IFLA Preservation and Conservation Section

Standing Committee, Session I
Friday, 24 August 2018 – 13:30 – 15:30
Conference Room 402 (Session 020)

Attending: Ning Cao, Irmhild Ceynowa, Marwa El Sahn, Ornella Foglieni, Jeanne Drewes, Alenka Kavčič-Čolić, Arnold Mmbwanga Mwanzu, Becky Ryder, Yoriko Sato, Véronique Thomé

Absent: Richard Altenhöner Sylvain Bélanger, Frédéric Blin, Annie Bonnaud, Brenda Cabral Vargas, Douwe Drijfhout, Marie Sophie Dibounje Madiba, Heawon Hyun, Miguel Angel Mardero Arellano, Stephanie Preuss, Harri Sahavirta, Irina Shilova, Maria Sorjonen, Ekaterina Trepova, Ingeborg Verheul


Welcome and Introductions: Alenka Kavčič-Čolić, Chair of the Standing Committee, opened the meeting by welcoming Standing Committee members, observers, and guests.

Division II Update: Ann Okerson, Chair of Division II, reported on the major restructuring within IFLA. She reported that all sections of Division II responded to the “Vision Exercise,” and she was appreciative of all the thoughtful comments. The restructuring is not an “abstract” or “authoritative” rearrangement of bureaucracy. Instead, the effort is very much a “from the bottom up/grass roots” process during which IFLA gives every member a voice. Okerson referred to the process as a “once in a lifetime opportunity.”

Christine Mackenzie, IFLA President-Elect, announced her Presidential theme of “Let’s Work Together” derived from the spirit of restructuring and the Global Vision Highlights and Opportunities.

Environment, Sustainability and Libraries Special Interest Group (ENSULIB) was re-authorized as a Special Interest Group under the auspices of the Preservation and Conservation Standing Committee.
Okerson announced that the Professional Committee will focus on six actions in the coming year:

1. Prepare new “induction” or “orientation” procedures for Standing Committee members
2. Prepare a version of structured review paper based on Division discussions
3. Evaluate the procedures and schedule of the Annual WLIC
4. Hold a workshop with Governing Board to determine how to invigorate Sections
5. Review the Professional Programme Development Plan and begin the two-year process. Consider how to assure alignment of work plans with IFLA new strategic framework (communication plans, project proposals ...)
6. Review and approve funding requests.

**Approval:** The agenda and the Wroclaw minutes were approved.

**Information Coordinator:** Tanja de Boer, the elected Information Coordinator for the P & C SC, stepped down from her P & C membership as she has taken a new position outside the library profession. A new Information Coordinator is needed to fulfill the remainder (1 year) of Tanja’s term. Marie Sophie Dibounje Madiba has expressed an interest in taking on the responsibility. Jeanne Drewes has been maintaining the website and will help train a new Information Coordinator.

**New Member Recruitment:** According to the Preservation and Conservation Section Membership List, most of the “members” are institutions with no contact information. Without knowing who the preservation and conservation specialists are at the institutions, it is difficult to recruit new members. Becky Ryder, Secretary of the P & C Standing Committee, will connect with IFLA HQ to obtain the latest membership list and will reach out to each institution to try to connect with preservation and conservation specialists.

**Report from Rare Books and Special Collections Section:** Beth Kilmarx from the Standing Committee reported about the *Standard for Rare Books Professional Competencies*. The draft standard should be complete by the end of 2018. The draft standard concept has been endorsed by the International Council on Archives (ICA), the Society of American Archivists (SAA) and the American Library Association’s Rare Books and Manuscript Section (ALA RBMS). Kilmarx clarified that the guidelines are being drafted from new ideas and existing guidelines, and the standard will address digital as well as analog formats. Jeanne Drewes suggested sharing the draft with all the PAC Centres. Drewes also volunteered to review the guidelines as did Tomasz Gruszkowski from the PAC Centre in Warsaw.

**Communication:** The use of Basecamp for communication is slowly increasing. ZOOM meetings every two months has been effective for sharing ideas and making plans. Several people from the United States encouraged scheduling the meetings so that more folks in widespread time zones can participate.

**WLIC Sessions:** P & C Section partnered with Information Technology Section to hold a program on long-term digital preservation. Seven presentations are scheduled. News Media and P & C partnered to host a program on preservation or hard copy newspapers in
tropical environments. PAC and the Rare Books and Special Collections held a program on the preservation and storage of, as well as metadata for documentation and access to, both manuscripts in general, and palm leaf manuscripts in particular. Audiovisual and Multimedia Section along with the IT Section sponsored a program on strategies for collecting, cataloguing, providing, playing and preserving video games.

**ENSULIB Report:** Alenka Kavčič-Čolić reported on the successful projects of ENSULIB. A new IFLA/DeGruyter publication was announced at WLIC 2018 entitled *Going Green: Implementing Sustainable Strategies in Libraries Around the World* edited by Petra Hauke, Madeleine Charney and Harri Sahavirta. ENSULIB sponsored a joint open session with Libraries for Children and Young Adults on library support for environmental sustainability awareness in young adult forums. In addition, they participated in the poster session, and awarded the IFLA Green Library Award 2018 to Foshan Library for the project submission "Foshan Library’s Green Practice", located in Foshan new city, which is a key area of construction in the province of Guangdong, China.

**PAC Centres Report:** Tanja Clausen, Coordinator of the Strategic Program on Preservation and Conservation is working on agreements between IFLA HQ and all of the 16 PAC Centres. IFLA would like the PAC Centres to become more visible and vibrant. She welcomes input and ideas from P & C Standing Committee members. Alenka Kavčič-Čolić noted that is important to distinguish among the Preservation and Conservation Section Membership, the P & C Standing Committee and the PAC Programme.

**CEN/TC346 Report:** Dr. Irmhild Ceynowa is the P & C SC liaison to the European Committee for Standardization Technical Committee 346. The objective of the Committee is to establish standards for the conservation of cultural property. She shared a schematic of the 12 working groups along with the objectives of the Committee. Also provided was a list of the publications of CEN/TC346, “Conservation of Cultural Heritage.”


The handouts are included with the minutes. The full report is on Basecamp.

**Social Event:** Alenka Kavčič-Čolić suggested that the Standing Committee and any interested observers get together for relaxed social occasion. Tuesday, Aug. 28 was selected for a dinner social event.

**Future Programs and Satellites:** Several ideas surfaced for program and/or satellite consideration

2. Cloud Preservation
3. Big Data

**IFLA Standards on preservation and conservation:** There is a need to work with IFLA Standards Committee, PAC and P & C Standing Committee to revise the standards, best practices and guidelines that are referred to on the IFLA Preservation websites.
The meeting adjourned at 15:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Ryder
Secretary