



**International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions
Standing Committee on Preservation and Conservation**

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Attached 1: the attending list of 19th Aug

Agenda

Chair: Danielle Mincio, Chair P&C Section

Secretary: Ornella Foglieni Secretary P&C Section

- **Discussion on Content of Next 2015 African satellite meeting in Durban,**
- **Decision of the topics for African WLIC 2015 Session of P&C- project proposal**
- **About the preview themes for the satellite and the session in WLIC 2016 in US Columbus**
- **Presentation of Candidates for the new 2015 SC P & C officers**
- **Other?**

Introduction

The Chair **Danielle Mincio** opening the meeting remembered the urgent discussion about the themes on the agenda. She recommended firstly the attendance to P&C session session n.188 on 20th and another session about UNESCO Standard. She underlined in particular the draft, endorsed by the IFLA PC and approved, *Guidelines for Planning the Digitization of Rare Book and Manuscript Collections* written by RB and Manuscript Collections the see: http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/rare-books-and-manuscripts/rbms-guidelines/ifla_guidelines_for_planning_the_digitization_of_rare_book_and_manuscripts_collections_september_2014.pdf

As expected after the first SC I Meeting on 16th Aug, few emails among the section members have been sent about the first treated topics. In particular, a small draft of the requested document on the *Lyon declaration* (still recommended by R. Lynch Div. II, Chair), that was officially presented just on 18th, was available, but it needs more discussion in next weeks to define better which position has the Section on the topics of “preservation and conservation“, before it could be licensed. See the email-draft with the evidenced points, sent by Becky Ryder, attached 2. A further consideration of **R. Altenhoener** on *Lyon Declaration* was that we have to point out more the political view, instead of concentrating on training and related actions on the doing-level. This means that conservation and preservation has to be named as one of the big promises libraries make to the public and the society – and this is the mandate which has to be supported by the politicians and one of the very basic necessity if the battle against illiteracy should be won. After a discussion with the attending members and the observers the Chair pointed that only the members of the Section could be voting, if necessary, and approving each decision and choice into the committee.

The Chair clarified about the requested knowledge (J.Drewes) on the 2013-14 section budget’s management, (the current year only 150,00 Euros for administrative purposes, as confirmed by R.Lynch at the Div II meeting). To access the administrative documents and the deadlines see the officer corner : <http://www.ifla.org/officers-corner/key-documents>. No project is running for the current year in the section P&C, centralized funds for projects are more reduced . She ensured that an

appropriate information for 2013-2014 years could be found in the Annual Report of the Section activity, available after the end of September.

The project proposals for the session in 2015 WLIC Cape Town

Some suggestions from few attending SC members were given to clear the contents for the 2015 session in the African WLIC in Cape Town. A theme for the open session could be “web archiving”. If someone would give an idea she/he should be invited to send the form with basic information to take an eventual proposal including also archives and museums.

The Chair Mincio agreed to collaborate with other section as IT, and not with Rare Books, already charged on other topics. Eventually, we could also collaborate together the Newspapers Section, if they would ask for (A. Kavčič, T.De Boer and R. Altenhoener took these contacts). The Chair advised that the Section is expecting the formal answer of the IT Section to work together and the formal headlines for the call for papers to be submitted to the HQ on the Autumn meeting. In the attached 3, the draft about the joined proposal with the Section IT available in the second week of September.

WLIC 2015 , Satellite meeting in Durban .

It needs that contents should be defined quickly in September, and be presented in time, on next November at the PC meeting. A great discussion had been opened on the possible useful content of the satellite and also on security problem and the possible organization in Durban. For the satellite an headline-umbrella could be “ *Planning and preservation in today’s libraries*”, the possible date could be 12th/13th Aug. **Nellie Somers**, African observer, suggested few considerations to prefer the meeting to be held in the University of Kwala Zulu Natal. But it is important and also a priority to consider the theme on “web preservation and digital and conservation”, not only the traditional, with related legal aspects. The libraries have to consider the Oral Cultural Heritage involving Archives and Museums too. Also the French translation of the session has to be solved for the existing considerable number of African French speaking people. Other proposals of parallel events will be certainly organized on site or off site, but they are not considered as satellite meetings of the section (**Chair Mincio**).

A few positions in the discussion emerged on the local organization. But on next week the approach should be defined by the organizers and date and place confirmed.

G. Clavel announced some suggestions for the 2015 IFLA Conference in South Africa, probably on digital preservation. **The Chair Mincio** asked to share a proposal on the topic of criteria and selection of the material in digital form and their long term preservation, as first. Also it is necessary to identify which organism, or, in any case, who has to decide, for where and for who, and the meaning of the Cultural Heritage in each country, and at general level, could be an interesting theme. The technical competence on different formats and metadata to be preserved and their possible matches, should be also investigated, as linked problems for the preservation together with “education and training”, but also the “traditional preservation “ are all important topics to be considered.

The main theme for the open session in Columbus and place of the satellite have to be chosen first by IFLA GB, any contribution from the section will be considered.

Conclusion

Closing the meeting **D.Mincio** recommended to adopt more and more the online networked communication (also IFLA does the same), especially for online discussion on critic points and for every activity of the Section. She invited then the two or more interested members in the Section to candidate as new members and future officers to cover the roles of the Chair and of the secretary for next SC in WLIC 2015 respecting the IFLA procedures. She remembered the Autumn deadline for the satellite meeting and invited to send by email each final proposal and all definition not yet available. All communication as official will published after in the web, in the Section pages (**Drewes**).

Attached 2) Becky Ryder email about Lyon declaration ; 3) draft proposal for the WLIC 2015 P&C session in Cape Town