



International Federation of
Library Associations and Institutions

DIVISION IV: SUPPORT FOR THE PROFESSIONS

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO, SUNDAY 14TH
AUGUST 2011, 8.30 – 10.00 A.M. IN ROOM 208 OF THE SAN JUAN CONFERENCE
CENTRE.**

D R A F T – October 2011

Present: *Core Activities:* CLM – Committee on Copyright and other Legal Matters
None; FAIFE – Committee on Free Access to Information and Freedom of Expression
Loida Garcia-Febo – continuing secretary;

Sections: Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning - incoming secretary, and co-chairs
Sylvia Pigott and Ulrike Lang who is Chair 2011-2012;

Education and Training- Kerry Smith, incoming secretary, Anna Maria Tammaro, outgoing chair in attendance
as incoming Chair of Division IV;

Library Buildings and Equipment, Karen Latimer outgoing chair, Dorothea Sommer outgoing
secretary/incoming chair;

Library Theory and Research - Terry Weech, continuing chair;

Management and Marketing - ? Perry Moree; Silvère Mercier.

Management of Library Associations: Gerald Leitner, incoming chair;

Statistics and Evaluation - Ulla Wimmer outgoing secretary/incoming chair, Markku Laitinen info coordinator
Special Interest Groups (SIGs) : E-Learning (Education and Training Section) – Gillian Hallam continuing
chair;

E-Metrics (Statistics and Evaluation Section) -

Library History (Library Theory and Research Section) - absent

New Professionals (Management of Library Associations Section) - absent

Women, Information and Libraries Special Interest Group (Management of Library Associations Section) -
Maria Cotera

Outgoing Chair of Division IV Mike Heaney opened the meeting at 9.00 a.m. and introduced the incoming
Chair of Division IV, Anna Maria Tammaro. Kerry Smith was then nominated by Terry Weech and accepted as
the Secretary for Division IV.

Mike Heaney announced:

- notifications of meetings and recommended to all new officers in particular that they attend Officers
Training Sessions.
- Annual Reports and Strategic Plans are due soon;
- Guidelines for satellite conferences are apparently now available from the IFLA website¹ and include
instructions that the distance from the satellite origin airport to the IFLA conference airport should be
no more than 3 hours. IFLA is considering its responsibility/ies for satellite conferences as this is not
very clear. Terry Weech stated that the emphasis of IFLA conference was no longer on the business of
IFLA and that there were often clashes with satellite conferences and the Section Standing Committee
meetings, with the business meetings again rolled into the IFLA conference with associated potential
clashes.
- Sections need to be thinking about projects and should consult with their Divisional Chair to ease the
process of approval at the Professional Committee (PC) level.
- IFLA now has strategic directions : Empowering libraries to enable their user communities to have
equitable access to information; Building the strategic capacity of IFLA and that of its members;
Transforming the profile and standing of the profession; Representing the interests of IFLA's members
and their users throughout the world.

¹ Email; from IFLA HQ, 19 September 2011 – Guidelines are still under discussion and are not yet on the IFLA
website

- Division IV has some way to go to work cohesively together and that Division IV, in his view, is best placed to inform IFLA on strategies, planning and advocacy.

The Sections then reported on their 2011-2012 action plans (and also need to think about how they fit in IFLA's Strategic plan):

CLM – Committee on Copyright and other Legal Matters - no report

FAIFE – Committee on Free Access to Information and Freedom of Expression

Working on access to health information/HIV

Working on Code of Ethics for librarians from all library associations throughout world –have set up a working group and a rough draft exists;

Working on a policy on the use of social media by librarians and want to consult with other IFLA groups on this; Conference sessions: today is on how to fix the world, tomorrow's session with CLM on the new book economy.

Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning

Often works with other sections for its sessions and satellite. Combined with MLAS this year;

Satellite 2012 with Information Literacy in Tampere.

Education and Training

Keen to work with colleagues on convergence of museums archives and libraries and have done so in one of the SET sessions at this conference and possibly 2012 in Helsinki;

Reviewing its guidelines for library education – how to include things especially indigenous knowledge / 'ways' which also picks up one of the incoming IFLA president's themes;

Discussions on 2013 in Asian region. The Asia-Pacific Conference on Library and Information Education and Practice (A-LIEP) regular biennial conference will be in Thailand in 2013 and SET will liaise with them about making this a possible pre-post IFLA conference once the dates and venue are known for IFLA 2013.

Library Buildings and Equipment

Successful Atlanta pre-conference on the influence of technology on library buildings;

Possible satellite conference in Asia 2013 on sustainability and libraries on low budget/high quality buildings;

Working with Statistics and Evaluation on possible project/s on a model tool for an occupancy evaluation tool for new and renovated buildings;

Publishing a book on children's libraries.

Library Theory and Research

End of project on mentoring library practitioners in research by matching them with specialists – half a dozen in progress – report and evaluation- 2 best papers will be presented at IFLA conference;

Will hold a session on Research and education in international and comparative librarianship in 2012 hopefully with Education and training and possible other section/s;

Interested in SET satellite 2013 in Thailand and so is Alise.

Management and Marketing

Core activity is the award – with sponsorship from Emerald;

Session at this conference is with Academic & research Libraries to envision the future;

2012: will hold a satellite in Turku with Academic & Research Libraries and Statistics & Evaluation sections;

Canadian members are working with Ingrid Parent;

Wants to be more involved in mentoring librarians into management.

Management of Library Associations

Support the BSLA programme – organizing a workshop at midterm meeting

Statistics and Evaluation

Many joint sessions + satellite with Management & Marketing in Finland 2012;

3 projects: still working with Services to print disabled people; performance indicators on services; and BSLA project on how to use statistics for advocacy.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

E-Learning (Education and Training Section)

Project to look at directory of on-line learning programmes – network of people in region to source the information;

Working with CPDWL, Education & training on adding guidance for online BSLA materials;

2012 – possible joint session with Information Literacy.

E-Metrics (Statistics and Evaluation Section)

E-metrics sig having an open discussion session tomorrow.

Library History (Library Theory and Research Section) – no report.

New Professionals (Management of Library Associations Section) – no report.

Women, Information and Libraries Special Interest Group (Management of Library Associations Section)

2011 project on role of prison libraries in providing services to women;

2012 – Tampere satellite organized;

Working with Information literacy on draft for recommendations in media information literacy for UNESCO.

Mike Heaney then wished Anna Maria Tammaro a happy birthday and also wished her well as she takes on the Division IV chair.

Patrice Landry, Outgoing Chair of PC closed the meeting by sincerely thanking Mike Heaney for his efforts on behalf of Division IV and IFLA.

Kerry Smith
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