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**Genealogy and Local History Section**

## **Genealogy and Local History Section Annual Report 2008-2009**

The Genealogy and Local History Section had 42 members at the end of the year 2009.

The Standing Committee consists of:

Chair: Ruth Hedegaard  
Secretary: Russell Lynch  
Treasurer: Janice McFarlane  
Information Coordinator: Janet Tomkins  
Editor of Newsletter: Elizabeth Melrose

Committee members 2007-2011: Anne Burrows, Lijing Chen, Ruth Hedegaard, Gerard Long, Russell Lynch, Janice McFarlane, Wayne Metcalfe, Mattye Laverne Page, Janet Tomkins, Gui Won Lee, and Hsiao-ming Yu

Committee members 2009-2013: Arun Kumar Chakraborty, Richard Huws, Susan Lugo, Elizabeth Melrose, and Paul Smart  
Corresponding members: Gu Yan

The Standing Committee elected officers for 2009-2011 at the Congress in Milan, Italy.

During the year we have been working on various activities and services, including the following items:

### **Open Session Program**

The 2009 program theme in Milan was “Opening up our cultural heritage through digitization and collaboration.” 130 delegates attended the session on Thursday, August 27, 2009. Four speakers presented papers. Marinus Swanepoel’s paper was selected for consideration by the editors of the IFLA Journal.

The Section Committee sent a letter to IFLA Headquarters expressing our concern about moving the IFLA 2010 conference venue from Brisbane, Australia to Gothenburg, Sweden.

### **Poster Session**

The section participated in the poster session for the first time in 2009. Elizabeth Melrose compiled the images and information for two posters. The theme was “Heredity and Environment – genealogy and local history for all.” Elizabeth also prepared a printed leaflet



for the session. A copy of the leaflet is available on the Section's website in the Past Conferences pages.

### **Study Tour**

The section sponsored a study tour in the Lombardy and Emilia-Romagna regions on Wednesday, August 26th. The tour included visits to the Milano State Archives, the Genealogical Association of Lombardia near Bergamo, Da Vinci's painting of the Last Supper, and the Catholic Diocese of Piacenza. Thirty-eight people attended the tour arranged by Wayne Metcalfe and Walter Zafarana. See the Section's website in the Past conferences pages for a summary of the visits.

### **Section Committee Meetings**

The meeting minutes can be seen on the Genealogy and Local History Section page on the IFLA website. The standing committee also reviewed each item in the strategic plan during a spring discussion via e-mail. For the first time, we used a blog capture ideas and suggestions.

### **Membership drive**

One important goal of the section is to get more members in order to continue as a section committee. We were pleased that the number of section members has increased slightly.

### **Working with FAIFE on Record Access and Data Privacy Resolution**

The resolution on records access and data privacy called "Access to Personally Identifiable Information in Historical Records" was approved in December 2008 and posted online this year (last updated on 23 April 2009). We are very pleased about this resolution.

### **Communication**

Elizabeth Melrose continues to produce excellent newsletters twice each year. Copies of the newsletters are available on the IFLA website.

### **GENLOC Listserv**

The Genealogy and Local History Section used the e-mail listserv to communicate with all section members and for administrative purposes within the Standing Committee.

### **Gothenburg 2010**

#### **Open Session**

The theme for the open session next year is "Family and Local History – an enduring legacy for the next generation." We anticipate another successful program with excellent presentations in Gothenburg.

### **Satellite Meeting**

The section is planning a satellite meeting in northern Denmark before the 2010 Congress which will explore Next Generation Users, Next Generation Services, and Next Generation



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Information Professionals. Our section is arranging the event in conjunction with two IFLA sections: Academic and Research Libraries and Reference and Information Services.

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