



International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions
Standing Committee on Preservation and Conservation

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REPORT OF SC II MEETING 18 AUG 2015
Cape Town, South Africa

PAC report: Julia Brungs reported the formation of the Cultural Heritage Advisory Board. Alenka Kacic-Colic, represents P & C Section; Jeanne Drewes represents the PAC regionals; and Reinhard Altenhoner, as technical expert are all on the Board. The Advisory Board has a number of tasks; one of which is to promote the registration of collections in IFLA's Risk Register which "enables IFLA to provide contact and geo-spatial information to UNESCO and the organizational partners of the International Committee of the Blue Shield acting in case of disaster." The link to the Risk Register is here: <http://www.ifla.org/risk-register><http://www.ifla.org/node/9754> IFLA will present the Risk Registry at the 12th Meeting of the International Advisory Committee (IAC) of the UNESCO Memory of the World which will take place from 4 to 6 October 2015 in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. The new PAC Centre is in Sri Lanka. The newer Centres are more-expertise focused. The focus for Sri Lanka PAC will be pest control and mold prevention/remediation.

Julia reported that IFLA headquarters would maintain the annual reports from all PAC Centres. The next edition of *IFLA Journal* will focus on preservation of the world's cultural heritage. The edition was edited by Douwe Drijfhout (Preservation and Conservation Centre for English Speaking Africa) and Tanja de Boer (Preservation and Conservation Section). <http://ifl.sagepub.com/content/41/3?etoc>

Brungs also reported on the PERSIST Project, which seeks to establish guidelines for selection and technology solutions for the world's cultural heritage held in libraries, archives and museums. The link is at http://www.archivalplatform.org/news/entry/the_unesco_persist_project/

Division II update: Russell Lynch, the Division II Chair, announced that Meg Mering is the new secretary and Frederick Zarndt is the new Chair. Each division should work on action plans and communication plans for their Division which means that each section within the division needs to work on their action and communication plans. The Governing Board also wants each Division to compile the skills, expertise and specialty areas of the membership. The Genealogy and Local History Section is seeking additional members. Douwe Drijfhout announced a 2016 newspaper and digitization training in Malawi for English-speaking audience. He also announced that a similar workshop will be held in 2017 for French-speaking audience

ENSULIB: Phillipe Columb, the Convener of ENSULIB, gave a report. ENSULIB is the Special Interest Group sponsored by the Preservation and Conservation that considers environmental sustainability in libraries. ENSULIB has convened an open meeting at the IFLA Congress. There is a mixed level of engagement. They have a Facebook page and mailing list. They host a social event at the Congress. Jeanne Drewes suggested that they update their web presence on the IFLA pages. Information about ENSULIB can be sent to Marwa to link to the Preservation and Conservation website. Harri Sahavirta from the National Library of Finland is the likely successor as Convener.

- Alenka: Forward Harri Sahavirta as the convener for ENSULIB to Joanne Yeomans.

Satellite Meeting In Washington, DC: Jeanne Drewes discussed the Satellite Session to be held Aug. 10-11, 2016 co-sponsored by Preservation and Conservation Section and the PAC Programme and hosted by the Library of Congress. Before and after the conference, tours of the Fort Mead high density storage facility and the National Audio-Visual Conservation Center will be offered. Jeanne is organizing the local arrangements and will issue the call for papers. Alenka Kacic-Colic and Reinhard Altenhoner agreed to assist with the planning and the peer review of the papers.

- Jeanne Drewes, Chair of the Task Force will issue the call for papers and will craft the description of the Satellite Meeting for distribution and advertisement.
- Jeanne, Alenka and Reinhard will review the proposals.

Open Session in Columbus, OH, 2016: The governing board would like most of the sessions to focus on the 2015-2016 Key Initiatives which align with the 2016-2012 Strategic Directions. Strategic Direction 3: Culture and Heritage: “We will support libraries and work closely with our partners to safeguard cultural heritage in its diverse forms, including traditional, historical, indigenous and contemporary expression.” One of the Key Initiatives is “Promoting IFLA Standards;” therefore, there was interest in developing an Open Session around preservation and conservation standards.

The term “Quality Management” embraced the ideas of standards in very specific areas of preservation and also included the larger ideas of sustainable HVAC and building management. The Task Force to work on the program includes Tanja de Boer, Reinhard Altenhoner and Jeanne Drewes. Proposals are due in November. Potential partners include News Media and Rare Books. Jeanne will talk with the Library Buildings Section and Marwa to the Audio Visual section.

There was discussion about conducting a survey about existing standards by using the new Survey Gismo technology. Frederic Blin, Ornella Foglieni and Marwa El Sahn were interested in that. Ornella mentioned that a 2016 meeting in Milan will be focused on preservation and conservation standards. The Task Force may also want to watch what the PERSIST project

develops in terms of standards and guidelines for selection and long-term preservation technologies.

- Becky Ryder will share a draft action plan that supports the Key Initiative “Promoting IFLA Standards” that she and Alenka started during the Action Plan Training Session in Cape Town.
- A Task Force comprising Frederic Blin, Ornella Foglieni and Marwa El Sahn will conduct a survey to identify existing preservation and conservation standards, specifications and guidelines. The data will provide background for the Open Session, will help fulfill the action plan, and will enable the updating of resources on the IFLA PAC website.
- A Task Force comprising Jeanne Drewes, Reinhard Altenhoner, Chair, and Tanja de Boer will organize the 2016 Open Session focusing on the concepts of quality management vis-à-vis standards and best practices. A call for papers should be issued in the fall with the Programme Enquiry Form being completed by November 10, 2015.
<http://forms.ifla.org/node/add/wlic-programme-enquiry-form>
- Becky and Alenka will notify Division II Chair of plans for the Open Session.
- Everyone: follow the progress of PERSIST project
- Open Session Task Force: Reach out to Rare Books, News Media, Library Buildings and Audio-Visual to seek out partners and/or contributors for the Open Session if deemed appropriate.

Preservation Policy about Digital Preservation: Not too long ago, a survey was conducted to evaluate institutional policies and procedures about long-term digital preservation. Jeanne Drewes suggested that we share the data, any existing report and the survey instrument to see what can be re-purposed to gain additional information.

- Locate the data, report and survey instrument: Julia Brungs?

Lyon Declaration: Appreciation was expressed for the P & C Section’s support of the Lyon Declaration. Please encourage constituents to sign in support of the Lyon Declaration. The Declaration can be found at <http://www.lyondeclaration.org/> A list of the signatories is included.

- Everyone: Read the Declaration website and encourage cultural and academic institutions and organizations to sign on.

Communication: Much discussion ensued about communication methods. Facebook, Twitter, listservs, blogs and email were all discussed. The idea of a Division-wide newsletter surfaced. Another idea included partnering with another section to reduce the burden on one newsletter

editor. Keeping the P & C website and membership directory up-to-date was another important recommendation. The P & C blog is underutilized. Ideas about a mid-winter meeting either through Skype or face-to-face were considered.

- P & C members: subscribe to PAC-list. Instructions are here: <http://www.ifla.org/pac/mailling-lists>
- Marwa: Update this page: <http://www.ifla.org/about-the-preservation-and-conservation-section>
- P & C members: make sure you understand the difference between the P & C Section and the PAC Programme. Start here: <http://www.ifla.org/preservation-and-conservation>
- Marwa: Can IFLA HQ make a listserv for P & C Section?
- Everyone: If we establish a listserv, let's continue the discussion about communication and about progress towards 2016 goals.