



## **IFLA NEWSPAPERS SECTION**

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Minutes of the 27<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting, held at the International Conference Centre, Durban, South Africa.

Part I – Saturday 18 August 2007 1130-1420

Part II Friday 24 August 0830-1050

### **1. Introductions**

The Chairman welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

Present: Hartmut Walravens (Chair: Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin; Edmund King (Secretary; British Library Newspapers); Henry Snyder (University of California, Riverside USA); Philippe Mezzaselma ((Bibliothèque nationale de France); Lola Rodriguez (National Library of Spain, Madrid); Sue Kellerman (Penn State University, USA); Christiane Baryla (Bibliothèque nationale de France & IFLA-PAC); Henry Snyder (University of Riverside, Californian, USA)

Observers: Jan Vogt (Harvard University, USA); Douwe Drijfhout (National Library of South Africa); Grace Jackson-Brown (Indiana State University, USA); Per Cullhil (Uppsala University Library, Sweden); Harry Nkadimeng (National Library of South Africa)

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

Jonny Edvardsen (National Library of Norway); Geoffrey Hamilton (Scotland, UK); Zhou, Deming (Shanghai Library); Henry Snyder (University of California, Riverside USA); Linda Ronan (Center for Research Libraries, USA); Pär Nilsson (The Royal Library, National Library of Sweden); Majlis Bremer-Laamanen (Helsinki University Library); Georgia Higley (Library of Congress USA); Else Delaunay (Bibliothèque nationale de France); Sandra Burrows (National Library of Canada); Maria Luisa Cabral (National Library of Portugal, Lisbon)

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

The agenda was approved.

### **4. Minutes of the 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting, Santiago, Chile/Matters Arising**

4a. minutes - item 4b. **Ed King** to pass on concerns regarding future availability of microfilm to Sjoerd Koopman, IFLA HQ.

4b. minutes - item 4c. **All** to make suggestions regarding libraries taking both print and digital versions of newspapers in to their collections.

4c. minutes – item 4d **Ed King** to contact IFLA HQ about discussion space on IFLANET .

## 5. Newspapers Strategic Plan for 2008-2009.

The plan was reviewed. The following actions were agreed after discussion

- a. Action 1.1 **Ed King** and **Sue Kellerman** to update the USA entries on the Directory of Newspapers on IFLANET
- b. Action 1.2. African Newspapers. **Ed King** and **Douwe Drijfhout** to work on the selection of newspapers in sub-Saharan countries that are priority for microfilming. **Ed King** to contact CRL in Chicago to see what possibilities there might be of using ICON to determine what titles are on film already. **Sue Kellerman and Grace Jackson** to work to list what African newspapers are microfilmed in their consortium.
- c. Action 1.4. **Ed King** to Update with details of current activities.
- d. Action 2.1 **Lola Rodriguez** to check with colleagues to see if *the Guidelines for Newspaper Microfilming... in preparation for possible future digitisation* have been translated into Spanish.
- e. Action 2.2. **Ed King** to update the wording. The British Library, The Library of Congress, the Bibliotheque nationale de France, the National Library of Spain, and Berkeley University to share the existing guidelines, and to make revisions to the text..
- f. Action 5.1. **Ed King** to contact the IFLA Cataloguing Section regarding the development of RDA and how this may affect any future version of the Guidelines for Newspaper Cataloguing.
- g. New Action 6.2 “ Digital Repositories: gather information about digital newspaper repositories and make links to these on IFLANET.

The Newspaper Section Standing Committee also endorsed the following resolution: “This Committee authorises the Standing Committee Chair and Secretary to proceed with the submission of the Strategic Plan for 2008-2009 to IFLA HQ.” Proposed Henry Snyder; seconded Sue Kellerman. A draft copy will be circulated to Standing Committee members. **Action: Ed King**

## 6. IFLA Newspaper Section Conference Programmes

6a. **Spring 2007 Conference in Santiago, Chile. International Newspapers Collection Management: printed and digital. Date of meeting: 3-5 April 2007. See: [http://www.ifla.org/VII/s39/conf/s39\\_conf2007Chile-prg.htm](http://www.ifla.org/VII/s39/conf/s39_conf2007Chile-prg.htm)** . This meeting had been most successful. 117 delegates attended, delegates attending from 11 Latin American countries. There was Simultaneous Translation at the Conference, with good vendor support. The papers are to be published in English and in Spanish as part of the IFLA

Saur publication series. It was agreed to write to Thomson Gale to thank them for their support for the translation of the papers. **Action Ed King.**

**6b. World Library and Information Congress: 73rd IFLA General Conference and Council, Durban, August 2007.** Open Session on 20 August 2007 on: *African newspapers: Access and Technology*. Ed King reported that four papers had been confirmed and that all four were good. Dale Peters, of the University of KwaZulu-Natal, is to moderate the session, to ensure as much audience participation as possible. [Secretary's note: 107 delegates attended this session, and the discussion was lively, with a number of significant questions emerging. The committee need to take these forward in 2008.] It is proposed to translate these papers into Spanish, and possibly also into French. The papers, together with a copy of the discussion would be printed in issue 17 of the Newspapers Section Newsletter. **Action: Ed King, Lola Rodriguez, Philippe Mezzaselma.**

**6c. 28<sup>th</sup> IFLA Newspapers Section Business meeting & Conference: Old Issues, New Issues: Impact of Digital Technology upon Contemporary and Historic Newspapers. National Library of Singapore 1-3 April 2008.** In collaboration with the National Library of Singapore; IFLA-PAC, and IFLA Preservation and Conservation Section.

Planning for this conference was actively underway. The 28th Business meeting of the Section is to be held on the 31 March 2008, at the National Library Singapore. A Call for papers for the conference would be made immediately after the Durban conference. Please see the link: [http://blogs.nlb.gov.sg/newspaper\\_conf08/?page\\_id=10](http://blogs.nlb.gov.sg/newspaper_conf08/?page_id=10)

**6d. World Library and Information Congress: 74th IFLA General Conference and Council, Quebec, August 2008.** see: <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla74/index.htm>

It was agreed that the theme would be on Canadian ethnic newspapers, with the possible title "the North American ethnic press". A call for papers would be issued. The matter of translation of the papers for IFLA Quebec was discussed. If possible, full translations in English, French and Spanish will be arranged. IFLA HQ to be asked for their view of the use of automatic translation software for IFLA papers. Papers from Canadian newspaper publishers would be invited. **Action: Ed King.**

**6e. Spring meeting 2009.** Hartmut Walravens had been in contact with the Russian Book Chamber, Moscow, and they had expressed interest in hosting the Spring Business meeting and to hold a conference. Papers would need to be translated into Russian. This will be taken further. **Action : Hartmut Walravens.**

## **7. Projects. 7a. Online Resources**

The website of National Library and Archives Canada remains a useful source for links to online newspapers and newspaper archives. See: <http://www.collectionscanada.ca/8/16/r16-214-e.html>

The British Library website also lists sources for online access to newspapers. See: <http://www.bl.uk/collections/sources.html>

There was discussion about how to extend the sources. **Ed King** to explore the listing of Spanish newspaper links with Lola Rodriguez.

#### **8. International coalition on newspapers**

The ICON report had been authored by Linda Ronan of CRL, and circulated prior to the meeting [another copy is attached with these minutes]. After discussion regarding African newspapers within ICON, it was agreed:

- Ed King, Sue Kellerman and Dorothy Woodson would consult to see what lists could be compiled using ICON.
- The preparation of an outline brief for a grant application for a project

#### **9. Election of Officers to Newspaper Section Standing Committee**

**Chairman:** Hartmut Walravens was nominated by Henry Snyder; seconded by Philippe Mezzaselma.

Secretary and Treasurer: Ed King was nominated by Philippe Mezzaselma; seconded by Henry Snyder. There were no other nominations. And vote to elect was unanimous.

#### **10. Membership 2007**

10.1 Ed King reported that membership was 28 institutions, and 2 personal members.

There were also three new Section Committee members for 2007 - Suzanne Kellerman ([lsk3@psu.edu](mailto:lsk3@psu.edu)); Jasenka Zajec ([jzajec@nsk.hr](mailto:jzajec@nsk.hr)); Dolores Rodriguez Fuentes ([dolores.rodriquez@bne.es](mailto:dolores.rodriquez@bne.es)). These members were welcomed.

10.2 The IFLA Professional Structure Review Committee Report was discussed. The proposal was that each Section after 2009 will require 50 members to be viable, with 10 members of the 50 serving as Standing Committee Members. If these numbers were not achieved by 2009, then

- An exception might be made by HQ, and the Section would remain in existence.
- The Section could opt for Special Interest Group status
- The Section could become a sub-section of a larger Section

After discussion, it was agreed that the Newspapers Section would re-commence its efforts to secure the required numbers of members, and a draft memorandum outlining the benefits of membership of the Newspapers Section will be prepared. **Action: Hartmut Walravens, Ed King, Henry Snyder, Lola Rodriguez, Sue Kellerman, Douwe Drijfhout** (for South Africa Libraries).

[Secretary's note: at the meeting of IFLA Professional Committee during the Durban conference, the figure was revised to 40 members plus 10 Standing Committee members, for Sections to be viable.]

### 11. Financial Report

The Section had funds currently at HQ of 325 EURO for 2007. It was agreed that this would be devoted in the first instance to the production of Section Newsletters nos. 15 and 16. Invoices would be sent to HQ for the printing costs.

### 12. Section Newsletter Issue 16

Issue number 16 was printed and posted to Newspaper Section members. The Chairman thanked Sandra Burrows for its preparation. It is also available on IFLANET at: <http://www.ifla.org/VII/s39/index.htm>

### 13. Any Other Business

13.1 **IFLA Publications.** It was noted that in the K.G. Saur series, nos. 103, 107, 110 series had all been published. No. 122 *Newspapers of the World Online: U.S. and International Perspectives* 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.

13.2 **South Africa Report:** Douwe Drijfhout tabled his report and stated the achievement of National Library [ a copy of the report is attached].

13.3 **National Newspapers Digitisation Program.** The report from Georgia Higley was tabled, and she was thanked for it. Members were urged to pass this on to colleagues, and follow the links to the NDNP website. [a copy of the report is attached.]

13.4 **IFLA Satellite meeting 6-8 August 2008: *Preserving Cultural Heritage: The Canadian Perspective.*** The Newspapers Section had been asked to co-sponsor this satellite meeting being organised by the Preservation and conservation Section, to be held in Ottawa 6-8 August 2008, before the IFLA Quebec conference. In principle this had been agreed to and further details would be sent to members.

13.5 **IFLA Working Group on Digital Library Guidelines .** Dale Peters attended the Committee held on the 24 August to brief the Committee regarding the IFLA Working Group on Digital Library Guidelines. She explained the background to the work of this Group, and that a draft text is being prepared for circulation to IFLA sections, at least by August 2008. The Working Group was also seeking to become a Special Interest Group which would be attached to a particular Section of IFLA. For information about this, see: [http://www.worlddigitallibrary.org/project/english/news/WDLWG\\_IFLA.html](http://www.worlddigitallibrary.org/project/english/news/WDLWG_IFLA.html). On behalf of the Newspapers section, Ed King expressed the Section's active interest in being kept informed of developments by Dale Peters.

The meetings closed at 1410 on the 18 August 2007; and at 10.00 on the 24 August 2007.