



Libraries Serving Disadvantaged Persons Section

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IFLA Standing Committee Libraries Serving Disadvantaged Persons Section

Minutes Conference Meeting 2007

August 18. 11.30 – 14.20
& August 24. 11.00 – 13.50

Location:

ICC Conference Centre
Durban

Members present:

Joanne Locke, Chair (Canada), Tone Moseid, Secretary (Norway), Youngsook Lee (South Korea), Misako Nomura (Japan), Vibeke Lehmann (United States), Ramatoulaye Fofana (France), Helle Mortensen, (Denmark), Lucille Webster (South Africa).

1. Welcome and Introductions

Joanne Locke welcomed all the members of the Standing Committee. The following guests were welcomed to attend the meeting: Koen Krikhaar (1. meeting, Libraries Serving the Blind Section, Netherlands), Junko Ota, (JSRPD Japan), Luc Maumet (2. meeting, Libraries Serving the Blind Section, France).

2. Regrets

Regrets were received from Margaret Forrest, Information Officer (Scotland), Dunja Maria Gabriel (Croatia), Nancy Panella (United States), Gyda Skat Nielsen (Denmark), Ka-Jo Carlsen (Norway), Corinne de Munain (France), Teresa Pagès Gilibets (Spain), Claudie Guerin (France), Yu Kikuchi (Japan), Maria José Lopez-Huertas Pérez (Spain), Edwin Qobose (Botswana), Bror Tronbacke (Sweden), Jose Diaz Roque (Cuba). Veronica L. C. Stevenson-Moudamane was prevented from attending the meetings, due to unfortunate circumstances.

3. Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda was approved with the addition:

9.2.2 Distant access to a digital library for the disabled.

Item 14.3 will be changed to: "Survey of members and how they chose our section."

Election will be placed as issue 8 on the agenda, and the numbering adjusted from 8 and on.

4. Minutes of the February 2007 SC Midyear meeting, London

4.1 Approval of Minutes

The Minutes were approved as presented.

4.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

Any business arising from the Minutes of the SC meeting in London has been incorporated as items in the meeting agenda.

5. Chair's Report

5.1 Div III Coordinating Board meetings in Durban

- The SC were advised to add the elections to our meeting agenda if missing
- Information on security measures in Durban were given, emphasizing the necessity of following the advisories on security.
- Voting for officers for div III will be held Sun 19. Aug. 16.00. Standing and incoming officers of the SC have voting rights.
- SC members are urged to attend the division day Wednesday.
- The IFLA structure was debated, and the SC members are urged to attend the hearing on Sunday and contribute with comments agreed on by the SC members.

5.2 Announcements

Vibeke informed that the German Library Association has selected the Gefangenenbücherei der Justizvollzugsanstalt Münster as the Library of the year in Germany. The Library is directed by Gerhard Peschers, who highlighted this library at his 2003 IFLA/LSDP presentation in Berlin. The LSDP will send him a congratulatory greeting on the award.

(Gerhard.peschers@jva-muenster.nrw.de)

Action: Tone

6. Financial Report

Will be distributed to the SC members as soon as possible after the conference, and will be added to the minutes.

Action: Joanne

7. Publications and Information

7.1 Information coordinator's report

In the absence of the Information Coordinator, Tone referred to the written report, which is attached to the minutes. (Attachment 1)

Section Brochure: The section brochure will be revised after a final decision has been made on a possible name change. A Russian version is done, ready for Durban. It has been copied and will be distributed on the Division day.

A French translation is being done, and will be finished before Quebec.

The mailing list set up by IFLA HQ at our request was discussed. The list has a limitation, as it does not allow attachments. Nevertheless, the mailing list makes it easier to make sure that emails reach the whole SC. The SC agreed to go forward with the list. Margaret and Tone are administrators of the list.

8. Elections

Tone Moseid was elected chair for the coming period 2007 – 2009.

Helle Mortensen was elected secretary for the coming period 2007 – 2009.

Joanne Locke volunteered to continue as a treasurer for the remaining period 2007 – 2009. Later on, this has been changed after signals from HQ: the treasurer needs to be a member of the SC, and should preferably be one of the officers. Tone has taken over as treasurer, but will be able to receive advise and support from Joanne.

9. Conference Planning

9.1 Durban 2007

9.1.1 Durban Division Day Program

The division day program is set, 19 papers were accepted, 17 presentations will be held. The SC wishes to thank Vibeke for doing a great job in evaluating the papers on behalf of our section. Young Sook Lee has been chosen to make a presentation on the Division day: "Integrating people with disabilities into mainstream library services."

9.1.2 Poster sessions

1. Prison libraries (Vibeke Lehmann)

Poster 36 Model Prison libraries: How to use standards & guidelines to build modern and relevant library services for incarcerated persons. Will be presented by Vibeke.

2. Dementia guidelines (Gyda Skat Nielsen, Helle Mortensen)

Poster 60: Library Services to People with Dementia
Will be presented by Helle. 25 copies of the new guidelines will be for sale at the stand.

3. Right to information and knowledge (Dunja Marija Gabriel)

Will be presented by Ljiljana Sabljak (director of Zagreb Public Library) in Dunja's absence.

9.2 Quebec City, Canada, 2008

9.2.1 Conference program, speakers, etc.

There will be no satellite meeting in conjunction with ALA, CLA and IFLA, as previously planned.

A contact has been made about cooperating with the Section for Public Libraries – they are interested, but have already decided to allocate their 2-hour slot to a program on advocacy. The PL Section is willing to cooperate on speakers and suggested a jointly sponsored session if an additional 2-hour slot can be obtained to make the session a total of 4 hours.

Vibeke will pursue this matter with the PL Section and request the extra time.

Margaret has proposed a presentation on an e-learning program for library staff. It may be possible to cooperate with the section for Education – a contact will be made to see if this presentation may fit in their planned program. If no luck, Margaret's presentation may be integrated in the Milan program for the deaf and deaf/blind.

9.2.2 Distant access to a digital library for the disabled.

Fofana Rama presented the project Digital Library for the Disabled, which may be presented at the Quebec conference by Alain Patez. This may be of interest to the LBS (the Blind section) to present at their session in Quebec. Rama will attend the SC II meeting of the LBS and present the project. It may also be of interest to the Information Technology Section.

(Rama has presented the project for both the LBS and IT Sections. The IT could not fit into their program, and the Blind are planning on another theme. There is a possibility of presenting this project within the theme "Elderly".)

10. IFLA Professional Structure Review (GB 07-028RRR)

10.1 Discussion of document

Tone reviewed the report from from the Governing Board. Vibeke Lehmann, Teresa Pagès Gilibets and Edwin Qobose had sent some comments by email to the SC members.

From the discussion at the meeting:

- There may be a challenge of how to do the networking which is necessary for further cooperation between sections, on conference programs and other projects.
- This is a challenge already today, may be more pronounced within the proposed structure.
- Need for more meetings and meeting places for the sections, when the Division's purpose is more limited.
- The number of sections represented in the different divisions are very diverse – may be a challenge that one division represents only a few sections, while other divisions have a much wider representation.
- The recruitment for division chair may be difficult, when the chair must be elected only from outgoing members – may be a limited number of outgoing members still active members of a section. Should be an option to elect the chair among the all the members, not only-the outgoing.
- The SC wants to express an overall positive support of the suggested changes. This seems to be the first step in the right direction.

10.2 Representation at the meeting to discuss the document Sunday August 19, 2007, 11.45 – 13.30

Joanne, Vibeke and Tone will represent the SC at the meeting and present some of the SC's points of view.

11. Conference Planning continued

11.1 Milan, Italy, 2009

The deaf blind may be a theme for a SC session at Milan.

12. Projects

12.1 Status of miscellaneous translations

12.1.1 Review of table from Margaret

Margaret had distributed a list of publications and translations to the SC members. These known translations were added:

- Guidelines for prison libraries: Norwegian (finalised soon)
- Guidelines for deaf: Korean translation planned
- Guidelines for Checklist: Korean translation planned

Misako will send over an updated list over Japanese translations.

We have been requested to publish a Catalan prison library guidelines document lies on our webpage. These guidelines are not a directly translation of the IFLA guidelines, so the document cannot be published as an “official” Professional Report. Our SC, however, sees the necessity of making this Catalan publication known, and will request that Margaret mention it in the newsletter. Action: Joanne will forward information about this to Margaret

12.1.2 Requests for copyright and authorized translations

There is a need to have a fully updated list of all the translations of our guidelines – the SC decided upon sending out an invitation to our members to help in making translations of those guidelines that are not yet available in all the official IFLA languages.

12.2 Update to resource books

Nancy and Joanne are working on this, and are now proofreading, and especially dealing with diacritic letters.

12.3 Guidelines for Library Services to People with Dementia

The guidelines are ready, and have been printed in a limited number for the Durban conference. Were presented at the poster session.

12.4 Revision of “Easy to Read” guidelines

Misako, Bror and Gyda had a meeting in July in Denmark. The existing text was reviewed, and amongst other things, the list of technological equipment was updated. It will be necessary to place more emphasize on legislative issues, and on easy-to-read networks in Europe.

Misako will draw up a proposal for project funding. 1800 EURO (for all the IFLA languages).

13. Project proposals 2007 – 2008

13.1 Easy to read

See under 12.4

13.2 Enabling the disabled

A working group consisting of Rama, Vibeke, Young Sook and Tone will work on a project proposal to be presented in 2008. The project outline: Enabling the Disabled – technology and universal design as means of enabling the disabled and ensure inclusion. Use of technology, provision of legislation, professional expertise. (IFLA Publication Series.)

14. Membership matters

14.1 Review of SC membership status

The SC has now three new members: Lucille Webster (South Africa), Bror Tronbacke (Sweden) and Veronica Stevenson-Moudamane (USA). Bror Tronbacke had sent his regrets, Lucille and Veronica was were both prevented from attending the SC meetings.

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Young Sook Lee was as a result of a misunderstanding in the Korean Library Association nominated for another SC instead of the re-nomination for the LSDP. She will therefore be a corresponding member until she may be re-nominated in 2009.

Joanne Locke was co-opted in 2005 to complete the term of Dominique Phaneuf whose term of office was 2003-2007. Joanne's term as a SC member ends in 2007, and she will continue as a corresponding member.

The number of corresponding members is limited to 5 – the SC will have to limit the number of corresponding members to 5. Action: Tone

The LSDP directory was updated.

The LSDP Section has now 60 members + 5 personal affiliates.

14.2 Recruitment efforts for new Section and SC members

IFLA website is now updated with information on IFLA members and section membership. This will give us the possibility to identify potential new members for the section. There is also a need for identifying possible members outside of IFLA.

Tone has made a draft of a promotional letter, and asks for feedback on the content of this. This promotional letter may be sent out in due time before the deadline for renewal of membership fees, to recruit new members.

Action: Tone

14.3 Survey of members and how they chose our section

Joanne will do a membership survey, to give us more information on what made our members choose our section – the information gathered should indicate in what direction we ought to point our efforts in recruiting new members.

Action: Joanne

14.4 Membership list, additional biographical information

There ought to be a feature about our new members in the LSDP Newsletter. Tone will send requests to our new members.

15. Name change

Tone had sent out a draft document, which was discussed at the meeting. Several of the SC members had sent in comments by email in advance.

It was agreed that Tone would revise the document to reflect the SC discussion, and to present the proposal at the GB meeting Friday.

The proposed name for the section was agreed to be: Accessible and Inclusive Library Services Section (AILS).

(This was proposed at the GB meeting. The Section for the Blind is also planning a name change. The GB will not handle our proposal for a name change until their midyear meeting, as they will have both name change proposals on the table first.)

16. Correspondence and communications

None of substance. Members of the SC have been in contact with possible parties to cooperate with for a session in Quebec.

Correspondence that needs to be discussed by the SC will be sent to the chair or secretary, who will distribute and see to that it is handled by the SC. Other issues will be sent to the secretary to be filed, if necessary.

17. Strategic Plan 2007-2008

The minor changes made at the midyear meeting in London were accepted. The plan will be updated and published on the IFLA website.

18. Other business

None.

19. Mid-year meeting, Paris

The midyear meeting will be held in Paris in the week around the 23. of February. Enough members of the SC said they will be able to attend, so the planning will go on (at least Tone, Lucille, Vibeke, Misako, Joanne, Nancy, Bror? and Rama)

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Tone Moseid

Attachment 1.

Information Co-ordinator's Report 2006-2007

Newsletter

The LSDP Newsletter continues to be published and distributed primarily in electronic format. Contributions to the Newsletter during the last year have been received from many different countries including: Canada, Denmark, Iran, 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:

- Accessibility and library services to blind, visually impaired, dyslexic and disabled readers
- Prison libraries in Norway
- Prison libraries in Iran
- Dementia Services Development Centre Library & Information Service in Scotland
- Using library resources to support reminiscence in Danish nursing homes

The Newsletter regularly provides information about the IFLA Annual Conferences in the form of previews and reviews of conferences. The Editor wishes to record her thanks to all contributors to the Newsletter.

IFLA Guidelines

New translations of a number of LSDP's IFLA Guidelines are now available. A table listing all current publications from the Section and available translations has been submitted to the LSDP Standing Committee for discussion at the Durban Conference. It is noted that most of the Section's publications have been translated into the "IFLA languages" of English, French, German, Spanish and Russian, but that translations are now required in Chinese and Arabic in response to IFLA's expanding language portfolio.

LSDP Brochure

During this year a Russian translation of the Section's brochure was prepared and will be available at the Durban conference.

LSDP Standing Committee Mail List

Preliminary work is underway to set up a mailing list for SC members of LSDP, with support from Sophie Felfoldi at IFLA HQ. Further discussion is required to decide how this could be used to enhance communication among all members.

Margaret E.S. Forrest
LSDP Information Co-ordinator
20.08.07

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