Government Libraries Section

MINUTES

Standing Committee Meeting 1
Hilton Hotel, Buenos Aires

In attendance:

Jerry Mansfield (chair)
Christine Wellems (secretary)
Robert Klaverstijn (treasurer)
Lena Olsson
Maija Jussilainen
Nancy Bolt
Dario D’Alessandro
Lamine Camara
Maria Göckeritz

Observers / guests:

1. Jerry Mansfield opens the meeting and welcomes those present.
2. The notes of the Standing Committee meetings in Berlin (August 2003) are approved without comments. Christine Wellems presents a publication concerning the offsite workshop of the Government Libraries Section in the Federal Ministry of the Interior and the Federal Foreign Office in Berlin. The publication contains a complete documentation of all greetings, papers and library visits of the workshop. A copy will be sent to all members of the SC as well as to IFLA HQ.
3. The administrative funds of the section amount to 830,-- euro. Any foreseen expenditure in 2004 must be reported to the treasurer before October 1, 2004.
5. A Newsletter of the Section will be published in November / December this year. As to IFLA regulations a printed version must be available.
6. Maija and Robert will staff the IFLA booth on Tuesday, August 24, 15.00 – 16.00.
7. Final details of the Government Libraries program and paper presentations are set. Members of the Standing Committee will introduce the 5 (!) speakers (Spanish speaking presenters will be introduced in Spanish). The schedule is very tight.
8. A proposal from Geography and Map Libraries section is discussed. Money of the Division can be used to support a Seminar (Washington, 2005).
9. Nancy Bolt expounds the work of 'The Guidelines for Government Libraries Committee'. IFLA gives strong support to the work of the working group. A first meeting will take place during the Buenos Aires conference. Participation of other sections (GIOPS, Parliamentarian Librarians) could enlarge the support of the working group.
10. A first discussion takes place with regard to the (planning) of the Stockholm pre-conference in August 2005. Preliminary arrangements (location, dates) have been made already. The content of the programme will be further elaborated during the Buenos Aires conference.
11. Discussion of the Oslo Conference theme is postponed to SCII on Saturday.
12. Discussion of the 2005 Elections is also postponed to SCII/
13. Section dinner is scheduled on Friday evening. Details on location and time will follow.

The meeting is adjourned to Saturday, August 28.

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