



Serials and Other Continuing Resources Section

2008 IFLA General Conference and Council, Quebec City, Canada

Minutes of the Standing Committee Meetings

FIRST SESSION, Saturday, August 9th, 2008, 11:30 – 14:20

Attendance:

Standing Committee Members:

Helen Adey (Nottingham Trent University, UK)
Philippe Cantié (Bibliothèque Nationale de France)
Helen Heinrich (California State University, Northridge, USA)
Eva-Lisa Holm Granath (Linköping University, Sweden), Secretary
Luisa Maria Landáburu Areta (Biblioteca Nacional de España, Spain)
Ann Okerson (Yale University, New Haven, USA), Chair
Francoise Pellé (ISSN International Centre, France)
Edward Swanson (MINITEX Library Information Network, Univ. of Minnesota, USA)
Marie-Joëlle Tarin (Bibliothèque Universitaire Sorbonne, Paris, France)
Jina Choi Wakimoto (University of Colorado at Boulder, USA)

Observers:

Christine Stamison (Swets, North America)
Maria Witt (Université Paris 1, France)

Regrets:

Simonetta Pasqualis (Università degli Studi di Trieste, Italy), Information Coordinator
Hildegard Schäffler (Bayerische Staatsbibliothek, München, Germany)
Alicia Wise (Publishers Licensing Society, UK)

Absent:

Anne McKee (Greater Western Library Alliance, Glendale, USA)

1. Welcome and introductions

Ann Okerson, Chair, welcomed the members and observers of the Standing Committee meeting. She was pleased to see so many members present. Everybody introduced themselves.

2. Apologies for absence

See the attendance list above.

3. Adoption of agenda

The suggested agenda was adopted.

4. Minutes of meetings at 2007 IFLA General Conference and Council

The section minutes were approved. There was a discussion about two "left-over" items from last year. The Committee decided not to pursue any more work related to the *Basic Serials Management Handbook*. Our newsletter needs a new ISSN from 2003 and onwards when the name of the Standing Committee changed. Eva-Lisa will arrange for that.

5. IFLA: Coordinating Board and Other Matters

Ann and Eva-Lisa reported a number of matters from the previous day's meeting with the Division's Coordinating Board (CB). Apart from changes in IFLA organization, which will take effect in 2009, great deal of the discussion was about finances. Sections and Divisions have an annual allotment of 325 EURO. The money is kept at the IFLA headquarters and has to be applied for. What is not used during the year goes back to IFLA HQ and that is what happens with most of the money. The funds can be used for: printing and mailing the newsletter, leaflets/bookmarks, midterm meetings, conference calls, translations, pay a speaker's attendance fee, gifts for speakers. Something that the CB thought might be useful to pay for is the development of templates for newsletters. These could be used by many sections, instead of "reinventing the wheel" frequently, particularly as sections change their leadership.

Ann also shared information about different meetings and programs during the week and other practical matters. There will be Web casts of the sessions, with a slight delay. The number of registrants by August 9th was around 4,000. There have been problems with visas for a number of delegates and there have also been exceptional numbers of problems with hotel bookings this year through Congrex.

6. Review of Durban activities 2007

The full text papers from last year's preconference in Cape Town are available on the conference website. Ann is considering the possibility of a printed publication (see item 11). There is approximately a 1000 USD surplus from the event, due to generous sponsorship.

7. Section activities for Quebec City 2008

The Section's open program was scheduled for the following Wednesday in the late afternoon. The theme is "Navigating the world of serials – new initiatives in management and cataloguing." Eva-Lisa reported that there will be four presentations (five speakers) and there will be simultaneous interpretation between English and French. The program has been planned by Eva-Lisa, Philippe, Helen A and Helen H.

Ann invited the entire committee to a section lunch earlier that same Wednesday.

8. Planning for Milan 2009

* Preconference in Bolzano: Elisabeth Frasnelli, head of the University Library in Bozen-Bolzano, has graciously offered us to hold the preconference there and they will incur much of the cost for the local arrangements. Her proposed schedule is for two full conference days. The Committee discussed whether it would be better to reconsider and go for one and a half days instead. The planned theme will evolve around the issues of preservation of print and digital serials. The Committee will get back to this subject at our next meeting on Friday.

* Open program for Milan: The group identified three ideas for the SOCRS open program: 1) Organization and management challenges in the new electronic resources environment; 2) E-books: the other continuing resource; and 3) Usage data for continuing resources. They will be more discussed on Friday.

9. Planning for Brisbane 2010

Edward reported that the Section has been approached by F. Kirkwood again (see minutes from Durban) on the subject of co-sponsoring a preconference on government serials and government websites. Discussion of this matter was postponed to Friday.

10. The Bookmarks

The newly printed bookmarks for the Section were distributed. Some of them will be taken home by members for distribution at local conferences etc. Others will be distributed at the Quebec City WLIS, for instance at the IFLA booth and at the SOCRS open program. SOCRS will use the financial allotment this year (325 EURO) to pay for the bookmarks.

SECOND SESSION, Friday, August 15th, 2008, 11:00 – 13:50

Attendance:

Standing Committee Members:

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Jina Choi Wakimoto (University of Colorado at Boulder, USA)

Observers:

Kareen Louembé (Université Lumière, Lyon, France)
Sandy Roe (Illinois State University, USA)
Alain Roucolle (ISSN International Centre, France)

Regrets:

Simonetta Pasqualis (Università degli Studi di Trieste, Italy), Information Coordinator
Hildegard Schäffler (Bayerische Staatsbibliothek, München, Germany)
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Absent:

Anne McKee (Greater Western Library Alliance, Glendale, USA)

11. Conference review in general and SOCRS program in particular

Our open program was quite well attended, around 100 persons. The presentations were very good and there was an interesting variety of topics. Ann thanked both the presenters and the planning committee. All four presentations are available in full text on IFLAnet in both English and French. Luisa Maria has translated the abstracts to Spanish and she has volunteered to translate the full texts as well. The group thanked her for this wonderful work.

All agreed to recommend Alain Roucolle's paper on the new ISSN standard for publication in IFLA journal. The recommendation will be forwarded at the Division V Coordinating Board meeting tomorrow. Each Section in the Division is encouraged to recommend a paper and then three of them will be forwarded as the Division's choice for publication.

Ann will look into the possibility of bundling the remaining three papers from this year with the papers from the ERMS preconference in Cape Town last year and publish a monograph in the IFLA series.

12. Report from the Officers Training Session

Ann and Eva-Lisa reported from the Officers Training Session. There was additional information about IFLA's new structure, which will be implemented after the Milan conference next year. There will be Special Interest Groups instead of Discussion Groups. Former Discussion Groups can apply to become Special Interest Groups. The Sections will be regrouped into a new Division structure. There will no longer be Division Coordinating Boards; instead there will be a Leadership Forum for each Division. The Call for Nominations will go out in October for both the Standing Committees and for Division Chairs. (The Division Chairs can no longer be Section Chairs as well.)

There was a discussion about the roles of the Section Officers and whether the Information Coordinators should be made Officers. The majority of the participants seemed to favour that they should; the Professional Committee and the Governing Board will discuss the matter further. The argument for making this move is that in many sections, the Information Coordinators carry a significant workload (beyond the newsletter, they also maintain and verify membership lists, conduct communications, send out mailings, and much more). With the new IFLA Web site (see below), each Section will manage its own site, and this will require additional training and skills on the part of the IC.

The coming new IFLA Web site was shown by Fiona Bradley. More information and her presentation can be found at: http://www.ifla.org/I/whatsnew/new-website_2008-08-19.htm. The website will be launched in January 2009. During the fall of 2008, all Sections will be contacted about what to migrate from the old Web pages. Sections are encouraged to look over their Web pages well in advance. The new Web site will allow for much more interactivity, which will likely be managed by the Information Coordinators.

13. More on program planning for Milan

*** Preconference in Bolzano:**

Eva-Lisa reported back from Elisabeth Frasnelli that the bus ride from the Milan airport to Bolzano is about four hours long and that the bus ride from Bolzano to Milan is about three hours, depending on the traffic. Committee members agreed that we would prefer the preconference to be one and a half days long (arriving Wednesday night and then holding the preconference all day Thursday and half of Friday), instead of two full days. In general, the focus will be on preservation of serials electronically, rather than on printed serials. However, the issue about preserving "the last printed copy" in a region or a country is also of great interest these days. The suggested planning committee consists of Simonetta (local arrangements), Hildegard (program committee), Alicia (program committee) and Ann (ex officio).

***Open program for Milan:**

After some discussion, the agreement was as follows:

Plan A: Explore the idea of a four hour program on e-books in cooperation with another section. Helen A will check with Academic and Research Libraries to see if they are interested. Eva-Lisa will check with Acquisition and Collection Development about their plans, and Ann will check with Copyright and other Legal Matters. (Possible committee: Helen A, Alicia, and Ann?)

Plan B: Plan for a two hour program on "Organization and management challenges in the new electronic resources environment." (Possible committee: Jina, Helen H and Eva-Lisa?)
The group would have to decide one way or another during September or October.

14. More on program planning for Brisbane

It was decided that the third idea for Milan, "Usage data for continuing resources," would be very good as a preconference in Australia. Ann will talk to the Statistics and Evaluation Section about cooperation.

About co-sponsoring a preconference on government serials and government Web sites: Edward offered to be the Committee's liaison for that. It's not clear if the plans would materialize for 2010 or for the San Juan WLIC in 2011 instead. The Committee has so far not discussed possible topics for the open program for Brisbane. That will be something to think about at a later time.

15. Marketing the Section

There was an extensive discussion about how to increase the Section's membership, both at the institutional and individual committee member end. As previously mentioned, the Call for Nominations for the standing committees will be issued in October. Elections will take place in the beginning of 2009 if the nominations mean that a standing committee will have more than 20 members; otherwise all nominated will be new committee members. There can be up to 20 members of a standing committee. SOCRS now has 12 members. Three of these members' terms will end in Milan. The Committee needs to diversify and get members from other continents than Europe and North America. The group decided to set a goal to come up with ten names to nominate for our standing committee. All current standing committee members should try to recruit one member each: i.e., encourage people to join the standing committee AND also encourage them to encourage their libraries to become a member of the section. Nomination for committee members must come from an institutional member. For the online IFLA membership directory, see: <http://www.ifla.org/database/directy.htm> .

The Committee discussed different ways to increase the section's visibility. Some sections do midterm meetings: is this possible for SOCRS? It would be not so much for the entire Section but organized by and for locals in the region where the midterm meeting is held. Francoise reported that the ISSN directors meet every year in different countries and she mentioned that maybe SOCRS could arrange a seminar in conjunction.

Helen A noted that the Academic and Research Libraries Section has an essay contest and the winner receives a free registration to the next IFLA conference. They also publish the winning essay in their newsletter. That might be something for SOCRS to consider. It would be possible to use next year's 325 EUROS on that or wait to see if it is needed to pay for a speaker's registration. This money can be supplemented by the leftover Cape Town income.

16. Newsletter

The Committee discussed how to get more material for the Newsletter. The best would be to produce one issue around December and one in June/July. It was agreed to send out a call for items for the Newsletter. The call would be submitted to IFLA-L and other lists. Helen H will contact Simonetta on this matter and they will work on the wording for such a call. Their suggestion will be sent to the

internal SOCRS list and then members can pass it on to other lists as well, such as NASIG, UKSG, ERIL, Colldv-L, and others.

Members may also collect interesting items from different sources, for example other lists that we subscribe to. Members are responsible for forwarding links to new issues of the Newsletter to appropriate lists and individuals who might be interested.

17. Strategic plan for 2007-2008

The group quickly reviewed the Actions to see what has been accomplished and to discuss what should be revised for the plan for 2009-2010. Ann will present a draft at the meeting in Milan next year.

18. Adjournment

A group photo was taken and will be published in the next issue of the SOCRS newsletter. The meeting was adjourned and Ann thanked everybody for their participation.

www.ifla.org/VII/s16/index.htm