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Section 5:
Social Science Libraries

Minutes of the Standing Committee Meetings in Copenhagen

30th August and 4th September 1997

Present:

Hans-Christoph Hobohm (Chairman) Eva Thomson-Roos (Secretary)
Leif Lorring, Mary Noel Gouke, Yvonne Abitbol-Touboul, Jean Porter, Diann Rusch-Feja,
N.J. Sebastian (Corresponding Member) Hudson A. Liyai (Observer)
Chirawan Bhakdibutr (4th September) Sutanee Keesiri (4th September Observer) Beth
Stafford (4th September, Observer) Mel Thatcher (4th September, Observer) Repke de Vries
(4th September, Observer) Eeva-Liisa Lehtonen (4th September)

1. Everybody present introduced themselves and their institutions.
2. The proposed agenda was accepted.
3. The minutes from the meetings of the Standing Committee in Beijing were accepted
4. The annual report from the chairman and the draft financial report was accepted. Contact must be taken with IFLA headquarters since it was suspected that the 80 members given for the section were probably too few. It was stressed that if the section wanted two issues of its newsletter per year its members must contribute to the editor. Eva Thomson-Roos regretted that she had been unable to produce more than one issues since the last meeting and is now handing on the work as editor to Jean Philippe Accart.
5. Mr Hobohm was unanimously reelected chairman for the next two years and the committee expressed its appreciation of the great amount of work he had done for the section. Eva Thomson-Roos' resignation from the secretarial post was accepted and she was thanked for her work. Jean Philippe Accart was elected new secretary and it was decided that he and Mr Hobohm would decide on how to share the responsibilities of information officer and treasurer between them. Diann Rusch-Feja agreed to continue on the Section in the role of Special Adviser and Hudson A Liyai accepted to be its Special Adviser for Africa.
6. Mr Hobohm reported from the meeting of the Coordinating Board Some structural changings in IFLA had been proposed based on the evaluation from last year. There should be a new focus on discussion groups, linked to sections. A new section had been proposed entitled Corporate libraries and business libraries. Thanks to Mr Hobohms efforts it had been suggested that this should start as a discussion group hosted by our

section. This new group met on Wednesday and was then established, entitled "Corporate and For Profit Libraries" with Cynthia Hill from Sun Microsystems as facilitator.

7. A brief overview of the programs for the Section during the conference was given with special attention to the invitation of the Copenhagen Business School for a visit and lunch on Thursday. This seminar would replace the workshop that had had to be cancelled. The pre-seminar entitled "Providing public access to official statistics" specially directed at Statistical libraries had also been cancelled due to lack of participants. Leif Lørring welcomed everybody to his house for an informal dinner on Wednesday night, which was highly appreciated.
8. The medium term program was then discussed and approved. It was suggested that some minor revisions as to language would be submitted to Mr Hobohm.
9. The sections program for Amsterdam was discussed. The open session would be focussed on educational libraries entitled "Libraries in support of education" Diann Rusch-Feja and Leif Lørring had already done a great amount of work and will remain in charge with Repke de Vries as local coordinator. Some speakers had already been contacted among them Emilija Banionyte, Library Director Vilniaus Pedagoginis Universitetas who has promised to talk on Nordic and Baltic projects on bringing together resources on education. An off-site workshop on multilinguality was being discussed with the section of Library Services to Multicultural Populations and Anne Gallen from Concordia University in Montreal was suggested as a speaker. A panel discussion or workshop is being planned by Hans-Christoph Hobohm on professional cooperation with participants from FID and ICA. He has established contact with Björn Lindh, Director at the National Archives of Sweden and the official ICA representant to IFLA in Copenhagen.
10. IFLA in Bangkok 1999 has the heading "Libraries at the Gateway to the Enlightened World". The section plans to work in close contacts with its members from Thailand and suggested that co-operation or networking between Social Science libraries in Asia might be a suitable area. A focus on historical demography was suggested by Mel Thatcher and felt to be of interest. The chair strongly recommended our Thai colleagues to start finding two or three speakers as soon as possible.
11. Mr Hobohm reported on the ongoing projects of the Section and invited contributions.
 - The Social Science Virtual Meta Library.
 - The SSID bibliography project
 - The listserv discussion list established by Repke de Viries.
 - Mel Thatcher informed of his special interest in genealogical libraries and libraries with collection in local history. He suggested a directory in these areas. The committee felt that the area might well be too broad and suggested a discussion group instead. It was decided that the section should host a start up meeting for a discussion group on this topic in Amsterdam. Mel Thatcher will provide a short text to announce this in IFLA news and the conference program.
 - The chairman solicited contributions to INSPEL and mentioned that he wanted the papers from the open session to be published there.

10 September 1997
Eva Thomson-Roos
Secretary

Hans-Christoph Hobohm
Chairman