

IFLA

School Libraries and Resource Centers Section

Standing Committee Meetings

Attendees:

Members of the S.C.: Chair - Randi Lundvall (B), Secretary – Karen Usher (B), Gail Bush (1), Pat Carmichael (1), Madeleine Duparc (1), Olga Maeots (B), Luisa Marquardt (1), Yuriko Nakamura (B) and Dianne Oberg (1)

Corresponding Members: Nancy Achebe (B) and Lesley Farmer (Newsletter Editor) (B)

Observers: Tricia Adams (B), Marianne Ageberg (1), Helle Barratt (1), Niels Damgaard (1), Christine Dialundama (1), Barbara Immroth (1), Siri Ingvaldsen (1), Kosi Kedem (1) and Darryl Toerien (1)

B – both S.C meetings, 1 – 1st S.C meeting only, 2 – 2nd S.C meeting only

First Standing Committee Meeting, Tuesday 10th August 2010

1. Randi Lundvall introduced herself and asked all attendees to do the same, an attendance sheet was passed round for names and email addresses.
2. Randi thanked Fredrik Ernerot, Elisabeth Soderling and the Swedish School Library Association for the wonderful Pre-Conference "The future of school libraries in a national and international perspective" they had organised. Niels D. has podcasted the day on the Nordic School Librarians network - <http://ning.it/9Ucnqf>
3. The Minutes of the Milan S.C. meetings were read and accepted
4. Apologies from Monika Gumz
5. Randi recounted the work done in Paris with the Children and Young Peoples Section – and extremely busy 3 days of work, visits and the delights of Paris. She also reported on the Divisional Forum she had attended with Karen in which Patrice Landry reported on the Professional Committee's decisions on various topics – a new PCO (to replace Congrex) from 2013, the 7 year cycle of geographical WLIC circulation which will start in 2013, WLIC tracks for 2012/13, Satellite Conference guidelines, Roles and Responsibilities of Divisional Chairs and Section Officers, IFLA's strategic Plan and Haiti.

6. Madeleine D. reported on the situation in Haiti. At the request of the Director of the Bibliotheque Nationale d'Haiti Danielle Mincio has visited Haiti twice. Danielle and Madeleine (now retired) have been asked to go to Haiti in November by the Governing Board to assess how IFLA can help. Madeleine will also report to the S.C. and tell us what the Section can do to help.

Madeleine has already collected 2,500 books from Geneva for 4 to 11 year olds. They will only be collecting new textbooks in French and English – particularly Science.

Lesley F. Thanked Madeleine on behalf of the Section

7. Strategic Plan – Randi explained that work had been done on the Plan in Paris and that it would be circulated. Pat C. asked about retrospective examination of the Strategic Plan. It was explained that the Plan was compiled with reference to the IFLA strategic objectives.

8. Reports

- a) Newsletter Editor, Lesley Farmer, had compiled two newsletters over the last year. She has asked and encouraged librarians to report from around the world what is happening in their school libraries. Articles from the Congo, Ghana and Sweden have been included. Both Newsletters are available on the website. The next issue will focus on Papers from the Pre-Conference.

We were given details of Lesley's new book "Technology Management Handbook for School Library Media Centers"

Randi thanked Lesley for all her hard work and for the excellent Newsletters.

- b) Webmaster, Yuriko Nakamura, reported that she had attended the 2009 training sessions. She had been working on the SLRC Section website since at home in Japan. She would be taking photos at the SC meetings for the Website. The Newsletters had been uploaded. Yuriko asked that any news or information for the Website be sent to her and not the IFLA Web Manager as she was enabled to post it. She would be consulting with the other Officers re content but welcomed all suggestions.

Randi thanked Yuriko for all her work, acknowledging the difficulty in starting from the beginning with a new job in the technological area of IFLA.

- c) Treasurer, Karen Usher, reported that some funds had been paid to Lesley re her expenses on the Newsletter. It was agreed that Karen would receive 100 Euros towards her participation in the mid-year meeting with the Children and Young People's Section, which had been self-financed. 60 Euros would also go towards gifts for the Session Speakers. Any balance would be sent to Lesley for forthcoming Newsletter costs. A Treasurers Report will appear on the website.

9. Gothenburg – event outline. Randi quickly went through items of interest for members of the section – School Library visits, CYP's launch of their Sister Libraries Project, our joint Session on Friday, our joint meeting with IASL, Information Literacy Session and the Literacy and Reading Session. Not forgetting our 2nd S.C. Meeting.

10. Karen outlined the discussions leading to the decision to hold a Pre-Conference Satellite in Jamaica in co-operation with IASL. The Committee was asked to think of themes to put forward at the joint meeting. The following were forthcoming:
 - School Librarianship education (D. Oberg)
 - Online learning.
 - Practical education for students in areas of new and emerging technology.
 - Preparing school librarians to teach/use above technologies.
 - Updating librarianship skills.
 - Teaching the teachers to use school librarians to fullest benefit for all.
 - Educating librarians
 - Educating and preparing teaching community – principals, teachers, support staff
 - Youth empowerment and education in using Web 2.0 for educational goals
 - Millennium goals – what has been achieved?
 - Africa – who was doing well? Nigeria? Where was help needed e.g. there is no School Library Association in Ghana.

11. Puerto Rico – Randi is meeting with Chair of Public Libraries Section who wish to discuss possibility of a joint Session. The SC suggested possible topics – Combined libraries – how they do or do not work. Serving Youth through joint libraries. School libraries – how the community can be involved. Input was received from Gail, Helle, Lesley and Pat.
Randi will report back at the second SC.

12. Randi introduced
 - a) Luisa's book to be published by IFLA. Luisa, the Editor, will call for chapters. It will focus on transforming the profession. With IASL a short profile of school librarians and their competencies will be compiled. With IASL countries will be asked to highlight their developments.
 - b) GiggleIT through Pat. Pat explained GiggleIT is an IASL literacy project providing free resources to teachers to enable collaboration between children around the world. A page on Africa was shown demonstrating the emphasis on humour and English Language Teaching. All the resources are free and there are tutorials and a voice thread.
IASL would like to do a joint project/collaboration with IFLA – funding? The project would involve the promotion of reading and school librarianship in Africa, possibly using the GiggleIT project as a starting point.

Pat will write up a bid electronically (Lesley will forward a proposal document from a successful project to Pat so she can see the format needed). The joint IASL/IFLA project would centre on the worldwide development of literacy and global understanding through free online teaching resources. Voluntary online support will be part of the project. The whole project will be housed/supported by IASL on its website. The main emphasis will be on Primary and Middle schoolchildren but would also be a tool for self expression by older children.

Second Standing Committee Meeting, Saturday 14th August 2010

13. Randi reported back on the meeting with Public Libraries who had decided they did not wish to organise a joint Session.

The SC then brainstormed ideas for our own Session – mainly Olga, Randi and Lesley.

Student access to information through new and emerging technologies.

Resources available through IFLA and its network.

Educating the reader on how to focus their searches. Librarians helping them to use research tools and to evaluate sites.

Physical and intellectual access.

UN's decade of literacy – successes with emphasis on national libraries.

Main speaker plus others. Decide that Randi would contact Joyce Valenza, mentioning Lesley. First call for Papers will be through the SC and then through IFLA-L. Adjudicators – Randi, Olga, Luisa, Gail.

Puerto Rico should also include a short statement on the School Library Guidelines 2002 to invite comment and point people to a place on the website for feedback. Lesley will act as point person. Olga suggested changes were needed in IT and School/Public collaboration sections.

14. The Statistics Section has expressed interest in a joint Session in Helsinki – Randi to action.
15. Future of Section. Next year is an election year. Karen is concerned that there are not enough Members on the SC to contribute to the working areas of the SC. She will email all Members of the Section to encourage them to nominate individuals who will actively participate in the work of the Section. Lesley will mention the election at the affiliate assembly at IASL.
16. Three actions from the Strategic Plan need to be sent to Division by mid-October:
- a) Joint Pre-Conference in Jamaica
 - b) Book on School Librarianship to be edited by Luisa Marquardt
 - c) Preparation to update School Library Guidelines

- d) New Section Brochure
 - e) Plans for PR Session
- Randi to select three to forward.

17. Yuriko requested that links to Associations, sources of information and examples of best practice be forwarded to her for the website. She also wants photos of school library activity and of Section SC Members!
18. Section Brochure – Yuriko and Lesley will work on a draft and ask for comments by the end of September. Comments and amendments available until November, publication in December. Translations will be needed.
19. Randi asked members how they felt about being able to attend a mid-year meeting. Both Yuriko and Olga felt a virtual meeting was the only realistic option.
20. Randi thanked the attendees and wished us all a good journey home.