



## IFLA Metropolitan Libraries Section

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### **Standing Committee meeting held at the 2014 World Library and Information Congress: 80<sup>th</sup> IFLA General Conference and Assembly in Lyon, France**

#### **IFLA Metropolitan Libraries Section - Standing Committee**

Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> August, 15:15-16:45

#### **1. Attendance and general introductions**

##### Standing Committee members attending were:

Ai Cheng Tay (chair), Corrado Di Tillio (secretary / information secretary), Markus Feigl, Barbara Lison, Jasmina Ninkov, Siobhan A. Reardon, Hannelore Vogt

##### Standing Committee members not attending were: (\*= prior notice given)

Assumpta Bailac Puigdellivol\*, Jeff Barber\*, Barbara Clubb, Nancy Davenport, Sharan Harvey, Ophélie Ramonatxo, Tomáš Reháč\*, Carolyn Robertson, Jianzhong Wu

##### Observers attending were:

Fatma Al-Mannai (Qatar), Gihan Baraka (Qatar), Davorika Bastić (Croatia), Samia Hassan Al-Shiba (Qatar), Inga Lundén (Sweden), Christine Mackenzie (Australia), Josephine Siegrist (Switzerland)

#### **2. Permission of Observers to attend**

Permission of Observers to attend the meeting was unanimously granted.

#### **3. Adoption of the Agenda**

The agenda was approved as proposed.

#### **4. Report from the Officers Training Session**

The Chair, Ai Cheng Tay, reported about the Officers Training Session (held in the morning of the same day). The most important topics were:

- the new manual on standards now online
- a reminder about the main documents of IFLA professional units (action plan and annual report)
- the Lyon Declaration. Inga Lunden, member of the Governing Board, informed about the declaration that was going to be launched on August 18<sup>th</sup>. Every Section will be requested to get five new signatures, especially from NGOs

outside the library world, and to guarantee the pressure on decision-makers at the national level. Barbara Lison, member of the Governing Board, added that the goal is 500 signatures by Christmas time. It will be a one year work until the UN vote. One of the key topic for Cape Town 2015 will be to show the impact of the Lyon Declaration, i.e. in the field of digital literacy where metropolitan libraries have a responsibility

- the Governing Board is starting to work on the Strategic Plan 2015-2020. The IFLA Leaders are preparing the first steps
- a reminder that two sessions of the IFLA Market (on August 17th) need to be attended by at least one SC member

## **5. Approval of the minutes of the meeting in Auckland**

Barbara Lison proposed two corrections: at point 4.3 "consists of the Division chairs" instead of "consists of the Section chairs" and at point 7.2 "Wheelers" instead of "OCLC". The minutes were approved with these corrections.

## **6. Other reports**

Di Tillio reported from the Satellite conference of the Public Libraries Section in Birmingham and the IFLA Camp organized by the New Professionals SIG. He noticed that, although very different in the structure and methods, they were both very informative and stimulating in terms of networking and professional development.

## **7. Programme in Lyon**

Di Tillio presented the papers and explained that a banquet-style room was not available and a world-cafe style session was not possible anymore, so Christine Mackenzie, who - during the conference in Auckland - was asked by the SC chair to be the moderator, confirmed her intention to insert two breaks to ask the audience to discuss a particular question and start a conversation with the person who sits next. The committee agreed that the speakers should reduce the time of their presentations to 10 minutes.

## **8. MetLib Conference in Zurich (2015)**

Josephine Siegrist presented some printed promotional materials (a brochure and a small leaflet). She illustrated the main four topics of the conference, that will take place at the "Pestalozzi" Library in Zurich, Switzerland, May 3-8

<http://www.metlib2015zurich.org/> :

- New forms of cooperation
- Libraries as bridge-builders
- Across borders
- Realities / digital worlds

She informed that some colleagues in Auckland have been contacted to present a paper in Zurich, and asked the SC members to propose good speakers. Di Tillio said he would check the term "cooperation" (versus "collaboration") in the first topic as it was recently discussed at the Satellite conference of the Library Theory and Research Section in Turin.

Siegrist also reported that she is still looking for sponsors.

The SC Chair and Mackenzie suggested to publish a call for papers, because it makes people feel involved. Siegrist assured that she would publish it in October.

She announced that on Friday May 8 a whole day of the conference will be dedicated to the Standing Committee.

### **9. Programme in Cape Town (2015)**

Barbara Lison reminded that some of the public libraries' goals are reducing poverty and illness, supporting private careers. She proposed to investigate how libraries reach these goals. Inga Lunden encouraged the idea, suggesting to investigate how libraries are the tools for the governments' goals.

The SC chair reminded that one of the Singapore National Library Board motto is "No-one left behind". Lunden and Mackenzie agreed that it could be a good title for a programme focused on the three literacies (media, information, reading). The SC agreed that the two Sections on IL and Literacy and Reading would be contacted during the conference.

### **10. Statistics project**

The chair reported about the SC meeting of the Section of Statistics and Evaluation (held in the morning of the same day) where she illustrated the project and the actual *impasse*. During the meeting she asked the Section's SC to conduct a scientific check of the metrics and data so far, and invited them to the MetLib conference in Zurich for further discussion.

Di Tillio announced his intention to present an IFLA project aiming at the definition of a basic set of indicators, so that another year would not be wasted and the spotlight on the project would be kept on. He proposed the Public Libraries Section and the Section on Statistics and Evaluation as natural partners. Di Tillio also noticed that point 6.d of the Lyon Declaration is about the defining of "indicators that enable measurement of the impact of access to information".

### **11. Communication tools**

Di Tillio expressed his intentions to open a Section Twitter account as a new communication channel for the MetLib conference, the programme in August and other topics. He explained the choice with the fact that the Public Libraries Section already has a Facebook page so a MetLib page would be a sort of a duplication. The SC approved.

### **12. MetLib Conference in Doha (Qatar), 2016**

Gihan Baraka announced that a first quarter of the National Library of Qatar will be open in 2016. She confirmed her institution's commitment to host the conference in 2016.

### **13. Adjournment**

The SC agreed that a second meeting in Lyon was not needed and the meeting was adjourned at 16:45.

Respectfully submitted by Corrado Di Tillio (Secretary / Information Officer)