



IFLA Management of Library Associations Section (MLAS)

IFLA MLAS Standing Committee Meeting

MLAS SC Meeting I

August 13, 2011

Puerto Rico Convention Center

San Juan, Puerto Rico

MLAS Standing Committee members present:

Janice Lachance/MLAS Chair, Silvia Stasselová/MLAS Secretary, Hellen Niegaard, Kelly Moore, Johnny Roj-Larsen, Barbara Schleihagen, Regine Horinstein, Edita Bacić, Keith Michael Fiels, Sinikka Sipilä, Alicia Ocaso, Maria Cotera/ WILSIG, Sebastian Wilke/NPSIG, Gerald Leitner, Marian Koren, Yan Xiandong, Marijana Mišetić, Sabine Stummeyer, Michael Dowling, Taro Miura, Margarita Taladriz

Guests / Observers:

Jennefer Nicholson/IFLA Secretary General, Michael Heaney/IFLA Chair Division IV, Fiona Bradley/IFLA HQ, Inga Lundén/Swedish Library Association, Lindile Innocentia Nhlapo/IFLA Africa Regional Section, Svein Arne Tennesand/Norwegian Library Association, Begonia Batres/FESABID, Doug Newcomb/SLA, Dierk Eichel/Information Coordinator of IFLA NPSIG, Jesús Lau/Mexican Library Association, Sylvia Blaszczyk/Polish Library Association, Hege Newth Nouri/Norwegian Library Association, Inger Edebro Sikström/Swedish Library Association, Hanne Pigonska/Danish Library Association, Jukka Relander/Finnish Library Association, Maria José Ramos/National Library of Angola, Gulcin Cribb/Turkish Library Association, Reyna Josvah-Rabiazza/CSI Madagaskar, Nthabiseng Kotsokoane/LIASA, Naomi Haasbroek/Library and Information Association of South Africa, Rehab Ouf/Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Roberta Stevens/American Library Association

Apologies for absence:

MLAS SC members: Rosemary Gitachu, Sue Hutley, Georgios Glossiotis, Vania Grashkina-Mincheva, Jacques Hellemans

Without apology / any reply:

MLAS SC members: Pedro Hipola, Tamina Noddy, Piyadasa Ranasinghe, Marcello Sardelli, Aliya Sarsebinova, Emilce Noemi Sena Correa, Maya Shaparneva, Elena Tikhonova

MLAS Standing Committee members, guests and observers
(photo Silvia Stasselová/MLAS Secretary)



Minutes

Welcome & opening by Janice Lachance, MLAS Chair

MLAS Chair addressed her welcome to all participants of MLAS Standing Committee Meeting and to all guests and observers.

Janice Lachance/MLAS Chair asked everybody to introduce and briefly inform which library association or institution they represent.

Brief introduction was provided by following MLAS SC members / guests / observers:

Silvia Stasselová/MLAS Secretary and President of Slovak Librarians Association, Gulcin Cribb/Vice-President of Turkish Library Association, Maria José Ramos/Director General of National Library of Angola, Regine Horinstein/Executive Director of Corporation of Professional Librarians of Quebec, Jukka Relander/President of Finnish Library Association, Sebastian Wilke/NPSIG Convenor, Sinikka Sipilä/Secretary General of Finnish Library Association and incoming IFLA President Elect, Alicia Ocaso/Uruguayan Library Association, Begonia Batres/FESABID, Margarita Taladriz/ President of FESABID, Maria Cotera/ WILSIG Convenor, Barbara Schleihagen/Executive Director of German Library Association, Hanne Pigonska/Danish Library Association, Svein Arne Tennesand/President of Norwegian Library Association, Inger Edebro Sikström/Swedish Library Association, Taro Miura/ Japan Library Association, Michael Dowling/Director of International Relations Office of American Library Association, Keith Michael Fiels/Executive Director of American Library Association, Doug Newcomb/SLA, Sabine Stummeyer/BIB Germany, Yan Xiandong/Secretary General of Library Society of China, Gerald Leitner/ Secretary General of Austrian Library Association and President of ELIDA, Marijana Mišetić/President of Croatian Library Association, Edita Bacić/Croatian Library Association, Johnny Roj-Larsen/Executive Danish Union of Librarians, Sylvia Blaszczyk/Polish Library Association, Marian Koren/Senior Advisor of Netherlands Public Library Association, Hellen Niegaard/Danish Library Association, Jesús Lau/immediate past president of Mexican Library Association and outgoing member of IFLA GB, Kelly Moore/Executive Director of Canadian Library Association, Michael Heaney/IFLA Chair Division IV, Dierk Eichel/Information Coordinator of IFLA NPSIG, Josvah-Rabiaza/CSI Madagascar, Fiona Bradley/ IFLA HQ - BSLA and ALP Coordinator, Naomi Haasbroek/President of Library and Information Association of South Africa, Lindile Innocentia Nhlapo/IFLA Africa Regional Section, Nthabiseng Kotsokoane/LIASA, Inga Lundén/President of Swedish Library Association.

IFLA Certificates of Appreciation

Janice Lachance/MLAS Chair asked Michael Heaney/IFLA Chair Division IV – Support of the Profession to give IFLA Certificates of Appreciation to all leaving MLAS Standing Committee members for their MLAS SC service from 2007-2011 and she expressed her great thanks to:

- Sinikka Sipilä/former MLAS Chair,
- Alicia Ocaso,
- Keith Michael Fiels,
- Edita Bacić
- Johnny Roj-Larsen



Janice Lachance/MLAS Chair with the IFLA Certificate of Appreciation for Keith Michael Fiels, long-term MLAS SC member and former MLAS Chair (photo Silvia Stasselová/MLAS Secretary)

Approval of the agenda

Janice Lachance asked for the approval of MLAS SC Meeting agenda in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Hellen Niegaard recommended to add a topic on GLAD Programme to the agenda of 2nd MLAS SC meeting on Thursday 18th August 2011.

MLAS SC meeting agenda was approved after this addition by all MLAS SC members.

Address of IFLA Chair Division IV – Support of the Profession

Michael Heaney/IFLA Chair Division IV addressed his thanks to Janice Lachance, MLAS Chair all to MLAS SC members and some of them IFLA Governing Board members for their cooperation and expressed the importance of Management of Library Associations Section. At the end of address he informed on the coming IFLA Chair Division IV – Anna Maria Tamaro.

Apologies for absence

Janice Lachance/MLAS Chair asked Silvia Stasselová/MLAS Secretary to inform on received apologies of absence from MLAS SC members as follows: Rosemary Gitachu/Kenya Library Association, Sue Hutley/Australian Library Association, Georgios Glossiotis/Association of Greek Librarians and Information Scientists, Vania Grashkina-Mincheva/Bulgarian Library and Information Association and Jacques Hellemans/Association Internationale Francophone des Bibliothécaires et Documentalistes.

Report from IFLA Governing Board meetings / IFLA update

Janice Lachance/MLAS Chair informed IFLA MLAS SC members on the most important events related to IFLA GB since last MLAS SC Mid-term meeting in Split held in February 2011.

MLAS Chair informed on the IFLA Presidential Meeting 2011 held from 14th – 15th April 2011 in The Hague with the main topic *Libraries Driving Access to Knowledge: action for Europe*. The conference was sold out and there was together 198 participants from various countries worldwide. IFLA Presidential Meeting Programme 2011 contained three key sessions:

Session 1: Access to Information as a Human Right,
Session 2: Copyright and Libraries,
Session 3: Open Access and the Changing Role of Librarians.

During the IFLA Presidential Meeting 2011 there were 2 key IFLA documents launched:

- *IFLA Statement on Open Access*

<http://www.ifla.org/news/just-released-ifla-statement-on-open-access>

- *Draft Treaty on Copyright Exceptions and Limitations for Libraries and Archives*

<http://www.ifla.org/news/just-released-draft-treaty-on-copyright-exceptions-and-limitations-for-libraries-and-archives>

Ingrid Parent/IFLA President Elect and coming IFLA President will continue in IFLA Presidential meetings series. 1st IFLA Presidential Meeting of Ingrid Parent will be held from 12th – 14th April 2012 in Vancouver, Canada. IFLA Presidential Meeting 2012 will have the main theme *Indigenous Knowledges: Local Priorities, Global Contexts*. More information available at: <http://www.ifla.org/en/events/ifla-presidential-meeting-2012>.

Janice Lachance/MLAS Chair gave detailed information on IFLA Governing Board meeting held on 18th April 2011 in The Hague, where there was endorsed a Policy and position statements framework that provides guidance for the IFLA Board, professional units and members on the role, development and endorsement process for IFLA statements.

Regarding IFLA Strategic Plan Key Initiatives 2010-2015 the IFLA Governing Board confirmed the five Key Initiatives for period 2011 – 2013:

Key initiative 1 (Content)

- the Board added open access and the components of the 'Treaty' on copyright exceptions and limitations as central elements to this initiative, since they influence many issues including mass digitisation, digital preservation and digital lending;

Key initiative 2 (Leadership Programme)

- focusing on leadership in international librarianship;

Key initiative 3 (Outreach Programme)

- to maximise opportunities for strategic advocacy at major events, meetings and conferences, and to utilise local expertise and networks;

Key initiative 4 (Cultural Heritage Disaster Reconstruction)

- making best use of IFLA's resources and partnerships for recovery and protection of cultural heritage from natural disasters or in conflict/post-conflict situations;

Key initiative 5 (Multilingualism)

with a focus on implementing an automated translation system to assist IFLA's translators in its official languages; and on adding versions of the central IFLA website in the official languages.

Following on from the IFLA Bibliographic Standards Working Group Final Report to the Professional Committee the IFLA Governing Board agreed that the visibility of IFLA as a standard setting organisation has diminished, and that the standards activities within IFLA are of high importance for IFLA's advocacy and lobbying work. At its August 2011 meeting the Board will consider implementation and resourcing options for improving this important role for IFLA.

President-elect Ingrid Parent advised that her theme for her presidency is "*Libraries - a force for change*". For the President-elect Meeting at the IFLA Congress in Puerto Rico a two part presentation is foreseen, showcasing success stories from Sections in terms of change through libraries.

Both paper and digital communication media will be available at the IFLA Congress in Puerto Rico, following the model used at the Congress in Gothenburg last year. It is expected that the IFLA Congress 2012 will have a strong technical approach so it will provide a solid base for a decision on whether and when to move to an online only option.

Janice Lachance/MLAS Chair asked Barbara Schleihagen/IFLA Treasurer for brief report. The Treasurer Barbara Schleihagen reported on the audited financial statements for 2010 which show a surplus of EUR 4,323. The result includes a provision of EUR10,000 for VAT following changes to the Dutch VAT legislation in 2010 which will increase IFLA's tax liability. The detailed financial statements and report will be presented soon at the 2011 General Assembly in Puerto Rico.

Janice Lachance/MLAS Chair informed on a new IFLA membership category: National Association Affiliates to make IFLA membership more accessible for associations in emerging economies. The category of Association Affiliate is open for library associations who have not been an IFLA member in the last three years, and who work with operating expenses lower than EUR 10,000 for National Associations. More information available at:

<http://www.ifla.org/membership/categories/association-affiliates>

ALP/Action for Development Through Libraries Programme and BSLA/Building Strong Library Associations Programme - update

Reporter: Fiona Bradley/ALP& BSLA Programme Coordinator

Fiona Bradley prepared the short update on ALP and BSLA Programmes for MLAS SC meeting.

Fiona Bradley came to MLAS SC meeting after attending ALP meeting on Saturday morning 13th August 2011 and she could inform MLAS SC members that IFLA will announce the following two countries selected to take part in the BSLA programme from 2011 during the IFLA Highlights Session at IFLA Conference in Puerto Rico: Nepal (Asia and Oceania) and Argentina (Latin America and Caribbean). Each association will be paired with an experienced trainer

from their region. Asia and Oceania standing committee members Mike Robinson and Chihfeng Lin will train in Nepal, and Elizabet de Carvalho, recently retired from the Latin America and Caribbean regional office will be the core trainer in Argentina.

Building Strong Library Associations is a comprehensive programme offering a strategic and coordinated approach to capacity building and sustainability of library associations. Since launching in 2010, the Building Strong Library Associations programme has been successfully rolled out in six countries, with a number of workshops and outreach activities taking place. BSLA programme is growing, with more trainers, modules, and content.

Fiona Bradley informed on successful BSLA programme currently running in 6 countries: Peru, Lebanon, Cameroon, Lithuania, Ukraine and Botswana. BSLA Country reports with information on workshops and outreach activities in each country are regularly updated at: <http://www.ifla.org/en/bsla/country-reports>.

IFLA launched the Building Strong Library Associations programme online learning platform at the end of last year, where each IFLA member can access and download training materials. IFLA continue in translating training materials to all IFLA languages. BSLA online platform is available at: <http://www.ifla.org/en/alp/bsla>.

Regional *Train the Trainer Workshops* will be carried out in year 2011. The first, for Arabic speaking countries, was in March 2011; the next was held in Panama to train Spanish-speaking trainers from South and Central America; and the last workshop will be held in Puerto Rico for Caribbean trainers.

Short report on the Agenda of MLAS SC Mid-Term Meeting held in Split/Croatia from 17th – 18th February 2011

Reporter: Silvia Stasselová/MLAS Secretary

Janice Lachance/MLAS Chair asked Silvia Stasselová/MLAS Secretary to report briefly on the last MLAS Mid-Term meeting held in Split, Croatia. MLAS Secretary expressed her special thanks to the Croatian Library Association for co-organizing both MLAS Mid-Term meeting and MLAS Workshop 2011 in Split.

Thanks to Jennefer Nicholson/IFLA Secretary General and Stuart Hamilton/IFLA Senior Policy Advisor who attended the MLAS Mid-Term Meeting in Split there could be much more important topics except the regular MLAS topics included to the agenda:

IFLA Secretary General introduced to MLAS SC Mid-Term Meeting participants in Split all Five IFLA Key initiatives and described the details of each IFLA Key initiative:

1. Driving access to content, including digital resources, for library users
2. IFLA International Librarianship Leadership Development Programme
3. Outreach for advocacy and development of the profession
4. Cultural heritage disaster reconstruction
5. Multilingualism

Jennefer Nicholson/IFLA Secretary General also presented the proposal of a new membership category of *[National] Association Affiliate* and presented the IFLA Associations and Other Affiliates fees structure. More information available at:

<http://www.ifla.org/membership/categories/association-affiliates>

Stuart Hamilton/IFLA Senior Policy Advisor informed on the last activities in cooperation with WIPO since the 21st Session of the World Intellectual Property Organisation Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR). At the meeting's conclusion the SCCR agreed a work plan for 2011/12 concerning copyright exceptions and limitations which not only takes forward the proposal by Brazil, Ecuador, Paraguay and Mexico for the World Blind Union's (WBU) proposed 'Treaty for Improved Access for Blind, Visually Impaired and other Reading Disabled Persons', but additionally allocates equal time for "text-based work on appropriate exceptions and limitations" for libraries and archives, educational, teaching and research institutions, and persons with other disabilities. Detailed information:

<http://www.ifla.org/en/news/unprecedented-opportunity-for-libraries-and-archives-wipo-to-work-on-library-and-archive-copyri>

Stuart Hamilton/IFLA Senior Policy Advisor highlighted the necessity of close cooperation with MLAS/Management of Library Associations Section.

Evaluation of the MLAS Workshop 2011 held in Split on 19th February 2011

Reporter: Silvia Stasselová/MLAS Secretary

Janice Lachance/MLAS Chair asked MLAS Secretary to report briefly on the MLAS Workshop 2011 held in Split, Croatia on 19th February 2011.

Silvia Stasselová/MLAS Secretary informed on the successful MLAS Workshop 2011 for library associations in Central and South East European region with the main theme: *Building Strong Library Associations and Establishing a Model for Future Cooperation*.

MLAS Workshop 2011 was held in conference hall of Split City Library. It was attended by 75 representatives from the national library associations of Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Slovenia. Thanks to successful MLAS Project from IFLA PC budget (total amount of EUR 4,000) it was possible to invite also representatives from Bulgaria, Romania and Lithuania. Friendly international atmosphere was illustrated by photographs published at the MLAS Project Report already sent to IFLA HQ, which was circulating among MLAS SC participants and observers during MLAS SC meeting in Puerto Rico.

Keynote address at MLAS Workshop 2011 gave Stuart Hamilton/IFLA Senior Policy Advisor: *IFLA: the importance of global communication, cooperation and advocacy*.

Another very important MLAS Workshop 2011 presentations were:

- *Introduction to IFLA's Building Strong Library Associations Programme* (Barbara Schleihagen),
- *Libraries on the Agenda. The Building Strong Library Associations Module on Advocacy* (Winnie Vitzansky, BSLA trainer),
- *Developing Strategic Relationships. The Building Strong Library Associations Module on Partnerships and Fundraising* (Winnie Vitzansky, BSLA trainer),

- *International and European practice in the regional context*
(Marian Koren, International Coordinator, Netherlands Library Association),
- *Connections with IFLA and regional cooperation opportunities*
(Edita Bacic, Alemka Belan Simic, Marijana Misetic).

MLAS Workshop presentations, panels and discussions on how to build strong library associations in the targeted region, the importance of regional communication and cooperation, fundraising and library advocacy practice were all up-to-date.

MLAS Workshop 2011 was extremely successful and it overcame expectations of both workshop co-organizers – MLAS SC and Croatian Library Association.

Invitation to the MLAS & CPDWL Session Programme / IFLA Conference 2011 16th August 2011, Session 125, 9.30 – 12.45, room 209

Janice Lachance/MLAS Chair asked Hellen Niegaard, MLAS Session Programme planning team member to present the session programme on 16th August 2011 during IFLA Conference 2011 in Puerto Rico. Hellen Niegaard informed briefly on MLAS & CPDWL Session Programme prepared in cooperation with Sylvia Piggott (IFLA CPDWL Section):

Session 125 — MLAS & CPDWL

Continuing Professional development (CPD) as a strategy to build strong libraries and library associations

Congress track 2: Policy, strategy and advocacy

- *Professional development, values and strategy - the means for building strong libraries for the future*
CATHARINA ISBERG (Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences Library, Alnarp, Sweden)
- *Building strong libraries and library associations through continuing professional development: the case of Ghana Library*
RICHARD B. LAMPTEY and ABEDNEGO CORLETEY (Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi, Ghana)
- *Successful models of CPDWL at the University of the West Indies, Mona*
KAREN TYRELL (University of the West Indies, Mona, Kingston, Jamaica)
- *How can libraries, librarians and library associations be or not to be successful in developing countries: the case of Minas Gerais Library Association, Brazil*
MARIA CLÉA BORGES and MARIA DE LOURDES CORTES ROMANELLI (Brazilian Federation of Librarians and Information Science Professionals and Institutions, Sao Paulo, Brazil)
- *An association-based continuing education certification program: The Library Association of Alberta pilot program*
SANDY CAMPBELL, DIANE CLARK and ALLISON SIVAK (University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB, Canada)
- *Fifty ways to conduct continuing professional development and workplace learning: on a shoestring*
BLANCHE WOOLLS (San José State University, San José, CA, USA)
- *The CPD innovation in China: training for the grassroots*
WU YUE (Library Society of China) and HAO JINMIN (National Library of China, Beijing, China)
- *Developing leadership competencies in librarians*
MARY WILKINS JORDAN (Simmons College Graduate School of Library and Information Science, Boston, MA, USA)

Janice Lachance/MLAS Chair and Hellen Niegaard invited everyone to attend the MLAS Session programme on Tuesday 16th August 2011.

Invitation to the National Associations Meeting 2011 held on 17th August 2011

Janice Lachance/MLAS Chair invited all MLAS SC members and library association representatives to attend the National Associations Meeting to be held on Wednesday 17th August 2011 from 9.30 – 11.30 as this is a large opportunity to meet with the IFLA leadership and ask them questions. The main topics of the National Associations Meeting 2011 are:

09:30 – 9:45 Welcome and introductions

Jennefer Nicholson – IFLA Secretary General and Janice Lachance - Chair MLAS

09:45 - 9:55 Libraries Driving Access to Knowledge – an update on my second year of IFLA Presidency, with a focus on the outcomes for Associations

Ellen Tise - IFLA President 2009-2011

9:55 - 10:05: Libraries: A Force for Change - the development of my Presidential theme, with a focus on the participation of Associations in the agenda

Ingrid Parent – IFLA President-elect

10:05 - 10:20: IFLA's Strategic Plan Key Initiatives 2011-2012: benefits for Associations

Jennefer Nicholson – IFLA Secretary General

10:20 - 10:35: The Building Strong Library Associations Programme – An update on recent developments

Fiona Bradley – ALP Coordinator

10:35 - 10:50: CLM- IFLA's Core Activity on Copyright and other Legal Matters – an update

Victoria Owen – incoming CLM Chair and Stuart Hamilton – IFLA Senior Policy Advisor

IFLA Communicator of the Year Award 2011 - MLAS nomination

Janice Lachance/MLAS Chair asked Silvia Stasselová/MLAS Secretary to inform MLAS SC members and meeting guests & observers on Call for Nominations – IFLA Communicator of the Year Award 2011. Deadline for nominations: Tuesday 16th August 2011.

Silvia Stasselová/MLAS Chair informed on the main aim of the IFLA Communicator of the Year Award which is to stimulate the new forms of modern communication trends under the framework of IFLA. The Award intends to promote new forms of communication, stimulate regular renewal (innovation) of information & communication work of a particular professional unit and review the activities of a particular professional unit from one conference to another.

Criteria for evaluation were following:

- use of social technology at the website pages
- implementation of social technology in the website pages
- innovative way of conference or group profiling
- extension of outreach to a large audience that the group is able to establish
- use of multilingualism, inclusiveness and esthetics/attractiveness.
- activities awarded will have to be identified for the year (12 months) between the IFLA conferences.

Silvia Stasselová/MLAS Secretary introduced the possibility to nominate candidate for IFLA Communicator of the Year Award 2011 on behalf of MLAS as NPSIG online tools help to

network, inform and involve the global LIS community in progressive way, they help to promote IFLA and attract young professionals to become IFLA members and build IFLA community

MLAS Secretary recommended the nomination of Sebastian Wilke/NPSIG Convenor after the previous survey among MLAS SC members. Silvia Stasselová asked Sebastian Wilke to express his attitude to his possible nomination and to present NPSIG activities he finds to be competitive among the other nominations.

Sebastian Wilke/NPSIG Convenor expressed his thanks for possible IFLA Communicator of the Year Award 2011 nomination and he presented a global network of new library professionals and LIS students using various social media and innovative online tools:

- **NPSIG Wordpress Blog** (<http://npsig.wordpress.com/>) - the official blog of the NPSIG.
- **NPSIG Facebook Page** (<http://www.facebook.com/npsig>) - more than 1000 active users
- **NPSIG Twitter** (<http://twitter.com/npsig>) - the latest news and on-site tweeting at conferences.
- **NPSIG Youtube channel** (<http://www.youtube.com/user/iflaNPSIG>) – videos from NPSIG conference activities have been recorded and put online for the global LIS community, such as the complete NPSIG workshop during BOBCATSSS 2011 in Szombathely, Hungary, etc.
- **NPSIG Slideshare** (<http://www.slideshare.net/npsig>) – SIG presentations are available to share
- **NPSIG Wiki** (based on www.pbworks.com) - NPSIG wiki for sharing resources and ideas and for coordinating all activities of NPSIG at IFLA sessions, IFLA satellite meetings, various events and conferences and all forms of cooperation.
- **NPSIG Netvibes** (<http://www.netvibes.com/new-professionals-special-interest-group/#NPSIG>): The IFLA New Professionals Resource Guide provides a one page overview of all the group's activities for everyone interested.

Sebastian Wilke/NPSIG Convenor introduced Dierk Eichel/NPSIG Information Coordinator who maintains all NPSIG live channels and asked to become a part of award nomination, if possible. Janice Lachance/MLAS Chair asked all MLAS SC members to express they agree/disagree with Sebastian Wilke/NPSIG Convenor and Dierk Eichel/NPSIG Information Coordinator to be nominated on behalf of MLAS for IFLA Communicator of the Year Award 2011. All MLAS SC members recommended both Sebastian Wilke and Dierk Eichel to be officially nominated.

Janice Lachance/MLAS Chair asked Silvia Stasselová/MLAS Secretary to send the official the IFLA Communicator of the Year Award 2011 nomination form on behalf of MLAS to IFLA HQ before the deadline on Tuesday 16th August 2011.

Report on the New Professional Special Interest Group (NPSIG)

Reporter: Sebastian Wilke/NPSIG Convenor

Sebastian Wilke/NPSIG Convenor reported all past and future activities of NPSIG and informed that he and Dierk Eichel/NPSIG Information Coordinator will serve until the end of 2012.

NPSIG activities during IFLA WLIC 2011 in Puerto Rico

- Off-site session during the IFLA 2011 Conference "*New Professionals beyond New Professionals - skills, needs and strategies of a new generation of LIS professionals*", more information at: <http://npsig.wordpress.com/beyond-new-professionals/>
- The off-site session will be hosted by the Graduate School of Information Sciences and Technologies in San Juan, Puerto Rico on Monday 15th August 2011 from 9:45 to 12:45. It will

take place in the conference room of the Madre María Teresa Guevara Library, University of Sacred Heart. More than 70 participants are expected, mostly new professionals.

- The aim of the session is to examine the current generation of New Professionals from a variety of perspectives, to showcase best practices and case studies from New Professionals from all over the world, and at the same time to provide space for informal networking and exchange through some exciting new and open formats. NPSIG received 46 proposals from all over the world.

NPSIG Off-site Session Programme on 15th August 2011:

The full session available on NPSIG YouTube channel.

9:45 - 10:15

Welcome by NPSIG Convenor Sebastian Wilke

Opening Keynote by IFLA Past President Claudia Lux: "Change – Change – Change"

10:15 - 10:45 speed networking

10:45 - 12:10 short presentations at five minutes each:

1. *"Job Search 2.0: Where Web 2.0, Libraries & the Great Job Search Collide, Issues & Opportunities for MLIS Graduates"* by Candice Melinda LaPlante, USA
2. *"Congratulations! You've Landed an Interview: What Do Hiring Committees Really Want?"* by Megan Hodge and Nicole Spoor, USA
3. *"Rafting in a library: Navigating the development of new tools and services"* by Milan Vasiljević, Serbia
4. *"The Community Manager in libraries"* by Julián Marquina Arenas, Alicia Moreno Camara and Juan José Prieto Gutiérrez, Spain
5. *"The Library Grows With Me! – Summer School for Young Romanian Librarians"* by Cristina Văileanu, Anca Râpeanu and Monica Avram, Romania
6. *"Using Web 2.0 tools to enhance the teaching and learning of LIS: a case study on best practices at the University of Puerto Rico"* by Nitza M. Hernández López and Carlos Suárez-Balseiro, Puerto Rico
7. *"The Diversity Imperative for Cultivating 21st Century Librarians: The Knowledge River Model"* by Jessica Hernandez and Sandy Littletree, USA
8. *"The new LIS professional from the perspective of the interdisciplinarity and the Colombian context"* by Alejandro Tinoco Carillo and Daniel Gordillo Sánchez, Colombia
9. *"The essence of modern LIS professionals"* by Teemu Rauhala, Finland
10. *"Key skills and competencies of a new generation of LIS professionals"* by Pussadee Nonthacumjane, Thailand
11. *"Living in an e-only world"* by Patrick Danowski, Austria
12. *"Creativity and innovations in Ugandan libraries"* by Caroline Ilako and Robert Ikoja-Odongo, Uganda
13. *"Shaping a new generation of LIS professionals in the 21st century"* by LiLi Li, USA.

Sebastian Wilke/NPSIG Convenor will also have a presentation at IFLA President-elect Planning Session and he will also introduce NPSIG activities to IFLA newcomers during Newcomers Session on Sunday 14th August 2011.

NPSIG activities since January 2011

- *NPSIG workshop at BOBCATSSS 2011 in Szombathely, Hungary*
(31st January – 2nd February 2011)

Workshop Title: "This is how we do it: New ways of social networking, innovative skill sets and competencies – The 2011 New Professional" (40 participants = 5 working groups).

- *IFLA Presidential Meeting 2011 in The Hague (April 2011)*

NPSIG was actively involved, students doing interviews with participants.

- *INFOS 2011- International Symposium held in Slovakia (May 2011)*
Presentation on NPSIG activities and Workshop by invitation of Slovak Librarians Association.
- *Cycling for Libraries* (cycling tour from Copenhagen to Berlin)
NPSIG actively participated
- *Conference of German Library Association in Berlin*
NPSIG presented poster and workshop.

NPSIG Plans for the IFLA WLIC 2012 in Helsinki

- Special satellite meeting “IFLA camp”, the first genuine IFLA satellite unconference ever
- IFLA camp will take place from 9-10 August 2012, right before the IFLA Congress 2012.
- IFLA camp will be organized in close cooperation with Hämeenlinna City Library.
- IFLA camp will be a two-day satellite meeting in the mode of an *unconference*. It will provide a place for New Professionals and the wider LIS community to meet, share experiences and create new ideas. More information available at: <http://npsig.wordpress.com/iflacamp/>
- The barcamp style will allow for active participation of all attendees and the inclusion of all kinds of topics related to New Professionalism, emerging technologies and innovation in libraries that prey on our minds.

Report on the Women, Information and Libraries Special Interest Group (WILSIG)

Reporter: Maria Cotera/WILSIG Convenor

WILSIG activities during IFLA WLIC 2011 in Puerto Rico

Maria Cotera/WILSIG Convenor invited all MLAS SC members to participate at WIL's session “*Libraries Providing Integration, Innovation and Information for Women*”, taking place on Tuesday 16th August 2011 from 16.00 - 18.00 (Exhibition Hall 1). To see details of presenters and access the full papers:

<http://conference.ifla.org/ifla77/sessions/women-information-and-libraries-special-interest-group>

Twenty two proposals from all over the world were received by 1st March 2011. The five papers selected will provide case studies illustrating how libraries and information centres are responding to the needs of women around the world, providing services for their benefit, and helping them to survive the current world economic crisis. The papers fit well together and will focus the session on the needs of vulnerable women and those with very specific needs (migrants, caregivers, prisoners, and girl learners).

Maria Cotera expressed her thanks to MLAS standing committee member Edita Bacić who kindly collaborated on the organisation of the session by serving on the selection panel.

Conference delegates were also invited to attend and contribute to the WIL open business meeting which will take place on Thursday 18th August, 13:45 - 15.45 (venue 216A). The

main purpose of the meeting was to discuss the future direction of the SIG and to plan the programme for next year's Congress in Helsinki, Finland.

WILSIG Convenor informed MLAS SC members that unfortunately, *"Information Literacy and its Impact on Women"*, the planned joint pre-conference with Information Literacy Section planned from 11th – 12nd August 2011 in San Juan had to be cancelled due to lack of bookings.

The aim of the satellite conference was to form and inspire library and information professionals working on information literacy in all sectors, especially in public libraries and local community centres, and disseminate research projects on the impact this work has on women in their local communities and society as a whole. Further information and planned conference programme were published at the satellite conference website: <http://www.ucm.es/BUCLM/ILWIL/>

WILSIG Satellite Pre-conference, Tampere 2012

Maria Cotera/WILSIG Convenor informed on WIL satellite conference 2012, which proposal was approved by IFLA Professional committee and everything was already organised (call for papers, venue, sponsorship, social events, etc). Standard information about the satellite conference available at:

<http://conference.ifla.org/sites/default/files/files/wlic2012/satellite-meetings-2012.pdf>

Title: *"How can Libraries and Information Centres Improve the Accessibility and Visibility of Women's Information and Contribute to Preserve Women's Cultural Heritage?"*

Dates: opening on Wednesday 8th August 2012 early evening with registration and a networking event and closing on Friday 10th August 2012. Location: University of Tampere, Finland.

Co-sponsor: Women Information Network Europe (WINE), the network of women's libraries, archives and information centres in Europe: <http://www.women.it/wine/index.htm>

The conference aims to discuss:

- ways libraries and information centres provide access to women and gender information
- ways they preserve women's cultural heritage
- the role of women's libraries and information centres in the internet era.

New WILSIG Convenor since 2012

Maria Cotera/WILSIG Convenor informed MLAS SC members that under IFLA's regulations, 2012 will be her last year as WILSIG Convenor. During her service she tried to encourage others to get involved and contribute to the running of the SIG, with the aim of finding some new colleague from international background willing to contribute to the planning and eventually take WILSIG over.

Maria Cotera received a serious expression of interest from Jenny Bossaller, Assistant Professor of Library & Information Sciences at School of Information Science and Learning Technology, University of Missouri, Columbia. Information on Jenny Bossaller available at: http://bengal.missouri.edu/~bossallerj/bossallerj/Jenny_Bossaller_PhD.html

Maria Cotera contacted IFLA for advice on the procedure needed to change WILSIG convenor.

Maria Cotera/WILSIG Convenor asked MLAS Standing Committee to ratify Jenny Bossaller as the WIL SIG convenor as Jenny will need to be co-opted as a member of the MLAS SC.

Maria Cotera informed about her planned activity to publish the official IFLA Publication on Women issues based on collected papers from the period 2007 – 2012 and she asked for cooperation of anybody else interested - except Edita Bacić who already showed her interest.

Election/appointment of MLAS SC Officers / Election period 2011 - 2013

Election of MLAS Chair

Janice Lachance/MLAS Chair announced two candidates for MLAS Chair position for the election period 2011 – 2013 in alphabetical order:

- Gerlad Leitner (Secretary General of Austrian Library Association & President of EBLIDA)
- Silvia Stasselová (President of Slovak Librarians Association & MLAS Secretary 2009 - 2011)

MLAS Chair informed MLAS SC members on election procedure and the applicable rule that eligible to vote are 20 elected current MLAS Standing Committee members at their service from 2007 - 2013 and from 2011 - 2015. Complete MLAS SC members list was received each MLAS SC meeting participant in advance.

Janice Lachance/MLAS Chair asked each of MLAS Chair candidates in alphabetical order to introduce themselves:

Introduction of the 1st MLAS Chair Candidate - Gerald Leitner

Gerald Leitner studied German Language and Literature and History at the University of Vienna. He also holds a certificate in LIS. Gerald Leitner worked for Austrian newspapers and magazines, and was a lecturer at the College for Information and Knowledge Management in Eisenstadt. He was responsible for the education of librarians in public libraries in Austria and was involved in many EU-funded projects.

He has published numerous articles and books about library management and copyright. Besides his activities in the field of library and information science, Gerald Leitner's personal interests lie in the relation between politics and culture. He is also President of the Austrian society for political education, and has published numerous books in this field.

Since 1998, he is Secretary General of the Austrian Library Association.

Gerald Leitner won the Austrian National Award for education and vocational training for adults, and the Bruno Kreisky Award for political books.

He was also the initiator and organizer of Austria's biggest reading campaign 'Austria reads. Meeting Point Library', which has been awarded the Austrian State Award for Public Relations 2008. It was the first time that this award, assigned by the Austrian Federal Ministry for Economics, whose list of awardees from the last 25 years reads like the "Who is Who" of Austria's biggest companies, has been given to an educational institution, what was a sensational success for the Austrian libraries.

Since 2007, Gerald Leitner is President of EBLIDA and as he finish his election period in May 2012 he expressed his interest to bring the knowledge and experience from EBLIDA to IFLA MLAS activities after he became a MLAS SC member for the election period 2011 - 2015.

Introduction of the 2nd MLAS Chair Candidate – Silvia Stasselová

Silvia Stasselová served as IFLA MLAS Secretary from 2009 – 2011 and became the first IFLA Officer in the history of Slovak librarianship. She was the organizer of the MLAS Standing Committee Mid-Term Meeting in Bratislava, Slovakia in February 2009.

The professional career of Silvia Stasselová started at the academic library at the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava, after she graduated at the same university in 1990. Two years later at her age of 25 she became one of the youngest directors of the academic library in Slovakia and probably worldwide as well.

From her position of academic library director she was fighting for her vision of reconstruction and modernization of the academic library more than 10 years until she was successful. New modern Library and Information Centre was reopened in 2003 and now belongs among the nicest and the most progressive academic libraries in the Slovak Republic.

Silvia Stasselová was active in Slovak librarianship since the beginning of her work in the field of librarianship and at her age of 32 she was elected the President of the Slovak Librarians Association. Since 1999 she was elected for the next four election periods, the last time she was re-elected in December 2009. She has the long term successful fundraising experience.

Among her roles of the librarians association president is to create conditions of the international cooperation of libraries and librarians. Silvia Stasselová has organized many professional events and she has attended many international conferences and study visits abroad. She was the main country coordinator of many EU-funded projects. Since 2006, she is the country coordinator of the event to support reading of children „The Night with Andersen“, the most successful marketing activity of libraries in Slovakia ever, supported by Slovak Radio.

Silvia Stasselová invited Roberta Stevens, president of American Library Association for her visit to Slovakia during May 2011 and helped to manage her visits to neighbour CEE countries.

Silvia Stasselová was awarded a medal for her international relations activities in the field of librarianship by Hungarian Librarians Association at the ceremony held in July 2011.

Silvia Stasselová expressed her wish to get a chance to represent the interests of strong professional library associations and also the interests of volunteer library associations which are the majority of library associations worldwide as she understands the needs of them both after her 4-years MLAS SC member experience and her 2-years MLAS Secretary experience.

After brief introduction of the both MLAS Chair candidates Janice Lachance/MLAS Chair announced the secret election of the new MLAS Chair and she asked Kelly Moore to give each MLAS SC member eligible to vote one copy of the official MLAS Chair ballot paper.

The secret votes of MLAS Chair election were counted by Kelly Moore and Maria Cotera.

MLAS Chair election results were following:

- Gerald Leitner received – 9 secret votes
- Silvia Stasselová received – 5 secret votes

Janice Lachance/MLAS Chair announced Gerald Leitner to become a new MLAS Chair.

Election of MLAS Secretary

Janice Lachance/MLAS Chair announced the election of MLAS Secretary for election period 2011 – 2013 and asked for candidates and volunteers for the election of this position.

Hellen Niegaard expressed her opinion that Silvia Stasselová was a marvelous MLAS Secretary during her election period 2009 – 2011. Gerald Leitner, newly elected MLAS Chair proposed Silvia Stasselová to become a candidate for MLAS Secretary for her 2nd term.

As there were no other candidates for the MLAS Secretary position, Janice Lachance/MLAS Chair announced Silvia Stasselová to become a new MLAS Secretary by acclamation.

Appointment of MLAS Treasurer

Janice Lachance/MLAS Chair announced the appointment of MLAS Treasurer for the coming election period 2011 – 2013. Janice Lachance proposed Barbara Schleihagen, immediate outgoing IFLA Treasurer to become a new MLAS Treasurer. All MLAS SC members supported her proposal and confirmed Barbara Schleihagen for the coming election period.

Appointment of MLAS Information Coordinator / Web editor

Janice Lachance/MLAS Chair announced the appointment of MLAS Information Coordinator and Web editor. Michael Dowling and Kelly Moore showed their interest to share this MLAS position and all MLAS SC members confirmed them both for the election period 2011 – 2013.

IFLA update and WLIC / IFLA Annual Conference 2011

Reporter: Jennefer Nicholson/IFLA Secretary General



Jennefer Nicholson/IFLA Secretary General at MLAS SC Meeting
(photo Silvia Stasselová/MLAS Secretary)

Janice Lachance/MLAS Chair expressed her welcome to Jennefer Nicholson/IFLA Secretary General and asked her for IFLA update for MLAS SC meeting participants.

Jennefer Nicholson invited MLAS members, guests and observers present at the MLAS meeting to attend the IFLA National Associations meeting to be held on Wednesday 17th August 2011 from 9.30 – 11.30. All national library associations representatives can meet the IFLA leaders.

IFLA Secretary General also invited MLAS SC meeting participants to attend the IFLA Highlights and News session to be held on Monday 15th August 2011 from 9.30 – 10.45.

Jennefer Nicholson/IFLA Secretary General also presented the new IFLA membership category of *[National] Association Affiliate*. For detailed information she recommended the link: <http://www.ifla.org/membership/categories/association-affiliates>

Jennefer Nicholson informed MLAS SC on the exact number of participants registered for IFLA Conference 2011 in Puerto Rico. IFLA Secretary general informed on the approx. 2 000 registered full time delegates except 230 registered day registration and 500 first timers.

IFLA membership report was presented by Tatjana Hoejink, IFLA Membership Officer. There are together 132 national associations – MLAS members. Management of Library Associations Section has together 173 members including international and national associations, other associations, institutions and personal affiliates. Tatjana Hoejink IFLA informed on the new IFLA online membership platform which offers more effectivity for IFLA HQ and IFLA members.

Access to Learning Award (ATLA) / Bill & Mellinda Gates Foundation

Reporter: Steve Bergen

Janice Lachance/MLAS Chair introduced Steve Bergen and asked him to inform MLAS SC meeting participants on the Access to Learning Award (ATLA).

Steve Bergen presented ATLA, which is given each year by the foundation's Global Libraries initiative and recognizes the innovative efforts of public libraries or similar organizations outside the United States to connect people to information through free access to computers and the Internet. The award is given annually by the Global Libraries Programme and the winner receives 1 million USD. Applications deadline: 30th September 2011. Details on ATLA available: <http://www.gatesfoundation.org/atla/Pages/access-to-learning-award-overview.aspx>

Public libraries or similar organizations outside the United States are eligible to apply, if they currently provide free public access to information through the use of computers and the Internet. The foundation particularly encourages applications from institutions in developing countries or those working with disadvantaged communities. Preference is given to organizations that reach out to underserved groups, such as poor or disabled patrons, or those from minority communities as long as the organization still provides services to all members of the community.

Steve Bergen invited MLAS SC meeting participants and everyone interested to visit the ceremony to announce 2011 ATLA winner on Tuesday 16th August 2011 (session 151), to visit

ATLA booth 623 at IFLA Exhibition and to attend the Panel Discussion with the previous ATLA winners held on Wednesday 17th August 2011 (session 178).

IFLA MLAS Strategic Plan update

Reporter: Silvia Stasselová/MLAS Secretary

Janice Lachance/MLAS Chair asked Silvia Stasselová to present the state of art of the MLAS Strategic Plan proposal to align with the new IFLA Strategic Plan.

Silvia Stasselová and Johnny Roj-Larsen both prepared the first draft of the new MLAS strategic plan during IFLA 2009 Conference in Milan and its electronic version was distributed to MLAS SC members before the meeting during IFLA 2010 in Gothenburg to prepare their comments. The same request was sent to MLAS SC members before the MLAS Mid-Term Meeting in February 2011 in Split, Croatia. MLAS Secretary received only NPSIG and WILSIG corrections/additions to MLAS Strategic Plan.

Janice Lachance/MLAS Chair therefor asked MLAS SC members to prepare their comments on the MLAS Strategic Plan for the 2nd MLAS SC Meeting on 18th August 2011.

Closing Statement by Janice Lachance, MLAS Chair

MLAS Chair expressed her gratitude to present MLAS SC members for attending the meeting in San Juan, which was the last meeting for many MLAS Standing Committee members who already served two election periods and have to interrupt their long-term MLAS service.



Silvia Stasselová/MLAS Secretary and Janice Lachance/MLAS Chair
(photo Sebastian Wilke/NPSIG Convenor)

Silvia Stasselová/MLAS Secretary expressed her special thanks to Janice Lachance/MLAS Chair for her excellent leadership of MLAS Setion and for her great cooperation at their common IFLA Officers service during the election period 2009 – 2011.

MLAS SC Meeting II
August 18, 2011

Puerto Rico Convention Center
San Juan, Puerto Rico

MLAS Standing Committee members present:

Gerald Leitner/MLAS Chair, Silvia Stasselová/MLAS Secretary, Janice Lachance, Hellen Niegaard, Kelly Moore, Sabine Stummeyer, Barbara Schleihagen, Michael Dowling, Taro Miura, Regine Horinstein, Marijana Mišetić, Marian Koren, Margarita Taladriz, Maria Cotera/ WILSIG, Sebastian Wilke/NPSIG

Guests / Observers:

Stuart Hamilton/IFLA Senior Policy Advisor, Fiona Bradley/IFLA ALP&BSLA Coordinator, Dierk Eichel/Information Coordinator of IFLA NPSIG, Gulcin Cribb/Turkish Library Association, Begonia Batres/FESABID, Edita Bacić/Croatian Library Association, Alicia Ocaso/Uruguayan Library Association, Hanne Pigonska/Danish Library Association, Sylvia Blaszczyk/Polish Library Association, Bjørn Christiansen/Norwegian Union of Municipal and General Employees, Reyna Josvah-Rabiaza/CSI Madagascar, Gloria Pérez-Salmerón/EBLIDA, Carla Funk/Medical Library Association, Zuza Wiorogórska/ Polish Library Association, Gabi Schneider/Swiss Library Association (BIS), Em Claire Knowles/ALA, Keith Michael Fiels/ALA, Doug Newcomb/SLA, Dele Omotoso/LRCN Nigeria

Apologies for absence:

MLAS SC members: Rosemary Gitachu, Xiangdong Yan, Georgios Glossiotis, Vania Grashkina-Mincheva, Jacques Hellemans

Without apology / any reply:

MLAS SC members: Elena Tikhonova, Jatindra Nath Satpahi



New MLAS Standing Committee at 2nd meeting in San Juan
(photo Doug Newcomb/SLA)

Minutes

Welcome & opening by Gerald Leitner, MLAS Chair

Gerald Leitner/MLAS Chair addressed his welcome to all participants of MLAS Standing Committee Meeting and to all guests and observers.

Approval of the agenda

Gerald Leitner/MLAS Chair asked MLAS members for suggestions/additions to MLAS agenda.

Hellen Niegaard recommended to include the topic on GLAD Programme and Maria Coterá asked for the update on WIL Special Interest Group. Gerald Leitner/MLAS Chair proposed to evaluate the MLAS Session during IFLA 2011 Conference first and then to continue the MLAS Session Programme planning for IFLA 2012 Conference in Helsinki.

Gerald Leitner/MLAS Chair asked for the approval of 2nd MLAS SC Meeting agenda in San Juan, Puerto Rico. MLAS SC meeting agenda was approved after above mentioned additions by all MLAS SC members.

Evaluation of the MLAS & CPDWL Session Programme during IFLA 2011 and MLAS Session Programme planning for IFLA 2012 in Helsinki

Gerald Leitner/MLAS Chair asked Hellen Niegaard to evaluate the MLAS & CPDWL Session Programme held on 16th August 2011 in San Juan:

Session 125 — MLAS & CPDWL

Continuing Professional development (CPD) as a strategy to build strong libraries and library associations

Together 60 participants attended the MLAS & CPDWL Session held on 16th August 2011.

Hellen Niegaard informed on successful MLAS Session Programme planning in cooperation with other IFLA sections (Library Theory and Research, Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning) during previous years, but she recommended to MLAS to have its own Session Programme to be able to provide more space for topics more library associations oriented. Barbara Schleihagen also recommended to concentrate on library associations topics.

Kelly Moore informed on the interest of IFLA National Libraries Section to cooperate with MLAS in planning the common Session Programme during IFLA 2012 Conference in Helsinki. Michael Dowling strongly supported this idea as the connection of national libraries and associations is very important.

Marian Koren informed that in this case MLAS could cooperate with the National Libraries Section and MLAS could also have the next separate 2 hours long MLAS Session Programme.

Silvia Stasselová/MLAS Secretary informed on the continuing interest of CPDWL Section to continue the close cooperation with MLAS as it was expressed by Sylvia Piggott from CPDWL.

Gerald Leitner/MLAS Chair confirmed the interest of MLAS to cooperate with IFLA National Libraries Section and also to prepare the specific own MLAS Session. MLAS Chair asked Kelly Moore to be a contact person for MLAS cooperation with IFLA National Libraries Section.

MLAS Chair started the brainstorming on the main topics of the MLAS Session Programme during IFLA 2012 Conference in Helsinki and he recommended the main topic on the global financial crisis in relation to library associations, what is a very crucial topic of all library associations in this period. This recommended main topic of MLAS Session Programme was discussed by:

- Silvia Stasselová/MLAS Secretary
(promoted the idea of sharing the experience of volunteer library associations from various countries who are able to run their association work by limited financial sources)
- Sabine Stummeyer
(recommended the topic on „how to attract young professionals for library association work“ and to share international experience, what could be prepared in cooperation with NPSIG)
- Maria Cotera
(offered to share many success stories on engaging young library professionals to the library association work from the rich experience of CILIP UK)
- Sebastian Wilke/NPSIG Convenor
(expressed the strong interest of NPSIG in this topic and he offered the close cooperation of NPSIG in the proposed MLAS Session Programme planning)
- Barbara Schleihagen
(recommended to inspire by a similar session organized by NPSIG approximately 3 years ago)
- Marian Koren
(recognized it to be a challenge for MLAS to attract young professionals by this topic and bring them to IFLA 2012 Conference in Helsinki as it is important to have the influx of new professionals to have all generations covered at library associations what is also related to funding of library associations and funding of library associations is related to partnerships)
- Michael Dowling
(supported all ideas presented and he asked the audience to participate at brainstorming too)
- Fiona Bradley
(recommended to cover also cultural and intergenerational issues)
- Regine Horinstein
(recommended the idea to present the introspections, state of art and strategies of library associations related to this topic)
- Barbara Schleihagen
(recommended another idea to focus on copyright or advocacy area related the role of library associations, as not all library associations are prepared enough to help in this field)

- Marian Koren
(recommended to include the topic of library associations partnerships and relations to stakeholders)

- Hellen Niegaard
(due to the previous experience she recommended not to have too many topics/areas to be able to attract one strong audience)

Gerald Leitner/MLAS Chair expressed his thanks for all great ideas presented and related to the last comment of Hellen Niegaard he recommended to concentrate on one strong issue oriented to attract young professionals and building partnerships.

MLAS Chair proposed the following MLAS SC members to become the MLAS Session Programme Committee members and they all agreed to participate:

- Sebastian Wilke/NPSIG Convenor, Marian Koren and Regine Horinstein.

Gerald Leitner/MLAS Chair opened discussion on the suggestion to organize MLAS workshop during IFLA 2012 Conference in Helsinki.

Regine Horinstein recommended to organize a workshop during the IFLA 2012 Conference for those who are not able to attend MLAS Workshops during the MLAS Mid-Term meetings.

Janice Lachance supported this idea as the next MLAS Mid-Term meeting in February 2012 will be the different one than a typical MLAS workshop due to the planned BSLA mini-congress.

Hellen Niegaard mentioned the first successful MLAS workshop held in August 2009 in Milan.

Michael Dowling recommended to organize MLAS Workshop in Helsinki on Saturday afternoon and recommended to advertise the workshop as soon as possible to extend the audience.

MLAS Chair asked for the information on the procedure to include MLAS Workshop to the official IFLA 2012 programme. Janice Lachance, former MLAS Chair informed that MLAS Chair has to ask IFLA PC for the special permission to organize MLAS Workshop.

Gerald Leitner/MLAS Chair closed the discussion and he informed that MLAS will ask IFLA PC for a permission to organize a 2-3 hours long MLAS workshop on Saturday during IFLA 2012 Conference in Helsinki, in addition to the common session with National Libraries Section and MLAS Session on attracting young professionals and building library associations partnerships.

MLAS Workshop will held on Saturday afternoon 11th August 2012 in Helsinki and MLAS Workshop organizing committee members became: Michael Dowling and Barbara Schleihagen.

Planning of the next IFLA MLAS Newsletter issues / MLAS website updates

For the next MLAS election period there were Kelly Moore appointed a new MLAS Newsletter editor and Michael Dowling appointed a new MLAS Information Coordinator responsible for the content of MLAS website: <http://www.ifla.org/en/mlas>

Kelly Moore asked for the next contributions for the next MLAS newsletter edition and promised to send the information on the deadline of the next MLAS Newsletter to all MLAS SC members.

Gerald Leitner/MLAS Chair highlighted the possibility to inform on the various library associations successful activities at MLAS Newsletter and to share interesting news from each country with all international library community.

Silvia Stasselová/MLAS Secretary recommended to include brief CVs of all MLAS SC members at IFLA MLAS official website. Sebastian Wilke recommended to add also photographs of all MLAS SC members to be available at IFLA MLAS official website.

Gerald Leitner/MLAS Chair recommended to introduce all MLAS Standing Committee members at the next MLAS Newsletter and he asked MLAS SC members to send their brief CVs and photos to Kelly Moore.

Silvia Stasselová/MLAS Secretary asked MLAS SC members to update their contact details to be published correctly at MLAS website:

<http://www.ifla.org/en/mlas/standing-committee-members>

MLAS Listserv Report

Reporter: Doug Newcomb, Special Libraries Association

Gerald Leitner/MLAS Chair asked Doug Newcomb/MLAS Listserv Administrator for update on the current number of registered Listserv members.

Doug Newcomb informed on a total number of 1.144 users of the IFLA MLAS Section Listserv (ifla-mlas@lists.sla.org) which is opened to everyone interested in receiving MLAS information.

Silvia Stasselová/MLAS Secretary recommended to add e-mail addresses of 60 participants of MLAS & CPDWL Session to MLAS Section Listserv. Gerald Leitner/MLAS Chair offered a possibility to all observers at MLAS meeting to register for MLAS Listserv.

MLAS Financial Report

Gerald Leitner/MLAS Chair asked Silvia Stasselová/MLAS Secretary to report on MLAS state of finances as Tore Andersen, former MLAS Treasurer had retired.

MLAS Secretary informed on the IFLA financial rules that 800 EUR regularly allocated to MLAS need to be spent during the year it was allocated for, even the former MLAS Treasurer had successfully prolonged the spending period for MLAS in last years, what would be not possible to do anymore. Administration costs are eligible for any cost needed regarding MLAS activities.

Silvia Stasselová/MLAS Secretary asked the permission to invoice IFLA HQ some of the administration costs at the amount of 313,00 EUR spent for printing/copying of materials for the MLAS SC Mid-Term meeting and Workshop in Split and for MLAS SC meeting in Puerto Rico.

Barbara Schleihagen/MLAS Treasurer recommended to cover these administration costs related to MLAS SC meeting and MLAS Workshop in Split from the MLAS Workshop 2011 project from IFLA PC budget amount of 4 000 EUR, which was not spent all.

Silvia Stasselová/MLAS Secretary informed that she prepared not just MLAS Workshop 2011 project proposal, but in addition to Final report she had to prepare also the Financial report as Tore Andersen, former MLAS Treasurer went retired. MLAS Workshop 2011 Financial report showed there was already spent just 3 377 EUR from the allocated budget of 4 000 EUR.

MLAS Secretary gave all documentation related to MLAS budget for 2011 from IFLA Division IV and MLAS Workshop 2011 financial report to Barbara Schleihagen, new MLAS Treasurer. MLAS Chair asked MLAS Secretary and MLAS Treasurer to find the best solution for refund.

Barbara Schleihagen asked for the information on status of Norwegian bank account used for MLAS finances as it has to be closed, but MLAS Secretary had not any information available. MLAS Chair recommended Barbara Schleihagen/MLAS Treasurer to contact the Norwegian Library Association to ask details.

Short Report on ILE Project. Present state and plans until IFLA conference 2012

Reporter: Sabine Stummeyer

Gerald Leitner/MLAS Chair asked Sabine Stummeyer to present her project "International Librarian Exchange" program (ILE).

Sabine Stummeyer showed ILE presentation including a world map with countries they already showed interest after her last project presentation during IFLA 2011 in Gothenburg.

Sabine Stummeyer expressed her opinion that it is very important to have an international exchange programme to enable librarians to network, to meet, to share the knowledge, to cooperate and to learn from the best practice.

Many national library associations showed an increasing interest in professional exchanges from their membership in the recent years. They tried to face this interest by organising individual exchanges or by signing bilateral agreements with some other associations.

Exchanges are very important for all library associations worldwide. Each national association - member of International Librarian Exchange (ILE):

- will offer a very valuable service to their members by helping them to find an exchange library
- will offer a "members only service" with ILE that will attract new members for this association
- will strengthen the association by increasing the membership numbers

Goals of the project:

- Develop a cooperative worldwide librarian exchange network under the umbrella of IFLA
- Support the library and information profession by supporting networking for high quality library and information services
- Strengthen national library associations and the membership base of IFLA

Requirements:

Website

Developing the ILE website with Typo3 (system BIB-website) or Drupal6 (system IFLA website) in the corporate design of IFLA, including

- a world map showing all member countries of ILE
- “behind” each member country information about the national association and the national library and information sector
- the ILE agreement
- reports about past exchanges

The national association...

- signs the ILE agreement
- designates a contact person who is responsible for up dating the website

The “participating” association...

- provides an introduction about the national association and information about the national library and information sector for the ILE website
- accepts incoming applications
- checks the membership status
- transmits the applications to the national association in the host country
- updates the ILE website

The “host” association ...

- finds a matching library for the applicant
- gives feedback to the applicant and “cc” the “sending” association

Project coordination:

- develops the ILE agreement
- develops the ILE website in cooperation with the IFLA Web- and IT-Manager
- promotes the ILE project via mailing lists worldwide
- promotes ILE on national associations` conferences and national mailing lists
- sends out the ILE agreement to all IFLA member associations via mail
- collects the signed agreements and put the national associations and their contents on the website

Time frame of the project:

January 2012 – December 2013

The ILE homepage should be launched before the IFLA conference in Helsinki.

The “ILE” project will be supported and run by Sabine Stummeyer during her MLAS term.

At the end of that term “ILE” will be run by a consortium of national library associations (MLAS-members) or will be incorporated in the IFLA-IT-structure.

Sabine Stummeyer also informed on the close project cooperation with IFLA CPDWL Section. All MLAS SC members recommended to support the proposed project “International Librarian Exchange” program (ILE).

Short presentation of proposed ALP project by Polish Librarians Association

Reporter: Zuza Wiorogórska

Gerald Leitner/MLAS Chair asked Zuza Wiorogórska from the Polish Library Association (PLA) to present her ALP small project proposal for MLAS SC meeting participants.

Zuza Wiorogórska is a current Standing Committee Member of IFLA Information Literacy Section and she gave a short presentation on the proposed ALP project "Training the trainers on information literacy" for pedagogical and school librarians in Poland, including plans to create an e-learning platform and courses on information literacy for young people from pedagogical libraries with foreign trainers from Netherlands and Norway in case the project is supported.

Fiona Bradley/IFLA ALP&BSLA Coordinator recommended to propose the project not via the framework of ALP small projects, but better under the framework of IFLA PC Projects. MLAS Chair asked Fiona Bradley and Zuza Wiorogórska to discuss all possibilities after MLAS SC meeting.

All MLAS SC members recommended to support the proposed project of PLA.

Planning of the MLAS SC Mid-Term Meeting in February 2012

Gerald Leitner/MLAS Chair reported on some ideas and recommended places for MLAS SC Mid-Term Meeting written at the last minutes from MLAS Mid-Term Meeting in Split.

Regarding the fact that the next MLAS Mid-Term Meeting will be connected with BSLA mini-congress he asked Fiona Bradley/ALP&BSLA coordinator for information on preferences to place BSLA event in February 2012 if there are any.

Maria Cotera/WIL Convenor expressed the interest of CILIP UK to host MLAS SC Mid-Term meeting and BSLA mini-congress in London. Advantage of London is an easy transport from worldwide as it is an international transport hub, what could lower travel expenses.

Silvia Stasselová/MLAS Secretary mentioned her last recommendation from MLAS meeting in Split to place MLAS SC Mid-term Meeting and BSLA mini-congress to Lithuania, what could be helpful as Lithuania is one of the BSLA countries and the neighbour countries could attend.

Barbara Schleihagen offered Berlin to be a place of MLAS SC Mid-Term Meeting and BSLA mini-congress as there are a few German library associations they could be involved, one of BSLA trainers - Claudia Lux is based in Berlin, but she expressed that Berlin would be the same good place as London, of course.

Gerald Leitner/MLAS Chair announced two places for MLAS & BSLA events in February 2012:

- London, UK
- Berlin, Germany

MLAS Chair asked MLAS SC members to vote for announced cities. There were 5 MLAS SC members voting for meeting in London and 7 MLAS SC members voting for meeting in Berlin. Due to MLAS SC members decision the place of MLAS Mid-Term meeting and BSLA mini-congress was chosen Berlin, Germany.

BSLA mini-congress was proposed to be held from 23rd – 24th February 2012 and MLAS SC Mid-Term Meeting was proposed to be held from the afternoon 24th – 25th February 2012.

MLAS Chair asked Barbara Schleihagen to become the MLAS contact person for BSLA mini-congress and Hellen Niegaard offered her volunteer assistance as well.

Gerald Leitner/MLAS Chair asked Barbara Schleihagen, Sabine Stummeyer, Silvia Stasselová, Hellen Niegaard, Marijana Mišetić, Margarita Taladriz to become members of MLAS Mid-Term Meeting planning committee.

Brainstorming on future MLAS & SIG Activities

Gerald Leitner/MLAS Chair expressed that he finds the next MLAS SC Mid-Term Meeting to be very important regarding the necessity to create a new MLAS work programme and necessity to build MLAS team based on different responsibilities for specific items to be shared among all SC members. MLAS Chair expressed his hope that most of MLAS SC members could be able to attend the MLAS Mid-Term Meeting held in February 2012 in Berlin.

IFLA MLAS Strategic Plan update and its aligning with IFLA Strategic Plan

Gerald Leitner/MLAS Chair asked Janice Lachance, former MLAS Chair on the possibility to continue in MLAS Strategic Plan update during MLAS Mid-Term Meeting in February 2012. Janice Lachance and Barbara Schleihagen, both immediate outgoing members of IFLA Governing Board confirmed it could be possible to continue in MLAS Strategic Plan update during MLAS meeting in Berlin.

Update on the Women, Information and Libraries Special Interest Group (WILSIG)

Reporter: Maria Cotera, WILSIG Convenor

Maria Cotera informed on her meeting with Anna Maria Tamaro, new IFLA Division IV who proposed her not to look after a new WILSIG Convenor, but better to try to become a new IFLA Section. Maria Cotera already started doing a lobbying for gaining enough section members and she spoke to IFLA Division V – Regions to support the process in addition to IFLA Division IV. Edita Bacić showed her interest to assist Maria Cotera to create a new IFLA Section based on WIL Special Interest Group.

Maria Cotera/WILSIG Convenor also informed on her successful meeting with Ingeborg Verheul from IFLA Headquarters responsible for IFLA Publication Series regarding the book on WIL issues to be published in 2013.

Janice Lachance, former MLAS Chair expressed her congratulations to Maria Cotera for all her excellent activities she successfully organized during her WIL Convenor service.

GLAD and BSLA: A conceptual framework

Reporter: Michael Dowling

Michael Dowling informed on the GLAD background. Global Library Association Development (GLAD) program is an approximately 6 years old IFLA programme with some of the goals identical to those of the new IFLA BSLA program:

To build stronger library associations and increase capacity of library associations to promote the development of library and information services within their individual countries and to participate in global efforts to increase access to information through libraries.

Conceptual GLAD and BSLA framework was prepared by Keith Michael Fiels in cooperation with Michael Dowling and Hellen Niegaard. GLAD program provides for a number of components that remain unchanged in the new environment. These include:

Online Directory of Library Associations

This is to be maintained by IFLA Headquarters, with directory information provided by members as part of the renewal process. Common directory elements have been established at IFLA World Report database. Michael Dowling informed on the close cooperation with Theo Bothma and more information will be available during MLAS Mid-Term meeting in February 2012.

Shared wiki database of best practices, program descriptions and success stories. The content and structure would be self organized by the associations themselves to meet their emerging and changing needs. The wiki would provide links to related association web pages and other more detailed materials.

More information on GLAD Programme will be discussed during the next MLAS SC Mid-Term meeting in February 2012 in Berlin.

Closing Statement by Gerald Leitner, MLAS Chair

Gerald Leitner/MLAS Chair expressed his gratitude to present MLAS SC members for attending MLAS SC Meeting in San Juan and expressed his welcome to all MLAS Standing Committee members to attend the MLAS Mid-Term Meeting to be held in February 2012.

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