

## **IFLA Rare Books and Manuscripts Section**

### **Standing Committee Report for 2009–2010**

#### **1. Members of the Standing Committee**

In 2009-2010 (based on a survey sent from HQ February 2010) the Committee received nine new members. During 2009-2010 the Committee had all together nineteen members, including two corresponding members. In 2011 five members will end their first term, three their second.

In 2009-2010 Raphaële Mouren has been Chair, Anne Eidsfeldt Secretary and Treasurer, Isabel Garcia-Monge has been Information Coordinator, and C.C.A.E. Keijsper has been Editor of the RBM Newsletter. All will end their first term in 2011.

#### **2. IFLA WLIC 2010 Gothenburg**

Standing Committee meetings were held on Tuesday 10 August 2010 11:30 – 14:20 and Thursday 12 August 2010 10:00 – 14:00.

RBM Session 2010: “Reconstructing Libraries: Physical Evidence for the History of Libraries and Collections”, Thursday 12 August 2010 16:00 – 18:00. This year the section did not cooperate with other sections, therefore only four papers were given due to time restrictions. Raphaële Mouren introduced the themes of the papers and the speakers.

Raphaële Mouren, Anne Eidsfeldt and Isabel Garcia-Monge attended Division II leadership Forum meetings held Monday 9 August and Wednesday 11 August. A topic of special importance was IFLA’s new strategic plans and how to implement them into the sections’ own strategic plans.

An off- site visit arranged by former SC member Björn Dal took place Friday 13 August. We visited Skara Library and Läckö castle. Fifteen persons attended, including five persons from the standing committee.

IFLA WLIC 2010 Satellite meeting was held in Uppsala, 16 – 18 August: “New techniques for old documents – scientific examination methods in the service of preservation and book history”. This was a cooperation between RBM and the Preservation and Conservation section.

#### **3. Financial report 2009-2010**

Current balances for the section in September 2009 were 168 Euros. 50 Euros were given to Genealogy and Local History Section to cover their overrun. The rest went back to HQ.

In January 2010 the section received an annual sum of 610 Euros. The SC agreed in August to spend 610 Euros to support the publication of the 2009 preconference held in Munich: *Early Printed Books as Material Objects: Principles, problems, perspectives*. As expenditures for the publication exceeded the 610 Euros, other sections in Division II contributed with unspent administration money. Unspent

administration money from the other sections was also spent to cover Isabelle Westeel's expenditures in Gothenburg, where she held a paper for the RBM Session.

#### **4. IFLA Priority Activities 2010–2011**

RBM section's contribution to IFLA's Strategic Priorities 2010–2011, sent autumn 2010:

mémentos et guides pour la numérisation des collections patrimoniales.

L'objectif est de réunir ce qui existe déjà dans plusieurs pays et mettre en place un plan d'action pour les années à venir : réfléchir à ce qui manque, décider s'il convient que la section rédige elle-même un guide. Le travail de collecte et la décision sur l'avenir du programme seront réalisés au cours d'une journée d'études (mid-term meeting) qui se tiendra à Madrid en avril 2011. (1.5.2)

Renforcer les partenariats à l'intérieur de l'IFLA et avec d'autres institutions internationales. Les actions à mener pour 2010-2011 sont:

Etablir des contacts avec de nouvelles sections à l'intérieur de l'IFLA, dans l'objectif de mener des projets communs, participer aux projets d'autres sections, organiser des sessions communes au congrès international de l'IFLA, en particulier:

- section catalogage (participation de la RBMS à un groupe de travail sur le catalogage des non-livres)
- section bibliographie (premiers contacts pour réfléchir à une session commune ou un congrès satellite en 2012)
- sections régionales (en 2010-2011 : Latin America and the Carribean, proposition de session commune consacrée à la perception et gestion du patrimoine écrit en Amérique latine). (3.2.12).

#### **5. Publications**

The papers from the Hangzhou Preconference 2006 and Munich Preconference in 2009 were published during 2010 in the series of IFLA publications by K. G. Saur:

*The History and cultural heritage of Chinese calligraphy, printing and library work* / edited by Susan M. Allen ... [et al.]. - Berlin : De Gruyter Saur, 2010. - (IFLA publications ; 141)

*Early Printed Books as Material Objects* / edited by Bettina Wagner and Marcia Reed. Berlin : De Gruyter, 2010. - (IFLA publications ; 149)

#### **6. Newsletters**

Newsletters were published in January and July 2010.

#### **7. Various**

RBM Information coordinator, Isabel Garcia-Monge, is a member of the ISBD/manuscripts working group, an affiliated group to the Cataloguing Section.