

IFLA Science & Technology Libraries Section Standing Committee  
Minutes of meetings held at the 70th IFLA General Conference, Buenos Aires



Attendees

Julia Gelfand, USA (SC I, SC II)  
Olga Lavrik, Russia (SCI, SCII)  
Irma Pasanen, Finland (SC I)  
Jean Poland, USA (SC I, SC II)  
Raymond Schwarz, USA (SC I, SC II)  
Werner Stephan, Germany (SC I, SC II)  
Anne-Mette Vibe, Norway (SC II)

Observers

Maja Jokic, Croatia (SC I)  
Christine Stotzenbach, France (SCI)

***SC I Sunday, 22 August 2004, 8:30-11:20, Room El Aguila***

1. Welcome

Chair Julia Gelfand welcomed those attending and noted regrets received. Apologies had been received from Jan Companjen, Oonayang Dilebanye, Rivkah Frank, Rafayel Harutunian, Marianne Nordlander, Philippe Raccach, Tovah Reis, Josee Saint-Marseille, Reinhard Supper, Greg Youngen, Suk Young Kim, and Andrei Zemskov.

2. Introduction

The standing committee members and observers introduced themselves. A census about the prospective SCII attendance was made. The Chair reminded those present about the IFLA nominations procedures and the forthcoming elections. A review of the documents prepared by the Chair and the agenda for the SC meetings was made.

3. Review of IFLA 2004 - Buenos Aires Conference

Jean Poland volunteered to substitute Irma Pasanen and fulfill the IFLA Section Booth Duty that was scheduled to coincide with the information coordinators meeting on Wednesday morning. It was noted that the President's Program scheduled for Thursday morning coincides with the section site visit. Ray Schwartz presented the Open Session schedule where simultaneous translation will also be available. The Chair was applauded for putting together the program which had required an effort. Jean Poland reviewed the study tour details. There was to be bus transportation to the site and the section for health sciences would be joining the group. The Chair informed the group about the outcome of her deliberations whereby the section was sponsoring an Argentine librarian, Ms. Diana Pallini, from the National Academy of Exact Sciences to participate in the IFLA conference.

#### 4. Review of CB I Meeting, Saturday, 22 August

The Chair reported from the first CB Meeting. There were 2718 delegates registered as of August 5<sup>th</sup> so the total amount of conference attendees was expected to rise well over 3000. The section assessment will commence in December 2006 and will run until August 2007. Two pilot sections, Social Sciences and Art Libraries will be evaluated earlier. Special lottery tickets were distributed to section. Each section received 200 lottery tickets, to be sold during the first conference days for the benefit of IFLA travel grants. The prizes were to be drawn during the Opening party. The call for WLIC 2006 Conference had not yet been issued.

#### 5. STS Business

The Section Strategic Plan was briefly discussed and the importance of continuing with the section project was noted. Taking into account the next WLIC conferences in Norway and in the Republic of Korea it was agreed that the section brochure should be translated to the Nordic languages and to languages found in Asia. The format of section newsletter was discussed. Currently roughly 150 paper copies have been mailed to section members and to IFLA Headquarter twice a year and the cost has been significant in the section budget. The possibility to move to an electronic-only newsletter was discussed and it was decided that in the October issue a reader inquiry about the matter will be conducted. Other publications relevant to the section work were then discussed. It was noted that INSPEL – the Official journal of Division II Special Libraries which went electronic only in 2002 has no issues available online since that year. The Chair promised to check the matter with the journal editor, Hans-Christoph Hobohm.

#### 6. STS Project Update

Ray Schwartz gave a report on behalf of Greg Youngen about the section project “Survey of Scientific and Technological Information Needs in Less-Developed and Developing Countries”. At the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Greg Youngen has organized the data into a MySQL database enabling search and retrieve functionalities. Web-based search forms are expected to be completed soon for testing. Changes in places of work of key personnel involved in the project may affect the completion of the database project. The content updates, project marketing and reporting plans were discussed.

#### 7. IFLA 2005 - Oslo Norway August 14-18

IFLA 2005 World Library and Information Congress: 71st IFLA General Conference and Council will be held in Oslo, Norway August 14-18 2005. The conference theme will be Voyage to Discovery. It was agreed that the open session speakers should engage people from the region. Open access in the sciences and examples of areas of interest was discussed. topics The possibility of organizing a satellite meeting was reviewed and it was decided to cancel the planning due to so few Standing Committee members at the 2004 conference and the prohibitive costs of additional time in Scandinavia. Anne-Mette Vibe presented possibilities for the study tour of the section. Norway’s industrial past is visible in Kongsberg, an old mining town but a visit would require one full day. In Oslo

there is a possibility to organize a ½ day site visit to the Botanic Gardens. It was agreed that Anne-Mette will proceed with the site visit planning.

#### 8. Newsletter deadline

The deadline for the section October issue of the newsletter was set to be September 15<sup>th</sup>. An interview with the Standing Committee member Suk Young Kim will be included in the newsletter. The Chair informed the standing committee members about the meeting scheduled with Suk Young and the section officers. During this meeting the first details concerning the WLIC 2006 in Soul were to be agreed. The standing committee was asked to come forward with views and comments regarding the 2006 program.

#### 10 Budget issues

The section budget was reviewed. Again, the high cost of postage of the newsletter was noted. It was agreed that the section project will need a budget of its own. Ray Schwarz and Greg Youngen were asked to prepare the budget.

#### 11. Move to Adjourn

The Chair moved to conclude the meeting by summarizing the actions to be taken during the conference and prior the SC II meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11.20

**IFLA Science & Technology Libraries Standing Committee**  
**2004 Buenos Aires Meetings**  
**Agenda for SC II**  
**Saturday, August 28, 2004, 11:30-14:20**  
**Sheraton Hotel**

1. Welcome

Attendance: Julia Gelfand, Werner Stephan, Ray Schwartz, Jean Poland, Olga Lavrik, Anne-Mette Vibe

Regrets: Jan Companjen, Oonayang Dilebanye, Rivkah Frank, Rafayel Harutyunyan, Marianne Nordlander, Irma Pasanen, Pilippe Raccah, Tovah Reis, Josee Saint-Marseille, Reinhard Supper, Greg Youngen, Andrei Zemskov

Guests: - from NIST

6. Review of IFLA 2004 in Buenos Aires

- a. STS Open Session Program - R. Schwartz - reported that it was a long program - most of the audience stayed through the entire program; it was perceived that having simultaneous translation was very useful since we had about 1/3 non-English speakers; active lively discussion followed program. Obvious interest in topic. Under 100 persons in attendance.
- b. Review of Site Visit - J. Poland - host institutions were most gracious. Nancy Gonzalez' library was impressive at the Universidad de Buenos Aires - this was just one of the science campuses and she has done an incredible amount of work in building a preservation center; the medical library was very interesting, too. Most curious how so many students share print resources. Enrollment of medical school is 3,000. Interesting to meet staff. Julia will send letter of appreciation to each host.
- c. Other issues - confirmed that site visits are important and valuable experiences - usually more interest when they combine libraries and other local attractions.
- d. Topics to communicate to CB about programming, programs, logistics, conference planning, etc. Section was troubled by very small number of SC members who came. Really urged leadership to share with CB the need to extend opportunities for better support
- e. PRAC - Publishers Relations Advisory Committee (J. Gelfand) - short meeting was held - promised that IFLA HQ shows great interest in scholarly communication issues and participation in international support to developing countries - ie) WHO projects, etc. STS endorsed interest in continuing participation if PRAC continues.
- f. Ideas about co-sponsoring with other sections - STS worked with Health and BioSciences Section for the 2d year in a row
- g. Other liaison issues - access to Exhibits was too short and inconvenient with many conferences at other venues and hotels. Disappointing about getting to Poster Sessions for short window in between sessions far away.
- h. Evaluation of sponsoring local science librarian - considered a very positive action; too bad that communication was difficult due to language barriers.

7. 2003-04 Budget Review - IFLA took a long time to send operating expenses; registration for visiting speakers continues to be problematic - we paid out of section money since STS has been given generous support in past. Considered important that we put resources into project since we have money. Has not been so easy to spend money on the project - we may need to acquire content to put on site.

8. Assignments

- a. Liaison Reports - would like summary reports for newsletter

- i. IATUL - I. Pasanen, J. Poland, M. Nordlander - meeting was held in June 2005 at the Library of Crakow University of Technology in Poland. About 100 persons attended - theme was about Library Management and proceedings are available at <http://www.iatul.org/conference/proceedings/vol14/> The 2005 conference will be in early June at Laval University in Quebec City, Canada.
  - ii. SLA - G. Youngen - no report
  - iii. ALA STS - J. Gelfand, R. Schwartz - Meeting was held in late June in Orlando, FL. Julia was elected chair-elect of the ACRL Science & Technology Section and will chair the 2006 meeting in New Orleans. She would like to see greater liaison relationships with IFLA STS since there are two reps - currently Jean Poland & Julia. Also shared information about the endorsement of the Information Literacy Standards that were adopted by the Section and now will go to ACRL - see <http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/acrlstandards/infolitscitech.htm> 2005 program will be in Chicago.
  - iv. ELD/ASEE - J. Gelfand reported on annual meeting held in June in Salt Lake City, Utah and shared how a formal liaison program is well underway. Lots of coordination and information sharing has resulted in librarians coming to annual conference from outside of membership and from abroad. The Punch List of Best Practices for Electronic Resources was accepted and expected to be updated annually. Recommended that everyone consider that. See <http://eld.lib.ucdavis.edu/punchlist/PunchlistRevision2005.pdf>
  - v. MLA - no report
  - vi. Other Groups - none reported
  
- 9. Final Plans for IFLA 2005 - Oslo - Irma will be program chair - 3 speakers will be invited to explore different aspects of open source / open access experiences - Anne-Mette reminded us that there was a fair amount of work underway in several projects in Scandinavia. There was consensus that a field trip would be good. Serious concern about compacting conference and still maintaining program. Also compassion was expressed about the very high costs of hotels, food, etc in Norway. Quite a contrast from the 2004 experience in Buenos Aires. Visitor from NIST suggested that colleagues of hers may be appropriate speakers about standards.
  
- 10. Elections for New Officers and members in 2005 - prepare for elections & new members - reminders were shared.
  
- 11. Review of all assignments
  - a. STS Research & Service Project - Ray and Greg will continue work
  - b. IFLA 2005 Conference Planning - appears to be well underway -
  - c. IFLA 2006 Conference Planning - first meeting with Mrs. Kim took place. Different themes were shared - curious about what is happening in research community and especially in automobile or electronics industry. We shared what the local landscape was - large metropolitan city; good public transportation - could visit government research park about an hour away. Will be hot & humid.
  - d. Contributions to Newsletter - deadline will be Sept 30 and Irma will send out reminders
  - e. Liaison efforts - suggested that we would send brief reports to newsletter
  
- 12. Other Business - none
  
- 13. Move to Adjourn was made at 2pm. Attendees wanted to cherish remaining time in Buenos Aires.

Recorded by J. Gelfand