

Minutes from IT Section Standing Committee Meeting (August 15, 09:45-12:15, Foyer Auditorium 1, Basement)

Chair: Edmund Balnaves, Prosentient Systems

Secretary: Lars G. Svensson, Deutsche Nationalbibliothek

Information Coordinator: May Chang,

Attendants (* indicates SC member, ** corresponding member)

Chinwe Anunobi (Nigeria)

Edmund Balnaves (Australia, Chair) *

Anna Berggren (Sweden)

Josen Al Bloashin

Frank Cervone (USA) *

May Chang (USA, Information Coordinator) *

Marta Cichon (Poland)

Patrick Danowski (Austria)

Lambert Heller (Germany)

Maria Kadesjö (Sweden) *

Li Chunming (China)*

Bongiwe Mogocho (Botswana)

Kosuke Murakami (Japan, representing Kazuo Takehana) *

Tuelo Nkloklang (Botswana)

Afaf Mohamed Said (Oman)

Shawky Salem (Egypt) *

Sun Tan (China) *

Sveinbjörg Sveinsdóttir (Iceland)

Lars G. Svensson (Germany, Secretary) *

Pavel Tereshchenko (Russia)

Scholastica Ukwoma (Nigeria)

Kaisa Unander (Sweden)

Astrid Verheusen (The Netherlands) *

Evviva Winraub (USA) *

1. Welcome

Edmund opened the meeting and welcomed the attendants

2. Approval of agenda

The attendants approved the agenda without amendments

3. Introductions and welcome to new members

A short round of introductions revealed the following topics of interest among the attendants:

- Open Source Software
- Women and Technology
- Big and Linked Data
- Digital Long-term Preservation

4. Approval of previous meeting minutes

The attendants approved the minutes from the meeting in Lyon without amendments

5. Election of Officers (Chair, Secretary, Information Coordinator)

The attending SC members elected the following officers

-Chair: Lars G. Svensson (sole nominee, unanimous)

-Secretary: May Chang (sole nominee, unanimous)

-Information Coordinator: Astrid Verheusen (sole nominee, unanimous)

6. Review of inactive members and co-option replacement members

Aluwani Tshishonga from the National Library of South Africa has not attended the meetings in Singapore (2013) and Lyon (2014) and had not sent any apologies. The section Chair has tried to contact him, but the email address was not valid any more. Since he did not attend this meeting (August 15, 2015), he is considered to have resigned according to R18.26. The section co-opted Evviva Weinraub, who was next in order from the SC elections held in spring 2015.

7. News from the Professional Committee and about the UN 2030 agenda

Edmund distributed and introduced the draft IFLA strategic plan for 2016-2021 as well as the UN 2030 agenda. The UN agenda highlights (among other) the importance of libraries as providers of access to information. This, together with the IFLA strategic priorities offers many key points that the IT-section can contribute to. Evviva volunteered to attend the conference IFLA market session on the strategic plan and to report back to the section. The IFLA Journal becomes a new format and will not publish the best papers from the conference. Instead, there will be special issues focusing on specific topics. This might be a good opportunity for the IT-section to profile some of its work.

8. Review of conference events this year and the satellite conference in Stellenbosch

The satellite meeting on open digital technologies held in Stellenbosch on August 13-14, 2015, was very successful with about 70 participants. The section has a very full program this year having its own main session and a total of four joint sessions with other sections and with division III.

9. Publication of the 2013 satellite on Linked Data

The proceedings of the satellite meeting on User Interaction based on Linked Library Data (UILLD) in Singapore 2013 was published by De Gruyter in July 2015. Frank will present the publication on the De Gruyter event on Wednesday, August 19, at 13:00.

10. Review of action plan

The ITS action plan is fairly well aligned with the new IFLA strategic properties. New actions regarding Big Data and liaison with the IFLA Committee on Standards and other standards bodies will be added. Evviva and Nthabiseng will wordsmith a paragraph on women and IT. It was also noted that the IFLA trend report mentions the Internet of Things. Edmund will compile a new version of the action plan and send it out to the committee members before the next meeting.

11. Conference planning for 2016

The ITS has registered a satellite meeting in Chicago on August 10, 2016, on Big and Linked Data. The meeting will be hosted by the University of Chicago. Further, the section has been approached by DCMI to hold a satellite meeting on Dublin Core after the main WLIC. The proposal was submitted after the formal deadline and the decision of the GB is still pending.

For the main conference, the section has been approached by several other sections for joint programs, including Education and Training, Audiovisual and Multimedia and Asia and Oceania. The officers will discuss with those sections and report back to the section.

For the main IT session, suggested topics included:

- The changing scholarly communication landscape
- The Internet of Things
- Digitization and Preservation
- The Continuum of local vs external preservation.

12. IT section register of contacts and specialties

Edmund presented the IT skill register and encouraged all attendants to join the skills register. There was a discussion but no resolution on how to promote this within IFLA.

13. Social event/dinner

The social event will be held on Thursday, August 20, in the evening. Edmund will scout for a suitable venue.

14. AOB

No other business

15. End of meeting

Edmund closed the meeting at 12:00

IT Section Standing Committee: Minutes of Meeting II, August 20, 11:30-13:00, Room 2.44

Chair: Lars G. Svensson, Deutsche Nationalbibliothek, Germany

Secretary: May Chang, Western Michigan University, USA

Information Coordinator: Astrid Verheusen, Koninklijke Bibliotheek, Netherlands

Attendants (* indicates SC member, ** corresponding member)

Edmund Balnaves (Australia)*
Anna Berggren (Sweden)
Emma Bezuidenhout (South Africa)
Christine Brown (USA) – RIS Section
Frank Cervone (USA)*
May Chang (USA) (Secretary)*
Nomaza Dingayo (South Africa)
Patrick Dunowski (Austria)
Mahbaubeh Ghorbani (Iran)
Lambert Heller (Germany)
Joe Kirsh (South Africa)
Wouter Klapwijk (South Africa)
Nthabiseng Kotsokoane (South Africa)*
Lesibam (South Africa)
Chihfeng P. Lin (Taiwan)
Vincent Maseko (South Africa)
Tuni Mogale (South Africa)
Kosuke Murakami (Japan)
Takashi Nagatsuka (Japan)
Roshini Pather (South Africa)

Lars Svensson (Sweden) (Chair)*
Astrid Verheusen (Netherlands) (Information Coordinator)*
Eviva Weinraub (USA)*

Apologies

Daulat Jotwani (India)
Maria Kadesjö (Sweden)
Álvaro Sandoval (Chile)
Kazou Takehana (Japan)

1. Welcome

Balnaves chaired the meeting. He welcomed the SC members and guests/visitors, and gave a run-down on some highlights of various sessions.

2. IT Section Skills register.

Svensson will compile and distribute this register to the SC members for review and updating as well as check with IFLA HQ if there are plans for an organization-wide register of this kind.

3. Reports from other sessions.

Kotsokoane attended the IFLA Market on Strategic Plan session that discussed the draft initiative plan.

The draft Communications Plan and the Action Plan templates were also distributed there. PC is also reviewing all Division and Section websites to gauge activities.

Chang and Kotsokoane attended the Officers Training session. It was again stressed that SC members should be participating in any required work. The officers can assign work to SC members rather than asking for volunteers. This approach would be helpful if we want to undertake all the proposed sessions at IFLA2016 - the alternative of dropping sessions if no one steps up may work against the interest of the Section.

Weinraub attended the Campaign for the Worlds' Libraries session, and reported that Michael Dowling gave an overview of what the @your library program across the world. He outlined how the project began in the US and how various institutions have implemented the program around the world. It is now an official partnership between the American Library Association (ALA) and IFLA, and over 35 countries have adopted the program. This is a branded campaign activity to increase awareness & support for libraries. The campaign for the World's libraries Website is online – ifla.org/at-your-library – the website may move in the next year. It seemed that the @your library campaign could be morphed into anything you want, as long as it is fundamentally about access, outreach, and awareness building.

4. IT Section Strategic and Action Plan 2015-2016.

As there is no quorum to approve the plan, the group would discuss and email the final copy to SC members for approval. Goals added were 1.5 (Big Data SIG), 3.3 (licensing improving access to information), 4.4 (better organization of IFLA website), and 6 (disadvantaged communities and ICT).

Balnaves acknowledged the work done by Kotsokoane and Weinraub on drafting Goal 6.

5. Create a communication plan.

An IFLA Communication Plan template/guide is available for members to use. We need to think about what and how to communicate, and to focus on what works. Maintaining currency is an issue, and some channels like social media require time and effort – we need to engage the whole section, and cannot depend on one person. Some ideas were discussed, including:

- Existing strategies for email, website and TILT Newsletter
- Twitter – would need buy-in from all section members, each doing a different topic
- An IT Section wiki on technologies, standards and case studies in key areas – a possible model developed based on Edmund Balnaves' work for Parliamentary libraries:
<http://handbook.intersearch.com.au> -again would need buy-in from members to support regular updates – possible collaboration with Stellenbosch University

6. Semantic Web SIG, Big Data SIG.

Bermès, the Semantic Web SIG convener, has submitted a 4-year report on their progress and activities, and this SIG is expected to continue given the on-going interest and level of activity. Last year there was a suggestion to rename it to the SW Outreach SIG to distinguish it more from the work performed in LIDATEC. Svensson proposed this again, seconded by Cervone. Bermès offered to continue as convener for one more year and then hand over to Verheusen next year.

Chang, the Big Data SIG convener, led the inaugural meeting of the SIG. It was well attended, and fulfilled the IFLA expectation of active participation and discussions instead of presentations. She requested for anew volunteer to assist with the SIG activities. Klapwijk volunteered – this was unanimously approved.

7. Corresponding members.

Kavcic-Colic had indicated her wish to resign as a corresponding member. Chang nominated Balnaves for this position -the proposal was unanimously accepted. Yuri Cherny has been added as a corresponding member. Svensson will check with non-active corresponding members if they are still interested in working in the Section or if they are willing to resign, and will follow up with HQ on this.

8. WLIC 2016 program.

- Satellite Meeting (August 10, Chicago, IL) – Joint session with Semantic Web SIG, Big Data SIG, and Academic and Research Libraries (ARL) Section: “Big Linked Data”. Program Chair is Bermès, Svensson is looking into sponsorship, Ted Fons (formerly with OCLC) is the local contact. ARL Section contacts are Mimi Calter and Jarmo Saarti. We will get IT Section SC members to help later.
- Post-conference Satellite Meeting (August 19, Columbus, OH) – Joint session with Dublin Core Metadata Initiative (DCMI): Eric Childress, Chair, DCMI Governing Board, and Stuart Sutton, Managing Director of DCMI. Svensson and Chang as contacts.
- Joint session with Audi-Visual & Multimedia (AVMS) Section: “Discovery of AV resources”. AVMS will organize Kotsokoane, Balnaves, and Verheusen as contacts. They will also assist with the CfP, and review of submissions.
- Joint session with News Media Section, Preservation and Conservation Section, and Asia/Oceania Section: “Long term preservation of news media”. Weinraub as contact.

- Joint session with Cataloguing Section: Cataloguing Systems as Mediators between Cataloguers and Exchange Formats. Balnaves and Svensson as contacts.
- Joint session with Education and Training Section and Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning (CPDWL) Section: “Online learning environments”. This is a 2-part session with a workshop and presentations. Cervone as contact, and will also work on a presentation on online learning environments from an IT perspective.
- Joint session with Women, Information, and Libraries SIG: “Women and Technology”, WIL SIG will organize, there are no hours required from the IT Section. Kotsokoane, Chang, and Weinraub as contacts.
- IT Section main session: There were several proposals, including “Skills and Knowledge for Citizens in an Open Data Environment” and “Research Management Systems”. Since there was no quorum in this meeting, the decision on the topic for the IT’S main session will be taken in an online meeting later this year.

9. WLIC 2017 program.

IT Section has been approached by Reference and Information Services (RIS) Section to organize a Satellite Meeting in Warsaw on “Discovery Systems”. This was unanimously approved. Christine Brown is the contact for RIS Section, University of Warsaw Library is the host, and Danowski will be the IT Section contact.

10. Any other business.

- A question from the floor on how to develop a virtual library -Balnaves suggested incorporating that into Section activities at the next conference.
- Danowski proposed that the IT Section recommend to the Professional Committee (PC) that the IFLA Library should also publish the papers the EPUB format. This was unanimously approved. Svensson will contact the PC to see if there is a process for such proposals.
- Svensson informed that the Library Theory and Research Section (Anna Maria Tamaro) had approached Svensson and Chang to be on their project team to develop the ontology for data curators.
- The meeting thanked Balnaves for his service as Chair.

The meeting adjourned at 13:20.