



Science and Technologies Libraries Section

Minutes of Standing Committee Meetings-Lyon, France

First Meeting: Saturday, August 16th, 12:30 – 15:00

Present: Hermina GB Anghelescu, Annelie Janred, James Mullins, Martin Kesselman, Anne-Catherine Fritzingler, Deva E. Reddy, Tamara Krajna

Observers: Maxine Schmidt, Faten Ba-Rayyan, Silvane Manjireeine

Not present: Christina Birdie, Elizabeth Connor, Carol Ann Feltes, Daulat Jotwani, Anthi Katsirikou, Ronald Munatsi, Deborah Sibley, Ajay Pratap Singh, Zhixiong Zhang

Second Meeting, Wednesday 20 August 2014, 8:00 -9:30

Present: James Mullins, Deva E. Reddy, Annelie Janred, Hermina GB Anghelescu, Carol Anne Feltes, Anne-Catherine Fritzingler, Martin Kesselman, Tamara Krajna

Observer: Maxine Schmidt.

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Introduction: The Chair James Mullins, called the first meeting of the Standing Committee to order and asked all present to introduce themselves.

Approval of minutes of the Committee Meetings held in Singapore: Minutes of 2013 standing meetings were approved as posted on IFLAs webpage,

http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/sci-tech-libraries/Minutes/stl_minutes_2013.pdf

Report on officers training meeting session:

Mullins and Annelie Janred reported on the deliberations of the officers' training session and said that IFLA is initiating discussion of a new strategic plan: Standing Committees are encouraged to develop action plan to prepare annual report, and to focus on communications; Committees are encouraged to remain active throughout the year; Lyon Declaration to be announced would focus on the role of libraries in supporting development of "Open Access" initiatives.

Nominations for Standing Committee for 2015-2019:

It was mentioned that nominations for standing committees are to be issued by the IFLA office in October 2014. The sitting members who are serving for the first term were encouraged to re-nominate themselves.

Collaboration with other units- Purdue University example:

Mullins encouraged the section members to collaborate with other subject areas at their institutions to promote scholarly communication and open access. He mentioned that Purdue University Libraries and University Press in association with the College of Liberal Arts have received a grant of over half a million dollars from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to support collaborations of humanists, social scientists and STEM faculty and asked the SC members to attend the workshop to be held in 2015.

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Contributed session at Singapore 2014:

Martin Kesselman reported on the contributed papers session held jointly with Art Libraries Section on the theme "SCIENCE+ART=CREATIVITY: Libraries and the New Collaborative Thinking". He said that the session highlighted collaborations between art practitioners, scientists, and the library collections and

services. Also, He lauded the efforts of Agricultural Libraries SIG's session in putting together papers on the theme "Education and training for agricultural library and information professionals" with international perspective. It appeared that attendance was nearly 300.

Discussion of Program for 2015 - Cape Town, South Africa.

Of several suggestion made by the members, discussion centered round two topics as possible themes 1) Discovery systems proposed by Martin Kesselman; 2) Information literacy programs in science and engineering curriculum proposed by James Mullins. After discussion the topics were combined into a program that would provide flexibility and breadth to the 2015 program. Inserted below is the Call for Proposals as drafted during the second meeting:

Draft Call for Proposals for the Science and Technology Section Program, IFLA, Cape Town, 2015.

The Challenge of Discovering Science and Technology Information

A major challenge for libraries and librarians world-wide is the ability to identify the most important and relevant science and technology information and data. From discovery tools, metadata, author identifiers, social media, powering community development, the digital landscape has created unique challenges. Additionally, the ability to hire information professionals who understand these issues has become increasingly difficult.

Papers from all types of libraries are needed that focus on one or more of the following issues:

- 1) Strengths and limitations of discovery tools presently available to locate science and technology articles and data.
- 2) Science and technology taxonomies that provide uniform descriptors.
- 3) Unique researcher identifiers, such as ORCID, within a university or country.
- 4) Collaborations that improve the discovery of science and technology information

- 5) Use of social media to discover authoritative science and technology information.
- 6) Need for information professionals to address science and technology issues worldwide.

Possible Pre-Conference for 2016 - Columbus, Ohio, United States

James Mullins strongly felt that the section should organize a satellite meeting in Columbus, Ohio.

Report on Science and Technology Session at Lyon, France

Janred also reported on the contributed paper session and would send out a survey for selection of best paper to be sent to IFLA journal.

Action Plan 2014-2015

It was decided to prepare an action plan consistent with IFLA Strategic Plan.

The meeting was adjourned with thanks to all the members

Respectfully submitted,

Deva E. Reddy STL SC Secretary, 2013-2015

James Mullins STL SC Chair, 2013-2015

