



Minutes Law Libraries Section: Standing Committee Second Session

81. IFLA World Library and Information Congress, Cape Town

IFLA Standing Committee on Law Libraries Section

Tuesday August 18, 2015, 16:45-18:15, Session 153, Rms. 1.63-1.64, Convention Center

Chair: Sonia Poulin

Present S.C. Members:

Attendees: Sonia Poulin (incoming Chair), Marisol Florén-Romero (incoming Information Coordinator), Elizabeth Naumczyk (incoming Secretary), Hélène Besnier, Ursula Bödecker, Michel Fraysse, Sally Holterhoff, Margo Jeske, Yolanda Jones, Rodrigo Obrador.

Absent S.C. members:

Donna Scheeder, Claire Germain, Edita Bačić, Jeong-Kwon Cho, Carole Hinchcliff, Caroline Ilako, Robert R. Newlen, Radu D. Popa.

Observers: Anthea Argnose, Katharina Beberweil, Leslie Street, Mark Engsberg, Parla Santibanez, Alice Ramohlola, Bård Tuseth, Natacha Bonnal, Andjung K. N. Laimi, Andreas Hainghumbi.

1. Call to order and welcome

Sonia Poulin, incoming IFLA Law Libraries Section Chair, welcomed all participants at the second Standing Committee (SC) meeting. A list of participants was sent around for all to fill out their contact information. The attendees, comprising members of the SC and observers, introduced themselves (all together 20 participants).

2. Report on Cape Town events

Sonia Poulin as the incoming Chair thanked all the SC members and other colleagues who were involved in making our Cape Town experience a success, especially our two Section programs and our Reception for the Law Libraries Section, held on Monday evening at the new Bowman Gilfillan Cape Town law office at 22 Bree Street. In particular, she thanked Charmaine Bertram, Library Manager, Norton Rose Fulbright in Johannesburg, and the Organisation of South African Law Libraries (OSALL) as well as Diana Riley of the

Bowman Gilfillan Africa Group for organising the reception. The reception provided a wonderful opportunity to meet our colleagues overlooking harbour views from the Library's balcony, with food and wine provided generously by the South African legal publisher, Juta.

The two section programmes were as follows:

1. Session 114, *Access to Legal Information and Legislative Data in Africa: the Role of Libraries and Librarians*, sponsored by the Library and Research Services for Parliaments Section, Africa Section, and Law Libraries Section, 18 August 2015 9:30-11:30, Auditorium

1 – Short overview:

- *Enabling Legislation for Access to Information in Cameroon*/ Rosemary Shafack (University of Buea Library, Cameroon)
- *Ignorance of the Law is no Excuse: Making Ghana's Legal and Legislative Information Accessible to All* / Eric Yeboah Apeadu (University of Ghana Balme Library, Ghana)
- *Accessing Government Information in Africa through the Right to Know: the Role of the Library* / Oludayo John Bamgbose (Nigerian Law School, Nigeria) and Etim Imaobong (University of Uyo, Nigeria)
- *L'offre en Tic de l'information juridique et légale au Cameroun: le rôle des bibliothèques et des bibliothécaires* / Mariya Badeva-Bright (Project Director, African Legal Information Institute)
- *AfricanLII: Facilitating Free and Open Access to Legal and Legislative Information from Africa* / Mariya Badeva-Bright (Project Director, African Legal Information Institute)
- *Dynamic Law Libraries: Access, Development and Transformation in Africa and the United States* / Caroline Ilako (Makarere University, Uganda) and Yolanda Jones (Florida A&M University College of Law, United States)

2. Session 209, *The Future of Law Libraries: Tales of Existence and Transformation*, sponsored by the Law Libraries Section, 20 August 2015 10:45-12:45, Ballroom East - Short overview:

- *Introduction* / Sonia Poulin
- *Kom Sann Met My! Leading the Change from the Practice of Law to the Business of Law* / Kirsty McPhee (Knowledge and Business Development, Tottle Partners, Australia)
- *African Law Library* / John Miller
- *Reaching the Diverse Public of Alberta, Canada: How Law Librarians Helped Fill a Gap in Legal Information Delivery and Access to Justice Through an Innovative and Collaborative New Website* / Carole Aippersbach (Alberta Legal Information Society, Canada)
- *Coexistencia de Normas Vigentes y Derogadas: Un Problema a Resolver [Coexistence of Existing and Repealed Statutes: a Problem to be Resolved]* / Allen Guerra-Bustamante (Library of Congress, Department of Legislative Services and Documentaries, Chile)
- *E-government Service on Law & Legal Libraries: Case Study in Indonesia Government Agencies* / Ali Irhamni (Law and Strategic Planning Bureau, National Library of Indonesia, Indonesia), Yani Nurhadryani (Computer Science Department, Bogor Agricultural University, Indonesia) and Joko Santoso (Library Automation and Cooperation Division, National Library of Indonesia, Indonesia)
- *Historia de la Ley al Alcance de Todos [The history of the Law for Everyone]* / Olguín and Carolina de los Ángeles Salas Prussing (Departamento de Servicios Legislativos y Documentales, Biblioteca del Congreso Nacional de Chile, Valparaiso, Chile)

Margo Jeske reported that the feedback was positive on the morning Session 114 above with a turnout of 150 people attending. Of the six papers planned, one person was unable to attend the conference. The project director of AfricaLII, Mariya Badeva-Bright's stepped in and

gave a paper on *AfricaLII: facilitating free and open access to legal and legislative information from Africa*, which was well received. Questions were taken first followed by the answers, which gave the presenters time to prepare their answers. She pointed out that following the submission of papers in March 2016; presenters need to be contacted to establish whether they were able to get visas to the USA. Attendees will also be required to fill out the ESTA (Electronic System for Travel Authorization) form with payment to enter the USA. In addition, a letter of invitation, for attendees requiring one, will be provided on the IFLA website. It is wise to have a back-up plan if there are not enough speakers available. Next year it is important to secure an auditorium so that interpretation for the attendees can be assured.

Session 209 occurred after this meeting.

Several members reported on relevant business or professional meetings. Sally Holterhoff and Marisol Florén-Romero reported on a meeting that they had on Sunday 16 August 2015, with Patrice Landry and Frederick Zarndt from IFLA's Committee on Standards as to the possibility of developing a standard on authentication of online legal materials.

The new incoming officers Marisol Florén-Romero, Sonia Poulin and Elizabeth Naumczyk attended two leadership forums. The first was Session 72, occurred on Sunday 16 August 2015, 12:15-13:30, Ballroom East, titled *The IFLA Market – The new IFLA Strategic Plan: getting your Section engaged*. They joined up with Strategic Plans and Key initiatives Division 1, Library Types that included law libraries. The new incoming Chair of Division 1 will be Raissa Teodori, Head of Office, Senate Library, Senato della Repubblica Italiana, Rome, Italy. The meeting addressed a handout for internal discussion and distributed to attendees called "Introducing the draft of the new IFLA Strategic Plan and Key Initiatives". At a prior workshop, Session 64, *Division Leadership Forum*, Division 1 8:30-10:00, held Sunday 16 August 2015, Ballroom East, lessons learned were discussed between Section and Division Chairs for incoming officers. A sheet was distributed titled *Officer Conference Brief* "Feedback from Lessons Learnt Session – Response from Officers" which listed:

- What things did you put in place to make your term successful?
- What essential advice would you pass on to the incoming SC?

The second was Session 129, an *Officers Training Session - IFLA*, 11-45-12:45, Ballroom West, 18 August, 2015.

Sonia Poulin stated the group could vary the scope of the key initiatives by including new projects to the ones we are already developing. She explained that she expected members to be active and contribute to work on the forthcoming Law Libraries Section Strategic Plan and also a Communication Strategy. She would also appoint people to work on items. The Strategic Plan would be put up on google.doc for comments by the end of September 2015.

3. Review and decide preliminarily on Law Libraries programs and Program Chair and Committee for Columbus, Ohio, USA.

The topics of next year's programs in Ohio were defined and program coordinators and tasks were assigned.

Two main areas of interest for next year's program are:

(a) on digital privacy including the issues raised by "the right to be forgotten". Topic raised by Sally Holterhoff, Carole Hinchcliff and Robert Newlen following the European Union's decision brought by a Spanish citizen to the European Court of Justice concerning his right of privacy versus freedom of information. The group discussed the MAPLE project and the right to be left alone regarding your use of the Internet; the interest shown in the IFLA privacy statement and the different approaches various countries are taking regarding this issue, including the case in France versus Google. It was agreed the topic should cover all countries and that it could be co-sponsored with the Library and Research Services for Parliaments Section, as well as Copyright and other Legal Matters (CLM) and Freedom of access to Information and Freedom of expression (FAIFE). The various possibilities for co-sponsorship would be investigated. It was also agreed that Robert Newlen would chair this session and that Sally Holterhoff would, in the first instance, approach some renowned speakers, after which a call for papers would be done.

(b) outreach by law librarians to public libraries to increase access to legal materials, improving access to justice for the public to be titled *Bringing the law to the library: connections, collaboration, and community in support of access to justice and the rule of law*. Yolanda Jones came up with this proposal and agreed to explore options for cosponsoring with other sections such as the Public Libraries Section. The call for papers could be from any regions in the world.

It was agreed to distribute the program proposals to the membership for comments and suggestions within the next few weeks.

The Section consented to be involved with a 2016 IFLA pre-conference satellite workshop in Toronto organized by the Management and Marketing Section on Managing human resources in the library context which concerned competencies and succession planning.

4. Review and decide preliminarily on Law Libraries activities in 2015-16

Sally Holterhoff and Marisol Florén-Romero reported on a meeting on Sunday with Patrice Landry and Frederick Zarndt from IFLA's Committee on Standards as to the possibility of developing a standard on authentication and preservation of online legal materials. It was suggested that our Section should interact with other Sections who would review our work and eventually sign-off. This project falls into IFLA's strategic plan and key initiatives and the next step is to write a statement and work together with other units of IFLA. The statement needs to state the benefits and what is to be accomplished and how this fits into the Strategic Plan. Statistics and case studies supporting the project can be submitted to IFLA. The first step in the process is to establish principles (rather than best practices, as governments do not want to be told what to do) and guidelines with the aim to reach the highest level of creating a standard. It was necessary to research what has been done in the area already, and review model laws including the *Declaration of Montreal*. Sonia Poulin said she would give them names in Canada, while Leslie Street said she and Teresa Miguel in the United States could assist.

5. Membership, recruiting and involvement

Sonia Poulin addressed the issue of increasing membership of our Section and the assistance of members in this area. Margo Jeske, Yolanda Jones, and the attendees from the Library of Congress of Chile, Natacha Bonnal and Rodrigo Obrador, agreed to support the Information Officer. The list-serv would also be revived.

It was agreed that a good hotel for the next conference would be suggested, for the Law Libraries Section members to stay in order to increase opportunities for networking.

It was agreed that the IFLA website would promote one law library on a regular basis as part of the newsletter.

6. Other follow up actions, timeline and responsible parties

It was agreed that by the end of September, 2015 the following items would be completed:

- Minutes of the Cape Town meetings (Marisol Florén-Romero and Elizabeth Naumczyk)

- Draft proposals for call for papers for 2016 sessions (Yolanda Jones and Robert Newlen)

It was agreed that by the end of December, 2015 Sonia would lead members towards completing:

- A blurb on the benefit of joining our Section
- A draft Strategic Plan
- A draft Communication Strategy. This will involve Yolanda Jones, Margo Jeske, Sonia Poulin, Marisol Florén-Romero, and Natacha Bonnal.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 18:15.

Respectfully submitted by: Elizabeth Naumczyk, Secretary.