

LIBRARY SERVICES TO MULTICULTURAL POPULATIONS
Section Meeting at Helsinki City Library, Auditorium, Rautatieäisenkatu 8
10 am – 4 pm 11.8 2012
Minutes

Chair: Tess Tobin

Attendees: Tess Tobin, Anne Kristin Undlien, Lea Starr, Mijin Kim, Susana Alegre Landáburu, Svetlana Gorokhova, Olga Cuadrado Fernández, Ruth Fassbind-Eigenheer, Fred j. Gitner, Stephen E. Stratton, Leena Aaltonen, Esin Sultan Oguz, Nobue Yamada, Yasuko, Hirata, Susy Tastesen, Ann Katrin Ursberg, Loriene Roy

Guest: Te Paea Paringatai

Apologies: Jack Leong, Vickery Bowles, Oksana Chuvilskaya, Anne Hall, Simona-Marilena Bursasiu, Christiana Ikeogu, Katrin Lueck

No response: Galina Raykova

1. Welcome, apologies and practical information
Tess welcomed everyone to the meeting. She made announcements on who could not attend.
2. Anne Kristen made sure everyone had the documents she had sent out previous to the meeting.
3. Introductions – Everyone introduced themselves
4. Chair's report – Tess said she was happy to Chair her first meeting of the section. She thanked everyone for their well wishes during the recovery of her broken shoulder. She said that most of what she has to report will be covered in the rest of the agenda. She had just come from the section's satellite meeting in Lappeenranta and was very pleased with the warm welcome we received by the city, the great turnout and the many diverse presentations of all the speakers. She thanked Leena and Ann Katrin for their great work in making the satellite meeting a success.

She and Anne Kristin attended the IFLA Officers' meeting held early Saturday morning where it was announced that many of IFLA's policies will be updated and voted on at IFLA's December Governing Board Meeting. Many procedures will be changed, so we will have to wait and see how they affect the section.

5. Secretary's report –
 - a. Minutes from the Mid-Year Meeting in Alexandria were approved
<http://www.ifla.org/files/library-services-to-multicultural-populations/Minutes/March2012-minutes.pdf>
6. Financial report
Susy told us that we had some monies left in our Administrative Funds from HQ. There was some discussion on the new way that HQ will be funding projects and distributing

administrative monies. Instead of receiving the monies in one lump sum, now HQ requires invoices. The big problem with this is the bank fee every time a transaction is made. I suggested that we include these fees on our invoices so HQ can make note of them. Also, the section decided that we should bunch some invoices together so there are fewer reimbursements and thus not so many bank fees.

7. Report from the satellite conference 8 – 9. August 2012 in Lappeenranta – Theme: Transcending Boundaries to Increase Cultural Understanding between Countries. 35 participants including the 9 speakers. Great presentations on many different aspects of multicultural library services. Good work by Leena and Ann Katrin and the volunteers Anni J. Rajala, a library school student from U of Turku and Sarah Stang from UBC Canada

8. Programs in Helsinki

Multicultural Libraries - Inspiring, Surprising and Empowering your Communities

Working group Susana, Leena, Olga, Simona.

Tess will introduce the program, and Leena and Susana will be the moderators. There are presentations in French and Russian, so the program will have simultaneous translation (SI).

Loriene was happy to announce that the SIG will also be offering a program this year. *Empowering library service for indigenous people*. We look forward to that.

Susana will present a poster (#42) on 'Sister Libraries'.

Susy recommended a presentation by her colleague Jacob Larks on a new library project in Copenhagen.

9. Proposals for midyear meeting in 2013 from: Austin – Loriene, Turkey – Esin , Switzerland – Ruth. The section voted on going to Switzerland for the Midyear Meeting 2013. Ruth will look into dates in March and she will let us know. Thank you to all who made a presentation.
10. IFLA 2013 in Singapore on 17-23 August 2013 Program Ideas were discussed and possible collaboration with other Sections. We were asked to collaborate with the section Library Theory and Research, and efforts will be made to contact other sections. Working group: Stephen Stratton, Lea Starr, Svetlana Gorokhova and Anne Hall.
11. The Multicultural Library Manifesto.
 - Toolkit – HQ has allotted 4000 Euro for making a toolkit. The working group has had meetings through skype with HQ about making the toolkit. The committee decided that the toolkit should be practical, useful and most importantly, interactive. Some libraries will be chosen to try out some of the ideas presented in the toolkit. Library students will be asked to help make 'You Tube' videos on various aspects of diversity and multicultural library services. The toolkit should cover four subjects:
 - Advocacy
 - Services
 - Professional development
 - Recruitment

Working group: Tess Tobin, Loriene Roy, Mijin Kim and Esin Sultan Oguz.

All committee members will help gathering materials and will have input in the toolkit.

12. Publications: Manifesto, Guidelines & Summary

IFLA has added Multilingualism to its key initiatives so this benefits our section. IFLA has gone ahead and translated the Manifesto into the seven IFLA languages. They have created a template with the UNESCO and IFLA logos so all versions are identical. They have asked us to do the same with the other translations we have on our webpage. Mostly all of the Guidelines were translated and formatted by IFLA into the 7 languages; Arabic still remains. And the same for the summary with only Chinese and Russian still to be translated.

See the attached document listing which documents (manifesto & guidelines) still need to be translated. Section members will look over this list and see if they can find a translator for the languages we still need.

13. Revision of Leaflet, new draft: Mijin will work on an update

14. Recruitment Strategy Update - No one volunteered to be the Recruitment Officer. Since IFLA will only be giving 400 Euros to each section, there is no incentive to recruit new IFLA members. Previously, if you recruited x number of new members, your admin funds would be doubled. IFLA will be revising most of its policies at their December meeting, so we will take this up at our Mid-Year meeting.

15. Special Interest Group on Indigenous Matters. Status by Loriene Roy

Loriene will complete her second term as convener of the SIG and according to the bylaws, she cannot run for another term. A new convener needs to be recruited. The committee voted unanimously to support the and sponsor the SIG. Loriene said that the SIG is not ready to be a section, but she will relay our interest in sponsoring the SIG at the SIG's Business Meeting so members can express their views.

16. IFLA Presidential Programme, Vancouver Canada, 2012 *Indigenous Knowledge: Local Priorities, Global Contexts*. Mijin announced that there is now a short video about the program. Technical difficulties prevented us from watching it during the meeting. The program was captured and you can view the program on the webpage under Web casts and Publication <http://iflaindigenousknowledges2012.ok.ubc.ca/index.html>

17. Section information and communication matters – nominating year

- IFLA Strategic plan and sections action plans

The committee reviewed the section's current action plan connected to IFLA's strategic plan and Tess will make the updates and send it to the committee for review. This plan must be sent to headquarter before we ask for funds. Deadline for asking for funds October 31, 2012. Our action plan can be found at

<http://www.ifla.org/en/strategic-plan/key-initiatives> Workgroup together with Tess: Ann-Katrin, Lorie and Leena

- update of work schedule – se attachment.

- Recruitment of new Committee members in Helsinki
Jack Leong, Oksana Chuvilskaya, Olga Cuadrado Fernández, Ruth Fassbind-Eigenheer, Fred Gitner and Stephen Stratton wish to continue on the section. They will need to go through the process of being renominated by their host organization. Jack Leong wants to continue as the information officer. Mijin Kim would like to continue as a corresponding member. Anne Kristin Undlien is not seeking a new term; she suggests a colleague, Siri Tidemann Andersen, as a new member of our section. Siri will need to be nominated from Norway. This also means that the section will have to vote on a new secretary at the Singapore meeting since Anne Kristin will be leaving. Ann Hall and Vickery Bowles are not taking a second term as well. Ann Hall is trying to find a new member from Australia.

- Study of social media for communications of the Section. Esin made us a twitter and , facebook account. We talked about trying to find the best means to communicate amongst ourselves. Perhaps a blog? Esin will get back to us about any new technology that may be helpful for our efforts.

18. Upcoming projects – apply for money?

The section will apply for its 400 euro Administrative Monies. Tess and the Manifesto working group will apply for Phase II of the toolkit and ask for 5000 Euro.

19. Marketing material (bags, t-shirts etc).

Susy will order 150 USB-pens in small boxes, and she will put all our information on the USBs just as she has done earlier. We use these for gifts for our presenters.

20. Information Coordinator's report. (Jack)

Since Jack did not take part in this conference, Esin and Susana are going to the program for the information officers in Helsinki. Jack has agreed to remain as our Information Officer.

21. Newsletter before Xmas 2012: <http://www.ifla.org/en/publications/library-services-to-multicultural-populations-section-newsletter> (Lea Starr)

- i. Newsletter, next: issues, contents, deadlines Deadline to Lea: 15.10 2012.
- ii. In the working schedule you will find information about who shall write in the next newsletter.

Submitted by
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