



Public Libraries Section (No. 8)

Annual Report January-December 2006

As approved at the Standing Committee Meeting in Durban, South Africa on 18 August 2007.

Scope Statement

The Section of Public Libraries provides an active information forum for the development and promotion of public libraries that serve the whole community in the context of the information society and ensure the free and equal access to information at the local level.

Overview

The year showed a consolidation of some projects in progress such as The Libraries, Archives and Museums Research project and the ongoing marketing and translation of the Public Library Guidelines for Development. The Section contributed to the creation of the Child and Baby Guidelines and the Multicultural Manifesto both being taken forward by other Sections in Division III. Sadly we said farewell to Clara Budnik Sinay from Chile prematurely from the Committee due to her work situation changing.

Section of the Public Libraries Standing Committee for 2006

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Mid Term Programme Goals 2005 - 07

1. To promote equal access to all
2. To raise the quality of services in public libraries by defining standards, developing guidelines, and documenting and disseminating best practices.
3. To promote the importance of training and professional development for librarians
4. To defend the role of the public library in democratizing access to and the use of information technology
5. To promote literacy, reading development and lifelong learning projects
6. To promote networking and cooperation between libraries and other agencies
7. To balance the needs of users with the intellectual property rights of authors
8. To promote the role of Libraries in Society
9. To develop section membership
10. To market the Public Libraries Section

11. To mount successful programs at IFLA conferences
12. To manage section finances effectively

Standing Committee Meetings

1. Mid-Year Standing Committee Meetings on 2 – 4 March, 2006 at the Pioneer Library System, Norman, Oklahoma and Metropolitan Library System, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, USA.
2. Meetings of the Standing Committee Meetings held on 19 and 25 August, 2006 during the World Library and Information Congress, Seoul, South Korea.

Projects related to Mid-term Programme

1. Marketing the Public Library Guidelines
Project leaders: John Lake and Suzanne Payette
2. Development of Section website
Project leader: Ian Stringer
3. Meeting User Needs
Project leader: Monica Medina Blanes,
4. Libraries, Archives and Museums Research Project
Project leader: Barbara Clubb (Retired from Committee but completing this project)
5. Updating the IFLA/Unesco Public Library Manifesto
Project Leader: Gloria Pérez-Salmerón with Kent Skov and Klaus-Peter Boettger
6. The Caterpillar Project
Project leader: Ian Stringer
7. Revising the IFLA/Unesco Public Library Guidelines and producing in e-book format.
Project leaders: John Lake, Barbara Gubbin with Ian Stringer, Ruth Ornholt and Joyce Jelks

Publications in 2006

1. Newsletter
Issue 33 March 2006
2. IFLA/Unesco Public Library Guidelines for Development

- Now available on IFLANET in 12 languages and translated into 43 languages (including 15 of the 18 most significant Indian languages translated and published in 2005/06)
 - Leaflet published in French with the assistance of the Quebec Ministry of Culture in 2006
 - Leaflet published in Spanish with the assistance of the Spanish Ministry of Culture in 2006.
 - Leaflet produced in South Korean for the Seoul Conference in August 2006.
3. Monthly updates to Committee Members
- October, November and December 2006.

News & Updates on the Website

1. Newsletter Issue 33 March 2006 and back to January 2001.
2. Annual Reports for 2000, 2004 & 2005.
3. Call for Papers "Libraries: Dynamic Engines for the Knowledge and Information Society"
20-24 August 2006, Seoul, Korea
Public Libraries Section with Audiovisual And Multimedia Section
The Public Libraries Section with the Audiovisual and Multimedia Section
4. Call for Papers - Division III. Libraries Serving the General Public
Theme: *Social Inclusion - how can public libraries embrace the challenge of reaching out to serve all people in their community?*
World Library and Information Congress: August 2007, Durban, South Africa
5. Minutes of the Standing Committee Meetings held in Oklahoma, USA in February 2006 and Seoul, South Korea in August 2006 added to all meetings held since year 2000.
6. List of Standing Committee Members Updated June 2006.
7. IFLA/UNESCO Public Library Manifesto, 1994
Now available in 26 languages in 2006.
8. Membership Brochure in English (updated 2006)
9. Mobile Libraries Archive on IFLANET
10. Strategic Plan for 2006 – 07

11. Meeting User Needs Resource List updated October 2006.
12. IFLA/Unesco Public Library Guidelines for Development – Marketing Strategy updated May 2006.
13. IFLA/Unesco Public Library Guidelines for Development
Available on IFLANET in 12 languages and translated into 43 languages
(including 15 of the 18 most significant Indian languages translated and published
in 2005/06)
 - Language versions overview
 - Leaflet in English
 - Poster in English
14. National Information Policy/National IT Strategies a Survey (1999)
15. The Role of Public Libraries in Lifelong Learning (2000)
16. Public Library Acts from seven countries.
17. Conference and seminars on Public Libraries from 1997 – 2004

Conference Programmes

1. IFLA World Library and Information Congress, Seoul, South Korea 2006

Monday 21 August Session 80 Public Libraries and the Democratic Process DG
*Opinions and ideas about the vital role which libraries play to the fulfilment of a
democratic process in countries*

Moderator: Leslie Burger, President of the American Library Association.

**Tuesday 22 August Session 122 SI - Public Libraries with Audiovisual and
Multimedia**

Libraries: dynamic engines for the knowledge and information society

- La Memoria oral en las "Bibliotecas de Barcelona"
CARME GALVE (Jaume Fuster Library, Barcelona)
- Public digital multimedia services in a small country
BRUCE ROYAN (Concurrent, Scotland, UK) and SANDRA O'CONNOR
(Formerly SCRAN, Scotland, UK)
- Some directions for digitised services with audio visual content for the public
libraries of West Bengal, India
RATNA BANDYOPADHYAY (Calcutta University, Calcutta, India) and
K.P. MAJUMDER (Jadavpur Univeristy, Calcutta, India)

- Promoting downloaded digital services in the public libraries in Denmark
KENT SKOV and LENE BYRIALSEN (Odense Centralbibliotek, Odense, Denmark)

Tuesday and Wednesday 22 and 23 August

Poster Session 11: Une naissance, un livre / Books for baby

Presenter: Ms Suzanne Payette

Poster Session 43: Books build bridges

Presenter: Ms Carolyn de Klerk

Poster Session 83 : The IFLA/UNESCO Public Library Guidelines for Development. **Presenter:** John Lake

Torny Kjekstad, Chair of Section 8 and Division III judged the posters session in the Conference with the Chair of Division I.

2. Consal XIII Conference in Manila, Phillipines in March 2006

John Lake moderated on programme session and presented a paper on the Public Library Guidelines for Development and a poster on the Guidelines. Approx 300 delegates attended this session.

3. Canadian Library Association Conference

Suzanne Payette presented the poster on the Public Library Guidelines for Development.

Relationship with Other Bodies

- Working with Unesco in the promotion of the Public Library Manifesto and the Public Library Guidelines for Development
- Working with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to promote and hold the Access to Learning Awards at each World Congress in Seoul in August 2006.
- Working with the Quebec Ministry of Culture to produce the IFLA/Unesco Public Library Guidelines leaflet in French for the WLIC in Seoul 2006.
- Working with the Spanish Ministry of Culture to produce the IFLA/Unesco Public Library Guidelines leaflet in Spanish for the WLIC in Seoul 2006.

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