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Approved Minutes

Advisory Committee on Cultural Heritage

31 August 2022, 14:00-15:00

Teleconference

Present: Ramesh Guar, Helen Vincent, Jake Nadal, Carlos Alberto Della Paschoa, Cecilia Salvatore, Daryl Green, Dorothea Sommer, Ry Moran, Daryl Green, Russell Lynch, Silvia Stasselová, Claire McGuire

Apologies: Stacy Allison-Cassin, Huanwen Cheng, Lilja, E Johanna, Rashidah Bolhassan, Rana Abdulrahman

1. Welcome and Approval of Agenda: Chair

The meeting was quorate, and the agenda was approved.

The Chair was in transit for the first half of the meeting, and asked Helen Vincent to Chair in his place, this was accepted.

2. WLIC 2022 Review

Those committee members in attendance at WLIC 2022 were invited to share their impressions of the conference, the CCH WLIC session, business meeting, and any lessons-learned or points to take forward for the future.

A brief overview of the CCH session was shared. It was felt to be quite successful, despite a speaker dropping out at the last moment. It was felt that the smaller panel was good, as it gave more time for conversation with the audience.

It was noted that Europeana is doing work on digital preservation, which would tie to UNESCO PERSIST. IFLA should find a way to tie this together and highlight the Selection Guidelines.

An overview of the CCH session with the Regional Division Committee Chairs was shared. It was reported that although the RDCs were unclear on their relevance in the beginning of the meeting, there was a good understanding achieved and there was willingness to communicate and cooperate when feasible

and relevant. It was noted that this committee should consider moments when the RDCs could provide useful input and to reach out to them proactively.

It was further noted that the MENA region had a strong presence of culture on their agenda, and could be a voice for cultural heritage matters at the Regional Council.

There will be a follow-up meeting in January 2023.

A report was shared on the UNESCO Session, especially on Memory of the World. It was noted that later this year, MoW will celebrate their 30th anniversary – exact date will be 30 October (Audio-visual Heritage Day).

Another date that can bring possibility for cooperation is World Press Freedom Day – 3 May 2023. UNESCO has expressed interest in aligning messages here.

The MoW representative, Lothar Jordan, felt that UNESCO has perhaps a stronger relationship with ICA than IFLA, which could be improved.

He proposed an initiative to write MoW guidelines on the safeguarding of translation and translators. This is an opportunity which IFLA committees might be interested in taking part in.

ACTIONS:

- CMG to post a summary of the CCH Open Session on basecamp
- CMG to finalise comments on minutes from RDC-CCH meeting and share
- CMG to look for date for follow-up RDC-CCH meeting
- Helen to share her notes from WLIC on Basecamp

3. Approval of July (WLIC) Minutes and Review of Actions

Actions coming out of the CCH Business Meeting were circulated to the committee on 25 July. The committee was asked to first approve minutes and then provide updates on steps taken on these actions are welcome.

There were no corrections to the minutes and they were approved.

IFLA HQ provided an update on their actions since July 23rd.

Regarding communications improvements, it was suggested that this remains an agenda item in future meetings to ensure communications are improving. This was agreed.

Actions:

- CMG to upload July minutes to website
- CMG to include an agenda item on communications in October meeting

The next outcome will be a position paper

CMG noted that COP27 is in early/mid-November, maybe we can have an output by then: a zero draft, a call for input, or some other call to action to involve more people.

Dorothea communicated with the Buildings Section that the CCH will engage in this topic during WLIC. Feedback is expected in the next standing committee meeting.

The PAC Centres have not heard any direct information from other Centres on requests for help with climate change related resilience building, it was mentioned in the PAC FAQs. This can be added to a future meeting, as it could merit further discussion.

CMG: put on the agenda for future action – might merit a discussion.

ACTION:

- CMG to set up a conversation about webinars. Involve Stephanie Stillo, Ry and Russell have said they are interested
- CMG to share notes on CCH open session at WLIC on Basecamp
- CMG to add climate resilience to the agenda for input in a future PAC meeting
- Russell will talk to ENSULIB about culture and climate and will post on Basecamp.

Cultural Diversity

Carlos noted connections with the IFLA UNESCO Manifesto on multicultural library (2012) and UNESCO Declaration on cultural diversity (2001).

There are no specific actions in this area at the moment.

There was a connection noted to the Guideline proposal for translations and translators – as this is relevant to Indigenous languages and cultural diversity.

It was noted that IFLA's Multicultural section looks at library collections and services serving diverse communities. Cecilia noted there was other ways to define cultural heritage, and libraries have a place in that discussion. Carlos added collections development is both a diversity and linguistic matter.

Claire shared input from Stacy (IM): the Indigenous Matters section is planning to hold activities around the UNESCO Decade of Indigenous Languages and would like to hear from potential collaborators as we look to revise our Activity plan.

ACTION:

- Contact Rashida to ask for specific action ideas
- CMG to report on Mondiacult outcomes to Silvia, Rashina, Carlos – this may present opportunities for future engagement
- Name specific actions in this area before October Meeting.

Regional Structure

Update was covered in previous section on the RDC-CCH meeting and its follow-up actions.

Repatriation

Dorothea will monitor cases of repatriation that involve libraries, but has called on other members to help inform of cases and pull together examples.

The Dublin meeting noted the need to talk more about this topic, to come to a better understanding of the role of libraries within in and the various opinions and perspectives.

Dorothea and Ry were invited to discuss ideas for engaging the committee in this discussion and what a possible output would look like, to be added to the October meeting agenda.

Ry noted this is also an access to information issue, and further noted the return of knowledge, which is not always physical.

Action

- Dorothea and Ry to further discuss outputs and engagement on this topic.
- Let Claire know how to add this to the October agenda

Gaps in Digitization

Ry referenced the new Canadian national heritage digitization strategy (NHDS): <https://nhds.ca/>

Jonathan Bengtson is Chair of the NHDS Executive Committee – Ry can made a connection if this would be helpful.

Actions

- CMG to reach out to the digital scholarship SIG on the committee's behalf

4. Trafficking and Memory of the World Reports

Daryl Green (RBSC) has provided a draft report on actions taken representing IFLA on the UNESCO International Memory of the World, Register Sub-committee (CCH 22-08-04).

He also provided a draft report on actions taken on trafficking in the IFLA-ILAB working group (CCH 22-08-05) – this was mistakenly circulated to the committee at this time, as it still in waiting further input before being ready for decision.

Claire noted that these reports could be included in a paper to IFLA's Governing Board in their December meeting, in which case they should be ready by mid-November.

The committee is invited to comment – a draft of the final report will be circulated to the committee in the October meeting for further review towards final endorsement.

Daryl provided an overview of his activity with MoW.

Namely, he has raised the issue of succession planning, as he has been assigned to this representative role on the MoW Register Sub-committee until 2023.

The MoW Secretariat and the Chair of the Register Sub-committee both have confirmed that most sub-committee members are appointed for two cycles, then for another two cycles.

Daryl has noted that he will end his time as chair of the RBSC Section in August 2023, but has expressed his interest in remaining as IFLA's representative to the Register Sub-committee. It has been confirmed that this representative does not need to be on a standing committee, but would need to be in communication with IFLA through the CCH.

For decision in October: does this committee agree with Daryl's proposal and advise the GB to extend Daryl's position as IFLA's representative to the Register Sub-committee?

AOB

MoW

The Chair rejoined the meeting as Chair, and expressed concern that IFLA must encourage more people to nominate in the coming MoW programme nomination cycle. He has asked the committee how they might do this.

Daryl, as the representative, felt that the international programme needs greater promotion.

He has also noted the Education sub-committee, which IFLA is connected to through Lothar Jorden. This could lead to projects delivered at the national or local levels.

There could be a future webinar series, specific to MoW, with the education sub-committee.

Ramesh also noted the RR. It was suggested that he is involved in the development of the webinar series on collections safeguarding and cataloguing.

The committee was informed that there will be colloquium in Germany on 30th anniversary of MoW on 22 September.

IFLA HQ highlighted the opportunity to raise awareness offered by marking the 30th anniversary of MoW, and offered to share resources on Basecamp.

Actions:

- Ramesh to share information on the MoW anniversary at the Professional Council meeting

UNESCO Consultations

IFLA HQ also noted the currently progressing 2nd reporting cycle on the 2015 Recommendation Concerning the Preservation of, and Access to, Documentary Heritage, including in Digital Form. She noted that IFLA HQ is engaging in advocacy actions to involve members with this process and communicated on this with the CCH.

Another UNESCO consultation was highlighted: Consultation on the revision of International Code of Ethics for Dealers in Cultural Property: <https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000381462>

It was noted IFLA should be involved.

The meeting was closed.