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## **IFLA Preservation and Conservation Section**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Standing Committee Meeting**

**Saturday Aug 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 09:45 - 12:15, Room C216 (Session 018)**

#### **Standing Committee Members in Attendance**

Reinhard Altenhöner

Maria Constança Margarida da Costa Rosa

Tanja de Boer

Marie Sophie Dibounje Madiba

Jeanne Drewes

Marwa El-Sahn

Ornella Foglieni

Hea-won Hyun

Alenka Kavčič-Čolić

Becky Ryder

Maria Sorjonen

Véronique Thomé

#### **SIG Convener:**

Harri Sahavirta

#### **Corresponding Members:**

Lynn Brodie

#### **Observers/Guests**

Yasushi Yamaji, National Diet Library, Japan

Julia Brungs, IFLA Headquarters, The Hague, Netherlands

Stephane Ipert, Qatar National Library

Hanna Arpiainen

Sarah Kortemeier

Luigina Orlandi

Genevieve Clavel

Frederick Zarndt

Mandla Ntombe

Shawky Salem

#### **Welcome and introductions**

1. Alenka Kavčič-Čolić called the meeting order, conveyed the apologies of those who could not attend, and asked for introductions and ideas for programs. Some ideas for programs included:
  - a. Preparing collections to move to new locations or for renovation
  - b. Selection for preservation, both analog and digital and ultimate disposition of a source document. What is the role of the library user in selection?
  - c. Satellite meeting in Switzerland in memory of Danielle Mincio who was active in disaster prevention and recovery, particularly in Haiti after the devastating earthquake in 2010. The satellite meeting will be organized together with the annual meeting of AIFBD (L'association internationale francophone des bibliothécaires et documentalistes).
2. Frederick Zarndt, Division II Chair, reminded us that the P & C Annual Report and 2015/16 Action Plan should be published on the web. A new template is now in place for Annual Reports.
3. Alenka Kavčič-Čolić reported on the P & C SC activities to prepare meetings for Columbus—some in collaboration with the PAC Programme, Art Libraries, News Media, Audiovisual Materials and Rare Books and Manuscripts Sections.
4. Julia Brungs reported from IFLA Headquarters about the PAC Programme. In the past several IFLA PAC leaders took note of expertise gaps in the PAC Programme. To remedy the gaps, new PAC centres have been created. The new centre in Sri Lanka has strong expertise in pest control and tropical climates. The centre at Qatar National Library will focus on Arabic speaking countries. The new centre in Cameroon will focus on Francophone Africa and oral traditions and the newest center at the National Library of Poland is focused on digital preservation. (A list of all the PAC centres can be found at <http://www.ifla.org/node/1244> )

Julia reported about a PAC survey to determine what preservation and conservation standards are used in libraries and archives. She asked us to promote the survey within our networks. (Editor's Note: Initially P & C SC had an idea to do a compilation and mapping of standards used in libraries and archives. The PAC Programme has taken this initiative. In cooperation with other experts, they have prepared the initial questionnaire. Alenka Kavčič-Čolić took part in these preparations).

Julia reported that the Cultural Heritage Programme Advisory Committee, which oversees and advises on all of IFLA's cultural heritage activities, met in July 2016 to discuss selection for preservation vis-à-vis PERSIST, the collaborative cultural heritage preservation programme with UNESCO. Three members of the Standing Committee are members of the Cultural Heritage Committee: Jeanne Drewes, as PAC Centre representative; Reinhard Altenhöner, as technical expert member; and Alenka Kavčič-Čolić, as Chair of the Preservation and Conservation Standing Committee, ex-officio.

Julia also emphasized the importance of IFLA Risk Registry. <http://www.ifla.org/risk-register> She encouraged broad participation in the Registry which is a closed database. The gathered data helps mobilize resources for assistance.

5. Alenka Kavčič-Čolić reported that there is money to fund special projects within the P & C SC. At this point, there are no requests to forward.
6. Professional Committee's Officers Forum: Becky, Marwa and Alenka attended the Officers' Forum. Donna Scheeder opened the Forum with a reference to the updated 2016 IFLA Trend Report. She emphasized that libraries are changing rapidly, and IFLA has to be more disciplined and responsive to the changes. She introduced Gerald Leitner, the new Secretary General of IFLA. Leitner comments about creating a more "inclusive IFLA" were stirring. He said, "in the face of rapidly growing globalization worldwide, a more powerful active IFLA is needed more than ever." He remarked that IFLA has the capacity; it has 1,200 members who are experts in their fields. IFLA membership is the "biggest, most exciting, incomparable brain trust in the world."

He wants officers to fully engage their committees and interest groups. He wants more enhanced and ongoing communication year-round. Towards that goal, he plans to hold mid-year meeting for officers in March or April 2017, hold regional meetings, foster electronic meetings and showcase a Phase 1 for a "new, dynamic IFLA" in Poland in August 2017.

Leitner's second major initiative is to create a "Library Map of World," which will include all types of libraries of all sizes. A Library Map is "simple but striking demo" of the power of libraries and librarians in the world. And thirdly, he wants to conduct a membership survey to learn what members value about IFLA, and what they hope for the future of IFLA. He seeks answers for some of these questions

- What is IFLA's unique role?
- What are the competing initiatives that preclude IFLA from being more inclusive and/or more active?

He believes IFLA has the capacity to maintain the World Map of Libraries, and he believes that there are many ways to spread the word of IFLA.

Helen Mandel then spoke about developing a "dynamic IFLA unit," and explained that attendees at the Columbus conference would have an opportunity to weigh in on the subject.

7. Communication: How to improve communication in the Standing Committee and with members of IFLA who belong to the Preservation and Conservation section? BaseCamp has been set up for IFLA SC members use to share documents and hold conversations. Skype has been difficult for some committee members. The use of it is not permitted in some institutions. Some discussion ensued about a mid-year meeting, perhaps holding

a meeting during another conference such as iPres or the Blue Shield Cultural Heritage meeting in Spring 2017. We don't really know what the membership of the Preservation and Conservation is.

8. CEN/TC346 representative: IFLA has become a part of this effort. Irmhild Schäfer was the IFLA representative followed by Danielle Mincio then Frédéric Blin. The SC officers need to confirm that Frédéric is indeed in this role, and we need to be clearer about the responsibilities of this delegate in terms of reporting back to IFLA. (Editor's Note: In September, 2016 Alenka Kavčič-Čolić contacted Irmhild Schäfer. She accepted the liaison role as the official CENT/TC346 representative for IFLA. She has already been approached by IFLA HQ).
9. IFLA 2018 will be in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia.
10. 2017 Satellite Meeting: Danielle Mincio was president for Francophone Libraries Association. Their conference in 2017 will be in Sierre Valais, Switzerland. The Preservation and Conservation Section Satellite will run (concurrently? Or after?) the Francophone Libraries conference. The Satellite will occur on Aug. 16-17, leaving Aug. 18 as the major travel day to Poland. Since the main audience will not be preservation specialists, we thought that a series of general preservation topics might be appropriate for the satellite focus. Two committees are needed to organize the satellite meeting: one to issue the call for papers and review panel and a second to plan the logistics.

[Note: A brainstorming session committee met on Tuesday, Aug.16 at 3 p.m. to sketch out the preliminary plans]

11. P & C Open Session in Wrocław: The Committee brainstormed some ideas during the introductions. General consensus was that two topics seemed very promising:
  - a. Preparing collections to move to new locations or for renovation
  - b. Selection for preservation, both analog and digital and ultimate disposition of a source document. What is the role of the library user in selection?Once we have a draft of the sessions, we might look for partners with the Rare Books and Special Collections Section and the Library Building Section.
12. Satellite Meeting in 2018 when IFLA meets in Kuala Lumpur: Briefly discussed the possibility of having a satellite in Singapore. Topics might include climate control, green libraries, pest control. We could ask for involvement of the PAC centres in Asia.
13. Many SC members will tour a storage facility provided by HF Group.

Session I adjourned at 12:15. Session II will begin on Tuesday, Aug. 16 at 8 a.m.

**Action Items:**

	<b>Who</b>
1. Put Annual Report on Website	Marwa
2. Put Action Plan on Website	Marwa
3. Annual Report for 2015/16 due at end of Oct.	Alenka
4. Look at the IFLA PAC Centres website	Everyone
5. Complete the Standards Survey	Everyone
6. Complete the Risk Registry	Everyone
7. Develop some familiarity with BaseCamp	Everyone
8. Get a list of P & C Section members from IFLA office	Becky
9. Confirm the 2017 Satellite Planning Committee	Becky