



IFLA Acquisition and Collection Development Section

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MINUTES

Standing Committee meetings held at the 2009 World Library and Information Congress: 75th IFLA General Conference and Assembly in Milan

The Standing Committee met twice during the Annual IFLA Conference in Milan. The first meeting was held on Saturday, August 22 from 11:30-14:20 and the second on Wednesday, August 26 from 9:45-11:15. These minutes cover both meetings.

IFLA Acquisition and Collection Development Section - Standing Committee

1: Saturday, 22nd August, 11:30-14:20

1. Attendance and general introductions

Standing Committee members attending were:

Corrado Di Tillio, Julia Gelfand, Joseph Hafner, Sharon Johnson, Natalia Litvinova, Susanne Maier, Judy Mansfield, Johannes Rudberg, Pascal Sanz, Regine Schmolling, Lynn Sipe, Pentti Vattulainen,

Standing Committee members not attending were: (*= prior notice given)

Joanna Ball, Ole Gunnar Evensen*, Kazuko Fukuyabashi (corresponding member), Rosa Garcia Blanco, Suzanne D. Gyeszly (corresponding member), Judy Jeng*, Klaus Kempf, Kazunori Kojima (corresponding member), Helen Ladron de Guevara (corresponding member)*, Glenda Lammers*, Sook Hyeun Lee*, Catherine Omont, Tan Sun, Silke Trojahn*, Absalom Umarov, Sha Li Zhang, Nadia Zilper.

Observers attending were:

Kay Cassell (USA), Anna Massimi (Italy)

1.1 Permission for Observers to attend

Permission for observers to attend the meeting of the Standing Committee was unanimously granted. Observers were welcomed by Lynn Sipe, Chair of the Committee and were encouraged to participate in the discussions.

1.2 Apologies for absences

The Chair passed on to the Committee apologies from those members that had communicated their inability to attend either this first meeting or that would not be able to come to Milan at all. The excused attendees are noted with an asterisk in the list of members not attending, above.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The Agenda was approved as proposed.

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1 Approval of Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Standing Committee, held in Québec, 9 and 15 August 2008.

The Minutes of the Québec meetings were approved as presented in the Section's *Newsletter* no. 38, February 2009.

3.2 Approval of Minutes of the Mid-Term Meeting of the Standing Committee, held in Beijing, 25 February 2009

The Minutes of the Beijing Mid-Term meeting were approved as presented in the Section's *Newsletter* no. 39, July 2009. The Secretary, Corrado Di Tillio, noted that information about members in the section Milan/b/(i) needed to be corrected.

4. Appointment of Corresponding Members

Lynn Sipe informed the Committee that he had received three proposals of corresponding members: Kazuko Fukubayashi from Japan, Helen Ladron de Guevara from Mexico (2nd term) and D. S. Nkosi from South Africa. All three appointments were approved by the Committee.

5. Election of the Incoming Chair/Treasurer and Secretary/Information Coordinator/Newsletter Editor

This being an election year for IFLA Officers, Lynn Sipe asked for nominations for the position of incoming Chair/Treasurer. Natalia Litvinova nominated Judy Mansfield for the office of Chair and Corrado Di Tillio for the office of Secretary. Julia Gelfand favoured both the nominations. There were no other nominations. The two members were elected unanimously.

6. Section Activities in Milan

6.1 Programme in Milan

Lynn Sipe reminded the Committee that the first call for papers had no responses and that in Beijing it was decided that a second call would be issued. The second call elicited several responses. He also reminded those present that the Section's Programme was to take place at 13:45 on Thursday, 27 August. The theme was to be "An e-book kaleidoscope: multiple perspectives on libraries' experiences with e-books" and speakers included: Agnese Perrone (Parma University and Northumbria University, Italy), on *Electronic book collections development in Italy: a case study*; Ellen Safley (University of Texas at Dallas Libraries, Dallas, USA), on *When customers select customer-initiated acquisition of e-books in an academic library*; Frederick Nesta, Owen Tam and Bill Tang (Lingnan University, Hong Kong, China), on *It takes more than changing the letter from P to E: a Hong Kong Library's perspective in adopting e-books*; Li Zheng and Sun Tan (National Science Library, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, China), on *E-books in China*; Barbara A. Genco (Brooklyn Public Library, Brooklyn, New York, USA), *It's been Geometric! Documenting the Growth and Acceptance of eBooks in America's Urban Public Libraries*.

Sipe reported to the Committee that Pauline Nicholas (University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica), although announced in the official programme, was not able to come to Milan and was replaced by Kay Cassell, who had also replied to the call for paper. Lynn Sipe also informed the Committee that he was going to moderate the session.

6.2 Section dinner

It was announced that the annual dinner of the Standing Committee members would be held on Wednesday evening. The venue was a restaurant which had been chosen and booked by Corrado Di Tillio, "La Libera", located in the old and picturesque central area of Brera. Approximately 18 Standing Committee members and guests were expected. A meeting in front of the restaurant at 8:30 was agreed.

7. Report from the Division V Coordinating Board meeting of Friday, 21 August 2009

Lynn Sipe and Corrado Di Tillio reported on highlights of the final Coordinating Board meeting held the day prior to the Standing Committee's first meeting of the conference.

They summarized comments made by the Board members about the difficult decision to move the 2010 conference from Brisbane, Australia to Gothenburg, Sweden. Julia Gelfand complained about the lack of transparency on that decision and invited the Committee to make a statement which endorsed better communication from the Governing Board. She also remarked that Europe was distant and expensive for people from all the rest of the world.

Sipe wished for signs of more transparency in the Closing Ceremony while Pascal Sanz informed that the decision to abandon Brisbane (for financial and geographical matters) was a "co-decision" made by IFLA and the Australian colleagues, and that a future conference in Asia-Oceania would be considered soon. Sipe added that IFLA was aware of being "Euro-centric", but that it was committed to hosting the conference around the world, in a suitable venue and with adequate financial support.

Sanz said that the Governing Board was considering forming a working group about the choice of conference hosting cities. Sipe added that the Malaysian Library Association was distressed not to be chosen but that their proposal did not meet the deadline.

Other remarkable information from the Division V Coordinating Board Meeting was:

- the success of the off-site session about digital libraries, in terms of registrations numbers
- the invitation to attend the Presidential Brainstorm Session, which was scheduled on Tuesday
- the cancellation of the social evening at the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele, which was going to be replaced with a voucher for a dinner in a restaurant in the galleria or the surrounding area
- the announcement of 3199 registered participants at the conference

8. Projects

8.1 Gift Instructions Translations

Lynn Sipe informed the Committee about translations of the Gift Guidelines:

- Russian: already on-line on IFLANET
- Chinese: some colleagues in China are working on it; Judy Jeng showed interest via e-mail; Sha Li Zhang volunteered to supervise the version
- Spanish: Helen Ladron de Guevara sent it to Lynn Sipe at the end of July
- French: Pascal Sanz and Joseph Hafner interested
- German: Regine Schmolling and Susanne Maier volunteered to prepare

8.2 Electronic Resources Guidelines

Julia Gelfand distributed the latest version, revised by herself, which incorporated the recent additions and an expanded glossary. Lynn Sipe proposed to read it privately during the following days and discuss it on the next meeting. He confirmed the concept that these guidelines had to be a “living” e-only document to be posted to the ACQUIS web page.

8.3 Kuopio-3

Pentti Vattulainen informed the Committee about the third Kuopio international conference on repository libraries, scheduled for 29-30 October 2009, with the title *The Universal Repository Library and guarantees for the sustainability of the digital copy*. The Standing Committee endorsed the sponsorship of this conference.

9. Future Conferences

9.1 Gothenburg, 2010

The Committee discussed about organizing a Satellite Meeting for Gothenburg, but agreed that, without a theme and without a local partner yet, it was too late. Ideas emerged about a Satellite Meeting in the Puerto Rico area, focused on Caribbeana collections. Regine Schmolling suggested contacting **SALALM** (Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials).

The Committee brainstormed about some possible themes for the Section's Programme: collection development and the incorporation of Open Access materials (Gelfand), the library as interface of digital materials (Johnson), the incorporation of more media (Gelfand), the various aspects of Open Access (Sipe), user-generated content (Di Tillio), the future of newspapers in libraries (Gelfand), maps (Mansfield).

Julia Gelfand wished more clarity with the planning of the Gothenburg conference, i.e. she wished library visits to be scheduled after the closing and not in conflict with sessions. As time was running short it was agreed to interrupt the discussion and re-open it during the Wednesday meeting.

9.2 San Juan, 2010

As time was running short it was agreed to postpone discussion on the San Juan Conference to the Wednesday meeting.

10. Mid-Term Meeting, 2010

Natalia Litvinova considered the on-line papers of the Mid-Term Meeting in Beijing very useful. She proposed a Mid-Term Meeting in Moscow to be held at the end of February or at the beginning of March. About four members of the Committee considered they would be able to go. The organization of a workshop on digitization in Moscow was discussed.

11. New Strategic Plan

It was agreed to postpone this matter to the Wednesday meeting. Sipe invited members to consider possible updates to the current plan.

12. Library of Congress Survey of Partners on International Exchange

Judy Mansfield described a survey to be conducted by the Library of Congress about the United States International Exchange Service (IES) which will be distributed to its partners. She distributed a draft of the questionnaire and a discussion followed with suggestions for improvements to be made to the survey to increase clarity (terms used in the questions, etc.).

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 14:15.

IFLA Acquisition and Collection Development Section - Standing Committee

2: Wednesday, 26th August, 09:45-11:15

1. Attendance and general introductions

Standing Committee members attending were:

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Observers attending were:

Kgabi Makgabela Chnene (South Africa), Ibrahim Issa (Lebanon)

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The Chair, Mrs Judy Mansfield, proposed to reduce the agenda to points 4 (New Strategic Plan), 7 (Gothenburg 2010) and 10 (Projects), and discuss the remaining matters via e-mail. The order below reflects the corrected version of the Agenda.

3. Electronic Resources Guidelines

The Committee discussed the draft revised and distributed by Julia Gelfand at the first meeting. Members analyzed repetitions, contradictions, additions needed (i. e. weeding, access via aggregators, automatic updating). Doubts were expressed regarding the application of the guidelines to all types of libraries, and regarding the focus on serials more than databases or e-books. Lynn Sipe considered that the guidelines needed further editorial work and format consideration, and also that part 1 and 2 contained too many global statements, were too "US-centric" or based on one library experience. He also considered that they contained too much information for a beginning library. Editorial corrections were also discussed. Sipe suggested to add "terms are explained in the glossary" at the beginning.

Judy Mansfield expressed her compliments to the group, for the excellent effort, being the electronic resources a moving target. Sharon Johnson volunteered to do the editorial work. Corrado Di Tillio proposed to publish the guidelines as a wiki on IFLANET, as this was a new tool within the Sections' pages. [Corrado, did you ever do this?]

It was agreed that the guidelines would be completed and posted to the web site before the Midwinter meeting in Moscow. Yet to be decided is the periodicity at which these particular guidelines will be reviewed and updated.

4. Gothenburg, 2010

Corrado Di Tillio forwarded the proposal from the Section on Public Libraries to organize a joint programme on collections in public libraries. The Committee decided to decline the proposal, as being too focused on a single type of library. The Committee decided to organize its own two-hour programme, and eventually invite the Section on Public Libraries to propose one paper. The Committee asked Corrado Di Tillio to support that Section's programme.

Joseph Hafner proposed a programme with the following title: *Delivering spectacular access by the virtual kilo: obtaining access for clients to multimedia, multisensory, mobile materials*. The following title was also discussed: *Beyond 1 book @ a time. Collection development in the digital age of open access*. Pascal Sanz and Ole Gunnar Evensen considered that developing countries do not buy kilos, but they look for gifts, while Ole Gunnar Evensen deemed the title too restricted for Africa. Ibrahim Issa added that in some countries mobile phones were too expensive.

The Committee found the first title very appealing and Judy Mansfield invited Hafner to lead a working group on the Gothenburg programme. The following members volunteered to serve on the working group: Sha Li Zhang, Pascal Sanz, Julia Gelfand and Corrado Di Tillio.

5. New Strategic Plan

The Committee had a brief discussion on the current Strategic Plan, but, due to lack of time, it was agreed to continue the discussion via ACQUIS-L.

6. Satellite Meeting in Puerto Rico, 2011

Julia Gelfand volunteered to contact the Section on Latin America and the Caribbean for a Satellite Meeting in a local university in Puerto Rico or in a surrounding island. This discussion would be continued via email.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15.