



## Social Science Libraries Section

Minutes of the Standing Committee Meeting I

*Sat 16 August 2014. 9.45-12.15 | Room Foyer Gratte-Ciel Parc  
Lyon, France*

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### **ATTENDEES:**

Chiku Mchombu, Chair  
Sylvia Piggott, Secretary/Treasurer  
Kayo Denda,  
Debra Cheney,  
Britta Biederman  
Maria Elena Dorta Duque  
Sebastian Nix  
Odile Dupont,  
Patricia Wand  
Gene Hayworth

### **APOLOGIES**

Liudmila Kildyushevskaya  
Fred Hay,

### **OBSERVERS**

Michele Behr  
Magli Hurtel Pizarro  
Guiseppe Vitiello  
Saad Alshetairi  
Masahja Almashja

The Chair, Chiku Michumbo convened the Meeting at 9:50

- a. Apologies from those not attending were reported
- b. Welcome: The Chair welcomed all present. There were no new members to welcome nor any members leaving the Standing Committee.

1. Adoption of Agenda – The Chair asked for the adoption of the Agenda, it was duly adopted with no additions or changes
2. Review and approve minutes from Singapore meetings of August 17 and 21, 2013. As the Minutes were received by members in advance and there were no corrections, the Chair called for adoption of the Minutes which were duly adopted by all. Matters arising were discussed under subjects below.
3. Two Information Co-coordinators Kayo Denda and Gene Hayworth alternate positions each year as they serve. Kayo Denda will assume the official position of Information Coordinator, replacing Gene Hayworth. Both should attend the Officer's training sessions given during the conference.

The Chair thanked Gene for a job well done and welcome Kayo as the incoming Information Coordinator while Gene remains as assume the activities which were performed by Kayo.

4. Report from Division Leadership Meeting (Chiku and Sylvia)  
*The session is intended to be an informal chance for Officers to ask questions, make suggestions, and discuss issues with HQ staff, the PC Chair and other PC members. Presenters were: HQ staff members, PC members, Chair of Standards Committee*

**Presentations and discussions:**

- a) Patrice Landry presented the new Standards Guidelines
- b) Communication – a number of communications instruments were presented as listed below for quick reference:

<http://www.ifla.org/officers-corner/roles-responsibilities#roles>

<http://www.ifla.org/officers-corner/key-documents>

<http://www.ifla.org/officers-corner/key-documents#finances>

<http://www.ifla.org/officers-corner/key-documents#planning>

<http://www.ifla.org/officers-corner/pc-project-reimbursement-policy>

<http://www.ifla.org/honours-awards>

<http://www.ifla.org/node/8686>

<http://www.ifla.org/search/node/ifla%20statutes>

A great deal of time was spent discussing how SCs can get a list of their members from IFLA in order to facilitate communication with members. The issue was not resolved as IFLA officer informed the meeting that according to Dutch laws under which they operate, it is forbidden to publicize individuals email addresses. One solution introduced is that individuals could be asked to sign a waiver allowing release of their emails but no agreement was reached on this matter.

One major announcement was the release of the **Lyon Declaration on Access to information and Development by Stuart Hamilton**. Members were asked to encourage their organizations to support the declaration by becoming a signatory. The report is available at [www.lyondeclaration.org](http://www.lyondeclaration.org)

5. The Chair assigned some volunteers to attend the following presentations to be held in the Marketplace and report back to the August 19 meeting:
  1. Amphithéâtre | SI 10.00 – 12.45 *Strong Libraries = Strong Societies: e-participation for strong information societies* (Presidential theme)
  2. *Professional activities – what makes an IFLA unit successful?*
  3. **21 August 2014** 08:30 - 10:30 | *President-elect session*, Room: Salle Gratte-Ciel 1-3
  4. **20 August 2014** 09:30 - 11:30 | *Trend report*, Room: Amphithéâtre | SI
  5. *The Lyon Declaration*
  6. *Standards* – newly released
6. **Financial Report** – Treasurer, Sylvia Piggott reported that the SC currently has 150 euros in the account to support approved SSL projects.  
No funds spent this year

**7. Lyon SSLSC Program 2014 (Chiku and Sylvia)**

The main activities for SC Board are:

SSL-SC meetings:

Sat 16 August 2014. 9.45-12.15 | Room Foyer Gratte-Ciel Parc  
Tues 19 August: 11.30-13.00 | Room: Salle Tête d'Or 2

Programme:

Wednesday, 20 August: 9.30-12.45 | Room Auditorium Lumière  
Social Science Libraries & Women, Information & Libraries Special Interest Group  
*Librarians as Change Agents: Finding, Using and Managing Data for Social Change for Women*

**Wednesday, 20 August 2014** 13:45 - 15:45 | Room: Salle Gratte-Ciel 1-3 Round Table Discussion - an opportunity to join the presenters and organisers of the "[\*Librarians as change agents: finding, using and managing data for social change for women\*](#)" session for an extended Q&A and sharing of experiences.

**21 August 2014** 11:30 - 13:00 | Religious Libraries in Dialogue Special Interest Group (SIG) (RELINDAL) Business Meeting - Room: Salle Tête d'Or - session 217

**8. Satellite Conference in Windhoek, Namibia, August 11-12, 2015 (Chiku reported)**

The topic is "***Role of Library and Information Centres in Supporting National Development***" This conference is a collaboration between the Social Science Libraries, IFLA and Namibia Information Workers Association (NIWA); Ministry of Education Directorate of Libraries and Archives Service; Human Rights and Documentation Centre, University of Namibia.

National Committee on Social Sciences. The Call for Paper is being written. Chiku will keep us informed.

**9. Conference in Cape Town, August 2015 – Planning and Discussion – all**

A variety of ideas was proposed, for example: ***Users as Drivers of Libraries; Donor support; Marketing; How Social Science Libraries support government action for development.*** No agreement on any particular topic. **Action:** Sylvia Piggott, Maria-Elena Dorta, Sebastian Nix and Eugene Hayworth agreed to meet during the conference to work on a topic to propose to the SSL Board for approval.

**10. Annual Review and Strategic Plan - Chiku**

Chiku circulated the August 2014-15 Strategic Plan. She will send a call for input by end of September.

**11. Dinner arrangements for SSL and RELINDIAL (Odile Dupont)**

Odile was asked to arrange the reservation of dinner for the group. She made the following arrangement In the "Brasserie du Nord", 18 rue Neuve, Lyon. for 15 people.

**12. RELINDIAN SIG APPENDIX TO MINUTES:**

**– Relindial Strategic Plan - Division 1; August 2013 - August 2015 (reported on by Odile Dupont)**

**Mission: *Relindial (Religious Libraries in Dialogue Special Interest Group) IFLA SIG, hosted by the IFLA Social Science Libraries Section:***

***aims to improve intercultural dialogue by facilitating access for all who want to learn about religious knowledge.***

### **Strategic Plan for 2013 to 2015**

All strategic plan items relate to IFLA's current Key Initiatives.

#### **In 2013**

##### **Key Initiatives 1 and 4:**

1. Managing Session 144 — *Tools developed for a better sharing of religious information* — Religious Libraries in Dialogue Special Interest Group.
2. Attend the Standing Committees Meetings of the Social Science Library Section
3. Facilitate Networking for new members of the SIG
4. Strengthen the links with the Children and Young Adults Section

##### **Key Initiative 3:**

5. Complete preparation of the book "Libraries Serving Dialogue" to be published in 2014 in the De Gruyter Saur IFLA Publication collection, 163.
6. Organize a call for volunteers for the WLIC in Lyon with a member of the French Committee
7. Prepare a satellite meeting in Paris in August

#### **In 2014**

##### **Key Initiatives 1, 2, 3 and 4**

1. Prepare the Satellite Meeting in Paris and the IFLA WLIC meetings
2. Complete the Publication of the book "Libraries Serving Dialogue" by De Gruyter
3. Host the Relindial's Café de Paris Meeting, 18 September 2014
4. Host Relindial's Satellite Meeting in Paris, on 25 and 26 August 2014  
"Libraries at the Heart of the Dialogue between Cultures and Religions"
5. Prepare a session for Cape Town in August 2015: Including preparing a Call for Paper on the topic: "Libraries as a Safe Place for Religious Dialogue and for the Promotion of Cultural Understanding"
6. Manage the changes following the ideas gleaned from of the "Café de Paris Meeting":
  - a. Reviewing the goals of Relindial
  - b. Improving the communication, especially to broaden the links with other IFLA Interest Groups

- c. Initiating a database of Interreligious Initiatives all around the World in communicating and collaborating with Interfaith Tour :  
<http://www.interfaithtour.com/>
  - d. Initiating a bibliography on dialogue
7. Prepare an Offsite Meeting for Relindial in Colombus, Ohio in 2016

### **In 2015**

#### **Key Initiatives 1, 2, 3 and 4**

1. Developing the communication of the SIG:
  - a. Website, Weblist
  - b. Publishing the acts of the Satellite Meeting in Paris
2. Organizing the collaboration with Interfaith Tour
3. Managing the session in Cape Town
4. Continue planning the Columbus, Ohio conference for August 2016

#### Other initiatives:

- Work on indexing languages to help religious vocabulary enter the Semantic Web
- Learn how to serve the classical Arabic-Muslim culture through the development of FRBR (Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records) cataloguing
- Collaborate with the IFLA Section Libraries for Children and Young Adults to further understanding between cultures at the very beginning of the social life
- Collaborate with the IFLA Section Rare Books and Manuscripts to facilitate conservation and discovery of older documents useful for religious searches
- Present open access tools that promote the development of knowledge about religions

Odile also displayed a copy of the book published by De Gruyter on *Experiences of libraries serving interreligious dialogue*.

**Discussion of the theme for Cape Town conference:** After much discussion the group approved the theme for a Call for Paper on the topic: ***“Libraries as a Safe Place for Religious Dialogue and for the Promotion of Cultural Understanding”***. Volunteers to help with this conference were: Odile Dupont, Magali Hurtrel, Fabien Vandermarcq, Randa Al Chidiac

**Discussion on the possibility of a satellite in the USA in 2016** – no conclusion was reached but discussion will continue in the future.

**Continuation of Chair:** Odile will continue as Chair of the SIG until 2016

**Adjournment of Meeting: meeting adjourned at 13:10 to be continued Tues 19 August: 11.30-13.00 | Room: Salle Tête d'Or 2**

Respectfully submitted by:

Sylvia E. A. Piggott

Secretary/Treasurer

SSL-SC, IFLA