



IFLA NEWSPAPERS SECTION

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Minutes of the 26th Business Meeting, held at the Ercilla Room, National Library of Chile, Santiago, Chile 2 April 2007.

1. Introductions

The chairman welcomed all attendees to the meeting. Present: Hartmut Walravens (Chair: Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin); Edmund King (Secretary; British Library Newspapers); Pär Nilsson (The Royal Library, National Library of Sweden); Majlis Bremer-Laamanen (Helsinki University Library); Georgia Higley (Library of Congress USA); Else Delaunay (Bibliothèque nationale de France); Sandra Burrows (National Library of Canada);

Observers: Linda Ronan (Center for Research Libraries); Thaddeus Lipinski (Oxford University Library Services, Oxford, UK); Peggy Glahn (Apex CoVantage)

2. Apologies for Absence

Jonny Edvardsen (National Library of Norway); Geoffrey Hamilton (Scotland, UK); Zhou, Deming (Shanghai Library); Henry Snyder (University of California, Riverside USA); James Simon (Center for Research Libraries, Chicago, USA)

3. Approval of Agenda.

The agenda was approved.

4. Minutes of the Meeting/Matters Arising

4a. There was a brief discussion regarding the possible name change for the Section. (minutes of 25th meeting, para 8.2). It was agreed that there would be no change to the name, with the matter being kept under review as needed in the future.

4b. Availability of microfilm (minutes 25th meeting, para. 5h.): It was agreed to write to IFLA HQ regarding this. **Action: Ed King**

4c. Digital repositories – costs of digital storage: This matter arose a possible future conference item. For example, the National Library of Norway is taking deliveries of digital files from national newspapers in Norway, and has plans to ingest 50 more newspaper titles. The matter of libraries taking both print and digital versions of the same newspaper also deserved more discussion. A list of suggestions for discussion is to be drawn up, to be fed into a future Newspapers Sections Conference agenda. **Action: All**

4d. It was suggested that IFLANET would be a suitable forum for discussions of issues such as digital repositories for newspapers. It was agreed to see what IFLA HQ are planning to do about providing space for discussion/ forum. **Action: Ed King**

4e. Minutes of the 25th meeting, Para 7a , third bullet point: substitute “University of Illinois” for “Urbana”; and “Ronan” for Rohan”.

4e. Newspapers Strategic Plan for 2007-2008.

It was agreed that the plan would need review at the IFLA General Conference in Durban and amendments will be made for 2008-2009.

5. IFLA Newspaper Section Conference Programmes

5a. **Newspapers of the World Online: U.S and International Perspectives. May 17-18 2006, University of Utah Campus, Salt Lake City.** See: <http://www.lib.utah.edu/digital/ifla/> The Chairman thanked Georgia Higley and Sandra Burrows for all their work in making a success of this conference. There was a blog about the conference. The url link to this will be supplied for Members. **Action: Sandra Burrows.** A url link on the Utah conference website would be made to the published proceedings published as IFLA Saur 122. **Action: Georgia Higley.**

5b. **World Library and Information Congress: 72nd IFLA General Conference and Council Seoul, Korea, August 2006.** Open Session on *Newspapers in the E Asia Region* See: <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla72/Programme2006.htm> The Open Session attracted some 70-80 attendees. One paper had not been given, and there had been no response from the speaker when the Section followed this up. The Chairman reported upon the role of Sections within IFLA which had been discussed in Seoul. It appeared that there had been no decision as yet regarding the possible future structure of IFLA Sections.

5c. **Newspapers Conference, Poznan, Poland, 19-21 October 2006.** For details, see: <http://lib.amu.edu.pl/konferencja2/> and details of the conference proceedings at: <http://www.ifla.org/VII/s39/conf/Poznan2006.htm> The aim of this conference had been to raise awareness of newspapers for professional librarians in Poland. Thaddeus Lipinski believed that it was several of the smaller libraries that were taking forward research in to digitization of newspapers, but that there was some holding back owing to a lack of resources, and in securing agreement with the national library.

5d. Newspapers Section. International Conference 3-5 April 2007. Newspapers Collection Management:

"Printed and Digital Challenges" Santiago, Chile 3-5 April 2007. See:

http://www.ifla.org/VII/s39/conf/s39_conf2007Chile-prg.htm

This conference is to begin on the 3 April 2007. The Chairman asked for thanks to be recorded to Thomson Gale, who had paid for the costs of the translations of papers; and to Apex CoVantage for providing support for delegates to attend from Latin American countries. He asked also for thanks to be recorded to Ed King, and to Henry Snyder for

all the hard work that they had done to make this conference a success. (Secretary's note: the conference attracted 117 delegates from 17 countries, 10 of the countries being of Latin America. It is intended to publish all the papers in English and in Spanish as part of the IFLA Saur series.)

5e. World Library and Information Congress: 73rd IFLA General Conference and Council, Durban, August 2007.

Open Session on: *African newspapers: Access and Technology*. Ed King reported that four speakers had been gained for this session. Dale Peters had agreed to be the moderator for the extended discussion planned for this session. Members who planned to attend will find out the day and time via the IFLA Conference Programme.

5f. 28th IFLA Newspapers Section Business meeting and Conference: National Library of Singapore. The Chairman reported that the National Library of Singapore had agreed to host this conference. It was agreed to seek a date as soon as possible, possibly week commencing 24 March 2008. Themes of the conference to include:

- Digital repositories
- Digital ingest of new newspapers
- Standards for the digitisation of newspapers

5g. World Library and Information Congress: 74th IFLA General Conference and Council, Quebec, August 2008. see: <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla74/index.htm>

Sandra Burrows suggested a possible topic would be the newspapers of ethnic minorities in Canada in French language. This might fit with the work of the Organisation Internationale de Francophonie. See: <http://www.francophonie.org/>. The Secretary will take planning further before IFLA Durban. **Action: Ed King.**

5h. 30th Business meeting and Conference, 2009. The chairman reported that the Book Chamber in Moscow has expressed an interest in hosting this. One of the aims is to promote understanding of digital newspaper projects in Russia. Translations of the papers would be needed, and will probably best done by the Book Chamber itself.

6. Projects.

6a. Online Resources

The website of National Library and Archives Canada remains a useful source for links to online newspapers and newspaper archives. See:

<http://www.collectionscanada.ca/8/16/r16-214-e.html>

The British Library website also lists sources for online access to newspapers. See:

<http://www.bl.uk/collections/sources.html>

There was a discussion about the way ahead for making links to newspapers online. It was agreed to investigate the creation of an entry within the Wikipedia website, for the IFLA Newspapers Section and then to list as many links as possible to useful newspapers

sites, worldwide. IFLA HQ to be informed of this. **Action: Ed King and Sandra Burrows.**

6b. Hits on the IFLA Newspapers Section in IFLANET. Ed King to ask HQ if figures are kept for this. **Action: Ed King**

7. International coalition on newspapers (NS2007/5)

The ICON report was tabled by and a summary of the position of ICON presented by Linda Ronan. [copy is attached with these minutes.]

- The ICON database has been online since 2002. The database has seen improvements, with the editing of records by partner institutions
- 11 titles have been microfilmed in the latest round of work.
- CRL is encouraging new members to join
- Monies have just been granted for a fourth project for funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities to continue with the programme of microfilming foreign newspapers. The priority will be the filming of newspapers of Latin American countries.
- CRL wish to engage with other countries to have them supply their records to be uploaded into ICON. Letters asking for records to be imported to ICON have been sent out.
- ICON website: all members are encouraged to send comments to the Secretary and to Linda Ronan. **Action : All**

8. Membership 2007

Ed King reported that membership was 27 institutions, and 3 personal members. There were also three new Section Committee members - Suzanne Kellerman (lsk3@psu.edu); Jasenka Zajec (jzajec@nsk.hr); Dolores Rodriguez Fuentes (dolores.rodriquez@bne.es). Ed King had already contacted them to welcome them to the Standing Committee.

It was agreed that IFLA would be circulated with the list of achievements of the Newspaper Section for 2006. **Action : Ed King**

9. Financial Report

The Section had funds currently at HQ of 325 EURO for 2007. It was agreed that this would be devoted in the first instance to the production of Section Newsletters nos. 15 and 16. . The Section had also received funds from Proquest to enable professional attendance of colleagues at IFLA Durban Conference 2007. there was just over USD 3,000.00 for this purpose. A call is to be issued for colleagues (particularly from African Countries) to attend the conference, and the Newspaper Open Session in particular.

Action: Hartmut Walravens and Ed King

10. Section Newsletter Issue 15

Issue number 15 was printed and circulated to all Santiago conference attendees. Copies will be posted to members. The Chairman thanked Sandra Burrows for its preparation. It is also available on IFLANET at: <http://www.ifla.org/VII/s39/index.htm>

Newsletter no.16 will be prepared for IFLA Durban, if enough articles are available. An article from the National Library of Spain regarding its digital library would be sought.

Action: Sandra Burrows.

11. Any Other Business

11.1 **IFLA Publications.** It was noted that in the K.G. Saur series, nos. 103, 107, 110 series had all been published. No. 122 *Newspapers of the World Online: U.S. and International Perspectives* was the most recent in the series. Details are at:

<http://www.ifla.org/V/saur.htm>

Members were urged to publicise these works to libraries in their own countries.

11.2 **UK Colonial newspapers:** it was suggested that funding may be available from the Commonwealth. It was agreed to ask about this. **Action: Ed King**

11.3 **Section Information Co-ordinator:** A new co-ordinator will be needed for the Section, as Sandra Burrows is stepping down from this. Linda Ronan volunteered to be the new Information Co-Ordinator for the Section. This was agreed to: IFLA HQ to be informed. **Action: Ed King**

The meeting closed at 1500 on the 2 April 2007.