

Government Libraries Section

Minutes of the Standing Committee Meetings, held at 69th IFLA General Conference and Council, 2003 Berlin, Germany

Friday, 08 August 2003 10:15 – 12.00

Participants: Lena Olsson (chair), Dario D'Alessandro, Nancy Bolt, Maija Jussilainen, Jerry Mansfield, Christine Wellems, Robert Klaverstijn (secretary / treasurer)

Guests: Annette Schlag (Federal Ministry of Justice), Maria Goeckeritz, Camara Lamine

1. Opening

Outgoing chair Lena Olsson expressed a special word of thanks to Christine, Nancy and Robert.

2. Strategic Plan 2004 – 2005

A proposal, submitted by Nancy Bolt, to develop standards for Government Libraries has been accepted. It will be included in the Strategic Plan. Robert will prepare a draft of the Strategic Plan. The Plan must be sent (via the Chair of Division II) to IFLA for submission by 1st October 2003.

3. Buenos Aires Programme 2004

Within the general theme, we have to identify topics that are of interest to the librarians and information professionals in South America. Collaboration with GIOPS must be considered (Jerry). Lena will contact Margaretha Brundin. Another possibility might be to build a programme around the paper of Antonio (Lisbon, 2002); Lena will take the lead. Openness and accessibility of Government Libraries also could fit in the programme. A call for papers must be published on IFLA Net in September. By November 15th the preliminary program has to be submitted to IFLA HQ.

4. Oslo Programme 2005

The Swedish Government Libraries probably will host a pre-conference seminar. Working title: How Government Libraries support the strategies of their mother organisations. Maija will act as coordinator. The seminar must be submitted to IFLA HQ by March 15th, 2004.

5. Corresponding members

Camara Lamine is invited to become a corresponding member of GL Section. There is room for four more corresponding members.

6. Communication

A Listserv can probably be hosted by IFLA (Christine). It is necessary to publish a Newsletter before the end of this year (Christine and Robert). Continuous communication throughout the coming year is absolutely a must. Not only read your email, but reply promptly, if asked so. A new brochure on Government Libraries Section must be considered (Christine and Robert).

The meeting is closed at 11:45

Submitted by Robert Klaverstijn
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