



WLIC: 78th IFLA General Conference and Council, Helsinki, Finland
Standing Committee of the Literacy and Reading Section

Standing Committee meetings:

Saturday 11 August 2012, 12.10-15.00

Thursday 16 August, 11.00-12.30

Agenda

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1st meeting

First SC Meeting scheduled on Saturday, 11 August 2012, at the IFLA Conference in Helsinki.

The session starts at 12.10.

Attendees:

SC members: Leikny Haga Indergaard (Chair), Elena Corradini (Secretary-Treasurer), Sabine Uehlein, Ivanka Stricevic, Lesley Farmer, Annie Everall, Ingrid Bon

Corresponding members: John Y. Cole, Lisa Krolak, Mariétou Diongue Diop

Observers: 10 observers (among which Lee SunHwa, Robinson K. Bwato, Jessie Fontaine, Abigail Cabrera, Benjamin Mousseau, Delphine VanDycke,Carolynn Rankin, Marilda M. Coelho, Patsy Gordon, Rosella McCarthy-Spencer)

1. Welcomes and Apologies for Absence; Introduction of Members and Observers

Apologies came from Robert Sarjant (Information Officer), and other members, as introduced by the Chair (Leikny).

2. *Approval of agenda*

The Chair asks the attendees to approve the agenda for the first and the second meeting. The agenda is approved unanimously by the attendees.

3. *Minutes and matters arising from previous SC meetings in Puerto Rico 2011*

No comment received and minutes of the meetings were approved.

3A. *Report from the Chair*

The Chair illustrates the situation of the last 12 months. No remarks are made.

She also reports that the allocated money was not spent and asks [Lesley] if there were costs for the last Newsletter, the answer is negative. A brief discussion follows on the newsletter and the blog (see below).

3B. *Report from the Secretary*

As far as her duties in managing the conference papers are concerned, the Secretary illustrates to all SC members and observers the procedure through which the papers were selected, in accordance with suggestions from the Chair.

Ivanka adds that she checked the membership status and as for June 2012 the Section had 49-50 members. She suggests to care particularly to the number limit of 50, because otherwise the Section could be downgraded to SIG.

Leikny (Chair) says she looked up the list and is aware of the situation. She suggests to prepare a multilingual leaflet before the Singapore conference as to present the Section to potential new members.

3C. *Report from the Information Co-ordinator*

Leikny (Chair) stresses the work done in the last 12 months and the new blog, now running pretty smoothly.

3D. *Report from the SC Members (Country reports)*

The German report (Stiftung Lesen), already on the blog, is presented by Sabine, who illustrates it as an account about people not using libraries and research on reading aloud. Sabine also invites members to attend the conference on literacy education, scheduled parallel to the Leipziger Buchmesse in March 2013.

Lisa suggests having a contribution for the blog from the LIT conference.

Annie adds that there will be next the UK conference on Information Literacy (June 2013).

Ingrid also adds that 2013 will be the National Year of Reading in the Netherlands and something on this matter will be also organized.

Lesley mentions the scheduled activities of ALA / YALSA.

4. *LiR Section's Blog, Report and discussion*

IFLA's priorities include no more costs for newsletters, all information from the Sections has to circulate only online.

A long discussion follows about having the blog and the newsletter, and who is going to spend time on which.

Leikny stops the discussion and resumes that the Section decides for continuing with the blog, and having at least one newsletter a year, before the conference. The newsletter editor will be the blog editor.

5. *Corresponding members' status*

Lisa, John, Collence, are confirmed as corresponding members.

Marietou is present, she will confirm in the next SC meeting.

Ivanka reports that Thomas Quigley sent information from time to time. In 2011 the list of corresponding members was cleaned. She explains the conditions to be corresponding members, answering to one of the observers' question about this topic.

6. Report from the Leadership Brief

IFLA is more and more multilingual, and this has been made more evident through the website. To enhance this openness towards multilingualism, all documents will have to be translated into as many languages as possible.

There is a new committee for standards, that is going to check all Sections' standards and try to harmonize them. Our section has 2 standards.

Since there is no clarity about this concept, a discussion on "standards" is opened.

Ingrid (member of IFLA GB) asks if the Section's documents are still valid and if the Section is going to make changes before September, before they will be translated in SP and FR. If documents are still okay, they can be translated.

Ingrid adds that it would be advisable to put on the website only documents that are in their final version.

Leikny asks Ingrid about decisions going on in GB, so that the Section's members are informed about issues that can be discussed.

Ingrid reports that the GB has decided to allocate each Section - no matter how many members they have - 400 euro in 2012 and 350 euro in 2013 as administrative money for current expenses. The GB want to use this money to be spent for issues regarding SC and Sections, that apply for a lot of money for different projects. No expenses can be accepted for postage, while a discussion is ongoing about determining how money can be allocated for guidelines and satellite meetings (which should be held in places that can be reached from the WLIC venue in 2-3 hr travel time). All these decisions will be taken by the end of 2012.

7. Helsinki Conference Schedule

The Section's Session is scheduled for Monday 13 August 2012 from 16.00 to 18.00.

Elena reports that there has been some problems with one presenter, who sent the paper in the final version, but after that did not confirm his presence to the conference, due to budget restrictions. Another presenter did not anticipate the slides for the presentation yet.

Ivanka suggests that if the presenter doesn't show up the Section should withdraw the paper. If one speaker will be missing, she gives some ideas for the conclusion of the Session (discussion, small roundtable, more time to present the Tunis declaration).

This is supported also by Ingrid, who thinks it would be useful to resume the content of the Tunis declaration in a slide to be shown to attendees.

It is also suggested that SC members provoke a lively discussion on the topics presented during the session.

8. Report on projects

Annie will present the Picture Books project on Monday 13 August but she briefly explains the project on picture books. So far about 23 countries have presented lists. No funding is available for the project, but organizers found ways of having the project displayed online. There is a prototype print featuring major contributions, and hoping to have more countries. Now book reviews are just in English, but will be given in the original language as well. Annie is confident that the project will grow.

There will be 2 exhibition collections, one in France, and one this year in the library across the road from the CC, after the presentation on Monday (11.45-13.45, session room 3), and she asks to bring people to see the exhibition. IBBY said no to the exhibition for cost reasons. Real collections will be held one in France and one in Japan, with the possibility for other countries to

borrow them, provided that they can afford the transfer costs. The project has been thought by librarians for librarians. In Norway they got publicity on newspapers because this was not an ordinary project, anyway it was clear that it brought local benefit.

Annie says that picture books could be used for sister libraries project, not yet finalised.

9. Tunis Declaration on libraries, reading and intergenerational dialogue and IFLA publication n. 156 (Intergenerational solidarity in libraries)

Annie, Lesley and Carolyn Rankin (one of the presenters) suggest to invite attendees to reflect on possible ways to implement the declaration, ask to what extent support to the declaration is already done, and ask people to contribute how they implement declaration.

Annie intervenes again suggesting to ask people what 2 actions are they going to take to implement the declaration.

Ivanka urges the Section to collect some good practices in intergenerational programs.

Lesley suggests that the blog could concentrate on the Tunis declaration, and this idea is accepted by the SC members as a very good one.

Leikny leads the discussion about the Tunis declaration and how the Section can manage to better present it.

Lesley, and Marilda Coelho suggest the Section should be having a poster on this topic.

About the book "Intergenerational solidarity in libraries" edited by Ivanka Stricevic and Ahmed Ksibi (IFLA Publication No. 156), Ivanka recognizes that DeGruyter was a positive surprise, he took a direct link with the sections, and Louis Takacs, who is responsible for publishing in IFLA, was very clear about issues regarding final papers and delivery of final manuscripts.

Papers were collected by February 2012 and then manuscript guidelines checked; but papers were very different, a few philosophical, some psychological, many from Mediterranean countries.

Some papers were written by academics, others by contributors without experience in academic writing; Ivanka admits the papers could have been better balanced, but the final result is good.

Ivanka thanks the Chair and SC members helping in some phases, especially Lesley, Leikny, and Ray, people from IFLA assisting also for language checking, all done on voluntary basis. Finally, she clarifies that money from the book will go to DeGruyter and IFLA.

Lesley asks if there are copies for SC members, but Ivanka says this has not be discussed with the publishing house and normally is not possible. The price is not very high, 29,95 euro.

Leikny thanks Ivanka, Ray and other SC members for the work.

Ivanka adds that, in the end, not having the project allowed us to have the publication, supported by the IFLA President.

Promotion of declaration and celebration of the book will be on Monday and Tuesday 16.00-17.30 with presentations of DeGruyters publication (Exhibition Area).

10. Report from the Tunis conference 2011

Leikny reports from the Tunis conference 2011 in Hammameth, stating that there was a very impressive job by Ahmet Ksibi, very good discussion with attendees, more than 130 people from about 15 countries.

John underlines that it was a pioneering conference in that area.

Ivanka adds that the Tunis symposium was supported by IFLA President just because of that, all contacts with IFLA went through the Alexandrina Library, but Egypt does not represent really north African countries, that are French-speaking. The IFLA President has stated that we should invest more in activities, efforts in that part of the world.

Sabine suggests we should share information among institutions, through contacts in pan-arabic countries.

Ivanka says that maybe Ahmed can write about the conference and spread the results.

11. Planning for Singapore and future projects

Leikny informs that the deadline for future projects is next October and for the conference in Singapore she had a talk with IL and SL chairs for possible cooperation and organisation of a joint session (3 Sections together), if we agree on a topic that will be interesting for everybody. The other Sections let us decide first. Possible topics could be:

- Tunis declaration on libraries, reading and intergenerational dialogue
- Moscow declaration on media and IL
- media literacy and reading competences

After a discussion in which mainly Ivanka, Lesley, and Leikny are involved, the SC agrees about having a small group of people working on for the Call for papers, paper evaluation process, and finalizing the Session.

Leikny calls the group for a meeting next Monday, 13 August, between 14.00 and 16.00. The group will be: John, Elena (Secretary), Sabine, Lesley.

Ivanka suggests to establish connections at the 2nd SC meeting.

Leikny asks for ideas about future projects.

The SC members agree that the project should be organised in a sensitive area for literacy (former Yugoslavia, Africa, other), on the "Training the Trainers" model, go deeper into the intergenerational focus, and have a practical output / outcome (e.g. publication of guidelines, toolkit, or similar).

Ivanka thinks the SC members should agree about a small group to discuss this and come up with concrete ideas.

Robinson Bwato gives suggestions for practical things to be done to support IL.

John thinks the SC should ask if money could be given for planning grants, which could tie IFLA, SC, Center for the Book, LoC.

Ivanka confirms that the more partners the Section has, the bigger the chance to have IFLA approval on the project.

12. Strategic Plan and development of Section's Priority Actions

Leikny informs that the GB is still discussing their strategic plan, so we cannot discuss ours before they are finished.

Ivanka observes that our duties can be called "action plan updates" until then.

The discussion ends because time slot is finished and overdue.

The meeting closes at 15.00.

2nd meeting

Second SC Meeting scheduled on Saturday, 11 August 2012, at the IFLA Conference in Helsinki.

The session starts at 12.10.

Attendees:

SC members: Leikny Haga Indergaard (Chair), Elena Corradini (Secretary-Treasurer), Linda Pavonetti, Annie Everall, Ingrid Bon, Julia Melentieva, Kosi Kadem

Corresponding members: John Y. Cole, Mariétou Diongue Diop

Observers: 7 observers (among which Lee SunHwa, Robinson K. Bwato, Bluma Peritz, Vera Chudinova, Li Wang, Maria Vedenyapina, Mohammad Mahdi Jahani Yekta).

Since there are new members and observers, the Chair invites to a quick round of presentations, from which it is interesting to note that there are attendees from Sweden, Ghana, the US, Zambia, Russia, Jerusalem, Korea, UK, the Netherlands, Norway, Italy, and China.

13. Helsinki Conference evaluation

The Session has registered about 140 attendees, which means it has been successful from the point of view of the interest for the proposed topics and the possibility to spread news about the Sections' activities, stressing the importance of the Tunis conference results and the Declaration. It is also considered a success being scheduled parallel to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation prizes ceremony which was held just outside the Session's room.

One presenter didn't show up, as announced. Another did not bring slides, saying just five minutes before the session started, that they were something he didn't believe in. The Secretary explains she has done every effort to force this presenter to bring the slides; he did not answer emails in the last three weeks, but previously he said he would comply to all requirements asked by the SC. Some SC members state that keynotes and speakers should always use slides to allow attendees to understand better their line of thoughts, especially at international conferences such as IFLA Sessions, and that they should be forced to send their slides one month in advance, otherwise the Section could withdraw their paper from the schedule. Another point is that every presenter's material should be checked for clarity.

Lesley and Linda ask how the selection process was made and the Chair said there was a restricted committee working on it. Since this answer was not considered sufficient, the Secretary added that, following the suggestions of the Chair, the committee was formed by the Chair, Ray Doiron and herself.

Some SC members pledged that more Section's members should be involved in the papers' selection process.

These observations are approved by the SC members.

14. Conference planning and discussion: Singapore 2013

The group working on the planning of the Singapore conference has agreed about highlighting the intergenerational theme, featuring both the Moscow and the Tunis declarations, and illustrating how the session could be organized. The idea of having round tables is preferred.

Annie reports that also the Children's Section is working about intergenerational activities for children in libraries, but Leikny suggests this to be a topic for 2014.

Ivanka offers herself to draw the Call for papers for the 2013 Singapore conference.

The SC approves.

15. Selection of paper to be published in the IFLA Journal

The Chair suggests Ivanka's paper for publication and opens the discussion about this point.

This proposal is approved.

16. Action Plan

Leikny announces two actions to be taken in the following 12 months:

1. Promotion of the Tunis declaration (through the publication, leaflets, Session)
2. Give more visibility to the LIR blog

The Chair invites all members to contribute to the blog at least once a year.

Lesley invites to think about a new book, new research, conferences and programs, or awards.

The SC members and observers visibly approve this contribution.

John suggests to have guidelines of LIR interventions.

The SC members agree that the intergenerational theme should be presented on a separate page on the blog. Since it is a promising, innovative theme, it should be brought to the attention of IFLA.

Li Wang adds that it is true that the literacy level is an issue at every age, and she offers to translate the declaration into Chinese.

John thinks that the Section should encourage people to translate it before the 2013 conference in Singapore, in all IFLA languages at least.

Sabine offers to help.

Ingrid reminds to contact official IFLA Translation Centers for every translation, and to be careful in using the IFLA logo (permission needed). She invites to send the Tunis declaration to all attendees.

Lesley says it should be provided with the Section's logo before sending.

Ingrid invites to forward the text to the IFLA PC and GB for approval before spreading it.

17. Any other business or reports

No other issues were raised.

The meeting closes at 12.30

During the meeting, Marietou Diongue Diop leaves to the Secretary a written statement for the Chair, in which she apologizes and announces to be looking for a new African corresponding member who can replace herself and be able to contribute more actively to the LIR Section. She will be in touch making proposals.

Elena Corradini, The LiR Section Secretary