



**World Library and Information Conference: 69<sup>th</sup> IFLA General  
Conference and Council.  
Social Sciences Libraries Section  
Minutes of the Meeting,  
August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003**

**Members Present:**

Jakob Andersen, Kari Gulbraar, Jacques Hellemans, Hans-Christoph Hobohm, Myoung C. Wilson, Steve Witt, Irene Wormell, Hellevi Yrjola

**Visitors Present:**

Paul Gerd, Jean M. Porter, Stan Kalkus, Yolayda Dai, Om Kumari Choudhy

Jakob Andersen, chair of the Section, called the meeting to order at 11:35.

He moved the Draft Financial Report item up to the head of the schedule to accommodate schedules of the members.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

After a brief discussion and one amendment, the draft minutes from the Glasgow conference were approved.

**Draft Financial Report:**

Hans-Christoph Hobohm, section Treasurer, reported that the section is in good financial health and that its main expenditures thus far were the translation of the Section's brochure into Russian.

**Election of Officers:**

The Section unanimously elected Steve Witt as the new Secretary and Information Officer. Mr. Witt will take the place of outgoing Section Member, Barbara Kemp.

Jakob Anderson was unanimously elected to continue as the section's Chair.\*

Jacques Hellemans was unanimously elected to serve as the treasurer.

### **Activities in Berlin:**

#### Workshop:

The Section sponsored and organized a workshop at the Social Sciences Research Center in Berlin.

The workshop is titled User Studies: are we meeting our user's needs? Discussion with scientists from the Social Science Research Center.

As of August 2<sup>nd</sup>, over 40 participants has signed-up for the workshop. Moderators were chosen to lead break out sessions.

#### Open Session:

Hans-Christoph Hobohm thanked the group for its assistance in organizing the break-out session and briefly described the three speakers and papers to be presented.

**Theme:** *Building strategic alliances with our special user groups: how social and political scientists cope with the new information paradigm*

- [Research on the Research Support Needs of Social Scientists](#)  
[Recherche sur les besoins de soutien documentaire exprimés par les chercheurs en sciences sociales](#)  
MARGARET ROBB and MARK JANES (Social Studies Libraries, Oxford University, Oxford, UK)
- [Tipping toward the internet: global changes in political science research](#)  
[L'orientation vers l'Internet: des changements globaux dans la recherche en sciences politiques](#)  
RICHARD W. WILSON (Rutgers University, New Brunswick, USA)
- [Standardisation, heterogeneity and the quality of content analysis: a key conflict of digital libraries and its solution](#)  
[Standardisierung, Heterogenität und die Qualität der Inhaltserschließung. Lösungsansätze für ein zentrales Problem digitaler Bibliotheken](#)  
JÜRGEN KRAUSE (Social Science Information Centre, Bonn, Germany)

#### Knowledge Management Discussion Group:

Irene Wormell reported that the Social Science Section sponsored Knowledge Management Discussion Group had generated much interest in activities through email and listserves. The process has begun for establishing the group into the Knowledge Management Section.

The Knowledge Management Group's program will feature SLA President, Cynthia Hill, and Christine Boremann. The program is designed to promote discussion. After the

discussion group's meeting, there will be a speaker on new paradigms of knowledge management.

### **Public Relations:**

Translations:

To increase awareness of the Section, much effort has gone into translating section publications into the five official IFLA languages: English, French, German, Russian, and Spanish. The Section discussed goals for translations in the next year. Realizing that there are not enough resources to translate all of the publications into these languages, the section set as a goal to translate the brochure into the five languages. It was translated into Russian in the previous year, and Jakob noted that it is important to translate the brochure into Spanish for Buenos Aires in time to place it on the Section's web page.

Jacques Hellemans volunteered to translate the brochure into French.

IFLA Booth:

Jakob requested that volunteers from the Standing Committee occupy the IFLA Booth during the Section's allotted time on Wednesday from 3-4 PM.

### **Announcements:**

Jakob Andersen briefed the group on announcements made during the Governing Board meeting and the schedule of meeting to take place during the Berlin Conference.

### **Petition for Knowledge Management Discussion Group**

The Section held a lengthy discussion on strategies and plans to petition for the Knowledge Management Discussion Group to become an official Section.

Dr. Wormell spoke of how a Knowledge Management Section needed to be a cooperative group that works with other groups to explore the role of knowledge management in areas. This will create a complex set of relationship but will create an environment in which strong collaborative links can be built. Dr. Wormell was much experience in this area and feels that it is possible to create a strong Knowledge Management Section based upon this model.

Jakob Andersen requested volunteers to support the Knowledge Management group and assist Dr. Wormell in finding a suitable interim chair for the new section.

Dr. Wormell noted that volunteers for Treasurer and Secretary would also be needed.

After more discussion of the history of the Knowledge Management group and process of creating new sections, Jakob Andersen noted that we will be forwarded a proposal for the

creation of a Knowledge Management Section and will discuss possible officers with Dr. Wormell in the near future.

**Other Business:**

The section discussed the Section's web page on the IFLA site and charged the Information Coordinator to update the page to reflect new membership and committee assignments.

Jakob Andersen closed the meeting at 2:30 PM.

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Members Present:

Jakob Andersen, Kari Gulbraar, Jacques Hellemans, Hans-Christoph Hobohm, Myoung C. Wilson, Steve Witt, Irene Wormell, Hellevi Yrjola, Judith Field

Visitors Present:

Susanne Schafers, Bernard Reilly, Paul Gerd, Jean M. Porter

Jakob Andersen, chair of the Section, called the meeting to order at 8:10.

**Section Projects:**

INSPEL

Hans-Christoph Hobohm reported on the status of INSPEL. He noted that he has requested papers for INSPEL for several years this year they were very short of papers. Currently, INSPEL is largely a duplication of IFLANET, but this has not been much of a problem since he has put articles together in special issues. He has also begun using papers from other sections.

With the current lack of subscribers and scarcity of papers, he fears that the publication cannot continue.

He presented the group with several options:

1. INSPEL continues as a specialized website
2. Social Science Sections converts it to an e-journal.

The group discusses other ideas such as an edited monograph series, for fee email list. Alternatively, INSPEL could become a project of another section or collaborative effort.

The group decided that the Division Chair will have to address the issue and make a decision.

IFLA Survey of National Libraries of Education

Jakob Andersen briefed the committee on the IFLA Survey of National Libraries of Education Project. He noted that the survey results were available for the past 3 years. To keep the information, he has sent letters to institutions and hopes to have the update complete within the next two years.

Hans-Christoph Hobohm asked about the future of the project, and Jakob responded that he plans to continue the project indefinitely.

Kari Gulbraar noted that Norway's National Library of Education was transformed into a "competence centre" (Læringsenteret) and the collections were distributed to other libraries. This led to a discussion of the state of National Libraries of Education and the shifting of their duties to Universities and other National Libraries.

New Project: INFROSS Study

Margaret Robb described the Section's newest project, repeating the 1974 INFROSS study of the information needs and uses in the social sciences.

Last year, the Section sponsored Mark Janes of Oxford University to complete a preliminary report on the feasibility of repeating the INFROSS study. James' report recommends the following:

- a study of similar intent and scope should be conducted
- the purpose of the new study should be to address the problem of our still insufficient knowledge about these aspects of social science work
- the study should focus on the social study of academic and professional life
- comparative work on field differences, applied professions, and the influence of national and linguistic context should form a significant part of the study
- the study should avoid the pitfalls of being seen as the basis for revolutionary change to the existing system and should instead create a comprehensive knowledge base

The group was very pleased with the study and continued to discuss means of securing funding for this project.

#### **Revision of Mission Statement:**

The section discussed plans and assignments for the revision of the Section's mission statement and goals. It was decided that Steve Witt and Jacques Hellemans study the current mission and discuss any changes to be made. This will be part of the updated and revised strategic plan to be completed by October of 2003.

#### **Buenos Aires:**

The group discussed plans for the Buenos Aires conference. It was decided to combine with another section for a 4 hour workshop on the theme of Development. Members of the group will begin contacting sections and divisions to discuss collaborative opportunities.

Hans-Christoph noted that we need to insure high quality academic papers are included in the workshop presentations.

**Oslo:**

Myoung Wilson suggested that the group make a break from the thematic approach and look at “Best Practices of Social Science Libraries.” She noted that this was inspired by the section’s workshop with the Social Science Research Center in Berlin.

**Reports on Conference Sessions:**

The Knowledge Management discussion group was well attended with over 100 participants. Over 30 people contacted Dr. Wormell with interested in the section if it is accepted in September.

The Workshop was full to capacity and anecdotal reports were that the content and discussions were superb. Many thanks were given to Gerd Paul for his help with the workshop.

Open Session: Over 50 people attended the open session. Thanks were given Margaret Robb for her excellent paper and help in organizing the event.

**Conference Evaluation:**

It was mentioned that IFLA unwillingness to encourage and support workshop was a disservice to IFLA members. Section members were urged to provide their opinions on the matter to the conference organizers.

Hans-Christoph also asked the group about the conference organization and whether the volunteers were found to be helpful. It was generally agreed that the city and transportation network help to make the event a success, though better organization of the exhibits would have been an improvement.