



## IFLA Statistics & Evaluation

Minutes: Standing Committee Meeting – Cape Town August 2015

Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> / Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August

### 1. Welcome and introductions

Co-chairs Ulla Wimmer and Rebecca Vargha opened the meeting and welcomed all delegates. Short presentations by all attendees including new SC members.

**New members were:** Helen Adey, Helen Austin Booth, Svitlana Kolesnyk, Patrice Landry, Franck Seeliger, Harlinah Teoh, Liudmila Zaytseva.

**Outgoing members were:** Thord Hoivik, Frank Huysmans, Julie McKenna, Elisha Chiware, Ugne Lipeikaitė.

**Staying on the committee are:** Franck Hurinville, Sebastian Mundt, Britt Omstedt, Rebecca Vargah, Ulla Wimmer, Hongxia Zhang.

### 2. Agenda

The agenda was adopted

### 3. Minutes from Lyon

The minutes from Lyon WLIC 2014 were adopted.

### 4. Activities August 2014 – August 2015

Since our meeting in Lyon some focus has been on recruiting new members to the section and replacing those who had served their term. We now have 13 SC members from 10 different countries.

Co-chairs Ulla and Rebecca devoted considerable time to help IFLA with suggestions for national indicators for measuring level of access to information according to the intentions in the Lyon declaration and the UN 2030 agenda.

The co-chairs and Britt also worked together with Yasuyo Inoue of the Library Theory & Research section with the call for paper process for our joint session in Cape Town *Measuring the impact of access to information*. 18 abstracts were submitted and 7 papers were chosen to be presented together with Fiona Bradley's of IFLA HQ presentation on IFLA's plans to strengthen the intent of the Lyon declaration.

Helen and the interest group for e-metrics worked on the session *What is value* which had 5 papers presented. Both sessions were well attended. The two sessions had been given the same time slot in the program which is unfortunate as they at least partly can be thought to attract the same audience.

#### **5. Plans for the term 2015 – 2017**

At the first meeting we discussed loosely the plans for a satellite meeting and the main session of WLIC 2016.

**6. Elections of officers for the term 2015 – 2017** Ulla Wimmer stepped down as co-chair and Rebecca Vargha was nominated and elected as chair 2015-2017. Thord Höivik stepped down as secretary and Britt Omstedt was nominated and elected as secretary 2015-2017.

#### **7. Appointments for the term 2015 – 2017**

Franck Hurinville was appointed new information coordinator after Markku Laitinen.

#### **8. Administrative questions 1**

#### **9. Planning for WLIC 2016**

Satellite meeting

On the suggestion and invitation from Rebecca we agreed on trying to arrange a satellite meeting at University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, USA. This could be done in cooperation with the section for Library theory and research and with University of South Carolina, Columbia. Our contact in Columbia would be Jennifer Arns of the School of Library and Information Science. It was suggested that we would use the days before the main conference. The suggested theme was formulated: *Strengthening the ability of libraries to advocate effectively and effect political, economic and social change during a period of rapid transition*. Themes of the satellite should connect to the strategic plan and could be issues like tools used in the Gates foundation projects, discussion on policy making not only technical aspects, how to overcome lack of IT infrastructure, how to reach uniformity in data within countries and between countries, how to deal with lack of policy guide lines and lack of staff. Two ideas for the satellite: Elisha reported from an ongoing project on collecting statistics in South African university libraries. Alecia Steenkamp informed us on a similar project in South African public libraries. Universal questions we could address are how to motivate staff and how to reach policy makers.

We should use a call for papers process but also have invited speakers as that creates a good drive in the conference. The venue at Chapel Hill could also allow for interesting study visits and cooperation with industrial partners in the area.

For the arrangements we can draw experience from the successful 2010 satellite in Turku, Finland and Markku Laitinen has agreed to share all documentation from that meeting and the preparations with us. The plan is similar; 2 days at Chapel Hill, social evening, full day program and a half day allowing travel time to Columbus, Ohio.

## Main session program

We plan for a main session program. Some ideas:

- Ulla the need to combine qualitative and quantitative methods with regards to impact.
- Invite someone from ARL talking about developing staff capacity for evaluation.
- Austin Booth suggested partnering with the Continuing professional development section to highlight how to bring statistics into daily operations.

Harlinah Teoh and Svitlana Kolesnyk volunteered to run the call for papers process for the session at the main conference.

According the IFLA procedures deadline for suggestions for the main session 2016 is at the beginning of November 2015.

**10. Planning for e-metrics SIG program for WLIC 2016**E-metrics SIG is also planning for a session and would like to have discussion groups and lightning talks on different kinds of analytics of statistics. Vendors will not be invited.

## 11. Administrative questions 2

The committee website urgently needs updating, our new information coordinator Franck will look into this. Ulla will write a report on the committee activities of the first six months of 2015.

## 12. Other topics

### Reports

Harlinah Teoh reported from working meeting of the Metropolitan library section.

Patrice Landry from Committee of standards and suggested that someone from the committee could look at how IFLA standards are being used and if s what are their impact. Data from downloads of standards exist but must be analyzed.

Colleen Cook reported from a meeting at the UN on the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development, interesting to get a glimpse of their work.

### Other issues

Visiting delegates from Nigeria wanted to discuss benchmarking with Ulla and Colleen. Make it simple to start out: find a peer in similar situation and compare is the advice.

Svitlana Kolesnyk makes arrangements for a committee dinner on Thursday night for those who are able to take part.

## **Attendees at the second meeting 18<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

### **Committee members**

Helen Adey, Helen Austin Booth, Elisa Chiware, Thord Höivik, Franck Hurinville, Svitlana Kolesnyk, Patrice Landry, Britt Omstedt, Franck Seeliger, Harlinah Teoh, Rebecca Vargha, Ulla Wimmer, Liudmila Zaytseva.

### **Observers**

Moukoko Chantal, Colleen Cook, Jean Kanegoni, Jacinta Mashua, Musa Olaka, J B Magabi, Najma Patel, Shamky Salem, Janusz Skavzynski, Alecia Steenkamp