



## Minutes of Mid-year Meeting of the School Libraries and Resource Centres Section

*March 12, 2006 in Copenhagen*

Present: Karen Usher, Vincent Liquête, Bruno Vermeeren, Paolo Odasso, Helle Barrett, James Henri (chair), Lourense Das (minutes)  
Apology: Niels Damgaard, Margaret Baffour-Awah

### 1. Opening and welcome

James opened the meeting at 10.45 and welcomed the attendees. He asked the attendees to introduce themselves:

Karen Usher (UK), School librarian in Yorkshire in UK. Karen is CILIP nominee for the schools section and conference manager for children section of CILIP.

Helle Barrett (Sweden): Member of International Association of School Librarianship (IASL). Helle is Head of School Libraries in region of Malmö.

Vincent Liquête (France): Professor in the Faculty of Information and Documentation of the University of Bordeaux. Member of French federation of school libraries.

Bruno Vermeeren (Belgium): Policy officer of Flemish Library and Archives Association (VVBAD) . Bruno is the new information officer of the Schools section

Paolo Odasso (Italy): Formerly teacher and school librarian, now director of IRRE , institution that works for teachers, develops courses, collecting best practices etc. also in the field of school librarianship

James Henri (Hong Kong): Professor in the Faculty of Education in the University of Hong Kong. James is vice-president of IASL and since the untimely death of Anne Clyde, Chair of the Schools Section.

Lourense Das (Netherlands): School librarian, Director of Meles Meles school library service and executive officer for Dutch Association of librarians, information specialists (NVB), Director Europe for IASL, since October 2005 secretary of Schools Section.

This is believed to be the first mid-year meeting in the Schools Section history. James suggests to organize a two-day meeting in 2007 and make it more substantial by organizing a workshop for local school librarians and other interested parties.

## **2. Arrangement of agenda**

Paolo has to leave earlier, so the agenda is modified as follows:

1. Opening and welcome
2. Arrangement of definite agenda
3. Actions after August 2005
4. Strategic plan
5. 2007 Planning
6. Seoul, open session, CfP
7. Information officer & advocacy kit
8. Newsletter
9. Other business

## **3. Actions after august 2005**

James remembers Anne Clyde and explains events after her untimely death. . James checked with HQ and they confirmed the procedure to follow. Chairs deal with elections and replacements. James stood for chair and became chair, because there were no opposing candidates As Chair he appointed Lourense to fill Anne Clyde's vacant position. He then nominated Lourense to fill the position of secretary. Barbara Imroth was nominated as secretary too. But as James could not get confirmation from Barbara to accept this nomination, Lourense became secretary; she fills the vacant position of Anne in SC and therefore her term will end in 2007.

Anne and James found an information officer in Julie Tallman. This position is important: he or she looks after the listserv and tries to increase membership. Julie Tallman struggled with the role and had problems with attending IFLA. She resigned from SC and Bruno Vermeeren was asked to fill in the vacancy on the SC and was appointed as IO.

Vincent Liquête was appointed as Newsletter editor in Berlin but resigned before Oslo 2005. In Oslo Niels Damgaard was approached to take on this role. He has been appointed as a Corresponding Member of the SC.

History of the Schools section is in hands of former officers and material of Anne has disappeared. So we have to make a new start.

A new SC-list will be send to all SC-members (*Action: Lourense*)

The SC consists of up to 20 members. People need to be encouraged to nominate.

(*Action: Bruno*)

Nominees must be endorsed by members of the Section. More members should be recruited. (*Action: Bruno*)

New elections will take place in Durban in 2007.

## **4. Strategic Plan**

The strategic plan 2006-2007 is discussed and following actions are taken:

Section Brochure: Karen to see if she can locate a copy of the brochure. Lourense liaises with Karen and HQ if there is an old copy. Lourense sends material to Bruno and Niels.

Pdf will be composed as well as prints. SC-members are asked to distribute brochures at events, meetings etc. (*Action: Lourense, Karen, Bruno & Niels*).

International School Library Day (ISLD): Bruno takes care of PR for ISLD through Iplanet, list serv etc. And to seek a liaison role with the ISLD IASL Committee.

WWW: messages with information on section to all listservs. We should stimulate National associations to become member of IFLA. Send info to all contacts, also outside IFLA. Everybody should be able to access this information and information for SC will be send to SC only. No material in newsletter that is only for SC-members. Bruno & Niels coordinate this. Send links regarding listservs to Bruno (*Action: all*).

A discussion takes place if and how to revitalize the manifesto and guidelines. We have to focus on new developments in education and its context to school libraries: personalization, PISA-surveys. Paolo suggests to describe section 4 '*advocating the importance of libraries and information literacy in teacher education programs and curricula*' more clearly. (*Action Paolo to investigate and advise on ways to influence PISA to include school libraries*)

An international survey is discussed regarding Information Policy. James did a pilot research in HK. New countries have to be found to follow up. James sends project to Paolo to find possibilities for a comparative study. James sends around outline to all in order to develop a benchmarking project.

Promoting publication by quoting statements and dissemination of info. (*Action: Niels and Bruno.*)

More promotion is discussed: principle of a two day Regional workshop, combined with mid-year meeting is adopted. It gives the section a good possibility to promote section and school libraries Also all SC-members running a workshop could put the ifla-logo on it. As follow-up on this discussion, Werner Schoegg from Austria is asked to combine our idea with postponed ENSIL-conference, possibly febr.-march 2007. (*Action : Lourense*).

## **5. 2007 planning**

### **Durban & mid-year meeting**

The next mid-year meeting (2007) will be two days: 1-day meeting and 1-day for SC-workshop followed by one or two days for local workshop. The Division III meeting usually takes place on Friday - Saturday, (possibly) Sunday. Two-day meeting for section is going to be scheduled on Sunday and Monday. Local workshop is after the Section-meeting. At this stage we think of Week 7 in 2007. (*Action: Lourense*)

Durban planning is almost finished. Schools section is part of Division III.

In 2006 it was decided that all sections from division III would work together and give one hour of their allocated time to division-day for an overall theme. Theme for his combined day is 'social responsibility with special focus on social inclusion'. Possibly holistic approach.

Besides this, the one hour of the schools section is combined with the hours of the Reading section (two hours) and public libraries = 4 hours. Topic for that combined workshop is HIV/Aids. In Seoul this will be locked down (former meeting was with Anne; James was not present).

We agree to run a satellite in Durban. Topic will be established in collaboration with local people: Busi Dlamini, Genevieve Hart. But with Information Policy as a strong possibility. (*Action Lourense*). We need 100 people and two days

#### **6. Seoul, open session, CFP, satellite**

Topic of Seoul satellite was 'Information power with reference to Information literacy'. We had to cancel this one, due to communication problems, venue in Seoul was not available on Saturdays, only Friday and lack of funding.

Open Session: at this stage we do not know yet whether we have 2 or 4 hours. We discuss and rank the papers that have come in response to our CFP; we decide the following:

#### Posters:

1: "If I Can Read, I Can Do Anything:" A Reading Promotion Program Linking Schools That Serve Indigenous Children / Loriene Roy and Sandy Littletree, School of Information, The University of Texas at Austin D7000

2: The Role of Books and Libraries in Informal Education among the Youth.

(A case study on high school libraries in Mazandaran province in Iran, 2004) / Seyed Ali Asghar Razavi. Islamic Azad University – Babol Branch [aa\\_razavi@yahoo.com](mailto:aa_razavi@yahoo.com)  
Naser Danesh Pouya, Islamic Azad University – Babol Branch, Mitra Qiasi, Islamic Azad University – Babol Branch.

3: School Library & E-Education conference / Busi Dlamini, Mona Niemand (South Africa)

6: School Libraries in the Digital Era: Dynamic Engines for Learning / R. Adilakshmi, M.L.I.Sc., M.Ed., Assistant Librarian, CBSMS, Bangalore University, Bangalore India.

7: Read more / Mrs Malin Utter, schoollibrarian at Fenix learning centre, Sweden

12: Empowering Philippine Schools and Communities Through Information Literacy Programs in Public School Libraries / Susana L. Torres, Lilian Liberty E. Ventura, Gina L. Obierna, Dr. Rosemarie M. Yague, Dr. Romulo Rocena.

#### Papers:

4: Let's be information literate- 5 key principles: A Strategic framework for an evolving model of information literacy for young people in a changing world / Mr. Flippie (P.R.) van der Walt, Senior Control Librarian at the Primrose Library, Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality, South Africa

5: How do we integrate guidance on reading and instruction on information use? (Japan)

9: Application of Howard Gardner's Multiple Intelligence Theory for the Effective Use of Library Resources by K-2 Students: An Experimented Model / Rashmi Kumbar, librarian Zydus School for Excellence, Ahmedabad 380 051, India.

11: School libraries in the Netherlands, a follow-up / Albert Boekhorst, Universiteit van Amsterdam, University of Pretoria, Tallinn University, Drs. Maarten van Veen & Helen Boelens.

We need 6 papers within a 4 hour time-slot and we discuss back-up papers in case people don't show: HK research by James Henri, Lesley Farmer, Sirje Virkus (Tallinn): presentation on IL review in Europe. Sheffield: Sheila Webber or Briony Tait. (Action Karen will ask them after confirmation time-slot).

Posters: we use criteria from Children's section. (Action: James).

## **7. Information officer & advocacy kit**

Job profiles of Information Officer is available on IFLA-net.

List-serv : during the meeting we mark the people on the list we know. Bruno is moderator and will draft guidelines to decide who's on or off. (Action: Bruno).

The SC-memberlist is not accurate. (Action: Lourense).

List serv should be mentioned in new brochure.

Advocacy Kit: there is a budget of approx. 600 euros to promote the guidelines and the manifesto: ppt or brochure, or anything else.

Existing materials need to be located (Action: Karen will ask Tove and Glynnis).

Development of School section website (similar to ENSIL-blog <http://www.ensil-online.org>) will be examined. (Action: Bruno will contact Sophie and takes responsibility to get the kit done)

## **8. Newsletter**

Feedback on latest issue of newsletter; we all agree that the issue is excellent - very good - outstanding! We do need a reader to check on spelling and language, no content checking (proofread). Karen is volunteering!

Next issue topic is: Education for school librarians around the world.

Bruno, Helle and Karen will seek info on this subject in their own region. (Action: Bruno, Helle and Karen)

Bruno will use info from ENSIL-blog. (Action: Bruno)

James will contact Charles Sturt University, <http://www.csu.edu.au/faculty/sciagr/sis/cstl/> (Australia) and University of Alberta (<http://www.quasar.ualberta.ca/tl-dl/>) (Canada). And University of Wales <http://www.dil.aber.ac.uk/dis/staff.asp?hierarchical=false>

Lourense will ask Paolo for info on Italy. (Action: Lourense)

Vincent will send info on France in French.

Highlights of the minutes of this meeting will appear in the newsletter. (Action:

Lourense). And preliminary view on Seoul: titles of papers and poster and presenters; short info on content. (Action: James and Lourense)

For the next issue we also need profiles from Karen, Bruno, Vincent, Paolo and James.

Info to be send to Niels directly [Niels.Damgaard@bibsent.no](mailto:Niels.Damgaard@bibsent.no)

## **9. Other business**

There is an agreement with editor of SLWW (School libraries World Wide) to publish papers from Oslo.

A CD with papers of the pre-conference workshop in Oslo is mentioned in the strategic plan. We decide not to do it. The papers will be published on school libraries online <http://www.iasl-slo.org> (IASL).

Closing of meeting 3.00 pm

Minutes: Lourense Das, March 20, 2006