

**INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS AND
INSTITUTIONS**

Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania

**Minutes of the Mid-Conference Meeting held in The Siam Society, Bangkok, Thailand
16-17 February 2009**

Present

Premila Gamage (Chair)
M. Al Mamun (Secretary)
Sanjay Kumar Bihani (Member)
Daniel G. Dorner (Member)
S.B. Ghosh (Member)
Fariborz Khosravi (Member)
Michael Robinson (Member)
Diljit Singh (Member)
Namtip Wipawin (Member)
Aree Cheunwattana, (Corresponding Member)
Gary E. Gorman (Corresponding Member),
Chihfeng P. Lin (Corresponding Member)
Shawky Salem (Advisor)
Jennefer Nicholson (IFLA Secretary General)
Birgitta Sandell (ALP Programme Director)
Tan Keat Fong (Regional Manager)

Observer

Petrina ANG Hui Min (Singapore)

Apologies

Roza Berdigalieva (Member), Hilda T. Nassar (Information Coordinator/Corresponding Member), Hasna Askhita (Member), Libby Cass (Member), Tendik G. Yermekpayeva (Member), Mark Perkins (Member), Bughdana Hajjar (Member), Yumi Kitamura (Member), Wang Shan (Member), Xiaolin Zhang (Member), Rashidah Begum bt. Fazal Mohamed (Advisor)

Absent

Anjali Gulati (Member), Eun Bong Park (Member), Mihyang Park (Member), Ashu Shokeen (Member)

Item No.	Minutes	Action
1	Welcome Remarks The Chair declared the meeting open and welcomed the Committee members and observers present; she conveyed apologies from the committee members who were unable to attend the meeting.	

	<p>On behalf of the Siam Society, Ms Anne Sutherland, Honorary Librarian, welcomed the RSCAO members and briefly highlighted the Historic Siam Society. She also introduced the library staff members of the Siam Society.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Siam Society, Ms Anne Sutherland and her team for organizing the mid-meeting of RSCAO.</p>	
2.	<p>Agenda The Committee adopted the proposed agenda (Appendix 1)</p>	
3.	<p>Confirmation of Minutes of the Meetings held in Quebec, Canada, August 10 and 15, 2009 The minutes of the aforesaid meetings were confirmed and recorded (Appendix 2).</p>	
4.	<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes The members present did not bring up any issues from the previous meeting.</p>	
5. 5.1. 5.2	<p>Financial Reports</p> <p>Administrative budget Premila Gamage, Treasurer, reported that the sectional finances are now administered directly by IFLA HQ as in the previous year. This year The Section Admin budget is used for some secretarial jobs and other purposes. The Chair will collect the receipts/vouchers and send to HQ for reimbursement, and remaining balance, if any that goes to IFLA Treasury account. She reported that this year IFLA HQ increased the Meeting budget to the amount of 1000 Euro.</p> <p>Meeting Budget Tan Keat Fong , Regional Manager, reported that the Section received €5,500 from IFLA HQ as meeting budget for 2009. She submitted the RSCAO Statement of Account for the period from 1 February 2006 to 31 January 2009 (Appendix 3) at the meeting. The Statement was approved by Chair.</p> <p>As per Michael Robinson's suggestion, future statements of account will only include the balance brought forward from the previous approved statement, new expenses and budget received, instead of starting from 1 February 2006. Regional Manager agreed to Michael's suggestion.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Regional Manager for managing meeting budget, publishing the newsletter, and for other work .</p>	<p>Regional Manager will prepare the account statement with new format</p>
6	<p>Report from the Chair</p>	

	<p>Premila Gamage, Chair, mentioned that there is nothing new in the report since she circulated all information among members by herself and sometimes by the Secretary through email. She informed about current status of ALP, new structure of IFLA, elections, new website, etc.</p>	
7	<p>Report from the Information Coordinator (Appendix-4)</p> <p>Hilda T. Nassar, Information Coordinator, could not attend the meeting but submitted the following report (as of 12 February 2009) before the meeting to the Chair:</p> <p>The current number of RSCAO listserv subscribers is 259. The number of our subscribers is always between 240 and 300. She mentioned again that members, who wish to post messages on listserv, send messages directly to the listserv.</p> <p>The Chair thanked the Information Coordinator for her continuous support and disseminating information in time and maintaining the Section’s listserv very lively.</p> <p>The Chair reported that GB and PC wanted to know whether Information Coordinator should be given officers’ status, which was discussed in Quebec meeting. She circulated email messages among members for their opinion, and SC also agreed. However, PC/GB will discuss this further as there are other issues to be handled. The argument for making this move is that in many sections, the Information Coordinators carry a significant workload (editing newsletter, conduct communications, send out mailings, and much more).</p>	
8	<p>Report from the Regional Office (RO)</p> <p>Keat Fong, the Regional Manager reported the following and the detailed progress report is attached (Appendix-5):</p> <p>IFLA Membership for Asia and Oceania—As of November 2008, the membership stands at 53 member countries and 300 members. There were 43 new members for 2008.</p> <p>Renewal of the Joint Collaboration Agreement between IFLA and NLB— IFLA HQ has re-appointed NLB Singapore as IFLA Regional Office for Asia and Oceania for the period 1 January 2009–31 December 2011.</p> <p>Survey on Funding Agencies and Training Areas/ Priority Projects— The Regional Office submitted a report “Funding Agencies and Organizations in the Asia and Oceania Region”, listing 21 funding agencies across 10 countries in the Asia and Oceania region, to Jennefer Nicholson, IFLA Secretary General.</p>	

IFLA Asia and Oceania Section Newsletter—The IFLA Asia and Oceania Section Newsletter, Issue 20:2, December 2008 has been published and posted on IFLANET and in addition, 350 print copies of the newsletter were distributed to members in the region and RSCAO members.

IFLA ALP Scholarships, Training Attachments and Projects 2009—This year Regional office received 28 applications for Scholarships, 11 applications for Training Attachments and one application for Projects. Applications were received from 13 countries.

IFLA ALP Survey—IFLA Regional Office for Asia and Oceania responded to a request for suggestions and feedback on the future direction of ALP. This request was from a Committee set up by the IFLA Governing Board, led by Helena Asamoah-Hassan.

Report from RO generated the following discussions, comments and suggestions:

The Chair and members who attended the meeting appreciated the work done by the Regional Office .

Premila Gamage, Chair, mentioned that there is a communication gap between Regional Office and the Section. She gave an example on the recent renewal of the Joint Collaboration agreement between Regional Office and IFLA HQ where NLB Singapore was re-appointed as IFLA Regional Office for Asia and Oceania for the period 1 January 2009–31 December 2011. She added that as Chair of the Section she did not know about it, and she came to know this information at the GB meeting in IFLA HQ. Gary commented that IFLA HQ did not consult the Section on this renewal. In response to this, Regional Manager agreed to provide more updates to the Section.

About activities of the Regional Office and the Section, Gary Gorman mentioned that a large number of countries in Asia and Oceania are not fully aware of ALP activities in this region. To publicise ALP activities, Regional Manager agreed, in addition to produce the poster for the Poster Sessions in Milan, to also produce flyers.

Gary added that the Regional Office should focus on serving the Section. Regional Manager commented that Regional Office is not only to serve the Section but also to assist IFLA HQ in carrying out their activities in the region such as IFLA Conferences in Singapore. Regional Manager added that Regional Office is already serving the Section by producing the newsletter, coordinating ALP Programme and managing ALP Training Attachment placements etc. Jennefer Nicholson agreed with Regional Manager on this.

<p>9</p> <p>9.1</p>	<p>Report from ALP and HQ</p> <p>Report from ALP</p> <p>Birgitta Sandell, ALP Programme Director, provided the following verbal report at the meeting:</p> <p>Staff and finance</p> <p>IFLA, Uppsala University and 15 Nordic library associations and institutions fund the ALP office at the Uppsala University Library. Part of the SIDA funds is also for the office. SIDA supported ALP with 250 000 Euro. ALP is staffed by Birgitta Sandell, fulltime, and Gunilla Natvig, Administrative Officer 40%.</p> <p>Meetings</p> <p>Two ALP Advisory Board meetings were held, one in Quebec in August and one in The Hague December.</p> <p>Three ALP/FAIFE Sida Steering Group meetings were also held in April together with two staff from Sida, in August and in December.</p> <p>Other</p> <p>ALP will cooperate with MLAS and CPDWL at this year's conference in Milan. ALP will pay for three persons, one from each region to attend the session "Librarians on the Cat Walk". Sections and Regional Offices have been involved in the selection.</p> <p>Birgitta Sandell informed that as 2009 is the last year in the 5-year contract with SIDA. So, she needs to report on all projects from the project coordinators and this is not later than September/October this year. That means that she wants the projects to start early in the year.</p> <p>Birgitta also mentioned that because of the changes in the currency rates, ALP has lost quite a lot of money. They do not have money for all the planned projects and have to leave out some.</p>	
<p>9.2</p>	<p>Report from Headquarters</p> <p>Jennefer Nicholson presented a report titled 'IFLA's global voice' (Appendix 6). In this presentation, she focused on such issues as Advocacy Framework, IFLA Membership, IFLA's new website, and some core activities, particularly ALP and general updates of IFLA. She also shared her views and strategies which would bring about positive changes in the IFLA administration.</p> <p>She talked about the main purposes of IFLA: Promote high standards of provision and delivery of library and information services; Encourage widespread understanding of the value of good library and information</p>	

	<p>services; Represent the interests of our members throughout the world. She presented statistics on IFLA's Intellectual Capital (membership) and Regions.</p> <p>Report from Jennefer Nicholson, IFLA Secretary General, generated the following discussions and comments:</p> <p>In response to an enquiry of Dan Dorner, member, about the IFLA official language, Jennefer Nicholson mentioned 7 languages. Gary commented that the presentation was excellent and very informative and the way Secretary General presented it was not comparable. Gary talked about the activities of the RSCAO and Section's activities with the Division VIII. He praised her future plans on the membership priorities, professional activities and the IFLA advocacy framework S.B. Ghosh, Michael Robinson, and Diljit Singh thanked Jennefer and commented on the membership. Jennefer said, IFLA has membership priority for 2009 with membership review, recruitment, and retention. About the membership rate, Jennefer said, she will think about that. Jennefer extended her thanks to all RSCAO members and she expected more active contributions from members of the Asia and Oceania Section in the future.</p> <p>Finally, on behalf of the members, the Chair thanked Jennefer Nicholson for her positive attitude and an informative presentation and also her support to the Section.</p> <p>9.3 Internet Governance Forum meeting</p> <p>Sanjay Kumar Bihani, member of the RSCAO, presented the third meeting report of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) that was held in Hyderabad, India from 3 to 6 December 2008. Since this report was circulated among members earlier so he briefly talked about this. He informed that this meeting focused on the overall theme of "Internet for All". It was attended by over 1200 participants from 94 countries representing Government, Private Sector, Civil Society, Academia, Library and Information Professionals, Internet Community and Media. Sanjay also informed that this report will be published in IFLA Journal, Vol 35 Issue No 1, March 2009.</p> <p>The next IGF meeting will be held in Sharm El Sheikh in Egypt from 14-17 November 2009.</p> <p>As per request by Sanjay it has been decided that this report coverage will be published in the Asia Oceania Section Newsletter on the next issue.</p>	<p>RM will published a report in the next RSCAO Newsletter</p>
<p>10 10.1 10.2</p>	<p>Asia and Oceania Section's Projects ALP Projects Approved and ongoing projects:</p>	

Birgitta Sandell submitted the following report prior to the meeting:

Project 291 : Distance education in Library and Information Science in Asia and Oceania (Prof. Chutima Sacchanand, Thammathirat Open university, Thailand)

Completed Projects

Project 296 – Modelling Information Literacy: Developing a contextually-based training programme for a less developed country in Laos (IL) (Mr. Chansy Phuangsouketh, National University of Laos)

Completed project. This is five days workshop on modelling information literacy education held in June 23-27, 2008. International presenters, over 35 senior Lao administrators, teachers and librarians met to discuss the development of an information literacy education programme for Laos and trained in information literacy principles and practices.

Project 297 : Education for Information literacy: Developing and implementing a Contextually-Based Training Programme (Ms Yim Mory, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport, Cambodia)

Completed project. This workshop held in June 16 – 20, 2008 and was divided into two parts. 26 key stakeholders were participated in the first part (two days) and this part concentrated on Information Literacy Education Policy. In the second part 26 teachers and librarians learnt how to implement IL instructions for their constituents, covering lifelong learning, literacy and Information Literacy and standards, related illiteracies, etc.

Project 298 : Scholarships in information literacy (Tan Keat Fong, Regional Office for Asia Oceania)

Completed project. There were six scholarship students (4 women and 2 men coming from Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Nepal and the Philippines) who attended the four-week course in Information Literacy and IT held in Wellington, New Zealand at Victoria University from 17 November through 12 December 2008.

Project 299 : International workshop on Information Literacy, Bangladesh (Independent University, Bangladesh, Muhammad Hossam Haider Chowdhury and Mohammed Abu Khaled Chowdhury)

Ongoing project and the fund has been sent on November 2008. It will be held in June 2009.

Project 604 : In-service training “attachments” for middle or senior staff in Asia and Oceania

Completed and ALP received the report.

Project 605 : Digital Libraries in the Arab countries (Dr. Fawz Abdullah,

<p>10.3</p>	<p>Lebanese Library Association)</p> <p><i>Ongoing project and fund has been sent.</i></p> <p>Project 610 : A regional workshop to train library association leaders and professionals in library advocacy and policy development (Piyadasa Ranasinghe, Sri Lanka Library Association)</p> <p><i>Workshop is held successfully and report will be sent shortly.</i></p> <p>Project 611 : Capacity building in the knowledge environment: workshop to train library and information professionals in information literacy skills</p> <p><i>Contact has been done and fund will be sent soon.</i></p> <p>Project 612 : Training workshop in library skills for Palestinian teachers in the West Bank and Gaza (Dr Ghassan Abdullah, Center for Applied Research in Education (CARE), Israel)</p> <p><i>The project is approved and contact has been signed. Fund has been sent.</i></p> <p>Future Projects</p> <p>The Section following two new project proposals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Info-literacy skills courses via clearing mode for IFLA members in Asia and Oceania—National Library Board Singapore 2. International Conference on Children’s Libraries—The Association of Writers and Illustrators for children (AWIC)/Indian section of International Board of Books for Young People (IBBY) <p><i>It was decided at the meeting that since ALP fund is not available, there is no scope to accept new project proposal at this moment.</i></p>	<p>Secretary will send the regret letter to the AWIC</p>
<p>11</p> <p>11.1</p>	<p>ALP Scholarship and Training Attachment Selections</p> <p>ALP Scholarship Selections</p> <p>The Regional Office has received 27 applications for the ALP 2009 Scholarship Programme. A sub-committee was set up to select six candidates and two reserves for the programme.</p> <p>The six candidates selected include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Domingua Abboud, Lebanon 2. Sypha Phongsavath, Laos 3. Opong Sumiati, Indonesia 4. Praveena Shyam, Fiji 5. Md. Zahid Hossain Shoeb, Bangladesh 6. Yanitha Rajchakom, Thailand 	

Two reserves include:

1. Joseph Yap, Philippines
2. Anne Rosette G. Crelencia, Philippines

11.2 ALP Training Attachment Selections

From 11 training attachment applicants, the sub-committee selected two individuals, and two reserves, for ALP 2009 training attachments.

Two individuals:

1. Chulalak Hongatikul, Thailand
2. G. Mahesh, India

Two reserves include:

1. Ms Senani Deepika Bandara, Sri Lanka
2. Ms. Warushanannedige Ganga Priyadharshani Godakanda

Scholarship for the Section members:

Sanjay Kumar Bihani (India), Member of RSCAO, was one of the candidates for this year's scholarship and he has sent an email among members for their comments to obtain the scholarship for him as a standing committee member.

The Chair informed that Sanjay was an applicant last year and members present in the Delhi mid-meeting decided that as an SC member it is not ethical, and this was clearly explained to him. The Chair invited the members present for discussion and take a decision on this issue since he has again applied this year and asked for member's support.

S.B. Ghosh said that two things should be considered. One—as a normal applicant Sanjay can apply for the scholarship, and he may get it as per the Section's rules. However, as a member of RSCAO, it is not ethical for him. Dan said, since SC members are selectors, it is not ethical.

Birgitta Sandell, ALP Programme Director, commented that it is not possible. Gary Gorman commented that the application is not eligible and acceptable.

After discussion among members, it was decided that "RSCAO members are not eligible to apply or receive any scholarships or training attachments when selections are handled by SC".

Since ALP fund is not available, it was also decided that for future projects, scholarships and training attachments applications will be received but the applicants will be informed that fund is not available right now. It was also decided that this information will be mentioned on the web page under A&O section.

	<p>The Chair thanked ALP Programme Director Birgitta Sandell and Gunilla Natvig, Administrative Officer, for their tremendous contribution and services to IFLA Asia and Oceania Section through the ALP.</p>	
<p>12</p> <p>12.1</p>	<p>World Library and Information Congress: 75th IFLA General Conference Programme Milan, Italy, 23-27 August 2009</p> <p>Asia and Oceania Section Programme</p> <p>Theme: Preserving the past – creating the future</p> <p>Evaluation and Selection of Abstracts: The Section received 33 abstracts from Australia, China, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Uganda, and the United States in response to its call for papers. Abstracts and assessment forms were circulated among all the members. Members were asked to indicate their assessment number for each category of abstracts in the form and send it to the Chair. This year the Section received keynote paper from Penny Carnaby, the National Library of New Zealand. The Chair thanked Gary Gorman for managing the keynote paper. Premila Gamage reported that the following abstracts were selected for presentation in Milan:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Keynote paper: Citizen-Created Content, Digital Equity and The Preservation of Community Memory—Penny Carnaby, CEO and National Librarian, National Library of New Zealand, Wellington, New Zealand 2. Digitizing Polynesian Photographs in American Samoa—Steven Lin, Library Director, American Samoa Community College, Pago Pago, American Samoa (Oceania), USA <p><i>(Section accepted this paper since minimum number of paper received from this region American samoa.)</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Digitization of Cultural Heritage Issues and Future Outlook - A Comparison Japan and Other Countries—Norio Togiya, Research Associate, University of Tokyo, Graduate school of Interfaculty Initiative in Information Studies, Tokyo, Japan 4. An Innovative Response to The Challenge of Long-Term Digital Preservation and Access: New Zealand’s ‘National Digital Heritage Archive’ and its Cultural and Economic Importance—Winston Roberts, Principal Advisor – International National Library of New Zealand, Wellington, New Zealand 5. Building Collective Memory of No Gun Ri: Creating Archives as Memory—Donghee Sinn, Assistant Professor, State University of New York, New York, Albany, United States <p>The members also selected the following two abstracts for reserve:</p>	

<p>12.2</p> <p>12.3</p> <p>12.4</p>	<p>1. Preserving Community Memory and Serving the Future: Digitization of Journals of Municipal and County Councils in Taiwan — Shiao-Feng Ada Su and Yvette Hung (Taiwan)</p> <p>2. Preserving nature's worst: historical accounts on natural disasters in the Philippines— Carina C. Samaniego (Philippines)</p> <p>Open Session with Division VIII</p> <p>Theme: " Libraries on the Cultural Agenda: Regional Comparisons".</p> <p>The Chair reported that three abstracts have been received under this theme, and she will circulate these among members after the mid-meeting for evaluation and selection since all members were not present in this meeting.</p> <p>Poster Session</p> <p>It was decided at the Quebec meeting that Regional Office would do a poster for the Asia and Oceania Section. Regional Manager requested for assistance from RSCAO members in preparation for the poster. Chihfeng P. Lin and Diljit Singh volunteered their assistance.</p> <p>Social Event: The Chair informed that Emerald has agreed to sponsor the social event in Milan.</p>	<p>Chair will circulate among members for evaluation</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>World Library and Information Congress: 76th IFLA General Conference and Council, 15-19 August 2010, Brisbane, Australia</p> <p>The theme of the Congress is "Libraries: Engaging, Embracing, and Empowering." The Committee discussed possible themes for the Open Session and tentatively suggested the following themes:</p> <p>Social Enclosure Social Networking, Multicultural Aspects and a few others</p> <p>It was decided that members will send their views and suggestions through email. The Secretary will circulate the themes among the members to get their views and opinions before the Milan Conference, and the theme will be finalized in Milan meeting.</p>	<p>Secretary will circulate the themes among members</p>
<p>14</p>	<p>Strategic Plan 2010-2011</p> <p>The Chair informed that most activities in the Strategic Plan are based on ALP funding and projects. Since funding is not available after 2009, the SP needs to be changed.</p>	

	<p>Gary Gorman corrected that the Strategic Plan would be for 2010 to 2011 not 2009 to 2010.</p> <p>Namtip Wipawin, Member RSCAO, commented that we are still with these missions and before planning new strategies, we need to evaluate the current Strategic Plan. Gary Gorman also agreed with Namtim and added, since ALP fund is not available, we need to look for the new fund.</p> <p>Members agreed that it is necessary to evaluate the Section's activities through current Strategic Plan. Since ALP fund is uncertain and Section's major activities depend on this, right now it is very difficult to fix the Strategic Plan 2010-2011.</p>	
15	<p>Confirmation of Date and Place for Mid-conference Meeting 2010</p> <p>The venue of the next Mid-conference Meeting 2010 was considered. The Chair reported that the Section has received the following invitations to host the 2010 Mid-conference Meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fariborz Khosravi, National Library of Iran, Tehran, Iran 2. Libby Cass, University of the South Pacific, SUVA, Fiji 3. Chihfeng P. Lin, Shih-Hsin University, Taipei, Taiwan 4. Premila Gamage, Sri Lanka Library Association, Colombo, Sri Lanka 5. Michael Robinson, The Hong Kong Institute of Education, HKSAR, China <p>After discussion among members, it was decided that the next Mid-conference Meeting will be held in Tehran, Iran. Last year also, Fariborz Khosravi applied but his proposal was not considered due to the fact that Thailand was more acceptable. Members are considering his country for 2010 since it is a very good opportunity to arrange the meeting and contribute IFLA RSCAO activities in an Arab country. It was also decided that the meeting will be held in the third week of February; final date and place will be fixed later. The Secretary will communicate with Fariborz Khosravi for sending participants list, expenses, and other information.</p>	
16	<p>Other Businesses</p>	
16.1	<p>Video-conferencing for Section Mid-meeting and Section's Meeting in IFLA Conference</p> <p>In principle all members agreed that it is a very good idea if it is possible to arrange audio- and video-conferencing for IFLA Conference or for the Section's Mid-meeting. However, it involves a lot of practical issues, such as time, technological equipment, cost, etc. In Iran, it may not be possible to ensure these. It was also decided that, in future, the possibility will be investigated.</p>	
16.2	<p>Proposal for IFLA Satellite Meeting 2010 (email from Winston Roberts,</p>	

	<p>New Zealand)</p> <p>Dr. Winston Roberts, Principal Advisor – International, National Library of New Zealand, Wellington, New Zealand submitted a proposal to the Chair, Asia and Oceania Section through an email before the Mid-meeting. He mentioned that a group of IFLA members in New Zealand are working on a proposal for a public libraries satellite meeting in New Zealand in August 2010. It would be held probably just before the IFLA Conference in Brisbane, Australia, and the venue of the satellite meeting could be Auckland. The proposed theme of this pre-conference is “Building strong communities: unleashing the potential of libraries to build community capacity, engagement and identity”. It has been also suggested that this could include a focus on the interests of the Pacific Islands community.</p> <p>All members agreed with this proposal since the Section has not arranged satellite meeting for a long time. The Chair will communicate with the organizers.</p> <p>16.3 Standing Committee members for 2009-2011</p> <p>The Chair informed that the Section has 8 vacancies for the term 2009-2011.</p> <p>The Chair also informed that the Section has received the following one nomination for the post of Chair and two nominations for the post of Secretary for 2009-2011:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Dan Dorner - Post of Chair</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">M. Al Mamun - Post of Secretary</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Mark Perkins - Post of Secretary</p>	
<p>17</p>	<p>Closure of Meeting</p> <p>On behalf of the Committee, the Chair thanked Ms Anne Sutherland, Librarian of the Siam Society and her team for organizing the Mid-meeting for RSCAO. The Chair thanked Namtip Wipawin and Aree Cheunwattana for their cooperation and warm support to make the mid-meeting successful. Also, she extended sincere thanks to Prof. Dr. Chutima Sacchanand, President of the Thai Library Association, for arranging welcome dinner and Dr. Maria LaoSunthara, for her buffet party.</p> <p>She also thanked and appreciated Assoc. Prof. Dr. Pranee Sungkatavat, President, the Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University (STOU) and Dr. Chutima Sacchanand, President of the Thai Library Association for organizing a one-day workshop on the Preservation of Local Wisdom: Best Practices. Gary E. Gorman, Daniel G. Dorner, Chihfeng P. Lin, and Diljit Singh were also appreciated for serving as resource persons from the Section.</p> <p>As outgoing Chair of the Section, Premila Gamage expressed gratitude and appreciation to all RSCAO members for supporting her. She also thanked</p>	

	<p>Prof Gary Gorman and Dr. Dan Dorner, for their support. She thanked Mamun, Secretary, Asia and Oceania Section, for his cooperation and support on day-to-day business during her tenure.</p> <p>The meeting closed at around 2:15 pm on 17 February 2009.</p>	
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Appendix

1. IFLA RSCAO mid-meeting Agenda, Bangkok 2009
2. [Minutes of the Meetings held in Quebec, Canada, August 2008](#)
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4. Report from Information Coordinator
5. Regional Office—Progress Report
6. HQ report—IFLA Secretary General

Mamun
10 June 2009