Minutes of IT SC Meeting Lyon (August 16, 09:45-12:15, Salle Rhône 4)
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Information Officer: May Chang

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1. Welcome and apologies
   The chair opened the meeting and welcomed the attendants.
2. Approval of the Agenda
   The agenda was approved without amendments
3. Approval of the minutes of the Singapore meeting
   The minutes of the Singapore meeting were approved without amendments.
4. Updates from the officer's briefing

The secretary highlighted some of the topics mentioned in the officers' briefing. Of particular interest to the members of the IT section are
- the president's session (Monday 09:30) where e-participation will be a topic,
- the president-elect's session (Thursday 08:30) focusing on the IFLA trend report. Further topics mentioned were
- the planning for the new strategic plan 2015-2020,
- the *Lyon Declaration on Access to Information and Development* together with a call for individuals in a position to sign for their institution to do so and also to find non-library institutions (e. g. NGOs) willing to sign the declaration, further they encourage sections to produce a statement (2-3 pages) on how their work can support development and,
- that since 2015 is an election year, the call for nominations will be coming up in October this year.

5. Newsletter update and report from information officer

Since the last SC meeting in Singapore, our information officer May Chang has completed two issues of the section's newsletter TILT (Trends in Library Technology). May asks all section members to contribute to the newsletter; particularly case studies and project reports are of interest. May also circulated a selection of books supplied by Edmund and asked individual members to contribute a review.

6. Cape Town 2014 Satellite Meeting planning

Ellen Tise from Stellenbosch University briefed on the plans for the satellite meeting. The satellite will take place at Stellenbosch University, approx. 40 km outside of Cape Town. The theme will be Open Source software in libraries, as a counterpart to the IFLA open access movement, and Stellenbosch is well situated to host this conference since they are heavy users of OSS to provide access to their content. There will probably be a moderate registration fee (< €50) to cover catering etc.

After a brief discussion on programme topics, the following emerged:
- Metrics for project success when implementing open source solutions (including governance and sustainability)
- Case studies
- The use of open source software for analytics of big data using innovations coming from open source
- Innovative vs. technical aspects emerging from open source solutions

7. Section discussion: focus areas, specialization register

The Asia/Oceania section, represented by Takashi Nagatsuka (Japan) and Chihfang P. Lin (Taiwan) asked the IT section for a programme cooperation next year, either within the scope of the satellite meeting or for a joint session. The section is happy to cooperate; the chairs and the secretaries of the two sections will discuss this during the conference and will present a proposal at the next SC meeting.

A round table discussion followed, with the following issues of interest to section members highlighted:
- Digital libraries and physical to digital transformation workflows
- Open access and open source. **The Asia and Oceania section is proposing a joint session in this area or in areas of new innovation.**
- Information delivery in a mobile device context
- User experience testing and new catalogue interfaces
- Exemplary open source projects – **Suggested as one of the themes for the Satellite conference**
- Open source functions supporting harvesting, archiving and preservation. **This was suggested as a possible joint session topic with the Preservation and Conservation section**
- Big Data – this has been suggested as a possible new Special Interest Group supported by the Information Technology Section.
- Business models for open source sustainability. One of the possible themes of the satellite conference on Open Source
- Open source innovations. A further possible theme for the Satellite Conference
- Planning the curriculum and accreditation framework for the IT-aware librarian.

Suggested as a possible joint topic with the Education and Training or the
- Information technology for poverty alleviation
- Linked data

8. Publications.

The proceedings of the satellite meeting on User Interaction based on Linked Library Data (UILLD) in Singapore are currently being copy-edited and will probably be published early 2015 by De Gruyter.

Cambridge Scholars Publishing have approached the section expressing an interest in publishing extend versions of the papers presented at the session on cloud computing in libraries and also showing an interest in publishing the handbook on the use of OSS in libraries proposed last year.

9. Semantic Web SIG – Satellite update, renewal and planning

The SW SIG held a very successful satellite meeting in Paris on August 14 with the motto *Linked Data in Libraries: Let's make it happen!* As indicated in the programme, the meeting covered a wide range of topics, including a tutorial about linked library data for beginners and one for managers. Recurring themes were the transition towards an entity-centric view of library data (which was also a topic during the RDA satellite meeting in Frankfurt on August 13), and the variety of approaches on how to represent library data in RDF, including the versioning of vocabularies.

The SW SIG will have a business meeting on Monday at 15:00 (Session 105) and an open session on Tuesday at 16:00 (Session 154).

Emmanuelle Bermès announces that the will resign as a convener for the SW SIG. She and the other meeting participants agreed on that there still is a need for the SIG, particularly for its outreach activities.

10. SC IT social event

There will be a social dinner, most likely on Wednesday evening. Emmanuelle will suggest a venue. As soon as venue and time are set, invitations will be sent out to everyone participating in the meeting.

11. Other business

There was no other business to be discussed.
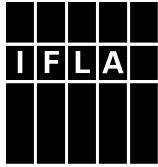
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1. Planning of the 2015 Satellite meeting on open source in Stellenbosch
   Edmund and Mimi presented the provisional programme for the Satellite meeting in
   Stellenbosch, developed during a planning meeting with Ellen Tise, Mimi Seyffert
   (Stellenbosch University) & Edmund Balnaves/May Chang (IT Section)

   The idea is to have one half day on August 13 (Thursday) dedicated to workshops and
   tutorials on specific open source software, and a full day of presentations on August 14
   (Friday).

The organising committee has been successful in finding sponsors, so there is a possibility that there will be no registration fee for the event.

The draft/tentative programme is:

Day 1 (half day on Thursday afternoon)
4 x concurrent workshops of up to 40 attendees per workshop
Initial ideas:
- workshop on Koha
- workshop on DSpace
- workshop on open source for Big Data
- workshop on journal publishing open source systems

Day 2 (full day on Friday)

      8.30am - registration
      9.00am – welcome – IT Section and DVC
      9.30am - keynote
      10.30am - tea break
      11.00am - 12.30am - 3 speakers
      12.30-1.30pm - lunch
      1.30pm - 3pm - 3 speakers
      3.00pm - 3.30pm - tea break
      3.30pm - 4.30pm - open forum
      4.30pm - 5.00pm - closing

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2. Discussion of topic for the main session to be held in Cape Town 2015
   Five possible topics were discussed: Sustainable IT supporting green libraries; Curriculum development to enhance IT awareness in new professionals; Robotics in libraries; Technology for multi-institution collaboration; Information technology facilitating access to information. Some of these were prospects for joint sessions. The final choice by vote of the attendees was: **Technology facilitating multi-institution collaboration (including but not limited to open/source).**
3. Semantic Web SIG – Renewal and planning
   The Semantic Web SIG had a business meeting on Monday, August 18th, and a very successful open session with about 100 participants on Tuesday, August 19th.
   The group's charter is based on the assumption that there has been no uptake of semantic web and linked data technologies in libraries; several sessions in this year's conference

programme, however, shows that this is not the case anymore. The SIG has so far been mainly about outreach and the topics discussed during the SIG's open session show that although semantic web and linked data technologies are discussed in libraries, there still is a need for outreach work on those topics.

Currently, the IFLA Namespaces Technical Group is being re-chartered as the IFLA Linked Data Technical Group, a subgroup of the committee on standards. Discussions have showed that there is a possibility to merge those two groups. Further discussions will follow after the business meeting of the Namespaces Technical Group.

For the transition period and for the preparation of the SIG's open session in Cape Town, Emmanuelle and Astrid will function as co-conveners of the group.

4. Discussion on collaboration with other sections for Cape Town 2014

The following proposals for joint sessions were discussed.

- Robotics in libraries (together with Asia and Oceania Section). The IT section will support this session. Edmund will liaise with Chihfeng P Lin, Chair of the Asia and Oceania section to develop a proposal.
- Web harvesting, archiving and conservation (together with Preservation and Conservation). The IT section will support this session. Edmund will liaise with Alenka Kavcic-Colic to form an editorial committee and develop a proposal.
- The increasing role of IT awareness in LIS programmes (together with Education and training). The IT section will support this session. Shawky will approach the Education and training section regarding a possible co-operation.
- Path dependency, change and sustainability (together with Knowledge management). Lars had been approached by the Knowledge Management section regarding a joint session on how the decisions to be taken are influenced by decisions already taken, even if those are not relevant any more. The topic was seen as not very close to the objectives of the IT section, so the IT section will not support officially support this session, but will be happy to offer support for the programme committee. Lars will contact the KM section to share our resolution.

5. Reports from meetings, highlights, expectations and experiences of the 2014 Conference [Round table]

Shawky reported back from session on IFLA standards, and Astrid from the session on how to build an effective IFLA section.

The session on standards presented the new guidelines for publishing IFLA standards. The guidelines do not advice on if it is better for IFLA to write own, specific standards of if it is better to re-use existing (ISO etc.) standards.

The session on how to make IFLA sections more effective was – from Astrid's point of view – more targeted towards newcomers; the IT section already implements all of the advice given.

Linked Data was a major topic in many sessions. The parliamentary library in Chile presented on how they integrate Linked Data into their workflows and in the session on UBC it became obvious that Linked Data is changing how we perceive the role of cataloguing and bibliography.

6. Approval of annual reports for 2013, 2014

Edmund had circulated drafts for the annual report for 2014. Alenka will provide the 2013 report for submission to the website (and earlier reports if available). Comments and suggestions for the 2014 report are welcome.

7. Social event confirmation

The social dinner will be at Café du Soleil on Thursday, August 21 at 7.30 pm. May will send out an invitation and book a table. Approx. 11 attendees plan to come.

8. Any other business [Round table]

The SC decided to go forward on the formation of a big data SIG. May volunteered to act as first convener. A first list of signatories supporting the formation was agreed. Edmund and May will contact IFLA HQ regarding the further steps and circulate amendments to the Strategic Plan and Action plan incorporating this new Section activity.