



**METROPOLITAN LIBRARIES SECTION MEETING HELD ON 16 MAY 2014; AUCKLAND,  
NEW ZEALAND**

**Present**

Tay Ai Cheng, National Library Board, Singapore (Chairman/Treasurer)  
Josephine Siegrist, Pestalozzi-Library, Zurich  
Alison Dobbie, Auckland Libraries  
Fiona Miles, Logan City Council  
Barbara Lison, Bremen Public Library  
Judith Hare, Halifax Public Library  
Zdenka Sviben, Zagreb City Libraries  
Davorka Bastic, Zagreb City Libraries  
Tomas Rehak, Municipal Library of Prague  
Jaana Tyrni, Espoo City Library  
Jeff Barber, Regina Public Library  
Marian Morgan-Bindon, Gold Coast City Council  
Dr. Greg Morgan, Auckland Libraries  
Mirla Edmundson, Auckland Libraries  
Louise LaHatte, Auckland Libraries  
Carolyn Robertson, Christchurch City Libraries  
Erica Rankin, Christchurch City Libraries  
Anne Anderson, Christchurch City Libraries  
Debbie Fox, Christchurch City Libraries  
Karyn Siegmann, Bayside Library Service  
Michael Byrne, Maribymong City Council  
Siobhan A Reardon, Free Library of Philadelphia  
Jane Hill, Wellington City Libraries  
Philippa Ashbey, Waimakariri Libraries  
Ton Van Vlimmeren, De Bibliotheek Utrecht  
Louise Guillemette, Labory Ville Montreal Direction Associee - Bibliothèques  
Helene Roussel, Bibliotheque et Archives Nationales de Quebec  
Suzanne Payette, Bibliotheque de Brossard  
Jane Cowell, State Library of Queensland  
Stanley Tan, National Library Board, Singapore (Minute taker)

	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Minutes and Matters Arising of METLIB SC Meeting held in Singapore 2013</b>	
1.1	Minutes were confirmed with no further amendments	
<b>2</b>	<b>METLIB Open session in Lyon 2014</b>	
2.1	Chairman shared that excerpts of the selected papers have been circulated for information, and that the session would be conducted in World Café format, facilitated by Christine MacKenzie, Director, Yarra Plenty Regional Library.	Christine
<b>3</b>	<b>METLIB 2015, Zurich</b>	
3.1	Josephine presented the theme of METLIB 2015, Reaching Limits – Crossing Borders, and extended the invitation to all members to sign	

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	up for METLIB 2015 in Zurich.	
<b>4</b>	<b>METLIB Statistics – Next Steps</b>	
4.1	Jason, Counting Opinions gave an overview of the METLIB statistics project, including the range of data collected and quantitative analysis completed in consultation with METLIB libraries.	Chairman and Marian
4.2	Chairman highlighted that due to limited funds to sustain the statistics project, there is a need for the Committee to discuss the next steps for the project and agree on a viable business model should the Committee wish to continue with the project.	
4.3	Barbara shared that the IFLA professional committee, which consists of the Division chairs, were responsible for the assessment of Section projects for their worthiness to continue receiving IFLA funding support, and that Section Chairs were required to present a case for continuing with their division projects, should they wish to lobby for further IFLA support.	
4.4	Chairman noted that the data collection and analysis could also benefit Public Libraries Section and urged Marian to consider encouraging the Public Libraries Section to participate in the project as well. While Marian highlighted that funding the project, albeit partially, could be a concern for Public Libraries as many of its members have small funding and may face difficulties in participating.	
4.5	The meeting concurred that Chairman and Public Library Section Chairman, Marian should engage the Statistics Section Chairman to jointly present a case to the IFLA Professional Committee arguing in support of the value of this library data collation and analysis project to studying the effectiveness of libraries in general and the justifying the value of libraries to society/community with as well as appeal to the committee for continued funding support for the project over three more years.	
4.6	It was agreed that should the joint attempt fail to convince the IFLA Professional Committee, the alternative option was for METLIB members to contribute an annual sum to support the project. A realistic gauge of 300 Euros per library per annum was an amount that members were comfortable with contributing.	
4.7	Chairman shared that in the interim, the section had sufficient funds to support one more cycle of data collection and analysis, which was slated to commence in Jan 2015. Jason informed that data from two years back (ie. 2013) would be collected in the next cycle.	
<b>5</b>	<b>Future Mid-Term Meetings</b>	

