

IFLA NEWSPAPERS SECTION
38th Business Meeting, Skype Teleconference
Thursday, 6 September 2012 at 2.00pm UTC /GMT



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
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Mr. Ulrich Hagenah, Hamburg State University and University Library, Germany
Ms. Mona Løkås, National Library of Norway, Norway
Mr. Robert Allen, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand

Guests

Mr. Gene Tan, National Library of Singapore, Singapore
Mr. Pär Nilsson, National Library of Sweden, Sweden
Mr. Russell Lynch, Family History Library, USA, Genealogy and Local History, Chair IFLA SC 37
Ms. Elizabeth Anne Melrose, UK CILIP, UK, Genealogy and Local History, Secretary IFLA SC 37

1. Theme for Singapore satellite meeting

Gene Tan shared preliminary planning for the Singapore satellite meeting. The National Library of Singapore will host the two-day meeting prior to the IFLA General Conference.

The IFLA Genealogy and Local History Section enthusiastically agreed to jointly sponsor the meeting with the Newspapers Section. It was decided to hold a single conference and not a two-track program as initially suggested. 24-36 papers would be presented over the course of two days. Possible attendance was projected at 65 – 75.

The meeting date was set for August 14-15, 2013. A registration fee of 100 Euros was approved.

Gene offered to plan a site visit to the Singapore Press Holdings for August 16 and to plan a curator's tour of the "Roots Reviewed" genealogy exhibition.

The following small sub-group was established to work with Gene on planning the satellite meeting. They included:

- Frederick - sponsorship, publicity, IFLA paperwork
- Gene, Mona, Elizabeth - to propose theme and prepare the call for papers announcement for the satellite conference and for the Newspapers Section IFLA Singapore Open Session; Sue to be involved at point of accepting papers, working with speakers, etc.
- Ulrich, Elizabeth, Mona, Sue, Bob Allen, Frederick, Russell, Gene - to review papers

Gene will work on the conference meeting timeline and budget.

Russell offered to check with IFLA HQ on the timeline for call for papers for satellite meetings.

2. Newspapers Section officers after the 2013 IFLA General Conference

Frederick reviewed the current membership and pointed out which officer appointments are to end in 2013. All current Standing Committee members were strongly encouraged to consider leadership positions in the Section and to volunteer shadowing current officers.

Frederick also asked Section members to solicit new Section members and institutional members. It was noted that the National Library of Singapore plans to nominate someone to the Standing Committee. Finland also plans to nominate someone.

3. Locations for future IFLA spring conferences

Russell had no new information on the possibility of hosting a spring conference in conjunction with the RootsTech conference in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA. Pär suggested Stockholm as a possible location for spring 2015 or 2016. Ulrich mentioned Hamburg, Germany as a possible conference location in 2015 in conjunction with the Europeana Conference. Frederick asked that both locations be explored.

4. Other

Elizabeth and Russell reported that the Genealogy and Local History Section would not join the Newspapers Section for a joint Open Session at IFLA Singapore.

The next Skype teleconference call was set for 4 October 2012 at 3.00pm UTC /GMT.

Respectfully submitted,

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