers Section**

Frederick asked about future collaborations with WAN-IFRA. The World Association of Newspapers and News Publishers, or WAN-IFRA, is the global organization of the world's press, representing more than 18,000 publications, 15,000 online sites and over 3,000 companies in more than 120 countries. For more information see: <http://www.wan-ifra.org/>

**Action Item:** Majlis agreed to make contact with this organization on behalf of the Section.

## **6. Other business**

Christoph introduced the idea to create a galleria of newspaper room images to be posted on our Section's website. The galleria would document space, furnishings, equipment and infrastructure found in today's newspaper rooms. No additional action was taken.

**Next meeting:** Skype conference call on 6 September 2012, 3pm UTC/GMT.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Suzanne Kellerman, Penn State University Libraries, USA (Secretary IFLA SC39)