



## Information Literacy. Section Minutes 1<sup>st</sup> Standing Committee Meeting 9 August, Quebec 2008

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### 1. Welcome

#### a) Apologies for absences

Natalia Gendina (Russia. [gendina@inbox.ru](mailto:gendina@inbox.ru)) and Heike vom Orde (Germany. [heike.vomorde@brnet.de](mailto:heike.vomorde@brnet.de)) apologize for not attending the meeting. There are not any more apologies.

#### b) Welcome to observers

Sylvie Chevillotte, the Chair, welcomes attendants, who introduce themselves.

#### c) Adoption of Agenda

Sylvie includes some changes in the agenda at points 4, 6 and 7.

### 2. Approval of Minutes of previous meetings

The Minutes are approved. SC I and SC II, 18<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> August 2008, Durban:  
<http://www.ifla.org/VII/s42/min/s42-200708-minutes.pdf>

### 3. IFLA Quebec Division Business Report

Antonio Calderón, the Secretary of the Section, presents a report about the IFLA Quebec Division Business.

The current secretary of the Division cannot cover his work and the job as officer at the same time and consequently he does not want to continue being the Secretary.

The call for nominations is going to begin in October. In February it will be closed and we will have the results in March. The nominations will be for the Division too.

The new IFLA' statutes suppose:

- 5 division instead of the 8 current ones
- the sections will be redistributed. Some of them (or the Discussion Groups) could disappear or turn into a Special Interest Group.
- the Chair of the division cannot be Chair of one section at the same time

There are some changes regarding finances: the money will be given according to projects and the remaining must come back to IFLA.

The sections talked about their sessions, some of them in collaboration, and presented their current tasks.

A new project was presented by Education and Training. It consists of awarding some students for presenting the best papers at the Congress.

In this context, the Secretary of ILS handed out a brief report to the officers of the Division on the main tasks of the IL section:

Ivanka Stricevic (the Chair of Literacy and Reading Section) proposed to have a joint programme with us at the next Congress in Milan.

#### **4. IL activities at the Conference**

##### **a) Quebec Conference Program: *Return on investment: learners' outcomes in information literacy. Do they really learn?* (Wednesday, August 13th, 8:30-12:45)**

Agnes Colnot is the convenor and speaks about the program:

- A little selection committee was selected: Agnes, Albert, Dalia, Linda and Sylvie.
- After the call for papers, 57 abstracts were presented, about different subject and point of view
- The papers were selected with these criteria: relevance to the theme (10), experience of the writers (5), quality of the writing (5) and topic interest (5).
- Finally, 8 speakers were selected and they have 20-30' for their presentations. Agnes speaks about each of them, focusing on the subjects.

The best paper will be selected for publication (point **4.b**).

Sylvie asks for volunteers for writing a report for IFLA Express, to handle flyers in many languages and evaluation forms out at the session.

##### **c) Presidents' Elect meetings**

Going to the presidents' elect meetings was considered as very desirable because of the format of the session and the objective: picking up ideas for the future chairmanship. Allison Ernst is going to the session and she will write a brief report.

##### **d) Logo award ceremony**

The Infolit logo contest is an initiative of the ILS with the financial support of UNESCO. The contest has finished and the winner will be presented at the UNESCO session (Sunday 10 August, 13:45-15:45). Sylvie shows the invitation for the event.

<http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla74/xpress4-en-2008.pdf> (page 5).

Linda Golf, Secretary of the Logo Committee, talks about objective and guidelines of the contest and explains all the process. A webpage had been created for the deliberations of the jury and for showing the logo. The logo will be available free of charge and promoted as an international symbol of information literacy.

Some facts about the contest are: 139 participants, with 198 proposals, from 36 countries. The judges were 11, who did more than 2.000 evaluations.

More information at <http://www.infolitglobal.info/logo/>

Finally, the winner logo and the designer's name, Edgar Luy Pérez, are shown to the section members.

An adequate promotion must be done.



### **e) E-learning Discussion Group**

This Discussion Group is a part of Division VII and it seems important to participate in this group because its subjects are very close to IL work and because the officers in charge won't be able to keep on. There should be enough interested people for the group to go on. Several people volunteer.

### **f) UNESCO TTT: Training The Trainers in Information Literacy**

Albert Boekhorst, one of the principal managers of the project, explains it. There are 13 workshops around the world. One of them is taking place in Quebec.

They have been and will be working meetings. It is thought for professionals that after the workshop will train other professionals.

More information at [http://www.albertkb.nl/pageID\\_5366125.html](http://www.albertkb.nl/pageID_5366125.html)

There is a plan for Unesco to organize a World Congress about information literacy and lifelong learning. This is an old idea and it is high time action was taken and they ask IFLA and specially IL section to participate to the project. Although IFLA will not necessarily be the principal actor, it is important that our section plays a role in this big event. The possibility of turning it into an IFLA Congress Satellite is debated. The decision is that Sylvie and Albert will ask more details about the project to F. Horton.

### **g) Lunch**

The members of the Standing Committee are going to have the section annual conference lunch on Wednesday.

## **5. UNESCO IL Project Reports**

Jesus Lau presents these points.

### **a) International IL Logo**

Jesus refers to the logo website as the main tool for promoting it.

### **b) International IL State-of-the-Art Report**

It covers the 60% of the world.

A new chapter has been added: Singapore.

Volunteers are necessary for Eastern Europe, Southern Europe (Portugal, Italy, Greece), North Africa, Sub-Saharan Africa, Japan, Korea, China.

Franziska and Heike are working on the German chapter.

### **c) IFLA Infolit Book**

It is a compilation of IFLA conference papers and articles, with ten chapters from different countries. It was released in May 2008.

### **d) Infolit Guideliness**

They are being translated into Portuguese (by a Brazil Association), French (done by Sylvie, Agnès and Mireille) and German (by Franziska and Heike).

The Taiwanese attendant (Chihfeng P. Lin) agreed to translate it in Chinese.

## **e) International Information Literacy Resources Directory**

It has grown with more than 300 records, until 1.300. Translating the interfaces into IFLA official languages is necessary. So far it is only in English and Spanish.

<http://www.infolitglobal.info/>

## **6. Future conference- Part I Satellite meeting?**

Brasov, near Bucarest, was suggested by M<sup>a</sup> Carme as a candidate for a preconference (a workshop). The topic is discussed and the decision to drop off is taken for reasons of commodity, safety and adequacy of the choice of such place.

## **7. Report of the Officers**

### **a) Secretary Report.**

The Secretary comments his work: he wrote the minutes and two schedule program (one of the sessions of our division and another about information literacy with the principal session on this congress), has translated the section flyer into Spanish jointly with Maria Carme, has revised some abstracts for the main session and sent to the webmaster the different flyers and the changes about members, documents and so on.

We have flyers in English, French, Russian, Dutch, Spanish and German. Gary Gorman is translating it into Arabic.

The German flyer and some changes are waiting an action by the webmaster.

### **b) Information Officer Report**

Albert informs about the listserv, which doesn't work well.

Sylvie suggests that each of us try to send one message every month.

Albert wonders what the best way of communication is. He proposes Infolit Global.

### **c) Task's reports**

Sylvie says that this point has been covered by Jesus Lau's intervention.

She proposes to the Taiwanese attendant to translate the flyer into Chinese. The Secretary will send her the flyer for translating.

### **d) Treasurer**

The budget of the section amounts to 625 €. Main part of it being spent in printings.

## **8. Publications and translations**

This point, except for the Newsletter, has been covered through previous points in the agenda.

### **a) Newsletter** (<http://www.ifla.org/VII/s42/news/IL-Newsletter200806.pdf>)

The newsletter is handed out. Linda, the publisher, talks about it and explains some changes from the previous one. It has improved considerably.



## Information Literacy. Section Minutes 2<sup>nd</sup> Standing Committee Meeting 15 August, Quebec 2008

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### 9. Welcome

#### a) Apologies for the absences

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#### b) Welcome to observers

Sylvie welcomes the attendants. The corresponding introductions are done.  
She hands out a new agenda.

### 10. Ellen Tise's Brainstorming

As Alison, who was in charge of reporting on this session, must go earlier, this was taken as the first point.

The meeting was very interesting, with many people working in roundtables and sharing in common their ideas. The session was conducted by some questions; the main ones, how libraries drive the access to knowledge and what IFLA can do it.

### 11. Future Conference / 2009 Annual Action / Planning part 1

Apart from the satellite meeting, which is dropped because of a number of organisation and funding difficulties, there are two proposals: an off site conference about the market-

ing of Infolit logo (Linda and Jesus with the Management and Marketing Section) and a joint session with the Reading and Literacy Section.

### **a) Milan, Italy, Program. Theme: Libraries for the future: progress, development and partnerships.**

Literacy and Reading Section has proposed a joint session with this title: "Libraries promoting 21st Century literacies". Possible literacies which could be addressed are: reading literacy, media literacy, video literacy, multicultural literacy...

The format will be different from the traditional session with many papers: one keynote speaker will introduce the session and will give a general overview of the topic. There will be some papers on the different literacies. One of them would be specific for information literacy. There will be time for attendants to discuss the topics in smaller groups and then summarise their discussion for the audience.

The section members discuss the consequences of selecting just one or two presenters from the call of papers.

The Chair advocates for this format because it breaks with the traditional conference sessions and engages participants better. The call for papers will explain what the program will be like.

The convenor's responsibilities are communication with Ivanka Stricevic (the Chair of the Reading and Literacy Section), to do the agenda, to write the call for papers (October), to coordinate the review and selection of the papers...

Allison Ernst and Maria Carme volunteer to be the convenors of the programme in collaboration with the Reading and Literacy Section. Volunteers to revise the papers are Almuth, Brigitta, Mireille, Linda and Antonio.

One of the attendants suggests a webpage: "Partnership for 21st literacies": <http://www.21stcenturyskills.org>

### **b) Marketing of the logo toolkit**

Jesus and Linda are managing the project. Jesus says that the Management and Marketing Section is interested in working together. He considers the webpage as a good tool (a part of the budget (1.000\$) for the logo contest was devoted to build it) and that it's possible to do marketing at conferences and similar events.

To include it at the Elect President's Brainstorming is other manner for promoting it.

As the promotion session will be off site, to contact with Italian colleagues is necessary. A two hours session is planned: the first 45 minutes for explaining the objective and the rest for discussing the initiatives that could be taken.

## **12. New projects / Planning part 2**

### **a) World Wide IL and Lifelong Learning Conference with Unesco**

The Milan Congress is too close to connect the World Wide IL an Lifelong Learning Conference to it and arrange it in time.

We have only a proposal from India, without more specific information. It is necessary to specify the format, the target, the stakeholders, the speakers... Whatever the case, it is important for IFLA and our section to play a role in this global conference. Woody Horton, involved in the TTT Workshop, is the UNESCO contact for this.

Sylvie stresses that the relevance of this conference is its wide scope, which is not limited to libraries.

### **13. Publications and translations**

#### **a) Newsletter**

Linda is the editor.

The best strategy is to create a little editorial advisory committee for discussing and deciding on the contents. Birgitta Hansson will assist in this task. Sylvie volunteered too.

#### **b) Future new website**

IFLA is going to have a new website with added tools from January. One of the new features will be the interface in many languages. It will be necessary to translate the materials and the webpage.

The web will be accessibility compliance, will be provided by tools for online work (it's no more necessary to contact the webmaster for modifying or uploading documents), multimedia contents will have a place and all the contents could be shared.

#### **c) Logo toolkit (see above)**

#### **d) Listserv**

Albert has apologised for his absence.

This tool has never worked satisfactorily. The problem might lie in its format, which cannot compete with the dynamics of others, like the blog or wiki. Another major problem is that nobody from the section ever sends messages. The Secretary must send a reminder to the Section members after the Congress.

#### **e-a) International Information Literacy Resources Directory**

We should carry on our work to encourage the registration of new resources.

#### **e-b) State-of-Arts Report**

The section of the German speaking countries should be ready by December. Franziska and Heike take care of this one. Revision of existing sections should be completed by then too. The report will be published as a book. We discuss the possibility of having an on-line version of this report, so that it can be updated frequently, but we do not agree on how this should be done.

### **14. Strategic Plan**

The strategic plan is included as an annex.

### **15. Other business**

#### **a) Infolit session short evaluation**

Agnes reports on the Section session. It was very balanced in terms of content and it became more and more interesting as time went by.

At last there were 6 speakers (one failed): the first paper was the most general, but within the right context; Belgians showed a point of view about the students' development; Natalia Gendina, very didactic, explained one test with 45 forms applied to 987 learners; Gabriella Sonntag analysed different kind of test; Barbara d'Angelo spoke about the use of portfolios for evaluating; The Canadians afforded an example of self-evaluation.

A paper with the results of the evaluation forms is handed out.



The attendants were from 110 to 171. They evaluated the session favourably: overall (good-very good), content (good+), presentations (good) and organisation (good-very good).

For next year it is important to send a message to listserv inviting members to come to the session. To send the papers in advance can be a good initiative too.

### **b) Next year elections**

The call for nominations is going to be on October and the deadline is February. Besides some Committee members will have finished their term in the next year:

Sylvie Chevillotte, Birgitta Hansson, Jesus Lau, Eileen Stec and Eva Tolonen (2nd term) won't be eligible.

Linda J. Goff, Mireille Lamouroux and Maria-Carme Torras i Calvo can run for a second term if they wish.

Christina Tovote finished as SC member in Durban.

The term of the rest will be 2011.

There will be 7 vacancies in 2009.

There is a problem with Gary Gorman. He was elected in 2007 but didn't show up at the SC meeting in 2007 and 2008 and didn't apologize. The rule is that when you are elected as SC members you accept to be present at least at 3 SC sessions during your 4 years job. Gary's absence is a problem because the session needs as many members as possible.

Sylvie informs that next chair shall be elected in Milan first meeting and starts chairing at Milan 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

### **c) ALFINRED**

Antonio presents a web portal for promoting the information literacy in Spain: ALFINRED (<http://www.alfinred.org/>). It's a collaborative project with institutional support. Ministry of Culture, REBIUN (Network of Spanish University Libraries) and the main Spanish specialists in IL are working in it. The portal includes blog, key documents, training materials, guidelines, opinions... and many links, between them to our Section.

### **d) Botswana Workshop's materials**

Jesus will send the Botswana Workshop materials to the Secretary for publishing on the website. These materials are in English and Spanish.

## **16. Closing of the meeting**