



## Health and Biosciences Libraries Section

### Minutes

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee

Kyunghee University, Seoul, Korea

19 August 2006, 1.20pm

Present: Bruce Madge\* (Library, BMA)(Chair); Rowena Cullen,\* School of Information Mgmt, Victoria University (Secretary); Carole Gall\* (Indiana University); Jo Anne Boorkman\* (Univ California, Davis); Michael Homan\* (Mayo Clinic College of Medicine)S; Heather Todd\* (University of Queensland); Paivi Pekkarinen\* (National Library Health Sciences, Helsinki); Kate Oliver\* (Johns Hopkins University) Christine Stozenbach\* (Universite Marne La Valee); Wenju Zhang\* (Standing Committee members denoted \*)

1. Members of the Standing Committee, and visitors were welcomed to the meeting.
2. Minutes of the previous year's meetings and other business were postponed to the SC second meeting
3. Section meetings to be held throughout the current IFLA World Library and Information Congress were confirmed, Michael Homan offered to chair the Monday panel meeting on The Future of the Health Informationist, and Jo Anne Boorkman, the Open session. Bruce Madge would attend the IFLA stand for the Health and Biosciences section allotted time, and Paivi Pekkarinen volunteered to go to the President Elect's session on 'Libraries on the Agenda.'
4. Notes from the Coordinating Board meeting the previous day were passed on to those present:

The section SC was reminded that applications for projects for the forthcoming year were now due for next year- and for 2006-7 a report on outcomes would be required. Sections were reminded to provide a report on completed projects, and their activities during the 2006 WLIC to the Chair of Division II on Aug 25th.

The professional Committee had expressed concern about speakers who had had papers accepted for the Conference not showing up, and asked sections for advice on this matter. Satellite Meetings planned for the Durban Conference should also be notified.

There had also been discussion in Prof Cttee re offices in Arab countries and Russian speaking countries

IFLA Strategic Plan. Comments were needed from all sections, on goals and objectives, directions and plans - these will be in IFLA Express Tuesday, comments were due with IFLA HQ on Friday. Priorities will be set, and outcome measures determined by the IFLA Governing Board in Dec.

5. A special meeting of the Professional committee had been called, on Sunday at 12.45pm, to discuss a paper on restructuring sections and divisions that had been circulated, and as many SC members as possible were asked to attend.

Concerns and issues about this paper were noted:

The Sunday session was to enable the professional Committee to listen to concerns, there would be no decision till November

Issues – is there a suitable minimum number for section membership?

The question had been asked why the PC wished to increase the number of members of the Standing Committees if only 3 officers are needed to do the core work? ( it was noted that other SC members assisted with reviewing papers, and carrying out sections projects).

If the SC was enlarged how would IFLA deal with the requirement SC members to make commitment to attend all WLIC conferences during their term of office? E.g. can only miss one meeting?

What should the rules about SC membership, and attendance be?

The meeting was closed at 1.55pm to allow members to return to the very successful workshop being held at Kyunghee University on Information Sources in Traditional Medicine.

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## **2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting - 25 August 2006**

**Present:** Bruce Madge\* (Library, BMA)(Chair); Rowena Cullen\*, School of Information Mgmt, Victoria University (Secretary); Carole Gall\* (Indiana University); Heather Todd\* (University of Queensland); Pascal Mouhouelo (WHO AFRO); Paivi Pekkarinen\* (National Library Health Sciences, Helsinki); Kate Oliver\* (Johns Hopkins University) Christine Stozenbach\* (Universite Marne La Valee); Jeong Wook Seo (Seoul National University)

(Standing Committee members denoted \*)

1. SC members and visitors were welcomed, and apologies (from Jo Anne Boorkman, and Michael Homan) were noted.

2. Minutes of meetings of 2006 IFLA. Minutes of both meetings for 2005 were considered, since there had been no time at the first meeting this year.

Corrections to minutes of meeting of 13 August 2005 were noted - the MLA President is Pat Thibodeaux. The question was raised whether Tony McSean is also member of SC, and if he was not, it was agreed he should be asked to seek nomination from his company for the coming term. The secretary was asked to always note those present who are members of the SC.

It was proposed Carol, seconded Kate, that the minutes be accepted as an accurate record of the two SC meetings at the 2005 WLIC.

3. Business arising from the Minutes

- a. Some items in the minutes had not been followed up. These included the link to the MLA report on global initiatives. The secretary was asked to contact Michael Homan about this, then email Sophie Felfoldi to create the link off the section web pages. Section need to be alert to other useful links that could be made from its web.
- b. Finance: Bruce is currently Treasurer as well as Chair. The money that was held by the Section last year has been spent on the Institutional Repositories report. The Section now has no money - but administrative funds could be requested from IFLA who are also having financial difficulties.

- c. It was agreed that a report on this project should be linked from Health and Biosciences section web site
- d. The section did not, in the end, hold a joint session with the Knowledge Management group, as planned.

#### 4. Report on sessions at this conference, and activities to forward to Prof Committee

- a. The section had offered a very full programme this year. A very successful pre-Conference Satellite Session on Information Resources in Traditional Medicine had been held at Kyunghee University, This was generously supported by The Korean Medical Library Association, Kyunghee University and EBSCO, and was well attended. It was noted with appreciation that many non-librarians had attended. Delegates were grateful for the bus transport provided. It was agreed to attempt to have the papers at the Satellite Session published. Bruce would contact CILIP publishers Facet, and if they were not interested, then IFLA or a commercial publisher. It was agreed to find out how to place the papers on PubMed Central for further dissemination if this did not conflict with book publication.
- b. The session on The Future of the Health Informationist, which consisted of papers and a panel, gave rise to an interesting discussion. It was agreed that the papers for this session should be placed on the Health and Biosciences Section web site.
- c. The Open session, on New Technologies in Health Information was also well attended (45). Both this and the Informationist session were of interest to members of other IFLA sections. It was agreed that the link created at the Open session with public health issues should be built on, and followed up at the Durban session.

#### 5. Activities for 2005-2006.

- a. The Institutional Repositories project conducted by Kate Oliver was successfully completed during the year, and the report will be placed on the Section's website. A paper based on the project was given at the IFLA Conference in the session on Institutional Repositories.
  - b. Members of the section also participated in the ICML9 Conference in Brazil, at which some excellent papers were presented. This event was well attended, with over 1000 participants, a good proportion of whom were Brazilian. It was agreed to maintain a link from the Section web site to the ICML9 web site.
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- a. Planning for Durban meeting – Open sessions and satellite. The planned satellite session has already been approved by IFLA HQ. It will be on 'Library frontiers: natural disasters, emerging diseases.' The focus would be on responses to public health emergencies as a key role for information professionals.
  - b. It was proposed to hold this meeting off site. Bruce will continue working on arrangements for this. AHILA to be invited as joint sponsor. Two papers had already been accepted for Satellite session (Chikonzo, HIV/Aids; Mouhouelo, WHO AFRO) but a further call for papers would be needed for this session.
  - c. The Open session would be held on 'Open access for health information in developing countries.' (check web site). Mark Funk was suggested as a key note speaker. It was planned to balance his views ( as coming from a major research institution) with a counter view, e.g. a major publisher such as Oxford, or Blackwells, as well as having a speaker from HINARI, and a HINARI user (maybe Swazi from HINARI (Zimbabwe). This would be followed by a panel discussion with prepared questions.
  - d. It was agreed that the Section would encourage posters, and will list those on health information, and link to them. The Officers were asked to request the professional Committee to group posters related to the work of each section at next year's WLIC.
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6. IFLA WLIC Quebec, 2008. (Milan had been selected for 2009)

- a. The subject area nominated was 'The Electronic patient record, and the link to library /information services: linking health information to clinical care.' It was agreed to re-engage the Knowledge Management group with a view to having a joint session on this. A Satellite would be planned, possibly at McGill University in Montreal.
  - b. A possible Milan topic was 'patient portals'.
7. Report on projects for year , and new projects for 2007
  - a. Repositories project –An investigation of institutional repositories ( of electronic documents) related to health and the biosciences was carried out by Kate Oliver and a colleague, using the small funds that the section had in its budget, and this was reported at the session on Institutional Repositories at the 2006 Conference. The paper was well received and appreciated by other groups, who commented on the initiative shown by the Health and Biosciences Section. Kate commented that it had not been an easy project, and that she had not digested the findings properly. She would like a little time to prepare a more developed paper for posting on the web suite as the project report. Kate suggested she try to develop the paper a little more by putting it within the context of repository retrieval functions as a whole (researching that and referencing what literature she could find), 2) that the section then make a clear recommendation to HBSL and IFLA on supporting a directory such as OpenDOAR (before November) based on that further research; and 3) publish the report and possibly the recommendation as a journal paper, with the endorsement of the section..
  - b. It was agreed that as a consequence of this project, the Section should pursue the question of what IFLA itself should do about institutional repositories, seek its endorsement of the concept, and especially of repositories representing best practice, such as Open DOAR. It was decide to put a motion to the Professional Committee on this subject before November, making a case for directories that can specify parameters they use to structure knowledge, and support high level information retrieval

- c. A new project was suggested - exploration of the involvement of librarians in emergency response teams, and the link between libraries and public health depts – what is library input? It was agreed that the section should jointly write a White paper on this topic during the year, (possibly contacting to Medecins sans Frontieres, and Librarians without Walls for their input). SC members would contribute their own knowledge of their individual country systems, with a description of these, and key principles, and a joint analysis, and recommendations.

#### 5. Newsletter

- a. The newsletter is going well under Carole Gall's editorship. She was thanked for the work she has put into this. Material is needed for next issue from this conference. This might include pictures of speakers, and summary reports of sessions. A paragraph of highlights about Seoul would be sought from each committee member. The Secretary was to contact IFLA HQ (Sophie Felfoldi) and let Carol know the requirements for any mail-out of newsletters to members not in email contact.

#### 7. Update of Section goals to reflect the 2007/8 programme

- a. Reword 3.4
- b. Actions following 4.1 and 4.2.
- c. Circulate membership to SC and see who is missing and should be contacted. E.g. universities, national medical libraries, International health organisations such as Red Cross, WHO, PAHO-Bireme, Medecins sans frontiers, FAME
- d. New action 3.4
- e. New goals and objectives to be circulated

#### 8. Report on planning for ICML 10

- a. Heather Todd reported on progress to date on ICML 10 (2009) - her notes to be attached as an appendix to minutes.

9. Officers and membership

- a. Rowena to continue as Information Officer now that her email account is working properly. ( RC to let Sophie know)
- b. It was agreed that the SC members should be thinking about officers for the next term ( 2007-2010?)

10. General business

- a. The Section agreed that they would recommend Jean Shipman's 's Informationist paper for the IFLA journal (session 92 , Monday 21st) – Bruce to send it to Stephen Parker , the Editor of the IFLA journal.
- b. Paivi- Pekkarinen invited SC members to the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her library, on 16 November 2006, in Helsinki, and distributed leaflets about the event.