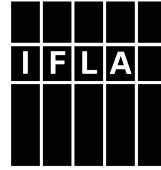


IFLA NEWS MEDIA Committee
Minutes of the Business Meeting
Wednesday, May 29, 2024
13:30 – 14:30 (CET), Royal Danish Library,
Aarhus, Denmark / Zoom



**IFLA Section
News Media**

Attending:

Alexia Bauville, Mary Feeney, Pia Heidrich, Karolina Holub (Chair), Melissa Jerome, Jeff Knapp, Ana Krahmer, Viktor Mutev (Secretary), Nina Servizzi, Kopana Terry (Info Coordinator), Deborah Thomas, Anke Winsmann.

Regrets/Not attending: Ayodele Alonge, Natalia Marquez Bustos, Kenneth Iranoa, Ying Li, Georgina Sanabria Medina, Perla Olivia Rodriguez Reséndiz, Tinamarie Vella.

Observers: Pirjo Karppinen, Minna Kaukonen, William Schlaack

1. **Welcome.** Karolina Holub (Chair) welcomed the group and several observers. Greetings and introducing ourselves to the audience.
2. **Introduction of new observers** - Pirjo Karppinen, Liaison Manager, The National Library of Finland; Minna Kaukonen, Head of Planning, The National Library of Finland; William Schlaack, Digital Reformatting Coordinator and Coordinator for Digital Preservation, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.
3. **General announcements** arising from both the Division G meeting and IFLA Headquarters. Karolina reported highlights as follows:
 - A. **Updates from the Division G meeting:**
 - IFLA’s Professional Council (PC) has started the process of unit reviews and evaluation, so we should rise our productivity and work harder in the upcoming year;
 - The development of IFLA’s Code of conduct is on its way. The public draft is going to be presented until the end of this year;
 - Edmund Balnaves shared with us information about our action plan and its outputs;
 - One of the serious problems is the problem of inactive members and all sections should focus on solving it.
 - B. It’s highly possible that **IFLA WLIC 2025** is going to be held by Kazakhstan libraries in August 18-22. We need to start thinking about our Section session, ideas and suggestion are very welcomed.
 - C. News Media Minutes from the previous business meeting have been downloaded to the repository, all members are invited to revise them and/or comment on the subjects that had been discussed.

4. Updates from the News Media Action plan projects.

A. IFLA 2024 News Media Conference

This conference brings together librarians, scholars, and other interested researchers to share developments in the broad landscape of preservation, access, and use of news media.

The event is organized by the IFLA News Media Section, in partnership with the IFLA Preservation and Conservation Section, the IFLA Information Literacy Section, the IFLA Digital Humanities/Digital Scholarship Special Interest Group, and Royal Danish Library.

This Business Meeting is a starting point of the Conference. The keynote presentation scheduled for tomorrow morning is “Making Available the Radio and TV Archive of DR, Danish Broadcasting Corporation”. Among other crucial topics are “Digitising and Giving Access to Newspapers in Swedish and Finnish via Collaboration Initiatives and Agreements”; “Surveying the Prairie State: Preserving Historical Newspapers through Partnerships, Public Engagement, Best Practices, and Institutional Realities”; “Engaging Students with Historical Newspapers in an Environmental Journalism Course”; “Making News Usage Tangible: A New Approach to Understanding Old Newspapers” and many others.

The website and full program could be found at <https://pro.kb.dk/en/2024-ifla-international-news-media-conference-aarhus>

Papers will be downloaded to IFLA repository – <https://repository.ifla.org/home>

B. News Literacy Research Project: Curriculum Toolkit & International Survey.

Viktor reported highlights as follows:

- Proposed research questions (draft): what different people in different countries mean by news literacy and what are the criteria by which we determine what news literacy is? Which news literacy or news-related courses are offered at your library or university? What are the fundamental concepts and primary objectives of these courses? What is the scope, structure and content of the news literacy courses? What skills could be gained? etc.

- Discussion about survey design. Nina proposed to add closed-ended questions. It can give some consistency to statistical work. And other questions we're going to leave completely open, so we could do some qualitative analysis.

- Institutional Review Board approval. Ana and Mary kindly suggested help of their institutions.

- Preliminary trials and ways of survey distribution. Viktor emphasized the methodological problem – do we question only libraries (which types?) or associations and universities as well? If universities, what kind of universities? Because, there is library and information science, media studies, information studies, and other programs that still has focus on libraries and book culture. Nina put forward an idea to disseminate our survey also in non-LIS Universities to have an ability to compare the results.

- National Library of Finland is very welcomed to join the project.

C. Born Digital News Project: Digital News Preservation Resource Guide.

Karolina proposed several directions of development of this project:

- Visualization of the work that have been already done in the form of infographics.

- Actualization of the document and adding new sources that have emerged to the guide.
- Organization of webinar on the topic related to the guide.

5. Other business:

Karolina reported about an idea to collaborate with IIPC (International Internet Preservation Consortium). Their representative has invited us to do an online workshop together on Web Archiving of Born Digital News Media in Fall 2024, perhaps in November.

The committee supported this idea and demonstrated an interest to realize it.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Viktor Mutev, Secretary*