



## Management of Library Associations Section

7<sup>th</sup> Meeting. Ist Session

Seoul, Korea, 19<sup>th</sup> August 2006

### Present:

**Standing Committee Members:** Edita Bacic, Keith Fiels, Carla Funk, Jill Martin, Jennefer Nicholson, Jan-Ewout van der Putten, Tuula Ruhanen, Sinikka Sipilä, Duane Webster, Winnie Vitzansky

**Observers:** Hasbollah Atan, Dato Zawiyah Baba, Don Butcher, Leslie Burger, Arlene Cohen, Amadou Diop, Michael Dowling, Susan Fox, Maurice Freedman, S.B. Ghosh, Dinesh Gupta, Sue Hutley, Maimunah Kadir, Janice Lachance, Claudia Lux, Kelly Moore, Doug Newcomb, Putra Sanjah Rahman,

**Apologies:** Britt Marie Häggström, Andrea Paoli, Sabine Stummeyer.

1. The **Chair reported** on the recent meeting of IFLA Governing Board. There is to be a major IT project to improve services to and communication with members. Chinese & Arabic are to be added as official languages. The “Three Pillars” were discussed, especially the importance of Associations. The Strategic Plan was agreed in principal. Claudia Lux’s theme will be “Libraries on the Agenda”. A regional Office in Russia was discussed as a possibility. Keith reported a good sense of forward momentum in IFLA matters.
2. Thanks was given to Gerard Briand, Gwenda Thoms and Arlene Cohen who were no longer able to serve on the committee and the Chair reminded members that **Nominations** for the Committee would open in October and close in February. He encouraged wide participation in the process.
3. Carla Funk presented her **Financial Report**. It has been decided that the money accrued by the RTMLA would not be returned to IFLA HQ but would be used as soon as possible on projects such as workshops to further library association development.
4. The **Draft Strategic Plan** was discussed. The general feeling was that Nancy Bolt and her team had done a good job. It was thought excellent that the GLAD Programme was specifically mentioned. Winnie Witansky commented that whilst the plan was a good document she would have welcomed full discussion of it by Council at an early stage. Dissemination of the document will begin through IFLA Express and it will be on the Council agenda in Durban.
5. The “**IFLA’s Professional Organisation; suggestion for change**” document was discussed. It has been agreed that DGs and SIGs will be fused. Alicia Ocaso expressed concern that any moves to a more virtual organisation should not be an excuse for reducing the existing structures, especially the Regional Offices. It was recognised by all that in order to fulfil its vital role as an advocacy organisation IFLA needed to secure external funding to enhance capacity.

**6. Information Co-ordination.** There are over 500 members on LIS-MLAS, of whom 370 are active. Arlene Cohen is to be congratulated on all her continuing hard work on the highly successful list. We now have some information for the MLAS website, but much updating is needed. Sue Hutley kindly volunteered to take on this role. Janice Lachance also volunteered to investigate setting up an online MLAS community.

The meeting was adjourned, with further item agendas to be carried over to meeting on August 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **IFLA Management of Library Associations Section**

#### **7<sup>th</sup> Meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> Session**

**Seoul, Korea, 25<sup>th</sup> August 2006**

#### **Present:**

**Standing Committee Members:** Edita Bacic, Joanna Ball, Keith Fiels, Carla Funk, Loida Garcia-Febo, Jill Martin, Jennefer Nicolson, Tuula Ruhanen, Sinikka Sipilä, Winnie Vitzansky

**Observers:** Desire Abadoni, Tore Kr. Andersen, Arlene Cohen, Amadou Diop, Michael Dowling, Miguel Esteban, Carme Fenoll, Olinda Gomez, Pedro Hipola, Anne Hustad, Sue Hutley, Maimunah Kadir, Kelly Moore, Doug Newcomb, Agneta Olsson, Putri Sanjah Rahman, Elizabet M. Ramos De Carvalho, Marcia Rosetto, Maya Sharparneva, Simone Viera, Elena Zhako, Ana Maria Peruchena Zimmermann

**Apologies:** Britt Marie Häggström, Janice Lachance, Andrea Paoli, Jan-Ewout van der Putten, Sabine Stummeyer, Duane Webster.

1. Joanna Ball & Loida Garcia-Febo reported on the activities of the **NPDG**. Their session “Dynamic roles for new librarians” attracted an audience of 50 plus. The Professional Committee has recommended that the NPDG become a SIG, so that their vital role can be ongoing. NPDG plans to create links with a number of sections, acting in a gateway role for newcomers. They want to add more conveners and are looking to Asia and Africa to widen their geographical spread. Keith commented that the change of status to a SIG would take place in Durban. He found the session in Seoul good but the room layout was not suitable. The group is to have an e-mail discussion list, and MLAS should receive details soon.

2. Keith reported on the meeting of the group to discuss communications. A newsletter would be desirable as would a current website. There are plans to draw up a section communication plan and a similar plan for GLAD.

3. The **programme in Seoul** was discussed. We had been allocated a large room because SI had been requested, but the size of the room made the meeting overly formal.

Thanks was given to Duane Webster and the representatives from the Malaysian Library Association for excellent papers.

4. In considering the **programme for Durban** the need for an early call and securing back-up papers to cover “no shows” was discussed. Keith suggested a practical programme focussing on, for instance, starting and sustaining successful library associations, developing membership and advocacy. Winnie Vitansky stressed the need to have a focus on Africa and for asking the local profession what their particular needs were. The need to work closely with ALP to achieve this was agreed, as was the need to include papers from non-English speakers.

Sylvia Pigott suggested that MLAS work with **GLAD** to develop a joint programme for leadership training for library associations. This would begin with a number of papers to be followed by workshop sessions. Durban could be a pilot for a 3-4 year programme. Carla volunteered to act as convener in Durban. It was felt important to ensure that sponsored delegates from developing countries attended the session. Kelly agreed to check if a double session could be scheduled for this.

5. **Regional Conferences** were discussed. Keith & Winnie reported on their workshop at the SCECSAL conference. A similar event at the PIALA Conference in the autumn might be possible if ALP funding was available. Participation in the Crimea Conference was also discussed. Kelly agreed to gather information on further regional events through the IFLA ROs.

6. **The mid-term meeting** in Chicago will be on 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> February, and the general shape of the agenda will be agreed in advance. This will include discussion of IFLA’s Draft Strategic Plan, GLAD workshops and membership development.

7. **Under Any Other Business** Jan-Ewout brought forward a proposal for an inclusive SIG of Association Directors in which all such people would be invited to participate.

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