



## Section on Education and Training

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### Minutes from the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee Saturday, August 19, 2006, 11:30 -14:20, Seoul, South Korea

**Standing Committee Members Present:** Marielle de Miribel, Shaunsaku Tamura, Jacqueline Dussolin-Faure, Mouna Bensilmane, Françoise Lerouge, Ismail Abdullahi, Barbara Dewey, S.B. Ghosh, Terry Weech (chair), Niels Ole Pors (secretary), Anne Maria Tammaro (Information officer), Petra Hauke (editor of SET – Bulletin)

**Apologies from:** Aira Lepik, Tatiana Kouznetsova, Kornelija Petr, Josiane Roelants-Abraham, and Cristobal Urbano.

**Absent without apology:** John Feather.

**Observers:** Patricia Oyler, Frederic Blin, Susan Lazinger, Sylvie Chevillotte, Hanla Al Humoad, Shabam A Khalifa

The chair of the section, Terry Weech, opened the meeting.

#### 1 Introduction and Welcome

Introduction of Officers, Standing Committee members, and observers. Terry Weech introduced the officers and welcomed the delegates and participants in the meeting.

The Agenda for the meeting was approved

The minutes from the meeting in Oslo were approved. The minutes for 2005 can be found at the following address: <http://www.ifla.org/VII/s23/annual/set-minutes05.pdf> )

Niels Pors summarised the meeting of the Division VIII Coordinating Board of August 18. The main point from that meeting was a planned new structure for sections. It has been recommended that a section needs at least 50 members to exist as a section and that the number of the standing committee should be at least 10. Unless these two conditions are fulfilled the section will get time to market itself and if the section does not succeed, it will cease its existence as a section and probably be merged with another section or converted to a discussion group or interest group. Member statistics from some of the sections in Division VII were: Education & training 207. Theory and Research 114. Reading 70. Information Literacy 69. CPDWL 66. Library History 15. He also mentioned that the review of the sections were still in progress.

#### 2. Officer reports

Terry Weech and Anna Maria Tammaro summarised and gave short reports of the activities during the year. The report from the chair has published in the Newsletter of the section to the members of the section. .

The brochure for the section has been translated into nine languages and are all available from links from our IFLAnet Website. Mouna agreed to explore the possibility of a translation of the brochure into Arabic.

He also asked for volunteers to man the IFLA booth the following Monday morning. Anna Maria Tammaro and Jacqueline Dussolin-Faure volunteered.

Anna Maria Tammaro, Information Officer for the Section, reported on last year's activities. She asked for suggestions from members on how to improve communication and information distribution. She mentioned that she would work for better alerts for call for papers and other kinds of Conference related information. She also gave an overview on the Section's webpage and the efforts to create a more transparent archiving system. To make the web-pages more transparent, she is working on a system with archival links.

Terry Weech went through the budget. The section has around 1000 Euro of which 800 goes to the production of the newsletter and the rest is used for brochures and the like. The amount of administrative funding is based on the membership numbers and it is pertinent to increase the number of members to increase the Section's budget.

Petra Hauke informed about the coming issue of the newsletter and outlined plans to get in touch with the younger generations of librarians.

#### **4. Conference Program Planning**

Mouna Bensilmane, chair of the planning committee for the Seoul programme (The other members of the committee was Ismail Abdullahi, Françoise Lerouge, and Jacqueline Dussolin-Faure) gave an overview of the planning and the programme for the section's offsite programme. The morning session consists of 4 invited papers contributing to the topic of regional cooperation among LIS-institutions in the area. The programme for the afternoon focuses on lifelong education for LIS – educators. She also delivered travel instructions to the offsite event.

Terry Weech gave an orientation on Division VII's divisional programme on Cultural diversity in LIS – teaching and research.

Ismail Abdullahi (chair of the programme planning committee for South Africa) outlined the work on the programme so far.

The Quebec – conference was discussed. Possible topics were aired and it was decided to take the item on the agenda of the next meeting to form a planning committee.

#### **5. Projects and publications**

##### **The World Guide to Library and Information Studies Education:**

Ismail Abdullahi gave a short and preliminary report on the progress. It was decided to postpone the item to the second meeting. All standing committee members have received through emails the discussions and statements concerning the matter so far before the conference. Terry Weech's May, 2006 report on the project can be found at

<http://leep.lis.uiuc.edu/seoworkspace/weech/ifla06/WorldGuideTWRpt06.htm>

##### **Report on the project concerning Education in Digital Librarianship:**

Terry Weech and gave a short state of the art information about the project: Education for Digital Librarianship and asked for Standing Committee members to review the preliminary report that was sent to them by email and provide information on relevant courses or programs in their countries or regions. Niels Pors will be working on the European component of the study. The project will be finalised by the end of 2006.

##### **Proposals for new projects:**

Terry Weech and Anna Maria Tammaro put forward a new proposal. The proposal concerned the need for an update on the Guidelines for Library and Information Science Education and the incorporation of quality assurances and newer developments in the digital area. The proposal was discussed and it was decided to continue the discussion on the second meeting. In the meantime Terry Weech and Anna Maria Tammaro would continue to work on the proposal to focus it more.

#### **LIS Education in Developing Counties Discussion Group:**

Terry Weech gave an orientation about the discussion group: LIS – education in developing countries. The Professional Committee had decided to place the discussion group in Division VIII. It was discussed how it would be possible to cooperate and the possibility for a joint sponsorship between Division VII and Division VIII was discussed and the standing committee supported that motion, which will be brought forward to the next meeting in the coordinating board of Division VII. Ismail Abdullahi, coordinator of the discussion group invited all to the group meeting at the Seoul Conference.

#### **E-learning Discussion Group:**

Due to a communication failure, the application for the renewal of the discussion group for E-learning was not sent in time. The committee decided to reapply for the re-establishment of the discussion group. Anna Maria Tammaro, Information Officer for the Education and Training Section, Sylvie Chevillotte, Secretary of Information Literacy Section, and Ian Smith, Secretary of CPDWL Section will be co-conveners for the discussion group if it is renewed. The request for renewal was unanimously approved by the Standing Committee and the request will be forwarded to Division VII for submission to the Professional Committee for action at their December, 2006 meeting. .

### **6. Other business**

The meeting ended at 14.15 with the chairman thanking all participants for their contributions.

<p><b>Minutes from the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee Friday, August 25, 2005, 8:30 – 10.50 am. Seoul, South Korea</b></p>
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#### **1. Introduction and Welcome**

**Standing Committee Members Present:** Ismail Abdullahi, S.Tamura, Petra Hauke, Mouna Bensilmane, Niels Ole Pors Anna Maria Tammaro, Terry Weech,

**Observers:** Chih-Feng P. Lin (Corresponding member), Frederic Blin, Susan Lazinger, Kerry Smith, Kanwal Ameen

The agenda was approved with the following additions:

1. New suggestions for next year's conference in South Africa
2. World guide to Library and Information Science Schools
3. Revision on the Strategic Plan

#### **2. Reports from Conference Program Planning Committees**

**Seoul, Korea 2006:** Mouna Bensilmane gave the report on the workshop. It was a successful workshop with good papers. There were 75 attendees during the morning session and 35 for the afternoon program. The hosting was excellent and the attendees participated with enthusiasm.. It was decided that Mouna Bensilmane should select 2 or 3 of the best papers from the conference and send them to the standing committee members for comments. On that basis a proposal for publication would be made. This will take place in September.

A summary of the off-site event will be published in a coming issue of SET – Bulletin.

**Durban, South Africa, 2007:** Ismail Abdullahi reported on the progress of the conference planning for the programme in South Africa. The planning is directed towards an off-site event taking place at Stellenbosch University approximately 10 kilometres from the Convention centre. It will be possible to host 100 participants. The planning committee is committed to arrange a session with possibilities for deep discussion about curriculum problems for African library schools. Thus the number of papers will be limited to 5 for the whole day. The papers will be invited. Several members of the Standing Committee expressed concern about not planning for an open session at Durban in 2007 where a call for papers could be made. Niels Pors reported that the Reference Services Section had expressed interest in a possible joint open session. Terry Weech and Ismail Abdullahi indicated they would attend the Reference Services Section meeting to determine the possibility of establishing a joint open session with them. Terry also indicated he would explore the possibility of doing a joint session with one of the other sections in Division VII.

**Quebec, Canada, 2008:** Mouna Bensilmane will take up the co-chair function with Francoise Lerouge for the conference Program Planning Committee for Quebec, Canada in 2008.. Barbara Dewey and Jacqueline Dussolin-Faure also agreed to serve on the 2008 planning committee.

**Milan, Italy, 2009:** Anna Maria Tammaro was appointed chair of the program planning committee for 2009. Anna Maria Tammaro suggested that the section should investigate the possibility of planning a pre-conference in either Parma or Firenze in 2009. Anna Maria Tammaro will report on the progress of these plans in Durban, South Africa in 2007.

### 3. Projects and Publications

**LIS Education in Developing Countries Discussion Group:** Ismail Abdullahi reported on the progress in the discussion group on LIS-education in the developing countries. There had been a session on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August with app. 50 participants and a planning or coordinating committee consisting of 5 people has been formed. Ismail Abdullahi further stated that the discussion group aims at giving a report in South Africa concerning curriculum problems and that this report would be part of a session or workshop. This event will probably take the form of a panel discussion with invited papers and with emphasis on discussion. The discussion group is contemplating a listserv hosted by a library association. Ismail Abdullahi further stated that the discussion group probably will investigate the possibility of becoming a section in the future. This statement caused a long discussion about the relationship between discussion groups, sections and divisions, and some members of the standing committee expressed concern of the fact, that the establishment of –earlier- round tables, now discussion groups and the like caused problems for the section and its base.

**The World Guide to Library and Information Studies Education:** Ismail Abdullahi gave an update on the status of the World Guide to Library and Information Science Schools. The publisher Saur has been very helpful and supportive in the process and the plan is now to have a revised version of the guide in 2007.

**Proposal to Explore the Feasibility of International Guidelines for Equivalency and Reciprocity of Qualifications for LIS Professionals:** Terry Weech and Anna Maria Tammaro presented their revised proposal (see the minutes of the previous meeting). The focus was now on equivalency and reciprocity of academic qualifications among LIS educational institutions. Some members expressed concerns about the complexities of the task, but there was a general agreement that the topic is serious and worthwhile pursuing. The proposal was supported by the Standing Committee and will be brought forward to Division VII and if approved by the Division, it will be submitted for review by the Professional Committee for 2007 funding.

#### **4. Budget for 2007**

Terry Weech suggested that we put aside 800 Euros for the Newsletter and the remaining funds (approximately 200 Euros) for editing and distribution of finalised projects. It was approved. Mouna Bensilmane stated that she would get the section's brochure translated into Arabic.

#### **5. Section Mission Statement and Strategic Plan Revision:**

A draft of the revised Section Mission Statement and the revised Strategic Plan with changes will be sent to the committee members for comments in September or early October.

#### **5. Other Business**

The question about the attendance of standing committee members was raised. A standing committee member has to be present at 3 out of 4 conferences. If not, the chair can ask for a letter of resignation. This has happened at least 5 times. Reappointments are difficult. It was noted, that a few members elected during the last years have not turned up to meetings at all. As suggested by the Standing Committee members present the chair will take the appropriate measures in regard to those elected members who have not attended any of the Standing Committee meetings since they have been elected. .

The meeting ended at 10.45 with the chairman thanking the participants for their contribution.

Submitted by Niels Ole Pors, Secretary  
September 2006.