

Minutes from the meetings of the Standing Committee of the Section of University Libraries and other General Research Libraries during the 67th IFLA General Conference, Boston, 2001

**SC I: 24. University Libraries and other General Research Libraries
Saturday 18 August 2001, 08:30-11:20**

**SC II: 244. University Libraries and other General Research Libraries
Friday 24 August 2001, 10:15-12:15**

SC I: Saturday, 18 August 2001, 08:30-11.20

Present:

- SC Members:

Toby Bainton, UK; Alex Byrne, Australia; Jean-Pierre Côté, Canada; Kirsten Engelstad (Chair), Norway; Barbara Ford, USA; Heinz Fuchs, Germany; Jesus Lau, Mexico; Elisabeth Lemau, France; Niels Mark, Denmark; Susan Nutter, USA, Cristóbal Pasadas Ureña (Secretary), Spain; Alexander Plemnek, Russian Federation; Hannelore Rader, USA; Paul Soetaert, Netherlands.

- Incoming Members:

Frances Groen, Canada; Joe A. Hewitt, USA; Toomas Liivamägi, Estonia; Mirja Iivonen, Finland; Christian Lupovici, France; Sue McKnight, Australia; Eva Hesselgren Mortensen, Sweden; John Eric Nordstrand, Sweden

- Corresponding members:

Roswitha Poll, Germany

- Informal observers:

Rashidah Begum, University Sains, Malaysia; Alessandro Bertoni, Università Ca' Foscari di Venezia, Italy; Martha D. Castro, Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez, Mexico; Iris Chai, Tel-Hai Academic College, Israel; Elizabeth C. Reade Fong, University of South Pacific, Fiji; William V. Jackson, Dominican University, USA; Mary Reichel, Appalachian State University, USA; Kjellaug Scheie, RBT, Norway; Sherrie Schmidt, Arizona State University, USA; Thora Kristin Sigvaldad, Icelandic LIS Association, Iceland; H.P.A. Smit, University of Nijmegen, Netherlands; Alan Smith, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand; Helen H. Spalding, University of Missouri-Kansas City and ACRL, USA; and Patricia A. Wand, American University, USA.

1. Opening by the Chair and welcoming the new SC members

The Chair, Kirsten Engelstad, welcomed the outgoing SC Members and the newly elected, who according to IFLA rules are observers at SCI and full members at SCII. This is a special meeting since the outgoing members must elect the new Chair and Secretary for the next two-years period. After reminding of responsibilities of SC members and that 17 countries are represented in this new SC, the Chair asked all SC members to present themselves. Alex Byrne apologised for not being able to attend SCII because of conflicting schedules and proposed to have a postcard signed by all SC members and sent to Vipa Goysookho in recognition of her contribution to our Section. The Chair asked Roswitha Poll about her status

as corresponding member, and she answered that her place should be declared unoccupied, since she has been elected to the SC of the Section of Statistics and Performance Measurement.

2. Apologies for non-attendance

All not attending members had presented their apologies for absence before the meeting. Magnhild Boyum Aase, Norway; Sonia Minetto, Italy, and Gunnar Sahlin, Sweden, will be unable to attend SCI but plan to be present at Boston and attend SC II. Frank Willems, Netherlands, has resigned from the SC, so the members of our SC for the next period are 19.

3. Attendance of informal observers

The Chair, Kirsten Engelstad, welcomed the informal observers to the meeting and acknowledged their presence, since attendance of informal observers is a good indicator of the interest in our Section's activities.

4. Adoption of the agenda

The provisional agenda had been sent to all SC members by e-mail. The Chair made a proposal to deal in SC I with point 13 for a first discussion on the Strategic Plan and point 14 for the new elected Officers to share views on working routines of the SC in the new period. The agenda was adopted.

5. Minutes of the SC-meetings in Jerusalem

The minutes of the two SC-meetings in Jerusalem had been sent all SC-members by e-mail/IFLAUNI in October 2000. Translations of the minutes are available in Spanish and Russian. The minutes were adopted with no amendments.

6. Annual Report 1999-2000

The Chair, Kirsten Engelstad, gave an oral summary of the Annual Report 1999-2000 which had been distributed to all SC members by e-mail. An additional report for activities in January-August 2001 was distributed during SC I (See **Annex 1**). She reminded that an addendum to this annual report will have to be issued by the end of December 2001 due to new requirements of IFLA's legal status in the Netherlands.

It was noted that the Section of University and other General Research Libraries with more than 500 members (code 2 in Division I) continues to be the largest in IFLA, with a 25% of all IFLA membership. 444 members have an e-mail address. A letter with reports and brochures in all IFLA languages attached was sent by mail to all members. The written report is enclosed (see **Annex 2**).

7. Financial Report 2000-2001

The Chair, Kirsten Engelstad, presented the written Financial Report 2000-2001 and the written Financial Interim Report for January-August 2001. Both were circulated out at the meeting (see **Annex 3**). Much have been spent on translations.

8. Reports on matters of the Professional Board and of the Coordinating Board

The Chair, Kirsten Engelstad, reported on the following matters from the Coordinating Board and the Professional Board:

- The structure of future IFLA Conferences. The discussions are focusing on a proposal for shorter meetings (Glasgow will be 1 day shorter), with only one meeting of the SC, and more time for plenary sessions (broad topics, time to discuss SC focus on these topics).
- Abolishment of Round Tables. The basic structure of IFLA remaining the Sections-Divisions and the Discussion Groups.
- Two-year Strategic Plan from each SC: The SCs will have to develop a two-years planning cycle, with actions supporting the new professional priorities approved by IFLA. By October 1st the outgoing Chair of the Coordinating Board should be in receipt of all new strategic plans as well as the financial report submitted by the outgoing Treasurer

A discussion followed on the consequences if these proposals are enforced; although we can say that the break between SCI and SCII is too long now, it is still essential to have two meetings of the SC unless we want many decisions to be taken by the executive team only. As for the shortening of the conference itself, this seems to be acceptable but people ought to be aware that in many countries packages including a weekend sojourn are cheaper. Otherwise, re-structuring of IFLA conferences and its consequences could be met by new ways of running SC business during the year and having food time as business meeting during the conference.

9. Election of new Chair and Secretary

- Cristóbal Pasadas Ureña, University of Granada (Spain), was elected Chair of the SC
- Frances Groen, McGill University (Canada), was elected Secretary of the SC
- Cristóbal Pasadas Ureña was elected Treasurer of the SC
- Sue McKnight, Deakin University (Australia), was elected Information Coordinator of the SC

The elections are for the coming two years. According to the IFLA procedures the new officers start in their functions after the SCII Friday 24, August 2001. All elections were unanimous.

10. Review of the SC/URL Programme in Boston

The SC-members responsible for the activities of our SC in Boston gave a brief description of their programmes. The incoming member Eva Hesselgren Mortensen had volunteered to take care of the meeting of the Discussion Group on Performance Measurement in Academic Libraries, scheduled for Sunday, 19, 10:30-12:20, as the facilitator Gunnar Sahlin could not arrive in Boston before Monday, 20.

13. Strategic Plan 2002-2003 for SC/URL

The deadline for the Strategic Plan 2002-2003 is September, 30. The outgoing Secretary, Cristóbal Pasadas Ureña, had prepared a draft including several priorities and actions. After a broad discussion on these and other priorities, it was decided that the new executive team of the SC plus Toby Bainton and Christian Lupovici should prepare a new draft to be distributed as early as possible so that a final decision could be taken in SCII.

14. Working routines of the SC

The incoming Chair, Cristóbal Pasadas Ureña, informed SC members that, after discussion with the new executive team, he plans to give liaison responsibilities with other IFLA units to different teams of SC members. He gave as an example several clusters of IFLA units grouped by professional interests and topics, and asked every member of the SC to think about their own preferences before taking on any responsibilities.

Before adjourning the SCI meeting, the Chair, Kirsten Engelstad, thanked the informal observers for their presence, wished a very successful conference in Boston, and asked outgoing SC members who would be unable to attend SCII to raise their hands so that they could be acknowledged for their contribution to the SC over the last 8 years.

SC II: Friday 24 August 2001, 10:30-12:20

SC-members (continuing, outgoing and incoming) present:

Magnhild Boyum Aase, NHH, Bergen, Norway (magnhild.aase@nhh.no); Toby Bainton, SCONUL, London (toby.bainton@sconul.ac.uk); Kirsten Engelstad, Norway (outgoing Chair) (kirsten.engelstad@rbt.no); Barbara J. Ford, Chicago Public Library (bford@chipublib.org); Frances Groen, McGill University Libraries (groen@library.mcgill.ca); Eva Hesselgren, Karlstad University Library (eva.hesselgren@kau.se); Joe Hewitt, Univ. of North Carolina (joe_hewitt@unc.edu); Mirja Iivonen, Tampere University Library (mirja.t.iivonen@uta.fi); Jesus Lau, Juarez University, Mexico (jlau@nacj.mx); Elizabeth Lemau, University of Rennes2, France (elisabeth.lemau@uhb.fr); Christian Lupovici, Univ. de Marne la Vallée, France (lupovici@univ-mlv.fr); Sue McKnight, Deakin University, Australia (suemck@deakin.edu.au); Niels Mark, State & University Lib. (nm@statsbiblioteket.dk); Sonia Minetto, Univ. of Genova, Italy (sonia.minetto@giuri.unige.it); Jon Erik Nordstrand, Goteborg Univ. Library (jon.erik.nordstrand@ub.gu.se); Susan Nutter, North Carolina Univ. Lib. (Susan-nutter@ncsu.edu); Cristobal Pasadas Ureña, Univ. of Granada, Spain (bibpsi01@ucartuja.ugr.es); Alexander Plemnek, Tech. Univ., St. Petersburg (plm@unilib.neva.ru); Hannelore Rader, Univ. of Louisville, Kentucky (h.rader@louisville.edu); Gunnar Sahlin, Stockholm University (gunnar.sahlin@sub.su.se); Paul Soetaert, Erasmus Univ., Rotterdam (soetaert@ubib.eur.nl).

Present as Observers:

Carolyn T. Brown, Library of Congress, Washington, DC; Barbara Beauzethier, American University of Paris; Ricardo Gonzalez Castrillo, Universidad Rey Juan Carlos, Spain; Friedrich Geisselman, Universitätsbibliothek Regensburg; Sara Ancira Jimenez, Universidad Anahuac Del Sur, Mexico; Laura Oliva Correia Lemos, Universidade de Aveiro, Portugal; Erkki Oksanen, Helsinki Polytechnic, Finland; Ria Paulides, Katholieke Universiteit Brabant Library, Netherlands; Maria Adelaide Ribeiro, ISCTE/Biblioteca, Lisboa, Portugal; Sigrid Reinitzer, University Library, Graz, Austria; Kjellaug Scheie, National Office of Research Documentation, Oslo, Norway. Daniel M. Schut, Free University, Amsterdam; Maria Leal Vieira, Universidade de Lisboa, Portugal.

Opening:

The Chair welcomed the new and continuing members and observers. Before turning to the written agenda, the Chair called for additional items; Paul Soetaert emphasized that additional efforts were needed to improve membership from the developing world.

Agenda (continuing from previous meeting)

10. Review of Standing Committee Programs in Boston (continued)

* Susan Nutter reported on the **Satellite meeting** held at Harvard jointly with ACRL on Library Leadership. There were about 80 registrants. A proposal was presented for a continuing liaison between ACRL and our IFLA Section. It was moved and approved that Joe Hewitt be appointed liaison to ACRL on behalf of the Standing Committee.

* **Performance Measurement in Academic Libraries Discussion Group.** There were 100 attendees at the beginning and 90 at the end; new SC member Eva Hesselgren Mortensen led the session; 4 papers were presented, followed by a lively discussion with a successful participation, including notes from the floor but no concrete proposals.

* **Marketing of Library Services to the Academic Community Discussion Group.** Barbara Ford, facilitator of the meeting jointly with Tom Wilding from the Management and Marketing Section, could not attend because of a schedule conflict. 75 attendees.

* **Information and Documentation Group.** 42 attendees participated in the discussion on what IFLA could do to fill the gap created by the demise of FID. The meeting was chaired by our Chair Kirsten Engelstad.

* **SC Open Session on University Libraries in Partnerships.** Convened by Niels Mark jointly with Toby Bainton and Toby Gail Stone, 115 persons at the beginning and 75 at the end attended this session chaired by Kirsten Engelstad, with presentations by Niels Mark, Bernard Naylor, Hannelore Rader and Gunnar Sahlin.

* **Off-site (Northeastern University) Workshop on Managing Academic and Research Library Partnerships.** Hannelore Rader reported that over 50 attendees were engaged in a very interactive session with presentations by Hannelore Rader, Ilone Rockman and Tom Wilding. Follow-up of this workshop will be the drafting of guidelines/checklist for partnerships. Papers will be published by Emerald Press.

* **Off-site (Simmons College) Workshop on Information Literacy: the contribution of websites.** Jesus Lau reported that more than 50 persons from more than 15 countries attended this workshop organized jointly by our SC (facilitator Barbara Ford) and the User Education Round Table (facilitator Jesus Lau), with a report by Cristobal Pasadas Ureña on results of the SC project on information literacy materials in Spanish, and a discussion led by Barbara Ford and Jesus Lau on the ACRL standards on information literacy as a first contribution to international guidelines for information literacy, a project to be developed by Hannelore Rader and Jesus Lau.

13. Strategic Plan 2002-2003

- The new executive team of the SC together with Toby Bainton and Christian Lupovici met to discuss the Strategic Plan. A revised draft update was distributed to the members of the Standing Committee by the incoming Chair. The floor was opened for discussion, with the

advice that we need to limit our priorities. Suggestions were made to modify the document and will be incorporated into a revised document.

- Joe Hewitt introduced the proposal that the Standing Committee liaise with the ARL working group on the Portal. The liaison would distribute working documents. It was proposed by F. Groen that J. Hewitt be the liaison and accepted by the membership. It would be most appropriate to have this on the Section Program for Berlin 2003.
- The priority on Scholarly Communication was accepted as a high priority. The Standing Committee should work with both the Information Technology Section and the Collections and Acquisitions Section. Susan Nutter will liaise on this program on behalf of the Section on Collections and Acquisitions.
- Evaluation and Quality Assurance in Academic and Research Libraries. Contact has been made with the Statistics Section to prepare a draft document for discussion in Glasgow in order to have the Section's scope broadened to include impact measures and evidence of institutional outcomes, as well as current and new approaches to quality assurance and review; it was suggested, however, that quality review of libraries is very much part of a country's political structure; therefore, guidelines on quality review may be a lower priority since their impact is less certain.

15. Program for Glasgow 2002

The program for Glasgow 2002 was established according to the Section's priorities. The decisions were:

1. In relation to Priority A:

Open Session: **Change and its Impact on Staff**

This program was previously agreed upon. This is in conjunction with the Management and Marketing Section. Responsible: Heinz Fuchs, Tom Wilding, Judith Elkin, and Cristobal Pasadas as conveners.

2. In relation to Priority B:

Discussion Group: **Evaluation and Quality Assurance**

Focus on new measures of institutional outcomes and evidence of impact.

Responsible: Eva Hesselgren and Mirja Iivonnen.

In this connection, Sonia Minetto made a proposal that a special focus for Berlin could be on marketing and evaluation of outcomes of information literacy programs as evidence of impact. It was decided that Barbara Ford, Sonia Minetto and Jesús Lau contacted with Tom Wilding, Management and Marketing, to have this issue as the main focus for the Glasgow program in the Discussion Group of Marketing of Library Services to Academic Communities.

3. In relation to Priority C:

Workshop: **Shaping the Future of Scholarly Communication and Publishing: the Librarians' Role**

Responsible: Joe Hewitt, Susan Nutter, Frances Groen, Christian Lupovici

Liaison with the Information Technology Section.

4. In relation to Priority D:

Joint FAIFE/URL Workshop:

The Role of the University Library in Promoting Democracy and Diversity

Responsible: Alex Byrne, jointly with Division VIII (Section of Latin America and the Caribbean and IFLA Regional Office in Brasil)

15. Information flow, web site/newsletter

IFLA requires that all sections produce at least one issue per year of their **Newsletter**. This must be in print and may also be in electronic form. Eight printed copies must be deposited at IFLA headquarters. To reduce costs of paper distribution, it was suggested that Standing Committee members assume responsibility for distribution of paper copies to members of the Section in their part of the world. The incoming Chair promised to prepare a plan of action together with the new executive team to be mailed to the SC members for discussion and feedback before implementation

16. IFLA licensing principles

It was drawn to the attention of Committee members that this statement was not a draft but a complete document.

17. Overall evaluation of the Boston Conference

The Chair, Kirsten Engelstad, asked the members to fill in the questionnaire included in the Conference bag.

18. Any other business

Alexander Plemnek drew to the attention of Committee members the recent translation into Russian of IFLA publication #76, "Measuring Quality: International Guidelines for Performance Measurement in Academic Libraries."

19. Closure

Incoming Chair, Cristobal Pasadas Ureña, spoke for the entire Committee in expressing appreciation to outgoing Chair Kirsten Engelstad. He asked her to continue her efforts by accepting the role of Honorary Advisor to the Standing Committee. He expressed as well deep appreciation for the work done for the Standing Committee by Kjellaug Scheie.

Documents distributed at meeting of August 24, 2001:

- Priority: The Scholars Portal
- International User Education Guidelines: Draft – Project
- ACRL invitation to IFLA Section on University and other General Research Libraries to establish liaison with their Task Force on the Future of Academic Libraries
- IFLA Danida Newsletter, vol. 4, n° 1 (July 2001) with information on the trial project in Ghana "Interlibrary Lending and Document Delivery in Developing Countries"
- Draft agenda of the seminar "Russian University and Scientific Libraries: Towards Challenging Future"
- Executive summary of full report on IFLA project "Information Literacy Materials in Spanish"