



**INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS AND
INSTITUTIONS
Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania**

**Minutes of the Meetings held in Durban, South Africa
19-24 August 2007**

(SC Meeting I—Sunday, 19 August: 13.45-15.45 hours)

Present

Premila Gamage (Chair)
M. Al Mamun (Secretary)
Fariborz Khosravi (Member)
Diljit Singh (Member)
Daniel G. Dorner (Member)
Michael Robinson (Member)
Xiaolin Zhang (Member)
Mihyang Park (Member)
S.B. Ghosh (Member)
Tan Keat Fong (Regional Manager)
Aree Cheunwattana (Corresponding Member)
Rashidah Begum bt. Fazal Mohamed (Advisor)
Birgitta Sandell (ALP Programme Director)
Gunilla Natvig (ALP Officer)

Observers

Maqsood Ahmad Shaheen (Pakistan), Ruth Pagell (Singapore), Eileen Breen (UK), Dr. Kanwal Ameen (Pakistan), Pradeepa Wijetunge (Sri Lanka), Nguyen Thi Bac (Vietnam), Patricia G. Oyler (USA), Phau Tuic Quejel (Vietnam), Aliya Sarseminova (Kazakhstan), Janice Fung Yin Ow (Singapore), P.R. Goswami (India), S.S. Dhaka (India), Carol Priestley (UK), Chihfeng P. Lin (Taiwan)

Apologies

Gary E. Gorman (Ex-chair), Hilda T. Nassar (Information Coordinator/Corresponding Member), Hasna Ashkita (Member), Roza Berdigaliev (Member), Sanjay Kumar Bihani (Member), Libby Cass (Member), Bughdana Hajjar (Member), Mark Perkins (Member), Wang Shan (Member)
Eun Bong Park (Member).

Absent

Anjali Gulati (Member), Yumi Kitamura (Member), Ashu Shokeen (Member), Namtip Wipawin (Member), Tendik G. Yermekpayeva (Member),

(SC Meeting II—Friday 24 August 2007 at 11:00-13:45)

Present

Premila Gamage (Chair)
 M. Al Mamun (Secretary)
 Michael Robinson (Member)
 Fariborz Khosravi (Member)
 Diljit Singh (Member)
 Daniel G. Dorner (Member)
 Shawky Salem (Advisor)
 Tan Keat Fong (Regional Manager)
 Aree Cheunwattana (Corresponding Member)
 Birgitta Sandell (ALP Programme Director)
 Gunilla Natvig (ALP Officer)

Observers: Eileen Bregn (UK), Janice Fung Yin Ow (Singapore), Sergei Kukushkin (Russia)

Item no.	Minutes	Action
1.	<p>Welcome Remarks</p> <p>The Secretary informed members present that the Chair could not attend the meeting due to unavoidable circumstances. Therefore, the Secretary chaired the meeting.</p> <p>She welcomed the committee members and observers present. She conveyed the apologies on behalf of the committee members who were unable to attend IFLA meeting 2007.</p>	
2.	<p>Agenda</p> <p>The Committee adopted the proposed agenda (Appendix 1)</p>	
3.	<p>Election of RSCAO Officers (2007-2009)</p> <p>Premila Gamage, Secretary of RSCAO, declared that the offices of Chair and Secretary were open for election. There was one nomination for Chair: Ms Premila Gamage. There was no objection against this nomination. It was declared that she was duly elected Chairperson. There was one nomination for Secretary: Mr. M. Al Mamun. There was no objection against this nomination also, and M. Al Mamun was unanimously elected Secretary.</p>	
4.	<p>Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meetings held in Singapore on 19-20 March 2007</p> <p>The minutes of the aforesaid meeting were confirmed and recorded. (Appendix 2)</p>	
5.	<p>Matters Arising Out of the Minutes</p> <p>The members present did not bring up any issues from the previous meeting.</p>	
6. 6.1.	<p>Financial Reports</p> <p>Administrative Budget</p> <p>Premila Gamage reported that the administrative budget will be the same</p>	

<p>6.2.</p>	<p>as in the past.</p> <p>Meeting Budget Keat Fong Tan, Regional Manager, reported that the Section received €4,500 to organize the mid-conference meeting in Singapore. After the expenses incurred for this meeting, there was a balance of US\$100 (approx.) that remained in the meeting account.</p>													
<p>7.</p>	<p>Report from the Chair Since Gary Gorman could not attend the meeting, the report was not presented</p>													
<p>8.</p>	<p>Report from the Information Coordinator Hilda T. Nassar, Information Coordinator, could not attend the IFLA Conference, and the Secretary did not receive her report before departure.</p>													
<p>9.</p>	<p>Report from the Regional Office (RO) Regional Manager reported the following: (Appendix – 3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IFLA Regional Office for Asia and Oceania received 16 applications for the ALP Scholarships—25 applications for training attachments and one project for 2007. • The training programme for 3 grant recipients in 2006 is to be attached to the countries of their preference for a one-month training from 1 to 30 September 2007. The three recipients of IFLA Training Attachment Award 2006 are as follows: <table border="1" data-bbox="375 1062 1284 1356"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="375 1062 678 1136">Name of Trainee</th> <th data-bbox="678 1062 906 1136">Country of origin</th> <th data-bbox="906 1062 1284 1136">Country of Training</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="375 1136 678 1209">Dr. Suresh Jange</td> <td data-bbox="678 1136 906 1209">India</td> <td data-bbox="906 1136 1284 1209">Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="375 1209 678 1283">Ms. Heidi Kalayaan</td> <td data-bbox="678 1209 906 1283">The Philippines</td> <td data-bbox="906 1209 1284 1283">Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="375 1283 678 1356">Ms. Sadia Paracha</td> <td data-bbox="678 1283 906 1356">Pakistan</td> <td data-bbox="906 1283 1284 1356">National Library Board, Singapore</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IFLA RSCAO Mid-Conference Meeting in Singapore on 19 and 20 March 2007, NLB hosted the RSCAO mid-year meeting. • Poster Session at Durban: The Regional Office worked on a poster titled “The Experience with Actions for Development through Libraries Programme (ALP) Core Activities.” The poster featured the mission and strategies of ALP, including experiences from award recipients for scholarship, training attachments and projects. A brochure will be prepared inviting ALP scholarship recipients to write 20 to 50 words about their experience on how they have benefited from the ALP sponsorship, training attachment, and projects. During the poster session, these ALP award recipients would be invited to share their experiences with the conference delegates. 	Name of Trainee	Country of origin	Country of Training	Dr. Suresh Jange	India	Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand	Ms. Heidi Kalayaan	The Philippines	Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand	Ms. Sadia Paracha	Pakistan	National Library Board, Singapore	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update Mailing Addresses of and Information on All Members: The Members' Particulars Form has been designed and inserted into the third issue of the newsletter of the Regional Office for members to send updates of their particulars, if any. • The Section Newsletter, June 2007: The web link of the newsletter of IFLA Regional Office for Asia and Oceania (third issue) was circulated via: http://ifla.org/VII/s26/pubs/RSCAO-Newsletter19-1.pdf to NLB Managers and their senior personnel as well as IFLA friends and members. <p>The Chair thanked the Regional Manager and her team for producing a very informative and nicely-designed newsletter in time.</p>	
<p>10.</p>	<p>ALP Report Birgitta Sandell, ALP Programme Director, provided the following verbal report at the meeting:</p> <p>Speakers Grant IFLA/ALP offered the Sida Grants for two speakers from the region to attend IFLA and present papers. They are: Maqsood Ahmad Shaheen and Carina C. Samaniego.</p> <p>Financial situation Funds are available for the core projects until 2009. All current projects seem to be moved ahead as planned.</p>	
<p>11.</p>	<p>The Asia and Oceania Section's projects (appendix-4) Birgitta Sandell, reported that following projects were accepted for the next year:</p> <p>Project 299—International workshop on Information Literacy, Bangladesh (Independent University, Bangladesh, Muhammad Hossam Haider Chowdhury & Mohammed Abu Khaled Chowdhury)</p> <p>Project 604—In-service training “attachments” for middle or senior staff in Asia Oceania. Selected candidates for 2007 are—Ms Tungalag Sambuu from Mongolia; Ms Tan Somoly from Cambodia; Yadab Chandra from Nepal</p> <p>Project 605—Strategic Methodological and Practical Issues for Digital Library Development in Arab States (Dr. Fawz Abdallah, Lebanese American University, Lebanon)</p> <p>Project 609—National Workshop on Information Literacy (Hanna Latuputty, the British International School, Indonesia)</p>	
<p>12.</p>	<p>World Library and Information Congress: 73rd IFLA General Conference Programme, Durban, 19-23 August 2007</p>	

12.1	<p>Asia and Oceania Section Programme (Wednesday, 22 August 2007 at 13.45-15.45)</p> <p>Theme: 'Information providers coping with disaster in Asia and Oceania'. In addition to the keynote address, following papers and a DVD screening were selected to present at the open session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keynote Address: Disaster management in the cultural heritage sector: a perspective of international activity from the United Kingdom: lessons and messages—Prof. Graham Matthews (Loughborough University, Loughborough, UK)• Writing a new chapter - globalization: creating libraries across the globe - a case study in Sri Lanka—Nevanka Goonewardena and Melissa Aho (Metropolitan State University, St Paul, Minnesota, USA)• Cooperative Disaster Salvage and Recovery in Aotearoa New Zealand: a case study of vacuum freeze-drying services—Pamela Najjar-Simpson (National Library of New Zealand, Wellington, New Zealand)• Academic Institutions and Libraries of Pakistani administered Kashmir: a pre and post earthquake analysis—Maqsood Ahmad Shaheen (US Embassy, Islamabad, Pakistan)• An analysis of the data archiving practices of selected scientific agencies in the Philippines—Carina C. Samaniego (Manila Observatory, Diliman Quezon City, Philippines)• Rising from the Rubble (DVD screening)—Sri Lanka Library Association	
12.2	<p>Division of Regional Activities and ALP Open Session—Thursday, 23 August: 10:45-12:45 hours</p> <p>Theme: "Libraries at the forefront of grassroots development". Representing the region, following papers were presented at the session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Role of ALP in Facilitating Grassroots Development in Division VIII Countries—Birgitta Sandell (IFLA/ALP, Uppsala, Sweden) and Gary Gorman (Victoria University of Wellington, Wellington, New Zealand)• Educating Information Literacy Educators in Asia-Oceania—Daniel G. Dorner (Victoria University of Wellington, Wellington, New Zealand)	
12.3.	<p>Officers' Forum: A training session and orientation for Section Officers and Professional Committee Members, appointed to serve during 2007-2009, Monday, 20 August, 2007 at 13:45-15:45 hours</p> <p>The Chair Ms Premila Gamage and new Secretary M. Al Mamun attended the sessions.</p>	
12.4.	<p>Social Event</p> <p>The social event was held on Tuesday, 21 August at the Sage Restaurant, the Westville Hotel from 6.00 pm. to 11:00 pm. There were around 45 guests at</p>	

<p>12.5.</p> <p>12.6.</p> <p>12.7.</p> <p>12.8.</p>	<p>the event. The event was sponsored by Emerald, which wishes to continue sponsorship in the future.</p> <p>Coordinating Board Meeting The Chair attended two CB meetings on 17 and 24 August 2007</p> <p>Caucus: Africa, Asia and Oceania, and Latin America and the Caribbean The meeting was held on Saturday, 18 August 2007. A good number of members participated in the meeting. The Chair was from among the speakers.</p> <p>Hearing Session of IFLA's Professional structure: 19 Sunday, 11:45-13:30 Several members attended the meeting.</p> <p>Poster Session A poster titled the 'Experience with Actions for Development through Libraries Programme (ALP) Core Activities' was presented by the Regional Office. It covered the mission and strategies of ALP, including experiences from award recipients for scholarship, training attachments, and projects. A brochure was also distributed with statements of ALP recipients about their experiences on how they have benefited from the ALP sponsorship, training attachment, and projects.</p>	
<p>13.</p> <p>13.1.</p>	<p>The World Library and Information Congress: 74th IFLA General Conference and Council, Quebec, Canada, 10-15 August 2008</p> <p>Open Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The theme of the Congress is 'Libraries without Borders: Navigating Towards Global Understanding'. The Committee members again discussed the previously-agreed theme—'From Me to You to Us: How Libraries in Asia and Oceania Contribute to Global Understanding'• On the basis of this theme, Committee members welcomed and agreed to call for papers with the following sub-theme:<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Digitization projectb. Barriers to LIS education in this regionc. Information technologiesd. Reservation and digitization• The Committee members discussed whether it is needed to include other IFLA languages in the call notice for papers. The Chair explained the difficulties, such as evaluating abstracts, meeting deadlines, etc. The Committee also discussed the possibilities of getting help from IFLA Language centres. It was decided to include other languages in the notice for future conferences, such as in Milan.	<p>Dr. Dan Dorner agreed to draft the call notice for papers</p>

13.2.	<p>Poster Session The regional office will organize a poster session, focusing on the section activities.</p>	
14. 14.1 14.2	<p>Confirmation of date and place for the Mid-conference Meeting 2008 The next Mid-conference Meeting will be held in New Delhi, India on 11-13 February 2008 at the Indira Gandhi National Open University.</p> <p>If fund is available, IFLA PC (Professional Committee) and Indira Gandhi National Open University will jointly organize an International Information Literacy workshop following the Mid-conference Meeting to be held on 14-17 February 2008.</p>	<p>Prof. SB Ghosh will communicate with The Chair</p>
15.	<p>Promoting IFLA Members in the Region The Chair urged SC members to actively participate in the activities of the Committee. The Chair also encouraged the SC members to actively persuade libraries and library associations in their countries to become members.</p>	
16.1 16.2	<p>Other businesses The Chair proposed the following names to assume the Corresponding Member and Advisor position for the Asia and Oceania Section for the period of 2007-2009: Prof. Gary E. Gorman— Corresponding Member Dr. Chihfeng P. Lin— Corresponding Member Ms Rashidah Begum bt. Fazal Mohamed— Corresponding Member Shawky Salem— Corresponding Member</p> <p>There was no objection from the Committee.</p> <p>Fariborz Khosravi requested committee to consider Iran as the venue for mid-conference meeting in 2009. The National Library of Iran, will be the host.</p>	<p>Chair will contact RSCAO members for approval</p> <p>Fariborz Khosravi will follow it up with the Chair</p>

Appendix

1. Agenda of the meeting
2. Minutes of the mid-conference meeting held in Singapore
3. Report of Regional Office January-July 2007
4. [2006 Annual report of the ALP Programme](#)