 IFLA Metropolitan Libraries Section  
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IFLA MetLib Standing Committee

Business Meeting

10 May 2019

Helsinki, Finland

Present: Corrado DiTillio(Roma) (Chair), Siobhan Reardon(Philadelphia) (Secretary), Stanley Tan(Singapore), Carolyn Anthony (US-PLA), Jeff Barber (Regina, CAN), Carme Galve Montore (Barcelona), Lucia Werder (Bremen), Ton Van Vlimmerman (Utrecht), Anna Maria Soininvaara and Katri Vanttinen (Helsinki), Melanie Le Torrec (Lyon); Ivancica Dukec Kero (Zagreb).

Observers: Theo Kemperman (Rotterdam), Tomas Rehak (Prague), Brian Bannon (New York), Wai Ling Chan (Singapore)

Meeting was called to order @ 9:10

Welcome to new MetLib members – effective IFLA Athens - Ton Van Vlimmerman, Eman AlShamari, Lucia Werder, Joans Fanza and Chao Chen.

**Review agenda**

**Minutes**: Minutes from the two business meetings in Kuala Lumpur were reviewed and accepted as amended.

**Review of Helsinki-Metropolitan Libraries Conference**:

A – Combined with Reshape – MetLib was 3 days for the first time

Discussion on Reshape with MetLib – questions –Why only 3 days? – What about the distances members travel to get to a conference; Will we have 3 or 4 days in Utrecht?; Do we need a theme? Do we want an opportunity to see another city before the Metlib conference? Should we have more significant presentations from member Metlib participants?

We should send a feedback form from the participants-online – Who will handle this?

Review survey that was done a year ago. Corrado will send results of the survey to Ton

Potential themed discussed – “Changing staff roles and organizational structures,”

Should we have an observer to provide a wrap up and next steps?

As for MetLib Helsinki - the idea of a workshop was great; we reviewed the outcomes of the workshop session – image of a library in Tel Aviv – Robin Hood; Outdoor Libraries, 18+ Libraries; from collections to connections, branding and community engagement

We also need to create a standby list of presentations to prevent fall-out.

Communication to the presenters – needs to be agreed upon.

**Professional Committee** – supervision of the work of the sections – website design; dynamic unit award (replaced the communication award); SAR to send memo of May 7th to all;

Hague meeting – June 12 and 13. Carolyn attending – to gather to build upon the strategic plan; some sort of action will need to be discussed at Athens and potentially at Utrecht

Officers Election – Chair, Secretary and Information Coordinator-share the info out to everyone.

**Upcoming IFLA/Metropolitan Libraries Events**:

Satellite in Rome – reviewed agenda. Possibility of more presentations (?) we have 6 sponsors – Bibliotheca, OCLC, Cengage, Goethe Institute Julien Cote et Fils and ProQuest.

At Athens – MetLib and Statistics and Evaluation and public libraries – title of the program-5 speakers confirmed, no call for papers – different approaches for outcome measures – what are we learning, methodologies, and advocacy – as results - Thursday August 29th.

Smart Cities Smart Libraries Block chain program – MetLib section is involved – Carme is our representative: Block chain is one hour and smart cities is one hour

MetLib – Short Film Awards – award ceremony in Athens for both 2018 and 2019-still seeking a venue

MetLib in Utrecht May 25-28, 2020 – presentation by Ton van Vlimmerman. Ton will advise/confirm dates shortly. Potentially may take place the first week in June.

**Other Metropolitan Libraries Work**:

Jeff: Annual Statistical survey – 2017 – 2018. Find a library to participate in the management of the evaluation.

Reviewed the process for PLOTY (Public Library of the Year)2019

Request to send out the names of participants with emails – to the Helsinki MetLib organizers.  
  
Adjourn – 10:42 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted  
Siobhan A Reardon, Secretary

13 August 2019