

## Meeting Minutes

# INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS

### Government Information and Official Publications Section (Section 17)

#### Standing Committee Meetings

2012 IFLA World Library and Information Congress

Saturday, 11 August 2012 12:30 - 15:00 | Ball Room 1

Tuesday, 14 August 2012 15:00 - 16:30 | Room 207

Helsinki Convention Center

#### Standing Committee Meeting I

##### 1. Welcome and introductions

Chair Satandra Dhaka called the meeting to order at 12:35. Present were Jim Church (Secretary/Treasurer), Alexander Chentsov, Beacher Wiggins, Jackie Druery, Tagashi Koga, Sanjay Bihani, Stephanie Braunstein, Sally Holtenhoff, and Frank Kirkwood.

##### 2. Adoption of 2012 agenda and meeting minutes from IFLA 2011 conference in San Juan

The minutes were adopted.

##### 3. Update on current GIOPS activities

Professor Dhaka provided an update on the Government Libraries Section (GLS) 2012 paper session: *The Surprising World of Government Libraries: trends and prospect of new user services*. The session is sponsored by the Government Information and Official Publications, Law Libraries with Library and Research Services for Parliaments sections.

Sanjay Bihani talked about the IFLA GLS publication *Guidelines for libraries of Government Departmental Libraries* which was translated by GLS members into French and Hindi. Jim Church noted that use of GIOPS administrative fund (400 euros) was used to compensate the translators. Sanjay also spoke about the GLS paper session, noting four papers would be presented on: Access to digital case law in the United States; The United States Federal Depository Library Program; Government libraries in Greece; and Finnish government libraries. Stephanie Braunstein introduced her paper on the United States Federal Depository Library Program.

Jim Church spoke about the potential redesign of the GIOPS web presence, including possibilities for a GIOPS blog and Facebook page. The committee agreed this was an appropriate direction to take and charged Jim Church to recruit and charge interested committee members with these tasks. Jim Church also distributed draft copies of a newly designed GIOPS logo. The logo was approved by the committee and will be mounted on the GIOPS web site pending IFLA approval.

#### 4. Brainstorming and plans for 2013 paper sessions

Tabled for discussion at Standing Committee II.

#### 5. Recruitment of standing committee officers. Strategic planning and future direction of GIOPS

There was a long and lively discussion and debate about the future direction of GIOPS and the potential for a merger with GLS. Frank Kirkwood, former GIOPS chair, provided historical background and advice about recruitment tactics, noting interest in the section depended greatly on GIOPS program content. He also offered advice on recruitment, including contacting outgoing members of related committees and contacting GIOPS institutional and association member list in advance of IFLA elections. After much discussion the notion to seek a GLS merger was postponed and plans were made to appoint a recruitment committee at SC Meeting II.

The meeting adjourned at 15:00.

### **Standing Committee Meeting II**

#### 1. Welcome and introductions

Chair Satandra Dhaka called the meeting to order at 15:00. Present were Jim Church, Beacher Wiggins, Jackie Druery, Tagashi Koga, Sanjay Bihani, Frank Kirkwood, Russell Lynch (Chair, IFLA Division II) and Kay Casell.

#### 2). Brainstorming and plans for 2013 GIOPS paper session

The committee devoted the entirety of the meeting to discussion of the GIOPS 2013 paper session in Singapore and some preliminary plans for standing committee recruitment. Animated discussion ensued concerning potential paper topics. After much discussion two potential paper topics were settled on: "Infinite Possibilities for Copyright and Digital Rights Management" and 2) "Information for Development Action: Governments, Civil Society and Libraries."

The standing committee was unable to reach immediate consensus on the better of these two choices and appointed a sub-committee consisting of Beacher Wiggins, Satandra Dhaka, and Jim Church to discuss further and make a decision by October. Russell Lynch

The standing committee also decided, upon the recommendation of Frank Kirkwood to form a sub-committee on recruitment for the next standing committee due to be elected in 2013, consisting of Satandra Dhaka, Jackie Druery, and Jim Church.

The meeting adjourned at 16:30.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jim Church*