



Libraries for Children and Young Adults Section

Minutes of Standing Committee Meetings, WLIC, Québec, 2008

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Dates:

Standing Committee meeting I – Saturday, August 9, 11.30-14.20

Standing Committee meeting II - Friday, August 15, 8.30-10.50

Attendees:Standing Committee I

Members: Olga Andreeva, Kirsten Boelt, Ingrid Bon, Ivan Chew, Barbara Genco, Soizik Jouin, Patricia Muller, Viviana Quiñones, Letizia Tarantello, Verena Tibljas, Linn Tønnessen, Kazuko Yoda

Observers: Carmen Barvo (Colombia), Lucie Dion (Canada), Felicia Etim (Nigeria), Stig Elvis Furset (Norway), Yumi Mitobe (Japan), Josiane Polidori (Canada), Randi Robin (Canada), Saki Shigetomi (Japan), Wakako Shimabukuro (Japan)

Torny Kjekstad, chair of current Division 3 where Section CHILD belongs, very kindly attended part of our 1st meeting.

Standing Committee II

Members: Olga Andreeva, Kirsten Boelt, Ingrid Bon, Ivan Chew, Barbara Genco, Soizik Jouin, Patricia Muller, Viviana Quiñones, Letizia Tarantello, Verena Tibljas, Linn Tønnessen, Kazuko Yoda

Observers: Maha Alwan (Lebanon), Kathy East (USA), Jessica Fenster-Sparber (USA), Stig Elvis Furset (Norway), Dolce Martine (Haïti), Anette Mjöberg (Sweden), Ingrid Källström Nilsson (Sweden), Yumi Mitobe (Japan), Randi Robin (Canada)

1. Welcomes and Apologies; Introduction

Welcome by chair Ingrid Bon. Everybody introduces him/herself. Apologies from: Ute Hachmann, Naoko Sato, Tae Suk Hwang, Patrizia Lucchini and Annie Everall, who is not well and to whom we all warmly wish a good recovery.

2. Document check: these documents were sent by Ingrid in advance: Durban minutes, Copenhagen minutes, Québec Agenda, Overview Guidelines, Programme Highlights, Annual report 2007

3. Minutes and matters arising from previous meetings (cf Durban minutes and Copenhagen minutes) They are approved.

4. Chair's report on 2007

It is published on IFLA net and approved.

5. Membership status : Members are slightly less numerous than last year, both in IFLA and in the Section. See item 14, Toolkit Membership Recruitment

6. Financial report 2008

Administrative money will be divided between information officer, secretary and chair for costs on printing, post, telephone etc.

Project money on translating Revised Guidelines Young Adults will be divided between Spanish, Russian and French translators.

All invoices will be sent and collected by Ingrid.

7. Information Officer's report:

Ivan Chew sent his report in advance; he reads a summary of it. Ivan's report is approved, with many thanks for his wonderful work.

Ivan points out that our mailing list has 78 subscribers, but very few discussions take place... SC members should start using this mailing list!

Reminder : an informal Editorial board for the Newsletter exists (Ivan, Linn, Ingrid and Viviana) but of course suggestions from all SC members are welcome. Deadlines for the two yearly editions are, roughly, June 1st and December 1st (precise deadline for December issue to be announced via CHILD-YA list). As for the country reports, so that the same countries wouldn't keep being published, we had decided that the December issue of pair-numbered years would publish reports from North America, South and Central America and the UK, but other countries which haven't been considered lately may be included : please make propositions for December.

8. Information on Pre-conference held in Montreal

160 participants attended "Navigating with youth: in these days of technology, how can public libraries attract and keep their young clientele?", held at McGill University on August 5 and 6. It was organised by the association Les Bibliothèques publiques du Québec, in cooperation with IFLA sections Public Libraries, Children and Young Adults Libraries, and Management and Marketing. 18 papers were delivered, of great interest (the programme can be found on http://www.majuscules.ca/satelliteifla2008/pdf/Programme_IFLA08_Web.pdf). The papers, by researchers, librarians and publishers from Canada, the USA, Denmark, France (one of them by Soizik), the Netherlands (Ingrid, who gave a "preview" of the presentation of YA Guidelines) and Singapore, will be online on IFLA site. The cocktail at McGill Library and the cultural evening at TOHU were occasions for cheese and beer tasting, and a fascinating show, but also for contacts among the participants. The organisation of this pre-conference was remarkably good.

9. Québec Conference schedule and programme of SC meetings:

It is decided that the moderators for the sessions organised by the Section will be Ingrid Bon (Young Adult Guidelines presentation by Pat Muller), Lucie Dion (offsite session), Ingrid Bon (2 hour Section Session). B Gbado, one of the speakers, has not been able to attend the conference; Viviana will read her paper. Ingrid also points out interesting sessions organised by other sections.

9. a Literacy Statement :

Kazuko sent the 6th draft in advance. Two small amendments are made to the text, and the text is approved. This statement will be sent to IFLAnet by Ingrid. Ivan will send a message to our mailing list, with the link to the page on IFLAnet. The question is asked of what else should be done regarding this text. Pat recalls that this is a position paper, a beginning: this should in fact be specified in a brief introduction, in the text itself, as well and in the message Ivan will send to the mailing list.

10. Reports of Projects and plans for future work

- Overview of status of Guidelines

Translations are available and visible on IFLAnet. Call to everybody to advocate for as many translations as possible.

- Statement on Children and Internet : the text is finished, it will be published on IFLAnet.

- Partnership with ICDL, International Children's Digital Library: no new developments since Durban.

- Astrid Lindgren Award (http://www.alma.se/default_a.aspx?id=247&epslanguage=EN): the 2008 winner is the Australian author Sonya Hartnett.

The Section is entitled to nominate 4 candidates. We have sent three nominations for 2009 Award :

- The National Reading Aloud Contest (Netherlands) – Forms filled by Ingrid
- The Public Reading Network (Togo) – Forms filled by Viviana
- The Lubuto Project (Zambia/USA) – Forms filled by Barbara

SC members must start thinking of nominations for 2010...

- Partnership : IFLA-IRA-IBBY

A meeting was held with Patsy Aldana, President of IBBY, Ivanka Stricevic, Robert Sarjant and Gwyneth Evans (Literacy and Reading Section), Ingrid Bon and Viviana Quiñones on August 11.

- The Memorandum for Understanding signed in 2006 by IFLA, IBBY (International Board on Books for Young People) and IRA (International Reading Association),

www.ifla.org/VII/s33/annual/Minutes-IFLA_IRA_IBBY.pdf has effectively brought IFLA and IBBY closer, especially through participation in each other's conferences. A meeting will be arranged with Alan Farstrup, executive director of IRA, during next IBBY conference in Copenhagen in September, in order to discuss further cooperation with IRA. Ingrid, who is attending IBBY conference, will be at this meeting.

- Patsy Aldana proposes a joint project : a database, copyright free, of successful examples of reading promotion (children, young adults and family reading), through libraries and otherwise, in different languages. The base would be online, and also on CDrom. A working group will be set up by the end of December, with 2 persons per organisation (Gwyneth Evans will write a summary of the meeting)

- projects in Africa : a possibility could be to support the Reading for all meeting that will be held in Tanzania in August 2009 : IBBY could help its African National Sections to attend, with CODE financial aid.

11. Projectproposals 2008-2009

We had talked about three possible new ideas we have talked about:

- Ivan has sent in advance a 1st draft of his proposal for an "International Library Project for Youth Expressions" which is discussed at the SC meetings and at a smaller meeting (Ivan, Linn, Verena, Barbara, Letizia, Ingrid, Viviana), and is approved. We discussed
 - the question of the age group, 13 to 25 : it should be up to 18 year-olds or limited to high-school age, or let the decision on the age group be taken in every country, or keep the 13 to 25 idea, but make two age groups!
 - the question of realising the project ourselves, as an example of a global project : we could propose the project to libraries in our countries
 - the question of the project being book-related: yes it would
 - the question of the project being developed on the web : yes it would. But exchanges between the partner libraries could happen otherwise, i.e. through postcards (then the library with easiest access to internet would scan the documents and put them online) ; it would probably be a wiki on the section's site once the new IFLA site is functional (January 2009)
 - the question of who would coordinate the project: it would be coordinated by Ivan. He and Linn will write a prototype, to be discussed at mid-year meeting
- Sister libraries (Viviana and Soizik)

A 1st draft is discussed at the SC meetings and at a smaller meeting (same persons as above) and is approved. We discussed

- the question of a data base so that sister libraries can “meet”: a data base might be not necessary, and too “heavy” to manage : a wiki could be the way to do it
- the most important thing would be to provide a framework, with ideas and examples of what to do
- a working group will produce a document to be discussed at the mid-year meeting and particularly at Milan conference : Verena, Linn, Barbara, Ivan, Soizik and Viviana
- the draft title of the project is “Sister libraries – Professional solidarity for children’s reading”, showing that it aims at pairing off libraries more “advantaged” with libraries in need of professional support. Should this approach be the only one proposed (as we in fact concluded, since the aim is to cooperate with colleagues in difficulty) or should we include this type of solidarity cooperation as one of the possibilities, and leave it open to any kind of international twinning (since joint projects and exchanges are beneficial to any two libraries)?

- Library Education: international survey : this project is postponed
- Ivan reminds us that the new IFLA website, starting in January 2009, will offer new possibilities, such as creating a Section Blog, and activating the discussion group. Both will be included in the Strategic Plan

12. Strategic Plan 2009-2010
Ingrid and Viviana will work on this Plan.

13. Toolkit Membership Recruitment

Given that IFLA and the Section have fewer members than last year, it is important that we recruit new members (but not by making them leave other sections for ours, of course!). It would be great if each SC member could recruit one new Section member. This can be done with the help of the Toolkit, on <http://www.ifla.org/III/officers/index.htm#Membership-Toolkit> The benefits of being a member are mentioned on that page. Discussion : What prevents some colleagues to become members is sometimes the financial aspect, sometimes it is difficult to interest colleagues in international work, since they must network with colleagues in their own country. One way of interest them would be to associate them to our projects; another way, to write reports of the annual conference, showing that it allows time for work and leisure time; another problem is the language: colleagues must be encouraged to read English. In the Netherlands there is an online dictionary on library jargon Dutch-English . We should organise something at mid-year meeting, a text we could discuss in Milan, describing concrete ways of recruiting that would suit each of us.

14. Conference Planning

- Mid-year meeting 2009
The idea is to hold the meeting in Stockholm, in order to favour closer exchanges with ALMA. Anette Mjöberg suggests that the meeting be in February, since March is a very busy month for ALMA. She could help find a working place for one of the two meeting days (a Saturday), the other place could be the Arts Council (a Friday –Friday and Saturday seem the best days to choose, since we would miss just one day at our jobs).
Kirsten, Soizik, Letizia, Kazuko, Olga and Ingrid will be able to attend; Viviana must confirm.
The agenda would include: best practices for recruiting Section members, collaboration with ALMA, proposals for ALMA 2010, update of projects, library visits.

- Main conference, Milan 2009
 - There will be elections in 2009:
 - a. for the Standing Committee : As can be seen on the updated SC member list

Letizia Tarantello's 2nd term ends in 2009. Kazuko will be nominated for a 2nd term. Pat Muller will not. Tae Suk Hwang, Olga, Ivan and Linn must confirm. And we hope to see Patrizia Luchini in Milan!

The call for nominations (4 vacancies if everybody who must confirm says yes) will be made in October, and forms to fill sent, the deadline for nominations being February. Candidates' institutions or library associations must be members of the Section. We hope colleagues from other countries than those currently represented in the SC will apply. Possibilities include, for the moment, Colombia, Lebanon, Nigeria, Sweden, Canada...

- b. for Chair and Secretary of the Divisions : the 7 current Divisions will become 5. Section CHILD will be in Division 3 – but we can of course cooperate with sections in other divisions. This new Division organisation starts at Milan conference.

- Our Section's session: A meeting was held with Library Buildings section on August 10, to prepare our joint session for Milan (Andrew Cranfield, Ingrid Bon, Kirsten Boelt, Laure Delrue). It has been decided that it will be a 4 hour session (2 hours on children, 2 hours on teens and young adults), with an invited speaker and 3 papers on each 2 hour slot. One of the invited speakers could be Alistair Black (UK), chair of Library History Section, who could talk about the evolution of children's and young adults' space in libraries. The session will take into account not only building but also renovation, layout, design and furnishing. Low-cost examples must be taken into account; also "going green" in building and renovation. There will be a call for papers. Papers could be published in the IFLA Publications Series. (reminder : some of the papers of the pre-conference in Montréal focused on library building for youth). The working group includes, for our Section, Kirsten, Ingrid and Viviana. A new edition of Kimberley Bollin's book will be available in September (Teen Spaces : The Step-by-step Library Makeover (ALA Editions, ISBN 13 978 0838909690)

- Satellite conference, Rome 2009 :

It is organised by our section and Literacy and Reading section, with the Italian Library Association (Children's libraries committee), the city of Rome, the Nati per Leggere project, the Goethe-Institut Italien. Dates: 19 and 20 August. Place : Goethe-Institut Italien with Biblioteca Europea, a beautiful building. The subject is the role of libraries in national reading campaigns. There will be an invited speaker, and a call for papers. In relation with our Babies Guidelines, IBBY will show an exhibition of books for babies.

The working group for this conference : Ivanka Stricevic and one other person from Literacy and Reading Section, Ingrid, Barbara and Kazuko for our section. The local working group is led by Letizia.

- Brisbane 2010

School libraries, Disadvantaged persons and Genealogy and local history sections wish to organise something with our section. (Genealogy suggests a session exploring the ways people can create their identity in relation with local history). Ivan would be very interested in working with Disadvantaged persons section (this would include incarcerated persons).

15. 2008 Conference evaluation

- Presentation of the *Revised Guidelines for library services for young adults*: the room was full during this 1 hour session (150 people), and people stayed! The presentation, by Pat Muller, was very good, and the discussion great, as can be read and seen in Ivan's blog on <http://ramblinglibrarian.blogspot.com/2008/08/ifla-2008-part-9.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/666e4a>

It is time now to discuss on how to do these things the Guidelines prone. This could be done through the "Best practices" section on our site, and through the joint project with IBBY. One

interesting way of working, in the US, is to organise round table discussions on best practices, each table followed by a report: comments from people who participated were very good . This kind of session would be a good follow-up, in Milan, to the publication of the YA Guidelines. We could ask for an extra 2 hour slot in Milan.

- Off-site session at Charlesbourg Library : It was perfect! Thanks so much to Lucie Dion, who organised it, and chaired the session. We (around 50 delegates) visited the wonderful building and particularly the children's and young adult's sections, and after a most enjoyable coffee break, we attended a presentation of the library activities for children, a presentation of "Communication jeunesse", organisation for the promotion of children's literature in Québec province and a presentation of Babies Guidelines . Olga will make a powerpoint presentation of this library; Linn was particularly interested by the mixing of young adults' and adults' books in the library... The best report on this visit is in Ivan's blog, <http://ramblinglibrarian.blogspot.com/2008/08/ifla-2008-part-11-visit-to-bibliothque.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/5fdbld>

Our 2 hour session was well attended (around 250 delegates). We must choose two papers to propose for publication in IFLA journal : it is decided that they will be "Canada's Teen Reading Club" (on this presentation, see Ivan's blog on <http://ramblinglibrarian.blogspot.com/2008/08/ifla-2008-part-14-canadas-teen-online.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/67junn>)

and "2020 Mars Express - towards the future children's and young adult's library" (Sweden) . Many of us think that the best presentation of this conference is Stig Elvis Furset's "The Locker-Room Librarian: The Maradona of literature dissemination" : two pages of our Newsletter for it!

16. Any other business :

- Country reports

Verena and Olga have brought their countries' reports. What to do with them? Jessica Fenster-Sparber says colleagues in the US don't know what happens on an international level... It is decided that we could have something like "What's going on in (say) Croatia?" as a new button on the renewed IFLA net, linking to the report of the country in question. So each section member must send Ivan his/her country report, after January.

Viviana Quiñones, September 25th 2008