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IFLA Serials and Other Continuing Resources Section

**2007 IFLA General Conference and Council
Durban, South Africa**

Minutes of the Standing Committee Meetings

First session: Saturday, August 18, 2007, 14:30-17:20

Attendance:

Standing Committee Members:

Helen Adey (Nottingham Trent University, UK)
Philippe Cantié (Bibliothèque nationale de France)
Kathryn S. Ginanni (EBSCO Information Services, South Africa)
Eva-Lisa Holm Granath (Linköping University, Sweden), Recorder
Ann Okerson (Yale University, New Haven, USA)
Simonetta Pasqualis (Università degli Studi di Trieste, Italy), Information Coordinator
Edward Swanson (MINITEX Library Information Network, Univ. of Minnesota, USA), Chair

Observers:

Patrick Danowski (Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin, Germany)

Regrets:

Elena Garcia-Puente Lillo (Biblioteca Nacional de España, Spain)
Louisa Maria Landáburu Areta (Biblioteca Nacional de España, Spain)
Frederick C. Lynden (Brown University, Providence, USA)
Anne McKee (Greater Western Library Alliance, Gendale, USA)
Francoise Pellé (ISSN International Centre, France)
Hildegard Schäffler (Bayerische Staatsbibliothek, München, Germany), Secretary
Barbara Sigrist (Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin, Germany)
Marie-Joëlle Tarin (Bibliothèque Universitaire Sorbonne, Paris, France)
Jina Choi Wakimoto (University of Colorado at Boulder, USA)

Absent:

Paul Harwood (Content Complete Ltd., Oxford, UK)
Idrisi Musa (Ministry of Works, Entebbe, Uganda)

1. Welcome and introductions, including welcome to new members

Edward Swanson, Chair, welcomed the members and observers of the Standing Committee meeting. He particularly welcomed the new members.

2. Apologies for absence

See the attendance list above. In the absence of Hildegard Schäffler Eva-Lisa Holm Granath acted as Recorder for this meeting.

Eward reported that each IFLA standing committee can have up to 20 members. There are at the moment two casual vacancies: one for Suzanne Fedunok (for two years) and one for Idrisi Musa (for four years). In our next meeting we will discuss names to approach.

3. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

4. Minutes of meetings at 2006 IFLA General Conference and Council and matters arising

The section minutes were approved as distributed.

5. Election of officers for 2007-2009

Ann Okerson was elected as Chair and Eva-Lisa Holm Granath as Secretary for 2007-2009.

6. Financial report

Edward reported that the Section's annual allotment is 325 EURO. The money is kept at the IFLA headquarters and will "disappear" at year end if not spent. The IFLA sections may apply for additional funds for special projects.

7. Communications

*Information Coordinator. Simonetta Pasqualis agreed to continue as information coordinator.

*Newsletter. The members discussed the form of the newsletter and what to put in it. Ann Okerson suggested that if Simonetta puts together much of the content, she and Graziano Kratli at Yale might be able to provide support in various ways, such as layout/editing. Ann also suggested that we try to make it semiannual with one issue in late fall with a report from the conference, the minutes, and the strategic plan. The other issue would come in late spring/early summer with short country reports etc. The name change of the section (2003) results in a name change of the newsletter and a new ISSN has to be assigned.

Simonetta is eager to get some documentation from the section's work in 2004/2005 and the conference in Buenos Aires since there are no newsletters from that time.

Ann Okerson said she would work with Yale Library staff to organize a listserv for SOCRS members and other interested individuals.

*Publications.

The group discussed the possibility of papers from the pre-conference being published in the IFLA Publication Series. Ann will raise this possibility with Sjoerd Koopman before the end of the

conference. (N.B. At the special session on IFLA publications, he did express interest in the possibility.)

We have no information of the status of the revision of the Basic Serials Management Handbook. According to the minutes from two years ago in Oslo, the French translation is finished. But where is it? Philippe Cantié will ask Cathérine Omont-Guilmard. Simonetta will check with Elizabeth Gazdag/Judith Szievássy about the Hungarian version (that would be a basis for a new English version).

8. Report on meetings of Governing Board and Professional Committee, August 17

Edward reported that August 16 there were 3074 persons registered for the conference. 2600 were paying registrants and the remainder were exhibit staff, accompanying guests, etc. He noted that the registration planning had been for 2400, so this represents a financial bonus for IFLA. However, at the same time, the exhibitor fees are down – and there is additional income from the Seoul conference, so it all is balancing out.

Edward also reported about different programme related matters and practical issues. The venue for 2010 will be announced in the closing session (now we know that it will be Brisbane, Australia).

The section programme is on Wednesday at 10:45. Edward invited the section members and the speakers to lunch afterwards at the Edward Hotel.

9. IFLA Booth schedule

There is no longer an IFLA Booth schedule for the sections.

10. Information meeting on Sunday, August 19

Edward reported that there will be a hearing on Sunday 11:45-13:30 about suggested changes to IFLA's professional structure. On Tuesday there will be an extra Governing Board meeting to start the process. The changes will be implemented in 2009. \

11. Program planning

*Report from the pre-conference on ERMS in Cape Town August 16-17.

Ann, Eva-Lisa and Katy Ginanni reported from the event. It was very successful with approximately 45 participants, mostly from South Africa. The evaluations were mostly very positive. Yale put in a lot of work in coordination, including creating the website, fundraising, and handling the finances and registration. Katy was in charge of the local arrangements. The programme committee was chaired by Kimberly Parker from Yale: the other members were Helen Heinrich and Eva-Lisa. The website will be up for a while since we have promised to post the papers and the PowerPoint presentations. Ann reported that she hopes a presentation of the economic outcome of the event would be ready by the end of September. (We now know it may take longer to disburse the payments and present a final accounting.) We also discussed publishing the papers in the IFLA Publication Series.

*2007 General Conference.

Theme: Serials and other continuing resources: New initiatives in Africa and developing countries. Ann reported that there will be four speakers. The programme has been planned by Hildegard Schäffler and Ann.

*2008 General Conference.

Theme: New initiatives in serials management and serials cataloguing. The programme planning committee consists of Helen Adey, Philippe Cantié, and Eva-Lisa. Among the topics suggested were: the new ISSN guidelines, other new standards, cataloguing/handling e-journals, and statistics. There is a requirement that we send out a Call for Papers to IFLA-L (around November).

*2008 Preconference.

The section has been approached by Frank Kirkwood from the Government Information and Official Publications Section (GIOPS) about co-sponsoring a pre-conference in Ottawa about government serials and government websites. Frank discussed the idea with us and will be back at our meeting on Friday for further discussions. Ann promised to raise this matter in her library with her documents staff, to see if there were a willing government documents expert to serve as SOCRS's member of the planning committee. (Subsequent answer was that it was not possible for 2008, due to staff changeover.)

*Future conferences and satellite meetings.

For the conference in Milan 2009, we discussed a theme of cultural heritage concerning archiving and preservation of journals either for the general conference or for a pre-conference. There are uncertainties about holding a pre-conference. Simonetta will discuss with Italian colleagues about the possibilities.

The meeting was adjourned until Friday.

Second session: Friday, August 24, 2007, 14:00-16:50

Attendance:

SC Members:

Helen Adey (Nottingham Trent University, UK)

Philippe Cantié (Bibliothèque nationale de France)

Eva-Lisa Holm Granath (Linköping University, Sweden)

Simonetta Pasqualis (Università degli Studi di Trieste, Italy)

Edward Swanson (MINITEX Library Information Network, Univ. of Minnesota, USA)

Observers:

Frédéric Blin (Ministry for Higher Education and Research, France)

Regrets:

Louisa Maria Landáburu Areta (Biblioteca Nacional de España, Spain)

Anne McKee (Greater Western Library Alliance, Gendale, USA)

Ann Okerson (Yale University, New Haven, USA)

Francoise Pellé (ISSN International Centre, France)

Hildegard Schäffler (Bayerische Staatsbibliothek, München, Germany)

Marie-Joëlle Tarin (Bibliothèque Universitaire Sorbonne, Paris, France)

Jina Choi Wakimoto (University of Colorado at Boulder, USA)

Absent:

Kathryn S. Ginanni (EBSCO Information Services, South Africa)

12. Section brochure and Strategic plan for 2008-2009

There are not yet any guidelines for the work with the strategic plans. Edward suggested that the committee should work on it by e-mail when the time comes.

We decided to produce a bookmark instead of a brochure. We looked at a bookmark from the Reference and Information Services Section. Text from the existing Strategic plan will be used and information about committee members will be included. Simonetta offered to take on the responsibility of making an example that she will send to the rest of the committee for comments. The Section's money can be used for printing costs.

13. Conference review

It is agreed that the Section programme was successful with interesting papers. Around 100 persons attended the programme. For the coming years we could, however, do more of monitoring of the discussions/questions.

Other observations of the conference included: The opening ceremony was very moving and very good. The programme, the library visits and the social events were very well planned and our hosts were helpful and friendly. We would all have liked to be able to move around in Durban more freely. With the security issues being very high, the conference venue should have had more in the way of shops (fruit, snacks, magazines, stamps, mailboxes etc).

We discussed the language issue: people often react very impolitely (by leaving the room) to speakers delivering papers in other languages than English. It is very important that translations of those papers are available on IFLAnet in advance.

*Paper(s) for IFLA Journal.

Division V has been asked to suggest three papers for publication in IFLA journal. Philippe suggested that SOCRS put forward Michele Pickovers paper on the DISA project. We all agreed to that.

14. Review of national serials activities

All committee members were encouraged to report of national serials activities to the newsletter. The reports can be short items (with URL to more information) about conferences (like UKSG and NASIG), projects, consortia, i.e., everything we can think of regarding serials. For the newsletter before the conference in Quebec, it will be important to include a country report regarding Canada.

15. Remaining business from first session and Other business

*Pre-conference in Ottawa.

Frank Kirkwood handed out a written proposal about the pre-conference he discussed with us during our first meeting. The pre-conference will be a joint event between three sections (SOCRS, GIOPS, Government libraries) and FAIFE. SOCRS agreed to take the lead and Edward volunteered to work on the programme planning committee.

*Section memberlist and :istserv.

SOCRCS has 73 members. We will ask to see a list of all the members in order to know how to spread information about membership at national levels (at conferences etc). We would also like to have a listserv for discussions among the committee members and other interested parties?. (Ann has requested this at Yale. Additionally she has been in discussion with the incoming Chair of Acquisition & Collection Development about joint marketing of the two sections in the United States.)

*Casual vacancies:

Edward has approached Helen Heinrich about the vacancy for two years and she has said yes. We decided that Helen Adey will approach Robert Bley (ExLibris, UK) about the other vacancy.

*New professional structure.

Edward reported about the outcome of the hearing about IFLAs professional structure. The Governing Board decided that 40 will be the new minimum number of members for a section. SOCRS will be placed in the division named Library collections.

*Officers training.

Eva-Lisa reported from the Officers Training Session that all sections should produce annual reports. IFLA staff will produce a calendar with all the annual deadlines that are of importance for the Standing Committees.

16. Recognition of retiring members

Elena Garcia-Puente Lillo, Kathryn Ginanni, Frederick C. Lynden and Barbara Sigrist are outgoing members of the Standing Committee. Edward thanked them on behalf of the Committee for their active participation in the group. Edward also recognised members who have completed their first 4-year term by handing out/sending certificates to them.

17. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned and Edward thanked everybody for their participation.