



IFLA SECTION LIBRARIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS

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THE SECTION

Membership

Status February 2014: 99 members

Standing Committee

22 members as elected in 2013

Chair: Viviana Quiñones, Secretary: Kirsten Boelt. Both reelected in Singapore.

Treasurer : Viviana Quiñones, reappointed in Singapore.

Information Coordinator: Ian Yap then Ulla Pötsonen, appointed in Singapore.

Meetings

SC Mid-year meeting in Bologna, March 28-29, 7 SC members, three invited guests attended

2 SC meetings in Singapore, 13 SC members attended, 2 invited guests, 24 observers

PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

1. *Guidelines for Children's Library Services, Babies and Toddlers and Young Adults* were translated into Romanian
Guidelines for Library Services to Babies and Toddlers were translated into Turkish

2. Sister Libraries for Children and Young Adults' reading

- Project launched in November 2009, cf <http://www.ifla.org/libraries-for-children-and-ya/projects>
- Funded by PC from 2010 to 2012; exceptionally, 1500 euros were allocated for 2013 and this was the last contribution from PC. PC suggested a) not to start a complex database, b) to look for funding for the future and c) to work with sections Public

Libraries and Management of Library Associations. This advice was followed:

- a) The database was completely updated, through email to all registered libraries, the result being 153 registered libraries and more than half of them are paired and work together. A wiki has been set up that enables easy updating.
 - 10 new registrations in 2013 (from UK, Russian Federation, Belarus, France, US, Australia, Romania, Philippines and Zimbabwe).
- Their joint activities are very diverse: email and photo exchanges, Skype conversations, professional visits, book donation, digital exhibitions, exchange of book selections... Some of them have been described in the project blog <http://sisterlibraries.wordpress.com>
- b) Funding was secured for 2014 and 2015, thanks to a grant by Fagforbundet, Norway, of 4 694 euros
- c) V Quiñones spoke about the project during section Management of Library Associations SC meeting in Singapore, and it was agreed that an article on Sister Libraries be published in their Newsletter (sent to editor early 2014); following this, V Quiñones was invited to give a talk about SL at the German annual library conference in 2014.
- Promotion and outcomes : promotion in the Section Newsletter ; by SC members in their country; at a session at Singapore conference; at an IFLA Market session : "What your Section can achieve – planning and strategy"; by a presentation at CILIP conference in Manchester. An article written by Annie Everall and Carolynn Rankin was handed in, to for an IFLA publication edited by SIG Interreligious Dialogue.
- Expenses: the 1500 euros allocated for 2013 were spent for coordination costs (see Financial Report).

3. The World through Picture Books

The [project](#), launched in 2011, came to its first results in 2012, with participation from more than 30 countries.

The request for funds to PC end 2012 was accepted and 3 160 euros were allocated for 2013.

- New country lists were added: Algeria, India, Philippines, Qatar, Switzerland, and others started to be done : Québec (Canada), Turkey and Australia.
- Books were requested by country coordinators to publishers, who sent them to the National Libraries of France and Japan.
- The catalogue prototype was completely revised and completed, and presentations in the original language of all books (except Lebanese ones) were added to the English text. The catalogue was published and sold as an IFLA Professional report and also published as a pdf on IFLA site to be downloaded and printed without charge. -

The exhibition set in France was shown at Guyancourt library network in November 2012- March 2013, then at Bologna

International Children's Book Fair in late March, in a 16 m² stand (see News <http://www.ifla.org/node/7729> and Newsletter). A banner was made and posters were printed for this occasion. The exhibition was much appreciated and new contacts were made. A session was held at the Fair on IFLA and the project.

This exhibition set was also presented in Reunion Island. Metal boxes were ordered for this and other future shipping.

Contacts were made for the exhibition to be shown at Belgrade Public Library at Lyon Part-Dieu library during IFLA conference 2014.

- The exhibition set in Japan was shown at the International Library of Children's Literature in Tokyo May 9-June 9 (see Newsletter); available Japanese editions of the presented books were added, then in Korea in August and in Japan again in Autumn.
- The project webpage <http://www.ifla.org/node/6718> was updated, and practical information on the 2 exhibition sets was uploaded.
- Both the exhibition and the catalogue have been very well received. The exhibition has attracted both adults and children; the catalogue is very appreciated
- An update of the project was presented at Singapore conference
- A request for funds for 2014 was presented and accepted.

4. Partnership with ALMA (Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award)

The Section nominates outstanding reading promotion programmes. Only one nomination was submitted : The Lubuto project, nominated in 2012 too. Association Planète des jeunes could not be nominated as we had wished, because it was undergoing administrative changes, and IBBY International, nominated in 2012, did not wish us to nominate them this year.

5. Partnership with IBBY (International Board on Books for Young People)

The section collaborated with IBBY for the satellite meeting in Bangkok, organized with IBBY Thailand. Linda Pavonetti, vice-president participated in the section's meetings in Bologna and Singapore. Linda gave an update on IBBY's activities. As part of the Memorandum for understanding activities, IFLA and IBBY exchange one free registration to each other's conference. The Chair V. Quiñones was invited to speak at IBBY conference in Mexico in 2014 but travel expenses being too high for the section to fund them, she will be replaced by Ingrid Källström who intends to attend the conference.

6. Follow-up of collaboration with FAIFE

For the envisaged publication of *Guidelines on Social Media and Privacy*, the section had contributed with advice on how children's library staff can work with the social media, how to get acquainted with them and how to teach children and parents to use the media regarding privacy issues. This publication was postponed but the

section's work continued, so as to publish a statement on the safe use of social media in children's libraries, to be presented in Lyon in 2014.

7. Publications

- *The World through Picture Books* : published as IFLA Professional Report, 135
- *SCL Newsletter* – two issues – editor Ian Yap (June issue) and Ulla Pötsönen (December issue, with a new layout)
- Section Leaflet flyer
- News and others on IFLA site, mailing list, Sister Libraries blog

CONFERENCES

- Satellite conference in Bangkok, Thailand, organized with TK Park, IBBY Thailand and the Thai Library Association : "Creating the future: preserving, digitizing and accessing all forms of children's and young adults' cultural heritage". 150 delegates from 15 countries. See papers on <http://iflabangkok2013.tkpark.or.th>
- Open session in Singapore: "Future Libraries – Future Librarians – Future Skills: Directions for the education and training of children's and youth librarians - the challenge of identifying competencies and encouraging professional development in the digital age"
App. 250 participants.
The papers "Who will serve the children: recruiting and educating future children's librarians" by Virginia Walter and by Dalia Hamada were selected for publication in *IFLA Journal*.
- Open session in Singapore: IFLA projects "The World through Picture Books" and "Sister Libraries": new developments and how to benefit from the project"
App. 150 participants
- Off-site session in Jurong Library: "Young adults and libraries : innovation, involvement, self-realization"
120 participants.

Viviana Quiñones, Chair, August 2014