



## IFLA Metropolitan Libraries Section

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*Minutes of the Standing Committee 15 May 2018*

The Business Meeting of the Standing Committee of the Metropolitan Libraries Section was held in Belgrade, Serbia during the Metropolitan Libraries Conference May 13-18, 2018.

Meeting commenced at 8:50 a.m.

### **Attendance and general introductions**

Standing Committee members attending were Corrado Di Tillio (Rome), Siobhan A. Reardon (Philadelphia), Anna Maria Soininvaara (Helsinki); Ivancica Dukec Kero (Zagreb), Carolyn Anthony (ALA/USA), Carme Galve Montore (Barcelona); Paul Trumphour (Toronto); Jasmina Ninkov (Belgrade); Etienne Mackiewicz (Lyon).

Corresponding Member(s) attending: None

Corrado Di Tillio – Chairperson – welcomed All and expressed apologies from Jeff Barber (Canada)

**Permission of Observers** to attend the meeting was unanimously granted

### **Approval of Minutes from WLIC 2017, Wroclaw, Poland:**

Minutes of the two business meetings in Wroclaw – 19 August and 22 August 2017 were approved with slight amendments.

### **Report from the Global Vision Workshops in Barcelona, Spain**

Section Chairperson, Corrado DiTillio, reported on the Global Visioning workshop(s) in Barcelona where the Chairperson and Secretary of the Section, Siobhan Reardon, joined all the Section Chairs and Secretaries for the two-day workshop. The report of the last year of regional meetings, workshops etc., is available here: <https://www.ifla.org/node/11905> . As part of discussions there were the call for “Ideas for Action” and a number of subgroups that worked over a myriad of topics such as the redesign of the WLIC conference, services to youth and so forth.

### **Other items to report:**

The **IFLA Unit Communication Award** has now been replaced with the Dynamic Unit Award.

A call for nominations for **new Standing Committee members** will be out later this year.

The **Metropolitan Libraries Section has new corresponding members** Liz McGettigan from Scotland and Alemu Abebe from Ethiopia;

During the IFLA Wroclaw conference the MetLib Section we came up with a **new logo** – an M (like Metro) unfortunately, IFLA headquarters have a new staff member who is reworking the concept and all the logos.

**Sister Cities Project** with ABF Carte des Bibliothèques du Monde – Corrado Di Tilio proposed to withdraw the idea, as the partnership is not getting to a reasonable project as the partnership with AIB did (for the short film award). The Committee commented that these partnerships are made at the City level – not by the local library unit. Although there is a possibility that branch level connections would work and this project does have the potential for staff exchanges, the Committee approves to withdraw the idea.

**Montréal MetLib Conference Proceedings** – Due to the refusal by the “IFLA Journal” editorial committee to publish the best presentations as articles, the Committee decides to publish the Montréal conference proceedings on the IFLA website. Carme Galvo and Etienne Mackiewicz have agreed to coordinate this effort on behalf of MetLib. The idea is to aggregate them all as pdf documents in the IFLA Congress format, so that they would be published on IFLA Metlib section page.

**IFLA Short Film Awards Program** – Sponsors for the 2018 awards are the Pike’s Peak Library System in Colorado and the Free Library of Philadelphia and Siobhan Reardon agreed to have the Free Library marketing staff design the Metropolitan Libraries Short Film Award poster for the poster session in Kuala Lumpur.

Carolyn Anthony and Liz McGettigan have agreed to represent the Metropolitan Libraries Section in the working group for the **IFLA Public Library Service Guidelines**.

There are **new guidelines on impact measurement** driven in large part by the work of the Gates Foundation, the Public Library Association of the USA and the Australia Library Association. The guidelines are structures to improve skills in collecting and use of measures of operational activities in decision-making. Similar to the CIS (Community Information Systems) work IFLA is looking at Sustainable Development Goals. Carolyn Anthony offered to draft a proposal to be discussed at the business meeting of MetLib in Kuala Lumpur. Etienne Mackiewicz requested that the PLA work be forwarded to the Standing Committee for review and there was interest in understanding the impact measurement work taking place in France.

We need to check in with Jeff Barber for an update to the **Annual Statistical Survey** currently being conducted by Counting Opinions.

Ivancica Dukec Kero asked there we consider a MetLib session on **evidence driven assessments**.

**Redefinition of the scope of the Section:** A discussion ensued to help focus on the role and effectiveness of MetLib:

- Do we keep the 400,000 pop. rule to be considered a “metropolitan library”?
- Should we have a broader scope – i.e. Regional Libraries?
- Do we go beyond geographic descriptions?

Further thought and descriptions for the scope of the MetLib section should be sent to Siobhan Reardon at [reardons@freelibrary.org](mailto:reardons@freelibrary.org) for culling and dissemination.

The Metropolitan Libraries will participate in the **WLIC 2019 Satellite conference** in Rome along with Academic Libraries, Public Libraries and Library Building Sections. This is a pre-Athens meeting.

We are looking at the **theme development for the Helsinki and Utrecht Metropolitan Libraries conferences**. We want to take a look at the content and value of the conference, use the conference to re-engage the various members of the section through an effective, content rich, programme and determine whether or not to keep to the May timeframe.

Finally, The IFLA Libraries for Children and Young Adults Section are working on a revised edition of the **'Guidelines for Children's Libraries Services'** first published in 2003. They are consulting widely on this revision and would like to invite comments from the Metropolitan Libraries Section. This new standard will promote and encourage the development of effective library services for children by giving guidance to the international library community about children's needs and rights on information, literacy and reading. The intention is to help public libraries implement high quality children's services in the digital age by providing up to date knowledge and professional insight for those who strategically plan or deliver children's library services and programs. The new Guidelines will inform decision makers and those involved in developing policies.

The business meeting concluded at 10:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Minutes were formerly approved in Kuala Lumpur, August 2018