



IFLA Metropolitan Libraries Section

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Business Meeting of the Standing Committee meeting was held at the 2016 Annual Meeting of the Metropolitan Libraries Section in Doha, Qatar.

The Standing met on 28 April 2016 at the Qatar National Conference Center beginning at 8:55 am.

1. Attendance and general introductions

Standing Committee members attending:

Corrado Di Tillio (Rome), Stanley Tan (Singapore), Siobhan A. Reardon (Philadelphia), Jeff Barber (Regina).

Standing Committee members not attending: Chu Shu Qing (Hangzhou); Jasmina Ninkov (Belgrade), Assumpta Bailac Puigdellivol (Barcelona); Hannelore Vogt (Cologne); Paul Trumphour (Toronto); Anca Cristina Rapeanu (Bucharest)

Observers attending:

Abeer Saad Al Kuwari (Doha) and participants of the MetLib conference

2. Permission of Observers to attend the meeting was unanimously granted

3. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was approved

4. Notes of meeting held on August 15, 2015, in Capetown

With a minor note as to the attendees – otherwise approved as proposed

5. IFLA Columbus 2016

Di Tillio reported on the selected papers for the main programme (Regenerating the public library? Rebranding, retail and Dewey-less versus traditional models) and the joint programme with Academic and Research Libraries and School Libraries (Academic, metropolitan and school libraries: cooperation and sharing)

6. Presentation by the upcoming host city for the 2017 Metropolitan Libraries Conference - Montreal Canada – 20 April 2017 until 5 May 2017

Danielle Chagnon of the Bibliothèque et Archives Nationales du Québec and Ivan Filion of the Montreal Bibliothèque Publique presented a video of Montreal (noting that 2017 is the 150th anniversary of Expo '67) and the theme for the conference – “Partnerships: Creating a New Vision for Libraries”. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

7. Metropolitan Libraries conference 2018 – will be in Belgrade – thank you to Jasmina Ninkov – we will need a proposal/recommendation for the Metropolitan Libraries conference for 2019.

8. International AIB/IFLA contest for short films about libraries – update

There were 19 entries submitted by 27 April 2016 from numerous countries among four categories – fiction, documentary, advertising, metropolitan libraries. The award for the Metropolitan Libraries category is 1k Euros – decision to be made by 15 May 2016 with the award delivered at the Turin 25th International Book Fair.

The jury includes the Chair and one member of the MetLib SC (Siobhan), and the Chair of the SC of the Section on Public Libraries. Deadline is April 30.

9. MetLib Statistics Project – extensive discussion on the Guidelines for Statistical Reporting of MetLib and data collection for the annual statistical survey. Last publication was January 2015 for 2012 data. Toronto, Helsinki and Auckland have all hosted the tool –

- a. Issues around the gap in the data collection
- b. Statistical standards – paid vs free; definitions and equalization of the data across libraries
- c. Need for content solutions

Conclusion: MetLib will establish a working group to determine data sets and definitions – beginning with a questionnaire to membership about what data needs to be collected and why.

A revised proposal form for the new guidelines were sent on December 28, 2015.

10. Advocacy – how do we build this component for MetLib – discussion will continue
Corrado reported about the meeting with Ilona Kish of Public Libraries 2020

11. Global Libraries Data Atlas -

Corrado reviewed some of the features of the Data Atlas– funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The Data Atlas team is looking for 1 to 3 libraries from the MetLib Standing Committee only to pilot the software. Rome and Philadelphia are considering the pilot.

12. Corrado recommended that everyone take a look at the Council of Europe report on “Libraries and Museums in a time of Change.”

13. MetLib is in need of an Information Coordinator – duties are:

- Update the website;
- Publish news/conference info
- Twitter presence

Maintain the list of INTLIB subscribers

Qatar National Library via Abeer Saad Al Kuwari – volunteered – Corrado to check with IFLA HQ as Doha for approval

14. **Recruitment of MetLib members** – MetLib Chair wishes to increase MetLib membership overall but believes that membership from Asian countries as well as North and South America needs to be increased. The next step will be to send a letter to the directors of public libraries of the largest cities in Asia.

15. The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Siobhan A Reardon (Secretary/Treasurer)