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# Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> (19<sup>th</sup>) Business Meeting

## Newspapers Section

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### 1. Introductions

Present: Hartmut Walravens (Chair: Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin); Edmund King (Secretary: British Library, Newspapers); Jonny Edvardsen (Mo I Rana, National Library of Norway); Elena Garcia-PuenteLillo (National Library of Spain); Erling Hanssen (State University Library, Denmark); Geoffrey Hamilton; Johann Mannerheim (National Library of Sweden); Isabelle Rollet (Bibliothèque nationale de France); Henry Snyder (University of California, Riverside); Huizu Wu (Shanghai Library);

Observers: Franceen Gaudet (National Library and Archives, Canada); Judy Kuhagen (Library of Congress, USA); Elizabeth Melrose (North Yorkshire County Library Service, UK); Koyrosh N. Moradi (Parliamentary Library, Iran); Denise Nicholson (University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa); Richard Ritchie (Yale University Library, USA); Barbara Sigrist (Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin); Melissa Trevitt (Center for Research Libraries, USA);

### 2. Apologies for Absence

Beti Jones (National Library of Wales); Sandra Burrows (National Library and Archives, Canada); Else Delaunay (Bibliothèque nationale de France); Mark Sweeney (Library of Congress, USA); Sharon Clark (University of Illinois-Champaign, Urbana, USA); Bob Harriman.

### 3. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved.

### 4. Minutes of 2<sup>nd</sup> Business Meeting/ Matters arising

4.1 There were no amendments or matters arising from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Business meeting held in Capetown.

4.2 Newspapers Strategic Plan: The Strategic Plan will be revised after further meetings at IFLA Berlin, and sent to HQ for mounting on IFLANET. Members will be circulated with the revised version. **Action: Edmund King.**

### 5. IFLA Conference Programmes and next Business Meeting

5.1 Workshop *Hands on the Digital Chain*, Mikkeli, Finland 2-6 June 2003. Hartmut Walravens had attended the Workshop, which went very well. There were 8 participants, from many countries. A Workshop Project Report will be prepared. The Workshop may be repeated in 2004 or 2005. This will be discussed further.

5.2 Open Session (114): *Newspapers and Copyright developments*: Charles Oppenheim and Denise Nicholson's papers were available on the IFLANET; the third speaker would be: Dr. Gabriele Beger, who is to speak on Digital

Newspaper Archives according to EU Copyright Directive, and the revised German Copyright Act.

- 5.3 Post Conference Satellite, 9-11 August: *Newspapers of Central and Eastern Europe*: the draft programme has been posted to the IFLANET. IFLANET will be updated with the final programme. 20 papers had been secured, and would be given on the 9 and 10 August, with visits to Die Deutsche Bibliothek and to the Zentrum für Bucherhaltung, Leipzig organised for the 11 August. The papers of the Conference will be published.
  - 5.4 The 4<sup>th</sup> Newspapers Section Business Meeting, Shanghai, Spring 2004. Dr. Wu confirmed the Shanghai Library invitation to the Newspapers Section to hold its Meeting in the Shanghai Library. The possible date of May would be confirmed to members. In addition to the Business Meeting, there is to be organised a joint One (Possibly two) day Seminar, at which Newspapers Section Members attending are expected to give a report on the Newspaper Collections in their country, with colleagues from China offering reports on newspaper access, preservation and digital developments.
  - 5.5 IFLA Buenos Aires, 2004. The Open Session is to be organised on the theme of *Newspapers of Latin America*. Henry Snyder is to invite three speakers to give papers to the Open Session. **Action: Henry Snyder and Edmund King.**
6. Projects
- 6.1 *Guidelines for newspaper preservation microfilming. Supplement on best practice for the microfilming of newspapers in preparation for possible future digitisation.* The *Guidelines...* have been placed on IFLANET in English and in French. The *Supplement...* is also on the IFLANET Newspaper Section; both at: <http://www.ifla.org/VII/s39/snewsp.htm> The Supplement is available in English, French, Spanish, Chinese
  - 6.2 *Newspapers Management Handbook.* Edmund King reported that he had reached preliminary agreement with the University of Loughborough, UK, for a student to carry out the preparation of a handbook during 2004. After discussion, it was agreed that a bid to fund a small Project would be sent to the Coordinating Board and to IFLA HQ before the end of September 2003. **Action Edmund King.**
  - 6.3 *Handlist of World Newspapers.* Edmund King has made contact with a UK publisher to explore the possibility of drawing down information from an online database of newspapers printed in hardcopy in the countries of the world, both nationals and regionals, together with details of their circulation. The aim is to have the data extracted by the end of 2003, with a printed document, to be issued in 2004. This outline was agreed to. **Action: Edmund King**
  - 6.4 *Survey of newspapers in Africa.* Survey forms had been mounted on IFLANET, and also posted and faxed to libraries in African countries. Returns were being received and will be analysed in due course. **Action: Else Delaunay and Edmund King**
7. **International Coalition on Newspapers.**

Melissa Trevvett tabled a > report and stated that Missy Rosser is now the Project Coordinator of the ICON Project, reporting to James Simon, Director of International Resources. The objectives for the project were outlined for the period 2004-2006, as part of an application for funds to the U.S. National Endowment of the Humanities. (The report is attached as NS 2003/8) Further plans included:

- \* Cooperation between libraries to provide further bibliographic and holdings information on newspapers
  - \* Continuation of preservation microfilming of international newspapers
  - \* To seek further funds, world-wide for ICON activities so that ICON can become self-sustaining
  - \* Conversion of finding aids to digital form to increase the availability of information about international newspapers
- Further information would be provided to IFLA members. The web address is <http://www.crl.edu>

## 8. Financial Report

Edmund King stated that the UK bank account held EUR 2,384 at 1 July 2004. Of this, EUR 1360 has been set aside for the Digitisation Workshop held at Mikkeli Finland, June 2003. Of the remaining EUR 1024, it is anticipated that the *Handlist of World Newspapers* and the next Newsletter of the Section would consume these funds before the end of 2003. The accounts needed to be reconciled by the end of October, with sign off by 31 December 2003. These activities and expenditures were approved by the Section Committee.

## 9. Section Newsletter

It was reported that Beti Jones had articles in hand for the next Section Newsletter (no. 11). It was agreed that Sandra Burrows would receive these as soon as possible, in order that the newsletter could be made ready for issue on IFLANET and for printing, before 31.12.2003. **Action: Beti Jones and Sandra Burrows.**

## 10. Any other business

- 10.1 Past Conference Papers on Newspapers. Hartmut Walravens reported that these had been identified for the period 1990-2001. K.G. Saur may be prepared to publish these as a book in 2004.
- 10.2 There would be no 4<sup>th</sup> Newspaper Section Business meeting on the 8 August. The next Business meeting is to be held in Shanghai, in Spring 2004. [Secretary's note: Else Delaunay, Huizu Wu, and Ivana Anderova, of the National Library of the Czech Republic, attended an informal meeting on the 8 August, where Edmund King briefed them on the Agenda and discussion of this meeting held on the 2 August.]
- 10.3 Officers of Sections. Hartmut Walravens and Edmund King are to continue to as Interim Chair and Secretary of the Section. Proposals are invited from former Round Table members to be Members of the Newspaper Section. **Action: All present.**

10.4 Presentations of latest developments in each country: these were not made. Members were invited to email situation reports to the Secretary. **Action:**  
**All present.**