



## **Science and Technology Libraries Section Standing Committee First Business Meeting**

**Saturday: 11 August 2012 12:30 - 15:00 | Room: 206**

**Present:** Eva Tolonen, Ajay Pratap Singh, Annelie Janred, Deva E. Reddy, Martin Kesselman, James Mullins, Xiuwen Liu, Maxine Schmidt, Tamara Krajna, Hermine Anghelescu , and three observers

**Not present:** Christina Birdie, Daulat Jotwani, Anthi Katsirikou, Ronald Muntasi, Deborah Sibley, Myriam Araujo Yaselli (Corresponding member), Kayvan Kousha(Corresponding member), Shamin Renwick(Corresponding member).

### **Introduction:**

Deva E. Reddy called the first meeting of the STL Standing Committee to order and asked all present to introduce themselves.

### **Approval of minutes from 2011 Committee Meetings**

The minutes of 2011 SC meetings, Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> & Aug 17<sup>th</sup> were approved as posted.<http://www.ifla.org/files/sci-tech-libraries/Minutes/minutes%20IFLA%202011.pdf>

### **Agenda**

The proposed agenda for the 2012 SC meetings was approved without any additions to agenda.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Eva Tolonen reported that \$180 has been incurred for hosting dinner to the presenters of 2011 STL papers session at Puerto Rico. She reported that she has a balance of 359 euros in cash. Eva Tolonen mentioned that she would leave the position and asked the chair or the secretary to take over charge from her.

### **Report from Division Leadership Brief**

Deva Reddy reported on Division 1 Leadership brief meeting chaired by Lynne M. Rudasill held on Saturday, August 11, 2012 8:00 – 9:00. He said that the meeting was attended by several chairs, secretaries of sections, and conveners of SIGs of the division .He reported that discussions and clarifications focused on several items such as overview of PC (Professional Committee), Digital Content, International Librarianship, Outreach for Advocacy and Advancement of the Profession, Cultural Heritage Disaster.

### **Annual Report 2011**

The Annual Report for 2011 was approved, the report was received by mail and it is to be posted in the website.

### **Update on the STL open session**

Deva E. Reddy reported that out of 20 papers received for consideration on the theme “*The role of libraries in data curation, access and preservation*” six were selected by the committee members for presentation on 14 August 2012 09:30 - 11:30. He thanked the SC members for ranking the papers. Full text of the papers is accessible at <http://conference.ifla.org/ifla78/session-116>

### **STL Newsletter**

Deva Reddy asked the committee to consider resumption of newsletter as several sections are still publishing their newsletters. After some discussion it was felt to explore alternative channels of communication such as blogging instead.

### **Review of Strategic Plan**

It was resolved to delete the sentence “The section tracks and responds to current challenges relevant to librarians working with physical sciences, engineering and technology” from the preamble. <http://www.ifla.org/en/publications/science-and-technology-libraries-section-strategic-plan>. Martin Kesselman proposed to add a new goal to the Strategic plan – “Promote the role of librarians in general science information in development countries”.

### **Ideas and projects in support of Strategic Plan**

The committee discussed possible sources of funding for projects in addition to seeking funds from IFLA Division one.

### **Topics for 2013 STL session in Singapore**

Below mentioned topics were suggested for consideration

Martin Kesselman: Environmental Education in the Global Environment: The Role of Libraries

Maxine Schmidt: Inventory of freely available online resources for STEM topics

After some discussion on these topics it was decided to finalize the topic at the second SC meeting on 16 August 2012. It was opined to explore the possibility of getting the session cosponsored by the ‘Environmental-sustainability-and-libraries SIG’

### **Recruitment of STL members**

Deva Reddy reported that the section has 93 members as in August 2012. Various methods of increasing the membership of the section were discussed such as undertaking interesting projects, enrolling SC members, AgriLibs SIG members, and other IFLA institutional members as members to the section.

### **Update on Study Tour 2012**

Eva Tolonen gave the details of study tour to Aalto University to be ended with Sauna bath

## **OTHER ITEMS**

### **Election of Officers:**

Martin Kesselman expressed concern about the voting by proxy and said that it is important that members are physically present to exercise their votes. Deva Reddy said that “proxy” method was followed by the section right from 2009 as provided by IFLA rules of procedure. Maxine Schmidt cited rule “R18.32.1: Each Standing Committee Member may nominate

another Member to exercise proxy votes on the Member's behalf in the election for Section Officers. Such Members must notify the (current) Chair of the appointment of a proxy holder in advance in writing or by electronic communication”.

### **Agricultural Libraries SIG**

Realizing the vital role of library and information services in advancing agricultural production, Agricultural Libraries Discussion Group was established in 2005 (<http://www.ifla.org/VII/dg/aldg/>). Well attended two-hour sessions of this group were held at IFLA conferences at Oslo, Norway (2005), Seoul, Korea (2006), Durban, South Africa (2007), and Quebec, Canada (2008). In view of continued interest in agricultural library and information services, the Standing Committee of the Science and Technology Section in its meeting held on August 15, 2008 at Quebec City resolved to sponsor the SIG for Agricultural Libraries and Dr. Deva E. Reddy was appointed as the Convener of this SIG. From 2009 to 2011, this SIG functioned under the aegis of Science and Technology Libraries Section. However, in 2012 this SIG was placed under the purview of Division 1 (Library Types). Since this interest group happens to be the only SIG functioning directly under a Division, the Division Chair, Dr. Lynne Rudasill, asked the Convener of the SIG to consider moving back it to Science and Technology Libraries Section.

This matter was discussed and the standing committee decided to bring this SIG back to Science and Technology Libraries Section and agreed to continue Dr. Deva E. Reddy as the Convener of the SIG for a period of four years.

### **Moderation of Science and Technology Libraries Session:**

James Mullins asked the Chair as to who would moderate the session. Deva Reddy requested James Mullins to moderate the session so that Reddy can thank and present gifts to speakers on behalf of the STL Section.

The SC meeting was adjourned to continue the business on 16 August 2012.

## **Science and Technology Libraries Section Standing Committee Second Business Meeting**

**Thursday: 16 August 2012 - 08:00 - 09:30 | Room: 207**

**Present:** Eva Tolonen, Ajay Pratap Singh, Annelie Janred, Deva E. Reddy, James Mullins, Xiuwen Liu, Maxine Schmidt, Tamara Krajna, Hermine Anghelescu and Six observers

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Deva E. Reddy called the second meeting of the STL Standing Committee to order and asked all to introduce themselves.

**Topics for 2013 STL Session at Singapore:**

In addition to the topics discussed in the first meeting the below mentioned suggested topics were taken up for consideration

A.P. Singh --- Education for STEM Librarianship: An International perspective

Xiwen Liu --- Science and Technology Library Services--New models and methods –  
Subtopics : OA service, data service, subject service, professional educations, users' needs, models likewise

After a great deal of discussion it was decided to focus STL session in Singapore on “Education for STEM Librarianship: An International perspective”.

**Other Items**

It was agreed to display name plates for standing committee members attending the SC meetings.

As Eva Tolonen expressed her inability to continue as the Treasurer, Deva Reddy volunteered to function as the Treasurer and took charge from Eva Tolonen.

The meeting was adjourned with thanks to all the members.

Respectfully submitted,

**Annelie Janred**  
**STL SC Secretary, 2011-2013**

**Deva E. Reddy**  
**STL SC Chair, 2011-2013**