

**Minutes – Draft (6/10)**

**IFLA, Milan, Italy**

**Social Science Libraries Standing Committee, Meeting 2**

**Thursday, 27 August 2009, 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM, SC-II**

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1. Report on progress of new IFLA website – (W Newman)
  - a. Set up blog – each committee member should be responsible for posting one entry per month
  - b. New brochures are available in PDF (per Steve Witt) and it shouldn't matter that the system can't currently handle different languages.
2. Reports on conference sessions
  - a. Ellen Tise's A2K (Access to Knowledge)
3. Recruitment of Social Sciences Libraries Standing Committee Members
  - a. Jacques has a new member (French) for the section – will give info to Wilda
  - b. Chiku M. Mchombu, Senior Documentalist: Human Rights and Documentation Center, Faculty of Law, Univ. Of Namibia --The University is a member and so is she. She wants help to become involved in the Soc Sci Lib SC.
  - c. Guests at today's Soc Sci SC meeting are potential members
  - d. Maria suggested that the SOC SCI LIBS promote the accomplishments of the Standing Committee over the last 5, 10 years, through a poster, perhaps for Puerto Rico, plus a note or article in the IFLA Journal. She suggested that it was important to let IFLA members know that our Committee exists through real work. Maria noted, "Someone said: 'THE SCIENCE THAT IS NOT SEEN, DOES NOT EXIST' we can say the same for the results and work done by the Committee."
4. Discussion of Section Projects and Strategic Planning
  - a. Social Science Section annual review and strategic planning continued
    - i. Review and modify strategic plan (post on blog for input and updating)
  - b. Committee communication and meeting
    - i. Monthly committee meeting to be established; different times should be ok; could use Skype (though Maria cannot); discuss with Simon (?)
    - ii. Personal blog only available for now, we will use Lynne's email/password; will call it SocSciLib (Wilda cannot for now use hers because only registration can be set up per email account.)
      1. Note: there is already an RSS feed set up with the blog, so that it can be established along with the account
  - c. Maria mentioned the possibility of announcing Latin American social science events in our Newsletter and on the IFLA SOCLIB website, when we establish our Latin American contacts.
  - d. Edited volume from Toronto Satellite Meeting (Witt & Rudasill)
  - e. Best Practices Manual (what's out there) (Liz, Maria, Lynne)

Maria suggested that first we should jointly identify peculiarities of SOC libraries services, collections, structure, acquisition programmes, etc. , in order to measure the real functionality of the manual. Is it really useful/necessary? Is there a need or can SOC

libraries make use of other manuals published for special libraries in general? We need to be sure that the manual will not duplicate other special libraries manuals. Additionally, if we decide to create a manual, the team that prepares it should be international, to assure that practices from around the world will be considered and included. We should join/include UNESCO SC experts and support.

5. Continue Planning IFLA Goteberg, Sweden, 10-15 August 2010
6. Continue Planning IFLA San Juan, Puerto Rico, 13-18 August 2011
  - a. Maria suggested and provided information on contacting CLACSO, Consejo Latinoamericano de Ciencias Sociales (Argentina). [El Consejo Latinoamericano de Ciencias Sociales (CLACSO) es una institución internacional no-gubernamental, creada en 1967 y que mantiene relaciones formales de consulta con la UNESCO. En la actualidad nuclea un total de 278 centros de investigación y programas de docencia de grado y posgrado en ciencias sociales radicados en 25 países de América Latina y el Caribe, en Estados Unidos y en Europa. Los objetivos del Consejo son la promoción y el desarrollo de la investigación y la enseñanza de las ciencias sociales; el fortalecimiento del intercambio y la cooperación entre instituciones e investigadores de dentro y fuera de la región; y la adecuada diseminación del conocimiento producido por los científicos sociales entre las fuerzas y movimientos sociales y las organizaciones de la sociedad civil. <http://www.clacso.org.ar/on-institucional/bfque-es-clacso/informacion-institucional/bfque-es-clacsoclacso/informac>.] She further explained that they have a wonderful, very professional Internet site and Virtual Library and do a lot of work in Latin America in the field of Social Sciences, with many institutional members and very useful links in the region.
  - b. In connection with the Puerto Rico satellite meeting, Maria mentioned the FLACSO-CUBA, Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales, a Faculty of the Havana University, with a very good programme and professional contacts, <http://www.flacso.uh.cu/pages/mapasitio.php>. [La FLACSO es un organismo internacional, intergubernamental, de carácter regional y autónomo, creado desde 1957 y constituido por 17 países latinoamericanos y caribeños, para promover la enseñanza y la investigación en el campo de las Ciencias Sociales. Constituye hasta hoy día, el mayor y más importante programa regional de formación en Ciencias Sociales. Sus unidades actúan en trece países del área, que realizan labores de investigación y docencia post graduada en diversas temáticas. Nuestro país, fundador de la red, inicia el trabajo académico propio como centro adscrito a la Universidad de La Habana, con la creación de la unidad académica FLACSO – Cuba, en 1984 como Proyecto y desde 1988 como Programa, orientando las investigaciones y estudios hacia la temática del Desarrollo Social.]

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