



IFLA Section on Library Services to Multicultural Populations

Standing Committee Meeting - Midyear

Location: Heidelberg City Library, Germany

Date: Monday March 17th – Tuesday March 18th at 8.30 – 17.30

Minutes

Participants: Volker Pirsich, Ariel Lebowitz, Mijin Kim, Ann-Katrin Ursberg, Susana Alegre Landáburu, Ayub Khan, Tess M. Tobin, Susy Tastesen, Lourina K. de Voogd, Flemming Munch

Apologies: Clara M. Chu, Yasuko Hirata, Robert Pestell, Svetlana Gorokhova, Edgardo Civallero

No response: Galina Raykova,

Guests: Ingrid Kohlmeyer (Director of the Heidelberg City Library), Monika Ziller (member of the executive board of the German Library Association)

Reporter: Susy Tastesen

1. Welcome, apologies

We had a warm welcome by Ingrid Kohlmeyer and Monika Ziller who told a bit about the German Library Association

This year “German read” and The Association wants to put libraries on the agenda.

2. Introduction and practical information

Mijin gave some practical information on the meeting.

3. Minutes of the SC meetings I and II in Durban

– <http://www.ifla.org/VII/s32/index.htm#Minutes>

- follow up items

Ad 24 AOB: Ann-Katrin and Mijin will revise the “Tips for Organizing and Hosting an IFLA Satellite Meeting” after Vancouver.

Follow up items: all are on the agenda.

The minutes were approved.

4. Chair’s report; information on SC, CB and HQ

CB meeting in London:

All sections were represented.

New names for Literacy and Reading Section, and for Accessible and Inclusive Library Service Section (former Disadvantaged).

Torny Kjekstad is re-elected as division chair, even as she is not chair of any section. This was allowed by HQ to test out the new structure. There will be more about new structure in Quebec.

Blind Section also did not have a Chair, but they have solved their problem as Bente Dahl (former Secretary) will be serving as chair and they have found a new secretary.

Division-day in Durban: General feedback: good but too long. No common Division day in Quebec but ½ division day is being planned in Milan.

Jennifer Nicholson, Australia, has been chosen as the new secretary general of IFLA. She will start in September.

IFLA has got 1 mill \$ from Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to re-design the IFLAnet.

Theme for Brisbane: Engaging, Embracing, Empowering

2 hours Division Programmes for Quebec: "Public library service to aboriginal/ indigenous peoples"

We will have one speaker, recommended by Mijin, and 10 minutes for each section to present themselves/their work. 7 sections = 70 minutes, 30 minutes to our speaker, 5-10 minutes closing, 10 minutes for welcome and questions.

No public transportation from Quebec Airport, IFLA tries to get shuttle busses, or you must have a taxi.

An international Library Conference in Copenhagen October 8th – 10th was recommended, see link: <http://www.bibliotek.kk.dk/smartcity>

A question was asked: IFLA is going to create an interest group about aboriginals. We will ask Torny if there is news.

Kirsten received an award a week ago from the Norwegian Libraries Association for her work in the Multicultural Library Service.

There will be 15-16 satellite meetings before Quebec.

Volker: It is impossible for everyone to attend both annual conference and satellite meeting.

Mijin: Vancouver was extra. Normally it is every 2. year.

5. Secretary's/Treasurer's report; finances, work schedule

– <http://www.ifla.org/VII/s32/index.htm#WorkSchedule>

- Pretoria budget
- Funding, Pretoria Conference
- Merchandise

Finances: No remarks.

Work Schedule: Some things are still needed to be done. The new Work Schedule is attached.

Pretoria conference is now closed, everything is paid for.

A warm and grateful "thank you" to Adriaan Swanepoel and his team

Adriaan is coming to Quebec for his institution and Vancouver will invite him to join the satellite meeting.

Merchandise: discussion about bags and other gifts.

Volker will look into some catalogues for ideas.

6. Membership

- New Membership Recruitment
- Corresponding members' proposals
- Updating – list of members (Oct. 2007 attached)

The list of sc members was passed around for corrections.

New membership recruitment: Mijin will send the rationale and instructions - it is easy to do.

We must put on the link for members sorted in countries who are not member in our section.

We also have to think for election year next year – new sc members?

We have a letter: What to do to be nominated. Mijin will send it out.

Maybe we can have a new member from Singapore and one from Finland.

Kirsten is still looking for a Norwegian member.

France and Eastern Europe, maybe Africa should be tried - and Australia?
Mijin suggests a letter from her which can be used for recruitment. Do it no later than October.
Invite people to our meetings in Quebec soon.
Corresponding members: only five are allowed, only 2 terms, 4 years. Could be outgoing members with a project, others with a project, or be from an underserved area. Outgoing members can still be on the mailing list.
We have Jane Pyper and Kirsten Leth-Nielsen as members in the handbook but Domenico Ciccarello is approved as well.
Remember: It is more important to get ordinary members.
New proposals:
1. Bernard Dione, Senegal. Has been to several meetings.
2. Irina Chadnova from Russia (see newsletter).
3. Oriana Acevedo, Australia, satellite meeting 2010.
4. Christine McDonald, former member.
5. Su Kim, UK. We thought she would be nominated last time.

We will try to get Bernard as a new member; Ann-Katrin will write to Bernard and ask.
Oriana is important to work with the satellite meeting.
Irina would be a good connection because of the work she is doing in Russia.

7. The Multicultural Library Manifesto

- Status by Mijin
- Definition on Cultural diversity/Multiculturalism status by Clara

Mijin gave the status. Kirsten has done a lot of work.
Peter Lor will be present at the IFAP meeting and he will do some lobbying.
IFAP is supposed to recommend Manifesto to UNESCO.
After IFAPs approval, please be sure that only the last and final edition is available in your documents, websites and so on.

8. Guidelines

- Status by Robert/Mijin
- Funding

We got the mail a few days ago. Hard to say what has been changed. Comments attached.

Good idea to have examples different places in the text but the right ex. on right place.

Robert has wanted more specific statements all the time but nobody responded and that is why it is more general.

We should write more about other libraries than public or just write "libraries"
The order of the words cultural, ethnic, linguistic, should be like this all the time.

We will take the last discussion in Quebec in a special meeting, not at our sc meetings
We must send comments to Robert and Clara not later than end of May – all comments.

Ann-Katrin volunteered for the working group since only Clara and Robert from the former working group is still in the section.
She will make arrangements for a working group meeting in Quebec.

We will have the guidelines 3. ed. on the IFLAnet, and later corrections also but not corrections IN the guidelines.

We have got 700 € from IFLA for the work: Administrative costs, Project expenses and Consultations. Next year we will ask for money for a nice flyer.

9. Strategic Plan 2007-09

2006-2007: <http://www.ifla.org/VII/s32/annual/sp32.htm>

- Revised February 2008 attached

Make nice, promotional editions of texts.

Action 2.1: Mijin will send a proposal to Clara for comments.

Could we have the logo from Stockholm on all papers? Ann-Katrin will ask. Maybe unofficial, and always with IFLA logo.

Mijin and Susy will update the plan and get it on the IFLAnet.

10. IFLA in Canada 2008

- Vancouver Conference

- Quebec Session

- Quebec IFLA Schedules, extra meeting, hotels

Quebec attendees: Lourina and Auyb are not sure.

Vancouver: Volker will not attend.

Vancouver: Notice the early bird fee and please book hotel through the website because the organizing committee have signed a contract for a block of rooms.

Section dinner in Quebec: Ariel volunteered for a place. Monday or Wednesday.

Division session: see Chair's report, issue 4.

Our session, Susana: 25 proposals, 5 chosen. 1 Columbia, 1 Spain, 1 USA, 1 Canada and 1 more. We are involved in 4 sessions with other Sections.

11. IFLA in Italy 2009

- Working group for Milan

Division day: We could have a theme and half a day from morning to lunch. Then all sections should come with one speaker.

From CB Mijin, John Lake and Bente Dahl volunteered to a working group. From SC Ariel volunteered.

Theme: Main theme (Libraries create futures: Building on cultural heritage) or the presidential theme.

Torny will ask HQ if it is possible to have ½ day.

Multicultural session: Tess and Susana volunteered; one more is needed, to be decided at SCI.

12. Satellite Meeting Proposals

- Italy 2009. Establishing a working group

- Australia 2010

Erice, Sicily: Domenico is chair, dates: August 31. – September 1. Theme: Libraries and society: a Pan-Mediterranean perspective. 100 attendees are expected.

This could be an opportunity to make more participants from Arabic and other countries around the Mediterranean.

Ann-Katrin volunteered for a working group.

Lourina likes to attend in a working group but are not sure she will be able to participate at Sicily.

Australia: Proposal from Oriana Acevedo for Sydney.

We make a formal okay for the proposal.

Discussion about satellite meetings every year, and we agreed that Erice is the ordinary one, Vancouver and Sydney will be extraordinary. We will only have conferences every year if there are local volunteers.

13. New projects, information

- Book project, Berlin
- EU Project
- Apply for money for Manifesto

a) Mijin told about the book project from Bibliotheksarbeit. Our old Guidelines will be in the book and they can't wait for our new edition. Unfortunately the book will be published in March-April this year but there will be link to our website.

b) LFU Library for us.

Lourina: EU programme. We have been asked if our section would be a part of this. We answered that we would discuss it at this meeting but unfortunately they had to apply for money no later than March 1st.

The result of this programme will be a handbook. They got a support in principle.

Volker volunteered to follow the project.

c) Apply for money for Manifesto

We will wait to after IFAP and we will ask Kirsten; to be decided in Quebec.

14. Information and Communication Matters

- Listserv
- Newsletter
Follow up: <http://www.ifla.org/VII/s32/news/s32-newsletter-Nov2007.pdf>
- Website
- Publications etc.

Listserv: Volker offered to make his own list.

Ann-Katrin: Bouncing mails is a problem. Everyone should check that their auto-reply is only sending one mail.

Working group about using Google: Flemming, Tess, Ariel.

Clara should be aware of this – we will not use her listserv.

Newsletter: A long list of people who should write articles, only about 50 % did.

See work schedule for next issue. Deadline April 28th.

Website: New webmaster is Simon; use Sophie Felfoldi's mail.

Publications: Ten reasons: Send text to Susy to make lay-out. We have 13 languages.

Souad should make the Arabic one, otherwise Lourina will do it, Clara will make the Chinese, Volker could make Turkish.

We should always have materials in the bags about/from the section.

15. AOB

International conference in Copenhagen: <http://www.bibliotek.kk.dk/smartycity>

Midyear meeting 2009: Maybe Singapore, Andalusia, Los Angeles, Alexandria, we could ask Goethe Institute to arrange, New York, Tokyo, San Diego,

We must keep the economy in mind

We will decide at the first SC meeting in Quebec.

Mijin: If we have to travel that far, we at least should go to an interesting place where we can share our IFLA work and learn from the experience.

Our sincere gratitude to the library for hosting us and showing us their library,

Mijin says thanks to Volker for arranging the mid-year meeting, especially for the wonderful study tour. He must give our thanks to colleagues in the libraries in Heidelberg, Offenburg, Stuttgart and Ludwigsburg.