

## IFLA NEWSPAPERS SECTION

### Minutes of the 22nd Business Meeting Held at the Council Room, National Library of Australia Canberra on the 21st of February 2005.

#### 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 (Helsinki University Library/National Library of Finland); Marie-Therese Varlamoff (IFLA-PAC); Else Delaunay (Bibliothèque Nationale de France); Henry Snyder (University of California, Riverside USA); Georgia Higley (Library of Congress, USA).

Observers: Jasmine Cameron (National Library of Australia); Clark Stiles (National Library of New Zealand); Andy Fenton (New Zealand Micrographic Services); Anthony Laube (State library of South Australia); Ian Morris (National Library of Australia); Ross Harvey (Charles Sturt University); Kazuto Yamaguchi (National Diet Library, Japan).

#### 2. Apologies for Absence

Sandra Burrows (National Library of Canada); James Simon (Centre for Research Libraries); Geoffrey Hamilton; Mark Sweeney (Library of Congress); Johnny Edvardsen (National Library of Norway); Bob Harriman;

#### 3. Approval of Agenda.

The agenda was approved.

#### 4. The Minutes of the Meeting/Matters Arising

4a. 21st Business Meeting Buenos Aires (NS 2004/2). The minutes were approved.

4b. Newspapers Strategic Plan (NS 2005/1) The plan was reviewed, by each Action.

**Action 1.** The directory of newspapers needed updates.

Agreed 1. To look at the IFLANET permitting self updating of entries.

2. To send out a reminder to all members to update in the summer of 2005.

3. To agree a form of updating.

**Action: Edmund King (and Geoffrey Hamilton for number 3)**

**Action 1.3** possible deletion of this action for the Strategic Plan. Action: all members to look at the model on: [http:\[ from the s/plan\]](http://[from the s/plan]). Responses to be finalised at the 23rd business meeting in Oslo.

Possible inclusion of ABINIA Latin American newspaper holdings. Contact ABINIA about establishing Internet links. **Action Henry Snyder.**

**Action 1.4** A discussion was held about the value of microfilm as a resource for the preservation of newspapers. Attention was drawn to the CAMF Conference, London, May 2005, hosted by the British Library. The papers of this conference needed wider dissemination.

**Action 2.1** Guidelines for the preservation microfilming of newspapers. The Spanish translations need to be made.

**Action: Edmund King to contact the National Library of Spain.**

**Action 2.2** Microfilming for digitisation. The UK and Finland to exchange draft text for an update to these guidelines.

**Action Edmund King and Majlis Bremer-Laamanan.**

**Action 2.3** Reference to Mikkeli workshop to be deleted. The idea of a digital learning workshop was agreed to. A specific action on this would be proposed for the 23rd Business Meeting in Oslo.

**Action: Edmund King and Henry Snyder.**

**Action 2.4** Storage and Handling of Microfilm. This new action will be inserted, with mention of the Mo i Rana IFLA Satellite Meeting 2005, also a workshop to promote good practice will be considered.

**Action 3.** Electronic access to newspapers.

1. Edmund King to be informed of new newspaper links, by all.
2. Explore link of list of electronic sources to the directory of newspapers.
3. Look at using "e-mail alert" system to notify members.

**Action: Edmund King and Sandra Burrows**

**Action 5.** Revision of the IFLA guidelines for newspaper cataloguing. It was agreed to look at the USA Newspaper Program Cataloguing Scheme to see if a briefer set of rules could be devised for newspaper cataloguing. **Action Henry Snyder to pass information to members of the Section.**

### **Action 6**

**Action 6.1** to be deleted. Action 6.2 to be reworded. Jasmine Cameron to provide information available within the national library section, and make links regarding contacts with publishers association's and other professional bodies. **Action: Jasmine Cameron.**

**Agenda 4C IFLA Priorities.** No further report.

## **5 IFLA Conference Program**

**5a. 20th Business Meeting and Chinese Newspaper Seminar.** Edmund King confirmed that all the papers of this symposium are available on the net at: <http://www.ifla.org/VII/s39/conf/Shanghai-papers2004.htm>

**5b. IFLA Buenos Aires. Session 76 newspapers of Latin America, 23rd of August 2004.** Over 110 delegates had attended this session and the papers are on IFLANET at: <http://www.ifla.org/VII/s39/39pconf.htm>

Henry Snyder was thanked for securing the speakers of this session.

**5c. International Newspapers Conference, NLA, 22-24 February 2005.** The Chairman thanked all NLA colleagues who had worked hard to prepare the conference. The papers are available at: <http://www.nla.gov.au/initiatives/meetings/newspapers/abstracts.html>

**5d. IFLA Satellite Meeting, Artic Circle Conservation Colloquium 10-11 August 2005, Mo i Rana Norway.** This to go ahead with registration to be via IFLANET.

**5e. IFLA Oslo: Newspapers Open Session: Newspaper Digitisation Projects.** Developments in the online availability of older newspapers. There will be four speakers for this session. Papers due at IFLA by 1 June 2005.

**5f. Proposed IFLA Satellite meeting in the USA on the theme: *Digital Newspaper Projects in the Americas.*** The University of Utah has offered to host the satellite meeting. The content of papers/speakers is to include the topics: newspapers available on the web; web archiving; archiving of digital files. The format is a one-day newspapers section business meeting (no 24); a two-day conference; a one-day tour. The conference is to be held in April/May 2006. Georgia Higley is to progress the date. Jasmine Cameron offered the meeting points about digital preservation and web archiving experience in Australia. It was agreed to keep in touch with Australian developments, as these may inform the 2006 conference in Utah.

**5g. IFLA 72nd General Conference, Seoul, Korea.** Ed King reported that he had made initial contacts regarding speakers for an open session on the theme "Newspaper Projects in East Asia".

**5h. Possible Satellite Meeting, 2007.** The matter was raised for a follow-up to take the 2000 Paris Conference Papers of the 2000 Conference at: <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla66/66post.htm>  
CLM, serials to be approached re the possibility of their involvement. This could be a pre-meeting to IFLA Durban 2007. **Action: Edmund King to approach Rosemary Scott.**

**5i. Spring 2007:** The likelihood of holding in Latin America a spring Section Business meeting in 2007 saving to be explored. **Action Edmund King and Henry Snyder.**

## 6. Projects

**6a. Survey of Newspapers in Africa.** Else Delaunay tabled papers relating to the latest work on this survey; it was mainly carried out in Francophone African countries. 125 questionnaires had been circulated; 44 replies had been received. This second round of work has yielded more precise needs from African countries, with priorities stated for up to three most important newspaper titles in each country.

It was time to make decisions within a project planning framework:

- How to ensure complete runs of newspapers for filming.
- Secure copyright permission for filming.
- Ask relevant national library if it will keep positive copies of newspaper microfilm.
- To film all title changes.
- Secure an estimated cost of filming each title.
- Look at potential companies who could do the filming work.
- Decide who will own the master negatives; and why had they should be stored.
- Investigate potential funding bodies for this work.
- Circulate details of proposed filming to subject specialists.

### Actions

1. Circulate the survey papers to section members: **Edmund King.**
2. Mount the papers on the IFLANET. **Edmund King**
3. set up a subgroup: **Edmund King; Else Delaunay, Geoffrey Hamilton**, to take up work forward.
4. Discuss this matter with James Simon, CRL, re:CAMP: **Henry Snyder and Edmund King.**
5. Consider subsuming the African survey listed within the Library of Congress Program: **Geoffrey Hamilton.**

The committee congratulated Else Delaunay for her work on this survey.

### 6b. Other possible Newspaper Section Projects

Henry Snyder suggested setting up training sessions for digitisation. This was agreed in principle.

### 7. International coalition on newspapers (NS2005/2)

The committee thanked James Simon for the work being carried out on the Cooperative African Microfilm Project. The possibility of further liaison to film runs of Africa newspapers was noted.

### 8. Membership 2004/2005

Edmund King reported that membership was between 25-30 institutions. More work would be undertaken to push up membership.

### 9. Financial Report 2004

Edmund King reported that IFLA monies had been spent on the production of Section Newsletters 12 and 12\*, produced in 2004. Thanks were voted to Sandra Burrows for her editorial work on these two newsletters.

### 10. Section Newsletter Issue 13

This is planned for the first half of 2005, to ensure availability of copies in Oslo **Action: Sandra Burrows.**

### 11. Any Other Business

**11.1 IFLA Publications.** It was noted that in the K.G. Saur series, nos. 103, 107, 110 had all been published. Details are at: The idea of publishing the papers presented on newspapers to IFLA meetings in 2003, 2004, and 2005 was raised. **Action: Hartmut Walravens to discuss with IFLA.**

**11.2 IFLA Evaluation of all Sections.** Members' attention was drawn to this process, which is ongoing in 2005.

**11.3** Henry Snyder proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman and Secretary for their work in organising the activities of the Section. The meeting closed at 3.40 pm.