**IFLA News Media Section Standing Committee Meeting**

**Via Zoom**

**May 26, 2020**

Present: Ann Okerson (Chair), Mazelan Anuar (Secretary), Jeffrey Knapp, Ana Krahmer, Michael Luetgen, Ralph Marschall, Perla Olivia Rodriguez, Nina R. Servizzi, James Simon, Deb Thomas, Kopana Terry, Anke Winsmann, Frederick Zarndt

**1. IFLA HQ Updates**

Ann informed the group about information presented in the May 26th Division II call. Helen Vincent (DII Chair) reported that It has been challenging for the for the Professional Committee and Governing Board to schedule their meetings, as members come from different time zones of the world. The PC will be meeting virtually every two months (i.e., six times in the year) instead of the previous three in-person meetings. Helen also reported that the IFLA governance review is proceeding. Various proposals have been developed and there will be a consultation with committees in June.

IFLA PC and HQ have yet to work out the detail for proceeding with the 2020 WLIC programming. Several options are available to commmittees and SIGS, including: move open programme to next year in Rotterdam; move programming into a written format (i.e., Professional Reports); hold webinars in 2020. Ann will update the News Media section once there is further information from Vicki MacDonald.

Update: Ann had forwarded the messages received from the Professional Committee (Vicki MacDonald and Megan Price). However, the guidelines are not yet available.

**2. Mexico City Midterm Meeting**

Perla reported that the Midterm conference at UNAM was a success, with interesting papers presented for both academic and professional sectors. She recorded her thanks to Mary Feeney, Ana Krahmer, and Frederick Zarndt for uploading the papers to the IFLA site. James Simon, Michael Luetgen, and Ana Khramer concurred that the conference was well-organised and a success – Michael and Ana added that they enjoyed the participation of the university students, who they brought new ideas and opinions to the discussion.

Update: Ana, Perla, and Mary have drafted the conference report and uploaded the papers presented on IFLA News Media site.

**3. Focus Areas Progress Reports**

A. Frederick Zarndt will work on a short report for Focus Area #1 (guideines for preservation of born digital newspapers) and will provide an update to Ann next week, to report to IFLA.

B. Rich Richie was unable to join the Zoom meeting to provide update on Focus Area #2 (Document accurate, high quality open access and commercial sources of born digital news outlets and sources).

**4. WLIC 2020 News Media Programme**

Ann reported that the call for paper had been successful with 25 proposals submitted; these evaluated and ranked by the committee representing News Media, CLM, FAIFE, and the Digital Humanities SIG. At least 15 proposals were viable and the submitters are enthusiastic to proceed with with a webinar(s) now that WLIC is canceled.

Michael observed that an online conference he had recently experienced had been positive, and it is possible to schedule interaction between speakers and audience via Zoom. He suggested proceeding since the speakers are ready.

Perla shared her experience organising a webinar for 500 participants – an interesting way to disseminate knowledge. She advised to proceed as well.

Ana suggested that, given the large number of responses, we could hold a satellite meeting/conference early next year (assuming things go back to normal).

Frederick said that fake news is a topic of interest now, and things may change by next year with social media platforms like Twitter taking steps to tackle fake news. He also advised that we proceed via online sooner than later (via a series of talks over several weeks).

**5. Next Meeting**

Ann will schedule for another meeting in the coming month when more details and update are available from IFLA HQ.

*Mazelan Anuar, Recorder*