

IFLA NEWSPAPERS SECTION

40th Business Meeting, Singapore

Location: Suntec Singapore International Convention & Exhibition Centre

Time: SC I: Saturday 17 August 2013 at 12.30pm - 15.00pm

Time: SC II: Thursday 22 August 2013 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

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

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

Mr. Philippe Mezzasalma, Bibliotheque Nationale de France, France

Ms. Mona Løkås, National Library of Norway, Norway

Ms. Minna Kaukonen, National Library of Finland, Finland – *New SC member, term to begin at the end of WLIC 2013*

Mr. Mazelan Anuar, National Library Board, Singapore - *New SC member, term to begin at the end of WLIC 2013*

Ms. Krista Kiisa, National Library of Estonia, Estonia - *New SC member, term to begin at the end of WLIC 2013*

Ms. Birdie MacLennan, University of Vermont, USA - *New SC member, term to begin at the end of WLIC 2013*

Mr. Pär Nilsson, National Library of Sweden, Sweden - *New SC member, term to begin at the end of WLIC 2013*

Mr. Thang Le Duc, National Library of Vietnam, Vietnam (SC I only) - *New SC member, term to begin at the end of WLIC 2013*

Guests

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

Mr. Michael Hall, FamilySearch, USA

Wan Wong, National Library of Australia, Australia

Cally Law, National Library Board, Singapore

Mr. Alexander Dzhigo, Russian Book Chamber, Moscow, Russia (SC I only)

Ms. Cristina Manguela, Maputo City Council, Mozambique (SC I only)

Mr. Varadalajan, India (SC I only)

Mr. Arthur Chan, Mb nano-Tensilogies Pte Ltd (SC I only)

Mr. John Chan, Mb nano-Tensilogies Pte Ltd (SC I only)

Genevieve Clavel-Merrin, Swiss National Library, Bern, Switzerland, IFLA Governing Board Member (SC II only)

Dr. Ramesh Gaur, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India (SC II only)

Ms. Jabulani Moyo, Post Newspaper Ltd, Zambia (SC II only)

Ms. Patience Kersha, National Library of Nigeria, Nigeria (SC II only)
Mr. Hameedeh Ibrahim, National Library Board, Singapore (SC II only)
Mr. Rohayah Lani, National Library Board, Singapore (SC II only)
Ms. Chow Chai Khim, National University of Singapore, Singapore (SC II only)

SC I

1. Introductions

Frederick Zarndt, Chair of the Newspapers Section welcomed all continuing and new Standing Committee members and guests. Frederick Zarndt and Suzanne Kellerman thanked the three members who were rotating off the Standing Committee, they included: Philippe Mezzasalma from the Bibliotheque Nationale de France, Georgia Higley from the Library of Congress, and Majlis Bremer-Laamanen from the National Library of Finland. IFLA Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Mr. Mezzasalma and Ms. Bremer-Laamanen who were in attendance.

Action Item: Suzanne will send Georgia Higley her IFLA Certificate of Appreciation.

Ms. Elizabeth Anne Melrose, Secretary of the Genealogy and Local History thanked the Newspapers Section for a successful joint satellite meeting – “Newspapers to the People” held 14 -15 August at the National Library Building, Singapore. This was the Genealogy and Local History Section's first satellite meeting.

2. Notices for absence

Ms. Inci Önal, Hacettepe University, Turkey
Ms. Georgia Higley, Library of Congress, USA
Mr. Abdul Rahman Sudin, National Library of Malaysia, Malaysia
Mr. Christoph Albers, Berlin State Library - Prussian Cultural Heritage, Germany
Mr. Robert Allen, University of Tsukuba, Japan

3. Review minutes from WLIC 2012 and teleconference meeting minutes

Minutes of the 37th Business Meeting held in Helsinki, Finland 11 and 14 August 2012; the 38th Business Meeting, Skype Teleconference held 6 September 2012; and the 39th Business Meeting, Skype Teleconference held 4 October 2012 and action items included were approved. The minutes are available on the IFLA Newspapers Section website at: <http://www.ifla.org/node/862>

4. Review and approval of agenda

The agenda was approved as distributed.

5. Review of Newspapers Section membership

Frederick reported that the Section currently had 40 institutional members and 11 Standing Committee members. Ulrich Hagenah shared that he recruited three new members. Philippe Mezzasalma reported that the BnF will not replace him on the Standing Committee this year but hopefully will do so by next year. Frederick noted that the Newspapers Section is a small but active Section with a remarkable track record of holding both mid-year conferences and satellite meetings.

6. Election of Chair and Secretary

With both Frederick and Suzanne rotating off as Section Chair and Secretary, respectively, Frederick called for nominations. Minna Kaukonen, National Library of Finland agreed to stand for Section Chair while Frederick agreed to stand for Secretary. With no other nominations from the floor both candidates were unanimously elected for the 2013-2015 term.

7. Appointment of Information Coordinator

Mazelan Anuar agreed to serve as the Section's Information Coordinator.

8. Volunteer needed to attend IFLA Key Initiatives Session

Frederick called for a volunteer to attend the mandatory IFLA Key Initiatives Session. New Standing Committee member Birdie MacLennan agreed to attend and provide a report.

Action Item: Birdie MacLennan to provide a report of the IFLA Key Initiatives Session at the Section's 22 August Business Meeting.

Frederick provided a brief report on the IFLA Leadership Brief for all Section Officers held on 17 August and reminded new officers to attend one of the IFLA Officers Training sessions on either Tuesday 20 August or Wednesday 21 August.

9. Discuss joint International Newspapers / RootsTech Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah, USA in February 2014

Frederick provided an update on the mid-year International Newspaper Conference to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA in 2014 in conjunction with the RootsTech conference. Frederick called for volunteers to serve on a planning committee to develop a theme for the conference and prepare a call for papers proposal. Newly elected Section Chair Minna Kaukonen, Suzanne, Birdie and Frederick volunteered.

Action Item: Minna, Suzanne, Birdie, and Frederick will develop the conference theme, draft a call for papers announcement, and provide an update at the Section's 22 August Business Meeting.

Mike Hall, FamilySearch and newly elected Genealogy and Local History Chair offered details on the RootsTech 2014 conference to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah on February 6 - 8, 2014. See: <https://rootstech.org/>. On-site attendance could reach 10,000 with upwards of 100,000 participating worldwide via live telecasts. Newspapers are very important to genealogists and would be a welcomed sub-theme for RootsTech. Mike agreed to send Minna and Frederick contact names of the RootsTech conference planners. Mike also agreed to talk with the RootsTech planners to allow Newspapers Section papers to be delivered in the RootsTech vendor hall. Mike recommended that the Section solicit papers on the use of newspaper content for genealogical research and to show the value of newspapers in telling the stories of families.

Action Item: Mike to provide RootsTech conference planner contact names and additional information on the Section's participation at RootsTech 2014.

10. Discuss the Newspapers Section's satellite meeting to be held prior to WLIC 2014

Frederick called for volunteers to develop the conference theme and a call for papers for the satellite meeting to be held in Geneva, Switzerland prior to the 2014 IFLA Lyon WLIC. Ulrich Hagenah, Mona Løkås, and Krista Kiisa agreed to serve. Frederick also asked that the three also serve as the 2014 WLIC Section's Open Session planning committee. They agreed.

Action Item: Ulrich, Mona, and Krista will develop the conference theme, draft a call for papers announcement, and provide an update at the Section's 22 August Business Meeting.

11. Review progress on the Newspapers Section action plan

Frederick asked Section members to review Wikipedia's List of Online Newspapers Archives and to update the list with any new titles. See:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:List_of_online_newspaper_archives

12. Other business

The following future Section-related conference venues were briefly discussed:

- a mid-year conference in Stockholm, Sweden in 2015 on online newspapers and e-legal deposit
- a 2015 satellite conference in Pretoria, South Africa to be held prior to the 2015 IFLA WLIC in Cape Town, South Africa
- a 2016 mid-year conference in Hamburg, Germany to mark the completion of the Europeana Libraries Project and the newspaper digitization efforts of the Bayerische Staatsbibliothek.

Majlis Bremer-Laamanen recommended that the Section continue to develop future officers by having interested Standing Committee members shadowing current officers and to encourage new members to participate in planning future conferences - at whatever level. Frederick and Minna welcomed all volunteers.

Ulrich offered a vote of thanks to Frederick, Suzanne, and Christoph for serving as Section officers for the past two years.

Russell Lynch of FamilySearch and the current chair of the IFLA Division of Library Collections surprised the Newspapers Section by reporting that RootsTech may not be able to sponsor the Newspapers Section's 2014 mid-year International Newspaper Conference after all. He suggested that the Section continue to work with Mike Hall but to also consider possible other sponsors/hosts such as FamilySearch, the University of Utah or Brigham Young University.

Action Item: Frederick and Russell agreed to continue their talks during the IFLA conference to find other sponsors for the 2014 mid-year conference in light of RootsTech's decision not to sponsor/host the conference.

Russell offered congratulations to the Newspapers Section for a successful satellite meeting held earlier in the week at the National Library Building, Singapore.

Meeting was adjourned at 13:46pm.

SC II

1. Review and approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved as distributed via email.

2. Report back on IFLA Trends and IFLA Key Initiatives

Birdie provided an overview on both IFLA initiatives as presented by IFLA President Ingrid Parent.

The just-released IFLA Trend Report which encompasses an information repository, online discussion forum and an Insights Document outlines five trends shaping the information environment, see: <http://trends.ifla.org/>. The goal of IFLA's Key Initiatives for the Strategic Plan 2010-2015 is to "position libraries as a force for change" as noted in the Plan, see: <http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/hq/gb/strategic-plan/key-initiatives-2011.pdf>

IFLA's Key Initiatives for the Strategic Plan 2010 - 2015 are:

- 1) Digital Content Programme: Driving access to content, and digital resources, for library users
- 2) International Librarianship Leadership Development Programme: capacity building to raise the voice of the profession nationally, regionally and internationally
- 3) Outreach Programme for Advocacy and Advancement of the Profession: connecting, collaborating, representing strategically
- 4) Cultural Heritage Disaster Reconstruction Programme: Culture is a basic need, a community thrives through its cultural heritage, it dies without it
- 5) Multilingualism Programme: a multilingual IFLA website opens windows to the world

The five IFLA Trends are:

- 1) New Technologies will both expand and limit who has access to information
- 2) Online Education will democratise and disrupt global learning
- 3) The boundaries of privacy and data protection will be redefined
- 4) Hyper-connected societies will listen to and empower new voices and groups.
- 5) The global information environment will be transformed by new technologies.

Each Section was to review the Trends Report relative to the Strategic Plan and discuss the initiatives being taken within the Section to meet the goals of the Plan. The general consensus was that the Newspapers Section was "on track" in discussing new technologies and access to information. Frederick added that the Section continues its outreach efforts through its conference program offerings and by keeping current the list of online newspaper archives on the Wikipedia site - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:List_of_online_newspaper_archives

Frederick shared that the Center for Research Libraries will soon release its updated International Coalition on Newspapers (ICON) newspapers database that will provide access to newspaper holdings at the issue level. See: http://www.crl.edu/sites/default/files/follow_up_material/2013%20RT%20News%20-%20ICON%20DB%20Amy%20Wood_2.pdf .

Frederick also reminded those who have documented digitization guidelines to include them on the Section's "Digitisation Projects and Best Practice" webpage and to complete sections not yet filled in, see: <http://www.ifla.org/node/6777>. Updates and addition are to be sent to Mazelan.

Majlis mentioned that the IFLA Rare Books and Manuscripts Section is working on drafting guidelines for the digitization of manuscripts and rare books.

Action Item: Majlis to share the website link to the Rare Books and Manuscript Section's digitization guidelines.

Action Item: Majlis agreed to translate the Finnish copyright document and add it to the Section's "Digitisation Projects and Best Practice" webpage.

Action Item: Pär and Ulrich agreed to add an e-legal deposit law paragraph to the Section's "Digitisation Projects and Best Practice" webpage.

Action Item: Mona agreed to add the Norway legal deposit law to the Section's "Digitisation Projects and Best Practice" webpage.

3. Report on the 2014 mid-year International Newspaper Conference and conference theme.

Frederick reported that no decision has yet been reached on a location for the mid-year conference. Frederick had emailed other possible sponsors/host sites including the University of Utah, Brigham Young University, and FamilySearch. The British Library expressed an interest in possibly hosting the conference but would need to confer with others at the British Library.

Action Item: The mid-year conference planning committee (Frederick, Minna, Suzanne, and Birdie) will proceed and prepare a Call for Papers announcement as soon as possible.

4. Report on the Newspapers Section 2014 satellite meeting prior to IFLA Lyon WLIC - conference theme and call for papers

Ulrich, Mona, and Krista offered the following satellite (pre-conference) details:

- Title and Theme: "Digital Transformation and the Changing Role of News Media in the 21st Century

Newspapers are highly estimated historical sources, and their digital transformation multiplies their usage. Current digital news media constantly develop new channels and modes of communication, redefine the roles of all stakeholders and transform the news into an infinite process. The IFLA 2014 pre-conference has its focus on the transformation aspects of both digitized as well as born digital news media.

- Date: August 13-14, 2014
- Venue: ITU Library, Geneva, Switzerland
- Language: English
- Sub-themes:
 - Reporting the news in the digital and social media age: trends and how these impact the information industry
 - Latest initiatives and technologies in newspaper (e-)preservation and access
 - The advertising industry and its influence on the news media
 - Text mining newspapers and news content
 - Issues of e-legal deposit: online news and newspapers
 - Services built on digital newspaper collections
 - Case studies in the digitization of cultural heritage
 - Research being done on the basis of digital newspaper collections
 - Users' experiences with digital newspaper collections - usability expectations

Genevieve Clavel-Merrin offered additional information on ITU hosting the satellite conference, including that a free bus pass will be given to anyone staying in Geneva. She stated that Geneva is expensive but they are trying to keep costs low. Kristine Clara from the ITU will serve as the on-site contact and will help to identify sponsors. The ITU and Kristine will host the satellite website. Three other satellite meeting will be held in Geneva Town and that a joint reception for all satellite meeting attendees was under consideration.

Action Item: The Call for Papers announcement to be released on 1 November 2013.

Action Item: Frederick agreed to share a list of organizations and listservs for posting the Call for Papers.

Action Item: Ulrich, Mona, Krista, and Minna agreed to continue the satellite conference planning via Skype teleconference calls.

Ulrich offered the following update on the Newspapers Section Open Session at the 2014 Lyon WLIC:

Title and Theme: "All we need is news - knowledge production and dissemination through news media"

According to the WLIC conference theme "Libraries, Citizens, Societies: Confluence for Knowledge" the Newspapers Section Open Session theme "All we need is news - knowledge production and dissemination through news media" highlights the consequences of digital technology in news creation, production, and dissemination as well as on the post-dissemination fate of news such as preservation of digital and hard assets, collection management, storage of physical and digital content, access and use of digital and physical news collections, and similar fates.

A special focus of the session lies on the digitization of historical newspapers and the usage and handling of digital historical newspaper collections.

Sub-themes include:

- Production and dissemination of electronic news media
- Collecting digital media including e-delivery, web-harvesting, legal deposit, metadata capture
- Digitization of historical news and newspapers
- Presentation of and access to digital news(paper)collections
- Research being done on the basis of digital newspaper collections
- Users' experience with digital newspapers collections - usability expectations
- Collaboration of libraries, archives, and museums in the preservation of news

Frederick mentioned that the Asia-Pacific Section asked to hold a joint Open Session with the Newspapers Section. No additional action was taken.

Ulrich suggested holding a formal group discussion on broad topics as a possible new format option for future Section Business Meetings. No additional action was taken.

5. Discuss suggestion by Ramesh Gaur to organize a newspapers digitization training workshop for librarians in India.

Ramesh introduced the need in India to train media librarians on preserving newspapers – not in newspaper digitization but in digital preservation; preserving the digital assets. Frederick also mentioned the National Library of Malaysia expressed a need for digitization training. Discussion followed on the planning process, budget, venue, logistics needed to submit a “project” proposal to IFLA. Genevieve Clavel-Merrin, IFLA Governing Board Member recommended that the Section take the necessary time (up to a year) to prepare a project proposal - to find experienced trainers and to work out the logistics. Genevieve went on to say that IFLA supports training workshops; that the IFLA Professional Committee reviews all project proposals and allocates funding on an annual basis, see: <http://www.ifla.org/professional-committee/projects>

Action Item: Ramesh agreed to develop a list of AV media librarians in India.

Action Item: Frederick, Suzanne, Ulrich, and Mazelan agreed to work with Ramesh to draft a training workshop project proposal.

Action Item: Genevieve agreed to provide a link to the Professional Committee’s PowerPoint presentation on how to submit a project proposal.

6. Review of Newspapers Section membership situation

Frederick encouraged all Section members to recruit new members. Mazelan agreed to recruit members.

7. Any other business

There was no other new business.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:35am.

Respectfully submitted,

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