

SCI Business Meeting - 18 August 2006, COEX Room 332, Seoul, Republic of Korea.



Attendees

Julia Gelfand, Sukyoung Kim, Jill Mayer, Billie Joy Reinhart, Xiwen Liu, Irma Pasanen, Ray Schwartz

Observer

Deva E. Reddy (Texas A&M University Libraries, USA)

1 & 2. Welcome and introductions

Chair Irma Pasanen welcomed the attendees and conveyed regrets from Anne-Mette Vibe, Reinhard Supper, Youngen, Josee Saint-Marseille, Oonayang Dilebanye, Olga Lavrik, and Anne Powell. She also reported that Ms. Rivkah Frank has resigned from the standing committee.

3. Previous Minutes

The meeting minutes from Oslo were accepted by the standing committee and will be posted by Ray Schwartz on IFLANet.

4. Review of IFLA 2006

Jill Mayer and Irma Pasanen will tend the IFLA exhibit booth on Monday from 15:00 to 16:00. Ray Schwartz will have copies of the program flyer available at that time.

Ray Schwartz reported on preparations for the open session. He stated that copies of the papers for the interpreters were prepared. Flyers of the open session will be ready to distribute tomorrow. And, he asked if there was anyone who could review the Chinese on the evaluation form. Xiwen Liu agreed to do so. Both Irma and Ray asked the committee to consider which of the four papers should be submitted to the IFLA Journal for publication.

5. Report on the Coordinating Board meeting

Irma reported on the Coordinating Board meeting. She strongly urged the standing committee members to attend the Professional Committee's open hearing on Sunday afternoon.

6. Sci-Tech Section Business

The committee members reviewed IFLA's and the section's strategic plans. Irma talked about the past relationship with the International Council for Scientific and Technical Information (ICSTI). Philippe Raccach attended a workshop meeting in February, but did not find it of much interest to our committee. Their members are sci-tech publishers and many institutions that are members of our section too. Irma asked all to review the plans for the next meeting SCII.

Deva E. Reddy brought up the non-member status of IFLA standing committee members. He felt that it would be helpful for IFLA both financially and commitment wise for IFLA's standing committee members be required to become members of the Federation. The standing committee urged him to present the idea at the Professional Committee's open hearing on Sunday afternoon.

7. Section Project Discussion

Billie Joy Reinhardt and Ray Schwartz reported that there has been no progress on the project. Their opinion was that the committee does not have the resources to develop and/or maintain the project. The committee decided to close the project, and update STL web site accordingly. Xiwen Liu suggested that his report of information needs would be an appropriate addition to the project's web pages.

8. IFLA 2007 - Durban

Irma and Ray suggested that the open session should consist of a keynote speaker and three papers submitted via the call for papers. The topic is "*Changing trends in higher education and its impact on the delivery of science and technology information*". Other variants of the topic were discussed such as changing Higher education for information transfer, and distance education as an issue for developing countries. The subcommittee for selection for Durban papers includes Irma Pasanen, Julia Gelfand, Ray Schwartz, Sukyoung Kim, Billie Joy Reinhardt, and Jill Mayer. The committee decided to modify the current point system to include the use of minus points.

The committee considered various ideas for the study tour—Durban University of Technology, the wine industry, or biofuels.

There was some discussion of a possible satellite information literacy meeting in Botswana. The topic could be about the standards of information literacy. For example, the American Library Association's Science and Technology Section has a set of standards. Also there will be an information literacy meeting in Gabon.

SCII Business Meeting - 25 August 2006, COEX Room 332, Seoul, Republic of Korea.

Attendees

Julia Gelfand, Sukyoung Kim, Jill Mayer, Billie Joy Reinhart, Xiwen Liu, Irma Pasanen, Ray Schwartz, Olga Lavrik

Regrets

Reinhardt Supper, Anne Powell, Anne-Mette Vibe, Gregory Youngen, Josee Saint-Marseille

Observers

Zhang Xiaolin (National Science Library, China), Sunethra Perera (National Science Foundation, Sri Lanka), John O. Christensen (Brigham Young University, USA)

1, 2 & 3. Review of IFLA2006

Open Session

The committee reviewed the open session "*Workings of the ubiquitous library - Will all library services and content be available to anyone, anywhere at anytime?*" and felt that overall it was a success. The session had a very good turnout with about 275 attendees. Though the committee expressed that there could have been better communication about time limits to the presenters. Ray Schwartz, moderator for the session, stated that finding people to translate the papers into the IFLA languages was very difficult and time consuming. And he felt that he should have started the search for translators months earlier. There were about 40 evaluation forms collected. Billie Joy Reinhardt agreed to compile the results into a report. One of the evaluation forms stated that the presenters should have presented in their own language since there was SI. However, the committee unanimously agreed that the two Korean present did an excellent job presenting in English. The committee felt that the evaluation form should be translated into the remaining IFLA languages. Ray also stated that he noticed only two sessions had announcement flyers and he felt that the flyer made a difference towards the attendance.

The committee agreed to submit the first paper to the IFLA Journal for publication. The paper is "*The ubiquitous library for the blind and physically handicapped: a case study of the LG Sangnam Library, Korea*" by KYUNG-JAE BAE (LG Sangnam Library, Seoul, Korea).

Study Tour

The committee felt that the study tour was a success and congratulated our Korean colleagues for arranging and hosting the tour. The committee as a whole felt that the visit to the temple together with the meal offering had been a rewarding and enlightening experience.

Ray Schwartz asked if it was possible to list our study tour in next year's programme. Julia Gelfand and other members stated that listing the tour in the programme created problems because the tour is limited by the number of attendees, sci-tech delegates were being locked out if they did not register early. The study tour was then pulled from the programme after the Bangkok meeting.

Other Issues

Irma announced that IFLA and UNESCO will be cooperating during the World Summit on the Information Society. A listserv wsis-l@infoserv.inist.fr will be available. One can subscribe at <http://infoserv.inist.fr/wwsympa.fcgi/info/wsis-l>. There are eleven action lines (<http://www.itu.int/wsis/implementation/index.html>) and IFLA will follow three to four of them (<http://www.ifla.org/III/wsis.html>). Irma suggested that the section can cooperate on certain action lines. Sunethra Perera mentioned that UNESCO offers assistance with digitalization projects, and perhaps it should be investigated to be a part of an action item.

4. Budget Review

Irma reported that our section receives 610 Euros each year. And that money is now only payable upon reimbursement. Irma stated that she has some concerns that some expenses could be approved or not, though she is not aware of this happening in the past. The sponsorship the section received for the Study Tour will be reported to HQ. The project monies the section had last year have been returned to HQ.

5. Strategic plan review

Irma reviewed IFLA and the Section's Strategic plans with the committee and recommended that we should continue collaboration, but let coordination come later.

6. Liaison Efforts

Irma Pasanen solicited ideas where our standing committee should have liaison efforts. With the help of Philippe Raccach, past standing committee member, Irma had written a background report to IFLA HQ about IFLA and its relationships with ICSU and ICSTI. IFLA HQ would like the section to further its liaison with ICSTI, which is an affiliate member of ICSU. ICSU also has a committee called CODATA which is to meet in China in October. APIN (Asia Pacific Information Network) which is organized by UNESCO was also mentioned.

Medical Library Association (USA) Liaison Report

Jill Mayer reported on the Medical Library Association of the United States. She stated that the association raised USD\$30,800 for tsunami relief.

7. IFLA 2007 and 2008

Durban

Again, Irma asked for volunteers for reviewing abstracts. Irma Pasanen, Julia Gelfand, Ray Schwartz, Sukyoung Kim, Billie Joy Reinhardt, Jill Mayer, Xiwen Liu and Olga Lavrik volunteered. Some of the ideas the committee talked about were "Changing trends in higher education", "Implications of information transfer of sci-tech information", "Distance education", and "Changes in communication channels". Irma will draft the call for papers. Irma suggested that she could contact Dr. Adriaan Swanepoel at the Tshwane University of Technology in Pretoria about our ideas for the program and study tour in Durban. The committee agreed that we should try to limit the study tour to half a day and schedule it towards the end of the conference to avoid conflicts with other programming. Ray Schwartz suggested that the committee consider the Oceanographic Research Institute in Durban (<http://www.ori.org.za/>) as a possibility for a study tour.

Quebec City

Our topic will be national Information provision for the sciences and technology. NTIS, CISTI, and KISTI are examples. Julia Gelfand will be the chair of Quebec section's program subcommittee. Irma Pasanen is investigating the possibility of having a preconference in Montreal and then having our study tour to visit CISTI in Ottawa.

8. Review of Assignments

Newsletter deadline around end of October.

- Billie Joy Reinhardt will write about the study tour.
- Ray Schwartz will write about the open session.
- Jill Mayer will submit an article summarizing her MLA report for the Newsletter.
- Julia Gelfand will submit an article about the ASEE meeting
- Julia Gelfand and Billie Joy Reinhardt will submit reports about the ALA Meetings
- Julia Gelfand will submit a report about the AAAS meeting.

9. Other Business - Announcements

Olga Lavrik announced that her institution is publishing a new library journal called "Bibliosphere" in Russian. She welcomed submissions for the journal and stated that she can have the articles translated from English into Russian.

Xiaolin Zhang made two announcements. There will be a CODATA (also a committee of ICSU) meeting in China on science information infrastructure in October. And China is beginning a five year plan to build a sci-technical information infrastructure.

Ray Schwartz
Secretary