



School Libraries and Resource Centres

Minutes of the Meetings of the Section Standing Committee

First meeting Sunday August 22, 11:30 – 14:20.

**Buenos Aires, Argentina
2004**

1. Chair Anne Clyde (Iceland) welcomed members and observers to the first meeting of the Standing Committee of the Section of School Libraries and Resource Centres
2. **Introductions of members and observers:**

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3. Apologies from:

- James Henri (HK), (Secretary-Treasurer of the Standing Committee) who invited all to the International Association of School Librarianship (IASL) Conference in Hong Kong, July 8-12, 2004
- Karen Usher (UK) Information Officer karen@musher.demon.co.uk
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4. Approval of agenda, with the following additions:

15. (a) Draft of Statement on Literacy
- (b) Section brochure
- (c) Asean Project on Information Literacy

Moved Barbara Immroth (USA). Seconded Julie Tallman (USA). Carried

5. Confirmed minutes of standing committee meetings held in Berlin August 2003.

Moved Maj Eriksson (Sweden). Seconded Barbara Immroth (USA). Carried

6. Matters arising:

Karen Usher (UK) has withdrawn from position of Information Officer, due to health reasons. This position involves dealing with correspondence and providing information about the Standing Committee on request (Chair Anne Clyde has handled contact with IFLANET through this past year). Interested volunteers were requested to contact the Chair before the second meeting on Saturday August 28.

7. The Chair reviewed the scheduling of meetings and programs for 2004.

Open Session – joint with Section on Libraries for Children and Young Adults – six of the eight papers will be available in Spanish and three will be available in French. Papers

from Section of School Libraries and Resource Centres were refereed; papers from the IFLA CHILD Section were invited. Special thanks to the members of the Section of School Libraries and Resource Centres who reviewed the papers for the Open Session.

Other sessions at the conference of interest to Section of School Libraries and Resource Centres members and observers were identified by the Chair

IFLA Booth staffing – the Chair of the Section of School Libraries and Resource Centres will staff the booth at our allocated time and other members were invited to attend as well.

Library visits during the conference – visits to three school libraries are available, also visits to libraries for teachers.

8. Officer Reports

Report from Chair – Anne Clyde (Iceland) thanked the executive members:

Secretary-Treasurer – James Henri (Hong Kong)

Information Officer – Karen Usher. Linda Williams (USA) has managed the SCHOOL-L listserv (normally a duty of the Information Officer.

Newsletter Editor – Vincent Liquete (France)

Thanks were extended also to Sophie Felfoldi, the IFLA Webmaster, for keeping our Section of School Libraries and Resource Centres documents on the website up-to-date. The *School Library Manifesto* has now been translated into 31 languages; the *School Library Guidelines* into eight languages and more are coming.

The Section was successful in getting approval for a Small Project, Development of Advocacy Materials for the School Library Manifesto. The funding made available will be used to have the materials designed professionally. A small international committee will be needed to develop the content. It was noted that Tove Pemmer Saetre (Norway) and Glenys Willars (UK) have developed materials that might be adapted for this project. Peter Genco (USA) also has developed materials.

A large project proposal application has been prepared by James Henri (HK) and colleagues on Information Policy. The Open Session in 2005 in Oslo could reflect this project theme. A pre-conference will be organized jointly with the Section on Reading. Chair Anne Clyde has met with Gwynneth Evans from the Reading Section for preliminary discussions. The proposed format for the pre-conference is:

“Literacies for the 21st Century”

Day 1: am Literacy – theoretical and practical speakers

pm Group work on draft statement on Literacy

Day 2: am Information Literacy – theoretical and practical speakers

pm Group work on draft statement on information literacy

Day 3: Competency Building shared with Section on Continuing Professional Education and Learning. Practical strategies for building competencies of school libraries in areas of literacies.

Thanks were extended to Tove Pemmer Saetre and Glenys Willars for getting the pre-conference session approved. Tove Pemmer Saetre noted that the Ministry of Education in Norway may be willing to sponsor speakers for the pre-conference.

Members and observers indicated support of and approval for the 2005 Oslo pre-conference plan.

For the 2006 IFLA conference in Seoul, the Section program has not yet been planned and ideas are invited.

The Chair raised several concerns:

- (a) Our mailings indicate that some member data on IFLA database is incorrect. All members should check their own data and make any necessary corrections.
- (b) The absence of simultaneous translation this year may have a negative impact on program attendance and section membership. Members should take every opportunity to raise this concern with IFLA officers.

Report from Secretary-Treasurer - James Henri (Hong Kong)

The application for a pre-conference before the 2004 Buenos Aires conference, put forward by James Henri (Hong Kong) and Constanza Mekis (Chile), was unsuccessful, as was the Large Project on Information Policy.

James Henri and other members of the Section of School Libraries and Resource Centres participated in the Regional Workshop on School Library Services in Southeast Asia sponsored by IFLA and UNESCO. The focuses were on the IFLA-UNESCO *School Library Manifesto* and *School Library Guidelines* and on information literacy and the school library. Representatives from 10 ASEAN countries participated. Members of the Section are invited to participate in the follow-up workshop in Bangkok in October 2004.

Report from Newsletter Editor – Vincent Liqueste (France) Newsletter items should be sent to Vincent Liqueste at vincent.liqueste@aquitaine.infm.fr. The newsletters will come out in December and April in English, French and Spanish.

9. **Review of Strategic Plan.** The Chair reviewed the six goals of the Section's 2004-2005 Strategic Plan and highlighted examples of Section Actions for each goal. She noted that additional actions may be added as needed. Discussion of this item was deferred to the second meeting of 2004.
10. **Small project:** Development of Advocacy Materials for the School Library Manifesto. Discussion of this item was deferred to the second meeting. Establishment of the international committee will occur at that time.
11. **Project proposals:** Large Project on Information Policy. The Chair reviewed the project proposal. She noted that Section has a strong track record for completing projects of this kind. The project has been refused twice, for reasons that have been difficult to understand under the circumstances.

Tove Pemmer Saetre advised:

- (1) The Section is viewed as having already had its "share"
- (2) The project title may not be understandable to members of Governing Board
- (3) The support of Section and of Chair of Governing Board is very important.

A second proposal is being developed by Margaret Baffour-Awuah (Botswana) to examine the factors that support and/or hinder the adoption of a document such as the *School Library Manifesto*, possibly with Botswana as a case study.

12. **Nomination** of a paper from our Open Session for *IFLA Journal*, in response to a request from the Editor. The paper nominated is “Mobile Book Cart, School Libraries and Storytelling – Promoting Reading in the Last Corner of the World” by Constanza Mekis and colleagues.
13. **Communications:** The members of the Standing Committee were reminded of the importance of contributing to the newsletter and subscribing to the SCHOOL-L listserv.
14. **Forthcoming Conferences** – The Oslo 2005 Open Session and the pre-conference with the Reading Section are in hand. For the 2005 conference in Seoul the Standing Committee approved a possible joint Open Session with Asian Section.
15. **Other business:**
 - (a) Draft of Statement on Literacy - deferred to the Second Meeting
 - (b) Review of brochure is required this year – The Chair noted: nonstandard brochures must be paid for by the Section (650 Euros for the new brochure for the Section of Libraries for Children and Young Adults); sharing design with our Small Project may reduce the cost.
 - (c) Asean Project on Information Literacy -- item discussed earlier as part of the Secretary-Treasurer’s Report

First Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm until Saturday August 28, 2004.

Second meeting Saturday August 28, 11:30 – 14:20.

Opening Remarks from the Chair

1. Chair Anne Clyde (Iceland) welcomed members and observers to the second meeting of the Standing Committee of the Section of School Libraries and Resource Centres.
 - Section of Libraries for Children and Young Adults has released its guidelines in an attractive booklet, published by Section with sponsorship of a public library in Croatia. Some of the guidelines have implications for the Section of School Libraries and Resource Centres.
 - Open Session at the Buenos Aires conference
 - Although the session had excellent papers available in several languages, there were several serious problems:
 - (1) Having no simultaneous interpretation made it very difficult for speakers who have to rely on librarian colleagues to translate for speakers under severe pressure. This will have a negative impact on achieving one of IFLA’s goals of having speakers from many languages. The criteria for being selected for simultaneous interpretation are unclear and there are not clear processes for changing this. In past years, both the Section of School Libraries and Resource Centres and the Section of Libraries for Children and Young Adults have had simultaneous interpretation for their Open Sessions. IFLA needs to make

budget available for simultaneous interpretation for presentations at the Open Sessions and/or translation of PowerPoint presentations.

It was noted that commercial or government sponsors of translation and interpretation usually wish to reserve their sponsorship for documents of more lasting and local impact.

(2) The organization of the conference program has not facilitated cross-section cooperation, nor the library visits:

e.g. Library visits appropriate for school library people have been scheduled at same time as the Section of School Libraries and Resource Centres Open Session.

e.g. Several chairs and speakers had schedule conflicts; for example, the Chair of the Section of School Libraries and Resource Centres was scheduled to speak at another meeting in the same time slot as the Section's Open Session.

2. Introductions of members and observers (see above).

3. Apologies from Vincente Liqueste (France) Newsletter Editor, Julie Tallman (USA) – Information Officer

4. Review of Strategic Plan.

Barbara Immroth (USA) pointed out the need to develop actions for Goal 2 and Goal 4. Chair Anne Clyde (Iceland) responded that the goals are there to provide opportunities for such Actions since Actions initiated must fit the Strategic Plan to be eligible for IFLA funding.

Add Action to Goal 3:

“Organizing a pre-conference Session for Oslo 2005 with the Section on Reading”.

Barbara Immroth moved. Maj Eriksson seconded. Carried.

5. Small Project: Development of Advocacy Materials for the *School Library Manifesto*

- Project would include materials, downloadable from IFLANET, such as PowerPoint slides; workshop materials; handouts; a bibliography
- The committee members will include Zohra Ibrahim (Malaysia), Constanza Mekis (Chile), Margaret Baffour-Awuah (Botswana) and Sibongiseni Mbongwe (South Africa).
- Helle Barrett (Sweden) pointed out that the Small Project materials will need to be translated into the context of the local country and that a direct literal translation would not be sufficient. Anne Clyde pointed out the need to develop materials that are general in nature. Barbara Immroth drew attention to the American Association of School Librarians materials which might be consulted for ideas. Anne Clyde will email the Standing Committee members to ask for further volunteers. She will also consult with James Henri (Hong Kong), Section Secretary-Treasurer, about the funding for a professional designer for the Small Project materials.

6. Project proposals:

Margaret Baffour-Awual (Botswana) gave notice of her forthcoming proposal on the evaluation of the impact of the IFLA/UNESCO *School Library Manifesto*. Anne Clyde reported discussions with Dr. Ragnar Audunson, Chair of the Section on Library Theory

and Research, indicating that collaboration on this proposal with the Section on Library Theory and Research may be possible.

7. Forthcoming Conferences – OSLO 14-18 August 2005.

(a) Oslo 2005 Open Session

Theme: “Policy: Empowering School Libraries”

A call for papers will be issued, but the Section reserves the right to invite papers. Chair Anne Clyde will call for a reviewing committee later in the year.

(b) Oslo 2005 Library Visits – Tove Pemmer-Saetre, Helle Barrett and Maj Eriksson will assist the Oslo 2005 Library Visits committee if assistance is required.

(c) Oslo 2005 Pre-Conference Update

Theme: “Literacies for the 21st Century”

The Reading Section has approved the theme and general program. President Kay Raseroka has provisionally agreed to open the pre-conference. Possible speakers are being solicited, for example, on Information Literacy, Dr. Penny Moore who wrote the UNESCO paper on Information Literacy.

Ann Ritchie, Chair of the Section on Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning (CPERT) has invited us to join their pre-conference dinner. Barbara Immroth (USA), Isabelle Fructus (France) and Julie Tallman (USA) will assist Chair Anne Clyde in organizing the pre-conference. Additional volunteers will be solicited on the SCHOOL-L listserv.

(d) Tove Pemmer-Saetre has offered to organize a social event for Oslo 2005.

(e) Sibongiseni Mbongwe (South Africa) raised the concern for increasing interaction. The Oslo 2005 conference will have many opportunities for this at the pre-conference but the Section needs to find more opportunities on an on-going basis.

(f) Seoul 2006

Discussions with the Asian Section are ongoing. Chair Anne Clyde will continue negotiations and keep the Section of School Libraries and Resource Centres informed.

8. Other business

(b) Section brochure – text update is minor but a design change is needed. The design for the new brochure will be consistent with the design chosen for the Small Project. Barbara Immroth moved. Margaret Baffour-Awuah seconded. Carried

9. Close of meeting 13:37, 28 August, 2004.

Vote of thanks from the Section to Chair and Secretary Treasurer.

 **School Libraries and Resource Centers Section:** <http://www.ifla.org/VII/s11/index.htm>