



IFLA - Section Libraries for Children and Young Adults

Minutes from Standing Committee Meetings, WLIC, Durban, 2007

Dates:

Standing Committee meeting I – Saturday, August 18, 14.30-17.20

Extra SC meeting, Tuesday, August 21, 10.45-12:45

Standing Committee meeting II - Friday, August 24, 11.00-13.50

Attendees:Standing Committee I

Members: Ivanka Stricevic, Annie Everall, Viviana Quiñones, Lars Aagaard, Soizic Jouin, Kirsten Boelt, Barbara Genco, Ingrid Bon, Olga Andreeva, Kazuko Yoda, Linn Tonnessen, Ivan Chew, Annie Everall, Naoko Sato, Kazuko Yoda

Observers : Anne Weeks, Pam Berger, Liz Weir, Lucie Dion, Patricia Lemieux, Florence Mdluli, Yasuyo Noue, Zaynab Bt Abd Kader, Shahaneem Hanoum, Rashaoh Bolhassan, Rashidah Begum bt Fazal Mohamed

Extra SC meeting

Members : Soizic Jouin, Olga Andreeva, Annie Everall, Kazuko Yoda, Naoko Sato, Linn Tonnessen, Kirsten Boelt, Ivan Chew, Barbara Genko, Ingrid Bon, Viviana Quiñones

Observers : Lars Aagard, Geneviève Patte, Anne Weeks, Ivanka Stricevic (President of Section Reading)

Standing Committee II

Members : Soizic Jouin, Olga Andreeva, Annie Everall, Kazuko Yoda, Naoko Sato, Linn Tonnessen, Kirsten Boelt, Ivan Chew, Ingrid Bon, Viviana Quiñones

Observer : Iginio Poggiali (Rome Libraries, Member of FAIFE Committee)

1. Welcome and Apologies. Introductions

Welcome by chair Ivanka Stricevic, introducing everybody who is present; welcome to observers and new members. Apologies from: Pat Muller, Kathy East, Ute Hachmann, Letizia Tarantello, Viviane Ezratty, Young Sook Song, Tae Suk Hang, Verena Tibljas. Patrizia Lucchini was not present without word of apology.

2. Elections of the Officers : Chair and Secretary of the Section

11 members voting

Chair election: Ingrid Bon, 11 votes, unanimous

Secretary election: Viviana Quiñones, 11 votes, unanimous

3. Elections of Treasurer and Information Officer (appointed positions)

Information officer: Ivan Chew

Treasurer: Ingrid Bon

4. Minutes and matters arising from previous meetings (Seoul 2006, Moscow 2007)

Agreed

5. Durban Conference schedule and programme of SC meetings

Programme as send by chair in advance is being discussed.

Thanks to translators (members of section child and all others) for all their hard work!!!!

Hearing session on Ifla structure: please attend. Biggest changes are discussed and presented. 4 divisions are proposed instead of 7.

Special Interest Groups are a new item as well.

6. Chair's report

- Meetings in Seoul and Moscow
- Preparing conference in Durban (sessions and joint sessions)
- Pretoria pre conference; papers will be on conference webpage. 180 attendees
- Babies guidelines finished and 4 translations prepared, published as Ifla professional reports. Free to translate in any format. Translations must be agreed with HQ because of copyright. First right goes to National Associations. Anybody who wants to translate: first approach HQ and then, after approval from HQ chair will send English texts.
- Translations will be available on Ifla net.
- Young adult guidelines review: will be discussed on extra meeting.
- Mailing list is created.
- Best practices
- MoU; first steps are taken
- ICDL: congratulations on new interface to other languages
- Alma nominations were sent, just renominated "Nati per leggere". (new (re)nominations are very welcome)
- Participation in Bologna and Seoul. 1st anniversary of National children's library in Seoul, Hong Kong presentation for school librarians and JES in Bologna
- Emails; lots and lots!!!
- Electronic version of the chairs report will be on Iflanet

7. Membership status

101 section members. On Iflanet there is a toolkit available on how to recruit new members etc.

Standing members: 17

Update of election status will be sent after the conference

8. Financial report

Approved

9. Information Officer's report (webpage, SCL News, leaflet, list)

Agreed with many many thanks

10. Information on Pre-conference held in Pretoria

Adriaan Swanepoel will produce a report, that will be available to every member, Ingrid will send it just after the conference.

11. Reports of Projects and plans for future work

A. Guidelines for babies and toddlers

They will be sold as Professional Reports, and will be on-line in November. They will be presented in Québec conference, at an off-site session (cf Conference planning)

B. Guidelines for Children's Services (translations)

We should try to have more translations made (which must be approved by HQ).

C. Revision and new edition of the Young Adults Guidelines

We have worked on Pat's proposals of changes and replacements, which have been largely approved; some modifications and additions have been suggested. **Annie's** work on this text was much appreciated; she will work with **Ivan** on the new draft, as well as **Pat** and **Olga**.

Ivanka : The guidelines must be finished for the end of the year; there is funding for translations : all versions will be presented at the pre-conference in Montréal, and during the main conference in Québec where an extra hour will be allotted for the presentation

Calendar :

2nd draft must be ready before November 15th, and sent to all

Final remarks must be sent to the working group + Ingrid and Viviana before December 1st

Final text must be finished before December 31st

Printing will be considered at mid-year meeting in March 08

Final document will be then sent to IFLA in Word format (but we must remember to ask IFLA for the pdf for proof-reading before printing)

D. Children's Libraries Best Practice on IFLANET

Request to everybody: please send in Best Practices.

E. Statement "Internet and Children's Library Services"

We have discussed the first draft, prepared by Leikny Haga Indergaard from Reading Section and Ingrid. "Section Reading" must be added to the first paragraph. Other than some minor modifications, a very interesting discussion took place on the question of filtering : the fact that politicians often want filtering, the issue of filtering through software or by blocking certain sites... this question deserves further discussion; Annie proposes a new formulation for the paragraph on filtering that seems very adequate, she will send it to Ingrid. Other interesting questions arise : chat allowed? time for using internet restricted? Games allowed?... Also, it must be mentioned that it is necessary to train librarians to internet services.

I. Poggiali from FAIFE suggests that this statement could be an addendum to the FAIFE manifesto that they are thinking could be "customized" according to different "customers", like children.

This first draft will be discussed in a Section Reading meeting, and in the CB meeting. A second draft including our remarks and those by Section Reading might be discussed at mid-year meeting. The team working on this : Ingrid and Annie, Leikny and somebody else from Section Reading.

F. Partnership (ICDL and other partners)

No new developments.

G. ALMA

The winner in 2006 is Banco del Libro (Venezuela). We must prepare new nominations for the Astrid Lindgren Award, which will be discussed at mid-year meeting; this means each of us thinks of a candidate, writes a short abstract and sends it to all before mid-year meeting (information on the prize can be found on ALMA site and on Iflanet)

H. IFLA / IBBY / IRA Memorandum of understanding

Ingrid will meet Patricia Aldana, President of IBBY, to work on projects for future IFLA / IBBY collaboration ; Ingrid will attend next IBBY conference in Copenhagen in 2008

12. Budget 2007-2008 proposals for Projects

Young Adults reviewed : finish end of year, translations in 2008

13. Strategic Plan 2007-2009

Ingrid will prepare a draft in a week time and send it to everybody for approval, so that it can be on Iflanet in September

14. Conference Planning

A. SC Mid-year meeting 2008

It will be held in Copenhagen; all members present will be able to attend it except Ivan and Naoko. Members need formal invitations to the meeting to be able to attend. It will most probably be held in March.

B. Main conference Quebec 2008

a. An off-site program focused on babies and toddlers, at a local library, to be organised with colleagues from Quebec Public Libraries : Presentation of Babies Guidelines, then a workshop to share experiences and a library visit. **Annie** will work on this program together with Viviana and Ingrid and our contact in Quebec Lucie Dion.

Lars : it would be good to open to other skills that lead to reading : puppets, rhymes, work with parents... following the theory on the different ways of learning, VORW, vision, oral, read, write;
Annie : a project "Rhythm and rhyme" has been conducted in the UK for the last 2 years, with parents of under 5 year-old children; Barbara : many American libraries develop programs for the youngest;
Annie : interesting to know about this type of work in developing countries)

b. An on-site 2 hour session

The overall subject will be "responses to different challenges".

All age-groups will be considered.

Ivan : speakers should take part of "best practices", the paper abstracts and photos

Viviana : papers by colleagues working in South America, Africa, Asia; Geneviève Patte: there should be at least one paper from these regions in every conference

Ivanka : informs on a study she has been sent, conducted by André Gagnon (Canada) and that she can forward to us : as somebody from the host country, he could present the part of his study related to our subject, e.g; technology. Also, she has received an e-mail from ALA, Young Adults section, on their programme "Teen Tech": this could be interesting for the pre-conference in Montréal, Barbara who is a member of that section, will follow this

Viviana : libraries on the agenda and advocacy (IFLA's new president theme, which is vital for libraries working in difficult contexts) could be a subject treated by one of the papers

A working group is formed to work on the call for papers : **Kirsten, Barbara, Ingrid and Viviana** who must write and send the call (subject, deadlines, expenses - NOT paid by IFLA), and do the selection work (the 1st speaker always being from the host country).

Extra hour:

Children's Libraries and Guidelines YA will be presented at Québec conference.

Ideas for the following conferences :

The Library Buildings section would like to work with us (maybe in 2009? Maybe something to do with multi-intelligence having to be considered when building a library?)

A pre-conference seminar on libraries for the blind would be held in the Netherlands in 2009 ; Soizic suggests that deaf children should be considered.

2009 : I. Poggiali informs that satellite meetings to the Milan conference will be possible in Rome, Venice and Florence : what would we prefer?

C. Satellite meeting Montreal 2008

-The Section is one of the organizers of the Pre-conference in Montréal, focused on Young Adults. There will be a call for papers. Annie Everall will assist in this. She will be in touch with Patricia from Montreal libraries. Information on the pre-conference will be on website. PDF (call for papers) will be send to all sc, and maillist children and young adults.

15. Reports from SC members

Several reports were handed out : UK, Russia and France.

16. 2007 Conference evaluation

- Report on Pre-conference in Pretoria : will be sent after conference by Ingrid

- the ICDL session (16.00-18.00, Monday, "Learning and understanding the worlds' richness and diversity through children's books: The 5th Anniversary of the International Children's Digital Library (ICDL))"

The session (attendance : around 150) was vibrant, alive and seemed to be really enjoyed by the audience. It will undoubtedly increase participation in the project : Nordic countries have already decided to.

- the Multicultural session (13.45-15.45, Tuesday, organised with Section Library Services to Multicultural Populations, "Multilingual Library Services to Multilingual Families")

An interesting section, attended by around 250 delegates (photos of Florence Mdluli's library needed for Newsletter)

- Divisional Day (8.30-18 Wednesday, "Social inclusion: how can public libraries embrace the challenge of reaching out to serve all people in their community?")

It was a success (attendance varied per session, average 250 persons), and we should repeat it : in 2008? In 2009? This must be decided in the CB meeting. It is suggested, however, that the next edition of Divisional Day consists of three time slots instead of four (8.30-18 seems too long). In any case, the theme chosen for the session is undoubtedly one of the success factors. Also, the question arises of bringing printed copies of certain papers to the session, particularly English translations of papers delivered in other languages : this should be planned in Mid-year meeting.

- the Blind session (10.45-12.45, Thursday, organised with Libraries for the Blind, "Best practice in library services for print-disabled children")

Around 150 people attended. Annie did a marvellous job as chair of the session: good presentation of the speakers, very clear English... As for the contents, some paper were - it is frequently the case...- more interesting than others. Good collaboration with Section Blind

17. Any other business

A. The way we work

Ingrid suggests some new ways of working at meetings; this is discussed :

- it would be a good thing to have every document necessary to the meetings sent to SC members before the meetings, so that no actual reading of documents will be done, but only discussion on matters needing discussion

- country reports will also be sent by everybody before meeting, so that meetings can be used to talk about issues in the reports that interest us particularly
- the general idea is that members participate actively during the meetings, and that there is time allowed for discussion
- maybe each new SC member should be associated to an old member before his/her first meeting, so that the old member could answer questions, explain things... Annie suggests a "newcomer's manual" including the basic principles; or else the first 5 minutes of the first session could be devoted to such explanations
- Ingrid could also write, in her "A word from the chair" text for the newsletter, about how she would like to work.
- Lars's paper "More and less" is discussed; several of his ideas meet Ingrid's, others need clarification (i.e. n°2) or discussion (n°6), n° 8 and 9 are agreed upon...

B. Newsletter

It would be good that our Newsletter include texts on other countries that those represented in the SC. Also, texts could be not only country reports but articles on a particular topic. Deadlines for sending texts to Ivan are fixed on June 1st and December 1st. An informal "Editorial Board" could help Ivan with the Newsletter. This group is composed of Lynn, Viviana, Ingrid and Ivan. All new SC members must send Ivan a photo and a presentation to be published in the next issue

C. "Literacy training in children and young adult libraries"

Discussion of Kazuko's 3rd draft: a definition of "literacy" should be added, and the public we think of should be précised (librarians). Kazuko will work on the text and send it to SC members before mid-September, members should send comments back to Kazuko in three week's time, then it will be included in the Strategic Plan.

D. Ivan's paper on "youth expression"

it will be the object of a discussion in 2008, not during the pre-conference since fewer people will attend, but during the main conference; it should be a largely participative session, announced in an intriguing way... Ivan will work to prepare this, together with Annie, Verena and Lynn.

E. The Section and Latin America, Africa, the Arab World, other Asian countries

- Viviana arises the question of the need for reflection on how to work more closely with colleagues in Latin America, Africa, the Arab World, other Asian countries : including papers from these countries in the conference programs, recruiting new members but also help effectively librarians working in very difficult contexts : organise a project on sisters libraries? A poster session? A paper or discussion time in Québec on sister libraries work...?

F. Annie forwards a request from a colleague in the UK, asking please to send her a contemporary illustrated version of "Little Red Riding Hood" (the colleague will send the books back); on the other hand, the on-line catalogue of La Joie par les livres (www.lajoieparleslivres.com) includes versions of this story from many different countries.

Annie also asks for information on library programs involving three generations in the same family, for a colleague in Wales working on an inter-generational program and willing to make links with similar initiatives in other countries.

Ingrid suggests to put both requests on the list.

Annie reminds us that IBBY conference will be held in the UK in 2010: can she be the IFLA representative in the organizers' group? Ingrid will find out how this question of representing IFLA can be envisaged.

Ingrid Bon and Viviana Quiñones, September 3rd 2007