

LIBRARY SERVICES TO MULTICULTURAL POPULATIONS

Section Mid-Year Meeting in Zürich at the Pestalozzigesellschaft Library, 9.3 – 10.3 2013

Chair: Tess Tobin

Attendees: Tess Tobin, Anne Kristin Undlien, Svetlana Gorokhova, Ruth Fassbind-Eigenheer, Fred J. Gitner, Esin Sultan Oguz, Nobue Yamada, Yasuko Hirate, Anne Katrin Ursberg, Christiana Ikeogu and Katrin Lueck.

Guest: Dr. Josephine Siegrist when we were discussing the satellite meeting 2014.

Apologies: Lea Starr, Mijin Kim, Susana Alegre Landáburu, Olga Cuadrado Fernández, Stephen E. Stratton, Leena Abalone, Susy Tastesen, Lorie Roy, Jack Leon, Vickery Bowles, Oksana Chuvilskaya, Anne Hall.

No response: Galina Raykova, Simona-Marilena Bursasiu

1. Welcome, apologies and practical information
2. Introductions and welcome
3. Satellite Meeting 2014 Lyon theme: Libraries, Citizens, Societies: confluence for knowledge. BIS – Bibliotheque Information Suisse – is interested in collaborating with us on a satellite meeting after Lyon in 2014. Dr. Josephine Siegrist, Director of the Pestalozzigesellschaft Library and representing BIS took part in our meeting and told us about their interest in working with us. Every second year BIS arranges a big conference with about 400 delegates for 3-4 days. We can have our satellite meeting before their conference. The last day in Lyon is Friday 22. August. We plan to start our satellite meeting the evening 24 August with a reception, and start a one day satellite meeting 25 August. The meeting will take place in Lugano, which is less than 6 hours by train from Lyon via Milano. BIS will take care of the practical arrangements connected to the location. People can choose to take part in only our conference, only the BIS conference or both of them. Our group will take care of the work connected to the program, getting papers to our program etc. The deadline for satellite meetings in Lyon is the 13 March. Tess asked for some more time, but we will try to make our decision soon. We want IFLA volunteers to help us. We will not earn money on the conference, but we must get receive enough money for simultaneously translators (if this is possible to arrange in Lugano), lunch and transportation during the conference day (if necessary).

Update: BIS cannot hold their meeting in August. Nevertheless, BIS is still willing to work with us on the logistics. Working group of Fred, Ruth, Katrin and Esin need to work with BIS and begin planning for this satellite meeting.

The convention hall in Lugano is not available the last week in August, so another site needs to be found.

Dr. Josephine Siegrist gave us a tour of the Pestalozzigesellschaft Library in Zürich where we had our meeting. This is a private public library established on the 150 birthday of the famous pedagogue and education reformer Johann Heinrich Pestalozzi in 1896. Today this library has branches in 16 different places in Zürich.

We also visited their intercultural library branch of the Pestalozzigesellschaft Library on the 11. of March. We received a warm welcome and enjoy hearing about the multicultural library services they were offering at their branch.

4. Chairs report
5. Secretary's report. The Minutes from Helsinki August 2012 were approved.
6. Economic situation. We have about 500 Euros after paying for new USB's. In December 2012 4,000 Euros were paid towards Phase 1 of the Toolkit. We received 3,500 Euros from IFLA in 2013 to support Phase 2 of the toolkit project.
7. Report from Finland
 - A) Report from the satellite conference 8 -9. August 2012 in Lappeenranta, Finland. Theme: "Transcending Boundaries to Increase Cultural Understanding between Countries". We are very satisfied with the program. There were many good speakers and our hosts were very gracious. We were hoping for more participants. But with the current economy, the meeting was still a success.
 - B) Report on our program in Helsinki: "Multicultural Libraries – Inspiring, Surprising and Empowering Your Communities". By offering simultaneous translation for the first time from IFLA, many more participants took part in our program. One speaker at our meeting from Helsinki Public Library has been invited to speak at a conference in Turkey.
8. Special Interest Group on Indigenous Matters. The SIG review report was sent to IFLA and they have approved the continuation of the SIG for the period 2013 – 2017 with our section as the sponsor. Te Paea Paringatai representing the Te Ropu Whakahaui (Maori in Libraries and Information Management) from New Zealand has agreed to be the new Chair. The section wishes to thank Loriene Roy for all her inspiration and dedication to indigenous knowledge and her hard work in making the SIG a recognized unit of IFLA. Loriene and Te Paea will be coming to Singapore. The SIG review report 2012-2013 is attached.
9. Standing Committee
 - A) Nominations. Fourteen people have been nominated in to our section. There are 10 open seats.
 - B) Positions.
 - Division chair. The division chair must be a past chair in the section. We do not have any candidates for this position.
 - Section chair. Tess is interested in continuing as chair for two more years.
 - Secretary. A new secretary will be chosen in Singapore.
 - Elections will be held in Singapore for both Chair and Secretary. Those who cannot make the meeting will be sent an electronic ballot.
10. Communications – Sections information and communication matters
 - A) Blog – Tess will send us more information about the blog. She is working with Jack to see how we can best use this feature of the webpage. – she showed us the system in Zürich.
 - B) Correct text – UNESCO-logo – needs to be added to the translations of the manifesto, Working group needed.

- C) Social media – Esin prepared a list of all the IFLA MCULTP Social Networking Sites. This will be shared with the section.

11. Publications Updates:

- A) Guidelines, Summary Documents, Translations.
IFLA will take care of the 7 official IFLA languages. Ruth has finished the German version. Nobue has finished the Nepalese version.
- B) Revision of Leaflet, new draft – Mijin will be working on this task.
- C) Newsletter next. Katrin, Fred and Christiana will work with the newsletter. Lea is taking a leave of absence at this time. Deadline for our next number is June 20. We will send out our next newsletter in July.

For the next newsletter:

- Report from the mid-year meeting
Kathrin the first to days of the meeting 9. – 10.3
Ann Katrin the next two days 11.-12.3
- The Singapore meeting – Steven
- SIG – Lorie and Ta Paea
- Leipzig conference – Esin
- From a German meeting about multicultural library services – Katrin
- From a Manchester conference – Christiana
- Toolkit – Tess
- Satellite meeting – Lyon 2014 - Ruth
- Names of our members with contact information on the last page.

12. Singapore.

- A) IFLA 2013 in Singapore on 17-23 August 2013. Program: Indigenous Knowledge and Multiculturalism in LIS Education and Library Training: Infinite Possibilities.
We have received 20 papers. It is a joint program with the Education and Training section. 3-4 papers from our section and 3-4 papers from the Education and Training section will be chosen. Each speaker will talk for about 15 minutes. Esin, Stephen, Lea and Svetlana worked with this.
Who is going to Singapore? The members that took part in the Mid-Year meeting who will be going are: Svetlana, Tess, Ann Katrin, Yasuko, Nobue and Anne Kristin are planning to go. Esin will contact her colleague in Singapore to try to get a place for us for a whole day meeting on Saturday.
We want some more marketing material in Singapore – bookmarks – as Esin made. T-shirt, baskets

13. Satellite meeting after Lyon 2014 – in Lugano (see 3)

Ruth, Katrin, Fred and Esin is the working group. If BIS is not having their meeting in August, there is another French institution that wants to be our host.

14. Program in Lyon. Working group: Svetlana, Christiana and Fred. Together with who? Public Library?

15. Update of work schedule – see schedule.

16. The Multicultural Library Manifesto update:

- a) Toolkit update – IFLA Funding
- b) Review of toolkit draft

We spent a morning going over the first draft of the toolkit. There were not too many corrections. Suggestions:

- 1) examples should be more global and not just from western libraries
- 2) add a section on advocacy for multicultural library services

c) Timeline

- 1) Share the draft with the section for more input
- 2) Have something to launch for the conference in Singapore

d) Workgroup

- 1) Input from all members of the section

16. Future strategies working group: Tess and Esin. Others are welcome.

- a) New initiatives We talked about making a library award for the best multicultural library service of the year.
- b) Funding – program proposals
- c) IFLA strategic plan and sections action plans
- d) Section publication
- B) Recruitment to the library profession. Working group Tess and Christiana

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