



Genealogy and Local History Section

Minutes

1st Standing Committee Meeting 13 August 2005, Oslo, Norway

Participants:

Melvin Thatcher, Genealogical Society of Utah
Janice McFarlane, National Library of Scotland
Ruth Hedegaard, Vendsyssel Historical Museum, Denmark
Elisabeth Melrose, North Yorkshire County Council Libraries
Richard E. Huws, National Library of Wales
Colette O'Flaherty, National Library of Ireland
Juergen Warmbrunn, Herder Institute Library, Marburg

Raymond S. Wright, Family History Library, Utah

In Attendance:

Cho, Myung-Joon (wlic2006@ifla2006seoul.org) IFLA Korea 2006 organising committee
David C. McQuillan, Geography and Map Libraries Section
Anita K. Oser, Geography and Map Libraries Section

1. Presentation of Committee Members

All persons present introduced themselves.

Future conferences

Seoul 2006:

As the Korea organising committee was represented, we discussed plans for Seoul. The Committee is

already in contact with Lee Guiwon from the National Library in Seoul about arranging a workshop at the library. Hopefully we can arrange an interesting study tour with help from our Korean colleagues.

2. IFLA HQ and Division business (Mel and Ruth)

Mel and Ruth reported from the Coordinating Board meeting on the previous day.

3. Financial report (Janice)

Janice gave the financial report. We were worried about the change of financing. It was agreed, that Mel, as Chair, should send a letter to thank the National Library of Scotland for printing and mailing the newsletter.

4. Open Session status report (Mel)

Mel reported on the Open Session that has been arranged in coordination with Genealogy and Map section.

There will be eight speakers in two sessions.

5. Study Tour status report (Ruth)

Ruth reported on the arrangements which she has made for visits to the archives of the Norwegian Museum of Cultural History and with the City Archives

6. Election of officers

Chair: Mel Thatcher

Secretary: Ruth Hedegaard

Treasurer: Janice McFarlane

Information Coordinator: Colette O'Flaherty

Editor of Newsletter: Elizabeth Melrose assisted by Richard Huws

Committee members 2003-2007: Mel Thatcher, Ruth Hedegaard Janice McFarlane, and Colette O'Flaherty

Committee members 2005-2009: Elizabeth Melrose, Richard Huws, Paul Sharp, and Juergen Warmbrunn.

7. Review of sections

From IFLA HQ we have received a questionnaire for review of sections, which is to be answered by November 15, 2005. Ruth undertook to circulate the questionnaire to members of the Committee. While she undertook to take care of the factual data, she requested input from the other Committee members on various questions.

With regard to Section activities and with a view to ensuring that these activities are fully outlined in

the response to HQ, the following actions were agreed:

- Following a suggestion by Elizabeth Melrose, the Chairman agreed that, when writing to thank the 2005 speakers, he would request information on any speaking/writing engagements resulting from their IFLA presentations. Elizabeth will send a letter to previous speakers asking the same thing and will write an article for the newsletter about spin-offs from presentations.
- Ruth will draft a response regarding study tours arrangements
- Colette will write about a new Genloc section in her national library association
- Mel spoke last year at a conference in China on behalf of Genloc
- Genloc, Genloc2, newsletter and translation of section leaflets
- Janice to write about invitations to join Genloc
- Ruth to write about the first membership drive
- Collaboration with map libraries
- Suggestions for collaboration with the reference section, Mel talked with Francine Gaudet, Canada in the Reference Section
- Bad timing concerning money and treasurer job (Janice)
- Registration problems for speakers especially
- Plans of activities on IFLAnet
- Colette to write some lines about the way Genloc works, and other work with IFLA net (we need to know who new subscribers are).
- Our e-meeting business
- Possibilities of archiving of Genloc
- IFLA membership list has problems—wrong contact person, bad addresses
So please send me suggestions that I can put together.

The rest of the agenda was postponed to committee meeting 2 together with strategic plan item 5.

2nd Standing Committee Meeting, August 19, 2005, Oslo, Norway

Participants:

Melvin Thatcher, Genealogical Society of Utah
Janice McFarlane, National Library of Scotland
Ruth Hedegaard, Vendsyssel Historical Museum, Denmark
Elisabeth Melrose, North Yorkshire County Council Libraries
Richard E. Huws, National Library of Wales
Colette O'Flaherty, National Library of Ireland
Juergen Warmbrunn, Herder Institute Library, Marburg

Monica Cullinan, University College Dublin, Main Library
Raymond S. Wright, Family History Library, Utah
Paul Smart, Family History Library
Wang Shan, Branch Library of National Library of Korea
Lee Guiwon, National Library of Korea
Janet Tomkins, Vancouver Public Library
Laverne Page, Library of Congress
John Christensen, HBL Library, Brigham Young University, USA

In Attendance:

Cho, Myung-Joon (wlic2006@ifla2006seoul.org) from Korea organizing committee

1. Open Session Review (Mel)

All the observers were welcomed along with the Committee members.

The open session was organised in collaboration with Genealogy and Map Libraries section and divided into two periods of 2 hours each. The first session was attended by 101 persons. The second session was attended by 107 persons. During the session a list was circulated for people to write their e-mail addresses. Elizabeth will write a letter to those in attendance thanking them for attending and inviting any comments they may have on the activities of the section.

Janet Tomkins paper was selected as our choice for publishing in IFLA journal.

2. Study tour review (Ruth)

The study tour was organized by Ruth. In the morning we went with 17 participants by boat to Bygdøy to visit the archives of the Norwegian Museum of Cultural History. From there we went by bus to the City Archives with 12 attendees, some joined us the whole day, some only in the morning and others only in the afternoon. At both places we were very well received and they gave us very interesting tours, so people were satisfied with the study tour. As it is a privately organized visit the amount of

attendees was very convenient. With a larger group, it would be difficult to keep people together. After the visit in the afternoon, we went to the university to attend a fascinating workshop on GIS, organized by Geography and Map section.

3. Section activities for Seoul 2006

After some discussion it was agreed that the focus for the Open Session should be on local history. The Asian local historical tradition is very different from western tradition. Suggestions for topic lines: "Dynamics of local history" – "Local history and dynamic tradition". The Chairman agreed to organise the Open Session, with the Secretary's assistance. Lee Guiwon will arrange a workshop on Korean genealogy on Thursday morning.

4. Communications

Elizabeth Melrose will continue to edit the Newsletter with the help of Richard Huws. The first step is to send a call for articles to Genloc. Raymond suggested focusing on country reports and national initiatives so that the newsletter could be an interesting journal with lots of useful information for reference librarians among others. Other suggestions: introduce other genealogy and local history (or local studies) organizations, special projects such as the BYU (Brigham Young University) Immigrant Ancestor dataset, Newsplan (UK) and IKON (USA) newspaper projects, topical articles. Colette will write something on the new GenLoc in the Library Association of Ireland. .

Genloc

The listserv has now 183 subscribers. We wanted to know how other listservs are doing, and Raymond mentioned Genealib, a very successful listserv for genealogy librarians. Drew Smith of the University of South Florida is the contact person. Colette will take responsibility for finding out more.

5. Strategic plan and action plan review including item 8 from SC1.

Several issues were debated and changes proposed. Mel will insert the proposed changes in the strategic plan.

Action Item 2.3. Recruit new section members

Richard and Janice will work on the subject and send reports, minutes, annual reports and newsletter to existing members. Janice has already sent the 2 latest newsletters to 57 organisations that are not members of Genloc. Ruth will send a list of members to the committee members.

Elizabeth, Colette and Paul will make an information packet for national associations--how can you find ways of helping genealogy and local history librarians; try and identify associations / organisations and find out how they can support and encourage organisations and associations to create local and genealogy libraries.

Mel and Ruth will send letter to existing members about what is happening in the standing committee, and what we have been doing.

Janet Tomkins is responsible for going on with the idea of a poster competition on making a poster promoting genealogy and local history.

Janet Tomkins suggested putting something about the section in the genealogical journals

Guidelines for best practises

The Chairman has sent guidelines for establishing local history collections back on May 9th. The Secretary agreed to resend them with the draft for the minutes. We shall collect guidelines and send them to Colette.

Data privacy issues

Mel will take part in the activities of FAIFE.

6. IFLA 2007

It has already earlier been suggested, that the theme should deal with oral history. Mel participated in the African section committee meeting, and Ruth in the Asian section committee meeting, to tell about our suggestions, and to seek for possibilities of collaboration. At both meetings they showed interest in the subject. Ruth made several approaches to participants during the newcomers session to tell about our topic, and got some contacts.

7. Any other business

Nothing in particular.

Reporter
Ruth Hedegaard

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