

*66th IFLA General Conference
Section of Social Science Libraries
Jerusalem
12 August 2000*

**Minutes of the
Standing Committee Meeting**

Members Present:

Myoung C. Wilson (Chair), Jakob Andersen, Hans-Christoph Hobohm, Barbara Kemp, Agneta Olsson, Jean Porter

Observers Present:

Mel Thatcher

Myoung Wilson announced that Barbara Kemp would take minutes for Hans-Christoph Hobohm, the section secretary, since as an IFLA division officer, he has many other responsibilities.

The agenda was amended to include "Other" as item 14 and approved as amended.

Ms. Wilson announced that in the future, there would be three categories of attendees listed in the minutes: "Members Present," "Members Absent," and "Observers Present." She also noted that two Standing Committee members, Vera Grigorieva and Jean-Philippe Accart, had given her prior notification of their absences.

The summary minutes of the Bangkok meetings were approved as distributed.

REPORTS: The Section Chair's Annual Report was approved as distributed. Ms. Wilson made special note that the Section's Secretary, Dr. Hobohm, has been elected Chair of Division II (Special Libraries) and also Chair of the Coordinating Board. She thanked him for his work on the Section's Bangkok forum and for getting the papers given there published in INSPEL and the IFLA Journal. She also thanked Mel Thatcher for organizing a successful workshop in Bangkok.

A draft Financial Report was presented. The Section has 86 members, an increase of 10%. The administrative account has 1350 guilders (approximately \$500 USD) remaining. The Education Library Directory Project has 522 DM (approximately \$250 USD) in its account, which must be used by 31/12/00.

Dr. Hobohm noted that there are 180 members for the Section's listserv. Ms. Kemp said that she has been contacted by the editor of *Behavioral & Social Sciences Librarian*, a Haworth Press journal, about exchanging hyperlinks with the journal. Ms. Wilson said this issue could be discussed at the next 18/08/00 meeting, but noted that any such contacts must be mutually beneficial.

Dr. Hobohm stated that he now gets the newsletter for the Social Sciences division of the Special Libraries Association (SLA) and suggested thinking of ways to deepen our contacts with SLA.

The Financial Secretary Reports were approved.

ACTIVITIES IN JERUSALEM: Mr. Thatcher's workshop will be held in Room 314. No papers will be given, but there will be discussion of five topics. Mt. Thatcher asked about the future of discussion

groups. Dr. Hobohm said the new statutes that are likely to be approved only have Sections and SIGs. Although all of the requirements for Section status were not known, there must be a proposal approved by the governing board.. There are also questions about the status of SIGs. For example, it is not clear if they have a Section affiliation.

Mr. Thatcher then described a planned outside activity for Thursday, 17 August. An all-day excursion encompassing the Holocaust Museum, the Central Archives of Jewish History, and the Manuscripts and Microforms unit of the National University will begin at 8:00 a.m.

Dr. Hobohm said that the Corporate & For-Profit Discussion group has no convener at this conference, so he has asked Dr. Michael Koenig to chair the meeting on Sunday, 20 August. No topic was listed for the group, but in Bangkok, the group had voted to continue a discussion on knowledge management. The group is in its last year and will not continue.

Jakob Andersen's workshop is meeting #185 in the program. It will be held Thursday at the Hebrew University on Mount Scopus. Nineteen people have pre-registered and there is room for 100. Members were asked to help publicize the workshop. It will be announced in the IFLA Express and at the Open Forum.

The Section is co-sponsoring this year's Open Forum with the Marketing & Management and Information Technology Sections. It is an all-day forum to be held on 15 August. Our Section's speakers will present between 12:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Ms. Wilson asked for volunteers to staff the IFLA booth (staffing is shared by section personnel) on Wednesday, 16 August. Jean Porter, Agneta Olsson, and Dr. Hobohm volunteered from 12:00 noon – 1:00 p. m. and Ms. Wilson volunteered from 12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

NEWSLETTER: Ms. Wilson stated she would like to have "regional reporters" to contribute news of interest. Ms. Kemp stated that she hopes to distribute 2 issues per year.

BOSTON CONFERENCE PROGRAM: Ms. Olsson presented two proposals from colleagues for possible presentation in Boston. This raised the issue of whether the Section will again co-sponsor an open forum and/or offer a workshop. Dr. Hobohm noted that the Marketing and Management Section is again interested in co-sponsoring a forum. After discussion it was agreed to revisit the topic at the Friday meeting, focusing on a forum on "Knowledge Management for Development" and a workshop on new, cutting-edge technologies.

Members were also asked to be prepared to discuss on Friday proposals for activities in Glasgow, 2002. There was general agreement that future programs should try to relate to one or more of the social sciences. Since Scotland was the birthplace of IFLA, one possibility for Glasgow would be to combine history and futurology. Political Science and Public Administration is considered a possibility for the Berlin Conference.

INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORY OF NATIONAL EDUCATION LIBRARIES: Due to personnel changes in the USNLE, the Standing Committee members feel that the migration of the survey back to its original test site in Danish Education Library would be more efficient. Ms. Wilson indicated she would try to set up an appointment to discuss the issue with the appropriate NLE staff in Washington, D.C.