

*66th IFLA General Conference
Section of Social Science Libraries
Jerusalem, 18 August 2000*

Minutes of the Standing Committee Meeting

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Yvonne Abitbol-Touboul, Chirawan Bhakdibutr, Mireille Fomenko, Vera Grigorieva (Chair notified), Eeva-Liisa Lehtonen,

Observers Present:

Tove Bang, Bill Bartenbach, Jacqueline Dubois, Ron Jantz, Sutanee Keesiri, Peter Ohly, Mel Thatcher

Discussion continued on sponsoring activities for the Boston Conference. Co-sponsorship for an open forum has been proposed with the Marketing and Management and Government Libraries Sections. The proposed topic is "Knowledge Management for Not-for-Profit Organizations." Speakers from the World Bank and countries representative for Europe, Asia, and Africa will actively be sought. Several names were proposed and Ms. Wilson asked that we send her more names. She also noted that in the past, our discussion groups and workshops have been of great interest but questioned if we can take on more work. After thanking Ms. Wilson for her work on the Jerusalem Conference, Dr. Hobohm suggested that all the co-sponsors look for ways to encourage more discussion at the open forum.

There was broad discussion of ideas for a workshop at the Boston Conference. Ms. Porter said she would be willing to organize it if we have a clear idea of what we want. It was decided that an on-site "Technology Fair," perhaps to be held at MIT, would be an excellent opportunity for interested parties to see demonstrations of new technologies.

Ms. Wilson suggested that we try to get a UK representative on the Standing Committee before the Glasgow Conference. The possible focus of History/Anthropology and Future Studies was again discussed, with a possible emphasis on the characteristics of social science libraries serving these areas. Among the topics mentioned were the digitization of photos, genealogical research, digitization of archival collections. Borrowing from a Rutgers University slogan, Ms. Wilson proposed "Explore Yesterday, Discover Tomorrow," as a possible theme. Other potential themes suggested were "History as a Mirror of the Future" and "History Supported By Future Technologies." It was agreed that the Section should issue a call for abstracts for papers and that the call should be issued as widely as possible. Jean-Philippe Accart, Mel Thatcher, and Bill Bartenbach volunteered to review the abstracts. Ms. Kemp will post a call for abstracts in other location and asked for help in identifying sources. Any other thoughts of the Glasgow activities can be sent to Ms. Wilson or, in the case of the abstracts, to Mr. Accart.

INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORY OF NATIONAL EDUCATION LIBRARIES: Mr. Andersen and Ms. Wilson proposed that the Section take the project back and develop it as a test site. Once developed, it would go on as an

IFLA survey site with Mr. Andersen as Project Director. Ms. Wilson will ask Mr. Steve Hunt of the NLE to serve as a Section advisor. She will also ask NLE to join IFLA and the Section.

OTHER PROJECTS: Ms. Wilson asked if there were other proposals for projects. It was noted that the Australian National Library has a standout gateway that could be used as a prototype for others.

Peter Ohly said that the Workshop speakers from Europe are planning to meet in London in June or July. He will e-mail others to see if they might also attend. Mr. Andersen might possibly represent the Section.

Mr. Thatcher is considering a project of creating a world directory of family history/genealogical associations.

Ms. Wilson noted that the Section has not marketed itself well and that one of her priorities is to improve efforts in this area. One project will be to revise the Section brochure and to issue it in multiple languages, enlisting members to assist in translating the text. Ms. Kemp distributed a draft revision for comments and suggestions.

Ms. Wilson also raised the possibility of a multi-lingual dictionary of social science terms, but she questioned the length of time this might take. Mr. Thatcher noted that similar bilingual dictionaries might make the task easier.

JERUSALEM WORKSHOPS: The Genealogy and Local History workshop had approximately 48 attendees, about one half of whom were Israelis. The off-site visits had nine people in the morning and five in the afternoon. Unfortunately there was poor coordination at the Yad Vashem site, which had scheduled two groups at the same time. Several people expressed interest in a program in Boston. Dr. Hobohm said again that the future of the discussion groups is problematic. This group may become a full section within IFLA.

Mr. Andersen reported that his workshop went very well, with excellent presentations and lots of open discussion. There were about 30-40 attendees, but it was discovered that some people had difficulty in finding the right location. One evaluation termed the workshop the "most exciting event at an IFLA conference."

Dr. Hobohm said that there will be a new Discussion Group, the Knowledge Management Discussion Group, to be convened by Dr. Michael Koenig.

OTHER:

It was decided not to act on the Haworth Press proposal for now. It should also be checked with IFLA Headquarters. Links will probably be made to all journals/publishers willing to join IFLA and the Section. Ms. Kemp will note the Table of Contents Link in the Section's *Newsletter*.