



National Libraries Section Standing Committee

76th General Conference and Council, Gothenburg, Sweden

Meeting Tuesday 10 August 2010 2.30pm-5.20pm

Swedish Exhibition and Congress Centre, Room F1

Agenda

Members present:

Melita Ambrožič, Slovenia (2009-2013, First term)

Janne Andresoo, Estonia (2009-2011, First term)

Atakilty Assefa, Ethiopia (2009-2011, First term)

Jasmine Cameron, Australia (Secretary – Acting Chair for the meeting) (2009-2013, Second term)

Genevieve Clavel-Merrin, Switzerland (Information officer, Minutes) (2007-2011, Second term)

Antonia Ida Fontana, Italy (2007-2011, Second term)

Zhan Furui, China (2007-2011, First term)

Magdalena Gram, Sweden (2007-2011, First term)

Gerald Grunberg, France (2009-2013, First term)

Kristiina Hormia-Poutanen, Finland (2007-2011, First term)

Irina Lynden, Russian Federation (2009-2013, First term)

Deanna Marcum, United States (2009-2013 Second term)

Elizabeth Niggemann, Germany (2009-2013 Second term)

Collette O'Flaherty, Ireland (2007-2011, First term)

Pepa Michel Rodriguez (Spain) (2009-2013 First term)

Vigdis Moe Skarstein (Norway) (2009-2013 Second term)

John Tsebe (South Africa) (2007-2011, First term)

Apologies:

Martyn Wade (Scotland) (Chair) (2007-2011, First term)

Absent:

Martin Bossenbroek (Netherlands) (2009-2013, Second term)

Observers:

Angela Monteiro Bettencourt (National Library of Brazil)

Karina Budagyon (Boris Yeltsin Presidential Library)

Penny Carnaby (Chair, Conference of Directors of National Libraries, National Library of New Zealand)

Ngian Lek Choh (National Library of Singapore)

Maria Ines Cordeiro (National Library of Portugal)

Maria Elena Dorta Duque (representing The Director, National Library of Cuba)

Phan Thi Kim Dung (National Library of Vietnam)

Alison Elliott (National Library of New Zealand)

Rosa Maria Galvão (National Library of Portugal)

Andrew Green (National Library of Wales)

Galiya Issakanova (National Academic Library of the Republic of Kazakhstan)

Hans Jansen (National Library of the Netherlands)

H. K. Kaul (DELNET, New Delhi)

Sangeeta Kaul (DELNET, New Delhi)

Barbara Lazo-Rodriguez (Biblioteca medica nacional, representing National Library of Cuba)

Alex Miller (National Library of Scotland)

Kelly Moore (NOIR SIG)

Rachel More (National Library of South Africa)

Diomedes Nuñez Polanco (National Library of Dominican Republic)

C. B. Nwosu (National Library of Nigeria)

Mônica Rizzo (National Library of Brazil)

Wilawan Sapphansaen (National Library of Thailand)

Ujala Satgoor (National Library of South Africa)

Ludmila Tikhonova (Russian State Library, Moscow)

Sreten Ugričić (National Library, Belgrade Serbia)

Natalia Yaremenko (Boris Yeltsin Presidential Library)

Tendik G. Yermekpayeva (National Academic Library of the Republic of Kazakhstan)

Vladimir Zaitsev (National Library of Russia, St. Petersburg)

Francis Zogo (National Library of Benin)

Item 1 Welcome by Chair

In the absence of the Chair, Martyn Wade, who was unable to attend IFLA and sent his apologies, Jasmine Cameron, SC Secretary chaired the meeting. The minutes were taken by Genevieve Clavel-Merrin, Information Officer. The Acting Chair opened the meeting by welcoming members, observers and guests. She noted the apology from Martyn Wade. No other apologies were tabled at the meeting.

Item 2 Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted without amendment.

Item 3 Approval of the minutes of SC1, Milan, August 2009

The minutes were approved without amendment.

Item 4 Report from the Chair on the Professional Committee and Governing Board meetings and the Division 1 Leadership Forum

- The Conference Advisory Committee created by the Governing Board in December 2008 has been developing a new format for the conference which will commence in 2013. A tender will be held for a new conference organiser in 2012- 21 tenders have been received and the successful tenderer should be known later this year. 2013 will be the start of a new 7 year regional cycle for hosting the conference, commencing with Asia/Oceania 2013; Europe 2014 and so on. 4 bids have been received for Asia/Oceania in 2013. It is hoped that the regional cycle will enable a more open and transparent selection process.
- Feedback is being sought on the use of tracks or themes for the conference program. Gothenburg worked off 5 tracks including the 'open access and digital resources'

track that the National Libraries Section session came under. The PC is keen to know if the tracks are useful; are more tracks needed and so on.

- The PC has approved guidelines for satellite meetings based around 3 principles: satellite meetings are to be organised ideally in the metropolitan region of the congress or within the country or 3 hours travel time to the congress city; there must be no more than 2 free days between the satellite meeting and the beginning or end of the conference; Sections should be the chief organisers of satellite meetings.
- Roles and responsibilities of IFLA officers – the PC has drafted a document outlining the roles and responsibilities of PC chair and members and will extend this to section officers and members as well. It was agreed that this would be very useful for those thinking of nominating for IFLA positions in the forthcoming election round.
- Strategic plan- some time was spent highlighting the new IFLA strategic plan and the need for Sections to align with the plan and develop actions (between one and three was thought to be sensible) to be incorporated into the IFLA plan. Feedback from Sections is sought on the IFLA Strategic Plan.
- IFLA HQ will call for nominations for officers and SC members for 2011 onwards in October.
- Conference attendees are encouraged to attend the session on Haiti on 13 August.

The Chair asked for comments on the Strategic Plan especially with regard to the Section's own plan which needs to be updated. She underlined that concrete actions are sought by IFLA. Genevieve Clavel suggested that the proposed workshop on national bibliographies planned to take place in Mali (see item 12) could be an appropriate concrete action for 2010. John Tsebe proposed that colleagues send their comments by email following the conference. Penny Carnaby underlined that IFLA's strategic plan contained many areas that could not be achieved without the support of national libraries and reported that this aspect – ensuring deeper coordination between IFLA and national libraries - would be discussed in the CDNL meeting to be held later in the week. She agreed to report back to the NL section on this point.

Item 5 Review of the conference session and procedure for selection of a paper for publication

The Chair reminded those attending that the joint session would take place on Saturday August 14th and encouraged all to attend. Magdalena Gram and Colette O'Flaherty agreed to review the papers and select one to be submitted to IFLA journal.

National libraries promoting open access to knowledge

- **Open access: challenges for national libraries**
J. S. M. (BAS) SAVENIJE (National Library of the Netherlands, The Hague, Netherlands)
- **[Creative Commons licenses: strategic implications for national libraries](#)**
OLIVIER CHARBONNEAU (Concordia University, Montreal, Canada)

- **Beyond equality to better opportunity: new role and function of a national library in a knowledge society**
CHUL-MIN MO (National Library of Korea, Seoul, Korea)
- **Open access resource management: a new role for the National Library of China**
WANG ZHIGENG, LIANG HUIWEI and ZHANG WENJING (National Library of China, Beijing, China)
- **The role of the national library as a catalyst for an open access agenda**
JAN HAGERLID (National Library of Sweden, Stockholm, Sweden)

Item 6 Report from the Chair of the Conference of Directors of National Libraries (Penny Carnaby)

Penny Carnaby, outgoing Chair of CDNL, underlined that IFLA recognises the significant contribution of national libraries to the IFLA agenda, especially in literacy, intellectual property, copyright, and as indicated in item 4 proposed to share the outcomes of the CDNL discussion in this area with the SC. Additionally feedback from the ICADS discussion would be provided. She reported that while CDNL played no direct role in the assistance provided to Haiti and Chile in the aftermath of the earthquakes earlier in 2010, contact was established and individual national libraries were directly involved – a report would be given in CDNL. A major theme of CDNL currently was the proposal for the global distributed library which had been the subject of a technical evaluation by The European Library office, details of which could be shared after the CDNL meeting. Pepa Michel Rodriguez (Spain) briefly presented the work being carried out in the Latin American digital library project which is based on the software developed for the National Libraries Global prototype. The project aims to showcase collections through access via a single interface. A prototype was presented to ABINIA in October 2009 and considered to represent a low investment with a high return. The prototype would be presented to CDNL that week, and the address would be provided to national libraries in the near future.

Item 7 Update on the IFLA Special Interest Group: National Organisations and International Relations (Kelly Moore)

Kelly Moore reported that checklists on areas to consider before undertaking international cooperation were now available on the NOIR SIG pages and encouraged those present to attend the NOIR SIG meeting on Friday 13 August 1.45-3.45pm, Room F1 – 2. She reported that the group needs a co-convenor and that a call had gone out. Greater cooperation with the NL section was desirable.

Item 8 Presentation by Dr Laila Rizk, Director, National Library of Egypt, on experiential learning

This did not take place as Dr. Rizk did not attend the meeting

Item 9 Update on directory of national libraries in Wikipedia (Genevieve Clavel-Merrin)

Work on the directory over the past year has consisted of maintenance and development involving the following areas

- Checking the changes made by other contributors. There has been no case of obvious vandalism and very few cases of changes either politically biased or simply wrong
- Evaluating the validity of new entries
- Checking internal and external links from the list to libraries' sites
- An annual check of the list of sovereign states for the potential addition of new countries – and libraries – to the list
- Reorganisation of see references

Some statistics on the site:

Number of entries: 229 (2009: 234; the 2009 figure included 6 countries and territories with no national library, the change is therefore minimal)

Entries linking to an individual page: 144 (2009: 133)

Individual pages with an infobox: 52 (2009: 35)

All are encouraged to check the pages and update /create an infobox, and when attending regional meetings to encourage colleagues to do likewise. Penny Carnaby proposed to make such a call during CDNL.

Item 10 Discussion of the conference theme for Puerto Rico 2011

Theme: "Libraries beyond libraries: Integration, Innovation and Information for All", San Juan, Puerto Rico, 13-18 August 2011.

Acting Chair Jasmine Cameron noted that preliminary discussions were underway with the Bibliography Section about a possible joint session, pending the outcome of a decision on the proposed joint satellite meeting. She noted that Genevieve Clavel-Merrin would provide some background to this under the following item.

Item 11 Proposed joint Bibliography and National Libraries sections satellite meeting, Puerto Rico, 2011 (Genevieve Clavel-Merrin)

Genevieve Clavel-Merrin attended the Bibliography SC meeting earlier in the day at which the proposal to hold a joint satellite meeting had been discussed. IFLA has approved the idea of a meeting and it is indicated in the provisional programme for WLIC 2011 (though this is not binding). However, there were difficulties in establishing contacts in the area and it was felt that planning should have begun earlier if a successful meeting was to be organised. The Bibliography SC proposed that rather than a satellite meeting, a joint session might be more appropriate.

In response, Angela Monteiro Bettencourt (National Library of Brazil) proposed to talk to ABINIA colleagues during their September meeting, while Maria Elena Dorta Duque (representing The Director, National Library of Cuba) suggested that Cuba could be a venue. Kristiina Hormia-Putanen (Finland) supported the idea of a joint session.

It was agreed that Genevieve Clavel-Merrin attend the Bibliography second SC meeting on Friday August 13th to provide this feedback and learn about deadlines.

Item 12 Report on French speaking national libraries in Africa international bibliography workshop, Mali (Genevieve Clavel-Merrin)

Genevieve Clavel-Merrin reported that in addition to the funding from the NL and Bibliography sections, successful requests had been made to ALP, the Mali government, the Organisation internationale de la francophonie and that the workshop is planned for November 22-26 2010. The Bibliothèque nationale de France has agreed to provide training, and support will be received from OCLC in the form of bibliographic records to form a basis, plus attendance by a staff member who is active in standards. She thanked the SC for its support.

Item 13 News from members and observers (presented in order of presentation)

Russia: the Russian-speaking IFLA partnership in Moscow has held two successful meetings, including one on library services to multicultural populations. The National Library of Russia has also finished the outside construction work on the annex to the new building which will contain storage space. The National Library of Russia and the Russian State Library in Moscow have received funding from the Government to commence a new digital project, *Russian Classics*, which will include full text of major Russian literary works.

Sweden: the National Library has a new mission which includes providing a national overview, promoting cooperation and driving development forward within regional and municipal library activities (<http://www.kb.se/english/about/news/test/>)

Norway: the National Library has a similar mandate since July 1st with a new responsibility to create a national policy for the development of all libraries in Norway. The agency coordinating museums, archives and libraries has been disbanded.

Slovenia: a new library director has been appointed and a new strategic plan adopted. There are plans to build a digital library and a new portal.

China: The National Library is promoting digital library services and developing a programme on the digital copyright of e-books.

Ireland: Unesco has declared Dublin a world city of Literature. The National Library has a new director, Ms. Fiona Ross. The merger of the National Library and the National Archive is currently under way.

Germany: the new annex to the Deutsche Nationalbibliothek will soon be inaugurated. Print remains an important element in the collection but the amount of born-digital material to be ingested is increasing. This is taking place against a background of reduction in staffing.

South Africa: John Tsebe introduced the Deputy National Librarian Ms Rachel More and the NLSA Board member Ms. Ujala Satgoor. Thanks to government grants, the national library is reprinting 18 more classic book titles in the nine indigenous languages for Unesco World Book Day. The NL now houses the Library and Information Association of South Africa with whom it has co-organised South Africa Library Week to create awareness across the country. The NL currently has a project for electronic legal deposit and is setting up directories of e-serial publishers and e-book publishers. A deacidification unit is planned. In a move to stronger regional commitment, a board of all national libraries in Africa is being set up.

France: in March the Réseau francophone numérique (Francophone digital network) met in Paris and adopted a charter of governance, elected a management board and a chair, Guy Berthiaume of Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec. Under the planned 'national Loan' 140 million Euro will be provided for digitization, half for the national library collections, and half for other French libraries. The Bibliothèque nationale de France will coordinate the work. The work will be carried out under the terms of public-private partnerships

New Zealand: the National Library officially launched the second version of its National Digital Heritage Archive (NDHA), in April 2010. In May 2010, the New Zealand government allocated NZ\$12.6 million to the National Archive to extend activities to the e-public record.

Spain: the National Library is taking part in the Latin-American Digital Library project (reported under item 6), also in the Internet Archive and has launched an interactive book service (turning the pages). The library has 65'000 fans on Facebook and YouTube. In co-operation with the University of Madrid, the NL is launching a Masters Degree in Patrimonial and National Library studies with funding available for staff from national libraries in Latin America. The ABINIA meeting will take place in Buenos Aires in September 2010, a report will be provided.

Italy: the National Library Florence is preparing the infrastructure for digital preservation. It will be distributed across the NL Florence and NL Rome with a dark archive in Venice. The Ministry of Culture has signed an agreement with Google to digitize 1 million books from the collections in Florence and Rome.

Cuba: the National Library has been re-organised with a building upgrade and new services added, including a project for digitizing some publication from the patrimonial collection.

USA: The Library of Congress has established a young reader centre in the main building, a new departure for the institution. 2.3 million pages of American newspapers have now been digitized in cooperation with other libraries using microfilm collections as the source. Changed regulations now allow the Copyright office to demand the copyright deposit of e-journals. The LoC acquired the Twitter archive. A working group has been set up with federal agencies to study the LoC's role in the collection of strategic data sets and managing e-sciences. Congressman John Morrison has asked LoC to consider setting up an international year of the book involving all countries to look at the role of libraries, and how books will be considered, used and shared in the digital era. Ambassadors will be contacted about this soon and information will be posted on the LoC website as it becomes available.

Ethiopia: the National Library will host the Africa Manuscripts Conference, December 17-19 2010.

Finland: the pilot of the Finnish Digital Library portal developed by the National Library is available, giving access to libraries and archives. The national library will be evaluated by an international team.

Switzerland: the National Library has launched an eBooks on demand service.

Australia: work on the first stage of a master plan to upgrade the 40 year old building has commenced with the building of a Treasures Gallery and new temporary gallery space. This will followed by renovation and extension of the existing public reading rooms.

Item 14 Other business

Genevieve Clavel-Merrin reminded attendees that a call will be sent in October/November for information for the newsletter, pictures are welcome.

Acting Chair, Jasmine Cameron, reminded the SC that in previous years it was decided to hold only one Standing Committee meeting during WLIC. IFLA offers the possibility to hold two if an SC so wishes. The Chair, Martyn Wade, will canvas SC members to see if one or two meetings should be held in WLIC 2011 in Puerto Rico,

Ludmila Tikhonova (Russian State Library, Moscow) underlined that collaboration is very important within the Digital libraries of Europe and would welcome further discussion on this point.

There was no further business and the meeting was closed with thanks to all attendees.