



## **IFLA Newspapers Section**

**NS 2004/2**

### **Minutes**

**21st Business Meeting,  
Hilton Hotel, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Sunday 22 August 2004**

#### **Secretary's Notes:**

\* These minutes join together the notes of the Standing Committee Meetings held at Buenos Aires on Sunday 22 August and Saturday 28 August 2004.

\* This is the 5<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting of the Section, since it was formed in 2003, and the 21st Business Meeting since the Round Table on Newspapers was formed.

#### **1. Introductions**

The Chairman welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

Present: Hartmut Walravens (Chair: Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin); Edmund King (Secretary: British Library, Newspapers); Majlis Bremer-laamanen (National Library of Finland); Elena Garcia-PuenteLillo (National Library of Spain); James Simon (Center for Research Libraries, Chicago, USA); Henry Snyder (University of California, Riverside); Huizu Wu (Shanghai Library);

Observers: Adan Benevides (Benson Latin American Collection, University of Texas, USA); Alfonso Quintero (ABINIA, Venezuela); Elizabeth Melrose (North Yorkshire County Library Service, UK); Richard Ritchie (South and Sout-Est Asia Collection, Yale University Library, USA); Edward Swanson University of Minnesota, USA); Dorothy Woodson (Yale University Library, African Collection);

#### **2. Apologies for Absence**

Sandra Burrows (National Library and Archives, Canada); Else Delaunay (Bibliotheque national de France); Mark Sweeney (Library of Congress, USA); Sharon Clark (University of Illinois-Champaign, Urbana, USA); Bob Harriman; Jonny Edvardsen (Mo I Rana, National Library of Norway); Geoffrey Hamilton; Isabelle Rollet (Bibliotheque national de France); Denise Nicholson (University of the Witerwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa);

#### **3. Approval of Agenda**

The Agenda was approved.

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

4.1 21<sup>st</sup> Business Meeting, Shanghai, China. There were no amendments or matters arising from this meeting.

4.2 Newspaper Section Strategic Plan, 2006-7. This will be prepared in the autumn of 2004. Action: Edmund King

4.3 IFLA priorities for 2004 & 2005. The newspapers section will need to fit in these.

#### **5. IFLA Conference Programmes**

##### **5.1 IFLA Buenos Aires Session 76**

Henry Snyder was thanked by the chair for initiating the Open Session by inviting the Speakers. Two of the three papers would be delivered in Spanish. Translations had been arranged for all 3 papers, and all are available on IFLANET at:[inset url]. The translator had been thanked by the Secretary for their timely, effective work. The Open Session attracted 118 delegates, the majority being Spanish.

##### **5.2. 23rd Business Meeting, National Library of Australia, February 2005**

The National Library of Australia has agreed to host the next Section Business Meeting. There will also be a two day conference, which has the draft title: "Asia & the Pacific: Newspapers in the 21 Century. International Newspaper Conference". Details of the Programme, Registration and Travel would be put on the IFLANET as soon as possible. Action: Edmund King.

##### **5.3 IFLA Satellite Meeting. Artic Circle Conservation Colloquium, 10-11 August 2005, National Library of Norway.**

**N.B.** There is a change of date from the 11-12 August, previously published. This meeting is now to take place on Wednesday the 10 and Thursday 11 August. There will be details of the Programme, Registration and Travel options will be circulated to newspaper section and also to the IFLA list by the end of October 2004. Booking priority will be given to: 1 Members from newspapers and Preservation and Conservation Sections.

2. Other bookings, on a first come, first served basis, in order of date of receipt of application. **Action: Edmund King**

##### **5.4 IFLA Oslo: 2005.**

The proposed open Session on the theme: "Digital Newspaper Project in Europe" was endorsed by the Committee. Speakers to be invited before Xmas 2004. Action: Edmund King.

##### **5.5 Proposed Satellite meeting in America in Spring 2006 on the theme: "Digital newspaper Projects in the Americas".**

This theme was agreed to by the Committee. Further work on venue and speakers to be undertaken. **Action: Hartmut Walravens and Edmund King.**

**5.6 Newspapers Conference, Capetown, South Africa 2003.** The papers are available on the Internet: The text was published on the NLSA website under "Publications." The National Library website is [www.nlsa.ac.za](http://www.nlsa.ac.za)

**5.7 Newspaper Conference, Shanghai, China, March 2004.** The papers for this conference will be mounted shortly on IFLANET and the url circulated. **Action: Edmund King.**

Thanks were expressed to Huizu Wu for organising this and making the papers available.

**5.8 Newspapers in International Librarianship.** It was noted that the compilation of past IFLA Conference Papers for the period 1990-2002 had been published by K.G. Saur, as IFLA Publications, no.107. Details at [url: <http://www.ifla.org/V/saur.htm>]. Members were urged to purchase a copy for their libraries. **Action: All Members.**

**5.9 Newspapers of Eastern and Central Europe.** The proceedings of this conference are due to be published by K. G. Saur by the end of 2004.

**5.10 Newspaper Internet Links.**

Sandra Burrows is working on this. Possible categories:

- access to free files
- access to commercially available files
- access to free retrospective files

**5.9 Newspapers of Eastern and Central Europe.**

The proceedings of this conference are due to be published by K. G. Saur by the end of 2004.

**5.10 Newspaper Internet Links.**

Sandra Burrows is working on this. Possible categories:

- access to free files
- access to commercially available files
- access to free retrospective files

IFLA HQ to be consulted to see if the list of links can be placed on the IFLANET. Further suggestions on links to be sent to Sandra Burrows and Edmund King.

**Action: All**

**6. Projects: Survey of Newspapers in Africa**

On behalf of Else Delaunay, Ed King reported that further follow up work has taken place since March 2004. African Countries are being asked to state their priorities for microfilming the most important newspapers. Once this information is available, consideration can be given to fundraising of their microfilming. It might be possible to seek sponsorship from UNESCO, or a commercial organisation (e.g. De Beers). Also, securing collaboration with the Africa section will be explored, to propose a joint project for IFLA HQ fundraising. Endorsement of this approach would also be sought from IFLA P.A.C. **Action: Else Delaunay and Edmund King**

The current data on ICON for African newspapers will be re-notified to members. Action: James Simon.

**7. International Coalition on Newspapers.**

James Simon tabled two papers (which are attached to these minutes in electronic format as paper NS2004/3):

- Background to ICON, with abstracts of progress on the preservation and access programs.
- Details of the award of USD 350,000 to ICON for the period 2004-2006, to further the work of ICON in
  - collaborative preservation microfilming
  - expansion of the database of international newspapers
  - development of ICON website to act as a clearing house for information on preservation activities and newspaper collection policies.

#### **8. Membership 2004.**

Edmund King reported 25 members, at July 2004. The aim is to secure section membership from more national library associations, and from South American Libraries. **Action: Edmund King.**

#### **9. Financial report.**

Edmund King reported that as of 1 August 2004, GBP 347.14 is in the section's Bank Account. The majority of these monies (if not all) will be spent on the printing of newsletters 12 and 12 12\*.

#### **10. Section newsletters.**

Issues 12 and 12\* were published in December 2003 and July 2004. Both have useful and relevant content, and Sandra Burrows was thanked by Committee for her good work for the Section. Many copies of no.12\* were distributed at IFLA Buenos Aires Conference. It is anticipated to have issue no. 13 ready for Feb 2005, in time for the Australia Conference. **Action Sandra Burrows and Edmund King.**

#### **11. Any other business**

11.1 Explore possibility of securing UNESCO funding for Newspaper Section and Preservation and Conservation Sections, to allow their members to attend relevant international conferences which are not part the annual IFLA Conference. Action: Edmund King and Majlis Bremer-Laamamen.

11.2 Edward Swanson (on the 28 August) thanked all the Newspaper Section members for organising meetings, newsletters, and Conference Open Session. This work is reflected in the high standard of papers presented at this year's IFLA Conference in Buenos Aires

11.3 Majilis Bremer-Laamamen suggested an article (possibly to be published in IFLA-PAC Journal) outlining the methods and results of the Africa newspaper survey, and the ICON/CRL survey of newspaper collection in the USA.

\*\*\*\*

 **Newspapers Section:** <http://www.ifla.org/VII/s39/index.htm>