

## SCI Business Meeting - 18 August 2007, ICC, Durban, South Africa.



### Attendees

Billie Joy Reinhart, Zhang Xiaolin (National Science Library, China) substituting for Xiwen Liu, Irma Pasanen, Ray Schwartz, Deva E. Reddy, James Andrews, Janet Webster, Christine Stotzenbach, Marcel Brannemann

### Regrets

Anne Powell, Josee Saint-Marseille, Sukyoung Kim, Olga Lavrik, Xiwen Liu, Jill Mayer (flight delayed)

### Observers

Julia Gelfand (University of California-Irvine, USA), Hamid Salimgandomi (National Library of Iran)

### 1 & 2. Welcome and introductions

Chair Irma Pasanen welcomed the attendees and observers and the conveyed regrets of members unable to attend.

### 3. Election of Section Officers 2007-2009

Jill Mayer was elected on the new chair and Deva E. Reddy was elected as the new secretary.

### 4. Approval of the SC 2006 Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes from Seoul were accepted by the standing committee.

### 5. Report on the Coordinating Board meeting

Irma reported on the Coordinating Board meeting. She strongly urged the standing committee members to attend the Professional Committee's open hearing on Sunday 11:45 to 13:30 in room 1AB. She reported that there is a strong feeling on the governing board that there are too many sections and many are too small and should perhaps merge. There is a favorable attitude towards the recommendations. And this meeting would be the last chance to put in your opinion. The recommendations will be voted on in this conference.

Janet Webster voiced some ideas about the merging of sections. She stated that can be opportunity for synergy. However are there opportunities for all small sections to merge? Can the small sections become "non-sections"? If so, would programs be allocated for them?

Irma also mentioned that the Coordinating Board would like a small write-up about each of the sections' sessions in the IFLA Express. Ray Schwartz volunteered to do the write-up.

There is a change in the way conference papers are selected for the IFLA Journal. From now on there will be only one paper per division selected for the journal, rather than one paper per section. The reason for the change is tied to the ISI impact factors. The change is intended to improve the IFLA Journal's impact factors.

Irma urged the committee members to attend the launching of new IFLA Journals. It will be on 22<sup>nd</sup> of August at 8:30 in the large hall of the ICC.

### 6. Review of IFLA 2007 Durban Conference

Irma stated that the keynote for our program is the head of the National Research Foundation of South Africa. There will be two papers presented (the first one will have three speakers). The second paper is from Morocco and will be presented in French. We were unable to get simultaneous interpretation assigned to the session, so Irma had the speaker's powerpoint slides translated into English and copied **has** (should be **as**) a handout (100 copies). She asked Christine Stotzenbach to review the translation.

Irma stated that the study tour will meet at the ICC lobby stairs at 13:45 on Tuesday.

### 7. Sci-Tech Section Business

The committee discussed about how to define its role towards outside organizations such as ICSU (**Ray, please spell out full name**). Irma reported that Anne Powell attended the ICSU meeting in London, however, she felt that the head of IFLA should maintain contact with ICSU instead of the section.

Other liaison relations the committee discussed were with IATUL (**Ray, please spell out full name**). IATUL wishes to enhance this cooperation in such areas as promotion, sharing, and newsletters.

The committee discussed the lack of a marketing strategy in our section. The brochures have not been revised for four years. Janet Webster, Marcel Brannemann, and Julia Gelfand volunteered to review our strategy and submit ideas.

Irma stated that the issue of communication and relevance is very important to committee members from developing countries, and we must make every effort to consider and offer solutions to these problems. Irma announced that the Newcomers session will be on Sunday at 13:45 and strongly recommends that committee members attend.

## **8. IFLA 2008 - Quebec**

The committee still wishes to have a half day study tour. There was some discussion about international science without borders—role of information and libraries, and the use of data, national data centers and so on. The committee postponed further discussion until the next meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

Ray Schwartz  
Tuesday, September 25, 2007

## **SCII Business Meeting - 24 August 2007, ICC, Durban, South Africa.**

### **Attendees**

Jill Mayer, Irma Pasanen, Ray Schwartz, Deva E. Reddy, James Andrews, Janet Webster, Marcel Brannemann, Christine Stotzenbach, Caroline Wiegandt

### **Regrets**

Anne Powell, Josee Saint-Marseille, Sukyoung Kim, Olga Lavrik, Xiwen Liu, Billie Joy Reinhart

### **Observers**

Julia Gelfand (University of California-Irvine, USA), Jim Mullens (Prudue University, USA)

## **1, 2 & 3. Review of IFLA 2007**

### **Open Session**

The committee reviewed the open session *Changing trends in higher education and its impact on the delivery of science and technology information* and felt the program and the keynote were a success. The session was well attended with over 150 delegates. Janet Webster suggested that rather than selecting an article from the session for the IFLA Journal, we should work with one of the presenters to expand their paper as a follow-up to the session. The committee decided to ask Andrew Kaniki to expand his presentation into a paper for publication. James Andrews volunteered to contact Dr. Kaniki.

There was some discussion on the issue of simultaneous interpretation (SI). Irma had requested it; however the request was not approved. The committee recognized that when the French presentation began, a sizable portion of the attendees in the room left. The committee will try harder to either get SI or have the presenters present in English.

### **Study Tour**

The committee felt that the study tour was a success. There was an official tour of the Oceanographic Research Institute independent of the section's study tour. There were 19 attendees for the study tour.

Deva Reddy expressed his concern on how the study tour was funded and the fact it is not listed in the program so others outside the section can partake. Irma Pasanen stated that the study tours were funded by sponsors and not with IFLA funds. Janet Webster expressed her opinion that the study tour functioned more as an informal meeting of the section members. Whereas the formal section meetings have limitations in time and depth of discussion, the study tours are an excellent supplement, and therefore should not be an issue as long as promotion of the event is limited and if funding is through IFLA. The majority of the committee agreed with Janet Webster's assessment and felt that the tour should still be limited to no more than half a day in duration.

### **Other Issues**

Irma Pasanen expressed concern that the committee has no member from Africa and asked for members to think about trying to recruit someone, possibly from South Africa.

## **4. Budget Review**

Irma Pasanen reported that the study tour cost less than planned. There are 200 euros left in the account for the new chair.

## **5. Strategic plan review**

Irma reiterated that Janet Webster, Marcel Brannemann, and Julia Gelfand will draft the section Strategic Plan. Some of the concerns of the committee were on strategies for marketing the section within and outside of IFLA.

Some of the discussion on strategies included the possibility of promoting science literacy, tracking trends in the literature, offer proposals for researchers. Someone suggested that there is such a study in OCLC's strategic plan, and that this portion can be included into number four of our strategic plan. Irma recommended that the Section change its efforts to liaison from ICSU (International Council for Science) to ICSTI (International Council for Scientific and Technical Information) instead—ICSTI is a scientific associate of the ICSU.

## **6. Liaison Efforts**

Irma reported on IATUL (International Association of Technological University Libraries). Their current president is Maria Heijne, University Librarian from Delft University of Technology in the Netherlands. The last conference was in June in Stockholm, Sweden. It had 150 attendees and included presentations about the Creative Commons, data mining for tracking new innovations, and open access to science literature. The organization wishes more cooperation with our standing committee.

Jill Mayer reported on the Medical Library Association (United States). Mark Funk from the Weil Cornell Medical College is now president of the MLA. This year the Association met in Philadelphia, and next year they will meet in Chicago.

No reports from the Special Libraries Association (United States).

Julia Gelfand reported on the American Library Association's Annual Conference in Washington D.C. The Association's Science and Technology Section program topic was digital research data. There were also the standard status reports and a presentation on games, learning, and libraries. There was an ACRL (ALA division – Association of College and Research Libraries) session in July in Chicago on the topic of computer games, learning, and libraries.

The ASEE (American Society for Engineering Education) met in Honolulu. There were 150 attendees. The theme was changes in technology, the title was "Riding the Wave to Excellence in Engineering Education", and they will meet next year in Pittsburgh.

For next year, Christine Stotzenbach will report on ICSTI (International Council for Scientific and Technical Information), and Caroline Wiegandt will report on LIBER (Ligue des Bibliothèques Européennes de Recherche / Association of European Research Libraries).

## **7. IFLA 2008 and 2009**

### **Quebec City**

The committee discussed various ideas for a topic for the open session. Global warming and the environmental impact of globalization were suggested as examples for a possible broader theme. It was pointed out that companies are now turning to universities to do their research and development. One idea proposed was 'public understanding of librarians as mediators of science', however, the committee later pointed out that librarians are not the main mediators of science -- particularly since Jim Mullens from Purdue mentioned how the mainstream media can distort public views of science (he mentioned Dr. Moira Gunn discussions on the topic from Tech Nation (<http://www.technation.com/>)). Jim Mullens mentioned that one can trace the path of a science story, for example, beginning with the New England Journal of Medicine, next to the journal Nature, and then to the Today Show, and this process would normally take a period of two weeks to play out. The committee came to a consensus on the proposal 'types of libraries and how they address science', and a variant of that title called 'Science across Libraries'. James Andrews, Jill Mayer, Ray Schwartz, and Caroline Wiegandt compose the planning committee for the open session.

Caroline Wiegandt agreed to be the coordinator for the study tour.

The pre-conference will be on Friday August 8<sup>th</sup> in Montreal. It will be held at the École Polytechnique Montréal and will be co-sponsored by the Government Information Section. The topic will be national science policies and infrastructures, dealing with such institutions as CISTI and KISTI. The pre-conference has been accepted by the IFLA Planning Committee. Julia Gelfand, Chair, and Xiwen Liu, Josee Saint-Marseille, Anne Powell and Jill Mayer serve as the planning group.

### **Milan**

There was some discussion about IFLA 2009. Irma's main concern was whether we had any contacts in Italy and suggested Valentina Comba ([comba@cib.unibo.it](mailto:comba@cib.unibo.it)) from the University of Bologna, Italy as a possibility.

## **8. Review of Assignments**

- Deva Reddy will do the newsletter with the deadline for submission around end of October.
- ... will write about the study tour for the newsletter.
- Ray Schwartz will write about the open session for the newsletter.
- Each member will assist in recruiting an African librarian for the standing committee.
- Ray Schwartz will write the minutes.

- James Andrews will contact Dr. Kaniki about expanding his presentation into a paper for the IFLA Journal.
- Julia Gelfand, Janet Webster, and Marcel Brannemann will write a draft of the section strategy.
- Jill Mayer will assign a committee member to contact Valentina Comba about IFLA 2009 planning.
- Jim Mayer, Ray Schwartz, James Andrews, and Caroline Wiegandt will be reviewers for the open session proposals.
- Caroline Wiegandt will coordinate the study tour.
- Caroline Wiegandt will be the liaison with LIBER.
- Christine Stotzenbach will be the liaison with ICSTI.

Ray Schwartz, Secretary