



IFLA Section for Public Libraries Standing Committee

Meetings in Helsinki, Finland

Saturday, August 11, 2012 and Wednesday, August 17, 2012

Minutes

Time:	Meeting 1: Saturday, August 11 - 15:15 – 17: 45	
Location:	Helsinki Exhibition & Convention Centre	
Time:	Meeting 2: Thursday, August 16 - 11:30 – 13:00	
Location:	Helsinki Exhibition & Convention Centre	
Members attending Meeting 1	Marian Morgan Bindon (MMB) Annie Dourlant (AD) Barbara Gubbin (BG) Libuse Nivnická (LN) Ruth Ørnholt (RO) Suzanne Payette (SP) Jan Richards (JR) Angels Migueles Sarri (AMS)	Anette Mjöberg (AM) Raymond Santiago (RS) Ljiljana Sabljak (LS) Emiliya Staneva-Milkova (ES) Olga Ustinova (OU) Hannelore Vogt (HV) Rebekka Pilppula (RP)
Members attending meeting 2	Marian Morgan Bindon (MMB) Jan Richards (JR) Suzanne Payette (SP) Ljiljana Sabljak (LS) Libuse Nivnická (LN) Annie Dourlant (AD)	Ruth Ørnholt (RO) Olga Ustinova (OU) Angels Migueles Sarri (AMS) Anette Mjöberg (AM) Raymond Santiago (RS) Barbara Gubbin (BG)
Observers Meeting 1	Chantal Stanescu Pascale Messier Irina Voitsekhivska Chin Kaji Shrestha Katarina Svab Ingrid Bon Kent Skov Andreasen	Trygve Eliasson Jorun Systad Josiane Doucet-Alarie Robinson K. Bwato Sylvie Caron Benjamin Mousseau
Observers Meeting 2		
Apologies	1st meeting Ferran Burguillos Annick Guinery Hitomi Takeuchi Li Jingxiz	2nd meeting Rebekka Pilppula (RP) Hannelore Vogt (HV) Annick Guinery Hitomi Takeuchi Emiliya Staneva-Milkova (ES)
Absent for both	Ferran Burguillos Neil Davies	Mats Hansson Deming Zhou Li Jingxiz

1. Greetings and apologies for absence
Suzanne Payette, Chair asked everyone to introduce themselves and to say which library they represent and if they are a member of the Committee or an observer. Rebekka Pilppula sent round a sign-in sheet

2. Welcome Steve Bergen from Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Suzanne welcomed Steve Bergen from the Gates Foundation who was attending to report on the Access to Learning Award. Steve indicated that there was a booth in the exhibit hall if people had questions about applying for the award which will be announced at 4 p.m. on Monday, August 13, Session Room 5.

3. Opening, Announcements and Documents Check
RP reviewed the documents which had been sent out prior to the meeting including the agenda, minutes of the mid-year meeting in Barcelona, Spain in May 2012, minutes of the meeting in San Juan 13th August 2011 and the strategic plan. The Financial Statement was distributed to the SC members in the meeting.

4. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved.

5. Approval and Follow-up of the minutes of the meeting held in Barcelona, Spain on Saturday, May 19th and Sunday, May 20th, 2012 previously circulated

SP thanked Angels Migueles Sarri for organising Mid-Year Meeting in Barcelona. The minutes of the meeting held in San Juan, Puerto Rico on Saturday, August 13th were approved. The minutes of meeting held in Barcelona were approved. Also the minutes of meeting held in San Juan, 13th August 2011 were approved.

SP and RP had met Victoria Owen, chair of the Committee on Copyright and Legal Matters and negotiated about the sessions about e-books in Singapore. together with Metlib and CLM. Each SC will name two members to start planning the session. We would like to organize long session, like one 3 hour session and one 2 hour session immediately after the first HV and RO will continue planning on behalf of our section.

6. Chair's Reports (Payette)

- a. Report of Division Leadership forum

SP reminded about the IFLA's five Key Initiatives for the years 2011 - 2012:

1. Digital Content Program: Driving access to content, and digital resources, for library users
2. International Librarianship Leadership Development Program: capacity building to raise the voice of the profession nationally, regionally and internationally
3. Outreach Program for Advocacy and Advancement of the Profession: connecting, collaborating, representing strategically
4. Cultural Heritage Disaster Reconstruction Program: Culture is a basic need, a culture thrives through its cultural heritage, it dies without it
5. Multilingualism Program: a multilingual IFLA website opens windows to the world

All our actions, programs and projects should follow these.

Professional committee of IFLA will give new guidelines for satellite meetings and they will present new translation funding policy later this year.

IFLA has bought translation tool to translate the web pages, they will start with Spanish and French.

PC is interested in to improve the communications tools of IFLA and ideas should be contributed before 1 September 2012.

- b. Membership of the Committee and Section
Corresponding members of our section are:

Rashidah	Bolhassan	Malaysia	2007
Raquel	Flores Bernal	Chile	2009
Shahaneem	Hanoum Dadameah	Malaysia	1998
Gloria Maria	Rodríguez Santamaria	Colombia	2000
Brendan	Teeling	Ireland	2009

According to IFLA regulations (R18.30) Standing Committees may appoint up to five Corresponding Members to provide for experts from countries or geographical areas, which would not otherwise be represented, or to provide expertise in a specific subject field. Such Members shall be appointed for an initial two-year term, renewable for one further term of two years on the decision of the chair.

We decided that Raquel Flores Bernal's term will end 2013 and Brendan Teeling's term will end 2013. The others' terms have ended already. We will start looking for new corresponding members.

Election of members of the Section's standing committee will be next year. Barbara Gubbin, Libuse Nivnicka, Ruth Ornholt, Suzanne Payette and Olga Ustinova will end their second term. Marian Morgan Bindon, Neil Davies, Mats Hanson, Ljiljana Sabljak, Rebekka Pilppula, Deming Zhou and Hannelore Vogt, will end their first term and are eligible for re-election. SP recommended everybody encourage nominations for new members.

- c. Review of overall conference and Section meetings : interest of section member's
SP pointed out: opening session, newcomer's session, cultural evening, General Assembly and president-elect program. IFLA Committee on Standards is having a session Thursday, 16th August (10.45-12.45) AD will participate the session.
- d. Selection of papers from conference to be recommended for publication by IFLA in the Journal. This to be confirmed at the Sections 2nd meeting.
- e. Poster session 12:00 - 14:00 on Monday 13 August and Tuesday 14 August
- f. Mobile library show in front of the convention centre and mobile library show in 17th August (13-18) in the centre of Helsinki city
- g. Section dinner
When : Saturday, August 11th at 20h00
Where : Salutorget, Pohjoisesplanadi 15 (<http://www.salutorget.fi/en>)

7. Financial Report

Financial Statement was distributed in the meeting. LN gave the financial report for the Committee dated August 2012 and asked that any outstanding expenses be submitted.. RP indicated that she needed to be reimbursed for printing costs of the section leaflet. A payment of approximately 120 Euros was approved for this. SP indicated there was one outstanding payment (approved in the meeting held in Barcelona, May 19th and 20th 2012) that needed to be paid prior to the bank account closing

Administrative money for this year is 400 €. Kent Skov Andreasen discussed the new guidelines for funding. These new guidelines for administrative and project funds will be distributed at end of the year or in the beginning of 2013.

All the sections were allocated 400€ administrative funds and if there is need for more the sections must apply for it. The Professional Committee is changing the focus of funds. There will be more project funds and less administrative funds in the future. Sections must present the budget for the administrative funds they will need in the future.

8. Report on pre-conference **Libraries in Networks: Creating, Participating, Co-operating** held in Klaipeda, Lithuania (Pilppula)

AM, RP, RO, JR joined the pre-conference and shared their experiences. RP also recognised and thanked the libraries/librarians in Lithuania who helped to put on the program and volunteered a lot of time to make it successful. There will be a link from the public libraries' page on the IFLA website to the papers and the PowerPoint presentations given at the conference.

9. Programmes at the WLIC 2012 in Helsinki, Finland:

a. Section programme

What does e-library mean for the public library users?

Wednesday 15 August (13.45-15.45)

RO discussed the program, all the papers are published on the Congress IFLA website.

b. Section programme

Friends or Foes - Public and School Libraries a Force for Change for Creating Smart Communities

Partnership with School Libraries and Resource Centres

Tuesday 14 August (09.30-12.45)

AM told about the program. There were lot papers submitted for consideration and given the high quality of these submissions, the committee had difficulty in selecting the final. The final program presents papers from different countries.

c. Section Programme / Off site

Surprising Library!

Partnership with School Libraries and Resource Centres and Libraries for Children and Young Adults

Wednesday 15 August (8.30-12.45) in Sello Library, Espoo

RP provided detail of the program.

10. Review of Ongoing Projects

a. **Guidelines for Public Library Services**

The Governing Board's KI 5 Multilingualism Working Group has recently discussed the project and reports the following:

"Translation of revised version of Public Library Guidelines in French – alignment test case. The Public Library Section has sent in a request for PC project funding for translation of the IFLA Public Library Guidelines (2nd edition) in French. The first edition already is translated in French. The Working Group agrees that this would be an interesting pilot project to see how the translation memory of YOOsource handles longer texts. However, the translation of web texts has priority in 2012. The pilot project therefore will be looked into in 2013." (e-mail 10.07.2012)

List of IFLA standards has been collected and it needs to be checked:

<http://www.ifla.org/en/standards-committee/list-of-standards>.

Daisy-translation is still possible, but the other translations won't be given any money. Therefore funding alternative from the other sources to progress the translations should continue to be sought..

b. **Mobile Library Guidelines**

Translation and publications update, checking the list of IFLA standards)

- c. **Website, Newsletter and revised Section Brochure and its translations (**
MMB is working with the blog and discussed options for content <http://blogs.ifla.org/public-libraries/> The blog will replace the newsletter. MMB is still waiting for the photos and feedback from the SC. We discussed more closely about the Return on Investment theme for public libraries and various links.

We decided to have something to new instead of the brochure. MMB, JR and AM were appointed to generate an idea for new promoting material. The translating of the leaflet is very complex and it doesn't easily translate into other languages. It was agreed not to progress any new translations of the section brochure.

11. Strategic Plan for 2012-2013: Discussion and Updates to be considered (All)

We reviewed the strategic plan for 2012-2013 and made some notes and changes.

The final strategic plan, annex.

We discussed about the ways we could promote the meaning of the public libraries and how it should be more visible in our strategic plan. We have had re-conferences about the themes about the future of the public library. We could have a pre-conference about the theme 2014.

12. Programmes for IFLA 2013 in Singapore

- a. There will be no pre-conference 2013.
- b. Following the orientation given in Barcelona for our plenary session in Singapore about e-book, SP and RP had met Victoria Owen, chair of the Committee on Copyright and Legal Matters and negotiated about the sessions about e-books in Singapore together with Metlib and CLM. Each SC will name two members to start planning the session. We would like to organize long session, like one 3 hour session and one 2 hour session immediately after the first. HV and RO will continue planning on behalf of our section.

We discussed about the theme. We would like to have the point of the view of our customers. The role of public library is changing, privacy of our clients should be considered, marketing the e-books, licence/buying the book, library buildings

- c. Update presented at 2nd PLS meeting Following development of our themes at the first meeting, RO. advised two meetings have taken place during the Congress with the various sections interested in partnering in the e-lending session in Singapore. These sections include: MetLib, Copyright and other legal matters, People with Special Needs and Library Associations. There has been considerable interest and it is likely the session will be a whole day or two half days. Areas of interest include the public and metropolitan operational issues, cluster policy issues (others); a panel session debating the various models; industry collaboration; world cafe model to have strategic discussion on what we want to gain, and a call for action on e-lending and advocacy issues;

At these meetings it was agreed to not have publishers present and only present the library perspective. However our Section **would like to have publishers** present and use the session as a potential advocacy session. RO together with HV will propose this. SP advised Paul Whitney had been approached and is agreeable to act as a go-between the various groups if required.

RO advised notes and summary of the planning meetings had already been compiled. RO to send the notes to the public library section committee members. The submission proposal will be written by Ellen Broad from the Copyright Section with RO. The working group felt the session/s should be on the Tues or Wed. It is felt that be a published paper should be progressed following the session.

As part of the Professional Committee's review of IFLA's publishing program, Mike Heaney (as the external editor of the IFLA Publications Series, published by IFLA and De Gruyter.) will be approached to discuss this topic for the future IFLA Publications Series.

Section meeting One closed 17.45 and will be reconvened 16 Aug 2012.

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13. Congress feedback
Feedback from sessions

Sincere congratulations to everyone who worked so hard and so well to bring together the Congress sessions and satellite events. There was huge workload and high quality programs were delivered that raise the profile of public libraries.

- The joint session with School Libraries and Resources Centres "Friends or Foes" attracted more than 800. This session attracted mixed feedback, which is great, and has also been discussed on the Swedish Facebook pages
- The off site joint session at Sello "Surprising Library" with Libraries for Children and Young Adults and School Libraries and Resources Centre) attracted more than 120. Sincere thanks for the warm and welcoming generosity of the library staff who were great ambassadors for the public libraries of Finland.
- The eLibrary session numbers are yet to be confirmed but it also attracted large numbers. Attendees provided feedback to those members present that that session was excellent, very interesting with a great panel of diverse speakers.
- The mobile libraries on detail each day at the front of the Congress continue to attract considerable numbers with approximately 3000 visiting during the Congress. Their attendance is very much appreciated as their attendance would have caused disruption to their schedules.
- The pre-conference Libraries in Networks: Creating, Participating, Co-operating held in Klaipeda, Lithuania was also very successful.

Other comments

- BG commented on the visits to local libraries. These were very easy to get to and the staff at all locations was very welcoming. The visits provided a great experience for those who were unable to join one of the organised tours.
- Sincere and very special thanks should be passed to the team of dedicated volunteers who make such a difference to the smooth running of such a significant event as the Congress.

14. Selection of papers from conference to be recommended for publication by IFLA in the Journal. The Section members voted that Danish Digital Library powered by "TING" - about Open Source and joined efforts in public libraries by ROLF HAPPEL (Citizens' Services and Libraries, Aarhus Kommune, Aarhus, Denmark) be recommended for publication.

Action : Email to be sent of IFLA HQ with the Section's nomination.

15. Strategic Plan – Action for Key 4 Cultural Heritage

We reviewed the strategic plan for 2012-2013 and made some notes and changes.
The final strategic plan, annex

The Section has been approached by Jeanne Drewes from the Preservation and Conservation Section. This session seeks to work with us on a joint project with Public Library and National Library Sections. A summary prepared by Jeanne is as follows:

"the project is to provide needed information to the public to assist with disaster preparedness and recovery where Preservation and Conservation Section provides the necessary information concerning preparing, protecting and recovering family treasures before a disaster or after and the delivery method is via public and national libraries sections that link via IFLA's website links to information in different languages starting with English and Spanish and developing in other languages as soon as possible."

Public Libraries Section's role would be as a conduit for the awareness campaign - . The Section agreed to participate and RS will be the contact officer. JR advised a lot of work has been done in this area for example ALIA has completed considerable with blogs, memory projects such as *year of memories* so there will be a wealth of information to build on

16. Representative on Gates Foundation European Union Project

AD was nominated and has accepted an invitation to take part in a Gates Foundation project - Agenda 2014-2020 held in Brussels. The project aims to show how libraries can be part of achieving the goals' of the EU by the role they play in ICT literacy, integrating migrants and many areas where libraries can contribute. BMG Foundation is contributing money towards completion of a survey on these topics in 17 countries. Bpi (AD's library) will be the contact of the survey company for France, in other countries it's either the Ministry, a governmental agency, or a librarians' association which are the contacts. The first global report is due in December 2012, and specific reports for each country in January 2013. AD will report to the section for further details.

17. Satellite in 2014

RP (via MMB) has suggested the satellites could be held in a country where the presence of an International Organisation would raise the profile of public libraries. Depending on the 2014 location and issuing of the new guidelines in December this location is to be determined. Possible topics include Future of the library- new ways of seeing things happening.

18. Next Library 2013 conference will be held in Aarhus, Denmark and this event continues to discuss the strategic and important challenges for the future of public library. You can follow the development via the website.

19. JR to design a survey to be distributed to IFLA members asking for the words/concepts which immediately come to mind to describe public libraries. This will then be used to create a Tag Cloud. The survey will be developed using Survey Monkey and distributed using the IFLA e-lists.

20. Daisy translation of the guidelines.

It is understood IFLA will fund this project and BG will be our contact. LN and SP to discuss background to date and hand over to BG.

21. Meeting mid term 2013

AD reiterated the invitation from the BNP to hold this meeting in Paris sponsored by the Bpi (Bibliothèque Publique d'information) – Centre Pompidou The meeting will be held in late April/beginning of May prior to the Metlib seminar that commences in Amsterdam 5 May 2013. Initial discussion suggested 3rd May 2013 for library visits, and Saturday and Sunday for working sessions. AD to confirm and discuss program with SP

22. Sister Cities Interest Group is particularly interested in expanding contacts with Youth Librarians. Would you please pass this information to Youth People's librarians.

23. Building's Section Session 2013

A representative of this Section attended the meeting and advised the 2013 Congress session was about "Making ends meet " – delivering high quality facilities for low cost. The session also seeks to highlight the role of the public library in the city building and would welcome submissions from public librarian. Please consider and pass to colleagues when the call for submissions is released

24. Meeting closed

Payette/Morgan Bindon

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