Libraries Serving Disadvantaged Persons Section

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Libraries Serving Disadvantaged Persons Section

MINUTES
Standing Committee Meeting in Seoul
Saturday, August 19, 2006, 14:30-17:20 (SC I)
Friday, August 25, 2006, 9:30-10:50 (SC II)
Location: Seoul, South Korea

Members present:

Joanne Locke, Chair and Treasurer (Canada), Tone Moseid, Secretary (Norway),
Dunjia Maria Gabriel (Croatia), Claudie Guerin (France), Yu Kikuchi (Japan),
Youngsook Lee (South Korea), Helle Mortensen (Denmark), Misako Nomura,
(Japan), Gyda Skat Nielsen (Denmark).

1. Welcome and Introductions
Joanne Locke welcomed all the members of the Standing Committee (SC). She also welcomed visitors: Dora Ackerman (South Africa) dora@cut.ac.za, Lucille Webster (South Africa) websterl@dit.ac.za, Hiroshi Kawamura (Japan) hkawa@attglobal.net, Noriko lida (Japan) iida.noriko@dinf.ne.jp, Yuko Arita (Japan) arita.yuko@dinf.ne.jp

2. Regrets
Regrets were received from Margaret Forrest, Information Officer (UK),
Ramatoulaye Fofana (France), Teresa Pagés Gilibets (Spain), Vibeke
Lehmann (USA), Nancy Panella (USA), Edwin Qobose (Botswana), José
Diaz Roque (Cuba), Kajo Carlsen, Advisor (Norway).

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3. **Approval of the Agenda**
   The Agenda was approved with the addition of item 17.1 Discussion of Name Change.

4. **Minutes of the March 2006 SC Mid-year Meeting in New York**

   4.1 **Approval of Minutes**
   The Minutes were approved as presented, with a minor change under item 8.1.2, where the title of the paper to be presented by Gyda Skat Nielsen and Helle Mortensen was corrected to read: “Library Services to Persons with Dyslexia, the European Experience”.

   4.2 **Business Arising from the Minutes**
   Any business arising from the Minutes of the SC mid-year meeting in New York appears as individual items on the agenda.

5. **Chair’s Report**

   5.1 **Div. III CB I meeting in Seoul**
   - Sections are asked to recommend one or two of the papers from their respective IFLA session for possible publication in the IFLA Journal.
   - All SC members are invited to attend the special Professional Committee session scheduled for Sunday 20 August 2006 entitled IFLA’s Professional Organization: Suggestions for Change, a discussion on the re-organization of IFLA.
   - The mid-year meeting of the Coordinating Board is proposed to be in Zagreb, Croatia on March 1. & 2. 2007. (This was the final decision at CB II)
   - Division III (of which LSDP is a member section) has decided to schedule a full day session to include participation by all member Sections at the Durban conference. The general theme proposed is Social Inclusion. The Chair of each section will form a working group and are scheduled to meet on Sunday, August 20 to work on a program.
   - SC members are encouraged to attend the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Access to Learning Award 2006 and the Division III session Dynamic Libraries Creating the Future.

6. **Financial Report**
   The financial report was accepted as presented. The report is attached to the minutes.

7. **Publications and Information**

   7.1 **Information coordinator’s report**
   At the time of the meeting the report from the information coordinator was not available. The report is attached to the minutes. All members of the
SC are urged to contribute to or solicit contributions to the Section newsletter.

8. Conference Planning

8.1 Seoul 2006

8.1.1 Seoul Conference program
The LSDP program entitled Library Services to Dyslexic Patrons took place on Tuesday 22 August 2006, 8.30 – 10.30. The session attracted approximately 160 attendees. It was followed by a complementary session offered by the Section for the Blind.

The congratulatory wishes of the European Dyslexia Association were publicly acknowledged during the session.

In order to determine if possible future collaboration might be a possibility, several SC members agreed to attend the programme of the Science and Technology Libraries with Information Technology as the first paper presented was The ubiquitous library for the blind and physically handicapped: a case study of the LG Sangnam Library, Korea. It was later reported that the paper was very interesting.

8.1.2 Staffing the IFLA Booth, Tuesday August 22, 12:00-14:00
Young Sook Lee, Gyda Skat Nielsen and Claudie Guerin staffed the IFLA Booth. Both the Section’s information brochure and the 75th anniversary brochure were distributed. The LSDP acknowledges the Norwegian archives, libraries and museums authority for covering the expenses of producing the anniversary brochure.

8.1.3 Poster Sessions
8.1.3.1 Hospital Patient Libraries
Yu Kikuchi (Japan) presented a poster entitled Hospital Patients’ Libraries.

8.1.3.2 History of Section for 75th Anniversary
In the IFLA Corner, the anniversary poster entitled Libraries Serving Disadvantaged Persons Section: 75th Anniversary was featured.

8.1.3.3 Young offenders
Dunja Marija Gabriel (Croatia) presented a poster entitled Library services for the persons with special needs – determining the problem of reading and writing causing the changes in the behavior of juveniles in the young offenders institutions in Croatia.
8.2 Durban, South Africa, 2007

8.2.4 Conference program, speakers, etc.
The theme for the division day will be “Social inclusion” – the Sections are requested to come up with suggestions for a good title. There will be a call for papers, and it is important that the papers complement a total program for the divisions session. LSDP still has an hour time-slot to be used either alone or as a part of a joint session.

The SC member Edwin Qoboze has sent out a request to his African colleagues to suggest appropriate themes for the LSDP session in Durban. Some suggestions have come up on email:
- Serving persons with physical handicaps
- Hospital libraries
Other suggestions:
- Presenting the new guidelines for dementia (Gyda) (may also be presented as a poster session)
- Physical accessibility to the library building (Dora Ackerman)
- The digital divide as a main challenge in the WSIS work, to follow up the IFLA commitment to the WSIS, finalized in Tunis. (Hiroshi Kawamura)
- The HIV dimension may be of interest – that is, the problems individuals with HIV or AIDS have in accessing accurate and up to date information.
- People with mental disabilities are often those who are in greatest danger of being excluded from the knowledge society
- Service to indigenous people

1) The division day
Our section may want to add some modifications in the division’s call for papers. Title for the session must be decided.
The division day will be a whole day, with a series of sessions that complement each other.

Ideas:
• to start a library from nothing, could also be to start a new service from nothing within an existing library.
  Best practices - particularly speakers from Africa.
• Focus on policy issues, like equal access to all, rather than formalities. Suggestion for a key note speaker: Robert Putnam.

There may very well be posters within the section. There should be a possibility of having posters both at the IFLA poster sessions and as part of the division day.

LSDP:
- Poster about our publications
- Poster about prison libraries
From the brain storm - suggestions for title:
Social inclusion --> Social responsibility = knowledge + power = responsible citizens

2) The last session hour
   - Possibility of cooperating with the section for library buildings. Tone has contacted this section to investigate the possibility of having a joint session about library buildings, where the LSDP focuses on accessibility.
   - Cooperation with the multimedia section, or the section for ICT

3) Any Section is permitted to apply for speaker money from IFLA. We should consider this. However, the Section needs to find other ways of paying for the printing of brochures etc. as Section administrative monies total only EUR 325.

9. IFLA Review of Sections – Tentative discussion of results
There will supposedly have to be more consultation done before anything more concrete comes out of the reviews from the sections.
Our contribution was well received by the CB and GB.

10. Conference Planning continued

10.1 Quebec City, Canada, 2008
   - Proposal for joint IFLA/LSDP, ALA. CLA satellite program on library services to the elderly (Allan Kleiman)
   Vibeke Lehmann is the SC’s contact. The theme for the Quebec conference is:
   “Libraries without borders – navigating towards global understanding.”
   It is necessary to begin the planning of the Quebec conference as soon as possible.

11. Projects

11.1 Status of miscellaneous translations
Chinese and Arabic have been proposed as official IFLA languages. Because of the extensive publication and translation record of the Section, this will add to the challenge.

The current table of translations which appeared in the Section Review needs to be updated and maintained. A Section member needs to be recruited to take on this responsibility. Following the assessment, the Section can strategize on how to address the translation of any documents not yet translated.

11.2 Update to Resource Book
Will be updated within the next year.

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11.3 Guidelines for persons with Dementia
A draft is done, and the guidelines will be published by the end of the year and may be promoted at the Durban conference.


12.1 Guidelines for Library Services to Persons with Dementia
Apply for translation money for these guidelines, as well as for translation Send a form and a model (past application)

Action: Joanne to send the form and a model to Gyda.

12.2 Easy to read guidelines
Misako Namuro is willing to update the “Easy-to-read” guidelines in cooperation with Bror Tronbacke. Misako will confirm that the publication is an official IFLA-publication to be co-published by IFLA and the easy to read organization.

Action: Misako Namuro

13. Membership Matters

13.1 Review of SC membership status
LSDP membership on the Standing Committee covers all continents with the exception of Australia and South America. It is important to recruit members from these areas.

13.2 Recruitment efforts for new Section & SC members
The LSDP members are urged to continuously work on recruitment, for both Section membership and committee participation.

13.3 Replacement of resigning SC member
Martin Dowding (Canada) has announced his resignation from the SC. Joanne has asked Vibeke Lehmann to re-enter the LSDP as a member for the remainder of the term. This was acclaimed by the SC.

Joanne will contact members who have not acknowledged emails or participated in any conference activity in over one year. While it is understood that SC members cannot always attend conferences, there is an expectation that responses to email requests will be received.

14. Correspondence & communications
No correspondence was received.

15. Strategic Plan 2006-2007
The strategic plan was updated at the mid-year-meeting and has been distributed to the SC members.
   Already discussed under 12.

17. Other Business

17.1 Name change.
   Tone proposed that there be consideration of a name change for the
   Section. She spoke to this need based upon a natural change over time,
   reflected by the history of the section; the need for including universal
   design and accessibility to all as a strategy; the ongoing process in IFLA
   on organizational changes, where our section also needs to consider its
   purpose; and the need to avoid bad connotations by the word
   “disadvantaged”. It will also be necessary to discuss this in the context of
   the section’s purpose.

   The SC discussed the issue, concluding that we will use the coming year
   to discuss possible new names and possible changes in the overall goals
   of the Section, with a view to, if deemed necessary, proposing a new
   name at the SC meeting in Durban. Tone will present, in a memo to all SC
   members, the challenges and thoughts discussed at the SC meeting in
   Seoul. All are urged to present their views and ideas by email, to make a
   foundation for further discussion at the midyear-meeting.

17.2 Mid-year meeting
   Joanne will not be able to both go to Durban in August 2007 as well as to
   Europe for either the SC or CB mid-year meetings in March. To ensure
   continuity, it will be necessary to have at least two persons from the SC
   attend both mid-year meetings (and Durban).

   Providing there can be strong attendance, the LSDP mid-year meeting will
   be held in Croatia on February 27 and 28 immediately preceding the CB
   CB mid-year meeting, also to be held in Croatia, on March 1 and 2, 2007.
   Tone, Gyda, Dunja and Helle are able to attend both meetings in Croatia,
   as well as participating in the IFLA conference in Durban.

Ref.
Tone Moseid

Attachments:
   - LSDP financial Report, August 2006
   - Report of the Information Coordinator, Margaret Forrest

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¹Seven Disability Checklists given as gifts during the Oslo Conference, August 2005 @ EUR10 each = EUR 70
²Translation of Prison Guidelines, 3rd ed. to German, June 2006. EUR 300 for Evelyn Agbaria. EUR300 @ 1.4564 = CA$436.92.
³Translation of Prison Guidelines, 3rd ed. to Russian, August 2006. EUR 300 for Irene Gaishun, Russian State Library. Drawn from 3 sources: EUR188.07 from project S3.2-1.02CB (Revision, Prison Guidelines), EUR 25.68 from project S3.2-2.02PC (All translations), EUR 86.25 from Administrative funds. EUR300 @ 1.4861 =CA $447.78.

Additional information:
Administrative funds from 2006 forward are kept at Headquarters. Receipts must be submitted directly to The Hague.

Total administrative funds should equal EUR 506.66 including the EUR 325 for 2006 held by Headquarters and the remaining EUR 181.66 which we have in our LSDP account.

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**Newsletter**  
The LSDP Newsletter continues to be published and distributed primarily in electronic format. This has allowed for an increase in page numbers and content with no costs for printing and distribution.

Contributions to the Newsletter during the last year have been received from many different countries including: Canada, Denmark, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Norway, the United Kingdom and the United States. In addition to news items and reviews, the Newsletter has included short articles of topical interest in the field of library services to disadvantaged people. Articles published were concerned with the following:

- A health information centre and library within a major teaching hospital in Norway  
- Initiatives for social inclusion of minority ethnic groups at a university library in Ireland  
- Working with people who have a mental health disability and the art that they create in Norway  
- Continuing education for hospital patient librarians in Germany  
- The US White House conference on Aging  
- Children’s bibliographies  
- Dyslexia friendly libraries  
- Library design  
- Library services for disadvantaged youth in Edinburgh, Scotland

The Newsletter regularly provides information about the IFLA Annual Conferences in the form of previews and reviews of conferences. The final page of the Newsletter lists the current Section’s Standing Committee (SC) Members. The Editor wishes to record her thanks to all contributors to the Newsletter.

Margaret E.S. Forrest  
LSDP Information Co-ordinator  
06.09.06