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Minutes of Standing Committee Meetings I-II
15th and 21st August 1998

Present : Hans-Christoph Hobohm (Chair), Jean-Philippe Accart (Secretary), Jean Porter, Eva Thomson-Roos, Eeva-Lisa Lehtonen (15th August), Mary-Noel Gouke (15th August), Chirawan Bhakdibutr, Sutanee Keesiri, Mike Koenig (15th August), Mel Thatcher, Célile Arnaud (15th August-Observer), Marie Faulkner (21th August - Observer), Brent Griffith (21th - Observer).

1. Everybody present introduced themselves and their institutions.
2. The proposed agenda was accepted.
3. The minutes from the Standing Committees Meetings in Copenhagen were accepted.
4. The Annual Report and the draft Financial Report from the Chairman were accepted.
5. More than 81 people are now registered as members of the Social Science Section. Consequently, the budget of the section will be increased.
6. Mr Hobohm and Mr Accart reported on the first Co-ordinating Board meeting : - several appointments during the Conference were reminded : for Newcomers, Information Co-ordinators, IFLA Booth, posters session and specially focused on the 1st Special Libraries Division program organised by Ed Valauskas, Chair of the Division - the Evaluation of the Copenhagen conference was a good evaluation ; another evaluation will be launched after the Amsterdam Conference, - the Budget : new forms will be proposed ; only 10 full-days workshops will be accepted at the Bangkok conference.
7. Mr Hobohm distributed the new version of the Section leaflet. The first issue of the Section Newsletter appeared, under the Secretary's responsibility, on last January, and has been sent to the member's section (around 80 addresses). The second issue will appear at the end of 1998.
8. Discussion Groups :
 - the startup meeting for the new DG on "Family and Local History Services" gathered 15 people representing 9 countries. It is therefore setup and will be managed by Mel Thatcher from the Genealogical Society of Utah. It is already planning conference programs until 2000.
 - - the DG on Corporate and for Profit Libraries, managed by Cinthia Hill, gathered 12 people which is not very much. Routinely an evaluation of this group will be done next year. For Bangkok the DG is planning a round table or open forum on the topic of "Corporate business intelligence and Knowledge management" and the Co-ordinating Board of the Division welcomed to sponsor this event as its next divisional program.

9. An overview of the program for the 1st Special Division Program was given : three speakers from US national associations (Special Libraries Association, Law Libraries Association, Medical Libraries Association) gave their impressions about this matter : What Special about Special Libraries? The session was very well-attended.

10. An overview of the program for the Section during the conference was given. Four papers were delivered under the main theme of: "Libraries in Support of Education - Access for All : a new national library for tomorrow's learners." :

- The United States National Library of Education by Blane Dessy, US National Library of Education,
 - Denmark's national library of education : growth and choices between media by Jakob Andersen, Danish National Library of Education,
 - A virtual national library of education? German libraries cooperate to support education by Diann Rusch-Feja, Max-Planck-Institut for Educational Research, Berlin
 - A network of educational libraries in the Nordic-Baltic countries by Emilija Banionytė, Vilnius Pedagogical University Library
- 30-40 people attended the session.

11. The section program for Bangkok was discussed. The open session would be focussed on the social sciences libraries in the Asian Region under the theme State of the Art of Social Science Information in Asia : a Global Perspective. Contributions from India, Thailand and China are in project. Mr Hobohm will manage the organization of the open session together with the colleagues from Thailand. A workshop will be proposed jointly with the GIOP (Government Information Official Publications): "Six Billions People and Counting : Demographic Statistics for All the People". Melvin Thatcher will bring his contribution to the organisation of the workshop and will contact representatives from UN-ESCAP. It is suggested to have this workshop offsite in the facilities of ESCAP if possible and to sponsor it jointly with this UN organisation. Ms C. Bhakdibutr and Ms Keesiri will be our local organisers in Bangkok.

12. Project for the Jerusalem program : several ideas were launched around the question of "working problems and employment" and "how information services are supporting working life" ; another one would be the "social impact of networking".

13. 1999 will be a year of elections for standing committees. This question was arisen for the present Chairman of the Section, Mr Hobohm, will be at the end of his term and the Secretary, Mr Accart, will not assume other responsibilities after 10 years within IFLA. The problem of the renewal of the officers of the Social Sciences Section is an important matter that every member must have in mind in order to propose candidates.

14. At last, Mr Hobohm informed about the projects of the Section and invited contributions and new proposals:

- the Social Science Virtual Meta Library,
- The SSID bibliography project,
- INSPEL
- The National Educational Libraries present at the Open Session proposed to run a small project jointly with the section: it was agreed upon a preliminary survey about the state of the art of educational libraries in the world
- The UNESCO has addressed the section in order to prepare a chapter concerning information sources in the social sciences in the *World Social Science Report* to be published at the end of 1998.

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Secretary

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Chairman