

## Minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting of the Round Table on Newspapers and the 1<sup>st</sup> Business Meeting of the IFLA Newspapers Section held at the Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre, Glasgow, 17 August 2002, at 2.30pm.

### 1. Introduction

Present: Hartmut Walravens (Chair: Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin); Edmund King (Secretary: British Library Newspaper Library); Majlis Bremer-Laamanen (Helsinki University Library); Jonny Edvardsen (National Library of Norway); Sharon Clark (University of Illinois, USA.) Robert Harriman (Library of Congress, USA); Johan Mannerheim (Royal Library, Sweden); Isabelle Rollet (Bibliothèque nationale de France)

### 2. Apologies for Absence.

Hans Bohrmann (Institut für Zeitungsforschung, Germany); Erling Hanssen (State University Library, Denmark); Sandra Burrows (National Library of Canada); Else Delaunay (Bibliothèque nationale de France); Mark Sweeney (Library of Congress, USA.); Galina Kislovskaya (Library of Foreign Literature, Moscow).

### 3. Approval of Agenda

The agenda of the 17<sup>th</sup> meeting was agreed to be the same as for the 16<sup>th</sup> February meeting held in Finland, June 2002.

### 4. Minutes of Meeting/Matters Arising

4.1 The minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> RTN Business Meeting, Mikkeli, Finland, June 2002, were approved. Any outstanding actions remained with individual members.

4.2 Dr Wu was congratulated upon becoming Director of the Shanghai Library. He said he would nominate a colleague to be a member of the IFLA, Newspaper Section.

### 5. IFLA Conference Programmes

5.1 IFLA Newspaper Section: proposed workshop in Mikkeli, Finland, 2003

5.1.1 The Workshop is intended to be for : 1) those who are preparing or executing digital projects 2) decision makers 3) IT personnel.

5.1.2 Publicity for the Workshop: when available, the brochure for the Workshop will be sent to (i) CDNL members (ii) those contacts listed in the *Directory of Newspaper Libraries* (iii) IFLA newsletters (iv) publicise in South American libraries **Action : Edmund King to contact Mme. Zahir.**

5.1.3 Contact is to be made with IFLA HQ to see if funds may be available to assist with the preparation of the Workshop. **Action: Edmund King.**

5.1.4 IFLA P.A.C. to be contacted to see if sponsorship would be available for 1 Or 2 attendees to be at the Workshop from African Countries. **Action: Isabelle Rollet.**

5.1.5 Bob Harriman suggested that some of the aims of the workshop would be to:

- focus upon work process, as much as technology
- look at collaborative methods between organisations
- offer information on standards used
- Ensure quality issues were addressed.

5.1.6 Sharon Clark suggested that the Workshop be used to feed into library school education programmes, possibly via videotape.

## **5.2 IFLA Berlin 2003: Satellite Meeting**

5.2.1 IFLA HQ had approved this meeting.

5.2.2 It was agreed the meeting days would be immediately after the main IFLA Berlin Conference, i.e. the 9, 10, 11 August 2003. The location will be the Festhalle, the Berlin Academy. The provisional title of the meeting is to be : *Newspapers of Central & Eastern Europe : Preservation and Access*. There will be a Keynote speaker for each of the Themes. **Action: 1) Hartmut Walravens and Edmund King to prepare the brochure for the meeting. 2) Action: All Newspaper Section colleagues to suggest names of possible speakers.**

## **5.3 IFLA 2004: Buenos Aires**

5.3.1 An open session will be organised on the theme of "Newspapers of Latin America". Areas to be covered could be: Argentina, Central South America, Caribbean, Chile/Bolivia.

## **6 Projects**

6.1 **Guidelines for Newspaper Microfilming:** the Spanish translation remains outstanding. It was agreed to take forward translations into: Slovakian and Croatian, and Chinese. **Action: Edmund King, together with the relevant Newspaper Section colleague.**

6.2 **Topography of newspaper collections in Germany.** The website address where details are now available is to be linked to the IFLANET. Action: Hartmut Walravens.

6.3 **JICPA:** IP 6.3.1 the preliminary results from the *Survey of Newspapers and Periodicals in African Libraries* were tabled by Isabelle Rollet, on behalf of the Bibliotheque nationale de France. For the responses released , five tables have been compiled:

- A. Inventory of collections
- B. Storage, Environment and Conservation
- C. Copying of originals
- D. Access
- E. Information sharing

- 6.3.2 25 libraries had responded to the IFLA PAC questionnaire. Further work would be done, to split responses relating to newspapers, from the replies to other questions. **Action: Isabelle Rollet and Else Delaunay.**
- 6.4 New Projects: four possible ideas at to be taken further.
- 6.4.1 "Basic Newspapers Handbook"; translate into English and re-work examples.
- 6.4.2 A pamphlet on the cataloguing of newspapers
- 6.4.3 International newspaper statistics
- 6.4.4 Electronic newspapers: the Section to offer guidance on why newspapers are separate from serials and other serial publications.
- 7. Establishment of IFLA Newspapers Section**
- 7.1 IFLA HQ had agreed to the establishment of the Newspapers Section
- 7.2 It was agreed by the meeting to appoint Hartmut Walravens as Interim Chairman and Edmund King as Interim Secretary of the Section, pending full elections in 2004.
- 7.3 A Circular will be sent to all IFLA members listed on 2002 LCD-ROM, to encourage organisations to join the Section. **Action: Edmund King**
- 7.4 All Round Table members will be asked to put forward their organisation for membership of the Newspaper Section. **Action: All to Edmund King**
- 7.5 John Dorr will be asked to write to ICON members proposing that they propose their organisations become member of the Newspapers Section. **Action: Edmund King and John Dorr**
- 7.6 Elections to Standing Committee: Jill Martin of CILIP, UK, to be contacted to confirm the nomination of Edmund King as Interim Secretary of Newspapers Section. **Action: Edmund King.**
- 7.7 Sandra Burrows to be contacted and asked to be the Newspapers Section Information Co-ordinator. **Action: Edmund King.**
- 7.8 2003 Business Meeting of the Newspapers Section. The possibility of holding the spring 2003 Meeting in China or South Africa will be looked into.

The meeting closed at 5.00pm on the 17 August