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Genealogy and Local History Section

Genealogy and Local History Section Annual Report 2009-2010

The Genealogy and Local History Section had 41 members at the end of the year 2010.

The Standing Committee consists of:

Chair: Ruth Hedegaard
Secretary: Russell Lynch
Treasurer: Janice McFarlane
Information Coordinator: Janet Tomkins
Editor of Newsletter: Elizabeth Melrose

Committee members 2007-2011: Anne Burrows, Lijing Chen, Ruth Hedegaard, Gerard Long, Russell Lynch, Janice McFarlane, Wayne Metcalfe, Mattye Laverne Page, Janet Tomkins, Gui Won Lee, and Hsiao-ming Yu

Committee members 2009-2013: Arun Kumar Chakraborty, Richard Huws, Susan Lugo, Elizabeth Melrose, and Paul Smart
Corresponding members: Louise McCarron, Gu Yan

During the year we have been working on various activities and services, including the following items:

Open Session Program

The 2010 program theme in Gothenburg, Sweden was “Family and local history – an enduring legacy for the next generation.” About 100 delegates attended the session on Wednesday, August 11, 2010. Four speakers from Scotland, Sweden, Turkey, and the United States of America presented papers. All of the papers are available online in Chinese, English, French, and Spanish. Bruce Royan’s paper was recommended by our section for consideration to the editors of the IFLA Journal.

Study Tour

The section sponsored a study tour on Friday, August 13th. The theme was “Genealogy and Local History in Sweden” with presentations from staff at the City Library of Gothenburg and the Regional Archives. The librarians and archivists gave us valuable information and fascinating on-site tours. Twenty-nine people attended the tour arranged by Ruth Hedegaard and Ulf Andersson. See the Section’s website in the Events pages for a summary.



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Section Committee Meetings

The meeting minutes are published on the Genealogy and Local History Section page on the IFLA website. During the second meeting we discussed our Strategic Plan and compared it to IFLA's Strategic Plan 2010-2015.

Communication

Elizabeth Melrose continues to produce excellent newsletters twice each year. Copies of the newsletters are available on the IFLA website.

GENLOC Electronic Mailing Lists

The Genealogy and Local History Section used two electronic mailing lists to communicate with all section members and for administrative purposes within the Standing Committee.

Puerto Rico 2011

Open Session

The theme for the open session next year is "Dispossessed Persons: preserving culture in an age of migration." We thought this theme was appropriate for the culture in the Caribbean Islands. We anticipate another successful program with excellent presentations in San Juan.

Satellite Meeting

The section is planning a satellite meeting in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands before the 2011 Congress which will explore "The Information Diaspora: innovating research and records custodianship for family history users." The St. Thomas-St. John Library Association is sponsoring the event with our section.

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