



# World Library and Information Congress: 80<sup>th</sup> IFLA General Conference and Assembly

Minutes of the General Assembly held on Wednesday, 20 & Thursday, 21  
August 2014, in the Auditorium Lumière, Lyon Convention Centre, Lyon, France



## **1. Opening by the President, Sinikka Sipilä**

President Sinikka Sipilä opened the meeting at 16.15 on Wednesday, 20 August and welcomed the members and delegates and thanked them for their attendance at the Congress. She introduced those on stage: Treasurer Frédéric Blin, Secretary General Jennefer Nicholson and Martyn Wade, Parliamentarian.

Apologies were received from Ross Shimmon, Marta Terry and Russell Bowden.

## **2. Appointment of Tellers**

Members agreed that Barbara Schleichagen be appointed Head Teller and that Marian Koren, Victoria Okojie, Eve Woodberry, Kelly Moore and Johanna Lahikainen serve as Tellers.

## **3. Establishment of a Quorum**

A quorum of 68 National and International Association Members was required. Quorum was established with 74 Members.

## **4. Adoption of the Agenda**

The agenda was adopted.

## **5. Minutes of the General Assembly held in Singapore, 21 and 22 August, 2013**

The minutes were adopted.

## **6. In memoriam of those members who have died during the past year**

The President invited members to stand in silence to remember Mohd Sharif Mohd Saad, Birdie MacLennan, A. Neelameghan, Harry Thurston Hookway, Marc Chauveinc, Nasser Sharify and Olga Dyakonova, and other colleagues who have died during the past year.

## **7. Presentation of the report of the President, Sinikka Sipilä**

The President outlined what has been a busy year for IFLA in international representation in all continents by herself and other IFLA representatives, collaboration with other partners, and work on our Key Initiatives and policy and advocacy such as the launch at this Congress of the Lyon Declaration. She thanked all Members for their continued support, the Governing Board, members of the professional units and staff for their contribution towards all that had been achieved. The full text of the President's report is on the IFLA website [www.ifla.org/files/assets/hq/general-assembly/presidents-report-2014.pdf](http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/hq/general-assembly/presidents-report-2014.pdf)

## **8. Presentation of the report of the Secretary General**

Jennefer Nicholson, Secretary General reported on the achievements within IFLA's Key Initiatives and strategic programmes, and with strategic partners, to advance the increasingly important role library and information services play in providing equitable access to information in today's dynamic information environment. She thanked members, donors and funders for their support and emphasised how important this support is to the work of IFLA. The Secretary General noted that membership numbers are stable and IFLA is working hard to retain members and recruit new members.

The full text of the Secretary General's report is on the IFLA website [www.ifla.org/files/assets/hq/general-assembly/sg-report-2014.pdf](http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/hq/general-assembly/sg-report-2014.pdf)

## **9. Presentation of the annual accounts by the Treasurer**

Treasurer Frédéric Blin presented the 2013 annual report as accepted by the Governing Board in its April 2014 meeting for presentation to Members.

The net result for 2013 is a deficit of €70,320. This follows a surplus for 2012 of €183,385.

The 2013 deficit was charged against the reserves as €10,024 against the Earmarked Reserves, and €60,296 against the General Reserves. This brings the level of the General Reserves to €723,419 as of 31 December 2013, which is still above the level of reserves required under our Reserves Policy. Part of the important surplus of the year 2012 was used in 2013, which is the positive sign of the vitality and range of projects by IFLA during the last year.

The meeting adopted the 2013 Annual Accounts.

The full text of the Treasurer's report is on the IFLA website [www.ifla.org/files/assets/hq/general-assembly/annual-accounts-2014.pdf](http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/hq/general-assembly/annual-accounts-2014.pdf)

## **10. Motions and Resolution**

In accordance with Dutch legal requirements the Members resolved in the affirmative that:

***Resolution: That the General Assembly authorizes the Governing Board to convene the General Assembly to coincide with the next IFLA World Library and Information Congress which shall take place in August 2015. In the case of an unavoidable delay the General Assembly may be convened at a later date, but no later than 30 November 2015.***

## **11. Address by the President Sinikka Sipilä**

The President spoke about how IFLA activities during the past year exceeded expectations in many ways. There were many developments taking place around her theme which also promotes IFLA's Strategic Plan and Key Initiatives. The President outlined highlights of her first year in office, and importantly the strong bond between libraries and development which is the core of her Presidential theme building stronger libraries for stronger societies.

The full text of the President's address is on the IFLA website: [www.ifla.org/files/assets/hq/general-assembly/presidents-address-2014.pdf](http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/hq/general-assembly/presidents-address-2014.pdf)

## **12. Motion to adjourn and reconvene at 16:15 on Thursday 21 August 2014**

The General Assembly resolved in the affirmative:

***Resolution: that this meeting adjourns to meet at 16.15 tomorrow (Thursday 21 August) for the Closing ceremony.***

## **13. Closing Session**

### ***Presentation of Awards***

Lynne Rudasill, Chair of the Professional Committee, presented the PC awards for 2014.

### **IFLA Professional Unit Communication Award 2014**

Library Research and Theory Section of Division 4. The Section employed a number of old and new technologies to communicate with IFLA members and others. In addition to fulsome reports of section

activities, the LRT includes several published reports of ongoing research, uses LinkedIn and Diigo as open groups, works with students to coordinate social media, and uses book reviews to pull section members into the communications channels. Raphaëlle Bats accepted the award on behalf of the Section.

### **Best IFLA Poster 2014**

The enthusiasm for the poster program is evident. 212 posters were chosen from a total of 318 submissions. The winner of the Poster of the Year 2014 Award was Judy Brooker for *ALIA Future of the Profession*.

### **IFLA Leaders**

The President presented Certificates of achievement to the 12 IFLA Leaders Associates selected from around the world to participate in a two year programme to build their capacity as international and IFLA leaders: Margaret Allen; Atarino Helieisar; Sarah Kaddu; Jérémy Lachal; Zola Maddison; Antonio Marquez Santos [absent]; Victoria Okojie; Kgomotso Radijeng; Rosemary Shafack; Irina Trushina; Jorge Octavio Ruiz Vaca; Dina Youssef . The President also presented certificates to the programme mentors: Helena Asamoah-Hassan, Winnie Vitzansky, Jacinta Were, and Nancy Gwinn. Sarah Kaddu gave a vote of thanks on behalf of the Leaders Associates.

### **IFLA Scroll of Appreciation**

The President presented the IFLA Scroll of Appreciation to Bruno Racine, co-chair of the WLIC 2014 National Committee in acknowledgement of IFLA's gratitude to the Committee for hosting our Congress.

The President presented the IFLA Scroll of Appreciation to Réjean Savard in grateful recognition of his distinguished service to IFLA, particularly his commitment to IFLA activities, committees, and francophone interests over many years.

### **IFLA Medal**

The President presented the IFLA Medal to Pascal Sanz for his distinguished contribution to IFLA, to international librarianship, and as an advocate for multilingualism as a way of opening up opportunities for greater participation in librarianship globally.

The President presented the IFLA Medal to Peter Lor for his distinguished contribution to IFLA and library and information services in South Africa, in Africa and globally as an academic, practitioner and manager.

The President presented the IFLA Medal to the Bibliothèque Nationale de France in recognition of the distinguished contribution to IFLA through its hosting of the IFLA Core Activity on Preservation and Conservation (PAC) from 1992 to 2013, and the contribution this has made to the theoretical discussion and practice of preservation and conservation in librarianship internationally. Bruno Racine, President of the BnF, accepted the award.

The President presented the IFLA Medal to Jesús Lau for his distinguished contribution to IFLA and international librarianship, particularly in advancing information literacy as a critical skill.

### **Honorary Fellow**

Honorary Fellow is IFLA's highest award. Honorary Fellowship may be conferred on a person who has delivered long and distinguished service to IFLA, with outstanding achievements and that has brought distinction to IFLA in the international arena. The President presented the IFLA Honorary Fellow to Alex Byrne for his lifetime commitment to the library and information profession. He brings to this a strong sense of history and heritage, a passion for books and literature, a drive for innovation, and a strong

motivation to advance Indigenous oral tradition. Alex Byrne was unable to be present but his recorded video acceptance speech was screened.

### ***Invitation to WLIC 2016 Columbus Ohio***

The President announced that in 2016 the World Library and Information Congress will be held in Columbus, Ohio. She invited Carol Diedrichs, Vice Provost and Director of The Ohio State University Libraries and Pat Losinski, CEO of Columbus Metropolitan Library to address the meeting and invite delegates to Columbus in 2016.

### ***Invitation to WLIC 2015 in Cape Town, South Africa***

Mrs Rejoice Mabudafhasi, Deputy Minister, Arts & Culture of South Africa greeted delegates on behalf of the government and people of South Africa. She thanked IFLA for recognising the African continent and in particular South Africa as a worthy host for the next IFLA World Library and Information Congress. A congress of this stature is an important platform for professional engagement, the exchange and sharing of ideas, learning from others and hopefully identifies areas for partnerships and collaborations. It is an opportunity to showcase our libraries, our professionals and best practices that are emerging as critical development partners throughout the African continent. On behalf of the government and people of South Africa, the library and information services sector, and the Library and Information Association of South Africa (LIASA), Mrs Mabudafhasi cordially invited delegates to the 81st IFLA Congress and Assembly in Cape Town, South Africa, from 15-21 August 2015 under the theme "Dynamic Libraries: Access, Development and Transformation."

### ***WLIC 2014 wrap-up (vote of thanks)***

The co-chairs of the French National Committee, Georges Képénékian, Deputy Mayor of Lyon and Bruno Racine, President of the Bibliothèque Nationale de France gave a vote of thanks to all those who had contributed so much in the organisation and presentation of this highly successful Congress. They acknowledged IFLA for the confidence it had shown in entrusting the Congress to the French library profession and the City of Lyon; the calibre of presentations, including the Keynote and Plenary speakers; support of the international community through the high number of delegates; the dedication of the French library profession and City of Lyon in hosting the Congress; sponsors and exhibitors. There was a special acknowledgement of the volunteers.

Deputy Mayor Georges Képénékian presented Mrs Mabudafhasi with the Lyon lion mascot as a goodwill gesture from the WLIC 2014 to the WLIC 2015.

### ***Close of the Assembly***

President Sipilä invited all delegates to meet again in Cape Town in August 2015. She thanked all participants and formally closed the 80<sup>th</sup> IFLA World Library and Information Congress at 17.30.