



Minutes of the Standing Committee

Health and Biosciences Section

August 2, 2003

Committee Members present : Rick Forsman (USA), chair pro tem; Jo Anne Boorkman (USA), secretary pro tem; Ingegerd Rabow (Swe); Michele Absalon (Fra), Rowena, Cullen (NZ), Paivi Pekkarinen (Fin); Bruce Madge (UK); Michael Homan (USA).

Committee Members not present: Ysabel Bertalucci (USA), chair; Arne (Nor) ; Bergit (Den) . – I need names of others...

Guests: Pat Thibodeau (USA); Haffy Haffajee (SA); Christine Stotzenbach (Bel); Marja Jauhiainen (Fin); Becky Lyon (USA); Elenice de Castro (Bra); Kamarti Samia (Fra)

Announcements:

Ingegerd Rabow invited everyone to the 2nd Nordic Conference on Scholarly Communication, 26-28 April 2004 in Lund, Sweden. Brochures were distributed. Theme: Towards a New Publishing Environment: New Funding Models

EAHIL, Meeting/Workshop (?), Santander (sp?), Spain, 2004 (need specific date)

Secretary Rick Forsman chaired the meeting for Ysabel Bertolucci who was unable to attend the meeting, due to health problems that prevented her from traveling. Jo Anne Boorkman served as secretary pro tem for the meeting.

Rick reviewed the agenda and introductions were made. Rick acknowledged the outgoing members: Rick Forsman (USA), Ingegerd Rabin (Sweden) and U. Dressher (sp?) (Russia) and thanked them for their contributions to the Standing Committee.

The Strategic Plan for 2001-2003 was reviewed. The goal to change the name of the section was approved by IFLA. The Committee has a standing goal of providing open sessions and workshops at each meeting that are driven by the professional priorities of IFLA – priorities that apply to access to information, professional development and standards.

The Strategic Plan goals and actions were updated for 2003-2005 (attached).

Rick reported from the Coordinating Board meeting:

The Health and Biosciences Standing Committee is part of Division 2, Special Libraries. There are 3,700 registrants at the beginning of the meeting, 1,150 new to IFLA and 159 exhibitors. There is an online message center for attendees to contact one another and receive announcements about the meeting. Access to museums in Berlin will be free on Sunday. Museums are closed Monday.

There is a new handbook for officers of Standing Committees and the Coordinating Board, with guidelines for programming for 2004. Standing Committees are encouraged to contact Argentinean librarians to plan programming for Buenos Aires and to plan for Spanish language program speakers. In 2007, there will be a review of all core activities and existing Sections. The Coordinating Board and Standing Committees will meet again on Friday, 8 August, at the Technical University. There are special meetings for new officers on Friday morning.

Election of new officers was held. Bruce Madge (UK) is the new chair/treasurer. Rowena Cullen (NZ) is the new secretary/information coordinator. They will share responsibilities of the information coordinator duties. Their terms will run 2003-2005. They will serve on the Board for Division II and attend the Coordinating Board meetings. The Coordinating Board will also hold elections. The chair of the Coordinating Board attends the Professional Committee meeting in The Hague. John Meriton and Julia Gelfand are officers of Division II and are both willing to be reelected.

Elenice de Castro distributed the brochure for the ICML 9 and 27th Regional Congress on Health Sciences Information, CRICS 7, which will be held in Salvador, Bahia, Brazil 20-23 September 2005. The theme for the meeting is: Equity to Information. BIREME has established a network for health information among 37 countries in the region. The timetable for the meeting includes: end of 2003 distribute the invitation and program announcement; early 2004 finalize the theme and have keynote speakers 80% identified; mid 2004 send out second announcement with call for contributed papers. The final program will be on the web in early 2005. The ICML has a registered url that BIREME will host. It is <http://www.icml.org>.

The SC has some funds that could be used to promote the program.

The IFLA Governing Board sent Ysabel a note asking if the Standing Committee would like to coordinate future ICML's in conjunction with IFLA Conferences and coordinate with the IFLA Governing Board. Rick and Ysabel had discussed before the meeting and replied that the Standing Committee would prefer to keep responsibility for planning future ICML conferences. Discussion at the meeting confirmed this decision with the members present. Pat Thibodeau, President of MLA, said that MLA is considering having their annual meeting in Hawaii in 2009 and that having ICML 10 in conjunction with that meeting might be a possibility, with a focus on the Pacific Rim. The Standing Committee agreed that this would be something to explore.

Pat Thibodeau presented information on a new MLA Task Force on Global Relations that she has just formed. She summarized current international activities of MLA: hosting the Cunningham Fellow; the sister library program and the activities of the International Relations Section. Michael Homan, Ysabel Bertolucci and Bruce Madge have been appointed to this Task Force. The MLA 2004 Annual Meeting in Washington, DC, will highlight MLA members' involvement in global relations.

Rick discussed the IFLA Publishing Relations Advisory Committee, chaired by Ann Okerson, that he was invited to attend. The group reviewed the December 201 update on ICULC and discussed whether the Governing Board of IFLA would endorse the statement on open access. The committee also reviewed Elsevier's revised policy on retracted articles. It will meet again on Sunday.

Agenda items: Session planning for Buenos Aires and Project discussion were postponed until the Friday meeting of the Standing Committee, 10:15am -12:15pm.