Minutes of the 31st Business Meeting, held at the Fiera Milano Convention Centre, Milan Italy.
SCI Saturday 22 August 2009 (session 16) at 08:30-11:20
SCII Tuesday 24 August 2009 at 16:45-18:15

1. Introductions
The Chairman welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

SCI: Present: Hartmut Walravens (Chair: Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin); Edmund King (Secretary; British Library Newspapers; Christiane Baryla (Bibliothèque Nationale de France & IFLA-PAC); Philippe Mezzasalma (Bibliothèque nationale de France); Pär Nilsson (The Royal Library, National Library of Sweden); Jonny Edvardsen (National Library of Norway); Majlis Bremer-Laamanen (Helsinki University Library); Suzanne Kellerman (Pennsylvania State University Library, USA); Henry Snyder (University of California, Riverside USA); Alexander Dzhigo (State Library, Moscow, Russia); Konstantin Sukhorukov (Russian Book Chamber); Christoph Albers (Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin);

Observers: Frederick Zarndt (Planman Consulting); Mark Sweeney (Library of Congress, USA);

2. Apologies for Absence
Dorothy Woodson (Yale University, USA), Klaus Kempf (Bavarian State Library, Munich); Georgia Higley (Library of Congress, USA); Dolores Fuentes Rodriguez (National Library of Spain); Josenka Jasic (National and University Library, Croatia)

SCII: Present: Frederick Zarndt (Planman Consulting); Hartmut Walravens (Chair: Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin); Edmund King (Secretary; British Library Newspapers; Pär Nilsson (The Royal Library, National Library of Sweden); Majlis Bremer-Laamanen (Helsinki University Library); Suzanne Kellerman (Pennsylvania State University Library, USA); Alexander Dzhigo (State Library, Moscow, Russia); Konstantin Sukhorukov (Russian Book Chamber); Christoph Albers (Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin);

3. Approval of Agenda.
The agenda was approved. [It was agreed for SCII that Hartmut Walravens would chair the meeting.]

4. Minutes of the 30th Business Meeting, held at the Russian Book Chamber, Red Chamber, Prechistenka Street, Moscow, on 13 April 2009.

4.1 The Newspapers discussion space created on Wiki is to be further publicised for use by members of the Section. **Action: Ed King.**

4.2 A new **Facebook site** is to be created for the IFLA Newspapers Section. **Action: Suzanne Kellerman;** the existing Facebook site for the Section to be deleted from Facebook. **Action: Ed King**

5. **Newspapers Strategic Plan for 2009-2010.**
It was agreed that this would be updated by the new Officers of the Section.

6. **IFLA Newspaper Section Conference Programmes**
6a. **IFLA International Newspapers Conference, Mozhaisk, 13-16 April 2009**
The Conference: **Legal deposit of newspapers for libraries: challenges of the digital environment.** The conference had been successful, with some 40-50 delegates attending. The papers of the conference are to be published in English and in Russian, as part of the IFLA Saur series, later in 2009. Konstantin Sukhorukov was thanked for writing accounts of the conference in two Russian journals, and the links to these will be circulated. IFLA-PAC will make a link to the article about the Russian Book Chamber in the Section Newsletter no. 19, whose text is on IFLANET at: [http://www.ifla.org/files/newspapers/documents/newsletter-no19.pdf](http://www.ifla.org/files/newspapers/documents/newsletter-no19.pdf)

The Russian Book Chamber website is at: [http://www.bookchamber.ru/](http://www.bookchamber.ru/)

6b. **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”** The conference had been successful, with some 80-90 delegates attending, which met the planning target. The Chairman asked for the thanks of the Section to be given again to colleagues from the National Library of Sweden.

The proceedings have been video taped. These are to be available at: [http://www.bredmedia.se/KB/pastpresent/](http://www.bredmedia.se/KB/pastpresent/)


The Newspaper Section Open Programme is to be on the theme: "**Newspapers in the Mediterranean and the Evolution of the Modern State**". The call for papers was issued in the autumn of 2008, and is at: [http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla75/call-newspapers-en.htm](http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla75/call-newspapers-en.htm)

Four good proposals had been received, and papers are uploaded to IFLANET. See: [http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla75/Summary_Programme_v.1.pdf](http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla75/Summary_Programme_v.1.pdf)
6d. 32nd Business meeting and Conference 2010. This is to be held at the Indira Ghandi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), New Delhi, 18-21 January 2010. [Secretary’s note: IGNCA have proposed now a date in March/ April 2010 for this conference.] The Theme of the conference is to be Digital Preservation and Access to News and views. The 32nd Business Meeting of the Section will be held prior to this conference. Suggestions for the conference programme include:

- securing sponsors
- looking at criteria for acceptance of papers
- Visit premises of a company digitising newspapers
- Visit the Library of Congress Field Office
- secure a speaker from the Indian newspaper publishers; to describe the state of newspaper publishing in India
- examine the state of legal deposit for newspapers in India
- consider the matter of securing a speaker from the Philippines
- Alexander Dhzigo and Konstantin Sukhorukov and Majlis Bremer-Laamanen would be nominated to the International Advisory Committee
- Invitations would be sent to colleagues in Malaysia, Australia, China, Punjab
- A website to be established for this conference. Action: Frederick Zarndt

It was agreed that a draft programme (to be of 3 or 4 days) is to be put together as soon as possible, ideally by mid-September. Invitations will be sent to countries, inviting their participation.


The suggested theme for this conference open session to be: Relations between publishers, standards organisations, and libraries. Transforming links between publishers, readers and libraries as repositories.

7. Election of Officers

7.1 Chairman and Secretary. A motion to co-opt Frederick Zarndt to the Standing Committee was proposed by Hartmut Walravens and seconded by Ed King. This motion was carried unanimously by Standing Committee. It was agreed that Frederick Zarndt be elected as Chairman and Pär Nilsson be elected as Secretary of the IFLA Newspapers Section. The role of Information Co-Ordinator was confirmed at the SCII held on the 25 August – it was agreed that Christoph Albers be the Section Information Co-Ordinator.

7.2 Membership. Ed King reported that, at July 2009, there were 33 institutional members, and 3 personal members.

7.3 Financial report. Ed King reported that the 325 EURO allocated for the section would be drawn from IFLA HQ for the expenses relating to the Section Newsletter no. 19, and for the publication of the conference papers of 2009.

7.4 Section Newsletter. Number 20 will be produced under the direction of the new officers.
7.5 Directory of Newspapers Collections on IFLANET – USA entries. Suzanne Kellerman will discuss the updating of the USA entries with Pär Nilsson

8. 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.

9. International Coalition on Newspapers. (ICON)

The Center for Research Libraries has recently announced its World Newspaper Archive work in relation to more Latin American newspapers being made available online. See: http://www.crl.edu/content.asp?l1=3&l2=70&l3=180#pricing

James Simon is to circulate the most recent report from ICON.

10. Any other Business

10.1 International Press Telecommunications Council. The pre-conference at Stockholm had shown clearly that there would be advantages to IFLA in joining a mature organisation, which had already established standards for press publishers internationally. It would be particularly relevant to engage in discussion with a representative body, regarding digitization of older newspapers, which may be in copyright, and also regarding the ingest of current newspapers into library digital storage systems. There was discussion regarding proposing that IFLA become a member of the IPTC. A motion “The IFLA Newspapers Section proposes to IFLA HQ, that IFLA becomes a member of IPTC”. Proposed by Ed King and Seconded by Majlis Bremer-Laamanen. It was agreed that this matter would be taken further by the new Section Officers. Action: Frederick Zarndt; Pär Nilsson.

10.2 Further contact with the World Association of Newspapers: the paper given by Stig Norquist at Stockholm pre-conference had been useful. It was agreed that the contact should be taken further, particularly with regard to discussion over copyright. Action: Pär Nilsson.

10.3 Hartmut Walravens requested that all papers form the Russian Book Chamber conference, April 2009, be sent to him, so that these may be edited for publication.
10.3 Spring meeting/conference 2011. The possibility is to have a meeting in the USA, for the days 8-13 August, 2011. This would be as a joint meeting with the USA NDNP members, and as a pre-conference to the Puerto Rico IFLA conference of 13-18 August 2011. Precise dates and venue to be taken forward by the Chairman and Secretary. **Action: Frederick Zarndt; Pär Nilsson.**

10.4 Puerto Rico Open session. Options to be considered further. **Action: Frederick Zarndt; Pär Nilsson.**

10.5 Christoph Albers proposed that the Section establish an open access newsletter, possibly using the IFLA website. The remit of the journal might wider than that of the existing newsletter. It was agreed that Christoph Albers would create a proposal for the Standing Committee by the end of September 2009. **Action: Christoph Albers.**

10.6 The outgoing Chairman, Hartmut Walraves, thanked Ed King for all his work as Secretary of the Round Table and the Newspapers Section for the last ten years.


10.8 The Section has a continuous record of publishing papers and conference proceedings as part of the **IFLA Saur Publications** series. All details are on IFLANET at: [http://www.ifla.org/V/saur.htm](http://www.ifla.org/V/saur.htm)

103 Managing the Preservation of Periodicals and Newspapers
107 Newspapers in International Librarianship
110 Newspapers in Central and Eastern Europe
118 International Newspaper Librarianship for the 21st Century
122 Newspapers of the World Online: U.S. and International Perspectives Proceedings of Conferences in Salt Lake City and Seoul, 2006
133 Newspapers collection management: printed and digital challenges / La gestión de la colecciones de periódicos: desafíos en impresos y digitales. Proceedings of Conferences in Santiago and Durban.
135 The impact of Digital Technology on Contemporary and Historic Newspapers. – *Proceedings of the International Newspaper Conference, Singapore, April 1-3, 2008, and papers from the World Library and Information Congress, Québec, Canada, August, 2008*

SCI: The Meeting closed at 10:45
SCII : the meeting closed at 18:12

Minutes by *Ed King*

Milan, 2009/08/24