

## IFLA 2011 – Puerto Rico

### Reference and Information Services Section

#### SC Meeting 1 – Saturday 13 August, 14.45-17.15

#### Minutes

##### **Present:**

Out-going Committee Members: Martin Kesselman (Chair), Amanda Duffy (Minutes), Frank Kirkwood, Annsofie Oscarsson, Petra van den Born

Continuing Members: Sara Gube-Josefsson, Zhong Yongheng

##### **Observers:**

Sandy Lawson, Rania Shaarawy, Vanessa Casseus and Elena Gruznova

2011-13 Committee Members: Judy Ng, Elena Zhabko

##### **Apologies:**

Current Committee: Bodil Wöhnert, Maud Mundava, Harish Chandra, Susan Fingerman

2011-13 Committee: Jane Weller, Philippa Andreasson, Lilianna Nalewajska

##### **No response:**

Morongwa Modiba, Jin Hong Ya, Elena Lindeman, Myriam Lemmens, Raymond Joshue Seckel

#### **1 Welcome and Introductions**

Marty Kesselman (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting and people introduced themselves.

#### **2 Approval of the Agenda**

Approved with the addition of GENLOC/RISS funds.

#### **3 Approval of Minutes from Gothenburg (August 2010) and Esbjerg (March 2011)**

The minutes were approved.

#### **4 Matters arising from these minutes**

The logistics of transportation and communication had caused the planned workshop to be cancelled.

No Newsletter had been produced.

## 5 Reports

### Treasurer (Marty):

Nothing had been spent out of our allocation of €325. This money would be available until December 2011. It was agreed that €150 should go to the staff at the National Library of Spain in acknowledgement of their work over the years in translating our papers into Spanish. Amanda will give Marty the contact name and he will arrange the payment.

**Action: Amanda and Marty**

### IFLA Leadership Meeting (Marty):

New officers of the Committee should attend the Leadership meeting on Sunday 14 August, 8.30-10.00

IFLA Market. This will be after the Opening Ceremony and will include training sessions.

Ingrid Parent, the President-Elect, will have as her theme '*Libraries for Change: inclusion, transformation, innovation and convergence*'.

The various IFLA Boards and Committees are looking at guidelines for satellite conferences, simplifying the administration of Section funds, reviewing IFLA publications and further streamlining the conference.

In 2011-2013 the Chair of the Professional Committee will be Ann Okerson with the Chair of Division III (our Division) being Tone Eli Moseid from Norway.

The Puerto Rico conference has had just over 2,000 registered delegates. It will make of loss but there is €160,000 surplus in IFLA funds to cover this.

There are to be 5 key initiatives for IFLA in 2011-12:

- 1 Digital Content Programme: Driving access to content and digital resources, for library users.
- 2 IFLA International Librarianship Leadership Development Programme: Capacity building to raise the voice of the professional nationally, regionally and internationally.
- 3 Outreach Programme for Advocacy and Advancement of the Profession: Connecting, collaborating, representing strategically.
- 4 Cultural Heritage Disaster Reconstruction Programme: Culture is a basic need, a culture thrives through its cultural heritage, it dies without it.
- 5 Multilingualism Programme: a multilingual IFLA website opens windows to the world.

Twitter link for this conference is at [2011.ifla.org](http://2011.ifla.org).

Sections should put forward one of the papers from their session to the Divisional Committee who will then select 2 or 3 to go forward for consideration by *IFLA Journal*.

## 6 Newsletter

The Section had planned 2 newsletters in 2011 – one covering December 2010 to March 2011 and another from April 2011 to include information about our conference programme, etc. None have appeared so far.

Frank is still willing to produce a short newsletter for this conference. He will put something together over the weekend.

**Action: Frank & Marty**

## **7 GENLOC/RISS Money**

Amanda explained the situation in that when GENLOC and RISS had held a joint satellite meeting in 2008 in Ottawa a profit of 555\$CAN had been made. This money had been held by Libraries and Archives Canada for the sections. GENLOC now wanted to regularise their financial situation and they had to meet expenses from their satellite meeting prior to this conference.

GENLOC had done most of the work before and during the satellite, so the Section agreed that all the money should be given to GENLOC. Frank will talk to Francine Gaudet about raising an invoice, etc.

**Action: Frank**

## **8 Update on RISS Open Session**

Amanda reported that there had been a change of speaker as Keith Webster was unable to attend. His presentation would, however, be given by Heather Todd, also from Australia and known to the Section.

Sara volunteered to be timekeeper for the speakers and Petra would count the audience.

**Action: Sara & Petra**

## **9 Election of Officers for 2011-13**

After some discussion the following people were elected unanimously:

Judy Ng - Chair and Treasurer

Jane Weller - Secretary

Philippa Andreasson - Information Co-ordinator

## **10 Transition to the New Committee**

In the opinion of the out-going Committee, there are several challenges facing the 2011+ Committee:

- Attracting new members on to the Committee in 2013. This was especially important for the under-represented areas of Africa, North and South America and Australasia.
- Increasing the number of institutional members of the Section. This stands at around 45 at present.
- Streamlining the process of producing a Newsletter
- Considering the meaning of 'reference' – what does it mean in today's changing world?

Possibly participating in the pre-Helsinki satellite on *Civic Information*. Frank was working with the Africa Section on this and the event will be held in Riga.