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**WORLD LIBRARY AND INFORMATION CONGRESS:**

**71th IFLA General Conference and Council  
Oslo, Norway**

**University Libraries and Other General Research Libraries  
Section**

**Minutes**

**Standing Committee II.**

19 August 2005, 11:00-13:50

In Attendance

Standing Committee Members:

Melita Ambrozic (Slovenia) (apology)  
Klaus Ceynowa (Germany)  
Zhan Changzhi (China)  
Miguel Duarte Barrionuevo (Spain)  
Babakisi Fidzani (Botswana) (apology)  
Barbara Ford (USA)  
Kari Garnes (Norway)  
Marie-Dominique Heusse (France)  
Mare-Nelli Ilus (Estonia)  
Tim Mark (Canada)  
Stephen Marvin (USA) (apology)  
Gillian McCombs (USA)  
Andrew McDonald (United Kingdom)  
Sue McKnight (Chair) (United Kingdom)  
Rossana Morriello (Italy) (apology)  
James Neal (USA)

Jarmo Saarti (Finland)  
Kathleen Salomon (USA)  
Els van Eijck van Heslinga (Netherlands) (apology)  
Arnold Verhagen (Netherlands) (apology)  
J.K. Vijayakumar (India) (apology)

Observers:

Anaba Alemna (Ghana)  
Maria Luisa Arenas (Chile)  
Valentina Bannerman (Ghana)  
Frederic Blin (France)  
Nora Buchanan (South Africa)  
Viviane Cattane (France)  
Malamina Diouf (Senegal)  
Jennifer Joseph (Trinidad and Tobago)  
Jean Kambou (Burkina Faso)  
Elizabeth Kiondo (Tanzania)  
Victoria Okojie (Nigeria)  
Clare Ponne (United Kingdom)  
Roswitha Pull (Germany)  
Bernard Reilly (USA)  
Ellen Tise (South Africa)  
John Tsebe (South Africa)  
Felia Ubogu (South Africa)  
Elie Youmba (Gabon)

Welcome and Apologies

Sue McKight, as Chair, welcomed all attendees, including Standing Committee members and a large number of observers.

Program for Seoul

The program plans for the 2006 IFLA conference in Seoul were reviewed, and the following agreements reached:

1. The Role of Academic Libraries in New Media Teaching and Learning (open session with invited papers)
2. Institutional Repositories (half-day session with Information Technology Section)
3. Information Literacy: Transition from School to Higher Education (session with Information Literacy Section)

4. National Quality Measures (session with Statistics and Evaluation Section)
5. Quality Issues in Libraries Discussion Group

In all cases, Standing Committee members were assigned to coordinate program planning and implementation and/or serve as liaison to the sponsoring section.

#### Standing Committee Dinner

The Standing Committee members agreed that it would be desirable to organize and to seek a sponsor for a dinner (or lunch) of Standing Committee members in Seoul.

#### Standing Committee Strategic Plan

Standing Committee members and observers broke into three groups to discuss priority goals and actions to be reflected in the Section strategic plan for 2005-2007. Each group focused on one aspect of IFLA's Three Pillars: Society, Profession, and Membership. Each group reported back briefly after the period of brainstorming. Sue McKnight and Jim Neal agreed to take away the ideas presented and to integrate them into a draft strategic plan, with a goal of submission to IFLA by late 2005.

#### Communications Plan

Jim Neal facilitated a general brainstorming session aimed at identifying strategies for improving the communications of the Section. The goals (why) of communication, the targets (who) of communications both within and outside IFLA, and the effective strategies (how) for reaching those audiences were identified.

#### Name of Section

It was agreed that the current name of the Section, that is "University Libraries and Other Research Libraries" does not accurately reflect the mission, purpose and membership of the Section. Therefore, it was agreed that a proposal would be forwarded to the IFLA board to rename as "Academic and Research Libraries Section."

#### Evaluation of Oslo Sessions

Standing Committee members reported on the evaluations of programs sponsored by the Section at the conference in Oslo, and attendance figures were reported for each session:

1. Quality Issues in the Institutional Environment (210 attendees/19 completed evaluations)
2. Course Management Systems and Library Systems: Issues of Interoperability (130 attendees/36 completed evaluations)

3. Quality Issues in Libraries Discussion Group (on web quality) (150 attendees/27 completed evaluations)
4. Measures and Standards in the Electronic Age (225 attendees/33 completed evaluations)

#### Nominations of Best Paper(s)

An ad hoc committee of two Standing Committee members was assigned the task of recruiting papers delivered at Standing Committee programs, and evaluating them for possible consideration for publication in IFLA Journal.

#### Review of Section

The draft review document was briefly discussed, and it was agreed that Sue McKnight as Chair would finalize and submit to IFLA by November 2005.

#### Additional Business

Several observers from countries in southern Africa expressed deep interest in working with the Section to develop conference and satellite programs for the 2007 IFLA conference in Durban. It was agreed that there would be further communication after the Oslo meetings and that firm planning would proceed at the Seoul conference.

James G. Neal  
Past Secretary