**MLAS Standing Committee Meeting**

**MINUTES**

**SC I**

**Day/Time:** Saturday 24 August 2019 13:30 – 15:30

**Venue:** HAEF 210 and 301

**Participants:**

Michael Dowling (Chair) Halo Locher (Secretary), Rauha Maarno (Information coordinator), Antoine Torrens (Convenor New Professional SIG) Excused: Mathilde Koskas (Convenor Women, Information and Libraries)

Mikhael Afanasyev, Samia Hassan Al-Shiba, Loy Jyoon Chin, Marwa El Sahn, Ute Engelkenmeier, Loida Garcia-Febo, Alim Garga, Susan Haigh, Hella Klauser, Karin Linder, Ana Carolina Lopez Scondras, Marijana Misetic, José-Maria Nogales Herrera, Alicia Cristina Ocaso-Ferreira, Katre Riisalu, Pascal Sanz, Sabine Stummeyer.

And a remarkable number of Guests from Associations and interested participants

**Agenda SC I:**

1. Welcome and Introductions

Michael gives a short introduction for new SC members on MLAS. Find a lot of information on the IFLA Website in the part of MLAS: <https://www.ifla.org/ES/mlas>

1. IFLA 2019 Athens Conference (Hella Klauser, Karin Linder, Samia Hassan Al-Shiba)
   1. **MLAS Session “Library Associations in Cross Border Action”**

Karin and Hella briefly introduce the program. It presents cross-border projects between associations and international cooperation in interview form. After the first and second blocks, questions are answered. In the third part, a discussion between all participants is stimulated. The preparation team asks the SC members to be present at the event and to act as moderators.

* 1. **Association Members Meeting- IFLA and MLAS**

Tuesday 27 August 16:00-18:00 Banqueting Hall

Michael draws attention to this new format. He asks everyone to participate. The aim is to communicate IFLA's future strategy and its implementation within the framework of actions by the professional units as MLAS.

* 1. **IFLA General Assembly**

Michael appealed to all representatives of the associations present to take part in the AGM and to bring the voting documents with them, because reaching the quorum is decisive for whether the AGM can take legally binding decisions.

* 1. **Women and Information Library SIG**

Mathilde hast to excuse herself for another meeting at the same time as SC MLAS I. The SIG presents an open session on Monday – already at the same day as our own session… but they are close together.

* 1. **New Professional SIG**

Antoine notes that his predecessor, Vesna Vuksan, was "stolen" by IFLA's HQ, which is why he has now assumed the position of convenor. The group is very active and organized a camp before the congress, where young professionals from 6 continents were represented. They met on the beach - and worked hard and enjoyed life as well. At their event in Athens they will present love stories from libraries together with the marketing section. With the support of HQ, the group has organized a webinar for newcomers, is currently looking for a partner for the Dublin Congress, is getting a new convenor and is therefore very active with no problems for new leaders. Michael congratulates on the 15th anniversary and invites all national associations to promote the group and support newcomers.

1. Draft MLAS Annual Report August 2018-2019

Michael will present that later.

1. IFLA Strategic Plan Update

Gerald Leitner as Secretary General of IFLA explains the development of the future strategy with four areas and four key initiatives each. He points out that there has never before been such a process in the history of IFLA that has covered the entire professional field so comprehensively. Implementation through actions will be supported by four workshops next year. He invites you to participate in the strategy presentation.

1. President’s Programme

Glòria Pérez-Salmerón notes that the association is undergoing an unprecedented process of change. It has involved all those in the profession who are interested. This new way of working together will also shape the future, which begins with the implementation of the strategy. At the same time, the legal and organizational adaptation of the structures (governance) will start, whereby the involvement will be limited to the members.

1. President-elect’s Program

Christine McKenzie as future President thanks SC MLAS for the commitment and invites the participants to participate in her session in order to present her presidency.)

1. IFLA advocacy issues updates

Stephen Wyber explains that the International Advocacy Program (IAP) is a very good starting point for discussions with policymakers. As an example, he mentions that the Finnish country report to the UN was illustrated with library pictures on the front page.

In the Copyright report, IFLA works with national associations to represent the interests of libraries and the association at WIPO.

The Faife Committee tries to encourage national working groups on the subject, dealing with sufficient structures in the Internet field and access to information.

1. MLAS Membership Update

Helen Mandel demonstrates how national member associations present themselves worldwide and how illustrative such presentations can be. She notes that last year 9 new (partly affiliate) associations were acquired for IFLA as members - a great success.

Asia, Oceania, Africa, South America and the Caribbean continue to be problem regions in terms of presence.

MLAS and HQ can work together to support the formation of associations, establish contacts, and communicate how to successfully attract members. Helen also says that the Basecamp platform will be given a tool for webinars that can be used for this work.

Pascal raises the issue that IFLA HQ and GB will have to think about the evolution of the current status of "Association Affiliate", which is not satisfactory for the associations of that category, because this status does not give them the right to vote and therefore to participate in important decisions. He pleads also for MLAS and thus national associations to be more involved in the governance reform process than in the previous strategy process. The current strategy does not correspond enough to the importance of national associations and the function of IFLA as a federation of associations.

1. Associations and Library Map of the World

Kristīne Pabērza presents the current status, which provides for the installation of national profiles in the Data section. At the moment there are few examples, but they can inspire other countries to participate. She recommends looking for a person for this task. Christine can also help with the translation into English. Alim Garga congratulates Christine for her work and thanks her for the good cooperation. Even though the start is difficult, the result shows that it is possible. The LMW is a fantastic thing to present the library world, especially to politicians. Chin Loy Jyoon adds that Malaysia is currently working on the data. Michael Dowling notes that US/ALA is not ready yet.

1. Report on IFLA Governing Board Meetings ()

Michael Dowling announces that he will be applying for the conference committee. It is known that the WLIC in Auckland will be replaced by the WLIC in Dublin (Ireland) in 2020. The GB has decided that Satellite Meetings will only be approved in Ireland and the UK in order to meet the distance requirements for the WLIC and to avoid double visa problems in case of Brexit. The financial situation of the association is slightly better than last year.

The GB has adopted the strategy to be launched in Athens over the next five years. Based on this work, MLAS will discuss the draft action plan at the second meeting. Halo Locher visited the workshop in The Hague in June and already reported on it by e-mail. Finally, Michael Dowling states that the participation of 8000 people in the development of the IFLA strategy represents a great success, which will also change IFLA as a whole and transform it in the future.

1. Election of Standing Committee Officers 2019-2021

Michael Dowling announces that Halo Locher is applying as Chair and Hella Klauser as Secretary. After no further candidacies are named, the election is held in writing. The two candidates are elected unanimously. Halo Locher thanks the SC members for their trust in his competencies and mentioned that Hella and he will depend on the commitment of all members. He thanks Michael Dowling for his work in recent years as a member of the SC and his two-year presidency, during which he particularly appreciated the personal contacts he made. As a token of his gratitude, he presented him a bell from Bibliosuisse, cast in memory of the successful merger of the two Swiss associations.

1. Other items

Marwa El Sahn thanks MLAS for supporting the Satellite Meeting of Division 5 in Alexandria, which was a great success with 70 participants, and which adopted a declaration on the representation of developing countries in the IFLA.