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Conference Review: Quebec, 13 August 2008
- Discussed our Social Science Libraries program, *Borderless collections in the social sciences: platforms for digital access, disseminations and preservation*, Session 148, 13 August 2008, 13.45-18.00

  -- Over 100 signed the program attendance sheet. We believe at least 150 were in attendance;

  -- Many on the list were from Canada and the French speaking world; our French speakers really helped attract the local French speaking community;

  -- Worked well grouping the Anglophone speakers and Francophone speakers separately;

  -- We didn't do a paper evaluation at the end of session, decided we should do an online Survey Monkey survey of those who signed the attendance sheet and included email addresses. Lynne will coordinate and work with Jacques for French version of survey;

  -- Complaints about simultaneous translation (not just at our session)—very bad, lots of gaps in the translation made much of the program not understandable;

  -- Maybe the program was too long—we have two blocks of time—can we keep them but separate the blocks?

  -- Wilda also mentioned problems checking-out the simultaneous translation equipment: it's an insecure system (leaving credit card or ID); the process for giving out the equipment at opening session was a mess (lines too long) – so many didn't want to queue up afterwards, so lots of attendees didn't get equipment – most confused IFLA regarding translation; Steve will report these problems to IFLA.

- Wilda said this conference had some of the best content at an IFLA ever—one of the best here was the KM session about getting people to speak across their disciplinary borders (e.g. for issues like global warming), perhaps we can continue on this theme (which our pre-conference also dealt with) of interdisciplinarity.

Milan 23 – 27 August 2009
- Too late for planning a satellite conference for Milan, but can consider one for Brisbane
- Milan 75th Conference theme: *"Libraries create futures: building on cultural heritage"* preservation and celebration of cultural heritage; nice to fit in that theme; also Professional Committee is sponsoring an off-site session to support dig init of cultural heritage (full day, people from library, museums, archives; presenters by invitation; not open to all of IFLA (invitation or selected attendees)) – perhaps we should be aware of this in our planning and complement this with our session.
- Some conference program ideas for Milan:
  1. "Convergence of social sciences in museums, archives, libraries in preservation and use of culture heritage"
     - What is cultural heritage?
     - How do social sciences fit into this arena, which is often related to humanities?
  2. Museums and archives working with indigenous people (e.g. museum in Paris w/digitization doing new things)
  3. Link libraries, archives, and museums, etc. and how this integrates with preservation and the people
  4. European Digital Library
  5. World Digital Library (UNESCO)
  6. UNESCO doing Best practices on digitization for indigenous knowledge (STEM I)
  7. ICOMOS – in Italy – look for these…
  8. Using indigenous knowledge to inform research
  9. Digitization of African heritage – some are against this (issues about)
  10. Smithsonian – anthropologists
  11. Role of libraries in preserving materials collected by researchers…
  12. Using archival knowledge to restore old Havana; buildings and life of the people
  13. Not just digitization
  14. Wilda's student's paper about silo-ization at Smithsonian
  15. French registry of archives and digital library/projects
  16. Special speaker who can give an overall idea of the themes, definitions
  17. Anthropology and preservation of qualitative data/field notes – issues of ethics, privacy, anthropology solitary and not sharing
  18. FAIFE and issues related to census data and privacy data, and government funding related to making data accessible
  19. Issues of sharing data sets (many don't want to share, see it as their private data) – issues with this related to French project
  20. Archiving data sets in various social sciences
  21. Norwegian Digital Library (three areas coordinate)

Brisbane 14 – 19 August 2010
- Theme: *Libraries: Embracing, Engaging, Empowering*
- Should we sponsor a satellite conference?
  - Would P.R. Goswami's proposal, *Proposal for a Joint Seminar on Social Science Research Libraries: Strategies for Collection Development*, work as a satellite conference? Discussed Goswami's proposal.
    - Partly funded by his social science institute (local arrangements, but not flights)
    - Does IFLA Professional Committee want to be a partner? Talk to Sjoerd Koopman; this would be a big undertaking

- Would be very regional…
- Tove did a regional workshop in Bangkok with IFLA and UNESCO…are issues but can be done
- Could apply for project funding to help underwrite
- Target group: local – training
- Decide two things:
  1) Is this a subject we want to sponsor?
  2) Is this the place to do it?
- Is a training module the outcome we want? Or just learning/training?
  -- Maybe a training module could come out later OR maybe our section could work to create a training module, and a workshop like this can be the place we implement it…
  -- What is Goswami's goal in training professionals in this field?
  -- If we think we have some responsibility in this area, then we have reason to do it…
  -- Would he like to take the lead in creating this module, how much time/energy does he feel he has to work on this?
- Our satellite conference worked well this year because only two organizations were involved, wary of getting too many sections of IFLA involved
- Important to have relationship with local institution to do any satellite conference

- Satellite Pre-Conference in Australia?
  - Could work with some institutions in Brisbane; Wilda spoke with Kerry Smith from Australia and if we have some ideas for an Australian satellite, she could connect us with some organizations
  - Should we consider the same theme we had in Toronto? – it would be a different group of presenters as well as two years later – we could combine with this years' papers and create a position paper…
  - Before December board meeting we need to write a proposal for a 2010 satellite conference – Lynne will write up and distribute

- Maria volunteered Havana for any future satellite meetings… possibly when IFLA is held in Puerto Rico?

- Ideas for Social Science Libraries Section Program in Brisbane
  - Australian librarians are strong in Information Literacy and evidence based learning
  - Focus on empowerment (of researchers, students) training them to use the resources – maybe in cooperation with Information Literacy section
  - Training users to use data
  - Tove will follow up with Information Literacy section
  - Steve suggested after the satellite this group could do a "white paper"

Website report
- Wilda went to training regarding the new IFLA web system
  - More flexible, we can do more ourselves (increases work of Information Coordinator)
  - New system includes wikis, blogs, rss feeds
  - How could we use these blogs and wikis in our social science libraries site?
    -- Re-do our resources page (which is currently outdated) on a wiki?
    -- Should we continue a page like this?
    -- Would it be a unique enough resource to make it valuable?
    -- We'll decide in Milan(?), if we agree to continue the site, we'll form a working group (or should we just make a list of links?)

- Have a blog, where we all agree to contribute?
- Wilda will pull together information on current information on the website and circulate to the committee members, one area at a time, for review. A decision will be made once the members are advised.

Projects and Strategic Plan
- Submitting for project funds to have papers from the satellite conference (with additional papers to fill in gaps) and then publish as an IFLA monograph
  - Steve and Lynne will be editors for the Toronto papers
  - Will try for IFLA project funds mainly for detailed copy editing and formatting
  - Or should we just use the website for publishing the papers—a monograph is a lot of work; or do both?; but IFLA publishing might publicize our work more, and may be best way to get information out to more people
  - Already had 57 downloads from online papers—but need to link them through IFLA website (currently only available through U of Illinois IR)
- Brochure: Jacques will translate into Italian
  - Still need Chinese, Arabic, Russian
  - Do we have money to pay translators for these other languages?
- Maria asked if section would be interested in preparing a manual of best practices (guidelines, services) for social sciences (or special) libraries
  - Could we get project money for this?
  - Useful to libraries in developing countries
  - Too broad? Governmental (already has one)? Special? Social sciences?
  - We will all look at governmental library manual and see if there is a way we can apply to social science libraries
  - Is there already something out there? Is it focused on libraries in developing countries? New librarians?
  - Could we add a little bit about each of the social science disciplines that is unique?
  - Would some of the old things we have on our website fit into this?
  - Someone needs to do a review to see what is out there; if something already exists, maybe we can revise this older version?
    1) Liz volunteered to investigate before Milan
    2) Maria will look to see if UNESCO published something like this in the past
    3) Sjoerd can help give an overview, tell if it is a good idea and what IFLA has done in the past. Could Lynne help with that question with Sjoerd?
    4) Tove did Guidelines for Public Libraries, IFLA publication.
  - A huge project, will take a couple of years and a lot of work
- Maria mentioned that in the past UNESCO published a resources in the social sciences book, maybe we can work with them to update it
- Clemencia (from Colombia, who attended the conference with our committee scholarship) would like to translate the papers from our satellite conference into Spanish and publish (in C´ODICE) at her university; won't be a conflict with IFLA monograph because those will be rewritten and edited

Choose three papers for publication from our program
- Jacques suggested: Ralf's paper, Persee (English and French version), Erudite; committee agreed

Submitted by Liz Cooper 8/15/2008