



WLIC: 75th IFLA General Conference and Council, Milan, Italy
Minutes of the Standing Committee of the Literacy and Reading Section
Saturday 22 August 2009 & Tuesday 25 August 2009

In Attendance: Ivanka Stricevic (Chair), Elena Corradini, Gayner Eyre (Minutes) , Lesley S.J. Farmer, Leikny H. Indergaard, , Virginia Walter, Marian Koren

Observers: Collence T. Chisita, John Y. Cole, Corrado Di Tillio, Ruth Maspin, Mariétou Diongue and Maureen White

Apologies for absence: Robert Sarjant, Alec Williams, Sook Huen Lee, Brioni Birdi, Elke Dreisbach, Elsa Ramirez

1 Introduction

1.1. These minutes are a record of two meetings, held on Saturday 22 August and Tuesday 25 August 2009. The agenda spanned the two meetings.

1.2 The chair welcomed John Cole, Director, Center for the Book, Library of Congress. John informed the group of the introduction of the Young Readers' Section which is to be opened soon at the Library of Congress. The chair also welcomed Collence T. Chisita from Zimbabwe who joined the meeting as an observer for the first meeting.

The Chair also welcomed the following observers at the second meeting: Corrado Di Tillio, Ruth Maspin, Mariétou Diongue and Maureen White

1.3 Ivanka outlined our duties to attend meetings and asked for help with activities. She asked the more experienced members to assist newer members.

2 Approval of Agenda

2.1 The agenda was distributed and approved.

3 Elections of Officer

3.1. It was noted that members leaving are eligible to vote in the election of officers. The Chair called for nominations. The following officers were appointed

Chair: Ivanka Stricevic
Nominated by: Virginia Walters
Seconded by: Lesley Farmer

Ivanka was unanimously elected.

Secretary: Gayner Eyre
Nominated by: Ivanka
Seconded by: Virginia Walter
Gayner was unanimously elected

4 Elections of Treasurer, Information Officer and Newsletter Editor

4.1 Brioni Birdi was re-appointed as Information Officer.
Leikney H Indergaard will continue as Newsletter Editor (after a successful first year).
Two appointments were made as Treasurer:

Ivanka was appointed as Treasurer; taking care of Administrative Fund and reports, and gaynor to be responsible for the Project Fund.

5 Minutes of the previous SC meeting in Quebec 2008

5.1 The minutes of the meetings in Quebec 2008 were approved.

6 Reports from Chair/Treasurer

6.1 It was reported that between the Quebec to Milan IFLA conferences, all planned projects, and more , had been achieved.

6.2 Six new members had been added to the Committee for this Section, bringing the total to 15. (The Chair informed the meeting that the minimum membership for a section to be viable is 11. If there are fewer members than this it becomes a Special Interest Group). The names of the members are listed in the Newsletter. The Standing Committee may appoint up to 5 corresponding members. Corresponding members may act in an advisory capacity but have no voting rights and cannot be counted as Quorum.

6.3 Two meetings were held in Quebec, but no Media meeting. The question was asked as to whether the Media Meeting should be held in March. The Committee worked on conference session for Milan together with Information Literacy Section. The Committee had received 56 proposals for speakers, 7 chosen + keynote. There had also been a good response for the call for papers the pre-conference in Rome, prepared with Children and Young Adults Section. Nineteen proposals were received, seven of which were chosen, plus invited keynote speakers.

6.4 The website has been finished. Ivanka has also created a publicity leaflet for the Literacy and Reading Section and ask for translations in other IFLA languages.

6.5 Projects

No funded projects in 2009. Few ongoing projects – see item 11.

The Pan-African conference was held in Dar-es-Salaam. Gwyneth is to write a report on this conference for the Newsletter.

6.6. Financial Report

There are two funds, The Administrative Fund and the Project Fund.

In the first case, each year 325 euros are allocated for administrative issues. The money has to be spent by the end of December. Last year's fund was spent on producing a leaflet. The Chair's report is available on the Website. There are now 60 members of the Section – 10 more than the basic requirement.

A second fund is available for projects. Section has no funded projects in 2009.

The Committee needs to work on recruiting new members of the Section. We also need to make clear that there are benefits of being a member. Ivanka exhorted us all to think about ideas for this and to consult IFLA membership toolkit.

7 Secretary's report

7.1 This had been circulated on email and there were no comments.

8 Report from Newsletter Editor

8.1 The Editor thanked everyone for information on the Newsletter. There is always a need for copy for the Newsletter. The Newsletter editor asked everyone to provide her with new articles etc.

8.2 Gayner was asked to prepare a report on the Rome pre-conference, and to find some pictures for Newsletter.

8.3 It was noted that Lesley Farmer is responsible for preparing the Newsletter for the Schools Section.

9 Report from Information Co-ordinator

9.1 A report from Robert was received. Shortly before the IFLA conference, Robert changed the Web content. The New Co-ordinator to be asked to investigate new developments in social networking.

10 Report from CB meeting

10.1 Information on the new structure is available on the IFLA Web page. New instructions were received for badges to be worn at all times.

11 Reports on projects

11.1 It was reported that the publication 'Reading promotion programmes from around World' project was not accepted because of The Children's Section database with IBBY (MoU). A small group, which included Gwyneth and Robert, met with several users to talk about a database on reading programmes (for all, not just children). The PC said that projects were too similar and money awarded to Children's' Section. The Chair asked the Committee to think about new projects, particularly involving research.

11.2 The 'Statement on Children and Internet' was produced together with Children's Section. It concentrates more on the information rights of children.

11.3 Under the Memorandum of Understanding, representatives of IBBY and IRA do not have to pay registration fee and vs. for our representative on their conferences. It would be worth thinking about involving them more in the programme, although how this could be put into practice needs thinking about. Ivanka will keep us informed about developments on the database. Gwyneth and Robert are already on that Group. Ivanka asked for volunteers. Names were required before the end of the IFLA Conference. Lesley accepted to join the group.

11.4 There are a number of on-going projects:

11.4.1 Collection of Conference papers and mounting on Reading Section Website.

11.4.2 A paper had been prepared by Ellis Vance for IBBY on partnership and distributed via IFLA listserv. Ivanka to send out on Web.

12 Milan conference

12.1 Ginny was thanked for her work on Monday's programme. Ginny outlined plans for the joint session with IL Section. Duties were allocated 10 'table hosts' had been allocated – tight schedule.

13 Report from Pre-conference held in Rome- 19-20 August

13.1 Gayner Eyre had prepared a verbal report. Time constraints did not allow for a very substantial report, so a written report will be attached to the minutes, plus an article for the Newsletter.

14 Working Groups for Conference planning and for future projects.

14.1 Ivanka informed the Committee about pre-conference for next year. Plans for the conference need to be in place by November 2009. Leikny proposed a joint conference in Oslo with the Library services for people with special needs (dyslexia). Main programme in Gothenburg to be discussed and agreed with Multicultural Section.

15 Proposals for Projects 2009-10

15.1 Discussion took place on proposals for projects 2010. Suggestions included research on what works and what doesn't work in encouraging and promoting reading. Ivanka noted that she would like to have a working group work on this. Ray, John and Lesley will work on concrete proposal. Approval from PC needed.

16 Strategic Plan updates and Development of Section's Priorities 2009-10

16.1 The Strategic Plan was discussed. Committee members were asked to look at the Plan and possible projects etc.

16.2 Virginia asked about IFLA Reading Manifesto: Ivanka said that Reading Section was invited to contribute – central theme was reading in age of the Internet. Ivanka asked who was running this – told it was IFLA not the Sections – all Sections should. No need to discuss but members exhorted to read.

16.3 Update on the Goals of the Strategic plan (numeration relates to numbered points in the Strategic Plan):

1.1 *To distribute, demonstrate and promote the use of the brochure "Library-Based Literacy Programs: Some Practical Suggestions"...* The brochure is available online. Members of the Committee were asked to look and make comments to either Gayner or Ivanka.

1.2 *To mark the UNESCO Decade of Literacy (2003-2012) and to promote the contribution and recognition of libraries in research and in the development and practice...* It was agreed to make a link on the RS Website to the Unesco Decade of Literacy (2003-2012)

2.1 *To work on the Publication of International Best Practices in Reading Promotion Activities...* Noted that the Committee felt that Reading Promotion should be for all, adults, children, young adults people with special needs etc. The Plan should be revised to include these groups.

2.2 *To identify and encourage the sharing of research and best practices in the sponsoring of appropriate literacy and reading events and celebrations...* Robert has re-arranged the Website and it is now much better. The IFLA website has also been re-arranged, and sections can use the framework. It was noted that when members of the committee give papers, these should be linked to the Website. It was suggested that a calendar of events be added to the Website. The information Officer would be asked to do this: a note to be sent to Briony

The Committee felt that IFLA in general should be more visible. Ray to put a paper together on visibility and marketing

2.4 *To plan and organise Satellite meeting, The Pre-conference in Rome 2009* This has now taken place and can therefore be eliminated

2.6 *To encourage the participation of members of IRA and IBBY and publishers and literacy agencies in the South African conferences ...* This item to be eliminated

2.7 *To promote, in cooperation with the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, the Russian libraries and the British Council, their reading promotion "handbook" that illustrates and describes good ideas for promoting reading from around the world...* This has already been done already done, so can be eliminated from plan.

3.1 *Building on the Section's 2001-2002 survey of reader-centred services in public libraries, support extending the research and research methodology to Latin American libraries, in cooperation with the Latin American Section...* This item to be eliminated and joined with item 2.7 - John Cole to pursue

3.2 *To continue and strengthen the "Reports on Current Research in Reading and Literacy" column in the Section on Reading Newsletter...* This to continue and Lesley Farmer to take responsibility for this.

3.3 *To ensure that the papers presented at the Conferences in Quebec and Milan are available on web ...* Briony to be responsible for this.

3.4 *To continue the development and implementation of a joint research project with the International Reading Association (IRA)...* This project is completed so should be eliminated from the Plan.

3.5 *To explore opportunities for joint training and cooperative projects among members of IRA, IBBY and other relevant organizations and partners.* This should stay as ongoing.

16.4 Additions to Actions in the Strategic Plan (Sections 3 and 4).

The following suggestions were made:

16.4.1 More emphasis on research and raising ideas for research. It was noted that more action research and evidence based practice should be encouraged. It was felt important that research should inform practitioners how to engage in the promotion of literacy. The following actions were agreed:

16.4.2 John Cole to write to write a page on this

16.4.3 A small working group, comprising John, Ray, Marion and Lesley be set up. Ivanka asked for a clear proposal with costings by October 15 2009

16.4.4 Ivanka invited Committee members to make any additional comments on the strategic plan by 15 September 2009

17 Milan Conference Evaluation

17.1 The Session was successful; with more participants than seats available. The Moderators for each table were asked to write brief notes about table discussions and send to Gayner Eyre.

18 Conference Planning for Gothenburg 2010

17.2 It was proposed that the programme for Gothenburg be devised in conjunction with the Multicultural Section. A working group comprising: Ginny, Elena, and Elke was established to organise the session together with representatives from the Multicultural Section.

17.3 The pre-conference is to be held in OSLO. The sates are not yet fixed. Leikney will be the link person for this. Leikney to work with Gayner. Ivanka to link with Special Needs Section. Gayner offered to work with people on autism.

19 Selection of papers for IFLA Journal

19.1 The Committee proposed that Susie Andretta's paper be selected

20. Any Other Business

20.1 The following people were suggested as corresponding members:

Collence T. Chisita

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20.2 The section is currently working on the Memorandum of Understanding. Robert will remain the link

20.3 The Committee were informed that the papers from the pre-conference will be available online.