



## **Meeting Minutes**

### **Law Libraries Section: Standing Committee (Second Session)**

83rd. IFLA World Library and Information Congress, Wroclaw, Poland.  
Wednesday 23 August 2017, 10:45-13:15, Conference Room B

**Chair:** Sonia Poulin

#### *Present S.C. Members:*

Sonia Poulin (Chair), Anne Burnett (incoming Secretary), Elizabeth Naumczyk (outgoing Secretary), Edita Bačić, Hélène Besnier, Michel Fraysse, Sarah (Sally) Holterhoff, Margo Jeske, Teresa Miguel-Stearns, Robert R. Newlen

#### *Absent S.C. members:*

Ursula Bödecker, Heather Casey, Jeong-Kwon Cho, Carole Hinchcliff, Caroline Ilako, Yolanda Jones, Rodrigo Obrador, Radu D. Popa, Lagdhir Rabari, Leslie Street, Amal Tarhini.

*Observers:* Charles Bjork, Gavran Gabrijeća, Judit Gerencsér, Pablo Morales, George Prager, Maropene Ramabina, Jolie Rajah, Peter Roudik, Sonia Smith

#### **1. Call to order and welcome (Sonia Poulin, Chair)**

Sonia Poulin, IFLA Law Libraries Section Chair, welcomed all participants to the Second Standing Committee (SC) meeting at IFLA's 83rd World Library and Information Congress (WLIC), Wroclaw, Poland.

#### **1.1 New Section logos (Sonia Poulin)**

Immediately before the World Congress, IFLA headquarters rolled out new draft logos for use by sections. Sonia distributed these to the SC via email. We have until the end of September to provide feedback and negotiate changes.

- Consensus: the logo for the Law Libraries sections is “fine” but we want to know the purpose (e.g., letterhead) before deciding. Sonia will ask about purpose and we will decide via email.

#### **2. Recognition of SC members leaving Section (Sonia Poulin)**

The SC recognized the service of three members leaving the committee:

- Ursula Bödecker
- Caroline Ilako

- Radu Popa

Section secretary Anne Burnett will contact IFLA Secretariat to request certificates.

### **3. Welcome new SC members (Sonia Poulin)**

Welcome to new members Heather Casey (also incoming Information Coordinator) and Leslie Street.

### **4. Review and Approve Programs for Kuala Lumpur 2018 (Sonia Poulin)**

Robert Newlen has spoken to Law Librarian of Congress, Jane Sánchez, who is interested in speaking. He has also spoken to the scheduler for the Librarian of Congress, Carla Hayden, and will soon speak to Dr. Hayden directly. An interesting format for the program might be Jane Sánchez interviewing Dr. Hayden. Carla Hayden's participation would require flexibility as she is sometimes required to testify before the U.S. Congress with little notice. One hour for this program would be sufficient. Note: this program will likely be live-streamed and will require simultaneous interpretation.

Robert has also already spoken to the Acting Register of Copyrights, Karyn Temple Claggett, who is also very interested in speaking but more thought needed on how to fit her participation into the theme of the conference. Robert plans to meet with her shortly. Our section could contribute one hour and partner with another for additional hours (possibly Parliamentary Libraries section or Copyright and Other Legal Matters Advisory Committee).

Robert will come back to the SC in two to three weeks with options on both proposed programs.

Teresa Miguel-Stearns will consult with Evelyn Ma, CAFFL board member, for possible regional speaker prospects.

### **5. Review and approve projects for 2017-18 (Sonia Poulin)**

- **Workshop in Francophone Africa:** Sonia, Hélène and Michel met to discuss a follow-up workshop after the success of the Uganda and Côte d'Ivoire workshops. The location will likely be Senegal or Cameroon. French legal publisher CAIRN has already committed funding. IALL may collaborate again. The consensus of the SC is that these workshops are an excellent means of empowering law librarians to organize and connect and the workshops fit into the UN's 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, especially SD 16. IFLA will not fund workshops every year, so the subcommittee will meet with Division I Chair Vicki McDonald to discuss.
- **Workshop in Georgia:** former SC Corresponding Member Bård Tuseth has indicated that the Georgian-Norwegian Rule of Law Association might sponsor or provide some funding for a workshop for law libraries in Georgia. Bård is undertaking a needs assessment and will explore funding with organization's head.

- **Proposed satellite meeting in Singapore on teaching legal research:** decided to park this topic and discuss further via email. Notes:
  - Westlaw has declined to sponsor satellite meeting
  - who is our intended audience? Law librarians who teach in Singapore?
  - could possibly hold off-site in Kuala Lumpur during conference, which would save money; however, IFLA is discouraging this practice
  - perhaps 2019 location would be better

## 6. Strategic plans

- Report on Strategic Plan 2016-17 (Sonia Poulin)
  - We accomplished all items included in last year's plan: programs, workshops, communication plan, Statement on Government Provision of Public Legal Information, workshop template (Sonia is currently working on this)
- Strategic Plan 2017-18 (Sonia Poulin)
  - programs in Kuala Lumpur
  - workshops in Africa and Georgia
  - review communications/marketing strategy
  - possible satellite conference
  - promote Statement on Government Provision of Public Legal Information
    - Sally, Teresa and Claire Germain met with IFLA advocacy director Stephen Wyber and Lillian Gasse (Parliamentary Libraries Section chair) about promoting.
    - Article19.org promotes the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and might be a good partner
    - Sustainable Development Goal 16 is a possible tools
  - assist with drafting proposed statement on United Nations depository program: Government Information and Official Publications chair Jim Church approached Sally for help with statement in response to UN action to move materials to fee-based platform and charge depository libraries
    - Hélène pointed out a relevant article by Aldis: [Access to UN Information in the Digital Era: Reengineering the UN Depository Libraries Program](#)

## **7. Corresponding Members**

IFLA allows five Corresponding Members per section. We currently have two: Claire Germain at the University of Florida in the United States and John Bahrij at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. Ideally, we should have Corresponding Members from different regions.

- Sonia charged the SC members with thinking about possible Corresponding Members from Africa and perhaps Asia. We can discuss via email or possibly have an online SC meeting to discuss and vote.

## **8. Commitment of SC members (Sonia Poulin)**

Our SC suffers from the same problem as others in IFLA: not all committee members contribute to the section's work. The IFLA form signed by incoming SC members requires commitment to attend meetings, but sentiment at IFLA leadership meeting is that attendance at meetings is not the most crucial commitment, and the form should state the expectation that members contribute to the work of the section throughout the year.

The Law Libraries Section currently has three SC members who have not attended the past two meetings and do not respond to emails. The 2016-17 SC leadership discussed this at length and would like to remove these members. IFLA has a "co-opt" process whereby new SC members would complete the existing terms of inactive SC members. Consideration: do we have replacements or will we be left below the 20-member threshold desired by IFLA for existence of a Standing Committee?

DECIDED:

- The SC needs a written process in place, adding communication via telephone in addition to email before initiating removal/co-opt process. Sonia and Teresa will draft a written removal process and circulate.

## **9. Recruitment of new members and marketing (Sonia Poulin)**

The group brainstormed ideas:

- communicate with Section members (not just SC members)
- postcards/flyers
- address lack of understanding re institutional versus individual memberships

- write articles about IFLA meetings and activities for other associations in home jurisdictions
- DECIDED: Sonia, Anne and Heather will work on a marketing plan and circulate. Please send us any ideas.

#### **10. Report on IFLA Africa workshops (Sonia Poulin and Michel Fraysse)**

- **Uganda workshop:**
  - good attendance despite last minute location change from university to hotel due to university shutdown
  - evaluations indicate that the topics were on point and expressed appreciation to IFLA and IALL
  - Thirty librarians from Uganda, Ghana, Kenya, Côte d'Ivoire, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, and South Africa participated in the Workshop.; some self-funded, some with IFLA /IALL funding
  - Workshop speakers and facilitators: Heather Casey (Georgetown University, USA), Mark Engsborg (Emory University, USA) and Joseph Hinger (St. Johns's University, USA), Caroline Ilako (Makarere University, Uganda), Sonia Poulin (Alberta Law Libraries, Canada) and Bård Tuset (University of Oslo, Norway)
  - Full report at <https://www.ifla.org/publications/node/11292>
- **Côte d'Ivoire workshop:**
  - IFLA, IALL, CAIRN (publisher) and Côte d'Ivoire's Parliament provided funding, which fully funded attendance of six of the attendees and provided workshop registration and food for all attendees.
  - Parliamentary President spoke, drawing media attention
  - Heather Casey is creating a listserv and web site for the attendees
  - full report will be available soon

#### **11. Report on IFLA Global Vision Discussion (Sonia Poulin & Sally Holterhoff)**

Sonia and Sally attended a 2-day meeting in Athens, Greece where they met many other members from other IFLA sections. Sally compiled input from SC members and submitted the report from our section. Voting on the Global Vision is now open.

#### **12. Global Online Access to Legal Information (GOALI) (Teresa Miguel-Stearns)**

Richelle Van Snellenberg of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) joined Teresa for this agenda item.

GOALI, as a member of the Research4Life program, provides free or very low cost online access to legal information and academic research to governments, universities and non-profit institutions in developing countries with the goal of promoting access to justice and the rule of law. The GOALI team includes Cornell University Law Library and the Lillian Goldman Law Library at Yale University working together with publishers, and other Research4Life partners. The ILO joined the program in 2016, and the ILO International Training Centre provides training for professionals in eligible countries.

- some of the existing content in Research4Life is law-related
- Teresa is communicating with potential content providers in Ecuador and Argentina; Thomson Reuters is already a contributor; Hein can only contribute their original content (not the licensed content of other publishers); please provide any suggestions for publishers to contact
- GOALI will also incorporate open access sites, such as WorldLII
- institutions in eligible countries will either receive free access (Group A) or pay \$1500/year (Group B)
- users authenticate through the web portal at the ILO and are then redirected to the publisher's platform

### **13. Report on Wroclaw events (All)**

- **Law Libraries Section Reception:**
  - Thank you to Wolters Kluwer for sponsoring the reception on Monday 21 August, 2017 at the University of Wroclaw Law Faculty! Jean-Christophe Goris, International Account Manager, International Group, Legal & Regulatory Solutions U.S, Wolters Kluwer attended. Wolters Kluwer provided EUR 2,000 towards the event.
  - SC Members Margo Jeske and Elizabeth Naumczyk, along with Polish colleague Monika Mitera (Deputy Director National Library of Poland) were crucial to the success of the reception, including obtaining sponsorship and arranging for the delicious food and beverages.
  - Pawel Borszowski, Professor of Law and Deputy Dean for Finance and Evaluation of the Law Faculty, Administration and Economics, University of

Wroclaw spoke on “Professors at the Faculty of Law, Administration and Economics at the University of Wroclaw, yesterday and today...”

- Approximately 55 attendees joined us.
- **Session 104 “Law in Transition - Challenges for Legal Research and Legal Methodology in Post-Communist Europe.”** August 21, 2017
  - Law Libraries Section with Government Libraries Section.
  - Chair: Anne Burnett (University of Georgia, United States)
  - Speakers: Jakub Łakomy (Department of Theory and Philosophy of Law, University of Wroclaw, Wroclaw, Poland), Peter Roudik (Director of Global Legal Research Center, Law Library of Congress, Washington, D.C., United States), and Josef Skala, (Legal Advisor to the Swiss Institute of Comparative Law, Switzerland)
  - 57 attendees
- **Session 120 “Optimizing Subject Access to Legal Resources: Solidarity in Divergence”** August 21, 2017.
  - Subject Analysis and Access Section with Law Libraries Section
  - Chairs: George Prager (New York University Law School, United States); Maja Žumer (University of Ljubljana, Slovenia); H el ene Besnier (Biblioth eque Cujas, France)
  - Speakers: Barbara Szczepanska, (Hogan Lovells (Warszawa) LLP, Poland), Filiberto Felipe Mart inez-Arellano, Federico Hern andez-Pacheco, and Efr en Ch avez-Hern andez (National Autonomous University of Mexico, Mexico), Rudolf W. Strohmeier, Willem van Gemert, Christine Laaboudi and Anne Waniart (Publications Office of the European Union, Luxembourg), and Carla Davis-Castro, Law Library of Congress, United States)
  - 60 attendees
- **Session 168 “How to Find It? International Legal Institutions Informing the Public”** August 22, 2017
  - with Government Information and Official Publications
  - Chair: James Church (UC Berkeley Library, United States)
  - Speakers: Richelle Van Snellenberg (ILO Library, Switzerland) (GOALI), Anthi Katsirikou (Library of the University of Piraeus, Greece), Vicky Rigakou (Athens University, Greece), Genevieve Woods (Library of the

European Court of Human Rights, France), Monica Filomena Steletti (European University Institute, Italy),

- **Session 211 - Division I “Demonstrating Value and/or Assessing the Impact of Different Types of Libraries and Information Services: Can You Spot the Difference?”** August 23, 2017
  - Chair: Raissa Teodori, Chair- IFLA Division I
  - In one of eight lightning talks delivered by different sections within Division I, SC Member Edita Bacic introduced the Law Libraries perspective. Section Chair Sonia Poulin moderated the lightning talks.

#### **14. Adjournment(Sonia Poulin)**

Prior to adjournment, the SC thanked Sonia Poulin for chairing the committee during a very productive year which has brought the section recognition at other IFLA meetings and events.

The SC will reconvene online as needed.

*Respectfully submitted by: Anne Burnett, Secretary*