

## Government Libraries Section

### Minutes of the Standing Committee Meetings, held at 69<sup>th</sup> IFLA General Conference and Council, 2003 Berlin, Germany

**Saturday, 02 August 2003 11:30 – 14:00**

**Participants:** Lena Olsson (chair), Dario D'Alessandro, Nancy Bolt, Suzanne Burge, Maija Jussilainen, Jerry Mansfield, Christine Wellems, Hye-Kyeong Yi, Robert Klaverstijn (secretary / treasurer)

**Guests:** Camara Lamine, Al Kagan, Vesna Wagner, Maria Goeckeritz, Reinhard Supper

#### 1. Opening and welcome

All present briefly introduced themselves. Special welcome to 3 new Standing Committee members: Dario D'Alessandro, Maija Jussilainen and Hye-Kyeong Yi. Agenda adopted. Al Kagan (Social Responsibilities Discussion Group) highlighted the issues which are specific for our section.

#### 2. Election of new officers

The present chair and secretary both served a four year term of office and are not eligible for re-election. Both for the posts of chair as secretary, there is one nominee. Jerry Mansfield has been elected unopposed as chair. Christine Wellems has been elected unopposed as secretary. She also will remain the Information Coordinator and the Editor of the Newsletter of the section. Robert Klaverstijn has been re-elected (unopposed) as treasurer.

#### 3. Berlin Conference

The programme of the Section in Berlin is very attractive with visits to the Offices of the Federal Chancellor and the Federal President on Monday morning, the Open Session on Wednesday (Changing Governments, Changing Libraries) and the offsite Workshop on Thursday (German government libraries since unification: experiences and perspectives) in the Federal Ministry of the Interior and in the Federal Foreign Office. A special expression of thanks goes to Christine, who has worked so hard to organize the visits and the workshop.

#### 4. Strategic Plan 2004 – 2005

Our Strategic Plan has to be updated. This Plan should consist of three elements: a mission statement, goals, together with the relevant IFLA professional priorities which they relate to and actions to be taken to fulfil these goals. The Professional Committee has urged the GL Section to address to the Recommendations 9<sup>1</sup> and 11<sup>2</sup> of the IFLA Social Responsibilities Discussion Group.

#### 5. Review of IFLA Sections

The Professional Committee has decided that it would carry out a thorough review of all IFLA Sections in 2007. We are encouraged to think about, or even propose mergers of Sections before that time. Government Information and Official Publications Section (GIOPS) and / or Library and

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<sup>1</sup> IFLA should work with appropriate national and international bodies to promote policies and develop programs that equalize access to the Internet

<sup>2</sup> IFLA should advocate and develop strategies for use of library associations to develop policies conducive to the development of information infrastructures for equitable, adequate and reliable communications for all

Research Services for Parliaments could qualify for – at least – closer collaboration with GL Section. Kay Raseroka 's theme "Life Long Literacy" should also be taken into account.

#### 6. Buenos Aires Programme 2004

The theme for the 2004 World Congress is: "Libraries: Tools for Education and Development". Our programme for Buenos Aires should take this theme (as well as the Presidential theme) into account.

#### *Adjournment*

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