



INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS

Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania

**Minutes of the Mid-Conference Meeting held in Singapore
19-20 March 2007**

Present

Gary E. Gorman (Chair)
Premila Gamage (Secretary)
S.B. Ghosh (Member)
Mohd Sharif Mohd Saad (Member)
Namtip Wipawin (Member)
Tan Keat Fong (Regional Manager)
Sjoerd M. J. Koopman (Coordinator of Professional Activities, IFLA Headquarters)
Aree Cheunwattana (Corresponding Member)

Observer

Janice Ow (Singapore)

Apologies

Elizabeth Reade Fong (Member)
Eun Bong Park (Member)
Fariborz Khosravi (Member)
Harrison Perera (Member)
Hasna Askhita (Member)
Mark Perkins (Member)
Yumi Kitamura (Member)
Zhang Xiaoxing (Member)
Zhu Qiang (Member)
Hilda Nassar (Information Coordinator)
Birgitta Sandell (ALP Programme Director)
Rashidah Begum (Corresponding Member)
Russell Bowden (Corresponding Member)
Shawky Salem (Governing Board Member, Corresponding Member)

Absent

Anjali Gulati (Member)
Ashu Shokeen (Member)
Isabelle de Cours (Member)
Wang Shan (Member)
Xiaolin Zhang (Member)

Item No.	Minute	Action
1	Welcoming Remarks The Chair declared the meeting open and welcomed Committee members, and Sjoerd Koopman, Coordinator of Professional Activities, IFLA Headquarters. He conveyed apologies from the Committee members who were unable to attend the mid-conference meeting.	

2.	<p>Agenda The Committee adopted the proposed agenda with the following changes to Item 9 (Appendix 1): Discuss ALP report in the morning - (Requested by Sjoerd Koopman) Discuss HQ report in the afternoon - (Requested by Tan Keat Fong)</p>	
3.	<p>Confirmation of Minutes of the Meetings held in Seoul, Korea, 20 August 2006 The minutes were confirmed subject to one minor change. The statement in the Item 5.2 ‘Keat Fong Tan reported that the Section received US\$4,500 to organise the Mid-conference meeting in Hanoi’ should read ‘Keat Fong Tan reported that the Section received €4,500 to organise the Mid-conference meeting in Hanoi’. (Appendix 2)</p>	
4.	<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes Members present did not bring up any issue from the previous meeting.</p>	
5. 5.1. 5.2	<p>Financial Reports Administrative Budget Gary Gorman, the Treasurer, reported that the Section finances are now administrated directly by IFLA HQ and the administrative budget will be the same as in the past. He further reported that as he or the Secretary have not claimed anything for this year yet, the full amount remains at the HQ.</p> <p>Meeting Budget Keat Fong Tan, the Regional Manager reported that the Section received €4,500 as meeting budget for 2007. She tabled the accounts for the period from 1 February 2006 to 31 December 2006 (Appendix 3). After the expenses incurred for meetings, there is a balance of S\$2759.96 remaining in the meeting account from the 2006 budget. She further reported that she requires an original invoice with details from Hanoi to pay out the US\$500 from the expenses grant. The Chair explained the difficulties such as language, communications in obtaining an original invoice and informed that he managed to obtain a facsimiled invoice just the day before he left for the meeting in Singapore. As this payment is already delayed by more than a year, the Committee suggested that the Chair counter sign and approve the invoice for payment to which the Regional Manager agreed.</p>	<p>The Chair & the Regional Manager</p>
6.	<p>Report from the Chair Gary Gorman presented the following report:</p>	

<p>6.1</p>	<p>Matters Related to Regional Office <i>RSCAO Newsletter</i> On behalf of all the members, the Chair thanked the Regional Manager and her editorial team for producing an absolutely splendid, first-grade Newsletter. He further mentioned that in his view this is the best newsletter of all the Sections of IFLA. The Chair, members and Sjoerd Koopman very much appreciated their hard work, especially having a detailed list of members in the Newsletter that illustrates an overall picture of current membership.</p> <p><i>RSCAO Web Forum</i> The Chair stated his pleasure in seeing how e-communication is developing with the new RO in a way he had hoped when the Regional Office moved to Singapore. A Web Forum was developed by the Regional Office and is now in operation. All the members are given passwords to access the forum. This was set up in order to improve communication and the recording and archiving of documents. This will act as the Electronic Office of the Section. The Regional Office has achieved a great deal in a short time and the Chair highly commended their hard work.</p>	
<p>6.2</p>	<p>Participation in Seoul Conference The Chair reported that the Section had a very successful series of activities in Seoul. The Section Programme was conducted on Thursday 24 August 2006 (10.45-12.45). In addition to the keynote address, five papers were presented at the open session. The A/O and Division VIII sessions were well attended. He also reported that it was the best attendance at an A/O session during his time in IFLA. Good papers were delivered at both the A/O Open Session and the Division VIII Open Session and were very well received. The Chair further reported that he had considerable follow-up about A/O and Division VIII from inside and outside IFLA. Hence, in his view Section had extremely successful sessions. He thanked the members who helped to evaluate and select papers. He also suggested that nominating a keynote speaker in addition to the call for papers seems to be working well, and should be continued in his view.</p>	
<p>6.3</p>	<p>ALP Scholarship Activity 2006 The Scholarship workshop on ‘Information Literacy and Technology’ was held in Wellington from 13 November to 8 December 2006 without any problems. The workshop was attended by six ALP scholarship holders</p>	

<p>6.4</p>	<p>and three fee-paying participants. The participants worked well together and performed extremely competently. The best feedback to date was received from this workshop, and it is continuing to have feedback from many participants who have returned to their countries, applying technologies that they have learned from the workshop. On behalf of the Committee, the Chair expressed thanks and appreciation to the colleagues within the Victoria University of Wellington who have volunteered to teach in this special ALP workshop all these years despite the workshop being held at the busiest time of the academic year for them.</p> <p>ALP</p> <p>The Chair stated that ALP is one of the best programmes within IFLA. The ALP's role in supporting library and information development in the region has been well recognised and appreciated. The members are extremely committed to the work of ALP and most grateful for the projects that ALP has agreed to and has funded. The Chair highly commended ALP Director Birgitta Sandell's enormous amount of work on the projects, especially during the past few months in the absence of the Administrative Officer, Gunilla Natvig. He expressed his special thanks and appreciation to Birgitta Sandell.</p> <p>The Chair further reported that the ALP Advisory Committee recommended that Committee status be given to ALP like FAIFE and CLM. The Chair was informed that the recommendation was deferred by the Governing Board until its next meeting. He also stated that this is very unfortunate and ALP deserves to have more visible status within IFLA and that having Committee status is one of the ways to achieve it.</p>	
<p>6.5</p>	<p>Regional Office for Arab Countries</p> <p>Since the discussions held in August in Seoul with the Secretary General, as far as the Section is concerned it had no information. When this situation is compared with the process in selecting the Regional Office in Singapore, it is clear that the present actions lack transparency and accountability – the Arab Language Office greatly affects the Asia and Oceania Section, yet we have been neither consulted nor informed of developments beyond a short briefing at IFLA Seoul. This approach is not to be commended in a supposedly democratic organisation like IFLA.</p>	
<p>6.6</p>	<p>Comments of the Work of Committee</p> <p>The Chair stated that this is his eighth and final year in the Committee and that it has been a highlight of his</p>	

professional work. There was huge involvement and wonderful input from members of the Committee. This became very clear with the Section's self-assessment. The section has been working hard and achieving the goals set out in the strategic plan. However, in the last little while, the activity of members has begun to fall away slightly. He brought this to members' attention and informed that when the Section sent out papers to voting members for assessment it received only three assessments, including his. Therefore, he urged members to look at their involvement to the Committee and make sure to input the same kind of efforts that they have done in the past. The Chair stated that he and Secretary are extremely grateful for the members who have been active and responsive because the Committee is not the Chair and the Secretary – it is all elected members. All members should commit to attending meetings, communicating with the Chair or Secretary when requested, participate in decision making and generally undertake the activities to which they agree by their election.

The Chair extended his special thanks to the Secretary for her efficient work.

Report from the Chair generated following comments and discussions:

Sjoerd Koopman informed the Committee that he will explain the situation of Regional Office for Arab Countries under the agenda item of 'Report from HQ'.

In response to the Chair's comment on the recommendation to given ALP Committee status, Sjoerd Koopman said that ALP already has an Advisory Committee and the present Chair of the Division VIII holds the Chairmanship. The Chair responded that Advisory Committee is not the same as the Committees such as FAIFE and CLM. The purpose of the this Advisory Board is to act in an advisory capacity to determine priorities, act as an advocate for ALP and the Board essentially represents regions. He further stated that there is a kind of sense that the ALP is for regions and it is enclave. The Committee status will be helpful to broaden the view that ALP is really something representing all of IFLA. This may help ALP to raise funds which is essential. Sjoerd Koopman responded that he agrees with the Chair and is aware of the good work ALP has done and as always he is for the ALP. He also mentioned that not enough people in IFLA know how much good work ALP does. As this is an agenda item in

	<p>the next Governing Board meeting, he will try to make clear the situation and importance of this recommendation to members of the Governing Board.</p> <p>Regarding the work of members' Sjoerd Koopman commented that he agrees with the Chair and the Asia and Oceania is a Section that has a large number of members. He also mentioned that many members had not reported to this meeting and we know the venue was changed but still in the same region. The Chair responded that the silence about coming to Colombo after a few initially positive responses was quite deafening – many members who have confirmed their participation at the beginning were silent later, and some other members never responded. The Regional Manager commented that she sees financial constraints as one of the major reasons for not attending meetings.</p>	
7.	<p>Report from the Information Coordinator</p> <p>The Chair informed that he has not received the report from the Information Coordinator but as always she does a very good job through disseminating information in time and maintaining the Section's listserv. However, Chair suggested that although Hilda very kindly continued as the Information Coordinator of the Section for the past several years, it is important to see the possibility of handing over the responsibility to another member of the Section. The Chair further suggested that one possibility would be for Hilda to transfer the responsibility to the new member from Lebanon. Committee agreed and suggested the Chair to communicate with Hilda.</p>	<p>Chair to communicate with Hilda</p>
8.	<p>Report from the Regional Office (RO)</p> <p>Keat Fong Tan, the Regional Manager reported the following and the detailed progress report is attached (Appendix 4):</p> <p><i>RSCAO Newsletters</i></p> <p>December 2006 and June 2007 issues of Newsletters were published, and around 330 printed copies were posted to all members of 50 countries. This is in addition to the e-version being available.</p> <p><i>Seoul Conference</i></p> <p>In August 2006, the Regional Manager and Ms Janice Ow, Executive for the IFLA Regional Office attended the IFLA conference in Seoul, Korea from 20-24 Aug 2006. At IFLA Seoul, the Regional Manager attended several meetings with IFLA HQ staff and had a better</p>	

understanding of IFLA administration and activities. The Regional Manager presented a poster at the poster session which covered information about the Regional Office, the Section and ALP activities and involvement. In addition, she attended the Section meetings and four conference sessions in support of the Asia and Oceania Section.

IFLA's Official Name in Chinese

In June, the Regional Manager assisted IFLA HQ to source for the Chinese translation of the authorised name for IFLA for use on IFLA's letterheads.

IFLA RSCAO Web Forum

The Regional Office with assistance from Jamieson Teo, Assistant Executive (ICD) and Janice Ow, Executive (Corporate Office) has created a web forum (<http://forums.nlb.gov.sg/ifla/>) to enable RSCAO members to access and view all the documentation such as scholarships and training applications, project proposals online and to facilitate communication and information. The feedback from RSCAO members was very positive.

IFLA Membership Increased

From January to December 2006, there were 30 new members including Afghanistan and Maldives, two new member countries. All the new members' mailing addresses were checked and updated. To date, there are 330 members from 53 countries. The Regional Office will continue to put in efforts to recruit and increase IFLA membership.

IFLA ALP and the National Library of China

The Regional Manager has assisted ALP and the National Library of China to resolve problems on payment of the ALP Project 271.

ILDS Conference 2007 in Singapore

In June, the Regional Manager was appointed as a committee member for the 10th IFLA Inter-Lending and Document Supply International Conference 2007 (ILDS) and will support in sponsorship, social programmes and recruitment of overseas delegates.

Other Sources of Funding and Projects

In September, the Regional Manager explored other sources of funding for IFLA projects. The Lee Foundation Singapore has made available SINS\$20,000 for conference attendance in Singapore.

	<p>This is part of the Regional Office's efforts to help librarians especially from the poorer countries in the ASEAN and Asia region to be able to attend such library conferences so as to benefit their professional development as well as contribute to their respective countries' and the region's continued progress.</p> <p>Report from RO generated the following discussions, comments and suggestions:</p> <p>The Chair and all the members who attended the meeting highly praised the work done by the Regional Manager and her team. Regarding the ILDS conference 2007 in Singapore, the Chair raised the issue that until this meeting neither he nor any RSCAO members were informed about this by the Regional Manager. The Chair emphasised the importance of having proper communications and information about the activities that are taking place under the name of the Section. He also mentioned that he pointed this out as a warning so that RO and the Section can maintain the collaboration which he thinks is extremely important.</p> <p>In response to the Secretary's enquiry about announcing Lee Foundation's sponsorship in the region of Asia, the Regional Manager said that the sponsorship is only to help librarians in the ASEAN countries.</p> <p>The Regional Manager suggested publishing advertisements in the Newsletter and thereby generate funds to help members to attend Section meetings. The Committee welcomed the suggestion and agreed on the following rates for the advertisements:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Full page - S\$ 1000.00 Half a page - S\$ 600.00</p> <p>Members present at the meeting discussed in detail a number of options for raising funds, including the preparation of a brochure about the section and its activities, the identification of possible organisations for sponsorship and encouraging organisations to make contributions to the Regional Office for use by the RSCAO. Based on these discussions the Committee agreed on the following motion, and it was further decided to circulate this motion among all the members and to charge the Regional Office with the task of preparing an Information Brochure:</p> <p>'The Regional Standing Committee and Regional Office will create an Information Brochure that can be used for sponsorship, and the Committee further strongly encourage every RSCAO member, including</p>	<p>Sjoered Koopman - to contact Saur Verlag Chair - to Contact Emerald Publishers Reginol Manager - to contact Editors of journals in the region.</p> <p>Secretary – Circulation of the motion RO – preparing brochure</p>
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	<p>incoming members, to identify in their countries organisations that may provide some kind of sponsorship'.</p>	
<p>9. 9.1</p>	<p>Report from ALP and HQ Report from ALP Birgitta Sandell, ALP Programme Director, could not attend the meeting but submitted the following report before the meeting, and Sjoerd Koopman represented ALP at the meeting:</p> <p><i>New Project Proposal Form and Guidelines for Final Reports</i> A new project application form (Annex 5) and a set of guidelines for submitting final reports (Annex 6) have been introduced.</p> <p><i>Speakers Grant</i> IFLA/ALP offers SIDA Speaker Grants to three speakers from the region to attend IFLA Conference in Durban to present papers.</p> <p><i>Financial Situation</i> Funds are available for the core projects until 2009. All current projects seem to be moving ahead as planned.</p>	
<p>9.2</p>	<p>Report from Headquarters Sjoerd Koopman, Coordinator of Professional Activities, IFLA HQ, presented the following brief report:</p> <p><i>Nominations</i> HQ had all nominations for President-elect, Governing Board Members, Members of the CLM and FAIFE Committees and Sections' Standing Committees by 1 February 2007.</p> <p><i>Some highlights of the Governing Board meetings held in December 2006</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Plan 2006-2009 adopted and six strategic actions were assigned the highest priority level - http://www.ifla.org/V/cdoc/policies.htm#StrategicPlan • Guidelines for IFLA Branding adopted: http://www.ifla.org/V/cdoc/policies.htm#Branding • IFLA/UNESCO Internet Manifesto Guidelines http://www.ifla.org/faife/policy/iflastat/Internet-ManifestoGuidelines.pdf • Three new Discussion Groups approved: E-Learning, Access to Information Network Africa Women, Information and Libraries • Plans for better <i>IFLA Express</i> in Durban • Language issues, including distinction between official and working languages and concern about costs of simultaneous translation discussed (Arabic, Chinese). 	

- Code of Professional Ethics adopted
<http://www.ifla.org/V/cdoc/policies.htm#Ethics>

IFLA Language Centres

Following the discussions and critical remarks made by the membership, in particular from the Asia and Oceania and Africa Sections, during the IFLA World Library and Information Congress in Seoul, HQ redrafted the document titled 'More than One Regional Office per Region'. Instead of more 'Regional Offices', IFLA will establish 'Language Centres'. The establishment of new Language Centres will be pursued in full consultation of the Regional Sections and existing Regional Offices. The Language Centres could be of great help to Regional Offices, as they would really be able to contact members and potential members in the geographical areas involved, because of their language abilities. Currently, Language Centres for Arabic and Russian, and for French in Africa are in process.

Programme for Durban

The programme has been approved.

Next Annual Conferences

Quebec City (2008), Milan (2009), S-E Asia/Oceania (2010)

New Conference Organiser

Congrex Holland replaced by Concorde Services (Glasgow)

New IFLA Membership Manager

Cynthia Mouanda was appointed as the new Membership Manager. She can be contacted at cynthia.mouanda@ifla.org.

Report from HQs generated the following discussions and comments:

In response to S.B. Ghosh's enquiry about the difference between the 'Language Centre' and the 'Regional Office', Sjoerd Koopman said that it is the 'Language'. The function of the Centre is primarily a translation service and to give support to reaching out to potential members who otherwise cannot be reached and facilitate communication wherever IFLA needs it. He further emphasised that it is a Centre that focussed on a specific language community and translates IFLA documents into that language, translates important documents from that language into English for wider dissemination, and recruits and supports IFLA members in that language

	<p>community.</p> <p>In responding to Ghosh, Sjoerd Koopman informed that the Language Centres have no members, and it is only for the administrative functions.</p> <p>The Chair responded that the Section is reasonably comfortable with the issue now. However, he said he expects to see some kind of formal document about this so that we will understand the “Terms of References (TOR)” in the Language Centres, and within that TOR, linking the Language Centres and Regional Offices by a formal mechanism. Also, the Chair stated that, as we know Arab countries do speak and understand English, but for other reasons they do not want to use English. Therefore, the Section can begin with the Language Centre working in conjunction with the Regional Office, and open that door to members. He said that he does not want the Language Centre to be spin-offs of Regional Offices. The Chair further emphasised that the concern is that there needs to be a formal mechanism for linking the Language Centres and Regional Offices. He said that at the same time the Committee would like to know what activities HQ is undertaking and how as a Regional Office we can help support that. While praising the open approach that the HQ has taken, the Chair once again highlighted the importance of a formal linkage process.</p> <p>Finally, on behalf of the members, the Chair expressed appreciation for HQ’s willingness to listen and the way which it accepted comments. We have reached a reasonable solution, and this Committee will try to facilitate this in whatever way it can.</p>	
<p>10. 10.1 10.1.1</p>	<p>Asia and Oceania Section's Projects</p> <p>ALP Projects</p> <p>Current Projects</p> <p>Birgitta Sandell submitted the following report prior to the meeting:</p> <p>Project 264 - Mekong Regional Network for LIS Training. Still have not received final narrative and financial reports.</p> <p>Project 265 - Information Management Curriculum Development in Vietnam. No reports although it was promised at the meeting in</p>	

Hanoi last March by Mrs Lan.

Project 271 - *International Symposium on the Research and Utilisation of Chinese Local Chronicles*

An agreement between ALP and NLC (Wang Shan) was reached in October 2006 with the help of Keat Fong. NLC was to return USD 1000 to ALP and give some libraries in Asia Dissertation of International Conference on Local History 2004 free of charge. ALP has not yet received the money.

Project 280 - *Building learning communities through libraries.*

Received progress report and a message in December 2006 that they are in the final stages of editing the booklets, Teacher's Guide and Student's Guide, and that they will submit the final report and financial report together with copies of the booklets. Not yet received.

Project 285 - *In-service training, attachments for middle staff in Asia and the Pacific*

3 applicants were selected for the training.

Project 287 - *'Empowering 8' Workshop - applying the problem-solving model for schools in South and South East Asia*

ALP has asked Jagtar Singh in December if UNESCO has paid out their contribution. No reply so far.

Project 288 - *A workshop to train library association leaders in the Pacific Islands in library advocacy and policy development.*

The money will be sent as soon as possible.

Project 290 - *Information Literacy Workshop on the preparation of information literacy modules for primary and secondary schools in Malaysia and Southeast Asia.*

Project is functioning as planned.

Project 291 - *Enhancement of the Roles of Distance Education in Library Science in Asia and Oceania.*

Money sent in December 2006.

Project 296 - *Modelling Information Literacy: Developing a Contextually-Based Training Programme for a Less Developed Country in the Greater Mekong Sub-region (University Library National University of Laos, Mr Chansy Phuangsouketh)*

The Chair informed that this will be taking place towards

	<p>end of the year.</p> <p>Project 297 - Education for Information Literacy: Developing and Implementing a Contextually-Based Training Programme (Documentation Centre, Pedagogical Research Department, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport, Cambodia, Ms Yim Mory) The Chair informed that this will be taking place towards the end of the year.</p> <p>Project 298 - Scholarships in information literacy. Following participated in the 2006 programme: Ms Lu Xiaohui, China; R.P.P. Ranaweera, Sri Lanka; Vaykhoun Keochandy, Laos; Ms Natalia Delos Reyes, Philippines; Ms Pham Binh Minh, Vietnam.</p> <p>Project 299 - International workshop on Information Literacy, Bangladesh (Independent University, Bangladesh, Muhammad Hossam Haider Chowdhury & Mohammed Abu Khaled Chowdhury) The Chair informed that he will send his comments to them and if they can revise the proposal accordingly within 6 weeks it can be submitted to Birgitta Sandell for the financial support.</p>	<p>Chair - to contact Khaled Chowdhury</p>
<p>10.1.2</p>	<p>Future Projects The Regional Office received four new project proposals and circulated them among the members prior to the meeting (Appendix 5). The Committee discussed and evaluated all the proposals at the meeting.</p> <p>Project 298 - Scholarships in information literacy. Budget (US\$25,000.00) is available for 2007 programme.</p> <p>Project 604 - In-service training “attachments” To select candidates for 2007. Budget – US\$ 7,050.00</p> <p>Project 605 - Strategic Methodological and Practical Issues for Digital Library Development in Arab States (Dr. Fawz Abdallah, Lebanese American University, Lebanon) The Committee was much in favour and recommended to support this proposal, after clarifying the following 3 issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How many days are the workshop planned for? Which Arab states will be invited? What is the breakdown of budget for 3 Keynote Speakers i.e. travel, accommodation, per diem? </p>	<p>Chair – Mentor</p>

	<p>The Committee appointed Gary Gorman to be mentor and assist.</p> <p>Project 606 - International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management - ICIKM 2007 (Mr. Krishna Mani Bhandary, Nepal. (Jointly organised by HealthNet Nepal and Tribhuvan University Central Library. Partners INASP, UK, Institute of Engineering Tribhuvan University and Nepal College of Information Technology)</p> <p>Very good and well structured application. Shows that the applicant is very knowledgeable in his field. However, certain important information are missing such as which countries will be invited to send participants to the conference, detailed budget specifications, statement specifying the contributions expected from UNESCO, INASP and CIDA. The Committee appointed Prof. S.B. Ghosh to be mentor and assist in reworking the submission along the lines required by the Committee and ALP.</p> <p>Project 608 - Talking Library for the Visually Impairment (Saidul Huq, Blind Education and Rehabilitation Development Organisation – BERDO Bangladesh)</p> <p>Rejected. The costs in this budget consist of materials, repairing of equipment, salaries, electricity etc, which ALP cannot cover.</p> <p>Project 609 - National Workshop on Information Literacy (Hanna Latuputty, The British International School, Indonesia)</p> <p>Although ALP cannot fund a National Level Project, the Committee recommended the project as Indonesia: to be considered as a very large country (cf China, India) which justifies a “national” project. This word needs to be removed from the project title, and international participation being sought (Malaysia, Singapore, HK etc.). The Committee appointed Mohamed Sharif to be mentor and assist in reworking the submission along the lines required by the Committee and ALP.</p> <p>During the evaluation and selection of projects, the following suggestions were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair mentioned that he will look through ALP’s new Project Proposal Form and Guidelines for Final Reports and send his comments to Birgitta Sandell. 	<p>S.B. Ghosh - Mentor</p> <p>Mohamed Sharif – Mentor</p> <p>Chair – to send his comments to Birgitta</p>
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<p>11 11.1</p> <p>11.2</p>	<p>ALP Scholarship and Training Attachment Selections ALP Scholarship Selections The Regional Office has received 19 applications for the ALP 2007 Scholarship Programme. A sub-committee was set up to select five candidates and two reserves for the programme.</p> <p>The five candidates selected include: Mr. Mohamed Ghali Rashid Mubarak, Bharain Mr. Sagar Raj Subedi, Nepal Fathmath Shiham, Maldives Islands Ms. Dhondu Namrata Mestry Ms. Blesila P. Velasco, Philippines</p> <p>Two reserves include: Ms Choe Bok Gyong, DPR of Korea Ms. Opong Sumiati, Indonesia</p> <p>ALP Training Attachment Selections From 23 training attachment applicants, the sub-committee selected three individuals, and three reserves, for ALP 2007 training attachments.</p> <p>Three individuals: Ms. Tungalag Sambuu, Mongolia Ms Tan Somaly, Cambodia Mr. Yadab Chandra Nirula, Nepal</p> <p>Three reserves include: Ms Senani Bandara, Sri Lanka Ms. Rim Jong Ran, D.P.R. Of Korea Ms. Majidha Ali, Maldives Islands</p> <p>The Chair reported that the number of applications has been reduced and part of the problem is that we advertise primarily within IFLA. Therefore, we have to find ways to publicise more widely. It was suggested that Regional Manager could contact Arlene Cohen of the IFLA/MLAS to get the detailed list of Library Associations in the region which will be helpful in advertising out of IFLA community.</p> <p>Sharif Mohamed pointed out that most of the applicants are not aware of the countries that they can select for training attachments. It was observed that this is because clear information has not been given in the IFLANET/ALP. Therefore, it was decided to rephrase and edit the information in the IFLANET.</p>	<p>Members of the training team will contact candidates and handle the programme</p> <p>Regional Manager – inform candidates and organise the programme</p> <p>Regional Manager – to contact Arlene Cohen</p> <p>Chair and Secretary – edit/rephrase information</p>
<p>12.</p>	<p>World Library and Information Congress: 73rd IFLA General Conference Programme, Durban, South Africa 19-23 August 2007</p>	

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Asia & Oceania Section Programme

Theme: *Information Providers Coping with Disasters in Asia and Oceania*

Keynote Address: Professor Graham Matthews, University of Loughborough, UK, has agreed to be the keynote speaker.

Evaluation and Selection of Abstracts: The Section received 18 abstracts from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, South Africa, Sri Lanka, China, Micronesia, Philippines, Korea and New Zealand for its call for papers. Abstracts and assessment forms were circulated among all the members. Members were asked to indicate their assessment number for each category of each abstract in the form and send it to Prof. Gary Gorman. In addition to the keynote paper, the following abstracts were selected for the presentation in Durban.

1. **Keynote Address- Disaster management in the cultural heritage sector: a perspective of international activity from the United Kingdom; lessons and messages** – Graham Matthews, Professor of Information Management, Loughborough University, United Kingdom
2. **The Yap State Public Library - Coping with Disaster** - Isabel Rungrad, Yap State Public Librarian, Yap State Library, Yap State, Federated State of Micronesia *and* Arlene Cohen, University of Guam RFK Library, Federated State of Micronesia
3. **Writing a New Chapter – Glocalization: Creating Libraries across the Globe - A Case Study in Sri Lanka** - Nevanka Goonewardena, Faculty Reference Librarian and Melissa Aho, Faculty Reference Librarian, Metropolitan State University, St Paul, Minnesota, USA
4. **Cooperative Disaster Salvage and Recovery in New Zealand: A Case Study of Vacuum Freeze-Drying Services** - Pamela Najjar-Simpson, Manager Preservation Services, National Library of New Zealand, Wellington, New Zealand
5. **Effects of Earthquake on Libraries of “Azad Jammu And Kashmir”:** Pre and Post Earthquake Analysis - Maqsood Ahmad

	<p>Shaheen, IRC Assistant, US Embassy, Islamabad, Pakistan</p> <p>6. Telling the staff the plan is more important than the plan itself - Fang Xu, Ya-ling Chai, Xiao-pu Jin, Librarian, Tian-Jin Polytechnic University, Tian-Jin, Republic of China</p> <p>The Secretary was informed by the sixth presenter Fang Xu that they will not be able to attend and present their paper at the conference in Durban. Therefore, with the Committee's permission, the next highest scored paper was selected i.e.</p> <p>A Comparative analysis of the data archiving practices of selected scientific agencies in the Philippines: the case of Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical, Astronomical Service Administration (PAGASA) and the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS) - Carina C. Samaniego, Librarian, Manila Observatory , Philippines.</p> <p>Open Session with Division VIII and ALP: The theme is "Libraries at the Forefront of Grassroots Development". The Chair reported that no abstracts were received from Africa for this session. He also informed that three papers have been selected on ALP projects for the presentation.</p>	<p>Secretary – to inform Carina C. Samaniego</p>
12.2	<p>Poster Session: It was agreed to organise a poster session representing Division VIII and focusing on the ALP activities. It was also agreed that the Regional Manager Keat Fong Tan should contact other Regional Managers and organise the session.</p>	<p>Regional Manager – to contact other two Regional Managers and organise a poster</p>
12.3	<p>Social Event: The Chair informed that Emerald celebrates their 40th Anniversary in 2007 and has agreed to sponsor the social event in Durban. He further informed that this year Emerald will organise the venue and A/O Section will handle the invitations.</p>	<p>Secretary - to handle invitations with Eileen Breen from Emerald</p>
12.4	<p>World Library and Information Congress: 74th IFLA General Conference and Council, Quebec, Canada, 10-14 August 2008</p> <p>The theme of the Congress is 'Libraries without Borders: Navigating Towards Global Understanding'. The Committee discussed possible themes for the Open</p>	<p>Secretary – to circulate the theme among members</p>

	<p>Session for and tentatively suggested the following theme and decided to circulate it among all the members to obtain their views, suggestions etc:</p> <p>'From Me to You to Us: How Libraries in Asia and Oceania Contribute to Global Understanding'</p> <p>The Committee also discussed to explore the possibilities of organising a joint programme with Public Libraries Section, Information Literacy Section or Social Sciences. It was suggested that the Secretary could contact John Lake, the Secretary, Public Library Section. This would be further discussed and planned in the meeting at WLIC Durban.</p> <p>The Committee discussed organising a Social Event in Quebec. The Chair informed that he will contact Emerald regarding sponsorship.</p>	<p>Secretary – to contact John Lake of Public Library Section</p> <p>Chair - to contact Eileen Breen</p>
14.	<p>Strategic Plan 2008-2009</p> <p>The Committee discussed about the strategic plan and slightly modified the plan. It was decided to circulate the modified version among all the members to get their views, suggestions etc.</p>	<p>Secretary – to circulate</p>
15	<p>Confirmation of Date and Place for Mid-Conference Meeting 2008</p> <p>The venue of the next mid-conference meeting in 2008 was considered. The Chair reported that the Section has received the following invitations from Pakistan, Syria and India to host the 2008 mid-conference meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Library and Information Science, Punjab University, in Lahore, Pakistan - Dr.Kanwal Ameen, Assistant Prof. • Pakistan Library Association in Islamabad, Pakistan. - Anwar Ejaz, Secretary, Pakistan Library Association (Federal Branch) • Indira Gandhi Open University, New Delhi, India • Damascus, Syria (Hasna Askhita) <p>The Chair reported that he requested Pakistan to organise the meeting jointly but no information has been received from any of the organisations. The Committee decided not to meet in Damascus since the Committee had the meeting in Damascus in 2005. As the Committee has not met in India in recent years, members considered India for the 2008 meeting. However, the Chair pointed out that when a country offers to host a meeting they should inform the Committee about tentative meeting budget, entry procedures, commitments, travel assurances etc.</p>	

	The Chair requested S.B. Ghosh to send a tentative budget and other details to him so that members could confirm the dates and venue soon	S.B. Ghosh – to send budget to Chair
16	<p>Other Business</p> <p>There was no other business</p> <p>On behalf of the Committee, the Chair thanked Keat Fong Tan, Regional Manager of Asia and Oceania, and her team for organizing the Mid-Conference Meeting especially at very short notice. He expressed thanks and appreciation to Dr N. Varaprasad, CEO of National Library and the Deputy, Ms Ngian Lek Choh, for support given to the Regional Office and for their hospitality during the meeting.</p>	
17	<p>Close of Meeting</p> <p>The meeting closed around 1.00 pm. on 20 March 2007.</p>	

Appendix

1. IFLA Asia and Oceania Section. Regional Standing Committee Mid-Conference Meeting Agenda
2. Minutes of the Meetings held in Seoul, 20 and 24 August 2006
3. Statement of Meeting Budget
4. Report from the IFLA Regional Office for Asia and Oceania, 1 February 2006 to 31 December 2006
5. New project application form (Annex 5)
6. New set of guidelines for submitting final reports (Annex 6)
7. IFLA Members Registered for Section 26 Asia and Oceania