



## Social Science Libraries Section



Minutes of the SC Meeting II,  
Helsinki, Finland, Tuesday, August 14, 2012, 16:45-18:00

### ATTENDEES:

Liz Cooper  
Wilda Newman  
Araceli Garcia  
Sebastian Nix  
Kayo Denda  
Deb Cheney  
Liudmila Kildyushevskaya  
Britta Biedermann  
Fred Hay  
Odile Dupont, will be late  
Chiku Michumbo  
Maria Elena Dorta Duque  
Lynne Rudasill

### APOLOGIES:

PR Goswami

The Chair convenes the Meeting (Cooper)

- a. Apologies from those not attending
- b. Introduction of the Agenda

### AGENDA MEETING 2 Helsinki

1. Adopt Agenda (Cooper)
2. Participation in the Congress activities programmed (Cooper)
3. Information Coordinator updates (Wilda)
4. Call for new SC members in October 2012 (Cooper)
5. Plan Singapore 2013 program - Program themes (Cooper)
6. SC annual review and Strategic Plan (Cooper)

### 1. Adopt Agenda (Cooper)

The agenda was approved.

### DISCUSSION

### 2. Participation in the Congress activities programmed (Cooper)

- Odile plus 2 speakers plus 41 delegates attended RELINDIAL meeting;
- 17 SC members attended dinner;
- The poster sessions went well; many SC members supported the presentation of our poster in different moments and we made contact with some delegates interested in social science libraries as possible SC members.



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- Liz took the resolution about the timing of IFLA's venue announcement, which Pat Wand drafted and the standing committee (SC) approved at our first meeting, to the Division 1 Officers Meeting. The officers suggested revisions. Liz rewrote and submitted to the PC. We hope to hear more soon.
  - Wilda Newman was nominated by Maria for IFLA Communicator of the Year Award with opinions also of Britta and Sebastian included.
3. Information Coordinator updates & new info coordinator needed (Wilda)
- Wilda. She attended the Info Coordinators Meeting and informed us on changes, e.g., up to 3 people can now post the to IFLA webpage; will be updating version of the page soon using Drupal, so the site should work better. She asked to the SC members to post more on our blog; contribute stories to newsletter about anything and items on what we are working on in our libraries; more people can put up profile in LinkedIn; Twitter will be up before Christmas; please make use of all of these.
- During the coordinators meeting our page was used as an example, a good example; she asked if they can handle posters on website (maybe next yr) but we could do post pdfs; FB Wilda moderates and we can post.
4. Call for new SC members in October 2012 (Cooper)
- a. Current SC has: 15 members, 3 with terms expiring in 2013: Maria (first term expires 2013), Wilda (second term expires 2013), Lynne (2nd term expires 2013). We must have 10-20 SC members.
- In October there will be elections and we have the opportunity to propose new members for our SC and for second term of Maria, and a new Information Coordinator.
- b. Ideas for new members?
- Got contact info from 5 members at poster session (Gene from UC Boulder)
- We should work to recruit more from other regions also.
5. Plan Singapore 2013 program - Program themes.
- Deadline for 2013 satellite was March 2012, we decided that if we do not have any SC members in the region, it was too difficult - perhaps try in 2014 (Location?)
- a. Do we need a program committee to organize the session as a co-chair?
- b. Ideas for program? We should see Puerto Rico minutes.
- The Congress theme is "Future Libraries: Infinite Possibilities"
- Upcoming President Theme – Sinikka Sipilä: "Strong libraries = strong societies: democratizing access to knowledge through libraries."



Pat Wand. Working in ME? I found– lack of understanding among decision makers about the role of archives in their own lives in creating their own laws and creating a research agenda for their countries and the importance in their countries economic development. Decision makers see themselves as moving to post agr/ind future but no infrastructure to move to info economy. How do we make decision makers aware of what libraries can do for them? We could partner with Law Libraries Section, Government Libraries, and Parliamentary Libraries.

Britta Biedermann. How to guide a library into the future (future planning); one future uncountable possibility.

Sebastian Nix. Some subjects could be about research data in social science libraries; how to make it relevant for the researchers; how to get researchers involved in the process. It is not just about metadata standards but about working/cooperating with researchers, about best practice related to social science libraries supporting their staff making their data available. Hands on examples about how they did things.

Lynne Rudasill. US huge push for curation of Social Science data sets.

Pat Wand. Partnerships between researchers and librarians; maybe will be good to have researchers talk about – voice from those stakeholders. Follow up from Plenary Speaker and what are they doing now 1 year later– knots; many threads together & work together then go off. All related to knowledge management.

Britta Biedermann. First make sure the data you are gathering is not gathered before – or won't get funded, maybe the librarian can help with this. Relates to Open Access too, could be interesting to gather data sets for developing countries. There will be lots of Asian attendees at Singapore – maybe some can speak about these themes.

Chiku Michumbo. There is imperative about knowledge management in Africa , must make use of human knowledge of colleagues in organizations for long time and call outsiders instead of people there with tacit knowledge in the 2000.

Deb Cheney. Some are worried that data be available; in US mandated, these people – we all have the same problem – making data available agrarian economics vs digital economy?



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There is a movement to make repository and controlling access to their data. There is also interest in new types of data mining and while this is useful and leads us to new forms of research.

Araceli Garcia: I wonder what is the role of the social science libraries in the social movements of our days in different countries: I think in Spain--Do we have a special role in social change? How actual social movements are reflected in social science libraries: in its collections, documents, and infrastructure?

Odile. Libraries in France during Arab spring, they had all the information, so they could tie together things, not just documenting but using libraries. Occupy Spain 15M movement - camping in Puerta Del Sol – had a library. Is that movement being documented for researchers of the future?

How are they gathering the twitter etc? Which is the key in this...digital info? Did they use the libraries in the revolution? (No email, only phone calls and word of mouth). Protests movements – past, present, future – role of libraries. Map data centers (social science projects, curation, which is doing it, best practices) – could be used by anybody.

Social Movements & Social Science Movements. ASP – has data base of social movement AAA & ASA. Make a call & invite.

Pat, Fred, Kayo, Araceli agree that this will serve as a theme for our session.

Odile. There are libraries working with crisis (Lebanon – libraries makes book groups with Christian/Muslim) – show social role of libraries in the world.

### 6. SC annual review and Strategic Plan (Cooper)

#### a. Current projects:

Our current project: to publish a bilingual book about our past satellite meeting in Cuba that includes papers presented and some other works on the theme of open access and repositories for development that will be published by De Gruyter this year as an IFLA book, edited and translated by Rudasill and Dorta-Duque.

b. Future big projects need good ideas. There will be PC funds and we can request it. Some ideas are: list of open access online resources links? Standards? Map – data centers (social science projects, curation, who is doing it, best practices) – could be used by anybody. We have to decide and give a good reason for developing it.