



Education and Training Section

Minutes

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Minutes from the Standing Committee on Education and Training Meeting, Saturday, August 18, 2007, 14:30 –17:20, Durban, South Africa

Standing Committee Members present: Terry Weech (Chair), Niels Ole Pors (Secretary) Annemaria Tamaro (Information Officer), Gilliam Hallam, Mouna Bensilmene, Ismail Abdullahi, Kornelilja Petr, Patricia Oyler, Cristobal Urbano, Kerry Smith, Tatjana Kuznetzova, Marielle de Mirabel, Shunsa Tamura

Absent with apologies: Petra Hauke, Aira Lepik, John Feather

Observers: Chihfeng P. Lin, Susan Lazinger, Alistair Black, Sirje Virkus, Sylvette Chevilotte, Ian Johnson

1 Introduction and Welcome

Introduction of Officers, Standing Committee members, and observers. *Terry Weech*, chair opened the meeting welcoming new members and introducing the officers of the section.

The Agenda for the meeting was approved. The minutes from the meetings in Seoul were approved.

Report on Division VII meeting, August 17th 2007 in Durban. Weech and Pors both participated in the divisional meeting and they gave a report of the issues discussed at the meeting. The main issue was the proposal for a new structure of IFLA. The main point was a proposal that would reduce the number of divisions from 8 to 4. This has implications for the sections. The sections will be attached to a new division. Special Interest groups were also mentioned and it is evident that the formation of these will become more flexible in the future. Weech and Pors announced the meeting the 19th August for all elected members of the sections. The changes in structure and the implications would be discussed.

Terry Weech leaves the section and thanked for the cooperation and work in the section.

2 Officer reports

Report from the Chair and Treasurer, Terry Weech gave a short view of the main issues during the last year and he emphasised that the number of members in the section is just below 200. 200 is a critical level because the funding for administrative purposes goes down if the number of members falls below this critical level. The decreasing number of members is a logical consequence of the policy that has turned several special interest groups and round tables into sections.

Report from the Information Officer, Anna Maria Tamaro, gave an outline of the work with the maintenance of the web pages.

There was a question about the necessity to conduct elections at this meeting and not the second meeting later in the week. It was confirmed that the election of officers had to take place at this meeting.

3 Conference Program Planning

Report from Chair of the Planning Committee of the Durban Program, Ismail Abdullahi as chair of the planning committee gave information about the planning of the two activities that would take place. The committee that also included Esteban Urbano and Anna Maria Tamaro from the section had planned a one day off site session in cooperation with South African partners and a session planned in cooperation with Division VIII (Regional activities). The joint session with Division VIII would take place on the following Monday as a session lasting in total 4 hours. The section's off site programme would

take place on Wednesday. Ismail Abdullahi handed out the detailed program including instructions for travelling to the University. The maximum number of participants in this program will be 76 people. Free lunch had been arranged, tea and coffee provided due to the hospitality of the hosting university.

Niels Ole Pors gave a report on the planning of the program arranged by Division VII (Education and Research). 5 papers have been selected through a refereeing process out of nearly 40 proposals.

Mouna Bensilmane reported on the planning of the program in 2008 in Quebec, Canada. There is no proper LIS school in Quebec, but Mouna Bensilmane plans to work together with some of the training institutions that educate library assistants. It will be an off-site session and the facilities are already reserved. A part of the meeting will concentrate on para-professionals and their educational needs. The contact person in Quebec is Aline Néron. There will also be an open session with call for papers. The theme has to be decided. Kerry Smith, Niels Ole Pors and Mouna Bensilmane will take a short meeting in Durban to explore possibilities.

Anna Maria Tamaro reports on the planning of the program in 2009 in Milan, Italy: Anne Maria Tamaro has already arranged with the university and at the moment a theme about LIS education in the Mediterranean area is contemplated. The theme will also include other memory institutions like archives and museums. Anna Maria Tamaro will try to arrange a meeting for invited experts in March 2009 as a prelude to the conference. The preliminary plans for the Milan conference were approved. The discussion turned to a possible topic or theme for the open session. It was agreed that it would be worthwhile to investigate a theme about "Comparing Educational Models and Different Approaches in LIS education. This theme could include discussions or topics about competences and qualifications.

4 Projects and publications

Terry Weech stated that no proposals for new projects have been forwarded.

The World Guide to Library and Information Studies Education. Report on the status of the project by Ismail Abdullahi: Ismail Abdullahi gave an outline of the troubled history of the guide. (The history of the project can be found piecemeal in the minutes from SET meetings since 2000). In 2006 Ismail Abdullahi explored the publication possibilities at a last try. It appears that Ismail Abdullahi has succeeded to bring the work to its final stage due to the interest of Saur and with the help of regional editors. He estimated that the guide will be printed in October 2007.

Report on the project concerning Education in Digital Librarianship by Terry Weech: He outlined the work done so far and it has been sent to the members of the standing committee. He is working on a more substantial publication on the topic.

Report on the project concerning Feasibility of International Guidelines for Equivalency and Reciprocity of Qualifications for LIS Professionals by Terry Weech and Anna Maria Tamaro. Terry Weech and Anna Maria Tamaro gave an outline of the status of the ongoing project. The members of the standing committee have received material concerning the project. A literature review has been conducted. Anna Maria Tamaro gave an outline of the questions concerning quality issues.

5 IFLA's new structure

Invitation to a hearing meeting to all members of standing committee Sunday 19th August 11:45 – 13:30- Room 1AB. Comments by Terry Weech and Niels Pors. Most of the points for discussion were raised during agenda point 1. Cristobal Urbana raised a question concerning midterm meetings. The question was raised because several members felt that an annual conference is too time consuming and expensive for many delegates.

6 Proposal for a training program in Palestine for school teachers.

A proposal from Dr. Ghassan Abdullah info@care-palestine.com to the section. The proposal was attached to the agenda. A discussion followed the proposal and it was agreed that Kerry Smith and Anna Maria Tamaro should investigate the matter further. It was suggested that they contacted the Section on School Libraries and the International Association of School Libraries.

7 Further revision of SET Mission Statement

In October 2006 CPDWL suggested that the SET Mission Statement should place education and training concerns in the context of degree-granting institutions so the differences between CPDWL and SET would clearly be defined. The suggestion came probably because of a slight misunderstanding in relation to the program in Seoul. In Seoul, SET ran a session on continuing education of LIS teachers. Overall, our discussion ended with the conclusion that we do not need to change our mission statement. It was also suggested that the two sections could take a meeting to clear possible misunderstandings. This would be up to the new officers of the section to decide and act on.

8 Election of officers

Nominations for Chair: (Ismail Abdullahi and Anna Maria Tamaro). A ballot was held and Anna Maria Tamaro was elected the new chair with two third of the votes

Nominations for Secretary (Petra Hauke). Petra Hauke is the new secretary.

9 Other Business

Terry Weech and Niels Ole Pors was thanked for their work as chair and secretary.

(25/09/2007 Draft, submitted by Niels Ole Pors, outgoing SET SC Secretary)

Minutes from the Standing Committee on Education and Training Meeting, Friday, August 24, 2007, 11:00 – 13:50, Durban, South Africa

Standing Committee Members present: Mouna Benslimane, S.B. Ghosh, Gillian Hallam, Petra Hauke, Tatiana Kouznetsova, Marielle de Miribel, Patricia G. Oyler, Anna Maria Tamaro, Kerry Smith, Shunsaku Tamura, Cristóbal Urbano

Absent with apologies: Josiane Roelants-Abraham, Barbara Dewey, Jacqueline Dussolin, John Feather, Aira Lepik, Dianne Oberg, Richard Papik, Niels Ole Pors, Kornelija Petr

Absent without apology: Ismail Abdullahi.

Observers: Terry Weech (outgoing chair), Ian M. Johnson, Gdoura Wahid (La Manouba, Tunis), Ibrahim Lo (Dakar, Senegal)

1 Introduction and Welcome

The incoming chair of the section, Anna Maria Tamaro, opened the meeting.

The agenda was approved with the following additions:

- WLIC 2010 Brisbane, Australia
- Election of Information Officer
- Election of Treasurer
- E-Learning DG
- LIS Students Award

2 Reports from Conference Programme Planning Committees

2.1 Durban, South Africa 2007

The SC members thank Ismail Abdullahi in absence for preparing and conducting the Durban SET sessions. They appreciated the lively discussions after the papers.

Ismail Abdullahi's report was filed later by email: "It was a successful workshop. Well organized. The presentations were excellent. Good discussions. Everyone was satisfied."

The SET SC members suggest for publication in the IFLA Journal:

- Issues of Quality Assurance in LIS Higher Education in Pakistan (KANWAL AMEEN (University of Punjab, Lahor, Pakistan).

Anna Maria Tamaro reported on the E-Learning DG's session, held in cooperation with the Sections Information Literacy and Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning: "E-learning – in search of collaboration and quality", visited by about 450 participants, papers of high quality, lively discussions, a great success. Further collaboration is planned as well as a bibliography on the topic.

The SET SC members suggest for publication in the IFLA Journal:

- Applying Moodle to continuing professional development. "Old" contents in a new container? (MATILDE FONTANIN, University of Trieste, Trieste, Italy, and MITJA ŠVAB, University of Padua, Padua, Italy)
- WISE Libraries: Building the Online Course of the Future (PEGGY BROWN, Instructional Design, School of Information Studies, Syracuse University; ELLEN FORSYTH, Public Library Services, State Library of New South Wales); BRUCE KINGMA, Entrepreneurship and Innovation, Syracuse University; and REBECCA SHAFFER-MANNION, School of Information Studies, Syracuse University)

2.2 Quebec, Canada, 2008

Mouna Benslimane reported on the progress of the conference planning for the programme in Canada. With Mouna as chair, Jacqueline Dussolin and Barbara Dewey, Kerry Smith and S. B. Gosh also agreed to serve on the 2008 planning committee.

The planning is directed towards a 2 hour off-site event. The Call for Papers should focus on Library Technicians and Library Assistants: (1) LIS education & training in Canada, (2) Recruitments of students to LIS programmes. Issues should be: educators' perspectives, attraction of the profession, employability of graduates, management of library associations.

The problem of bilingual Canada was discussed, in particular regarding the offsite session without simultaneous interpretation facilities. The SC members want to encourage papers in both English and French, pre-printed on IFLANET. Spanish translations are also welcome. Speakers should be encouraged to prepare their slides in both English and French when speaking English or French.

2.3 Milan, Italy, 2009

With Anna Maria Tammaro as chair, Cristóbal Urbano, Kornelija Petr, Gdoura Wahisi, S. B. Gosh agreed to serve as programme planning committee members. Colleagues from Turkey and Portugal should be asked to join.

The theme is "Libraries create futures – building on cultural heritage". The WLIC will take place 23-27 August 2009.

The planning is directed towards a 2 hour off-site event at the University of Milan. Topics should be: (1) International Cooperation in LIS (2) Bologna Process, (3) LIS in Mediterranean countries.

The planning for the Open Session is directed to a 4h session with e.g. New Professionals DG. The topics might go on from the Quebec session, involving stakeholders and their points of view with topics like (1) "What kind of education should we provide?" (2) Expectations, requirements of the profession, (3) Collaboration with archives and museums.

The SC members agreed with Anna Maria Tammaro's suggestion of a pre-conference in Parma in March 2009.

2.4 Brisbane, Australia, 2010

Gillian Hallam was appointed as chair of the program planning committee for the conference in Brisbane, Australia in 2010. Kerry Smith agreed to serve as co-chair.

3 Projects and Publications

3.1 Revision of Guidelines

Anna Maria suggested that the SET *Guidelines for Professional Library/Information Educational programs* need to be revisited in case they need revision and requested Kerry Smith to look after this. Kerry commented that she felt it would be nearly impossible to have a set of prescriptive guidelines that would cover all international LIS professionals education. However it was decided that the Committee read the Guidelines from the SET website and forward any comments to Kerry by the end of October 2007 so that she could present a position paper on their revision. Committee members should consider their relevance, currency, minimum educational requirements, levels of teaching staff and any other matters that came to mind. Anna Maria suggested that any revised guidelines should focus on LIS quality, quality assurance.

3.2 LIS Students Award

Petra Hauke sketched the idea of a LIS Students Award. Target groups should be students from all over the world, not only from developing countries. The award should enable students to join the IFLA WLIC. Students should be encouraged to submit papers regarding the current WLIC theme. The best paper(s) will be awarded and asked to give at the conference. Regarding the subject of collaboration with other sections and divisions (e.g. Div. VII) it is cogitable. The award could include a 1 year free IFLA membership, the current WLIC registration fee, and expenses for travelling and accommodations. The award should be sponsored by companies serving libraries. Petra is asked for a proposal which will be discussed by the SC members.

4 Budget for 2008 (New Treasurer)

Petra Hauke was appointed as incoming Treasurer.

Anna Maria Tammaro suggested to put aside 800 Euros for the Bulletin and dedicate the remaining funds (approximately 220 Euros) for projects like reprints of the SET membership brochure.

It was proposed that the membership brochure be translated into Italian before the Milan Conference in 2009. It was approved.

5 IFLA's new structure – Results from the hearing meeting

The min. number of section members is now 40.

Special interest groups must get reviewed after 2 years.

The SC members discussed pros & cons of interest/discussion groups under the section's umbrella as well as the role of a SC regarding the IG/DG. On one hand the section could benefit from their broader view of certain issues. On the other hand these groups require programme time for their WLIC sessions as well as budget which means the section may lose that time for section programmes. The SC members would like to keep influence on the groups' programme planning, at least to get informed about their activities. Collaboration is needed. The SC wants to approve and to coordinate a scheduled IG/DG WLIC programme.

Because this is a question of principle it should be brought forward to the IFLA Governing Board. Kerry Smith offered to design a draft for a submission to the GB.

6 Appointment of Corresponding Members

"Corresponding members of Standing Committees are those who are normally unable to attend conferences for geographical reasons and are limited to five in number. Their role is to represent regions that might not otherwise be represented on the Committee. They receive Committee papers, and are expected to maintain regular contact with the Officers and other Committee members, contributing their opinions and active support through involvement in projects, preparation of translations, etc. They have no voting rights." *(From IFLA's Officers Handbook, Sec. 2.2)*

The list of corresponding members was reviewed:

- (X) Aleksandra Vranes (Belgrad, Serbia) – outgoing CM
- (X) Dr. C.R.Karisiddappa (Karnataka, India) – to retire September 2007, outgoing CM
- (1) Alexander Dimchev (Sofia, Bulgaria) – outgoing CM
- (2) Chihfeng Lin (Taipei, Taiwan) – re-elected CM because of her continuing interest in LIS education
- (3) Ibrahim Lo (Dakar, Senegal) – observer in today's meeting, incoming CM
- (4) Suggestion for 1 new incoming CM will come from Cristóbal Urbano

7 Revision of SET Strategic Plan

Suggestions and comments of members are asked. Information officer Gillian Hallam will draft a proposal and send it to the SC members. Both DGs E-Learning as well as LIS Education in Developing Countries should be considered in the draft.

Membership recruitment is needed. SET members should be asked to find out LIS schools which are not IFLA members to invite and convince them to become member of IFLA/Section 23. Membership fee is 411 Euro per institution, 125 Euro per person, 50 Euro per student (max. 2 years). Terry Weech suggested that each of the SC members should correspond with four or five library schools or libraries in their region and invite them to become members of the Section if they are not currently members.

8 Other Business

Gillian Hallam was appointed as incoming Information Officer. The SET SC members thank for taking over the responsibility.

The SET SC members thank Petra Hauke for accepting the task as SC Secretary. Because the SC members expressed their satisfaction with the current SET Bulletin Petra also agreed to volunteer further on as SET Bulletin editor.

Last but not least all SC members expressed both their complete satisfaction and their gratitude to Terry Weech for his good job as SC chair from August 2003 through August 2007.

The meeting ended at 13:50 with the chair thanking the participants for their contributions.

(25/09/2007 Draft, submitted by Petra Hauke, incoming SET SC Secretary)