



Draft minutes, SC LTR 1st meeting
22 August 2009 11.30

Meeting opened at 11.35

Present: Ragnar Audunson – Chair; Marydee Ojala – Secretary/Treasurer;
Marian Koren – Information Officer; Jingli Chu, Yasuyo Inoue, Peter Lor, Bidy
Fisher, Terry Weech, Michael Seadle

Apologies: Helen Partridge

Observers: Eileen Breen, Olaf Eigenbrodt, Elisabeth Freyre, Petra Hauke

1. Welcome to all, Introductions: The Chair, Ragnar Audunson, welcomed all to the first Standing Committee meeting of Library Theory and Research Section at the IFLA Milan conference. The agenda was adopted.
2. Election of SC officers for 2009-2011: Terry Weech was elected Chair of LTR for 2009-2011. Helen Partridge was elected Secretary/Treasurer of LTR for 2009-2011. Eileen Breen was elected Information Officer and Bidy Fisher will be the Standing Committee's Newsletter Editor.
3. Confirmation of minutes: Minutes of the previous meetings in Quebec were confirmed. Since the time of those meetings, LTR was approached by IFLA Headquarters and agreed to be the "parent" section for the newly created Library History SIG. Library History was previously a separate section. LTR will request that the SIG designate someone to attend LTR SC meetings.
4. IFLA business at Milan: Ragnar Audunson and Terry Weech reported that the CB meeting consisted mainly of sections presenting their plans for sessions at the Milan and Göteborg meetings. This was the last meeting of Division VII. Under the new professional structure, LTR will be part of Division IV. The deadline for proposing Satellite events will now be November 2009. Under the new structure, all officers should now plan to attend the Division meeting and the Leadership Forum; this includes information officers.
5. The Turin Satellite event: Ragnar Audunson and Marydee Ojala reported that the Turin Satellite event on "Libraries as Place and Space" was very successful, attracting 200+ people. LTR partnered with IFLA sections Academic and Research Libraries, Public Libraries, Library Buildings and Equipment, and Management and Marketing. Local organizations were Regione Piemonte, Biblioteca Nazionale Universitaria di Torino, Biblioteche Civiche Torinesi (Turin Public Libraries), and AIB Piemonte (Regional part of the Italian Library Association). Success factors included no registration fee, lunch provided at no

charge, and excellent logistics on the part of the local organizers. LTR will send a letter of commendation and thanks to the organizers in Turin.

Papers will be put on the conference website (www.ifla2009.it/web/eventi/ifla_preconference_torino.htm#alto) and LTR will explore publishing the papers as an IFLA publication in cooperation with the other sponsoring sections. Marydee Ojala will contact the appropriate members of the planning committee for the Satellite event.

6. Milan conference session: The LTR session, "Research into open access", is scheduled for Monday afternoon. Helen Partridge reported that the process worked well. Out of the 24 abstracts selected, 4 were accepted. The winner of the student award of € 500 was Kiran Kaur. Ragnar Audunson will chair the session. LTR thanked Eileen Breen for creating flyers promoting the session.

7. LTR strategic plan: The old strategic plan is on the website, but it needs to be updated. The section has fulfilled most of the plan and is looking forward to 2010 and 2011. Marian Koren and Ragnar Audunson will coordinate with MLAS concerning the topic of national research strategies. Management and Marketing section has expressed interest in the exchange of information between theoreticians and practitioners. Other areas to explore include the role of scholarly literature, and the character of education, particularly in developing countries. This discussion will be continued at the next SC meeting.

8. Treasurers report: LTR spent € 500 on the student award.

9. Annual report: The 2009 annual report is in progress and will be finished after this Congress by Marydee Ojala. The Library History SIG will be included.

10. Project status

Bob Usherwood has retired without submitting the deliverables on his project concerning political perceptions of public libraries, originally scheduled for completion at the end of 2003, although the chapter written by Ragnar Audunson was published in the IFLA Journal. It was decided to close out this project as there remain few hopes of receiving the final report.

Ragnar Audunson reported that his project on professional norms is complete. He will bind it together and contact IFLA headquarters regarding publication.

The section's 2009 project proposal on mentoring was rejected by IFLA, but we were invited to resubmit it. Terry Weech, with assistance from Lynn Connaway, Helen Partridge, and Michael Seadle, will rework the proposal according to IFLA's suggestions. The revised proposal will be submitted by early November to Division IV for review.

11. Future conference planning: The 2010 Congress dates for Göteborg are earlier than those previously announced for Brisbane, August 10-15, 2010, with business meetings starting on Tuesday and the full conference running from Wednesday through Sunday. The theme is "Open access to knowledge – Promoting sustainable progress." LTR would like to partner with another section, possible Management and Marketing, for a 4-hour session focusing on research and practitioners. LTR's 2010 Program Committee will consist of Marian Koren, Biddy Fisher, and Peter Lor.

12. Ragnar Audunson thanked everyone for attending and distributed certificates of appreciation. The meeting adjourned at 13.00.

LTR SC 2nd meeting
27 August 2009
11.30

Present: Terry Weech - Chair, Biddy Fisher – Newsletter editor, Eileen Breen – Information Officer, Marydee Ojala – acting Secretary/Treasurer, Peter Lor, Jingli Chu, Michael Seadle, Yasuyo Inoue

Apologies: Helen Partridge

Observers: Marian Koren, Frankie Wilson, Margareta Lundberg Rodin, Anthi Katsizikou, Beverly Lynch, Kwesi Eshun, Trine Kolden Flaten, AnneMarie Tammaro, Bluma Peritz, Mike Healey

1. Welcome and introductions: The Chair, Terry Weech welcomed all to the second meeting of the LTR SC.

2. Agenda additions and approval: The agenda was approved.

3. Review of meeting I of SC: Terry Weech reviewed the issues addressed and decisions taken at the first meeting of the Standing Committee, particularly the mentoring project, the 2010 program, and the publication of the Turin Satellite event papers (coupled with papers from the LTR session on the theoretical aspects of library as place and space held in Quebec).

A discussion of the program for Göteborg revolved around the theme of research and practitioner with a working title of "Opening up access to research". There is a lack of quality empirical data and a lack of statistical tools for analysis. Formulating national research strategies should involve evidence-based research and evaluation. If three sections participate, we could have a 6-hour session. The session could build concepts of how to use tools, how to get empirical data, and how to train researchers beyond the classical framework. The theme for 2010 is

to be continued into 2011 with a focus on evidence-based strategy and quality of empirical data.

4. Report from Division IV meeting: Terry Weech reported that all proposals for funding must go through the Division before being forwarded to GB. Mike Healey reported that the Division will concentrate on communication and coordination. He also said that some deadlines are in flux.

5. LTR strategic plan: The new strategic plan committee will consist of Marydee Ojala and Helen Partridge. The Library History SIG will be included as part of the section's strategic plan. The SC brainstormed on the content and direction the plan should take. Marydee Ojala will make a draft revision and circulate the draft to the sc for comment in the early Fall.

6. SET-ALISE-EUCLID Satellite meeting Aug 8-9, 2010 in Boras, Sweden on International LIS Education and Research Cooperation and Collaboration: Terry Weech proposed that LTR co-sponsor this conference prior to the 2010 IFLA Congress. He noted that it complements rather than replaces the LTR session program and volunteers to be the liaison to the satellite meeting planning committee. The LTR co-sponsorship was approved by the SC. Bidy Fisher volunteered to review papers.

7. Program Chair for 2011, Puerto Rico: Michael Seadle will be the program chair for 2011 and proposed a topic on applied research. The conference theme is "Libraries beyond libraries: Integration, Innovation and Information for all". The dates are August 13-18, 2011. Bidy Fisher will provide continuity between the 2010 and 2011 program committees. Michael Seadle will look into cooperation with the Statistics section.

8. Other business: Frankie Wilson reported that the CILIP Library and Information Research Group (LIRG) committee is building a directory of research interests, both of researchers and practitioners. The committee is interested in working together with LTR to populate this directory database. Michael Seadle will coordinate.

9. The meeting adjourned at 13.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Marydee Ojala
LTR Secretary/Treasurer