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**IFLA STANDING COMMITTEE (SC) ON LIBRARY THEORY AND
RESEARCH (LTR) - DRAFT Minutes**

Meeting 1: Saturday 13th August 2005, 11.30 – 14.20 hrs

PRESENT:

Standing Committee Members

Kerry Smith, Chair
Marian Koren, Secretary
Wilda Newman, Information Coordinator
Natalia Gendina
Ragnar Audunson
Ann Curry, University of British Columbia
Jingli Chu, Library of Chinese Academy of Sciences
Marydee Ojala, Online Magazine, USA

Observers

Ksibi Ahmed, Institut Supérieur de Documentation Tunisie
Tord Hoivik, Oslo University College
Andrea Kaufman, Institute of Library Science, Humboldt University Berlin

Apologies

Wallace Koehler
Cindy Hill
Beverly Lynch

1. Welcome to all, Introduction of new members and officers of the Section

Kerry Smith, Chair/Treasurer, opened the meeting at 11.30 hrs and welcomed all present, especially new Standing Committee members and observers and requested personal introductions from attendees.

New Members to the Standing Committee 2005-2009 are: Ann Curry, Bidy Fisher, Chu Jingli, Kingo Mchombu and Marydee Ojala.

Marian Koren and Ragnar Audunson were reelected as Standing Committee members.

Adoption of the Agenda: The agenda previously circulated through the LTR list serve and standing committee, and published in the July 2005 newsletter was adopted.

2. Election of SC Officers for 2005-2007

The Chair introduced the election of officers.

Under the IFLA guidelines for standing committee membership the situation is as follows:

* Kerry Smith to stand down as Chair since she has completed her 4 years: 2001-2003; 2003-2005, (was Secretary for 2 years: 1999-2001).

* Marian Koren to stand down as Secretary since she has completed her 4 years 2001-2003; 2003-2005.

* Wilda Newman, after 2 terms (8 years) of involvement with LTR retires from the section.

The chair investigated the eligibility of members and their willingness to stand. a) Chair: Kerry Smith, herself could not stand as she had come to the end of all possible terms. On request,

Marian Koren explained she could not stand for the position of Chair, as she thought it appropriate to continue her work in the Professional Committee, and should stand for the position of Chair of the PC. The SC members then proposed Ragnar Audunson, who said he was willing to stand and take up the position of Chair of the LTR section. Accepted, unopposed.

b) Secretary: Marydee Ojala was willing to take up this position. Accepted, unopposed.

Other regulations:

c) Treasurer: Marydee Ojala will do this task as secretary/treasurer.

d) Information Officer: This task would be considered at the second SC-meeting.

e) Membership. Corresponding Members. For unknown reasons, Wally Koehler's renomination for SC-membership was not received at IFLA HQ, so it was proposed that he would be accepted as a corresponding member. Accepted.

A certificate of appreciation for Standing Committee work in the past years would be sent to Bob Usherwood.

3. Confirmation of Minutes of previous meetings and business arising not elsewhere covered in Agenda

Buenos Aires Saturday 22 August 2004

Buenos Aires Saturday 28 August 2004

- Section reviews – LTR as pilot
- BA conference program
- LTR Membership mailout

Progress

Library researchers and consultants

3. Review and approval of the minutes of the Standing Committee in Buenos Aires 2005

The minutes of the Buenos Aires SC meetings were approved.

Matters arising from these minutes: None, other than those discussed relative to conference program planning discussed under separate headings.

- Buenos Aires Congress program: good papers, attendance and visit. Thanks to the organizers and the local liaison the LTR programme had been fine. The site visit and programme were a good practice to continue in coming WLIC's.

- LTR Membership mail out to LIS institutions. This had been done by Kerry after some delays. Response so far had been poor. Europe still needed to be addressed. As the new chair, Ragnar, is also the chair of EUCLID, he will take over and do the mailing for Europe.

- Addressing library researchers and consultants seems to be quite difficult, but LTR should use its members to go on. The Divisional leaflet could be helpful as well.

4. IFLA business at Oslo Conference

- PC and CBVII business arising from meetings

Marian Koren addressed several items relating to the conference, apart from those already mentioned in the agenda.

- IFLA would work on a calendar for activities to help sections to improve the workflow between PC and sections.

- Sections were requested to increase their efforts of making IFLA an open association, by using calls for papers, to recruit new speakers and members.

- Recruitment of members would be supported by IFLA, by a membership toolkit, which would be presented at the Officers training.

- Sections should try to have their draft programmes ready by January and inform speakers. In case a speaker of an adopted paper, indicated (in January/February) he would be unable to present the paper due to lack of funds, the PC would early in the year still have a possibility to look into a small travel fund.

- Sections were invited to review and make strategic plans for 2006-2007, and requested to look for cooperation with Division VIII. They were also requested, as always, to have a

representative attending the SC of Division VIII. Kerry Smith promised to attend, which was noted.

- **Review of IFLA Sections**

The draft prepared by Kerry, the outgoing chair, would be discussed with Marian, outgoing secretary, and the incoming chair, Ragnar, especially the part of self-assessment. Kerry would then finalize it and send it to Ragnar. He will send the final draft to the SC members for comments, and after possible revision send it to IFLA HQ before 1 November 2005.

- **Other matters**

It was noted that a number of SC-members were also editors or related to (e) library journals; they were happy to consider publishing IFLA papers which were not published in IFLA Journal. Marian was requested to put forward to the IFLA Journal that the time that an author of an IFLA paper would have to wait until he could publish elsewhere should be reduced to 3 months. (As is the custom with many journals) Furthermore, IFLA Journal should turn into a peer reviewed Journal. Marian would take this forward.

5. Oslo conference sessions

- ***Satellite session: with Management and Marketing and Public Libraries***

Theme: Management, Marketing, Evaluation and Promotion of Library Services

Based on statistics, analyses and evaluation in your own library

Date: 9-11 August 2005, Norway, Bergen.

Marian commented that the conference was well attended, had a dynamic programme and high quality papers, and good speakers. LTR contribution: Ragnar, Natalia and Tord, and Ahmed, with great appreciation.

- ***CBVII program: Monday 15th August 2005 10.45-12.45***

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Recruitment and Careers

- [Embedding employability skills in the Library and Information Management Curriculum in the UK](#)
DEREK STEPHENS (Loughborough University, Loughborough, UK)
- [Critical aspects of the professional socialization of freshmen library school students](#)
HELGE HOIVIK (Oslo University College, Oslo, Norway)
- [Recruitment to MA LIS studies at the Institute of Information and Book Studies, University of Warsaw - the survey of candidates' motivation to different specialties](#)
MALGORZATA KISLOWKSA and MARIA PRZASTEK - SAMOKOWA (University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland)
- [Results of the longitudinal study of employment outcomes for Australian ILS graduates](#)
KERRY SMITH and PAUL GENONI (Department of Media and Information, Curtin University of Technology, Perth, WA Australia)
- [A tale of two markets: employer expectations of information professionals in Australia and the USA](#)
LINDA MARIONA, MARY ANNE KENNAN, PATRICIA WILLARDA and CONCEPCION S. WILSONA (School of Information Systems, Technology and Management, The University of New South Wales, Sydney NSW, Australia)
- [Are students really entering careers in librarianship? An analysis of career patterns after graduation from LIS schools](#)
TERRY WEECH and ALISON SCOTT (Graduate School of Library and Information Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, IL. USA)

- *LTR/SET off site session Tuesday 16th August 2005*

09.00-14.00

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Off site: Oslo University, College, Oslo

The Nordic tradition in library and information science research and education and international perspectives

Niels Ole Pors would chair the meeting, with great support from Ragnar and the Oslo University College for arrangements.

- [Continuing professional development: trends and perspectives in a Nordic context](#)
GITTE LARSEN (RSLIS, Denmark)
- [The cultural dimension in library education](#)
JOFRID KARNER SMIDT (Oslo University College, Oslo, Norway)
- [Library and information science education: is there a Nordic perspective](#)
RAGNAR AUDUSSON (Oslo University College, Oslo, Norway)
- [On librarians' occupational identities: ICT and the shaping of information seeking expertise](#)
JENNY HEDMAN (Swedish School of Library and Information Science, Sweden)
- [The Nordic-Baltic cooperation in doctoral education: the case of NORSLIS](#)
AIRA LEPIK (Graduate School of Social Sciences, Tallinn University, Tallin, Estonia)
- [LIPER \(Library and Information Professions and Education Renewal\) project in Japan](#)
SHUICHI UEDA (Keio University), AKIRA NEMOTO (Tokyo University), MAKIKO MIWA (National Institute of Multimedia Education), MITSUHIRO ODA (Aoyama Gakuin University), HARUKI NAGATA (University of Tsukuba) and TERUYO HORIKAWA (Shimane Women's College)
- [Great expectations: developing a profile of the 21st century library and information student: a Queensland University of Technology case](#)
HELEN PARTRIDGE and GILLIAN HALLAM (School of Information Systems, Faculty of Information Technology, Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane Australia)
- [Library Science - quo vadis?](#)
PETRA HAUKE, JANA GRÜNEWALD, BEN KADEN, ANDREA KAUFMANN and MAXI KINDLING (Institute of Library Science Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany)
- [Action research in action: involving students and professionals](#)
ANN CURRY (Canada)
- Research methods teaching in information science: UK experience
ANNE MORRIS (Loughborough University, Loughborough, UK)
- [The basis for evidence-based practice: evaluating the research evidence](#)
Dr. LAUREL A. CLYDE (Faculty of Social Science, The University of Iceland, Reykjavík, Iceland)

- **LTR session – Thursday 18th August 2005, 08.30 – 10.30**

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An investigation of the role of IFLA in promoting change and diffusing professional norms in libraries with a weight on norms, standards and policies relating to lifelong literacy

- Progress report on the Australian and New Zealand perspectives
KERRY SMITH (Curtin University of Technology, Perth, Australia)
- Progress report on the perspective from the Netherlands
MARIAN KOREN (Netherlands Public Library Association, The Hague, Netherlands)
- Progress report from Norway
RAGNAR AUDUNSON (Oslo University College, Oslo, Norway)
- Progress report from Italy
ANNA MARIA TAMMARO (University of Parma, Italy)

Unfortunately, TAREK OUERFELLI (Institut Supérieur de Documentation, Manouba, Tunisia) was unable to come and present his paper; therefore AnnaMaria Tammaro will give a report from Italy.

6. Communication

- LTR Annual Report September 2004 – August 2005
Kerry Smith said the report was well underway.
- Newsletter :The latest one had the full programme and agenda for Oslo.
- Website. Electronic resource for LIS research?
IFLA website would be renewed. All LTR documents were up on the net. Promoting knowledge exchange among LTR members had begun with a new section on the IFLA LTR website, but few submissions from standing committee members were received. <http://www.ifla.org/VII/s24/proj/ltrsc-professional-work04.pdf>
- Membership leaflet: a task for the Secretary to produce an updated one, once the Strategic Plan would be finalized.

7. Financial Report

Copies of the financial state of the art were distributed by the Chair/Treasurer. Some \$ AU 1100 were still in the accounts. It was decided to use the existing funds for some translations of the Research Toolkit. The report was adopted.

8. Partnership activities

- Quality issues in libraries discussion group – Rep: Beverly Lynch reported by e-mail that no discussion had taken place and the group had returned to library statistics..
- Home for LIS Journals? A short discussion on the relationship to the LISJ section resulted in that Marian and Kerry would attend their SC-meeting, and if necessary offer them shelter within LTR.

9. The Chair closed the meeting with thanks to all for their contribution.

SC Meeting II: Friday 19th August 2005, 11.00 – 13.50 hrs–

Present

Kerry Smith
Ragnar Audunson
Marian Koren
Biddy Fisher

Observers

Ksibi Ahmed
Alistair Black

Apologies

Marydee Ojala

Opening

Kerry Smith, outgoing chair, presided the meeting.

1. Designation of Information Officer

Coming back to appointment of tasks: on request, Marian said she was willing to take up the task of information officer if no one else was willing to do so. Some communicative tasks could later on still be shared by others. This was accepted.

2 LTR Strategic Plan 2006-2007

Apart from the section review, some update was needed, deleting the Buenos Aires and Oslo programmes, and input of Seoul and Durban conferences.

Also an update of the LTR projects was necessary. Kerry would hand over the draft to Ragnar to be finalized by him.

3 Projects

- The political perceptions of the public library –Bob Usherwood

The project on Policial perceptions (Bob Usherwood) was not ready. The SC decided to work for a quality report and discuss with IFLA HQ the possibility of having a 1 year project funding to realize this with a quality final report. Kerry Smith and Ragnar Audunson would find out the possibilities for project money. Ragnar would contact Bob Usherwood for the next steps.

- The role of IFLA in promoting change and diffusing professional norms: lifelong literacy – Ragnar Audunson

The project led by Ragnar needed more researchers and countries. Materials would be put on the IFLAnet, for easy access and reference. (Marian) Ragnar would contact a number of persons he had met during the LTR sessions and the SC meeting to recruit researchers from a larger variety of countries. He would have the project presented in Seoul.

- c. The Research Toolkit (Wally Koehler).

The Research Toolkit was an activity by LTR which needed to be followed up: Ragnar would contact Wally on i) accessible presentation on IFLA Net; ii) translation into other IFLA languages by using the LTR funds.

- d. New proposals

No proposals for new projects were put forward.

4 Future conference planning

Seoul, Korea 2006 – Libraries: dynamic engines for the knowledge and information society

1. LTR theme - Cultural Diversity in library research?

2. Satellite sessions – no LTR request made

3. LTR involvement in Conference program

Libraries: dynamic engines for the knowledge and information society

A working group of Natalia, Jongli Chu and Ragnar would work on the programme, based on earlier discussions on linguistically and culturally (unbiased) research (and education) and report back at the second SC meeting.

The LTR programme would also include a site visit and programme to the Korea LIS research institute.

LTR would propose to the CB of the Division, to continue a Divisional programme

Ragnar presented and distributed some changes for the new Strategic plan, regarding the Seoul Conference.

1. A LTR (or possibly Divisional) programme on the influence of language and culture on the way in which we perceive, do research on and educate about libraries and their role in the information society.
2. On site visit to Korean research Institute with paper presentations
3. Presentation of the conclusions/final report from the project on effects of IFLA standards
A call for researchers and possible presentations in Seoul would be put on IFLA net (Ragnar, via Marian);
Possibility of a panel debate on the outcomes, in cooperation /including people from the Management and Marketing Section would be included.
Outcome of the project would be presented to the Professional Committee, GB (and its Committees on Conference Planning and membership Development , and the secretary General/HQ.

Durban 2007

- Durban, South Africa 2007 – *Libraries for the future: progress, development and partnerships*

The theme of linguistic and cultural diversity would be continued in the ITR (and or divisional programme) in Durban.

1. LTR would look into the possibility of a satellite meeting, in connection with its new SC member: Kongo, Namibia; and with a contact person from Division VIII. Biddy Fisher drew attention to the role of national library collections for scholarly research in African culture. Alistair Black mentioned Tony Olden's , UK, study on history of libraries in Africa. Furthermore, Marian mentioned Kay Raseroka's address in London to African studies researchers . Ragnar suggested to focus more on LIS studies. And he also mentioned the relation of the Danish Library school with South Africa on curriculum development. Ragnar would start off y contacting Kingo, (and the Division VIII contact person)
2. LTR would like to continue with a visit and programme to a LIS research institute on site.
3. A divisional programme should also take place, and could include a follow up on cultural diversity issues.

5. Other business

1. paper to be proposed for IFLA Journal.

The LTR section decided to propose the paper on the situation in Japan, to be published in IFLA Journal (Marian to write to Steven Parker and authors of all other papers.)

2. According to the IFLA Journal editor, (SAGE) Ann Curry's publication (from Buenos Aires was among the three articles with the most hits. Marian will verify, and include some words in the Newsletter.
3. LTR members are encouraged to refer to each others journals where appropriate: LIBRIS, LIR etc.
4. Hopefully, some photographs from Marydee Ojala can be included in the Newsletter.

6 Close of Meeting by the Chair at 14.20 hrs.