



## 2009 Health and Bioscience Standing Committee Business Meetings

### HBS Business II Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Tuesday, August 25, 2009 18.15 pm -19.00 pm

**Room:** White 2

### Standing Committee members

**Present:** Claire Nguyen (claire.nguyen@bium.univ-paris5.fr)(claire.nguyen@bium.parisdescartes.fr), Kate Oliver ([kateboliver@gmail.com](mailto:kateboliver@gmail.com)) Paivi Pekkarinen (paivi.pekkarinen@helsinki.fi) (Secretary)

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**Observers:** Ann De Meulemeester ([Ann2.DeMeulemeester@UGent.be](mailto:Ann2.DeMeulemeester@UGent.be)), Princess Uju Nwafor-Orizu (hovia2001@yahoo.com), Janet Wamby (janet.wamby@ub.gu.se)

#### 1. Welcome and Introductions

The newly elected Secretary Päivi Pekkarinen acted as Chair of the meeting, opened the meeting and welcomed all those present, and the participants introduced themselves.

#### 2. Officers:

##### Thanks

PP thanked the outgoing Secretary / Treasurer Kate Oliver for her excellent and work.

##### Web Editor

Due to the newly launched IFLA web site (<http://www.ifla.org/>) - which makes it possible for each section to maintain and update their web pages - an HBS web editor was required. **Claire Nguyen** and **Ann De Meulemeester** volunteered to jointly take the responsibility of this job. (HBS website: <http://www.ifla.org/en/health-and-biosciences-libraries>) .

#### 3. News from the Officers training session Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August

- PP, who took part in the Officers training session, informed the meeting about the main issues discussed;
- IFLA's new structure: the HBS section belongs to the Division I 'Types of Libraries' ,with Steve W. Witt as Chair;
- The section web editor / web master may be one of the committee members or non-members actively attending the committee's meetings and discussions (cf #2);
- Campaigns for recruiting new members are much encouraged; every member is important for IFLA;;
- Annual deadlines should be observed, e.g. :
  - by November for the Strategy plan 2010-2011
  - by January for the Annual report 2008-2009
- Guidelines for satellite conferences will be drawn and circulated.

#### 4. IFLA 2009: Review of the Open Session Tuesday 4-6 pm Yellow Room

The HBS Open Session: **Consumer health: health literacy, patient empowerment and health promotion** consisted of eleven papers

(<http://www.ifla.org/annual-conference/ifla75/programme2009-en.php>).

When planning the session the idea was to have a variety of views and insights into the theme from different parts of the world, each speaker briefly highlighting the main issues of his/her paper. Three of the speakers were unable to come to IFLA and present their papers, so we had eight speakers in the session. Even if many of the speakers did not quite observe their time allocation and over did it, so that in the end we did not have enough time for questions and comments, we had an interesting and lively session attended some 60-70 delegates. The theme focusing on the growing needs and requirements of the individual health information consumer was in line with the Milan conference theme *Libraries creating futures* as well as both the President Claudia Lux's theme *Libraries on the agenda* and the President- Elect Ellen Tise's theme *Libraries Driving access to knowledge*.

#### 5. IFLA 2010 HBS Program & Sessions

Since the theme of the Gothenburg IFLA 2010 *Open access to knowledge – promoting sustainable progress* was launched only during the Milan Conference

(<http://www.ifla.org/en/annual-conference/future>), we were able to discuss only briefly possible themes for the HBS satellite program and open session but we were not able to make any decision yet.

Proposed previous Satellite Topic

- Developing Health Sciences Librarian Expertise from graduate school curriculum to post-graduate training and to professional development offered by employing libraries was commented to line with the current presidential theme but the question was also raised should we have a topic supporting the Gothenburg conference 'open access' theme, such as
- Promoting open and equal access to health information.:

Proposed Open Session Topic:

- Preservation, Archiving and Conservation in the Health and Biosciences - previously suggested.

In addition to the topics already discussed in the previous meeting, following were suggested: at this meeting and in further discussions during the conference:

- Accessing multilingual health information / Promoting access to multilingual health information;
- 'Building capacity for medical librarians /Capacity building for medical knowledge
- Fair access to health information - Fair use of health information
- Health information for All – Health for All – New Challenges – New Solutions
- Promoting open and equal access to health information

Also, it was suggested we could collaborate with WHO and the Nordic school of public health in Gothenburg,,

([http://www.nhv.se/customer/templates/StartPage\\_3.aspx?epslanguage=EN](http://www.nhv.se/customer/templates/StartPage_3.aspx?epslanguage=EN)).

Karolinska Institutet in Stockholm,  
and FAIFE.

Janet Wamby from Gothenburg University Biomedical Library volunteered to be a liaison for the HBS committee.

## **6. IFLA 2011 HBS Program & Sessions**

The of the 2011 conference: "Libraries beyond libraries: Integration, Innovation and Information for all" (<http://archive.ifla.org/IV/ifla77/index.htm>). it was suggested that the theme will be discussed more in detail with via email.

## **7 Other Business**

There was no other business.

## **8 Close**

PP thanked the participants and closed the meeting at 19.00.