



MEETING OF THE LIBRARY THEORY AND RESEARCH STANDING COMMITTEE

10 August 2010
8:30 am – 11.20 am
Swedish Exhibition and Congress Centre
Room G1
Gothenburg, Sweden

Present:

Committee members – Hermina Anghelescu (Convenor Library History SIG), Eileen Breen (Information Officer), Bidy Fisher, Lars Høglund, Yasuyo Inoue, Peter Lor, Marydee Ojala, Helen Partridge (Secretary/Treasurer), Michael Seadle, Lynn Silipigni Connaway, Terry Weech (Chair),

Observers – Muhammed Asif, Benjamin Blinton, Guy Daines, Olaf Eigenbrodt, Marian Koren, Romyaua Koycheve, Martin Ue,

Guest – Mike Heaney (Chair, Support of the Profession Division)

Apologies: N/A

Meeting Commenced at 8.50am	
<p>1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME</p> <p>1.1 Welcome and apologies The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Individuals present made their introductions.</p> <p>1.2 Approval of Agenda for the August 10 Agenda for the August 10 meeting was approved.</p> <p>1.3 Approval of Minutes for Milan, 2009 Minutes from Milan 2009 LTR standing committee meeting were approved.</p> <p>1.4 Report on August 9 2010, Division IV Leadership Forum) Hermina Anghelescu and Michael Seadle provided an update on the Division IV Leadership Forum. Key topics covered at the Forum included the new IFLA structure, the strategic planning process and the future congress cycle and process.</p>	
<p>2. OFFICER REPORTS</p> <p>2.1 Report from Chair, Terry Weech The Chair highlighted the need for the Section to focus on building up membership numbers. This is important as section budgets are based upon membership size. The Chair recommended developing brochures and flyers to add the recruitment process. The Chair invited questions and comments from the meeting attendees. Michael Seadle asked what and where are the best places and means for recruiting. Bidy Fisher noted that the LTR could try to link into the research groups or committees (plus also educator groups/committees) that exist within</p>	<p>ACTION 2.1: Develop recruitment brochures and flyers. No date specified no responsibility was assigned for this task.</p>

<p>many professional associations. Other groups of interested would include doctoral students, it was also noted that we should not forget the practitioner who is engaged in research-orientated work as part of their professional practice. It was agreed that LTR needed to more overtly articulate the specific benefits to membership for individuals and organisations. It was noted that there are two kinds of members we should be considering – those new to IFLA and those within IFLA but new to LTR. It was noted that the more visible LTR is to institutions the more the institutions are likely to become a member or support the section.</p> <p>2.2 Report from Secretary, Helen Partridge The Secretary indicated that there was nothing to report at this time. No questions were asked by the meeting delegates.</p> <p>2.3 Report from Information Officer, Eileen Breen The Information Officer noted that in the last year only one message has been posted on the LTR list serve, but that interestingly she was receiving lots of requests from people wanting to be added to the e-list. It was suggested that it might be worth doing a survey of the e-list members to find out why they had joined and how they would like the e-list to function. Biddy Fisher recommended that the section develop a communication strategy to ensure that the section was using the most appropriate communications channels to communicate to its stakeholders (perhaps identified as part of the LTR Strategic Plan).</p> <p>2.4 Report from Treasurer, Helen Partridge The Treasures indicated that there was nothing to report at this time. No questions were asked by the meeting delegates. Current funds available are 2300 EURO which relate to the Researcher-Librarian Partnership.</p> <p>2.5 Report from Newsletter Editor, Biddy Fisher The Newsletter Editor noted that there has been an unavoidable delay in releasing the newsletter. It was proposed that we might want to consider an alternative mechanism for communication and information sharing with the membership i.e. instead of a PDF posted on the website use a blog which could be more dynamic and interactive. Questions were raised by the meeting delegates around the section's obligations to have a formal newsletter as well as concerns about quality of internet connection and access around the world. One member also noted that in her institution not receiving a PDF that could be printed out and circulated may result in undervaluing of LTR membership by the organisation and potentially non continuation of their membership.</p>	<p>ACTION 2.3 Eileen Breen will do some research exploring the LTR e-list membership usage and preferences and report back to the LTR Standing Committee with her findings and recommendations.</p> <p>ACTION 2.5: Biddy Fisher (Newsletter Editor) to work with Eileen Breen (Information Officer) to explore issues, challenge and opportunities in moving the newsletter to a blog format. Due by 31 October 2010.</p>
<p>3. CONFERENCE AND SATELLITE PROGRAM PLANNING</p> <p>3.1 Report from 2010 Gothenburg Program Planning Committee Marian Koren, Biddy Fisher and Peter Lor reported that planning for the 2010 Gothenburg session ran smoothly and they encouraged all to attend the session. The Chair thanked the planning committee for their efforts.</p> <p>3.2 Report from 2011 San Juan, Puerto Rico Program Planning Committee Michael Seadle, Chair of the 2011 San Juan session, noted that planning had commenced. The 2011 session will be jointly run with the IFLA Statistics and Evaluation Section and will focus on data collection. Michael read out the draft call for papers (CFP) and the meeting</p>	<p>ACTION 3.2.1 Michael Seadle to email CFP to Terry to circulate to the LTR standing committee by October 30 2010.</p> <p>ACTION 3.2.2 Lynn Silipigni Connaway was</p>

<p>delegate provided a few suggestions for wording. Michael will circulate the CFP to the Standing Committee for comment. Helen Partridge reminded Michael that there will be at 1 or 2 protégés from the Researcher-Librarian Mentoring Program presenting the results of their research at the 2011 session. Marian Koren recommended including a few minutes at the end of the session to have a hand-over/promotion of the 2012 session. Lynn Silipigni Connaway offered to assist Michael in arranging the 2011 session.</p> <p>3.3 2012 Helsinki, Finland, Program Planning Committee Peter Lor volunteered to coordinate the 2012 Helsinki session for the LTR section. Committee members who are available to work with Peter are asked to email the Chair.</p> <p>3.4 Report on IFLA-ALISE-EUCLID Satellite Meeting in Boras, August 8-9 2010 Terry Weech provided an overview of the Satellite meeting held in Boras. Approximately 60 delegates attended and there was a good array of papers presented. The committee would like to thank Gillian Hallam from the IFLA Education and Training Section for her efforts in coordinating the event. The committee also thanks the University of College Boras for hosting the event and especially the work of Helena Gjerts in ensuring the event ran smoothly.</p>	<p>added to the 2011 Program Planning Committee with Michael Seadle as Chair.</p> <p>ACTION 3.3 Marydee Ojala has agreed to work with Peter Lor to coordinate the 2012 Helsinki session.</p>
<p>4. PROJECTS AND PUBLICATIONS</p> <p>4.1 Report on Professional Norms Project (Ragnar Audunson) In Ragnar Audunson’s absence the Chair provided an update on the Professional Norms project. The project was funded 4 or 5 years ago and will result in a published library and information science monograph outlining research activity in various countries around the world. The manuscript is near completion.</p> <p>4.2 Report on Publications of the 2009 Turin Satellite meeting papers couples with papers from the 2008 LTR session in Quebec (Marydee Ojala) Marydee Ojala recommended that instead of trying to combine the papers from 2008 and 2009 that a publication should be released focussing on just the 2008 papers. The meeting delegates agreed with this.</p> <p>4.3 Report on the CILIP Library and Information Research Group (LIRG) committee on the directory of research interests as reported by Frankie Wilson in the 2009 LTR SC Meeting (Michael Seadle) Biddy Fisher recommended that Alan Puller would be the best person to contact in regards moving this agenda item forward.</p> <p>4.4 Report on Researcher-Librarian Partnership Project (Helen Partridge) Helen Partridge provided an update on the project. Twenty-three applications were received. Six were selected for participation in the program, from Fiji, Italy, USA, Canada, Trinidad and Tobago, Nigeria). Helen noted it has been challenging to locate mentors mostly due to people already being overcommitted. The program will commence in September and will continue for a 12 month time frame.</p> <p>4.5 New project or publication proposals (Terry Weech) The Chair noted that no proposals for new projects or publications has been received and reminded all committee members that if a new proposal is to be submitted at any future Congresses that it should be</p>	<p>ACTION 4.3 Michael Seadle will contact Alan Poulter to determine if there is continued interest to pursue this directory and what role LTR might play.</p>

<p>circulated to the committee well in advance.</p>	
<p>5. LTR STRATEGIC PLAN</p> <p>5.1 Report on revision of LTR Strategic Plan (Helen Partridge and Marydee Ojala) Marydee Ojala reported that a draft of the plan has been developed in collaboration with herself Helen Partridge and Terry Weech. A final version is due to IFLA HQ by October 15. Peter Lor agreed to continue working with Helen Partridge and Marydee Ojala to finalise the plan for submission. Hermina Anghelescu (Convenor of Library History SIG) and Terry Weech (LTR Chair) will be copied in on all developments with the plan.</p>	<p>ACTION 5.1 Helen Partridge, Marydee Ojala and Peter Lor to finalise LTR Strategic plan for submission to IFLA HQ by October 15 and will share a draft of the plan with the LTR Chair and the Convenor of the Library History SIG by October 1st 2010.</p>
<p>6. SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP</p> <p>6.1 Report on Library History SIG (Hermina Anghelescu) Hermina Anghelescu noted that that planning for the 2010 SIG session went smoothly and she invited all members to attend the session.</p>	
<p>7. OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>7.1 Re-elections The Chair reminded the committee members who were finishing up their first term in 2011 that they were welcome to seek nominations to stand for re-election for a second term. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the Chair.</p> <p>7.1 Visit by Mike Heaney, Chair Support of the Profession Division Mike Heaney introduced himself and the role he plays within the Division. He invited questions and comments from the meeting delegates. Issues raised and discussed included the numbering of divisions and sections, the multiple 'themes' (i.e. Presidential theme, Congress theme and so on), IFLA's strategic planning process, communication and information mechanism available to sections (esp. blogs). Mike also stated that this will be the last year of the IFLA Best Newsletter Award and is moving towards communicating via blogs, web sites, and other forms of social media. The Chair thanked Mike Heaney for joining the standing committee for this meeting.</p> <p>7.2 EBLIP Conference 2011 Biddy Fisher reminded the meeting delegates to the Evidence Based Library and Information Practice (EBLIP) Conference that is being held in the UK June 2011. The conference website can be found at http://www.eblip6.salford.ac.uk.</p>	
<p>Meeting was closed at 11.00am</p>	