



IFLA - Information Technology Section

Meetings in Oslo 2005

Minutes

1st Standing Committee Meeting – 13th August 2005

Presiding Officers:

Marie Inês Cordeiro – Chair; Larry Woods - Secretary

Standing Committee members present:

Noha Adly, Reinhard Altenhöner, Sabine Barral, , Hanna de Vries, Robin Fortifies, Nazha Hachad, Gill Hamilton, Hilda Høgås, Catherine Lupovici, Sally McCallum, Takashi Nagatsuka, Diann Rusch-Feja, , Zhixiong Zhang, Gwen Zilm.

Apologies for absence received from:

Claude Bonnelly, Mats Herder, Mary Jackson, Mats Lindquist

Other Standing Committee members absent:

Mercedes Chacon Fuertes, Yuri Hohlov, Wei Liu, Solomon Mutai, Per Mogens Peterson, Jagtar Singh, Marko Tenkanen, Marinus Swanepol, Wynand van der Walt, Mirna Willer.

Guests:

Patricia de Boef, Yann Nicholas, Niels Damgaard, Ringa Sandelin.

1. Welcome

Inês welcomed the new members and visitors. Each person introduced him/herself.

2. Elections

Nominations were received for Chair – Larry Woods; Secretary – Reinhard Altenhöner; Information Coordinator – Hanna de Vries. These were accepted unanimously. Larry will also function as Treasurer.

3. Minutes

The minutes from the 2004 meeting in Buenos Aires were accepted as posted.

4. Treasurer's Report

Inês reported that we have a balance of €1, 823.47. The only expenditures were for the newsletter €1,133.77 and postage €400. Funds are now supposed to be handled centrally and we have been instructed to return all unexpended funds to IFLA. (We later got different advice. We will find out from Ingrid Parent the final answer on Tuesday afternoon at 4pm).

5. Coordinating Board

Larry reported on the meeting of the Coordinating Board for Division VI.

- We were reminded to report the results of the elections promptly.
- The Section on Women's Issues will be disbanded to combine with FAIFE.
- We are to bring the incoming Chair and Secretary to the Extraordinary CB meeting on Sunday to elect a CB Chair who will sit as a member of the Professional Committee
- Sections were reminded to issue calls for papers for open sessions. Some sections are thought to be "too ingrown". We also need to set up a consistent mechanism for review of papers submitted.
- We were asked to take a look at the Strategic Plans for the three Regional Sections to see how our section could be supportive.
- We were encouraged to send a SC representative to their SC meetings on Sunday. (Larry agreed to attend Latin America and the Caribbean, Takashi the Asia and Oceania SC and Nazha the Africa SC meeting)
- One of the IFLA foci will be a "Perspectives Program – service to indigenous peoples.
- Nancy informed us of a new policy that will require sections to return all unused funds to IFLA. These funds will be handled centrally, but will be allocated to the sections as before. (See note above in Financial Report of a potential conflict of information). The Treasurers should also come to Officers' Training. Project money will still be paid out to sections for them to handle as before. The sectional financial report is due to HQ by November 1st.
- The contact for the 2006 Seoul meeting is Hee-Sop Kim (heesop@mail.knu.ac.kr)
- Satellite meetings for the Durban 2007 conference need to be proposed by March 1st, 2006.
- There were reported to be 2,698 pre registrants for the Oslo meeting.
- The Governing Board has established an IFLA Fund. It will raise finances in support of the Three Pillars, Disaster Relief, and Opportunities.
- Keith reported that the Management of Library Associations Section is establishing a program called GLAD (Global Library Association Development) to help support emerging library associations. One of the aspects is called "Twinning" based on the similar program from SLA, which paired associations from developed countries with associations from developing countries.
- The sections were reminded to complete their sectional reviews (ours was completed last year as a pilot and resulted in a revision of the questionnaire for future reviews).
- Nancy asked us to take the topic of the Division/Section structure of IFLA to our section for discussion. (We discussed that the proliferation of sections had reduced the number of slots available for Open Sessions at conferences. We agreed that combining with other sections was a good thing to do and strengthened the conference. Takashi suggested that we think about identifying topics specifically for poster sessions and issue a call for them in addition to our regular sessions. No other comments were made.).

- We gave a round robin report to the CB on our Oslo activities.

5a. Visit by Elizabet de Carvalho

Elizabet de Carvalho visited the SC meeting briefly and reported on the visit of Larry to the CBBB conference in Curitiba, Brazil in July. She agreed to assist us in getting IT materials and the newsletter translated into Portuguese to enable us to serve Portuguese speaking countries better.

6. ICABS

Sally McCallum reported on ICABS (the IFLA-CDNL Alliance for Bibliographic Standards). Much of the news reported is contained in our July Newsletter. The newsletter reported ICABS news through January. The July report is posted on the ICABS website.

- The Deutsche Bibliothek is working on a consolidated ISBD. It will be reviewed at the next IFLA conference.
- The Library of Congress is developing a “Premise for Digital Preservation” and will outline four basic requirements. They have also developed a schema for authorities called MADS, based on the MODS schema for digital material.
- The National Library of Australia is collecting database-driven web sites. Catherine commented that they are working with “deep-web” content that cannot be archived by robots. Their Deep Arch program is working to map these materials to a reformatted XML.
- Sally reported that there is a URL of a resource page in W3C and it can also be found at www.loc.gov/uri. She also described a piece of software developed by LC to “FRBRize” result sets.

7. Programs at OSLO.

- Inês reported that the shared satellite meeting in Finland - Bibliotheca Universalis was a success and was fully subscribed with about 100 people. Sally also attended.
- Larry reported that we have about 55 pre-registered for the offsite session “CMS/LMS Systems: Issues of interoperability”.
- Reinhard managed to get all three papers for the Open Source session translated into French through the kind assistance of Sabine and Yann Nicolas. Thank you Sabine and Yann!

8. Projects.

- We discussed the maintenance of the SIT web site and the need to keep it updated. The Technology Watch and Conference Watch are both valuable aspects of the information we provide and we feel that the international aspect of the SC gives us a unique opportunity to create a database of truly global coverage. We asked all the members to provide input from their respective countries.
- The Authorization and Authentication publication is nearing completion. Larry has yet to do his overview and the vendor survey. He reported that he had contacted all the vendors, but had difficulty getting responses. We will go with information from the vendor websites as a draft. Inês will contact the authors who have already submitted their papers to see if they need to be updated. We set a deadline of November 1st for project completion.
- Larry will approach some one from the Library School at Iowa to put together the Resource page on Third Generation Library Systems that he has been assembling.

He will also approach a SLIS student about adding items to the SIT web page and to potentially also edit the Newsletter.

9. Seoul 2006 Conference.

Larry suggested the topic of institutional repositories as a joint session with some other Sections. We discussed a number of the technologies common to IR systems and agreed that these could be included. Some of the topics mentioned could also be their own Open Session. Some of these subtopics are citation analysis, XML search engines, sharing of harvested metadata from IRs, natural language processing, information integration, metasearching, faceted searching, categorized result sets, etc. We suggested that the topic should be developed broadly to apply to cultural heritage repositories of public libraries, special libraries, and national libraries as well as university and research libraries. Special repositories like the indigenous language collections on the west coast of Canada are typical of the kind of IRs we would cover. We decided to propose to the University Library and General Research Library Section to jointly sponsor a four hour extra session. The first part would be devoted to a discussion of IRs in general, the policies, the implementation, the publicity, etc. and the second half to technical issues around IRs. Larry agreed to make a presentation to the ULGR Section immediately following our Committee meeting. Inês agreed to approach the Audiovisual Section and Diann agreed to approach the Knowledge Management Section about also sponsoring the session.

Larry Woods
Secretary, IT Section

2nd Standing Committee Meeting – 19th August 2005

Presiding Officers:

Larry Woods – Chair; Reinhard Altenhöner - Secretary

Standing Committee members present:

Sabine Barral, Marie Inês Cordeiro, Robin Fortelius, Nazha Hachad, Gill Hamilton, Hilda Høgås, Mats Lindquist, Catherine Lupovici, Sally McCallum, Takashi Nagatsuka, Diann Rusch-Feja, Marko Tenkanen, Hanna de Vries, , Zhixiong Zhang, Gwen Zilm.

Apologies for absence received from:

Mats Herder, Mary E. Jackson.

Other Standing Committee members absent:

Noha Adly, Mercedes Chacon Fuertes, Wei Liu, Jagtar Singh, Wynand van der Walt.

Guests:

Patrick le Boeuf, , Paula Goossens, Maria Luisa de la Meza, Patrick McGlamery, Nasser T. Saleh, Réjean Savard, Diana Sayej-Naser.

Continuation of the August 13th session

10. Highlights and experiences of the 2005 Conference

1. *Open Source Software for Libraries*

Open session of ITS

With ca. 200 attendees we have had a successful open session. A lot of fruitful ideas resulted from the discussion. The thematic scope of the contributions was not balanced in every case, but the content was relevant.

The idea to create a toolkit especially for libraries in developing countries as a start up for IT in libraries was regarded as especially important.

2. *Measures and Standards in the Electronic Age*

Statistics and Evaluation with Information Technology and with University and Research Libraries.

225 attendees, good resonance and quality.

3. *Course Management Systems and Library Information Systems: Issues of Interoperability*

ITS with University Libraries and other General Resources - off-site session.

130 attendees, presentations of different quality, but a successful meeting. One lesson learned is that it is rather complicated to organize an off-site meeting. So we decided to organize such meetings only if we have some direct contact persons on location.

4. *MARC/XML derivatives: the state of the art*

UNIMARC Group with ITS

With ca. 120 attendees, this was a well attended meeting with a mainly technical focus.

11. Plans for the Seoul Conference 2006 (cont.). Plans for Durban (2007)

Theme Seoul: Libraries: *Dynamic Engines for the Knowledge and Information Society*

- "New Search Technologies: tomorrow's retrieval" a technical look at search engines that match images, find audio segments, use word recognition and caption creation to index and search video, etc.

Volunteers to prepare: Gill Hamilton, Takashi Nagatsuka, Marko Tenkanen.

- "Institutional Repositories: policies, implementation issues, an overview of the technologies" – a four hour extra session co-sponsored by Information Technology, University and other General Research Libraries, Knowledge Management and National Libraries. The first two hours would be dedicated to the policy issues, the concepts, implementation and governance issues; the second two hours (planned by ITS) would be dedicated to discuss some of the technologies, including especially the Open Source solutions such as DSpace and Fedora. This slot should also include the handling of different types of data, e.g. scientific data (data sets) and questions of transformation / conversion of metadata.

Volunteers to prepare: Hanna de Vries, Larry Woods, Gwen Zilm.

Durban: (2007) Libraries for the Future: Progress, Development and Partnerships

- Information integration: the integration of information offers (of libraries) in their institutional background (towns, research institutions, universities etc.) becomes more and more evident. And that is more than to have a "Search Site" button. We will look for best practise ideas.

Volunteers to prepare: Reinhard Altenhöner, Zhixiong Zhang.

- Possible Satellite meeting for Durban – 2007
"Information Technology Solutions for Developing Countries" co-sponsored by the African Section and possibly other regional sections, perhaps in cooperation with the Management Section.
Focal point is the introduction to and the usage of Open Source Software in libraries – based on tutorials, perhaps in a bilingual way.
To prepare these, there is a special need for sponsors outside IFLA, e. g. UNESCO, International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications (INASP), Electronic Information for Libraries (eIFL). In order to find some local / regional organisations for cooperation we will contact the Africa Section and especially the Advanced Librarianship programme (ALP). Therefore we need a proposal and a general approval by IFLA.

Volunteers to prepare: Reinhard Altenhöner, Nazha Hachad, Mary Jackson (in absence), Sally McCallum, Hanna de Vries,

12. Review of the Strategic Plan

(available at: <http://www.ifla.org/VII/s21/annual/sp21-04.htm>)

The plan has to be revised before 15th November. A first review has to be handed in by the volunteers by 15th October.

Volunteers: Marie Inês Cordeiro, Nazha Hachad, Marko Tenkanen.

Coordination: Reinhard Altenhöner.

Marie Inês handed out a draft version of a report of the “IFLA Presidential Committee for the International Agenda on Lifelong Literacy”. ITS is encouraged to give its comments to this paper, which can influence the activities and policy of IFLA in the forthcoming years. The plan has not yet been published.

Action all section members: Please send reactions to Larry Woods and Marie Inês Cordeiro.

13. Establishing working groups for: revision of the strategic plan, newsletter, conference programmes for Seoul, maintenance of existing resource pages, newsletter

Newsletter:

Hanna agrees to become the information officer for the section. She will be responsible for the edition of the content for the newsletter (collecting contributions, pick up dates etc.); Larry will take charge of the layout and finishing of the newsletter.

Ideas for articles: “

- ITS and Brazil – results from a travel (Larry)
- report from the satellite meeting “Biblioteca Universalis – How to Organize Chaos? FRBR, a New Effort to Organize Content, and Some Practical Applications” (Sally McCallum)
- report from the “*MARC/XML derivatives*” – session (see above) (Gill Hamilton)
- report from the “*Course Management Systems and Library Information Systems*” session (see above) (Larry Woods)

(Other ideas: - Bios from all new ITS-members

Financing of the newsletter:

The costs for one issue amount to ca. € 1.500 including postage.

The new financing system of section administrative activities of IFLA will pose some problems with publishing the newsletter in the existent form: The yearly budget for the section will be about 600 €.

In the discussion the reduction of costs is emphasised:

- WEB or mail-based distribution
- Create a general leaflet for ITS for multi-use
- looking for sponsors

Action: Larry Woods will prepare a concept

Maintenance of existing resource pages:

Especially for the project “Third Generation Systems” there is an urgent need to update the collected information in order to give our site a more international focus. Also the collection of important meetings, of relevant links to projects or publications at the national and international level could be very helpful to improve the quality of the ITS-offer and to get more acceptance of the ITS-Site in the international context. In the past Maria has invested a lot of work in this, but for the future perhaps we must more evenly distribute the work across a team of “national observers”. ITS agree that Larry will do some extraordinary activities, if nothing happens.

Action all section members: Please send all relevant ideas, links etc. to Hanna de Vries.

14. Selection of paper for the IFLA Journal

For publication in IFLA journal ITS nominated Roger Evans and his contribution from the Open Source Software’s session “Delivering Sizzling Services and Solid Support with Open Source Software”.

Action: Reinhard Altenhöner will contact Roger to refresh his paper for publication.

15. Other ITS activities (projects, proposals for discussion groups etc.)

- Because it is too late we will not have a satellite-activity in Korea
- Translation of Session papers: there is a need to have translation into the Portuguese language.

Action: Larry Woods agrees to find a possibility

- Toolkit for developing countries’ libraries

Based on the Open Source Software Session there was the idea to create a toolkit for libraries especially in developing countries. On a CD/DVD we will have a Linux-distribution (including basic networking software), office software and library management system(s). Additionally we could have a smart business tool for statistics in libraries.

The conditions of the project are open until now, we should be ready before Durban (see above)

Action: Reinhard will contact Roger Evans and David Dorman to share the idea and get some advices for the project. Additionally he will submit the project to IFLA. The proposal to IFLA must be given before march 1, 2006

16. Any other business

- Section dinner in Korea: Gwen
- Section of technical libraries asks for contribution for a planned tour to technical institutions, e. g. super computing in Korea: ITS agrees.

Reinhard Altenhöner
Secretary, IT Section