



IFLA NEWSPAPERS SECTION
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NS2006/4

Minutes of the 25th Business Meeting, held at Seoul, Korea, COEX Convention Centre, August 2006,

Part I – Saturday 19 August, Room 304 at 0830

Part II – Friday 25 August, room 310 at 1400

1. Introductions

The chairman welcomed all attendees to the meeting. Present: Hartmut Walravens (Chair: Staasbibliotek zu Berlin; Edmund King (Secretary; British Library Newspapers Henry Snyder (University of California, Riverside USA)); Pär Nilsson(The Royal Library, National Library of Sweden);

Observers: Ximena Cruzat (National Library, Chile); Richard Ritchie (Yale University, USA); Joe Everett (Ancestry); Christiane Baryla (IFLA-PAC); Alidce Ramohlola (National Library of South Africa); Melissa Trevvett (Center for Research Libraries); Alfonso Quintero (ABINIA)

2. Apologies for Absence

Maria Luisa Cabral (National Library of Portugal); Jonny Edvardsen (National Library of Norway); Sandra Burrows (National Library of Canada); Majlis Bremer-Laamanen (Helsinki University Library/National Library of Finland); Else Delaunay (Bibliotheque Nationale de France); Georgia Higley (Library of Congress, USA); Geoffrey Hamilton (Scotland, UK); Zhou, Deming (Shanghai Library)

3. Approval of Agenda.

The agenda was approved.

4. Minutes of the Meeting/Matters Arising

4a. **24th Business Meeting**, held at Room C, Lower Level, University of Utah Guest House, Salt Lake City, USA. The minutes were approved.

4b. **Newspapers Strategic Plan for 2007-2008** (NS 2006/1) The plan was reviewed and amendments will be made for consideration. The Plan needed to include:

- links to the three pillars
- to IFLA Professional priorities
- An action to for the Section to draft and issue “Guidelines for the digitization of existing printed newspapers” (i.e. printed and “born digital” newspapers)
- to be submitted to IFLA HQ by 1 October 2006

It was recognised that a number of Committee members may not travel to IFLA /WLIC Seoul, so it was agreed to hold a short meeting in September in London to finalise the Strategic Plan for its submission to HQ. **Action: Ed King**

5. IFLA Newspaper Section Conference Programmes

5a. **International Newspapers Conference, NLA, 22-24 February 2005**. The papers are available at:

<http://www.nla.gov.au/initiatives/meetings/newspapers/abstracts.html> Noted.

5b. **IFLA Satellite Meeting, Artic Circle Conservation Colloquium 10-11 August 2005, Mo i Rana Norway**. The papers of this satellite meeting are available at:

<http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla71/satellite-e.htm#14> Noted.

5c. **IFLA General Conference Oslo: Open Programme; the theme: Newspaper Digitisation Projects. Developments in the online availability of older newspapers**. Session 97: <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla71/Programme>. Noted.

5d. **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 conference proceedings will be published by IFLA Saur towards the end of 2006. All conference papers needed to be sent to Ed King, and Hartmut Walravens. **Action: Hartmut Walravens and Ed King**

5e. **IFLA 72nd General Conference, Seoul, Korea**. Ed King reported that the Open Session on the theme: *Newspaper Projects in East Asia* would be held on 20 August at 0830, session 79.

5f. **Newspapers Conference, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan, 19-21 October 2006**. The Universities of Poznan and of Greifswald were sponsoring this event; The Chairman explained the aim is to bring together Polish and German professionals, who

are seeking further development with regard to the cataloguing and preservation of newspapers. Details are available at: http://lib.amu.edu.pl/konferencja2/program_ang.htm

5h. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON NEWSPAPERS COLLECTION MANAGEMENT: PRINTED AND DIGITAL CHALLENGES. NATIONAL LIBRARY OF CHILE, SANTIAGO 3-5 APRIL 2007

This conference will be held at the National Library of Chile, Santiago, 3-5 April 2007. IFLA-PAC are partners with The Newspapers Section and the National Library, Chile, in organising the conference. The aim is to foster outreach in Latin America, following on from IFLA Buenos Aires. A call for Papers will be issued by mid-September. **Action: Hartmut Walravens, Ed King**

5h. IFLA Congress Durban 2007. There was a discussion regarding the content and format of the planned Newspapers Open Session. The theme would be **African Newspapers: Access and Technology**. A call for papers would be circulated after the Seoul IFLA Congress. The aim is to have speakers from Africa; to explore how technology can be used to widen access via online means in future to both modern and older newspapers published in Africa; to seek a speaker from a Newspaper Publisher in Africa. The idea of panel discussion was endorsed by the meeting. Speakers would be invited to write their papers in full, which would be published on IFLANET in the usual way. At the Open Session, the presentation would be no more than 10 minutes per speaker, with good time (up to 90 minutes) for discussion. **Action: Ed King**

The meeting explored the relative decline in the availability of microfilm readers for use with microfilm. Concerns were expressed that costs of these will rise, as markets shrink, with a possible adverse effect upon the availability of many kinds of texts contained on film, including newspapers. It was agreed to draw the attention of IFLA HQ to this matter, as it is a potentially wider issue for libraries in many countries. **Action: Ed King**

6. Projects.

6a. Survey of Newspapers in Africa. Discussion included the organising of a round table to keep interest in the topic ongoing. The impact of new technologies would be significant, and needed further analysis. This will be planned further. **Action: Hartmut Walravens and Ed King**

6b. 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>

Contributions and url addresses for listing newspaper internet resources were invited.

Action: All.

6c. Handbook for Newspapers Collections Management

Consideration will be given by the National Library of Sweden to make translations of some selected text for translation into French, Scandinavian languages and possibly languages of Eastern Europe. Contact to be continued with Par Nilsson, and also to contact AUKML about the matter of preparation of a handbook. . **Action Hartmut Walravens**

7a. **International coalition on newspapers** (NS2006/3)

The ICON report was tabled and a summary of the position of ICON presented by Linda Rohan. [another copy is attached with these minutes.] Melissa Trevvett said:

- The ICON database has been online since 2002. The database has seen improvements, with the editing of records by partner institutions
- 14 countries' newspapers are being microfilmed
- CRL is encouraging new members to join
- Co-operative cataloguing effort is taking place, for example with Urbana and Connecticut collating records and sending notifications of surrogates to CRL.
- Plans were in hand to propose a fourth project for funding to continue with the programme of microfilming foreign newspapers.
- CRL wish to engage with other countries to have them supply their records to be uploaded into ICON.

With regard to the **Request for Information (RFI)**, CRL is still in the process of identifying partners to digitise portions of its newspaper collections, particularly those of Latin American countries.

Hartmut Walravens enquired whether CRL may be interested in paying for the translation of papers (Spanish-English; English-Spanish) for the forthcoming conference in Santiago. Melissa Trevvett agreed to put the matter to colleagues in CRL. **Action: Melissa Trevvett**

8. **Membership 2005/2006**

8.1 Ed King reported that membership was 30 institutions. It was agreed that IFLA would be circulated with the list of achievements of the Newspaper Section for 2005/06.

Action: Ed King

8.2 Possible change of name for the Section. The name of **IFLA News Media Section** was proposed. It was agreed to draft a letter outlining the change and that the Chairman would write to IFLA (Peter Lor) about this proposal, as the matter raised wider issues than those of the Newspapers Section alone. **Action: Hartmut Walravens and Ed King**

9. **Financial Report**

The Section had funds currently at HQ. The Section had also received funds from Proquest to enable professional attendance of one colleague at IFLA Newspaper Section Conferences during 2006. This had taken place with the Attendance of Maritza Failla at the Salt Lake City Conference. The Section would claim further funds from Proquest during 2006 and 2007 for this activity. The financial report for 2006 to be submitted by 1.10.2006. **Action: Ed King**

10. Section Newsletter Issue 15

Issue number 15 was in preparation. The likelihood is that it will only be available in electronic form, and available for printing on demand. It will also be available on IFLANET at: <http://www.ifla.org/VII/s39/index.htm> **Action: Sandra Burrows.**

Ed King agreed to ask British Library publications about possible DTP arrangements for the Section Newsletter. **Action: Ed King**

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. 118 *International Newspaper Librarianship* 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 Possible Satellite meeting in 2008.

- Singapore remains a possibility. Further discussions to take place. **Action: Hartmut Walravens**
- Possible Collaboration with Rare Books Section for an event at the National Library, Netherlands would be explored.

11.3 Leadership role for the Newspapers Section. It was agreed to look at a couple of suggestions: 1. a possible commentary role for the Section, with regard to newspaper disposals. 2. to have a “good practice” location within the Section’s pages on IFLANET. These will be looked into. **Action: Ed King**

The meeting closed at 1030 on 19 August; and at 1600 on 25 August.