



Government Libraries Section

**Standing Committee Meeting Minutes
Saturday, August 15th 2008**

Present:

Jerry W. Mansfield, Chair (USA)
Maija Jussilainen (Finland)
Emma Voskanyan (Russia)
Jane Wu, Information Coordinator (Italy)
Lamine Camara (Mali)
Rebecca Davies, Secretary/Treasurer (UK)
Inger Jepsson (Sweden)
Maria Goekeritz (Germany)
Christine Wellems (Germany,)
Tanya Driechel

1. Welcome

Jerry W. Mansfield (Chair) welcomed the committee members to the final meeting at Québec.

2. Programme Feedback

Jerry reported that our Thursday, Aug. 14 paper session attracted 85 attendees and was very well received. The committee expressed their thanks for the high quality of the speakers, Eric Davies, Miguel Navas and Daniel Caron.

3. Information Coordinator Position

Jane Wu graciously volunteered to be our Information Coordinator. For our Nov/Dec newsletter, members were asked to think about writing small pieces highlighting conference programmes.

4. “Guidelines for Libraries of Government Departments” Launch

The Tuesday publication launch went very well, and was well attended. Christine Wellems and Maria Goekeritz will submit photos from the launch for the website or newsletter.

The committee agreed that we needed to seek feedback on the use of the *Guidelines* and this had the potential as a topic for a mid term conference.

The National Diet Library of Japan are translating the *Guidelines* into Japanese and this will be available on their website, www.ndl.go.jp/en/publication/ndl_newsletter/index.html.

Maria will contact a colleague to see if they would be willing volunteer to translate the *Guidelines* into German. Tanya Driechel also agreed to ask a

student colleague if they would translate the *Guidelines* into French. Rebecca will contact Miguel Navas (one of the speakers) to see if he can suggest someone to translate to Spanish.

The committee agreed that they would like to show their thanks to any volunteer translator by giving a small gift (approx 50 EURO), as this would be an excellent way to increase the impact of the *Guidelines* work.

Print copies of the *Guidelines* would also be sent to library schools / government libraries in developing countries using the remaining administrative and project funds.

ACTIONS =

Maria / Christine send images to Jane for the website / newsletter

All to submit addresses of libraries / library schools in developing countries

Seek volunteer translators (Maria, Tanya and Rebecca)

5. Section Budget

It was agreed that the remaining administrative funding and project funding where appropriate would be used to:

- Produce a new leaflet for the Section
- Send print copies of the *Guidelines* to libraries/ library schools in developing countries
- Provide small token of thanks to volunteer translators

ACTIONS =

Rebecca to confirm budget levels, get leaflet printed and action the postage of print copies of *Guidelines*.

6. Website information

Jane Wu confirmed to the committee that the new website redesign was progressing and that from Jan 2009 it would start to be rolled out. Fiona Bradley (seconded to IFLA to work on the redesign) had prepared a presentation, which would be made available on the IFLA website. Confirmed functionality included:

Wikis, blogs, RSS, space for sharing files amongst Section members and a segmented area for committee members.

The website will use DRUPAL as an open source CMS. Jane will be the Section contact for any uploads.

ACTION =

Jerry, Jane and Rebecca to look at all the section written material on the internet site to check validity before upload to the new site.

7. Newsletter

All committee members agreed to start writing a brief paragraph for Jane on the conference to be submitted by start Oct 2008 (with images where possible).

Tanya will also submit a brief note on IFLA to Jane for inclusion in the newsletter.

Jerry reminded all members that we could follow the good practice of Christine & Maria and submit information on government library within our countries to share this with our international colleagues. He also suggested that we inform Jane of any conferences we attend so that this can be shared with members as well.

ACTION = All, email to: janemarywu@yahoo.com

8. 2009-2010 Strategic Plan & Section goals

The committee agreed to build on the evening discussion of August 13th via email correspondence to update the Strategic plan and Section goals by the November deadline

9. Committee members

ACTION =

Rebecca to email Section member, Fonkam Azu'u Samuel, to confirm his correct email address

10. Milan conference theme

The Section agreed that the theme for our session in Milan would be:

“Transforming learning cultures; Government libraries as the treasures within”

Jane Wu offered to contact Fernando Venterini (Italian Senate Library) as a potential key note speaker.

11. Mid-term conference, Spring 2010 Proposals

The committee discussed the potential for a mid-term conference in Spring 2010 to reflect on the impact of the *Guidelines*.

Potential locations included Berlin or Barcelona.

Christine and Maria suggested that they would contact a colleague to see if it would be possible to hold this session in Berlin, and Miguel Navas from Catalonia, Spain agreed to explore options in Spain.

The committee proposed 2 themes:

1. implementing the *Guidelines*; and
2. a topic to be determined by the local host, such as ICT issues, which are common to many government libraries (e.g. e-government, “cybercemetery” type projects or information architecture in government).

ACTION =

Jerry will email the committee in late Sept / early Oct to see if there are firm suggestions for a location.

12. Coordinating Board meeting

The committee asked Jerry to raise the possibility of committee members taking part in meetings via Skype or phone conference if they were unable to attend the next conference.

ACTION =

Jerry at CD meeting, 15th Aug.

The Section members thanked Jerry for his hard work and commitment and expressed their gratitude for a very successful Section session, the wonderful get-together dinner and the creative atmosphere for our forward plans and next years conference.

Meeting adjourned.

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