



**Reference and Information Services Section
Midterm Meeting
17 – 18 March 2011 at Esbjerg Public Library
Esbjerg, Denmark**

Minutes

Participants:

Amanda Duffy – CILIP, Sidcup, Kent. England
Annsofie Oscarsson – Mälardalen University Library, Västerås. Sweden
Francis T. (Frank) Kirkwood – Library of Parliament, Ottawa. Canada
Martin (Marty) Kesselmann – University of New Jersey Library, New Jersey. USA
Myriam Lemmen – Provinciale Hogeschool, Elfde. Belgium
Petra van den Born – UNESCO Library, Paris. France
Philippa Andreasson – Stockholm University Library, Stockholm. Sweden
Sara Gube-Josefsson – National Library of Sweden, Stockholm. Sweden
Bodil Wöhnert – Esbjerg Public Libraries, Esbjerg/Ribe. Denmark

Regrets:

Susan Fingerman
Maud Mondawa
Morongwa Modiba
Concha Lois Cabello
Jonghen Zhong

Thursday 17 March

Welcome and introduction to the local library network and the public libraries in Esbjerg Municipality – Mrs. Anette Bröchner Lindgaard, Director, Esbjerg Public Libraries

<http://www.youtube.com/user/energimetropol#p/a/u/1/IKRmModBvXQ>

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Business meeting I – Esbjerg Public Library

1. Introductions and Approvals

- a. Thank you to Esbjerg Public Libraries
- b. Welcome to members of RISS and Regrets: see above
- c. Approval of Gothenburg Minutes: approved
- d. Changes to Agenda and Approval of Agenda: IFLA questionnaire on LAM cooperation will be discussed under 4. D

2. Puerto Rico Matters

- a. Update on Open Session: Open Session will be Thursday August 18 8:30-10:30. Amanda gave a survey: there is a nice balance of subjects and geographic. Bodil will send Form O to IFLA HQ.
- b. Workshop: Tuesday 16 August 14-16 at the Museo del Arte de Puerto Rico. Programme and venue were discussed. Bodil will check possibility for transportation from/to the conference center with IFLA. Departure 13:30 from the congress center and 17:00 from the Museum (possibility for visiting the museum). Brainstorming on subjects for lightening talks. Marty and Petra plan the further details and contact speakers.
- c. Membership and Elections: 3 SC members are elected for the period 2009-2013 and will continue. 8 new members are nominated and will be elected for the period 2011-2015. Myriam and Phillippa have been coopted for 2010-2011. Philippa has been nominated and will be elected for 2011-2015. Unfortunately Myriam has not been nominated. She can either be corresponding member – or coopted if there are vacancies. Some of the continuing members may be excluded due to lack of appearance at the conference. All members going off the committee in 2011 will be eligible for fresh election to RISS in 2013.

3. Reports

- a. RISS administrative Budget: no money have been spent so far. We expect expenses to gifts to speakers at the open session and eventually bus transportation to the work shop.
- b. Gifts for speakers: Marty takes care of this.
- c. Newsletter: Frank will edit a newsletter on 2010 – deadline April 30. Subjects: conference report from Gothenburg, How do you Say Reference, biographies about the coopted members. Marty will edit a newsletter on 2011 matters: planned open session and workshop, new committee, minutes from midterm 2011. Deadline June 15.
- d. How do You Say Reference: Marty presented the report and website. Missed the deadline for registration to the poster session. Instead students from Rutgers will interview attendants at the Conference in Puerto Rico. Sara checks possibility for moving the site to IFLA's server.

Library visits:

Visit at Esbjerg City Archive – introduction by Mr. Jørgen Dieckmann Rasmussen, City Archivist

<http://www.eba.esbjergkommune.dk/Default.aspx>

Visit at University College South Denmark – introduction by Mrs. Tove Schmidt, Library

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Business meeting II – at the old town hall in Ribe

4. Other Matters and Future Planning

- a. Future of RISS and Sustainability: Communication to/with members could be better. For the moment there is only contact to the Standing Committee via our mailing list. We recommend the new SC to use blogs to activate members. Marty will send welcome letter to the new SC members.
- b. Crimea Conference: Frank has been a member of the international organizing committee for this conference for quite a while. Marty has been invited to give a presentation. Marty told about the plans for his presentation. RISS as a section is not involved but wish all the best for the conference.
- c. Joint Riga Satellite conference August 2012: The title will be: Information for Civic Literacy. Frank has had contact from the organizers about co-sponsorship from RISS. The present Standing Committee is not able to make decisions for 2012. We must let it be up to the new committee.
- d. Discussion of RISS Issues: Marty introduced a new project at Rutgers: Library in a Box meant for Liberia. The LAM questionnaire was discussed. Bodil fills in and sends to HQ
- e. Misc.: Amanda hands over the guidelines and time table for arranging an open session and will be available as an advisor for the new committee. Most guidelines for the officers can be found at Officers' Corner on IFLA's web. Our experiences with the new web site are disappointing: it turns out to be difficult to use.

Library visit:

Visit at the local library in Ribe – introduction by Mrs. Hanne Poulsen, Leader South East Branch, Esbjerg Public Libraries

<http://www.ribe1300.dk/Front-1.aspx>

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