



84th IFLA General Conference and Assembly, 24–30 August 2018, Kuala Lumpur Malaysia

IFLA National Libraries Standing Committee - Meeting II

August 29, 2018 10:45-13:15 Room: 305

Minutes

1. Welcome

The Chair, Guy Berthiaume, welcomed NLSC members and observers to the meeting.

a. Apologies

Apologies were received from Hans Jansen and Jaesun Lee (retired), and Katarina Kristofova, Katharina Berbeweil, and Winston Roberts.

2. Adoption of the Agenda.

The agenda was adopted, with the addition of the three AOB points not treated in the first meeting, and another covering a short video from the National Library of Egypt on the recovery of a precious document.

3. Report from the Open session on Social media archiving

The Chair reported on the session which featured National Library of New Zealand, Bibliothèque nationale de France, Library of Congress and National Archives and Records Administration in the US. Presentations raised the profile of social media archiving, and also revealed the dialogue between libraries and archives. The session was well-attended, and the issues will need to be revisited in the future.

[Two papers are available at: <http://library.ifla.org/view/conferences/2018/2018-08-26/901.html> Others will be added. The NARA slides are available here : <http://bit.ly/ifla-Nara>

4. Report from the special interest group meetings - NOIR SIG [Library Information and Policy SIG will take place after SC II]

Francesco Manganiello reported on the SIG NOIR including presentations from National Library of Russia, National Library of South Africa, Qatar National Library and National Library of China. About 80 people attended the session.

The SIG NOIR has been renewed for a further two years following a review. Communications need to be improved but the work of the SIG was commended.

Francesco Manganiello also reported on a meeting with Loida Garcia-Febo, ALA President, on collaboration with ALA entities working with international relations.

The Information co-ordinator reported on a forthcoming event in 2019 at Qatar National Library on international relations and communications. He also requested that SC members share information on how they approach communications in their libraries, so that he could later compile this information and share it back with the Committee.

5. **Report from the CDNL**

The Chair reported on the CDNL meeting, which he noted was the most interactive he had ever seen. Many opportunities were given for information sharing amongst participants. The afternoon featured another interactive session on the SDGs. The interactive element was much appreciated.

6. **Feedback on the Division 1/Division 4 Open Session on social media**

The Chair of Division I thanked the section for its work and gave an open invitation to the Committee to raise any issues and questions to the PC at its meeting on the 30th. The Secretary reported on the Open Session, which complemented the main SC session on social media archiving. Multiple perspectives were given on how different library types work with social media, with the Chair reporting on the issue from the perspective of national libraries. Mimi Coulter (Academic and Research Libraries) gave a strong presentation on blogging and social media. The use of social networking to promote services was also addressed, including the use of video and the use of library spaces in communications. For those interested in communications this session was extremely useful.

Committee members agreed with the importance of the session, and there was some discussion about providing some sort of guidelines for staff on how to provide information via social media.

7. **Report on the Digital Unification Working Group – Isabelle Nyffenegger**

Isabelle Nyffenegger reported on a meeting of the group that took place on the 28th August. She will Chair the group, taking over from Guy Berthiaume. The aim of the group is to support the implementation of the UNESCO recommendation from 2015 on preservation of and access to documentary heritage including in digital form and IFLA's Strategic Direction 3, Key Initiative 3.2.2 states. There are multiple members of the WG, including IFLA, CDNL, UNESCO, ICA and outside experts from various national and other libraries.

Currently 22 case studies have been gathered, with information from more than 1300 libraries in c.50 countries. This resulted from a survey circulated in March 2018. Case studies were analysed for types of projects that libraries were undertaking.

Three main objectives were identified:

1. Rebuild a collection
2. Digitally gather documents produced by the same national, linguistic, religious or cultural community.

3. Digitally gather and enhance documents as part of a history shared by multiple countries

Since 2000, projects have moved from gathering objects, to enhancing gathered sets of objects. Projects are not only focused on digitisation– they generally cover five elements: conservation; description; digitisation; dissemination; enhancement. In terms of duration, length varies – one year minimum, with the longest case study being six and a half years. Volume in projects also varies. Multiple document types are addressed, but a large majority focused on manuscripts and printed books. There is usually a public funding aspect to projects, but a handful utilize public funds and sponsorship, or public and private funds.

The group has produced 18 questions that should be asked at the outset of a project. Next steps will be to gather all the data into a database with the help of IFLA HQ, then to get the case studies published on the IFLA website, along with a set of questions to be raised and solved to undertake a project, with a set of answers based on the case studies

The Chair reported that the WG had been congratulated on the project, and that a first draft of the “questions to be raised when you want to undertake a digital unification project” will be reviewed by colleagues at the British Library and Library of Congress. IFLA HQ and the BnF will work on the case studies database. The next meeting of the WG will be in March, with a review at the WLIC in 2019. The PPT presentation will be made available on the website.

8. Activities and actions for 2019 (including elections)

The Secretary reiterated the call from HQ to contribute to the Global Vision, and provide submissions for the Ideas Store, particularly opportunity 9 where national libraries may have the most to contribute. Committee members were encouraged to react to any calls for submissions, and to react promptly to ensure national libraries’ voices are heard.

The committee were also reminded that members can always contact the Chair and Secretary with ideas for Section activities, including the action plan.

Regarding the Global Vision, the Secretary reported that IFLA will develop a new strategy for 2019-2024. The timeframe for this process means that the new strategy will come in from August 2019, which necessitates a change to the timeline for SC nominations. There can be a maximum of 20 people on the SC at any time, appointed for four years. In order to ensure new members of the SC are able to provide input to the new strategy, calls for nominations for the SC will be circulated earlier – 3rd October 2018. The deadline will be the 3rd January 2019. If elections are needed, ballot papers will be circulated and the deadline for their completion is the 29th March 2019. The goal is that on the 5th April 2019 Members can be announced. The goal is that current and future members will give their input from April onwards in 2019 – meaning that new members will be expected to start engaging earlier than usual. The Chair, Secretary and Information Co-ordinator will take up their position from August 2019. 5-8 new members of the SC will be needed. Members serve for a four-year term, renewable once. If members are eligible for a second term, they must be re-nominated, it is not automatic and people will have to stand. A new Chair and Secretary will be needed as the current office holders are stepping down. For all positions we need committed people and are looking for good geographical spread in terms of membership.

Members and non-Members can consult the Officers' Corner on the website for expectations for SC members (<https://www.ifla.org/officers-corner>), and they can also contact the Secretary for further information.

Once the new Committee is settled, IFLA will be requesting the Section to start action planning, which will build into the organisation's overall plans to develop strategy and review governance.

9. National Library Section's program at IFLA 2019

i. Report from planning group

The Secretary reported on a discussion from an informal meeting to discuss topics and formats for next year's session. Ideas that came to the forefront included safeguarding traditional knowledge (which could include CLM), national bibliographies, disaster planning, and grey literature (which could include the section on Serials and other Continuing Resources). The topic that seemed most popular was library spaces, which was also addressed at CDNL. Transformations of existing national libraries, the need to find additional space (sometimes offsite), the role of library space in supporting the SDGs, and the way that new national libraries are being designed – these topics all offer something interesting to plan a session around.

The Committee discussed the topics, including format. Strong support was expressed for space as the topic. It was pointed out that space and storage planning are two topics that also overlap, and this could be brought out in the session in some way. The extent to which the programme should be focusing on the Global Vision opportunities was also raised, and the Secretary welcomed this reminder and reassured the SC that the space topic would address a number of Global Vision topics and SDGs.

In terms of format, the Information Co-ordinator shared that IFLA was encouraging new formats for sessions. Lightning talks and a world café discussion/group discussion following presentations were one option that could work for our subject. However, Members said that if this approach was taken it is important that the outcome of discussions are reported back at the end of the session. It was also pointed out that small group discussions work best with a problem to solve, so it might be wise to connect any presentations with a problem statement – this idea was supported by Members, along with the need for a strong moderator and preparation in each group. Isabelle Nyffenegger suggested another format that could be useful: an approach generally adopted in scientific conferences. After interviewing panelists (before the open session), a moderator prepares three or four questions (which are shared with the panelists) and then put to them in the session. Rather than a succession of interventions and points of view, this permits a real exchange of ideas and viewpoints, allowing common questions to emerge as well as differences in approach. This obviously requires a lot more work for the moderator, who needs to do some preliminary work with the panelists and identify the relevant questions.

The opportunity to discuss Global Vision opportunities was raised (especially number nine) – when would we be doing this at WLIC 2019? Should it be in the programme so that core national library functions could be addressed? The Secretary recognised this as an issue, and referred to forthcoming surveys from Frederick Zarnt (see below) and IFLA

HQ which will give fundamental information on core functions. CDNL could also look at the same issue.

ii. SIG programmes

Regarding the SIG Noir, the Convenor reported that the why and the how of international relations had been discussed in previous WLICs, so now a move towards concrete outcomes (guidelines) etc. could be appropriate. The potential meeting at QNL in 2019 on guidelines for international relations could provide a step towards something that could be discussed at the WLIC in Athens.

10. Any other business

1. Digital Legal deposit working group
Frederick Zarnndt introduced a survey on legal deposit practices for born digital materials, mostly at national libraries. The survey is in its third iteration and is about to be distributed again. It will take 20 mins maximum to complete. IFLA sections are being requested to support it, and national libraries is a key contributor. Frederick requested that the section support the continuation of the survey by letting Stephen Wyber/Tanya Clausen know that we wish IFLA HQ staff to work on it.
2. Guidelines on internet access in libraries
The Secretary referred to recently circulated Guidelines on Access to the Internet in Public Libraries. SC members have received a request from FAIFE to comment on the draft that has been produced. A reminder was made for SC members to contribute.
3. Message on ISO
The national libraries standard that the Committee had previously contributed to (ISO 21248) had passed its second voting as an international standard with 100% approval. Depending on ISO decision, it will either be published soon or in two months.
4. Professor Hesham Azmi (National Library of Egypt) showed a short video detailing the return of a rare manuscript from an auction house in London.

The Chair closed the meeting at 12:45 and thanked the Committee for all their work.

Attendees

Chair: Guy Berthiaume

Secretary: Genevieve Clavel

Information Officer: Stuart Hamilton

SC Members

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Apologies

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Lenrie Aina

Sophie Vandepontseele

Felene Cayetano

Amelia McKenzie

Vicki McDonald

Beghum Ulfat Shenaz

Mimi Colter

Tan Huism

Luciana Grings

Pedro Pablo Zegers

Irhamni Ali

Olani Olabimpe

Eddy Maepa

John Scally

Peter Chan

Pablo Mora

Juok Park

Astrid Britten

Hesham Azmi

Wijiyanto

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