



Standing Committee Libraries Serving Disadvantaged Persons Section

MINUTES

**Annual Conference in Oslo
August 13, 17 and 19, 2005**

Members present:

Joanne Locke, Chair and Treasurer (Canada), Gyda Skat Nielsen, Secretary (Denmark), Margaret Forrest, Information Officer (UK), Maria Angela Barlotti (Italy), Ramatoulaye Fofana (France), Dunja Maria Gabriel (Croatia), Claudie Guerin (France), Birgitta Irvall (Sweden), Yu Kikuchi (Japan), Youngsook Lee (Korea), Helle Mortensen (Denmark), Tone Moseid, Incoming Secretary (Norway), Kajo Carlsen, Advisor (Norway), Vibeke Lehmann, Corresponding Member (USA), Misako Nomura, Corresponding Member (Japan), Nancy Panella, Corresponding Member (USA).

Guests:

Analia Canibano (Argentina), Tay Ai Cheng (Singapore), Kiang-Koh Lai Lin (Singapore)

1. Welcome and introductions

Joanne Locke welcomed all new and continuing members of the Standing Committee and all guests.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received Corinee de Munain (France), Martin Dowding (Canada), Teresa Pagès Gilibets (Spain), Maria José Lopez-Huertas Pérez (Spain), Obianuju Mollel (Canada), Edwin Qobose (Botswana), José Diaz Roque (Cuba)

3. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved as presented.

4. Minutes of the March 2005 SC Mid-year Meeting in London

4.1 Approval of Minutes

The Minutes were approved as presented.

4.2 Business arising from the Minutes

All business arising from the Minutes of the Mid-year meeting in London appeared as items on the Standing Committee Agenda, Oslo 2005, and were treated as such.

5. Chair's Report (Joanne Locke)

5.1 Div. III CB meetings in Oslo

In Durban 2007 the Division of Libraries Serving the General Public will have a joint Open Program for two days probably with one encompassing theme for all sections. All Open Programs will be two hours. All sections are required to issue a call for papers. Conference planning will start earlier.

The Section of Mobile Libraries has merged with Public Libraries as there are not the requisite number of five standing committee members needed to maintain the Mobile Libraries Standing Committee.

The LSDP Newsletter and the Newsletter of the Libraries for Children and Young Adults were nominated for this year's IFLA prize for the best Newsletter. At the Closing Session it was announced that the winner was the Childrens' Section.

Fundraising was discussed and "**Friends of IFLA**" will be inaugurated, drawing on alumni and friends to contribute to an endowment fund.

Partnerships with other organizations i.e. IBBY and the International Reading Association will be initiated by IFLA. It is anticipated that possible joint projects will result. Projects related to reading implicate the LSDP Section as projects focusing on this theme tend to look at groups with disabilities.

All Sections are asked to review their Strategic Plans and submit the revised plan to IFLA Headquarters before November 15, 2005.

In the future, administrative funds for each section will not be transferred to the section treasurer. IFLA Headquarters will administrate the funds and reimburse payments. This will help alleviate some of the problems incurred with different currencies and also cut down on exchange costs.

Suggested locations for the next Mid-year meeting: Montreal, Canada or the Hague. As more SC Members are able to come to the Hague it was decided to ask IFLA Headquarters if meeting rooms can be used there.

Action: Joanne Locke

5.2 Announcements

The LSDP Section will staff the IFLA Booth Monday 15 August at 10.00-11.00. Gyda Skat Nielson, Birgitta Irvall, and Margaret Forrest have volunteered.

6. Financial Report

Joanne Locke presented the Financial Report. It was accepted as presented.

7. Publications and Information (Margaret Forrest)

7.1 Information Coordinator's report

Margaret Forrest distributed the Information Coordinator's Report (attached) and presented it. Margaret encouraged the SC Members to send articles etc for the Section Newsletter.

7.2 Section Brochure

Margaret presented the new Section Brochure. Youngsook Lee will translate it into Korean and one of the observers promised to translate it into German.

8. Report from Satellite Meeting in Göteborg, Sweden

Birgitta Irvall reported on the successful Satellite Meeting. 113 persons participated in the two day conference and one day of study visits. Accessibility was the subject and the new *Checklist* was presented to the delegates. After the meeting several participants purchased the *Checklist*.

9. Election of Standing Committee members

Joanne agreed to continue as Chair and Treasurer for two more years until the Durban conference in August 2007. Tone Moseid was elected Secretary. Margaret Forrest agreed to continue for two more years as Information Officer.

10. Conference Planning

10.1 Oslo, Norway 2005

The Oslo Open Program: "Equal Access to Libraries = Opportunity for All" was successful with 95 participants. Seventeen copies of the *Accessibility Checklist* were sold after the session.

10.2 Seoul, Korea 2006

Joanne asked Standing Committee member Youngsook Lee which theme would be of interest to Korean and other members of the Asian library community. Youngsook informed that there is very little knowledge about dyslexia and that dyslexia and accessibility would be interesting themes.

Draft of the Open Program:

- What is Dyslexia? (including relevant legislation e.g. discrimination acts)
- Symptoms of Dyslexia
- Library Services to Persons with Dyslexia (Gyda?)
- Aids and Tools for Persons with Dyslexia (Misako?)
- **Focus on the Asian experience**

Gyda will provide contacts to the dyslexia world.

Libraries for the Blind Section SC members participated in part of the LSDP SC meeting Friday, 19 August 2005. It was suggested that there be a form of joint session on Dyslexia in Seoul; the LSDP program would be immediately followed by the LSB program, with both programs focusing on dyslexia but with different speakers and from a differing viewpoint.

Action: Youngsook, Joanne, Misako & Gyda

Yu Kikuchi suggested hospital libraries as a theme offering to present a paper on hospital libraries in Japan. Because the theme of dyslexia was selected, Yu Kikuchi will make a **poster session on hospital libraries**. Claudie Guerin will cooperate with Yu and will also add French parts to the posters.

Action: Yu, Claudie & Misako

10.2.1 75th Anniversary Celebration

A poster session on the Sections history in connection with its 75th anniversary is proposed.

Yongsook will investigate how we can further celebrate the event.

Action: Joanne, Youngsook & Nancy

11. Review of Sections

11.1 Review of draft document

Joanne presented the draft document sent to all Standing Committee members. It was agreed to add a description of the Section's work, to be provided by Nancy. Joanne will receive comments before 15 September, revise the draft and send out the revised draft for a second round of comments. The final report is due at IFLA Headquarters on November 15, 2005.

Action: All SC members, Nancy and then Joanne

12. Conference Planning continued

12.3 Durban, South Africa 2007

It was suggested that a possible focus for the Durban (2007) conference could be prison libraries. Joanne will contact SC member Edwin Qobose in Botswana to see if this theme would be of interest to members of the African library community. Joanne will inquire as to the proposed theme.

All Sections must issue a call for papers, but can select papers themselves which will be appropriate.

Action: Joanne and Vibeke Lehmann

12.4 Quebec City, Canada 2008

Allan Kleiman, USA, has proposed "Library Services to the Elderly" as a topic for the program in cooperation with the American Library Association and the Canadian Library Association. This suggestion was discussed, however "the elderly" was considered too broad a theme. A possible joint participant might be the Public Libraries section. Joanne will answer Allan Kleiman that LSDP are interested in cooperation but propose to limit the theme to Elderly with Special Needs.

Action: Joanne

13. Projects

13.1 Status of miscellaneous translations

The German translation of the Dyslexia Guidelines was discussed. Section members are encouraged to inform Joanne on translations of our publications into languages other than the IFLA languages (including "unauthorized" translations that we know of!). Joanne will send a schedule to be filled out by all SC members.

Action: Joanne and subsequently all Standing Committee members

13.2 Prison Library Guidelines (Vibeke Lehmann)

Vibeke presented the draft of the fully revised Prison Library Guidelines that had been sent out in advance. The word "shall" is to be changed to "should" throughout the document. Comments and suggestions for words difficult to understand to be included in a Glossary should be sent to Vibeke **before 10 September 2005**. After that Vibeke will make changes and send the Guidelines to be printed. Joanne will update the bibliography.

Action: Vibeke Lehmann and all members.

13.3 Access to Libraries for Disabled Persons Checklist (Gyda Skat Nielsen and Birgitta Irvall)

The *Checklist* was presented by the authors at the Satellite meeting in Gothenburg, Sweden and in Oslo. 17 copies were sold in Oslo and 6 in Gothenburg.

13.4 Update to Resource Book (Joanne Locke)

Nancy and Joanne are working on updating the *Resource Book* published in 2001. It is anticipated that a draft will be presented for review at the Mid-year meeting, with a final product ready for the annual conference in Seoul.

Action: Nancy Panella and Joanne

14. Project proposals 2005-2006

14.1 Dementia Guidelines

A proposal for a project for Guidelines for Library Services to Persons with Dementia was put forward to the Coordinating Board meeting on Friday 19 August. The proposal was ranked second for funding and will be presented to the Professional Board in December 2005. We will apply for EUR 1300 which includes translations into the four IFLA languages. The application was presented to the Coordinating Board by Tone.

Action: Gyda and Helle Mortensen

15. Membership Matters

15.1 Review of SC membership status

Joanne has asked how many Corresponding Members a Standing Committee can have and Sjoerd Koopman answered that we can have "as many as we want." Presently the SC has 6 Corresponding Members: Gyda Skat Nielsen (Denmark), Vibeke Lehmann (USA), Misako Nomura (Japan), Teresa Pagès Gillibets (Spain), Nancy Panella (USA), and José Roque Diaz (Cuba).

The SC 15 regular members.

15.2 Recruitment efforts for new Section and SC members

The maximum number of SC members is 20, thus, a further 5 members should be recruited. All SC members should try to recruit more members.

16. Correspondence and communications

The SC has received a letter from "D.I.T.T" (Dyslexia International Tools and Technologies), a non-profit organization in Belgium on Dyslexia. The organization has produced an educational CD-ROM in English, German and French for children and young adults with dyslexia. DITT asks if we are willing to help distributing these materials. The SC will not be able to do so but we can send out the web address to everyone in the Section: <http://www.ditt.org>
E-mail: info@ditt-online.org.

Action: Gyda will write a short note on D.I.T.T for the LSDP Newsletter.

17. Strategic Plan 2005-2006

The plan was already discussed in the Review.

18. Ideas for 2006-2007 projects

The issue will be discussed in e-mails and at the Mid-year meeting in 2006.

19. Other Business

Margaret reports from the Information Coordinators' Meeting that we can nominate one of our papers from the Open Session in Oslo for a possible publication in the IFLA Journal. The SC recommends that Margaret's paper be sent forward for publication. Margaret is willing to add some information to it and submit it within 2 weeks.

Action: Margaret

Margaret chaired the last meeting and thanked everyone for successful meetings.

The Libraries Serving Disadvantaged Persons Section sincerely thanks Birgitta Irvall, who leaves the SC at the Oslo Conference after many years of dedicated service, for the valuable work Birgitta has done for the LSDP, IFLA and the development of library services to the disadvantaged.

Stockholm/Copenhagen, August 2005
Birgitta Irvall & Gyda Skat Nielsen