

**IFLA Science & Technology Libraries Standing Committee****2005 Meeting Minutes for SC I****Saturday, 13 August, 8:15-10:15****Rikshospitalet, Library of Medicine and Health Sciences****Attendees**

Jan Companjen  
Julia Gelfand  
Olga Lavrik  
Jill Mayer  
Marianne Nordlander  
Irma Pasanen  
Philippe Raccach  
Tovah Reis  
Billie Joy Reinhart  
Josee Saint-Marseille  
Ray Schwartz  
Werner Stephan  
Anne-Mette Vibe

**Observers:**

Viktor Glukhov Russia  
Knut Hegna Norway  
Jim Mullen USA

**1. Welcome**

Chair Julia Gelfand welcomed those attending and noted the regrets received. Apologies had been received from Oonayang Dilebanye, Rivkah Frank, Jean Poland, Reinhard Supper, SukYoung Kim, Christine Birdie, Anne Powell, and Gregory Youngen. A Census of who will attend SC II was carried out among members present in the SC I meeting.

**2. Introduction**

The standing committee members and observers introduced themselves. A census about the prospective SCII attendance was made. A review was made about the documents prepared by the Chair and the agendas for the SC meetings. Julia Gelfand reviewed the Coordinating Board meeting. Thanks were extended to those whose term in the standing committee ended in 2005. Marianne Norlander and Philippe Raccach had served two terms in the standing committee.

**3. Election of Officers**

Julia Gelfand reviewed the roster of those eligible to vote who must be serving in SC during 2005-2007. The mandates of officers are Chair and Secretary. The chair has also the responsibilities of a treasurer and the secretary of an information coordinator. Julia Gelfand reviewed the responsibilities of the officers and asked for nominations for the Section Officers for the term 2005-2007. Billie Joy Reinhart nominated Irma Pasanen as Chair and Olga Lavrik and Ray Schwartz seconded. Irma Pasanen was elected. Anne-Mette Vibe nominated Ray Schwartz as Secretary and Jill Mayer seconded. Ray Schwartz was elected.

**4. Acceptance of the 2004 Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the standing committee meetings in Buenos Aires 2005 were circulated and accepted.

**5. Review of the WLIC 2005 Conference**

Reinhard Supper and Tovah Reis volunteered to fulfill the IFLA Section Booth Duty scheduled for Tuesday morning. Billie Joy Reinhart volunteered to participate in the IFLA President's program. The Sci-Tech section Open Session papers had been translated to French, German, and Russian. The work of Olga Lavrik, Philippe Raccach, and Werner Stephan in organizing the translations was acknowledged with thanks. Irma Pasanen reviewed the Oslo Open Session schedule. The inauguration party of the National

Library of Norway was scheduled to start promptly at 6 p.m. and therefore it was decided to shorten the Sci-Tech open session accordingly. Anne-Mette Vibe reported about the planned Study Tour on Wednesday to Kongsberg. A big thanks to Anne-Mette was extended. Julia Gelfand reviewed briefly the Satellite conference the section had co-sponsored and scheduled to start at Rikshospitalet immediately after the standing committee meeting. The pre-conference had been mainly organized by the Health and Biosciences Section.

#### **6. Review of the Coordinating Board CB I**

Julia Gelfand reviewed the CB I meeting on Friday Aug.12. The demographics of the Oslo WLIC indicated approximately 2600 delegates. There had been concern in the IFLA Professional Committee about the limited amount of open possibilities to participate in the WLIC programs because of the lack of open call for papers. Sections were urged to post their calls in the IFLA-list for increased visibility. Also, sections were encouraged to look for co-operation possibilities with other sections. The new Presidential Program will have a focus on indigenous knowledge.

In the discussion following the CB I meeting review it was agreed that the science and technology session will issue a call for papers for the 2006 Seoul WLIC Conference.

Irma Pasanen reviewed the Section Evaluation/Assessment form that had been circulated among the Standing Committee members via e-mail before the Oslo Conference. There was discussion and some amendments were agreed.

#### **7. Review of the Section issues**

The strategic plan 2004-2005 had also been circulated among the Standing Committee members via e-mail before the Oslo Conference. The electronic-only section newsletter was also discussed. Irma Pasanen reported that there had been few responses to the query among section membership about going to electronic-only newsletter. The section brochures need to be updated and the possibilities of translations will be explored.

#### **8. Seoul 2006**

The theme for the WLIC 2006 - Seoul, Korea conference is Libraries: Dynamic Engines for the Knowledge and Information Society and the conference will be held August 20-24, 2006. The standing committee discussed possible topics for the Open Session program. However, it was acknowledged that the person with insight of Korean interest would be SukYoung Kim who unfortunately was unable to attend the SC I meeting. The program in Seoul will comprise of Open Session together with a study tour. It was agreed that organizing a satellite event in Seoul would require strong local support. Some ten members of the standing committee present in the meeting anticipated to be attending the Seoul conference.

The Chair then 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 10 o'clock when the pre-conference was about to begin.

**2005 Meeting Minutes for SC II  
Friday, 19 August, 11:35-14:20  
Radisson SAS Plaza, Holmenkollen Room**

**Attendees**

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Xiwen Liu  
Irma Pasanen  
Philippe Raccach  
Tovah Reis  
Billie Joy Reinhart  
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Ray Schwartz  
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John Christensen, USA  
Eduardo Orozco, Cuba

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**2. Update review of the WLIC 2005 Conference**

There were 165 participants attending the Open session and towards the end of the session the number had declined to roughly 75 participants. There were 36 session feedback forms collected. An analysis of the feedback revealed that the audience were mainly from a university or academic institution (62%) libraries, some 14 % came either from special or corporate libraries, or from other, mainly research institutes, 8% from government libraries. None of the respondents came from public libraries. The respondents spoke 13 different languages as their mother tongue, and only 39 % had English as their original language. There were some comments about understanding the language, and diversified comments and preferences concerning the individual presentations. There some critical comments about the time and format of the session, and a closing panel summarizing key points could well been helpful. What people wanted the section to include in future conferences included open access and repositories (25 % of respondents!), relationships between libraries and researchers, science librarian education (2 comments), RFID in libraries, data mining, knowledge management, digital library issues, and how to reduce workload with technology.

The standing committee unanimously found the Kongsberg study tour as a great success and highly interesting. Anne-Mette was commended for organizing an excellent program. Reinhard Supper had reported to the chair from the booth duty that no questions about the section work were presented. It was decided to go ahead with the electronic-only newsletter with 8 print copies to be sent to the IFLA HQ and to members on a print-on-demand basis. The section brochures will be updated during the term 2005-2006. Josee Saint-Marseille volunteered to translate the French version.

Julia Gelfand and Irma Pasanen had made initial contacts with the IT section and the university libraries section about joining the forces in pursuit for an extra session on the topic of institutional repositories in Seoul. There had also been brief discussions about co-sponsorship in conjunction with the planned study tour.

**3. 2004-2005 Budget review**

Julia Gelfand presented the financial report. The financial report was accepted. A brief report about the changing IFLA finance procedures was given by Irma Pasanen.

**4. STS Project Update – Survey of Scientific and Technological Information needs in Less-Develop and Developing Countries.**

Julia Gelfand reviewed the project. Tovah Reis proposed that the material now needs first to be updated and then the outcome marketed for instance via list-servers, and library associations. Also, a user assessment should be useful. Ray Schwartz will coordinate and Billie Joy Reinhart volunteered to work with the updating. It was decided that Christine Birdie from India who had expressed her interest towards the project should be invited to participate in the process. Julia Gelfand volunteered to run an update search, and Ray Schwartz will look at the possibilities of templates enabling direct input of update files.

**5. Reports on activities of related groups**

The Chair called for liaison reports from the committee members who have been nominated by these groups and are committed to act as liaisons between the section and the following organizations. Short summary reports are welcomed to be published in the section newsletter.

- IATUL - Irma Pasanen volunteered to provide the short newsletter report from a recent conference.
- SLA - Irma Pasanen volunteered to provide the short newsletter report from a recent conference.
- ALA STS – Julia Gelfand and Ray Schwartz volunteered to provide the short newsletter report
- ELD/ASEE – Julia Gelfand volunteered to provide the short newsletter report
- MLA - Tovah Reis and Jill Mayer will provide the short newsletter report
- Other Groups. Section members who have recently attended other relevant conferences or convention are encouraged to report on the activities to Ray Schwartz who is the newsletter editor. These groups include for instance LIBER, Special Library Association in China, and the Canadian Library Association

Ray Schwartz announced that the deadline for the newsletter items is September 30<sup>th</sup>.

**6. Review of Final Plans for IFLA 2006 in Seoul**

Julia Gelfand, Irma Pasanen, and Ray Schwartz reported about the meeting they had with SukYoung Kim and Ho Nam Choi from Korea. Mr. Choi, who is the President of Scientific and Technological Information Management Association in Korea STIMA, will act as the principal liaison of the section and help in organizing the section events in Seoul. The Korean delegates had expressed their interest to pursue the topic of ubiquitous library in the section program. This topic was discussed in the standing committee meeting and it was agreed to build the program around the theme. A call for papers will be solicited and panel reviewing the proposed papers will consist of Irma Pasanen, Olga Lavrik, Ray Schwartz, Julia Gelfand, and Billie Joy Reinhart. The study tour is planned to Daeduk, a city with high technology institutions such as KISTI (Korea Institute of Science and Technology Information) and KAIST (Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology). Also a visit to an ancient temple is included. The section will not be organizing a satellite conference in Korea.

There was discussion about the need of translations in Korea. The proximity of both China and Japan to Seoul is expected to increase the number of delegates from these regions.

**6. Move to Adjourn**

The chair Julia Gelfand reviewed the agreed schedules and tasks. The SC II meeting in Oslo was adjourned at 13.15 o'clock.

Irma Pasanen  
Secretary