



**IFLA Section Libraries for Children and Young Adults  
Mid-year meeting – 2015  
March 26-29 in Bucharest and Brasov, Romania**

**Minutes**

**In blue: things for SC members to do**

**Attendees:** Ruxandra Nazare, Ulla Pötsönen, Jorun Systad, Ingrid Källström, Viviana Quiñones and Kirsten Boelt

Invited:Carolynn Rankin

**Observers:** Daniel Nazare, Melanie Luana Butnariu; Melinda Dinu and Sorina Stanca

**1. Standing Committee:**

- **1 Welcome, apologies, brief introduction of SC members and observers**  
**Apologies from:** Melanie Archambaud, Irina Mikhnova, Michael Kevane, Monika Mertens, Charles Kamden, Sue Roe, Patricia Carmichael, Yumi Tobita, Cécile Trevian, Lisa von Drasek and Annie Overall.

Viviane bid everyone welcome to the last midyear meeting in this Standing Committee and thanked Ruxandra warmly. Ruxandra is the host of the meeting and has made a very interesting program with visits to children's libraries in Bucharest and Brasov.

- **2.a Elections SC members and officers 2015**  
Election to Standing Committees are going on right now, and there are 13 candidates for the 10 places in our SC, so here is an election too. 10 SC members continue in the SC and they are: Melanie Archambaud, Patricia Carmichael, Céline Trevian, Michael Kevane, Esteban Manuel Llorach Ramos, Monika Mertens, Dalia Hamada, Jorun Systad, Yumi Tobita and Ingrid Källström.  
The SC members running for their second term are: Dajana Brunac, Charles Kamden, Ruxandra Nazare and Ulla Pötsönen.  
We strongly support them and urge all to give them their votes.

Viviana and Kirsten stop as chair and secretary and cannot stay on the SC, since it is the end of their second term. Ulla stops as information coordinator.

- If Ulla gets elected for the SC she is interested to continue as information coordinator.  
Ingrid K is willing to candidate for secretary on the new SC. All attendees are very happy that Ingrid and Ulla are willing to take these positions.
- NB SC members who cannot attend Cape Town can vote for chair and secretary by proxy. Please see "Procedure for election of new Officers and Information Coordinator" at <http://www.ifla.org/officers-corner/election-procedure>
- When we know the results of elections for SC members, Kirsten will write to all ongoing and new members asking for nominations and self-nominations for

Chair and Secretary and intentions for Information Coordinators.  
Other elections:

Viviana has applied for the position of Division III Chair – Division Chairs are Governing Board members.

Kirsten is running for the Governing Board.

We discussed the possibility to have corresponding members. Each SC can have 5 corresponding members for a period of 2 years. This period can be prolonged with another two year once.

We appointed two corresponding members: Carolynn Rankin, U.K and Eva Fred, Sweden.

Viviana will talk to HQ and find all the details out, e.g. when can a corresponding member start.

- **2.b News from Division III (minutes of meetings attached)**

Viviana attended the last Skype meeting, in March (minutes to come). The division will have a session in Cape Town focused on how the Division units work to put into practice the principles of the Lyon Declaration. Viviana will present a paper based on the brief on Lyon Declaration.

- It is suggested that IFLA could use a conference management system, like "easychair", allowing for the registration of proposals and publication of results.

- **3 Approval of Minutes of SC meetings in Lyon**

Members present at this midyear meeting approved the minutes. They will be approved by the complete SC in Cape Town. They are already on our website, with the mention "Draft".

- **4 Chair's and Treasurer's report August 2014-March 2015**

Viviana reported on what had happened from last report till now:

- Membership is the same; Kirsten will give an update on status in Cape Town.

- Ulla has attended a Bobcats conference in Brno where she gave a presentation of the section. This led to the idea of students collaboration for our projects (like the revisions of guidelines), collaboration that we could ask for through "Calls". Also, there is the "adopt a student" programme (section Education and training). **This point will be in Cape Town agenda. Ulla and Carolynn will follow this.**

- French UNESCO school network: Viviana talked about sister libraries.

Project: Picture books. Hard work to edit and publish the new updated catalogue, but now it is out!

Work on sessions for Cape Town has been successful, 3 sessions are planned.

- We wrote a brief for HQ on how children's libraries work to pursue Lyon Declaration goals.

UNESCO: try to put Children's libraries in the agenda for education 2016-2025 : Viviana has replied to UNESCO request on this. Viviana, Ingrid will work on this.

We have cooperated with ALA regarding their project for book donation for Cape Town libraries during IFLA conference.

Section facebook page: 1426 followers.

- Treasurer's report: Viviana handed out the report, which was approved. We will ask Fagforbundet for the 2015-money they have allocated for the sister libraries project. **Viviana and Ulla will see to this.**
- **5 Information Coordinator's report (attached) and Section Information issues**  
**Work on the website** is in process. Many items have been updated, some need to be. IFLA platform is going to change, so our webpage will not be updated until we know what IFLA decides.  
 The annual report for 2014 will be uploaded.  
 Papers and presentations from conferences, which are not on IFLA site, are to be found on our site under "conferences"  
 Anniversary leaflet will be updated with the "last ten years" be Viviana and we will use the illustrations from picture books/sister libraries in the leaflet. The leaflet will be launched in the session in Cape Town.  
  
**Newsletter:** The change of format was a good solution. And we have had very fine response from HQ.  
 When we send material for the newsletter to Ulla, never format it, send only text and pictures.  
**Ulla will send a "manual" to all contributors to the Newsletter so we all know how to send articles etc.**  
  
 Theme for next newsletter: Maker spaces for children and young adults. Not only 3-d printing and knitting but a more broad understanding of the subject.  
 - **Also, Jorun could write an article following a paper she will give in Norway, "How small can a library be and still be good?"**  
  
**Mailing list:** 420 subscribers.  
  
**Face book:** Ulla will introduce and present new members of the sister libraries program on face book, and she will get in touch with a few of the members and ask them to write on face book.  
  
 When we write on face book it is important we write as SC members and do not use the "I"  
 Is important that the chair follows the face book page and posts on it.  
  
 Ingrid K will talk to Gislered and ask them to do a talk in Ohio = preparation for Ohio.

## 2. **Projects and actions 2013-2014: reports and plans :**

- **1 Statement on Internet in the library/social media**  
 We went through the document and made some changes – see attached.  
 Ingrid and Kirsten will look up at the Insafe page to see what we have used in the document.  
 Kirsten will fill in the form and send it to everyone before sending it to IFLA HQ/Professional Committee.
- **2 Sister Libraries (coordinator's report attached)**  
 Ulla went through the report. New partners come to participate and Ulla will ask their permission to present them in the face book page.  
 Now 83 libraries are in the list and there are 47 pairs.  
 All participants receive 6 messages from the coordinator pr. year. Viviana will

continue to translate into Spanish and Melanie could translate into French (we must ask her if she accepts).

- Ulla asked about the strengths and the weaknesses of Sister Libraries:
- Strengths: IFLA name, a concept that works, low cost, communication
- Weaknesses: manual updates of forms, technical clumsiness  
The List of participants for our internal use is stored on Google Drive. If you want to read it, Ulla can give you the password.  
Continuing with her evaluation, Carolynn will include some questions into the next message to the sister libraries, in May. The questions will be related to librarians' professional development thanks to the programme, not to the reading or other programmes they conduct.  
The next report to Fagforbundet will be sent by June 20<sup>th</sup> at the latest. This report will focus on the continuing competence building and the community of professionals.  
Jorun will make a campaign in Norway to get more participants.
- We know that Fagforbundet will not support the project further; if we want to apply for funding by them, we must come up with something new – digital - maybe. JORUN SHALL WE LEAVE THIS?

Sister libraries is a permanent program, funded or not. It is essential that some in the SC engage themselves in the program in order to continue and make it stronger.

We will discuss if we shall start a wiki in order to store all the information. Ulla, Jorun and Viviana will discuss this subject via SKYPE and they will decide what to do.

The session in Cape Town on professional development through Sister Libraries: Carolynn, Ulla will work together on this.

### - **3 The World through Picture Books**

The project got money for another year (2014) from IFLA and now the money is spent.

A new edition of the catalogue is made and published. Here new countries are added. Some of the book selections belong to a part of a country, as they have their own culture and literary traditions; one example is Greenland, another Quebec.

The books from the new countries will now be collected for the exhibition.

More countries can join but there will not be a new physical edition of the catalogue, only an online supplement. The designer will make new country pages for free. And new countries will be uploaded as supplements.

Viviana will keep on as contact for the designer and the box of the European exhibition can stay at BnF.

The exhibition will go to Norway next spring in connection to the midyear meeting in Oslo.

Annie Everall is the coordinator now, and we will ask her if she can continue as the coordinator.

Everyone in the SC is supposed to promote the catalogue in his/her country.

The country coordinators will now have a letter telling about the new edition. Viviana must send them a letter on behalf of the section, once the technical

details for both sets are updated.

Viviana will look at the books she has got and ask for those, which are missing for the exhibitions. Viviana and Yumi will update the technical informations pages on the two sets.

Ulla will update the webpage. .

Also, Ulla will post on FB the ideas for Sister Libraries to use the catalogue.

#### - **4 Revision of Children's Guidelines**

In Lyon we decided to start revising the guidelines. We start with "Guideline for Children's library services" and the others will follow as this: babies and toddlers and Young people. We must include in Cape Town agenda the planning for these two revised publications

Carolynn kindly offered to coordinate the work of the revision of the guidelines. We discussed the form to fill in and send to HQ. Carolynn will finish the form and send it as soon as it can be discussed in the Professional Committee this April. NB HQ said later that it is OK if they have the form before the end of May. The guidelines will be discussed in Cape Town in the session and must be discussed in the SC meeting as well.

A working group was formed on this: Carolynn, Ruxi and Ingrid (and maybe Viviana)

We decided on the title for the guidelines: Guidelines on Library Services for Children.

Timeline:

Children's Form send to HQ before April 14<sup>th</sup> (NB HQ says the end of May will do)

Input and Discussions in Cape Town session and SC meetings

Project proposal form filled in and sent to IFLA by October

Draft to be discussed in midyear meeting in Oslo

Finished and approved for Ohio 2016. (Which means a session on the guidelines)

We discussed a draft for the budget for the project:

Illustrations/layout:	1200 Euro
editing	1500 Euro
Workshop meeting	100 Euro
printing etc	100 Euro
translations into 6 IFLA official languages	400 Euro
Total	3300 Euro

#### **The session in Cape Town on the guidelines**

Viviana is chairing the session

The room is booked and there will be tables in café-style. We don't know how many seats there will be; we'll let everybody in. One SC member sits at each table. We need a bell or a whistle for the supervisor. We need a photographer to take pictures of the audience (ask permission to be photographed?)

Program:

- Welcome at the entrance: we give to each person a balloon and one sheet of paper to fill with name and email and what is important for him/her on Guidelines
- Jay Heale: speech on African children's literature (35 min)
- Ulla (Carolynn will help prepare; she cannot attend Cape Town): Updating on sister libraries (10 min): two or three examples of professional development (not of activities with children)
- Yumi Tobita, VQ and Annie Everall: update on picture books: news on the travelling of the exhibition, new catalogue, one country presentation (10 min)

- Viviana: history on the section (10 min)

- Discussion on Guidelines

Viviana: frame for discussion at tables on guidelines (5 min). A slide with the questions for the tables stays on the screen

- free discussion at the tables (30 minutes);Carolynn will make a briefing list for SC members so we can facilitate the discussion at the tables. SC members also take notes - each person writes what is important for him/her on their sheet

- Highlights/key issue from the discussion – one sentence from each table (10 min)  
Carolynn will wrap up the discussion

We shall bring papers - one big paper for each table???. SC members must sit at the tables and also discover the hidden agenda and note this.

We will invite all participants to join the discussion by mail after the session, so remember to note all participants and their email address.

- At last in the session we celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the section. Party group: Ingrid and Ulla. We plan to have balloons, serve drinks (sparkling water and syrup) and chocolate and fruit. We must see with HQ if they have IFLA bracelets and if we can use some admin money for the expenses. Have IFLA children bracelets made? Tattoos?

- **5 ALMA 2014: nominees by the section**

we discussed who to nominate and the decision was:

PRAESA – but we will not – PRAESA got the price for 2015 HURRAH!

Abuela cuentacuentos/Argentina. Viviana will fill in the form

FAVL: Michael Kevane's project in Burkina Faso – Viviana will fill in the form

Foreningen "Les" Norway – Jorun will fill in the form.

Please send all the forms to Viviana and she will send it to ALMA.

- **6 Best practices (Monika's draft attached)**

Storing best practices, finding them again is a hard thing to solve. After a long discussion of the possibilities we decided to go for making a wiki. Ulla will be the project manager and we will make a project proposal form to be sent to HQ in October (but some best practices should be on the website already). Ulla will look at the budget for the project, which will be presented as associated with the revision of guidelines. This is an item for Cape Town agenda.

We will start to store the best practices already and do this in the webpage. We do not think there will be that many in the beginning and we do want to get started. Ulla will see the technical questions with Louis. They will be in Publications > Best practices, each practice will be a separate html page

We went through Monika's very fine drafts and made some additions and some changes which can be seen in the 3 attached file.

Comments:

To "Issues to be discussed":

- o We want practices for all ages – they will be linked to the corresponding Guidelines
- o – we will ask librarians to send their best practices through the mailing list and FB page

To "Draft"

- o - we will ask for examples that fit in the guidelines
- o - guidelines on web 2.0 : **see if they can help for statement on social media**
- o - suggestions for best practices must be in English; colleagues will not fill in forms on line but the working group will choose

To "Best practice recipe"

- o Add: intended impact – city and country – illustrations – key words – a title (useful for classifying)

The SC will work on the best practices parallel with the work on the guidelines (to which the practices will be linked). **Working group: Monika, Ulla, Ruxi**, and Cécile. They will prepare a draft to be discussed in Cape Town. A bigger working group will be formed in Cape Town.

We stated to discuss the criteria:

- Replicability : Possible to repeat/do in other countries?
- innovation : How does the best practice add to librarians' knowledge?
- practices can be managed by libraries or by partners
- They can be done with or without funds

### 3. **Conferences : reports and plans :**

#### **1 Lyon and Paris Conferences 2014**

Satellite in Paris: **Ruxi and Jorun will write a report with conclusions from the conference.**

#### **2 Cape Town Conference 2015: preparation of sessions**

No satellite in South Africa this year.

Sessions "Dynamic African Libraries" and "Dynamic Partnerships" both received more than 20 proposals, and then we have the session on guidelines and celebration (see above, under "revision of guidelines").

#### **3 Columbus and Santa Clara-San José conferences 2016 (Michael's proposal attached)**

Fine proposal from Michael Kevane for a satellite in San Jose and Santa Clara. The theme is: "Child and youth reading in the transition to a digital culture: emerging perspectives on the role of libraries"

A working group to work together with Michael on the conference will be made in Cape Town.

- **The date of the satellite must be fixed soon; Thursday August 11<sup>th</sup> seems the ideal day.**

### 4. **Any other matter**

#### **1. ALA book donation for Cape Town**

The section does not participate in the effort to gather books but is happy to collaborate with ALA.

The donation ceremony could take place the evening where the African librarians meet with the section. But ALA has not got in touch with us after their meeting at their Chicago Winter conference.

#### **2 Evening with African colleagues in Cape Town**

In order to meet the African colleagues, who are not able to participate in the congress, a meeting of "unconference" will be arranged by Carole Bloch (PRAESA). Who can participate from the SC ? Ulla, Ingrid and Jorun can and

many more are very welcome ! The idea is to share a "best practice" or a trend from the SC member's country.

### **3 Official IFLA information, flyers etc.**

We need some nice materials from IFLA (do they have printed material to give us?) when we visit libraries in order to advocate for IFLA. We also need to print ourselves our section's leaflet and take it too. We will work for this in good time before midyear meeting in Oslo.

**4 Remember to answer to Monika's request** – sent to all SC members.

### **5 Midyear 2016**

To be held in Oslo thanks to Jorun. Jorun is planning to arrange a conference in connection to the meeting (SC members will give talks) and the World through Picture Books exhibition will be exhibited in Oslo during the meeting. Jorun will inform on the partners she will have for all this.

Remember : the possibility for members to participate via SKYPE when they are not able to travel.

### **6 Reviews of professional literature**

We cannot afford to publish a regular column in the Newsletter... Carolynn will post the information on her new book on our mailing list and FB page.

Minutes written by Kirsten Boelt