Date: Saturday, August 19, 2017, 8:00-10:00 (Session 003)

Location: IASE Building, Room 148

Attendance:
Standing Committee Members:
Sharon Dyas-Correia (University of Oxford, UK), Chair
Meg Mering (University of Nebraska, USA), Secretary
Gaëlle Bequet (ISSN International Centre, France)
Paul Hover (Virginia Tech, USA)
Smita Joshipura (Arizona State University, USA)
Beata Katrincova (University Library in Bratislava, Slovakia)
Andrea Wirth (University of Nevada, Las Vegas, USA) - Incoming
Ted Westervelt (Library of Congress, USA)
Zuza Wiorogorska (University of Warsaw, Poland) - Corresponding

Guests:
Karolina Minch (University of Warsaw, Poland)
Tihobela Ngidi (eThekwini Libraries, South Africa)

1. Welcome and apologies

Sharon Dyas-Correia called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. She stated that she had not received any apologies from members who were unable to attend the conference. Standing members and guests introduced themselves.

2. Membership matters

Dyas-Correia stressed the importance of members participating in the section’s activities. Being a committee member is a year around commitment. The roles and responsibilities of standing committee members are found at http://www.ifla.org/officers-corner/sc-members.

3. Adoption of the agenda

Paul Hover moved that the agenda be adopted. Ted Westervelt seconded the motion. The motion passed.
4. Minutes of the SC meetings held in Columbus

Westervelt moved that the minutes from the section meetings in Columbus be approved. Hover seconded the motion. The motion passed. The minutes are available on the section’s web site (http://www.ifla.org/serials-and-continuing-resources/minutes).

5. Election of New Officers

Meg Mering ran unopposed for Chair of the section. Westervelt ran unopposed for Information Coordinator. Gaëlle Bequet and Dyas-Correia ran for Secretary. Bequet was elected Secretary.

6. Reports from officers

a. Communications

Westervelt discussed his work with the Section’s blog. Open access and a variety of other topics were discussed on the blog. We can expect to see more blogging in the upcoming year.

Hover wrote a summary of 2016 IFLA conference for the blog. He also wrote about the conference for the American Library Associations’ ALCTS News. He will do the same for this year’s conference.

Smita Joshipura stated that the section’s Facebook page has been a success. The site has 24 followers and 23 likes.

b. 2017 Satellite Gdańsk

Dyas-Correia thanked Zuza Wiorogorska and Matylda Filas for their work on the Satellite. The content of the satellite was excellent. It was a good mix of papers. The number of attendees was disappointingly low. Having to change the venue from Kraków to Gdańsk and other factors led to delays in planning. The Kraków site was unwilling to sign the contract required by IFLA.

Not being able to pay for satellite by credit card proved to be a problem for attendees. For some attendees, bank transfers had as much as a 50% surcharge. Westervelt suggested exploring the option of using a PayPal account or similar.

c. Open Session - Altmetrics: It’s Time to Take Action.

SOCRS’s open session will be held on August 20th in the IASE Conference Room from 13:45 to 15:45. The title of the program is Altmetrics: It’s Time to Take Action. The program will include an introduction to Altmetrics plus seven presentations. Hover agreed to count the number of attendees at the session.
7. Mission and Scope of the SOCR Section

This spring, the section worked on revising its mission statement. Below is the new mission and scope statement. It is also posted on the section’s web site (https://www.ifla.org/about-the-serials-and-continuing-resources-section).

The Serials and Other Continuing Resources Section concerns itself especially with the issues at the intersection of scholarly communication and continuing resources in both the print and electronic environments. These include: library publishing; open access; repositories; publishing models; altmetrics and other types of metrics; text and data mining; bibliographic standards and control; national and international library cooperation; access and availability; conservation and archiving; collection management and development; pricing issues; copyright; and, relationships with publishers, suppliers and other scholarly communication and continuing resource related organizations. The accelerating impact of technological developments and changes in the scholarly communication environment on library continuing resource procedures, business models, publishing models, and liaisons with suppliers and the serials publishing industry also fall within the purview of the Section. As access rather than ownership, metrics and assessment, and storage and access to data become increasingly important issues, the Section is committed to working closely with the appropriate core Activities and Standing Committees within IFLA.

The general consensus was that the section’s name, Serials and Other Resources Section, no longer accurately reflected the work of the section. After some discussion, the group selected Scholarly Communication and Continuing Resources as its proposed new name. A decision was reached to send a proposal to the Professional Committee to request a change in name. Reasons for the change were:

- The Section’s most successful recent programs have been on scholarly communication topics like altmetrics, library publishing, open access and text and data mining
- The membership of the section has shrunk over the past few years even though attendance at our Open Programs and Satellites has been good and the Section thinks that the new name would attract members, section sponsors and attendees to our programs
- The focus and names of serial organizations like UKSG and NASIG have also evolved to include scholarly communication.
- *Serials Review* and *The Serials Librarian* have broadened their focus to include Scholarly Communication.
- Many of our members are interested in and involved in Scholarly Communication activities at our home institutions.

Dyas-Correia and Mering agreed to draft a justification.
9. IFLA 2018 in Kuala Lumpur

Briefly, libraries-as-publishers was discussed as a topic for next year’s open session. Dyas-Correia mentioned that, on August 22nd, a meeting will be held to explore forming a special interest group on libraries as publishers. The idea to form the group grew out of the 2016 satellite meeting, “Libraries as Publishers: Building a Global Community.” With the Acquisition and Collection Development Section, SOCRS co-sponsored the satellite.

10. Visit of Frederick Zarndt, Division II Chair

The Section discussed the proposed name change with Frederick Zarndt. The most recent name change in Division II occurred when the Newspaper Section became the News Media. Zarndt felt self-evaluation of sections was always a good idea. We want to ensure that the group is dynamic and of interest to potential new members.

The group also reviewed the issues relating to the satellite. Zarndt agreed with Westervelt’s idea of setting a PayPal or a PaySafe account. The Section should work on finding vendor sponsors for future satellites. Although IFLA requests that contracts be complete, they have not always been completed. They can create obstacles.

Date: Monday, August 21, 2017, 8:30 -10:30 (Session 089)

Location: Wrocław Congress Centre, Conference Room A

Attendance:
Standing Committee Members:
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Meg Mering (University of Nebraska, USA), Secretary
Gaëlle Bequet (ISSN International Centre, France)
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Guests:
Magdalena Andrae (FH Campus Wien, Austria)
Karolina Minch (University of Warsaw, Poland)
Patrick Danowski (IST Austria Library, Austria), Science and Technology Libraries Section, Chair (Incoming)
Ezra Shiloba Gbaje (Federal University Lokoja, Kogi State, Nigeria)
Cherry-Ann Smart (University of the West Indies at Mona, Jamaica)
Andrea Torggler (FH Campus Wien, Austria)
1. Welcome

Dyas-Correia called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Standing members and guests introduced themselves.

2. 2017 SOCRS Open Program

Close to a 140 people attended the open program, which shows once again that the Section’s most successful programs relate to scholarly communication topics. The presenters were all very good. They were well organized and kept within their time limit.

The papers from the session are available in the IFLA Library.

3. Announcements and report from the Professional Committee

One topic at the forum was why it is important to get standing members to be more active in their sections. Being a member is a year-round commitment.

Much of the forum was devoted to officers’ concerns about IFLA.

- IFLA’s business related meetings conflict with other sessions. Officers are having to sometimes make a decision between attending their section’s open sessions and business meetings and IFLA’s business meetings.
- Information Coordinators should be officers.
- Standing members cannot be added again until 2019. Corresponding members can be added to sections any time.

4. Corresponding Members

Several people during the satellite meeting and the open session expressed interested in joining the section. We can appoint up to 5. They would not be voting members of the section. They could potentially become standing members in 2019.

5. Global Vision discussion

After the conference, a PowerPoint about IFLA’s Global Vision and a questionnaire will be sent to members of the section.
6. Logos

IFLA designed logos for each section. SOCRS’s logo seems dated. It reflects a print-based environment only. Several ideas for a different logo design were discussed. Westervelt agreed to find out during his information coordinator training if we could suggest a different design for our logo and if we would be responsible for the final design of the logo.

7. Science and Technology Section Proposal

Patrick Danowski, the incoming chair of the Science and Technology Libraries Section, presented a proposal to bring open access to a new level in the future. He proposed that SOCRS work with the Science and Technology Section to create best practices for open access and to co-sponsor a session. SOCRS was supportive of this partnership. The Section believes the best practice document would have added impact if our section name included the words Scholarly Communication.

8. SOCRS Action Plan

Revised action plans are due in late October. The current action plan is very generic and would benefit from being revised.