



IFLA NEWSPAPERS SECTION
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NS2006/3

Minutes

of the 24th Business Meeting, held at Room C, Lower Level, University of Utah Guest House, Salt Lake City, USA

1. Introductions

The chairman welcomed all attendees to the meeting. Present: Hartmut Walravens (Chair: Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin); Edmund King (Secretary; British Library Newspapers); Sandra Burrows (National Library of Canada); Majlis Bremer-Laamanen (Helsinki University Library/National Library of Finland); Christiane Baryla (IFLA-PAC); Else Delaunay (Bibliothèque Nationale de France); Henry Snyder (University of California, Riverside USA); Georgia Higley (Library of Congress, USA); Geoffrey Hamilton (Scotland, UK); Heidi Herbst (National Library of Norway); Pär Nilsson (The Royal Library, National Library of Sweden); David Adams (National Library of New Zealand); James Simon (Center for Research Libraries); Linda Ronan (Center for Research Libraries); Glenda Pearson (University of Washington);

2. Apologies for Absence

Maria Luisa Cabral (National Library of Portugal); Jonny Edvardsen (National Library of Norway)

3. Approval of Agenda.

The agenda was approved.

4. Minutes of the Meeting/Matters Arising

4a. 23rd Business Meeting, Part I held at the Radisson SAS Hotel, Saturday 13 August 2005 at 1430 & Part II held at the Christiania Hotel, Friday 19 August 2005 at 1400. (NS 2005/3). The minutes were approved.

4b. Newspapers Strategic Plan for 2006-2007 (NS 2006/1) The plan was reviewed and amendments will be made for consideration at the 25th Business meeting of the Section, to be held in Seoul in August 2006. It

was recognised that a number of Committee members may not travel to IFLA /WLIC Seoul, so it was agreed to hold a short meeting in September in London to finalise the Strategic Plan for its submission to HQ. **Action: Edmund King**

5. IFLA Conference Programmes

5a. **IFLA Buenos Aires. Session 76 newspapers of Latin America, 23rd of August 2004.** <http://www.ifla.org/VII/s39/39pconf.htm> . ___ This item was noted.

5b. **International Newspapers Conference, NLA, 22-24 February 2005.** The papers are available at:
<http://www.nla.gov.au/initiatives/meetings/newspapers/abstracts.html>

5c. **IFLA Satellite Meeting, Artic Circle Conservation Colloquium 10-11 August 2005, Mo i Rana Norway.** The papers of this satellite meeting are available at: <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla71/satellite-e.htm#14> Thanks to the National Library of Norway were recorded. The digital repository developments were noted as a precedent for other libraries.

5d. **IFLA General Conference Oslo: Open Programme; the theme: Newspaper Digitisation Projects. Developments in the online availability of older newspapers.** Session 97: <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla71/Programme>.

5e. **Newspapers of the World Online: U.S and International Perspectives. May 17-18 2006, University of Utah Campus, Salt Lake City.** See: <http://www.lib.utah.edu/digital/ifla/> Thanks were given to John Herbert, University of Utah; to the Library of Congress and to the Library and Archives Canada for the organisation of this conference. The conference proceedings will be published by IFLA Saur towards the end of 2006. All conference papers needed to be sent to Ed king, for mounting on IFLANET. **Action Sandra Burrows and Hartmut Walravens.** Conference costs had been underwritten by sponsors, and it was agreed to write to thank the University of Utah for all their work and for the sponsorship monies raised. **Action Hartmut Walravens.**

5f. **IFLA 72nd General Conference, Seoul, Korea.** Ed King reported that the theme: *Newspaper Projects in East Asia* had attracted five speakers, two of which are from Korea, one from USA, one from Japan, and one from Germany (the Chairman).

5g. **Newspapers Conference, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan, 19-21 October 2006.** The Universities of Poznan and of Greifswald were sponsoring this event; the aim is to bring together Polish and German professionals, who are seeking further development with regard to the cataloguing and preservation of newspapers. Details are available at:

5h. International Newspapers Collection Management; Preservation and Access

This conference will be held at the National Library of Chile, Santiago, probably in April 2007. The aim is to foster outreach in Latin America, following on from IFLA Buenos Aires. The National Library of Chile would be able to publicise their activities in Latin America. Speakers will be sought; co-operation with IFLA-PAC looked at; participation ABINIA sought; an emphasis on cataloguing of serials/ newspapers would be followed up. **Action: Hartmut Walravens, Ed King; Sandra Burrows; Henry Snyder**

5i. IFLA Durban 2007. Various suggestions were put forward for this: a Panel Discussion only – or a panel discussion, together with papers; Middle Eastern Newspapers; Online Newspapers; the theme of an Open Session on *Newspapers of Africa* was discussed. It was agreed to define the status of the Open Session by September 2006. **Action: Hartmut Walravens and Ed King**

6. Projects.

a. **Survey of Newspapers in Africa.** Else Delaunay reported that work had progressed as far as identifying what newspaper titles had been filmed at the Library of Congress and at the Center for Research Libraries. It had been estimated in 2005 that some £500,000USD would be needed to carry forward the aims of making microfilm and supplying copies and microfilm readers to libraries in African countries. Securing Funding remained the principal problem; Committee members suggested contacting the Mellon Foundation, the Soros Foundation (open Society). There was a discussion whether to microfilm or to consider digitisation of newspapers. It was agreed to ask the National Library of South Africa if they would host any digital data that might be made as a result of this project. The outline project would be mounted on IFLANET. **Action: Ed King**

6b. Online Resources

Sandra Burrows demonstrated what newspaper listings had been created within the website of National Library and Archives Canada. The url for this website would be sent to Standing Committee members. **Action : Sandra Burrows.** Contributions for listing newspaper internet resources were invited. **Action: All.**

6c. Handbook for Newspapers Collections Management

The meeting discussed how to take forward this matter. Consideration will be given by the National Library of Sweden to make translations of some selected text for translation into French, Scandinavian languages and possibly languages of Eastern Europe. Ed King to send the outline of the project proposal made in 2003 to Par Nilsson, and also to contact AUKML about the matter of preparation of a handbook. . **Action Ed King**

7a. International coalition on newspapers (NS2006/3)

The ICON report was tabled and a summary of the position of ICON presented by Linda Ronan.

- The ICON database has been online since 2002

- The database has seen improvements, with the editing of records by partner institutions
- A re-load of CONSER level records has take place
- Co-operative cataloguing effort is taking place, for example with Urbana and Connecticut collating records and sending notifications of surrogates to CRL.
- Plans were in hand to propose a fourth project for funding to continue with the programme of microfilming foreign newspapers.
- CRL wish to engage with other countries to have them supply their records to be uploaded into ICON.

7b. Request for Information (RFI): Joint Venture for Cooperative Digitization and Dissemination of World Newspapers (NS2006/2)

This paper was introduced by James Simon. The RFI has been issued widely to organisations throughout the USA and beyond. The intention behind issuing this call was to gauge the extent of US libraries and commercial vendors in digitizing world newspapers. The RFI provided a specification for potential partners in the venture to see how best library communities can be served by digitization in future. Vendors would re-sell information held in the common domain. The model proposed was part way between a profit and a non-profit solution. There might be preferential model for pricing: i.e. those who pay most/ or partner the most, would receive the more favourable access to digitized data...The CRL would not host digitized data – this would be the work of another organization.

In discussion, it was pointed out that the potential audience for the digitized files would be worldwide. Majlis Bremer-Laamanen pointed out that the TIDEN project has involved the newspapers of 14 countries, and use was now worldwide. This use has generated comment that it would be useful to have the files in English.

In conclusion, the Committee broadly welcomed the initiative, and thanked James Simon for presenting the work. All Standing Committee members were urged to disseminate the model within their own countries, as it is in the interests of libraries to learn from this initiative. **Action: All.**

8. Membership 2005/2006

8.1 Ed King reported that membership was 30 institutions. It was agreed that IFLA would be circulated with the list of achievements of the Newspaper Section for 2005/06, together with the details of ICON and the Internet resources hosted at the Library and Archives Canada. **Action : Ed King**

8.2 Discussion was raised about a possible change of name for the Section. There was a need to focus upon news as a commodity and to take into account in future those who produced news online. There was discussion about the archiving of newspapers produced online. This matter had been raised in the IFLA Preservation/Conservation Section, and it was agreed to collaborate to clarify the roles of each IFLA Section with regard to this matter. The name of **IFLA News Media Section** was proposed. It was agreed to draft a letter outlining the change and that the Chairman would write to IFLA

(Peter Lor) about this proposal, as the matter raised wider issues than those of the Newspapers Section alone. **Action: Hartmut Walravens and Edmund King**

9. Financial Report

The Section had no funds currently from HQ. It was agreed to ask HQ to inform the Section what expenses could be used for Administrative Expenses (e.g. Newsletters) during 2006. The Section had also received funds from Proquest to enable professional attendance of one colleague at IFLA Newspaper Section Conferences during 2006. The Section would claim further funds from Proquest during 2006 and 2007 for this activity.

Action: Ed King

10. Section Newsletter Issue 14

Issue number 14 was produced was tabled at the meeting in draft form. It was agreed to print it in A3 format, folded to A4. for circulation to members. It will also be available on IFLANET at: <http://www.ifla.org/VII/s39/index.htm>

Sandra Burrows was thanked for all the work she did for this. It was agreed to see if Newsletter no. 15 could be produced before IFLA General Conference in Durban 2007. Possible topics included a report of the online newspapers in California project; and indexes in Finland's newspapers. **Action: Sandra Burrows.** Ed King agreed to ask British Library publications about possible DTP arrangements for the Section Newsletter.

Action: Ed King

11. Any Other Business

11.1 **IFLA Publications.** It was noted that in the K.G. Saur series, nos. 103, 107, 110 series had all been published. No. 118 *International Newspaper Librarianship* was the most recent in the series. Details are at: <http://www.ifla.org/V/saur.htm>

Members were urged to publicise these works to libraries in their own countries.

11.2 **Possible Satellite meeting in 2008.** Both Ottawa and Singapore were discussed. There will be more discussion at ILFA Korea.

11.3 Leadership role for the Newspapers Section. It was agreed to look at a couple of suggestions: 1. a possible commentary role for the Section, with regard to newspaper disposals. 2. to have a "good practice" location within the Section's pages on IFLANET. These will be looked into. **Action: Ed King**

The meeting closed at 1540.