



## **IFLA Newspapers Section**

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Minutes of the 29<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting, held at the Québec City Convention Centre, Québec, Canada

**SC I – Saturday 9 August 2008, at 0830-1120, room 206a**

**SC II – Friday 15 August 2008 at 1400-1650, room 207**

### **1. Introductions**

The Chairman welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

SCI: Present: Hartmut Walravens (Chair: Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin); Edmund King (Secretary; British Library Newspapers); Henry Snyder (University of California, Riverside USA); Christiane Baryla (Bibliothèque Nationale de France & IFLA-PAC); Philippe Mezzasalma (Bibliothèque Nationale de France); Pär Nilsson (The Royal Library, National Library of Sweden); Majlis Bremer-Laamanen (Helsinki University Library); Jonny Edvardsen (National Library of Norway); Georgia Higley (Library of Congress, USA); Suzanne Kellerman (Pennsylvania State University Library, USA)

Observers: James Simon (Center for Research Libraries, Chicago, USA); Frederick Zarndt (Planman Consulting); Alexander Dzhigo (Russian Book Chamber, Moscow, Russia)

SCII: Present: Ed King (Chair); Christiane Baryla (Bibliothèque Nationale de France & IFLA-PAC); Philippe Mezzasalma (Bibliothèque Nationale de France); Pär Nilsson (The Royal Library, National Library of Sweden); Suzanne Kellerman (Pennsylvania State University Library, USA)

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

Zou Deming (Shanghai Library); Lola Rodriguez Fuentes (National Library of Spain, Madrid); Else Delaunay (Bibliothèque nationale de France); Dorothy Woodson, Yale University, USA), Klaus Kempf (Bavarian State Library, Munich)

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

The agenda was approved.

#### **4. Minutes of the 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting, National Library of Singapore/Matters Arising**

4.1 With Regard to item 4.1 of the minutes, Frederick Zarndt has created a discussion space on Google wiki, at no cost. Details will be circulated further. Action: **Frederick Zarndt**. James Simon offered to look into the possibility of a discussion space on the ICON website at CRL. Action: **James Simon**.

4.2, Ed King reported little progress with the updating of the USA entries in the Directory of Newspapers on IFLANET. Suzanne Kellerman has done work and a report will be made under Any Other Business of this meeting.

4.3 Minutes 5b. African Newspapers.

4.3.1 Christiane Baryla reported that Bookkeeper will be in contact with the National Library of South Africa.

4.3.2 **Ed King** is to ask again Douwe Drijfhout for the list of newspapers in sub-Saharan countries that are priority for microfilming. Also for an update on the activities of the National Library of South Africa in this area.

4.4 Minutes 5f, **Ed King** and **Pär Nilsson** to raise the matter of RDA with IFLA Cataloguing Section. [Later note: Barbara Tillett welcomed the cooperation of the Newspaper Section.]

4.5 Minutes 6f, Singapore Press Holdings may consider the matter of sponsoring a delegate to IFLA Milan. This to be followed up with Idris Rashid. Action: **Hartmut Walravens and Ed King**.

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

The plan was looked at via an internet link to IFLANET. No further comments were made. Further detailed consideration will be given to updating the plan for 2010-2011 at the mid term meeting in Moscow, April 2009.

#### **6. IFLA Newspaper Section Conference Programmes**

6a. **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.

Hartmut Walravens said the conference had been very well organised, with good papers and plenty of professional exchanges. The five minute presentations of the major sponsors had worked well. The papers of this conference as well as those given at the Open Session at Quebec are in the process of being edited for publication in the IFLA Publication Series. Action: **H. Walravens**. It remained to follow up the matter of recruiting more members for the Newspaper Section from those who attended. Action : **Ed King**

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

1. The Newspapers Open Session is to be held on the 11 August at 1600; on the theme *The North American Ethnic Press*. Ed King thanked Sandra Burrows for the original idea for this theme, which attracted good proposals for papers. The papers are on IFLANET at session 97:  
<http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla74/Programme2008.htm>
2. The intention is to have these four papers published together with the papers given at the Singapore conference, in the IFLA Saur Series, by the end of 2008.

**6c. 30<sup>th</sup> IFLA Newspapers Section Business meeting (13 April) and Conference, Mozhaïsk, 14-15 April 2009:** To be held at Mozhaïsk (near Moscow) at the invitation of the Russian Book Chamber. Theme of the Conference: *Legal deposit of newspapers for libraries: challenges of the digital environment*.

1. the dates are to be 13-15 April 2009. The 30<sup>th</sup> Newspaper Section Business meeting will be held on the 12 April in Moscow.
2. it is intended to attract delegates from Russian and CIS libraries; and from the Moscow region.
3. The support of IFLA HQ for the conference is to be sought.
4. A formal programme and call for papers will be issued by the middle of October.
5. Papers are to be submitted by the end of December 2008. Power point presentations are to be made at the conference. Finalised papers have to be available to the organisers by the 1 May 2009.
6. Translation of papers into Russian will be carried out, with these being available at the start of the conference.
7. Travel and accommodation arrangements will be made available from the organisers by the end of October 2008.
8. Delegates will be housed in Moscow for the night of the 12 April, before being transported to Mozhaïsk on the 13 April.
9. A conference registration fee will be requested of 50,00 EURO for those outside Russia. Registration is planned to close by the end of December 2008.
10. The work streams for the conference are to be finalised; suggestions at this meeting were:

The current situation :

- a. How decentralised collections deal with legal deposit
- b. How to make legal deposit collections available
- c. The historical continuity of legal deposit and gaps in collections

The digital future:

- a. How to pay for digital repositories
- b. Securing publisher permissions for distribution of digitally produced material (the Singapore model)
- c. Balance between microfilm and digital collections
- d. Cataloguing of newspapers as digital objects

**11.** Ten members of Standing Committee and Observers expressed an interest in attending the Conference, and offering a paper. Action: **All those who expressed an interest.**

12. A meeting of IFLA-PAC representatives will be considered for the 10 or the 17 April

**6d. IFLA Satellite meeting, 19-20 August 2009.** The Conference venue is the Royal Library, Stockholm. The theme of the Conference is to be:

**“The Present becomes the past: harvesting, archiving, presenting today’s digitally produced newspapers.”**

1. The target groups for the conference are: publishers, libraries, archivists, software providers. Sponsors will be sought for the conference.
2. The aim is to attract 100 delegates.
3. There will be a conference fee of 50 EURO.
4. IFLA-PAC is to be a partner for the Conference.
5. The support of IFLA HQ for the conference is to be sought.
6. A formal programme and call for papers will be issued by the middle of October.
7. Papers are to be submitted by the end of April 2009. Power point presentations are to be made at the conference. Finalised papers have to be available to the organisers by the 30 September 2009.
8. Papers will be given in English.
9. The work streams for the conference are to be finalised; suggestions at this meeting were:

The current situation of born digital production :

- a. How to preserve the daily/ weekly output
- b. Technical issues of preservation
- c. Metadata: consistency; organisation; levels of existing organisation
- d. The publisher perspective and needs
- e. The software suppliers perspectives and needs from libraries

Newspapers on the Web:

- e. Harvesting non-print newspapers
- f. What “edition” to harvest
- g. Storage of digital files
- h. Cataloguing of harvested newspapers as digital object

**6e. World Library and Information Congress: 75th IFLA General Conference and Council. “Libraries create futures: building on cultural heritage” 23-27 August 2009, Milan, Italy.**

After further discussion, it was agreed to widen the scope of the call for papers. This is to ensure that those most able and prepared to attend the IFLA conference are enabled to do so.

The Newspaper Section Open Programme is to be on the theme: "*Newspapers in the Mediterranean and the Evolution of the Modern State*". A call for papers will be issued by the end of September 2008. This theme will include in its scope:

- how collections of newspapers have been formed;
- newspapers as agents of political change
- the role of newspapers in Italian unification

Action: **Ed King**

**6f. Spring Business meeting and conference 2010.** The possibility of holding the 32<sup>nd</sup> Business meeting and conference in Lisbon is to be explored further. Also discussed was the proposal of holding a conference in Washington D.C. (Library of Congress) in 2010, in collaboration with the IFLA Preservation and Conservation Section. The date of the conference to be determined: either in April 2009, or as a pre-IFLA Brisbane Satellite meeting.

## **7. Projects: 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>

The National Library of Spain has a list of links at:

<http://hemerotecadigital.bne.es/titulos.htm>

ICON has a list of digitisation projects at: <http://icon.crl.edu/digitization.htm>

The list of links is divided into: International Collections, General Interest and United States.

The Secretary to be notified of relevant updates. Action: **All**.

#### 8. International Coalition on Newspapers. (ICON)

James Simon reported that he had written an article for the Section Newsletter no. 18. ( On IFLANET: See: <http://www.ifla.org/VII/s39/index.htm> )

1. a distributed cataloguing model was being pursued
2. collation of holdings continues
3. the records are available to all
4. making ICON listservs available to IFLA Newspapers Section is a future step to be done.
5. work is currently going on with NEWSBASNK to harvest metadata and to present it. A Forum, at the New York Public Library being held on the 23 and 24 October 2008 “On the Record...” will help build an agenda for the IFLA Satellite meeting in Stockholm
6. CRL is now implementing a project under the “World Newspaper Archive “ banner to digitise up to one million pages of Latin American Newspapers, in co-operation with Newsbank.

Members thanked James Simon for the efforts of the Center of Research Libraries, and looked forward to further progress.

#### 8. Membership 2008.

Ed King reported that there are currently 33 members of the Section. Further recruitment is to be actively pursued. [Later note: The Russian Book Chamber and the Bavarian State Library have become members in the meantime, which brings the count up to 35. Helsinki University Library is expected to become a member.]

#### 9. Financial Report.

Ed King reported that as much as possible the HQ EUR 325 for 2008 would be claimed for the expenses of printing the two newsletters of the section in 2008.

#### 10. Section Newsletters:

10.1 Issue 17 of February 2008, and issue 18 of July 2008. For online access, see the Heading “NEWSLETTER” at : <http://www.ifla.org/VII/s39/index.htm>

Pär Nilsson was thanked for his work on issue no.18.

10.2 Newsletter no. 19 is intended to be a commemorative issue, incorporating a summary of the work of the Newspapers Round Table and Section over the last 23 years, together with up to date articles and reviews. The publication date for this is to be Feb/March 2009.

## 11. Any other Business

### 11.1 **The Directory of Newspaper Collections -**

<http://www.ifla.org/VII/s39/dir/directory.htm>

Suzanne Kellerman reported that she had ensured the updates to all of the USA entries in the Directory. Ed King will ensure this gets to be uploaded to IFLANET, and to write for the Newsletter to publicise this information, and to write to all correspondents to confirm this. Suzanne Kellerman was thanked for her work.

11.2 The IFLA Saur publication no 133. **Newspapers collection management** : printed and digital challenges is to be distributed free to all those who had presented papers to the Santiago and to the Durban conferences. The publication was to be publicly presented on Tuesday in a session on new releases, organised by IFLA HQ.

11.3 Open Session Quebec, Monday 11 August: Session 97 was attended by some 90 delegates. The first paper of the session by Sharon Rankin Canadian Inuit newspapers and periodicals: past, present and future is recommended by the Section for publication in the IFLA Journal.

SCI: The meeting closed at 11.15.

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