

**International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA)**  
**SECTION ON LIBRARY THEORY AND RESEARCH**

**DRAFT Minutes 1st meeting IFLA Conference in Boston,  
Saturday 18th August 2001**

**Chair: Lis Byberg**

**Secretary: Kerry Smith**

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**1. Call to order:** The Chair, Lis Byberg opened the meeting at 8.45 a.m.

**Present:**

Lis Byberg	Chair
Kerry Smith	Secretary/Treasurer
Wilda Newman	Information Co ordinator
Marian Koren, Beverly Lynch, Wallace Koehler	SC members
Ragnar Audunson, Bob Usherwood.	

Observers: Nyamelang Baratedi (Botswana), Anna Maulina (Latvia), Silvija Linina (Latvia), Marie Faulkner (UK), Mirja Iivonen (Finland).

**2. Apologies:** Pascal Sanz, Ilkka Makinen.

**3. Adoption of Agenda:** the agenda as previously circulated by Secretary Kerry Smith was adopted.

**4. Minutes of previous SC meetings, Jerusalem 2000:** were accepted.

**5. Matters arising from previous minutes:** there were none.

**6. Boston conference**

*(a) Information from PB and CB VII meetings Friday 17th August*

Lis Byberg reported that:

- Carol Henry is to retire and that there was a book for messages in the IFLA conference office.
- Any satellite meetings for Glasgow conference have to be decided now - the Section decided that it would not hold such a meeting.
- The deadline for satellite meetings for the Berlin conference 2003 is 15th March 2002.
- The National Library of Canada is no longer maintaining the IFLA website and the work was being handed over to IFLA. It is currently being managed by Sophie Fefoldi; a job once done by 3 - 5 is now being done by one.
- There will be a meeting of Information Officers on 20th August at 2.10 p.m.
- FID - the matter will be discussed at this conference. FID is in debt and efforts are continuing to work out a co-operative approach between FID and IFLA. K Smith said that she would be attending the proposed FID meeting as she had been a member of FID as well as IFLA.
- There will be money for projects: NLG3000 for "small" projects, completed in one year.
- Lis mentioned that CBVII had sent two resolutions to PB, one regarding waiving of conference fees for invited speakers, the other requesting that Herman Liebaers, past President of IFLA, be invited to give he proposed paper as a plenary in Glasgow.

(b) *LTR Open Session Wed 12.30 - 15.00 (meeting 165)*  
Wallace Kohler offered to Chair this. It will be in room 302.

(c) *LTR Workshop Monday 8.30 - 12.30 p.m. (meeting 102)*  
Beverly Lynch has organised this session and apologised for the lateness of some of the material. During discussion it was decided that the audience would help shape the research direction of this programme as it comprised a series of presentations from US speakers from the library management area. It was expected each speaker would take 15 minutes - total 2 hours. B Lynch to chair. B Lynch undertook to provide a summary for the IFLA conference web page.

(d) *LTR section time slot at IFLA booth*  
Wilda Newman and Bob Usherwood offered to be in attendance.

## **7. Election of Section's Officers 2001-2003**

(a) *Chair*  
Lis Byberg announced that she had served her maximum term and would be stepping down. Kerry Smith was willing to stand and she was nominated by B Lynch, seconded W. Newman - elected unopposed. Lis Byberg mentioned that the duties of the new officers would commence after the Boston conference.

(b) *Secretary*  
Marian Koren was prepared to stand and was nominated W. Newman, seconded B. Usherwood and elected unopposed.

(c) *Information co ordinator*  
This position was not an elected position and as Wilda Newman was prepared to continue, she was thanked and re-appointed.

## **8. Strategic Plan**

Lis Byberg stated that she needed these (as Chair of CB VII) by 1 October 2001. LTR to consider their new strategic plan along the lines of the IFLA planning document as presented to the meeting by K Smith. Matter deferred to Friday's meeting when working party of K Smith, Bob Usherwood, Ragnar Audunson and Wally Koehler will present draft thoughts. K Smith also presented copies of IFLA's professional priorities and these, plus LTR's current action plan were in the latest Newsletter.

It was noted that the research report from Maxine Rochester and Perti Vakkari was long overdue and efforts would be made to secure it and publish it.

It was noted that LTR had achieved all of its proposed actions for 2000-2001.

## **9. Section's Newsletter**

Wilda Newman had earlier handed out copies of the Section Newsletter to those who did not have a copy. She reported that two issues had been produced since the last conference, that material had been sent to IFLA for the website in July 2001. It appeared that because of the difficulties IFLA was having with the volume of work for the site, our material was still to be loaded. Wilda requested submissions for the Newsletter as she hoped to have an issue around October 2001. The

Section has around 170 members and there was considerable cost in posting the newsletter to them. It was decided that we would try an electronic newsletter to those with email access and only post to those who did not have this, particularly as the IFLA PB/PC has decided that paper versions of Newsletters still had to be available.

There was an LTR email discussion list for SC members only. The website was available to all and the matter of whether we made the discussion list available to all was discussed but not resolved.

#### **10. Section's Leaflet**

Once the strategic plan had been finalised, the current leaflet would be revised by incoming secretary Marian Koren.

#### **11. Financial Report - next meeting**

#### **12. Projects**

Some ideas were presented: Bob Usherwood: attitudes of government policy makers to public libraries;

Ragnar Audunson: A study of methodologies for studying the role and impact of libraries in society.

Marian Koren: A bibliography on research being done on all/some of IFLA's priorities.

Wally Koehler - has an interest in ethics and would consider something along these lines; section member Marie Faulkner had a project concept in mind.

Projects need to be approved at the LTR meeting on Friday 24th August to send up through CB VII, which can approve small projects, to PB/PC for larger projects.

#### **13. Glasgow conference and 14. Future conferences – deferred to next meeting.**

#### **15. Other Business - this could be discussed at the meeting on Friday 24th August.**

The Chair closed the meeting at 11.15 a.m.

K Smith  
Secretary