

Attendees:

- Elizabeth Cooper, Chair
- Maria Elena Dorta-Duque, Secretary
- Lynne Rudasill
- Deborah Cheney
- Chiku Mnubi-Mchombu
- Liudmila Kildyushevskaya
- Fred J. Hay
- Odile Dupont

- Araceli Garcia Martin

Apologies

- Wilda B. Newman, Information Coordinator
- Pat Wand
- Britta Biedermann
- Kayo Denda
- Sebastian Nix
- [P. R. Goswami]

The Chair introduced the agenda:

AGENDA

1. Programme for IFLA 2012, Helsinki, Finland, 11-16 August (Theme: “Libraries Now! – Inspiring, Surprising, Empowering”)
2. Programme ideas for IFLA 2013. Singapore.
3. Social Science Section Annual review 2010-2011
4. Report on Conference session
5. Discussion of Section projects and strategic planning

DISCUSSION

We discussed first some schedule points about the creation of the Special Interest Group, SIG, RELINDIAL, Religions in Dialogue. After Odile Dupont gives the signatures and the argument to Lynne Rudasill, the documents will be given to the administration of IFLA and at next December 2011 Professional Committee meeting, it hopefully will be approved. If it is, a time slot will be given to the SIG in the programme of Helsinki.

1. Program for IFLA 2012 Helsinki, Finland, 11-16 August: “Libraries Now!—Inspiring, Surprising, Empowering”

The ideas for the paper selection of the Conference session were:

- Having a good balance of papers from different places of the world
- Finding a theme broad enough to gather a wide range of libraries to facilitate multidisciplinary, not only strictly Social Science Libraries
- Taking experience reports rather than theory papers
- Seeing how to manage the session according to the theme
- Doing a call for papers with a blind review process

We had a long brainstorming over the theme and title, for a Call for Papers:

- Consider cooperation with other Sections that could possibly amplify the theme and get more papers and participants
- Open access, digital libraries should be considered
- Britta suggested a focus on professional development
- Give more attention to users than to collections; user behaviour, users, user stories, how they use information; needs assessment (to determine user needs); who are our users? (are we being too narrow in defining them?); many users are remote

Themes proposed:

- SS libraries: empowering users facing global problems
- SS libraries: helping people to know their rights; Real actions performed
- SS libraries: knowing our users and their needs

- Empowering users to access digital and remote information eliminating obstacles: Open access, digitization, harvesting

AGREEMENT No. 1 Final selection to think on:

Empowering library users to solve problems: Our Stories.

Need a good paragraph to support the theme and give idea of what we really want.

(Ideas for text for call for papers: results of qualitative and quantitative assessment of users, papers that show impact of information gathering process and how it empowered users; interventions/changes made after data collected; we see problem solving as one of the key uses of information; how do we empower our users to...; approaches to problem solving in a variety of areas... attempt to understand how users use information...; real experiences; outreach to...)

{Perhaps in the call for papers we should include guidelines on what makes a good story.}

Then Lynne gave the schedule of the different steps for the selection and general dates and deadlines of IFLA for 2011-2012. (See Annex 1)

2. Programme ideas for IFLA 2013 Singapore.

As we will not have a satellite day in Helsinki, we will try to have one in Singapore.

Need contacts as we had in Cuba with Maria Elena as well as financial support.

Odile has contacts, but theological schools aren't rich and can't afford technical support, translation, food, etc. We have to look for fees. Odile remembered that in Singapore, everyone speaks English: it is the common language for Asian people: perhaps we can avoid translation.

Some other contacts were evocated: Cambodia, Philippines

As a reminder, the last satellite Conference gathered 90 persons, 60 from Cuba and 30 from all over the world.

Also remember that satellites must be held within a 3 hour flight of the IFLA main conference.

AGREEMENT No. 2 Look for contacts for a satellite meeting in Singapore, Cambodia, Philippines.

3. Social Science Section Annual review 2010/2011

Lynne reported the activities developed last year (August 2010-August 2011):

- Translation of the brochure of the Section in German
- Satellite session in Cuba; and papers accessible in OA repository thanks to the Cubans, Maria Elena and Lynne, it was a great success. Odile says that perhaps this point could be developed to give the themes of the meeting and a short abstract of the activities proposed. (See Annex 2 and the 1st and 2nd 2011 SSLS Newsletters on the IFLA site.)
- 10 new standing committee members from various regions of the world were joined; 4 new institutional members were added. 2 digital newsletters published on IFLA site
- Facebook group : has 15 members (<http://www.facebook.com/pages/IFLA-Social-Science-Libraries-Section-Global-Forum/183199558410004>)
- Blog (<http://blogs.ifla.org/social-science/>)
- LinkedIn http://www.linkedin.com/groups/IFLA-Social-Science-Libraries-Connections-4019631?gid=4019631&trk=hb_side_g
- Flickr <http://www.flickr.com/groups/1050916@N23/>
- SSLS elected a new chair of the Section (Elizabeth Cooper) and a new secretary (Maria Elena Dorta-Duque)
- Supporting the Special Interest Group Religions in dialogue RELINDIAL

4. Reports on Conference sessions

Our main Session was celebrated with 40 persons attending and four papers presented, one of them of the SIG RELINDIAL, and others on repositories and open access, all in line with the Conference theme. Last year we had over 150 attendees at our session, but it was a co-sponsored/joint session with another section and attendance was lower in general for this IFLA compared to last year's (this year there were 2200 attendees).

5. Discussion of Section projects and strategic planning

Principle points:

- A. Publishing a book with selected papers of the off-site Conference session in Cuba, with Lynne and Maria Elena as editors in English and Spanish, inviting some Participants to expand on the conference paper they submitted.

- select a significant theme that can drive the book, something like "Digital libraries in social science"
- Ask for IFLA funding? during the last trimester of 2011(?) for translation and copy editing-
- On September 15 the selection of papers should be completed.
- On May/June 2012 the papers may be completed.
- The last publication of the Section took one year and half to be published
- For a better communication between us for this publication, create a "Google Group account"

AGREEMENT No. 3 Publishing a book with selected papers of the offsite Conference session in Cuba, in English and Spanish with Lynne and Maria Elena as editors.

B- Other

- In January, we have to communicate with Lynne to know the results of the next meeting of the Governing Board in December.
- Everybody must have a login for the blog. Skype? Blogging together? Chat? Place photographs on the Flickr account of our group; Liz will investigate different methods of communication for our group.
- Poster: Maria accepted to make a poster for Helsinki, showing the activities of our group in Cuba and Toronto (focus on satellite conferences and the products that came out of those meetings). We must collaborate preparing the argument and past events of the Section (history) for the graphic designer.
For the SGI, better to wait one more year
- Schedule and deadlines
 - Helsinki programme: September
 - Inform Projects proposals: October
 - Calls for papers : January
 - Poster session for Helsinki: February
 - Define a Satellite meeting for IFLA 2013: March
- Liudmila made a very tempting proposal: as Saint Petersburg is not far from Helsinki (3 hours with the new very rapid train), we could go together, after the congress, to visit the libraries of St Petersburg.

AGREEMENT No 4 Make a poster for Helsinki, showing the activities of our group related to the satellite conferences in Toronto and Cuba and the products (books, OA articles) that came out of those meetings. We must collaborate with Maria with data and preparing the arguments for the graphic designer.

Notes by MARIA ELENA FROM NOTES OF ODILE AND ARACELI with LIZ ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS, September 2011. [Additional minor corrections by Wilda Newman, Information Coordinator]



Dates and Deadlines for IFLA Officers 2011-2012

September 2011

- IFLA/HQ distributes financial management document + project proposal form + project report form
- IFLA/HQ distributes Form P, requesting information about your Professional Group's intentions for a session at the IFLA Congress in Helsinki in 2012

October 2011

- Treasurers submit financial reports 2011 to Division Chairs
- Officers submit PC project proposals 2012 and project reports 2011 to IFLA/HQ and Division Chairs

November 2011

- IFLA/HQ and Division Chairs process Section's project proposals
- Sections submit their Action Plans 2012-2013
- Deadline for return of Form P, Conference Programme Proposal (15 November)

December 2011

- Meeting Professional Committee (Monday 5 December)

January 2012

[Start of the new financial year.]

IFLA/HQ distributes forms to Officers: 2nd part of the 'Programme Enquiry Forms' for final confirmation of plans for meetings at the 2012 conference (Helsinki) + Forms for satellite meetings in August 2013
Deadline for Sections' Annual Reports at IFLA HQ

- IFLA Sections, SIG's, Core Activities send out Calls for papers for the Helsinki Congress

February 2012

- Deadline for applications to present poster sessions at the conference 2012 (Helsinki)

March 2012

- Deadline for returning Programme Enquiry Forms to IFLA/HQ, to specify full details of meeting programmes (speakers and titles of papers) and equipment requested.
- Deadline for applications to hold satellite meetings at the 2013 conference.

Please check the forms for the actual deadlines, since these may vary slightly.

April 2012

- Meeting Professional Committee
- Section Officers should receive their group's conference papers from authors and send them for translation.

May 2012

- 15 Deadline for conference registration at a reduced fee.

June 2012

- 01 Deadline for translations of forthcoming conference papers, to IFLA/HQ; Deadline for processing all late-arriving papers. Papers received after this date will not be included on the "Conference papers" CD-ROM. We will still proceed to upload papers to the Congress Website, but we cannot guarantee that it is done before the congress.
- 01 Deadline for receipt of all approved conference papers at IFLA/HQ, to make sure that they can be made available to all delegates
- 15 Deadline for comments and updates to the Congress Programme before it is finalized for print (changes can still be sent and will be updated on the web-site)

August 2012

- Standing Committees meet in Helsinki

SATELLITE MEETING IN HAVANA, CUBA 8-10 AUGUST 2011
Social Science Libraries: A Bridge to
Knowledge for Sustainable Development
(Abstract)

The Social Science Libraries Section (SSLS) of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) sponsored a satellite conference, *Social Science Libraries: A Bridge to Knowledge for Sustainable Development*, in Havana, Cuba from August 8 through August 10, 2011. The conference was held at the Biblioteca Nacional de Cuba José Martí. Approximately 90 librarians and library workers were in attendance including 60 from Cuba, 20 from other countries, and 10 from the organizing committee. In addition to Cuba, individuals came from China, Greece, Mexico, Spain, Uruguay and the United States to present papers on topics that included digital libraries, open access to information, and related concepts. Individuals from Mexico and Switzerland also attended the conference. Web pages were provided in English and Spanish that included a call for papers, the eventual program, a link to the text of the papers and information on registration, travel and lodging. These pages can be found at <http://www.library.illinois.edu/cgs/IFLA/>.

A total of thirteen papers, two workshops, and thirteen posters comprised the main body of the program. Papers are available through the IDEALS institutional repository at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign at <http://www.ideals.illinois.edu/handle/2142/25649>

Main themes

- Digital Libraries
- Repositories – subjects and Institutionals
- Open Access
- Collaboration and network