

## **DRAFT MINUTES**

Reference & Information Services Section Committee Meeting I  
15 August 2015

### **Present (SC members/countries):**

Judy Ng/Singapore, Christine Brown/Canada, Marydee Ojala/USA, Jane Sanchez/USA, Philippa Andreasson/Sweden, Mijin Kim/Canada, Trude Faerevaag/Norway, Julie Biando Edwards/USA, Rania Shaarawy/Egypt, Laverne Page/USA, Najwa Hendrickse/South Africa, Edwin Qobose/Botswana

### **Present (Observers/countries):**

Unathi Sipungu/South Africa, Irvine Kadzenga/South Africa, Sinoy Cinso Mapisa/South Africa, Hiroyuki Tsunoda/Japan, Chiyoe Hagihara/Japan, Tomoko Haroda/Japan, Joan Weeks/USA, Lulama Sodidi/South Africa, Busi Mbuyo/South Africa, Pyrene Bokwe/South Africa, Duduzile Ntombela/South Africa, Moukoko Chamogwe Komol Chantal/South Africa

**Apologies:** Jane Weller/UK, Melissa Miller/USA, Lilianna Nalewajska/Poland, Jooza Al-Marri/Qatar

### **Absent:**

Jin Hongya/China, Carme Fenoll Clarabuch/Spain

1. The meeting was opened by Chair Judy Ng at 15.20. She welcomed everyone and outlined the agenda.
2. Judy Ng presented an overview of the Division leadership forums, the IFLA market session that will introduce the new strategic plan, and Officer training sessions. A plenary session for the WLIC has been added for Monday with the topic 67 Blankets for Nelson Mandela. She then presented an update on the Officers conference, with information about IFLA's new strategic plan 2016-2021, Key initiatives, Connection with the Lyon Declaration, Publishing news (IFLA Journal to become electronic only in 2016), enhancements to the IFLA Library, and Standards (Procedures manual launched last year).

**Action:** RISS to write brief about how the profession furthers development and how the work they do supports the Lyon Declaration. Need to determine who will write this.

3. Judy Ng reviewed the Annual Report for RISS. Our session in 2014 had 680 attendees and 5 papers. Our 2015 satellite event was held in Botswana. Our 2015 WLIC session will be on Wednesday with the theme Surprise Yourselves! New Models of Reference and Information Services. Phillpa Andreasson is chairing.

**Action:** All were urged to contribute to the RISS Facebook page about RISS events.

4. Christine Brown provided an update on the Botswana satellite event, with the theme Reference as Service and Place. Standing Committee members Edwin Qobose, Christine Brown, Mijin Kim, and Julie Biando Edwards attended. About 50 librarians attended. There were two keynote addresses. The one-track schedule worked very well. Sponsors for the event were WWIS (World Wide Information Services), Dawson Books, Elsevier, ProQuest, Springer, and MMM books. The conference, though small, was very successful.

**Action:** The section commended Christine Brown and Julie Biando Edwards for their hard work in putting together the programme and Edwin Qobose and his team at the University of Botswana for coordinating the venue and onsite logistics.

5. Christine Brown reported on the RISS budget. Headquarters provides funds of 150 Euros to the section, 100 of which is spent on speaker gifts. Money left over from the Singapore conference was transferred to the University of Botswana to help fund the satellite event. Funding from the sponsors also helped defray costs of the satellite event.
6. New officers were elected. They are:
  - a. Chair – Christine Brown, Canada
  - b. Secretary – Najwa Hendrickse, South Africa
  - c. Info officer – Julie Biando Edwards, USA
7. Timing of satellite events for coming years was discussed. Julie Biando Edwards noted how much work organizing a satellite event entailed.

**Action:** RISS will not do a satellite event for 2016 in the USA. RISS will organize a satellite event, probably in Warsaw at the invitation of SC member Lilianna Nalewajska, for 2017. The RISS SC can deliberate on this further at the

SC Meeting 2. Organizers and theme to be decided at the second SC meeting, where a shell program and proposed budget will be decided.

8. Marydee Ojala raised the issue of the outdated Digital Reference Guidelines and asked what the section should do about this.

**Action:** None taken.

9. Rania Shaarawy raised the issue of a midyear meeting, possibly in Egypt.

**Action:** None taken

10. The meeting adjourned 16.22.