

**IFLA Science & Technology Libraries Section Standing Committee
Minutes of meetings held at the 69th IFLA General Conference, Berlin**

Attendees

Jan Compangen, the Netherlands (SC I, SC II)
Julia Gelfand, USA (SC I, SC II)
Rafayel Harutyunyan, Armenia (SC I, SC II)
Marianne Nordlander, Sweden (SC I, SC II)
Irma Pasanen, Finland (SC II)
Jean Poland, USA (SC I, SC II)
Philippe Raccach, France (SC II)
Tovah Reis, USA (SC I, SC II)
Josee Saint-Marseille, Canada (SC I)
Raymond Schwarz, USA (SC I, SC II)
Werner Stephan, Germany (SC I, SC II)
Reinhard Suppert, Germany (SC I, SC II)
Anne-Mette Vibe, Norway (SC II)
Greg Youngen, USA (SC I, SC II)
Andrei Zemskov, Russia (SC I, SC II)

Observers

Helena Asamoah-Hassan, Ghana (SC I)
Sunita Barre, India (SC I)
Salma Chowdhury, Bangladesh (SC I)
Rifaat Hilal, Egypt (SC I)
Lesego Ramore, Botswana (SC I)
Jagath Wedasinghe, Sri Lanka (SC I)
Grzegorz Płoszajski, Poland (SC I, SC II)
Bernd-Christoph Kämper, Germany (SC II)

Special Advisors & Friends of the Section

Helga Schwarz, Germany (SC I)
Patricia Yocum, USA (SC I)

SC I Saturday, 1 August 2003, 8:30-11:20, Room GS 4

1. Welcome

Chair Julia Gelfand welcomed those attending and noted regrets received. Apologies had been received from Oonayang Dilebanye, Rivkah Frank, Olga Lavrik, Ingar Lomheim, Irma Pasanen, Philippe Raccach, Mette Stockmarr, Anne Mette Vibe, and Dilmani Warnasuriya. Marianne Nordlander kindly accepted to serve as Secretary for this meeting.

2. Introduction

The standing committee members, special advisors, and observers introduced themselves. A review of the documents prepared by the Chair was made.

3. Election of Officers

The Chair asked for nominations for the Section Officers for the term 2003-2005. The mandates of officers are Chair and Treasurer & Secretary and Communications Officer. Julia Gelfand and Irma Pasanen were nominated to continue and they accepted. Julia Gelfand and Irma Pasanen were elected by acclamation and applause.

4. Approval of minutes and statements, and discussion on section affairs

The minutes of the SC meetings held at IFLA 2003 in Glasgow were approved. The financial statement presented by the Chair was accepted. The feedback and the session attendance from IFLA in Glasgow was discussed. The problem regarding the publishing of PowerPoint presentations on the IFLANET continues.

5. Review of IFLA 2003 – Berlin

Ray Schwatz and Werner Stephan volunteered to fulfill the IFLA Section Booth Duty. Jean Poland volunteered to participate in the IFLA President's brainstorming workshop. Werner Stephan presented the Open Session schedule and introduced the speakers and their background. The attendees will have the opportunity to give us feedback through our evaluation form and Julia will distribute the results post-conference. Helga Schwartz and Werner Stephan reported about the planned Study Tour on Thursday to Potsdam. The meeting attendees agreed that the program was very interesting with a mixture of library visits, scientific presentations and sightseeing possibilities. There was to be an English speaking guide on the bus. A big thanks to Helga was extended.

6. Review of the Coordinating Board (CB I) Meeting – Friday, 1 August

Julia Gelfand reported from the first CB Meeting. There are almost 3700 attendees at the Berlin conference coming from 132 countries. Germany, is of course the biggest group with 753 participants and the US is the second with 404. The exhibition is sold out with 159 exhibitors. So far the change of the name of the conference has been very successful. It was announced that the museums in Berlin will honor the IFLA delegates by charging only half the entrance fee during the conference. The Chair informed the SC that the self-assessment of sections required by IFLA will take place in 2006, but planning will commence sooner.

7. Section matters

It was decided that the Section Mission Statement and the Strategic Plan will be discussed in the second SC meeting. The Chair informed the committee that the publication INSPEL – the Official journal of Division II Special Libraries – will go to electronic only.

8. Science and Technology Section Project Update

Tovah Reis presented the project "*Survey of Scientific and Technological Information Needs in Less-Developed and Developing Countries*". The project was found to be very

interesting and welcomed even from other parts of IFLA. The interest and the need for a project like this was also emphasized by several of the observing delegates present at the committee meeting. The meeting observers also suggested the possibility of document delivery service connected to the project. It was decided that the project will be further discussed on the SC II meeting. Tovah Reis was commended for an excellent project and it was hoped that she would continue with the project. The major obstacle in this respect was identified as being the funding. The project discussion will continue during SC II.

The Chair moved to conclude the meeting by summarizing the actions to be taken during the conference and prior the SC II meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11.20

SC II Friday, 8 August 2003, 10:15-12:15, Room FR (Technical University of Berlin)

Apologies

Oonyang Dilebanye, Botswana
Rivkah Frank, Israel
Soo Yang Kim, South Korea
Olga Lavrik, Russia
Mette Stockmarr, Denmark
Dilmani Warnasuriya, Sri Lanka

The Chair welcomed the members and observers Grzegorz Płoszajski and Bernd-Christoph Kämper and those present introduced themselves. Rafayel Harutyunyan informed the standing committee members about his recent change of employment (now with Armenian State Museum) and presented a CD-ROM disc with information of the libraries in Armenia.

1. Update review of IFLA 2003 Berlin

Open session had 55 participants attend. The session was organized jointly with the health and biosciences section. It was the first time a joint programme was held with these two the sections and the response was positive. There were 36 participants on the study tour to Potsdam and the response to the visit was excellent. Ray Schwarz reported from the booth duty that no questions about the section work were presented. Ray Schwarz had, however, a very useful talk with Sophie Felföldi about the technical maintenance regarding IFLANET. Jean Poland participated in the brainstorming session and a brief report was given.

Discussion followed about the newsletter content and what we should do this year. There is interest to include materials about special libraries and their unique resources. The chair informed the committee that INSPEL plans to cancel the print version. It was agreed that Ray Schwartz and the secretary will continue to explore the issue regarding PowerPoint presentations.

The section project "Survey of Scientific and Technological Information Needs in Less-Developed and Developing Countries" has received a very favourable response. It was agreed that further funding will be sought for further development of the material, e.g. a database structure for maintenance purposes. Rafayel Harutunian proposed a CD-ROM (or DVD) for areas with poor Internet access. Document delivery mechanisms were also discussed. Tovah Reis will be in charge and act as an intermediary regarding the project. Financial support external to IFLA will also be considered. Permissions for fulltext content will continue to be sought from publishers. At this conference, good contacts were made with Emerald, and relevant content is part of their database.

2. Reports on activities of related groups

The Chair called for liaison reports from the committee members who have been nominated by these groups and are committed to act as liaisons between the section and the following organizations:

IATUL (Marianne Nordlander)
SLA (Greg Youngen)
ALA (Julia Gelfand)
ELD/ASEE (Julia Gelfand)
MLA (Rivkah Frank)

The section newsletter will publish short reports about the liaison groups. Members of the section are also urged to prepare short reports of other interesting events in which they participate.

3. Planning Section Programs for IFLA 2004

IFLA 2004 World Library and Information Congress: 70th IFLA General Conference and Council "Libraries: Tools for Education and Development" will be held in Buenos Aires Argentina and the theme will focus on information literacy and lifelong learning issues. Marianne Nordlander, Greg Youngen, Ray Schwarz and Rivkah Frank will continue the planning of the section programme. The issue regarding the training of science librarians and the need to involve speakers from the region was noted. The deadline for the first programme outline will be October 15th. The Chair will pursue the planning of a study tour/site visit with Jean Poland.

4. Planning Section Programs for IFLA 2005

IFLA 2005 World Library and Information Congress: 71st IFLA General Conference and Council will be held in Oslo, Norway and the theme will relate to the voyage of discovery. Environmental issues and open access in the sciences were examples of topics for the section. The possibility of organizing a satellite meeting was discussed. Julia Gelfand, Marianne Nordlander, Philippe Raccach and Andrei Zemskov will continue with the issue of the possible satellite event and Anne-Mette Vibe and Jan Companjen will coordinate the section Oslo events.

5. Move to Adjourn

The Chair reviewed the next timetables. The meeting was adjourned at 12 o'clock noon.