



IFLA Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania (RSCAO)

Minutes of Business Meeting (via Zoom) 10 November 2020, 15:00 (Hong Kong)

ATTENDANCE

Present:

1. Tina Tao Yang (Chair)
2. Jayshree Mamtora (Co-Chair)
3. Nor Edzan Che Nasir (Secretary)
4. Sanjay K Bihani (Chair for Division 5)
5. Soh Lin Li (Regional Office)
6. Amarjeet Kaur Gill
7. Arshad Mahmood
8. Hiroshi Kawamura
9. Irina Shubina
10. Nayana Darshani Wijayasundara
11. Premila Gamage
12. Ramesh C. Gaur
13. Vicki McDonald
14. Winston Roberts
15. Yasuyo Inoue
16. Ying Chen (represented by Hao Jinmin)

Absent with apologies:

1. Cendrella Habre
2. ChihFeng P. Lin
3. Dolores Carungui (Co-Secretary)
4. May Chang

Absent without notice:

1. Dewi Kartikasari
2. Dilara Begum (Information Coordinator)
3. Jihye Song
4. Lilit Harutyunyan
5. Margaret A. Terry
6. Mya Oo
7. Wat Tat Hoi (Co-Information Coordinator)

Item	Agenda	Action
1.	Welcome, Introduction, and Apologies. Tina Yang as Chair of RSCAO opened the Meeting and welcome all members who were able to attend the Meeting which was held via Zoom.	

2.	<p>Adoption of Agenda. The agenda was adopted without amendments.</p>	
3.	<p>Confirmation of the Minutes of the Mid-Term Meeting held via Zoom on 16 March 2020. The minutes which were previously circulated were passed without amendments.</p>	
4.	<p>Matters arising from the Minutes. Follow-up actions were taken on matters arising from the last Mid-Term Meeting. Some items were further discussed at the present meeting.</p> <p>5. Action Plan for 2021 The Strategic Planning Sub-Committee 2019-2020 will look into two possibilities.</p> <p>a. Language documentation and digitization; digital archiving of languages, digitisation of manuscripts; digital technology for presentation; auto translation; literacy in indigenous languages; preservation of indigenous culture. <u>Action</u> This will be further explored by Winston Roberts.</p> <p>b. COVID-19 stories; how libraries are supporting the communities during the COVID-19 pandemic - A webinar on Leaders' Conversation: Libraries in the Post COVID-19 World: Academic Libraries was held on 16 October 2020 via Zoom.</p> <p>8. Report from Information Coordinator, IFLA-RSCAO The Secretary received the Information Coordinator Report on 12 June 2020.</p> <p>8. Reports from Sub-Regional Conveners The Secretary has not received Sub-Regional Convener Reports from South Asia and Oceania as well as the complete Sub-Regional Convener Report from South East Asia.</p> <p>9. Report from Communication and Marketing Sub-Committee 2019-2020 The Secretary has not received the Communication and Marketing Sub-Committee 2019-2020 Report. <u>Action</u> Tina Yang will look into this matter.</p> <p>10.3. SDG Stories Submission The editors for the SDG Stories have taken the necessary steps to</p>	<p>Winston Roberts</p> <p>Tina Yang</p>

	<p>clean-up the database.</p> <p>10.3. SDG Stories Submission The dead line has been extended to 22 November 2020 for selected countries.</p> <p>10.3. SDG Stories Submission Sub-Regional Conveners have promoted to their respective sub-regions.</p> <p>12. Mid-Term Meeting 2021 The IFLA Regional Office has not received any request to host the Mid-Term meeting 2021.</p> <p>13.1. 2020 Action Plan Mapping GIOPS Project The Secretary has not received any communication on this matter.</p>	
5.	<p>Report from the Chair, IFLA-RSCAO Tina Yang mapped the activities of RSCAO to IFLA Strategy 2019-2024. RSCAO's activities from April to October 2020 were mapped to Initiatives 1.1, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 4.2 and 4.4. A webinar on Leaders' Conversation: Libraries in the Post COVID-19 World: Academic Libraries was held on 16 October 2020 via Zoom. Tina Yang gave the opening speech, Jayshree Mamtora was the moderator and Nor Edzan Che Nasir took notes. RSCAO has to plan for WLIC 2021 and also look at the impact of the Regional Council on the Section.</p> <p>Vicki McDonald informed that IFLA will be looking into the organisation of WLIC 2021 virtually. RSCAO will have to wait for further information from IFLA.</p>	
6.	<p>Report from the Chair of IFLA Division 5 IFLA's General Assembly was held on 5 October 2020 and was livestreamed from the National Library of the Netherlands in the Hague. Sanjay Bihani congratulated Winston Roberts as the recipient of IFLA Scroll of Appreciation 2020.</p> <p>He also touched on the expansion of the Regional Council in the proposal for IFLA's new governance structure. There will be 6 Regional Councils, with 3 more regions involved. There would also be more interaction between the Governing Board and the regions. The Regional Councils would be in parallel with the Professional Councils. The Professional Councils would have 10 Divisions. Sanjay shared that previously Division V would report to the Professional Committee but now the Regional</p>	

	<p>Councils could report directly to the Governing Board. As for the Regional Office, the roles would remain the same and they would work more with IFLA HQ to promote advocacy to the region.</p> <p>Sanjay asked all members to respond to the survey. IFLA will make an announcement in February 2021.</p>	
7.	<p>Report from the IFLA Regional Office Soh Lin Li from the IFLA Regional Office (RO) presented her report which was previously circulated to the SC members. She noted the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Decrease in membership of 81 members and 7 member countries. b. RO participated in the IFLA Governance Review Regional Roundtable for Asia Oceania held on 21 August 2020. c. RO encouraged members from the Asia and Oceania region to showcase their libraries' support for the SDGs and contribute their stories to the LMW. d. The annual budget of €5,500 for RSCAO Mid-term Meeting 2020 held by IFLA was not utilised as no meeting was held due to the COVID-19 crisis. e. The IFLA Regional Office for Asia and Oceania and NLB launched the first ever Leaders' Conversations. 	
8.	<p>Report from the Information Coordinator, IFLA-RSCAO No report was forthcoming from Dilara Begum as the Information Coordinator.</p> <p>Action Dilara Begum has to submit the Information Coordinator Report to the Secretary.</p>	Dilara Begum
9.	<p>Reports from Sub-Regional Conveners Reports were available for only 5 sub-regions namely Central Asia (Irina Shubina); North and East Asia (Ying Chen); West Asia/Arab Countries (Cendrella Habre) South East Asia (Dolores Carungui) and Oceania (Winston Roberts). There is no report from South Asia (Arshad Mahmood).</p> <p>Action Arshad Mahmood (South Asia) has to submit his Sub-Regional Report to the Secretary.</p>	Arshad Mahmood
10.	<p>Report from the Communication and Marketing Sub-Committee 2019-2020 Members of the Sub-Committee are as follows: Dilara Begum (Convener) Wat Tat Hoi (Co-Convener) Ying Chen (North and East Asia) Irina Subhina (Central Asia) Dolores Carungui (South East Asia)</p>	

	<p>Arshad Mahmood (South Asia) Cendrella Habre (West Asia/Arab Countries) Winston Roberts (Oceania) Tina Yang (Chair) Jayshree Mamtora (Co-Chair) Nor Edzan Che Nasir (Secretary)</p> <p>No report was forthcoming from Dilara Begum as the Convener of the Sub-Committee.</p> <p><u>Action</u> Dilara Begum has to submit the Communication and Marketing Sub-Committee Report to the Secretary.</p>	<p>Dilara Begum</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>Report from the Strategic Planning Sub-Committee 2019-2020 Members of the Sub-Committee are as follows: Jayshree Mamtora (Convener) Cendrella Habre May Chang Premila Gamage Ramesh Gaur Sanjay Bihani Vicki McDonald Winston Roberts Tina Yang (Chair) Nor Edzan Che Nasir (Secretary)</p> <p>RSCAO SDG Stories Working Group Premila Gamage, Jayshree Mamtora, Vicky McDonald and Winston Roberts formed the RSCAO SDG Stories Working Group and worked on the project.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. There were 69 submissions but only 44 are usable. b. 21 submissions were selected. c. 2 to 3 submissions from each sub-region. d. Vicki McDonald had sent an email to selected countries for submission with a new deadline of 22 November 2020. e. Sub-Regional Convenors are encouraged to encourage the countries in their region to submit the SDG stories of their countries. 	
<p>12.</p>	<p>Report from the Programme Sub-Committee 2019-2020 Members of the Sub-Committee are as follows: ChihFeng Lin (Convener) Arshad Mahmood Cendrella Habre Ramesh C. Gaur Tina Yang (Chair) Jayshree Mamtora (Co-Chair) Nor Edzan Che Nasir (Secretary)</p>	

	<p>ChihFeng Lin as the Convener of the Sub-Committee submitted the report for the open session for IFLA WLIC 2020. The Sub-Committee will prepare for the open session for IFLA WLIC 2021 once IFLA make the necessary announcements.</p>	
<p>13.</p>	<p>Other Matters</p> <p>a. RSCAO Mid-Term Meeting 2021 The Meeting would be held virtually via Zoom. Any member who would like to host the Meeting should submit an application to IFLA Regional Office.</p> <p><u>Action</u> Members who are interested to host the RSCAO Mid-Term Meeting has to submit an application to the IFLA Regional Office.</p> <p>b. Open Session for IFLA WLIC 2021 The Programme Sub-Committee will wait for IFLA’s announcements for IFLA WLIC 2021. A number of options are available and the Sub-Committee will discuss and present to members.</p> <p>c. IFLA Library Sector Workshop held during the APriGF Meeting. Winston Roberts briefed on the APriGF Meeting. The next IGF Meeting will be held in Nepal in 2021. Although IGF is not a library meeting, there are a lot of library-related issues are discussed such as digital initiatives and digital inclusivity. All RSCAO members are encouraged to register for the Meeting since Winston Roberts feel that the members can learn a lot from the other participants.</p> <p>d. Proposal for a RSCAO Zoom discussion/webinar on the SDGs. Winston Roberts proposed RSCAO to hold a discussion or webinar on the SDGs via Zoom. Other members supported the proposal but suggest that RSCAO organise a one-day webinar followed by a half-day Mid-Term meeting in March 2021. Any member who would like to host the next Mid-Meeting should also include this proposal in their request to the IFLA Regional Office.</p> <p><u>Action</u> Members who are interested to host the RSCAO Mid-Term Meeting has to submit an application to the IFLA Regional Office.</p> <p>e. Inactive members</p> <p>i. The issue of inactive members was raised. Tina Yang will send an email to these members asking for an explanation.</p>	<p>All RSCAO members</p> <p>All RSCAO members</p>

	<p>ii. The next election for RSCAO members will be held soon and members should consider who should be elected.</p> <p>iii. IFLA's new governance structure would have an impact on the number of elected RSCAO members</p> <p>iv. Winston Roberts enquired on the possibility of the Regional Office to send an email summarising the RSCAO meetings to all RSCAO members.</p> <p><u>Action</u> Tina Yang will send an email to all inactive members.</p>	Tina Yang
14.	<p>Close of Meeting The Chair announced the closing of the Meeting and thanked everyone for their presence.</p> <p>The Meeting came to a close at 17:30.</p>	

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