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## Editorial

Dear reader,

This issue of our six monthly newsletter is hopefully of interest for you, with articles about the copyright issue, information about plans and activities of the section in the minutes of the last meeting of the Standing Committee, a short introduction of our new Standing Committee members and of course IFLA 2003.

IFLA is a way of connecting people and ideas; it also appears from Barbara Clubbs last Chairs' Column. Therefore, we hope that many of you will be attending the upcoming World Library and Information Congress. If you do, 'Sessions of Special Interest to Librarians in Public Libraries' from Barbara Schleihagen, might be of help. The Standing Committee would also like to welcome you at their meeting, at which all members of the section are very welcome. In the former issue of the newsletter you can also find information on the sections' activities in Berlin, as well as of course on [www.ifla.org](http://www.ifla.org).

Many thanks to all who contributed to our newsletter and website! A new information officer will be chosen in Berlin and a revised members list, with the new officers, will be on the sections' website soon after. Please keep on sending country reports, translations of the Public Library Guidelines or any other interesting information to the new information coordinator.

Best wishes,

Jan-Ewout van der Putten, Information coordinator

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## New members for the standing committee

As mentioned in the last newsletter, there's a lot of changes are coming up in the standing committee of our section. Secretary Borge Sondergard, information coordinator Jan-Ewout van der Putten, Assumpta Bailac, Nerses Hayrapetyan and Fernando Platero are out of the committee after Berlin. Apart from that, Barbara Clubb has reached her maximum term as our chair, so the three officers will be replaced in Berlin.

The Standing Committee welcomes the following new members:

Ms Li Jingxia, who is associate research librarian and assistant of the director at the Wuhan Library in Wuhan, China.

Ms. Karin Kitching, city librarian of the Alberton Public Library in Alberton, South Africa.

Ms. Monica Medina Blanes, librarian at the Bibliotheca Ignasi Iglesias, in Barcelona, Spain.

Mr. Kent Skov, head of information, media and logistics at Odense Central Library, Odense, Denmark.

Because Jan-Ewout van der Putten is leaving halfway his term, he has to be replaced for two years. Ms. Morwadi M. Pilane, librarian at the Lobatse Branch Library in Lobatse, Botswana, has been invited for this post. If you want to contact the new members, their contact details are, like the other members', at the second page of this issue.

The following members of the Standing Committee have been elected for a second term:

Ms. Florence Poncé, France; Ms. Mary Sherman, United States and Ms. Clara Budnik, Chile.

## Alex Byrne wins IFLA presidential election

Alex Byrne, University Librarian, University of Technology, Sydney, Australia, has been voted President-elect by IFLA members. He will begin his two-year term as President-elect during the IFLA conference in Berlin. He will succeed Kay Raseroka as President in August 2005, also for a two-year term.

In the elections for the new IFLA Governing Board, the following candidates were successful: Ana Maria Zimmermann (Argentina), Claudia Lux (Germany), Sissel Nilsen (Norway), Jianzhong Wu (China), Ellen Tise (South Africa), Ingrid Parent (Canada), Shawky Salem (Egypt), Tiiu Valm (Estonia), Evgeniy Kuz'min (Russian Federation) and Vinyet Panyella (Spain). Ana Maria Zimmermann is President of the Graduate Librarians Association of Argentina, ABGRA, and President of the WLIC IFLA 2004 Buenos Aires National Organising Committee. They will serve a two-year term on the Governing Board, beginning at the end of the Berlin conference. Shawky Salem, Tiiu Valm, Evgeniy Kuz'min and Vinyet Panyella will be serving on the Board for the first time.

## Notes from the Chair

The 2003 IFLA World Congress in Berlin will be the place for goodbyes to valued members and a big welcome to new colleagues on the Public Libraries Standing Committee. (The standing committee is like the executive board of the section.) Several members will be concluding their work with the section including our outstanding secretary **Borge Sondergard** (Denmark) and hardworking Information Coordinator **Jan-Ewout van der Putten** (Netherlands). Finishing up their terms are **Fernando Platero** (Spain), **Nerses Hayrapetyan** (Armenia) and **Assumpta Bailac** (Spain). Continuing on second terms are **Mary Sherman** (USA), **Florence Poncé** (France) and **Clara Sinay Budnik** (Chile). I am particularly pleased to welcome new members **Kent Skov** (Denmark), **Li Jingxia**, our first ever member from China, **Karin Kitching**, South Africa and **Morwadi M. Pilane** (Botswana), our first ever members from the African continent, and Ms **Monica Medina Blanes** (Spain) to the Standing Committee. At the first meeting of the Standing Committee on Saturday, August 2, 2003, there will be elections for the positions of Chair, vice-chair and information coordinator for the next two years. **Members and other visitors are most welcome to attend the meeting of the standing committee.** Check your programs for the exact location.



We will pass the torch to the new standing committee knowing that things are in order and the future holds much promise. Just to recap. The new Public Library Guidelines have been translated into 8 languages on our web and more than 20 other translations are in progress; the IFLA/UNESCO Public Library Manifesto continues to be promoted around the world (24 up on our website to date) and to be the foundation for public library development in a growing list of areas throughout the world, most recently Malaysia. The UNET project is concluding its evaluation of the implementation of the Manifesto in targeted countries, and finally the Berlin conference will feature a major workshop on public libraries and life long learning-the conclusion of a three year research project lead by former standing committee secretary Britt Marie Haggstrom (Sweden). And we have begun work on the strategic plan for the next term. I would like to thank the standing committee members for their work, their enthusiasm and comradeship and wish the new standing committee every success in the future.

I will conclude on a more personal note. Recently I attended the joint Canadian Library Association/American Library Association in Toronto, Canada with 16,000 librarian and other delegates. Quite an amazing event. PL standing committee member Mary Sherman was also there and we were able to meet each other's colleague,s compare notes and share much information and a lot of laughter. Following the conference, Mary travelled on to my home city of Ottawa, Canada (four hours by train) to spend two days with my family and see the Canada's capital city. One of my library trustees took a day to show Mary the city while I was immersed in budget discussions. We had a great time but none of this would have been possible except for our IFLA connections. This is one of the wonderful side benefits to working on an IFLA section-the opportunity to build international connections and relationships at both the personal and professional level and occasionally visit each other on home territory. It is an enriching experience that we all deeply appreciate.

**Barbara Clubb**



*Barbara Clubb (left) and Mary Sherman*

## Minutes of the last Standing Committee Meeting

*Bologna, Italy; 6 to 7 March, 2003*

<b>Time:</b>	Meeting 1: Thursday, 6 March 2003, <b>13:30-17:30</b> (Palazzo Communale) Meeting 2: Friday, 7 March 2003, <b>09:00-12:00</b> (Palazzo Communale) Meeting 3: Friday, 7 March 2003, <b>15:30-17:30</b> (Palazzo Communale)
<b>Location:</b>	Palazzo Communale, piazza Maggiore 6, Bologna, Italy
<b>Members Present</b>	Assumpta Bailac (AB), Klaus-Peter Boettger (KPB), Elena Boretti (EB), Barbara H. Clubb, <i>Chair</i> (BC), Kerstin Hassner (KH), Torny Kjekstad (TK), Gunilla Konradsson-Martin (GKM), John Lake (JL), Ngian Lek Choh (NLC), Tuula Martikainen (TM), Florence Poncé (FP), Mary Sherman (MS), Borge Sondergard <i>Secretary</i> (BS), Jan-Ewout van der Putten <i>Information Coordinator</i> (JEP)
<b>Members Apologies</b>	Clara Sinay Budnik, Jamila Burgetová, Vladimir Firsov, Bernard Margolis
<b>Members absent</b>	Nerses Hayrapetyan, Fernando Platero

### 1. Opening, Announcements and Documents Check (Clubb)

BC opened the meeting by heartily welcoming everybody to Bologna. She especially expressed everybody's deep gratitude towards Elena for all her work in preparing the meeting and for making all the arrangements and planning a wonderful programme for the Committee.

The Chair then made a document check, and it was noted that the members had received all relevant documents concerning the agenda.

### 2. Welcome to Bologna and information on the additional programme (Boretti)

EB welcomed everybody once again, and made a quick enquiry on who were going to join the library visit to the city of Imola. She would arrange train tickets. EB also informed the group about the committee-dinner the same night.

### 3. Approval of the Agenda (Clubb & Sondergard)

The agenda was approved and the Chair especially emphasised that she would make a special effort to let everybody tell a few interesting things from home under #11. Country Reports. We had to skip that item at our last meeting due to much too little time.

### 4. The Chair's Report (Clubb)

BC said, that the IFLA Conference would change name, as of Berlin. In the future it

would be called: "World Library and Information Congress: #th IFLA General Conference and Council". The Conference in Berlin will be the 69'Th and the theme will be: "Access Point Library: Media - Information – Culture". Otherwise the Chair had noting further to report because other matters would be covered in the agenda.



### 5. Approval and Follow-up of the Minutes form the Glasgow Meeting, August 2002

Minutes had been circulated by email, but can also be found at:

<http://www.ifla.org/VII/s8/news/pl-minutes0802.htm>.

The Secretary followed up on the IFLA promotion leaflet approved by the membership Development Committee that was supposed to be ready around Christmas 2002. Kelly Moore, IFLA Membership Manager had informed, that it would probably be ready for revision by BC and BS by April

1st, but at the same time she doesn't believe that a recruitment drive could start before fall – and that was being optimistic. So this will be a matter for the coming Standing Committee to deal with.

JL reported that he had tried to encourage colleagues from Africa to run as candidates for the Standing Committee at the "Bookaid" Conference in the UK.

Action: BC urged the members to prepare written country reports for the meeting in Berlin and to circulate them ahead of time.



#### **6. Reports from Coordinating Board, Division III (Sondergard)**

Minutes from the August 2002 Meeting were circulated as well as the Agenda for the 10 to 11 March 2003 meeting in the Hague. BS went through the agenda for the Hague meeting. BC asked everybody to consider carefully new items for small and bigger projects and bring them to Berlin. The Committee had a big discussion on "World Summit on Information Society" (WSIS). We noted with pleasure, that IFLA had taken steps to influence this Summit and the pre-meetings.

Action: We will continue to urge IFLA HQ, Executive Committee and Governing Board to engage more in political matters in favour of libraries. JL and MS reported that CILIP, ALA and PLA are very much aware of WSIS. BC will talk to Ingrid Parent (Canadian member of Governing Board; BS will take up the matter in Hague and in Copenhagen (FAIFE), TK with Sissel Nielsen, and Kerstin with Britt-Marie Haggström.

The WTO/GATTs (?) decision, that library service could be a subject to contracting out led to some serious discussion. In the

Guidelines and the Manifesto we have argued heavily that public library service must be a public service. There were different opinions on the matter, e.g. BS and NLC thought that contracting out could be a very challenging and positive thing for a public library, as long as the overall responsibility and authority would still lie within the public sphere. Many members were opposed to this. The committee decided that it would follow closely the coming development of contracting out.

Action: BC, NLC, MS, GKM, FP and AB will form a group to deal with the questions and the subject will certainly be an item on the Committee's agenda in Berlin.

Action: BC will determine if any action should be taken before Berlin.

Action: JEP will write a memo to the Standing Committee on the problem.

#### **7. Reports from Professional Committee (Clubb & Sondergard)**

There are no new Minutes from PC, GB or Executive Committee on IFLANET since August 2002, so there was nothing to report.

#### **8. Report on Membership (Sondergard)**

The Section has 318 members. That number still puts us in the clear for the biggest amount of administrative money, but we are down 10 members since Glasgow, in spite of our agreement that each member should find at least 2 new members in their own country.

Action: Please try once again to get new members, everybody!



#### **9. Finances (Clubb)**

Financial Report was distributed by email. The Committee went over the figures. JEP found that € 500 was a bit too much for the Newsletter, but he argued that the amount be as it was, as there may be another Information Coordinator as of Berlin. There is



€ 200 carryover from LLL-project. TK suggested that it remained within the LLL project. The Committee decided on both.



### **10. Report on elections/postal ballot to Standing Committee 2003-2007 (Sondergard)**

BS had received a list from IFLA HQ with the names of the candidates. There will be a postal ballot as there are 20 candidates for 7 vacancies. The candidates are: Florence Poncé, France, Mary Sherman, USA, Clara Budnik, Chile, Zdenca Sviben, Croatia, Deming Zhou, China, Ekua Tachie-Menzon, Ghana, Yuk-man Lee, China, Morwadi Pilane, Botswana, Li Jingxia, China, Kjartan Vevle, Norway, Karin Kitching, South Africa, Hasnik Karapetyan, Armenia, Kent Skov, Denmark, Souad Hubert, France, Giles Eboli, France, Huub Leenen, Netherlands, Jose Antonio Calixto, Portugal, Samira Sambaino, Uruguay, Monica Medina Blanes, Spain, Maria Jesus Lopez Manzanedo, Spain. It is believed that the postal ballot should be out in the beginning of April.

BC asked if we could do something to make the new committee members feel more welcome and better prepared for the job. Could we supply some help from the ongoing members? KH and JL proposed introducing a "mentor-scheme" – provide every new member with his or her own mentor. KPB argued that an introduction package with the strategic plan, budget, newsletter and other relevant material would be helpful. It was decided to prepare an introduction programme consisting of:

- Mentor-scheme
- Package with relevant material
- Contact new members before Berlin
- A special welcome to and presentation of new members at the

beginning of the first SC meeting in Berlin

Action: BC and BS will be in charge of this.

The Committee also had a long discussion on how to recruit and elect members to the Committee from a broader geographical perspective – we have too many members from Europe and North America. GKM argued that we should seek people who actually work in genuine public libraries instead of more "official" people. TK argued that we should seek people, who simply wanted to work, and not just be in the game for the glory of it. It was decided, that the Section should try to convince IFLA HQ to put up presentations of the candidates on the Sections website, so the members could read more about the candidates before they chose which candidates they vote for. It was too late for 2003 but could be fine in 2005.

As it is certain, that the Committee will need a new Chair and Secretary (and possibly also a new Information Coordinator) BC asked if anyone had considered running for these positions. Torny Kjekstad, Norway said that she would run for Chair, and that she had already gained economical support from Norwegian authorities. She found it appropriate that Norway should go for a position as Chair, as Norway is hosting the IFLA conference in 2005. She has officer-experiences from other sections and Division III. She very much like to take on the responsibilities as Chair, but at the same time made it clear, that she only want to run for Chair, not Secretary. Kerstin Hassner, Sweden announced that she would run for Chair as well. She has two years left of her second term in the Committee and she feels that she now has a broad experience within the Section.

GKM hoped that John Lake, UK would run for Secretary as he is an eager and dedicated committee member and because Secretaries with English as their mother tongue will be a benefit to the Section's work. JL said that he was honoured by GKM's request and that he would be happy to run for the job. GKM also called for Ngian Lek Choh, Singapore to consider being the next Information Coordinator.

### **11. Country Reports**



**Spain:** AB had sent a printed version of the Country Report to everybody (will go on the Website). She reported that 700 public libraries had participated in the first national library congress in Valencia. The department of Culture has produced a report on collection and public libraries in general. There have been several meetings concerning this report around Spain.

**France:** There will be a written Country Report in Berlin. There has been a shift in leadership in the Department for Culture. The Chief now comes from the library sector. There has been a major bookfair and a campaign on how to build libraries in poorer areas of big cities. The aim is different types of buildings not exceeding 500 square meters.

**Netherlands:** Written report in Berlin. The Library for the Blind is now a part of the national library structure. There is a major renovation of public library buildings, but as always, a shortage of money. Many bigger libraries are networking, e.g. on new services ("ask a librarian"-online). The Netherlands plans within a year to have the next online National Catalogue with holdings after Denmark (the "library.nl"). A major scheme for digitisation at the National Library is in progress.

**Italy:** New Copyright Act is implemented as a result of EU decisions. Italy is going to change part V of the Italian Constitution, dealing with the structure of State, Regional and Local government. A draft of a new Library Act has been presented. Italy seriously lacks national statistics on library service. They do not even know how many libraries there actually are in the country. The Italian Library Association (AIB) and the National Statistical Institute (ISTAT) had a collaboration to collect data about the use of juridical and statistical information in public libraries and from this it was possible, for the first time, to have information on services and equipments. Results are going to be published (see

<http://www.aib.it/aib/commiss/cnbp/cnbp.htm>)

**Germany:** KPB handed out a written report, which will soon be on our website. He also reported on an interesting new way of sharing a building – a public library and a bank that is being developed in his municipality!

**USA:** Libraries are experiencing a recession largely related to the economy after September 11. In general the libraries are

very much against the US plans of going to war on Iraq. Due to a new "Terrorist Act" the FBI has gotten the means to investigate in the citizens' use of the library, an act libraries and librarians very much oppose. There is a big discussion on "filtering" and Internet.

**UK:** The Government has launched a "Framework for the Future" which provides a framework for public libraries to work towards in England and Wales until 2013. It focuses on reading, digitisation and social inclusion. The Council for Museums, Archives and Libraries - Re:source - has adopted an International Activity Strategy. In Barbican Public Library a successful bid has been made to introduce a RFID stock management and security system combined with a complete library counter refurbishment scheme during 2003.

**Singapore:** The first DIY Library ("do it yourself library"), a library type built on widespread self-service and very little staff has been a big success. Results up till now indicate possibility of extension of opening hours and more new DIY libraries. The present DIY library runs \$S 250.000 cheaper than similar libraries of the same size. The Esplanade library now also has a great selection of performing art materials, including a large collection of music scores.

**Denmark:** The new library act of 2000 has now ended its 3-year implementation period and should run on a full scale as from 2003. It is time for a major evaluation of the result, and it seems that only about half of the local authorities have allocated the increased state fundings to the libraries, but have used it on other activities instead! The evaluation is conducted by the Danish National Library Authority and is closely followed by the Ministry for Culture. The Minister is very unhappy with the situation and considers dropping the use of block grants and providing the money directly to the local libraries instead of the local authorities. This causes heavy dispute in Denmark. There has been a revision of the County Library superstructure with lesser full-scale county libraries.

**Canada:** ALA and CLA are holding a joint conference in Toronto, Ontario Canada and 25,000 participants from North America (and around the world) are expected to participate! Public libraries and the National Library of Canada are building the "Smart Library" using the Z39.50 protocol. The unions are

challenging Library Management in Ottawa in a lawsuit on “poisonous work environment” because staff may be exposed to pornography on the Internet. Members felt this seems odd, when they should be working for free access to information! If the union wins it will have great consequences for the rest of the country. The Government has allocated more funding for library buildings in Ottawa (\$8M for 30,000 sf).

**Sweden:** The Swedish Prime minister spoke on the importance of life long learning at his inauguration in Office. Sweden is still waiting for a new Library Act, it seems that they lack both money and staff. The combination of school and public libraries must be part of a long-term library planning. Sweden is generally longing for a national library strategy. A heavy work with the “Virtual Library” is on its way.

**Norway:** The governmental Councils for Archives, Museums and Libraries have become one. This initiative may strengthen all sectors. The director of the new ABM Council comes from the museum-sector. Norway is under way with a revision of the Library Act.

**Finland:** Once again Finland sets new standards in the evolution of libraries. The Ministry of Education has just launched “Library Strategy 2010 – policy for access to knowledge and culture” (see in English: <http://www.minedu.fi/minedu/publications/2003/kseng.pdf>) - a report we can all learn from and that can be an inspiration for politicians in many countries. Even though high standards in public libraries, school libraries in Finland are poor and many small municipalities are facing problems in this respect.

## 12. Review of Strategic Plan 2002-2003

The plan was circulated before the meeting, but can also be found at <http://www.ifla.org/VII/s8/annual/sp08.htm>). The Strategic plan should be completed at the Berlin Conference, as we are going to have a new Strategic Plan 2003-2004 ready in October 2003. The Committee thoroughly went through the 2002-2003 plans and made a lot of contributions, corrections and suggestions. Action: BC will coordinate all input and send everybody a last revision and update of the strategic plan 2002-2003. It will also go on the website, as soon as possible.

BC wanted to start the discussion on what subjects to focus on in the next strategic plan. In the latest years it has been very concentrated on Guidelines, marketing the guidelines, life long learning and UNET, and we have to focus on something new. This gave way to many different points of views. It was decided to resume the discussion under #17, and then break up the Committee into three minor groups. These groups should have one hour of discussion and then return with their results and suggestions for the Scope of the Section for 2003-2004 (see #17)



## 13. Review of Ongoing Projects

- a) Life Long Learning (Kjekstad & Konradsson-Mortin)

TK went through the programme for the LLL workshop at Berlin Conference. She hopes to end the workshop with a social programme (KPB promised to help her). The workshop must be on Thursday, as several of the speakers have other engagements. Britt-Marie Häggströms report should be published as an IFLA “Green Report”. The report and the workshop will be the termination of this project

- b) UNET evaluation (Hassner)

UNET continues but the UNET-project ends in Berlin. We will have a good and thorough evaluation on how different libraries from around the World work with the PL Manifesto as a tool and how to use PL Manifesto in ones daily work. There was some confusion on how to present the evaluation report in Berlin. FP suggested a Poster Session with pictures and photos. BC and KH will try and find a way, as there is no room for the presentation at our own Open Forum. There may be a chance at the Division III Open Session (but only very brief), as the

Chair in his presentation will focus on how the sections have worked with culture and cultural heritage. TK suggested a presentation at a UNESCO conference in Baerum, Norway.

Action: It was agreed that KH would make a brief presentation during the Section's Open Forum which NLC is coordinating.

c) Meeting User Needs (Boretti, Bailac & Lake)

The Project did not get a workshop in Berlin, but is now concentrating on Buenos Aires. The working group (JL, EB and AB) has had a meeting Wednesday evening in Bologna and they will suggest immediate action on the following suggestions: encircle the objectives (JL will produce very soon), put up an invitation to join the project and a checklist on our website calling for best practise and experiences in meeting Users Needs. It should be a very good and visual website, preferably with introduction and contacts in different languages. The group is seeking funding for translation.

d) Marketing Guidelines (Clubb & Lake)

There is a very detailed marketing strategy paper, and the Committee went over it. It was decided on JL's recommendation to drop the posters and A5-leaflet, as it would be too expensive. Action: BC will send her Guidelines Marketing slides (PowerPoint Presentation) to the Committee members – you can then do the translation yourself and use them in your marketing work. AB would like to be liaison for Spain after she leaves the Committee in Berlin 2003. All comments will be worked into the plan by BC, and she will send a revised plan to the Committee. It will also go on our Website.

? Please find the strategy at:

<http://www.ifla.org/VII/s8/proj/mts.htm>

#### 14. Website, Newsletter and Brochure (van der Putten)

Please find the brochure here:

<http://www.ifla.org/VII/s8/pub/splbro.pdf>

Action: JEP will make a few relevant changes, print the names of the new members of SC and print a cheap version for Berlin Conference.

A new and more refined brochure will be

produced after Berlin, when we have decided on the new strategic plan. The Website is kept in very good order by Anne Hottenhuis and thanks to very good help from BS. In Berlin we should revise our decision to only produce the Newsletter on-line or whether to return to some kind of printed version.



#### 15. Programmes for IFLA 2003 in Berlin

Plans, agreements and arrangements

? Satellite meetings (Library Buildings) (Clubb & Poncé). FP went through the programme and encouraged everyone to join the satellite meeting soon because of limited participation

? Open Forum (Ngian). NLC went through the programme. MS suggested using "tabletalks", as a way of having participants involved more directly in the discussion.

? Workshop on Lifelong Learning (Kjekstad & Konradsson-Mortin). TK went through the programme

? Discussion Group (Libraries and Democracy) (Boettger & Sherman). MS and KPB is planning and offsite event.

? Other: KPB gave some information on the general programme for Berlin. Delegates will get a free ticket for transportation throughout the week. Delegate. confirmation slip will function as a free ride (also in Taxi) from the airport to your hotel. He would recommend the Hotel "Unter Den Linden". Saturday night will be the night for our Section-dinner. KPB has selected a restaurant quite close the Brandenburger Tor. We are most welcome to send any questions on the arrangements directly to KPB. The first SC meeting will be held offsite the Convention Centre in the Central Library managed by Claudia Lux. Further information will appear in due time before the meeting.

? Action: BC to inform HQ about first section meeting relocation

## **16. Preliminary Programme for IFLA 2004 Buenos Aires and 2005 Oslo (all)**

The Chair was very anxious that we are well prepared and in good time before October 2003. The committee decided to concentrate on these items:

- ? Users Needs' workshop (JL)
- ? Political and Citizen Advocacy especially towards politicians (MS, KH, EB, BC)
- ? Joint arrangement with Statistics' Section (NLC, FP, GK)
- ? Tabletalks (MS)
- ? Guidelines (BC/JL)

## **17. Other Reports and Items**

As mentioned under #12, the Committee split up into three minor groups to have a discussion on the future scopes and work of the Section. Here is a brief list of suggestions from the discussion:

- ? Ask the members through email, what they want the SC to work on
- ? Leadership and management in the future (with Management Section?)
- ? We should be an idea resource: – function as a bank of experiences, where colleagues can ask, where we can share and where public libraries can network
- ? We must have fewer projects and not so many studies. More innovative work (advocacy as a project?)

? Identify the core and the mission of the public libraries worldwide, and work from this angle. We can never be the experts on public libraries, they are elsewhere, but we can hold the "torch" high.

- ? Social inclusion
- ? Technology towards copyright
- ? Democracy and public libraries Service – new ways of doing it!
- ? Networking and outsourcing
- ? Librarians as teachers
- ? Librarians' training – library schools
- ? What is the "soul" of the public library?
- ? Produce best-practise and use the website for dissemination
- ? We have a big role in disseminating the Guidelines
- ? Life Long Learning is essential
- ? Concentrate more on young people as the users of tomorrow – work with Children's Section
- ? Advocacy and politicians
- ? Cross sectional/sectorial work
- ? The physical vs. the virtual library

## **18. Closing**

Barbara H. Clubb once again thanked everybody for his or her eager participation in making this meeting a good and very productive one. She thanked Elena Boretti very heartily and reminded everyone, that there was a library tour to Imola Saturday morning.

*Borge Sondergard, Secretary*

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## Agenda Standing Committee meeting, Berlin

<b>Time:</b>	Meeting 1: Saturday, 02.08.2003, <b>08.30-11.20</b> (meeting room: 81) Meeting 2: Friday, 08.08.2003, <b>08.00-10.00</b> (meeting room: 10)
<b>Location:</b>	International Congress Centre Berlin (ICC) Messedam 22 D-14055 Berlin, Germany Tel: +49 (0)30 30 38-0 Email: <a href="mailto:haupt@messe-berlin.de">haupt@messe-berlin.de</a> Website: <a href="http://www.icc-berlin.de">www.icc-berlin.de</a>

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| <p>1. Opening, Announcements and Documents Check (Clubb)<br/>Booth Duty for IFLA Berlin</p> <p>2. Welcome to New Members of the Committee (Clubb):<br/><i>Introduction to the work</i><br/><i>Mentor-scheme</i><br/><i>Welcome to Berlin everybody (Klaus-Peter Boettger)</i></p> <p>3. Approval of the Agenda (Clubb &amp; Sondergard)</p> <p>4. Programmes for IFLA 2003 Berlin (Clubb)</p> <p>5. Elections of New Chair, Secretary and Information Coordinator (Sondergard)<br/><i>Immediately following the election the new Chair and Secretary takes the lead of the meeting</i></p> <p>6. The Outgoing Chair's Report (Clubb)</p> <p>7. Approvals and Follow-up of the Minutes from the Bologna Meeting, March 2002 (Chair)<br/><i>Minutes have been circulated by email, but can also be found at:</i><br/><i><a href="http://www.ifla.org/VII/s8/news/pl-minutes0303.htm">http://www.ifla.org/VII/s8/news/pl-minutes0303.htm</a></i></p> <p>8. Reports from Coordinating Board, Division III (Clubb &amp; Sondergard)<br/><i>Minutes from the March 2003 Meeting can be found at:</i><br/><i><a href="http://www.ifla.org/VII/d3/div30303.pdf">http://www.ifla.org/VII/d3/div30303.pdf</a> and there will be reports from the CB Meeting 1 of 01 August 2003.</i></p> <p>9. Reports from Professional Committee (Clubb &amp; Sondergard)</p> | <p>10. Report on Membership (Sondergard)</p> <p>11. Finances (Clubb)<br/><i>Financial Report to be distributed by email (Clubb)</i></p> <p>12. Country Reports<br/><i>Please submit written country reports to your fellow committee members by email before the conference or bring copies with you. If time permits you will be able to highlight no more than two items for the group.</i></p> <p>13. Review of Strategic Plan 2002-2003 (Clubb)<br/><i>An updated plan will be emailed to the committee members before Berlin. Please notice that the strategic plan on IFLA Website: <a href="http://www.ifla.org/VII/s8/annual/sp08.htm">http://www.ifla.org/VII/s8/annual/sp08.htm</a> is NOT updated. We have to discuss how to fulfil the plan before New Year's Eve 2003.</i></p> <p>14. New Strategic Plan 2004-2005 (Chair)<br/><i>The first, but vital discussion on elements in the coming plan. The Committee will be well advised to use the discussion themes lined up in Bologna (see Minutes #17). The Standing Committee must have a new plan ready before 01 October 2003!</i></p> <p>15. Review of Ongoing Projects<br/>a) <i>Life Long Learning (Kjekstad)</i><br/>b) <i>Meeting User Needs (Bailac, Boretti &amp; Lake)</i><br/>c) <i>Marketing Guidelines (Clubb &amp; Lake)</i></p> <p>16. Website, Newsletter and Brochure (Information Coordinator)<br/><i>PC has discussed the format of newsletters and decided that Sections can send newsletters electronically; 8 paper copies must be sent to IFLA HQ for archive purposes; Sections should send paper copies to all</i></p> |
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members who request it. Sections can still distribute printed versions, should they so decide, but should also put the newsletter on IFLANET.

IFLA HQ has now developed one general brochure 'IFLA Divisions and Sections' which includes the mission statements of all the IFLA Sections. This way interested people can still read about the mission of a Section. Should somebody want more information it is possible to leave his or her details at the booth. During the time that Section representatives are on the booth, they may bring copies of their brochures for distribution. But they must take them at the end of their hour so that there is room for the next group of representatives

17. Programmes for IFLA 2003 in Buenos Aires (Chair)

Plans, agreements and arrangements. Please notice the new Guidelines on Conference planning agreed by PC. The Committee should give serious thoughts to the fact, that it only has a 2-hour time slot for programmes during the whole conference. More time can be obtained by joining up with other sections.

18. Preliminary Programme for IFLA 2005 in Oslo and 2006 in Seoul (Chair)

19. Other Reports and Items  
Spring Meeting 2004 (Ljusdal/Malmö has been discussed at Boston Conference)  
Items to Coordinating Board, Div. III  
Et al

20. Closing

Barbara Clubb & Borge Sondergard



Standing Committee members at their last meeting in the Bologna City Hall

## Sessions of Special Interest to Librarians in Public Libraries

(For the full programme:

<http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla69/prog03.htm>)

### Monday, 4 August, 08.30-10.30

88. Public Libraries: Innovation in Public Libraries

1. Library 2007 - library development in Germany  
BETTINA WINDAU and ANJA FRIESE (Bertelsmann Stiftung, Guetersloh, Germany)
2. The digital library in the City and Regional Library in Dortmund  
HANS-CHRISTIAN WIRTZ (Stadt- und Landesbibliothek Dortmund, Dortmund, Germany)
3. Bremen Public Library - an institution is continuous change  
BARBARA LISON (Bremen Public Library, Bremen, Germany)
4. The Innovative City Classroom: Public Lectures at the Shanghai Library  
JIANZHONG WU, CHEN LINGKANG and ZHAO JINGGUO (Shanghai Library, Shanghai, China)
5. A totally Do-It-Yourself Library without a library customer service desk: the Singapore experience  
NGIAN LEK CHOH (National Library Board, Singapore, Singapore)

### Tuesday, 5 August, 08.00-09.30

104. Gates Foundation Announcement  
Off-site: Otto-Braun-Saal, Berlin State Library, Potsdamer Str. 33

### Tuesday, 5 August, 16.00-18.00

124. Libraries Serving the General Public - SI  
Libraries as vital partners in the social and cultural fabric of modern society

1. Berliner Öffentliche Bibliotheken, - garantieren sie Vielfalt?  
Berlin Public Libraries - guaranteeing diversity?  
CLAUDIA LUX (Zentral- und Landesbibliothek Berlin, Berlin, Germany)
2. Danish strategies in public library services to ethnic minorities  
JENS THORHAUGE (Danish National Library Authority, Copenhagen, Denmark)
3. Valuing difference - the British Council experience of connecting cultures  
GRACE KEMPSTER (The British Council, Manchester, UK)

### Wednesday, 6 August, 16.00-18.00

154. Asia and Oceania & Public Libraries  
Public Libraries as Learning Resource Centres

1. The public library as a learning organisation  
SUE SUTHERLAND (Christchurch City Libraries, Christchurch, New Zealand)
2. Public libraries in the information society: what do information policies say

MARIA LUISA CALANAG (University of Library and Information Science, Graduate School of Information and Media Studies Tsukuba City, Japan)

3. Libraries as cultural centers in large new communities in Guangzhou, China  
HUANG QUNQING and ZHUANG XUHUANG (Guangdong Provincial Library of Science and Technology, Guangzhou, China)
4. Creating information literacy programmes as corporate products: perspectives and experiences from Singapore  
RAKUNATHAN NARAYAN (Meridian Junior College, Singapore) and RAJENDRA MUNOO (National Library Board of Singapore, Singapore)
5. Tupu - Promoting 'new growth' through innovative resources and services to youth  
DANIEL G. DORNER (Victoria University of Wellington, Wellington, New Zealand)
6. The growth of community-based library services in Indonesia to support education  
HARKRISYATI KAMIL (British Council, Djakarta, Indonesia)

### Thursday, 7 August, 08.30-17.30

160. Public Libraries - Workshop  
Inspiring lifelong learning in public libraries

1. The Literacy challenge  
ROBERT WEDGEWORTH (ProLiteracy Worldwide, Syracuse, USA)
2. The public library as a gateway to society - life long learning in small communities  
RUTH ORNHOLT (Hordaland County Library, Bergen, Norway)
3. A lifetime as a lesson  
SIMONA RESMAN (The Oton Zupancic Public Library, Ljubljana, Slovenia)
4. To start the life long learning process  
BRITT-MARI PELLING (The Royal Library, Stockholm, Sweden)
5. Life long learning, let your library be your partner  
BRITT MARIE HÄGGSTRÖM (DIK-Association, Stockholm, Sweden)

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## The European copyright issue

*How does the European library world deal with the copyright issue? A contribution from Jan-Ewout van der Putten about the latest developments in Europa and the futuristic view of Teresa Hackett, former director of Eblida, the European Bureau of Library, Information and Documentation Associations.*

### Copyright and public libraries in the EU - Latest Developments

The copyright laws of all European Union member states are in the process of being amended, in order to comply with the implementation of *Directive 2001/29/EC*, the copyright Directive (also known as the InfoSoc Directive). In some countries e.g. Ireland, whose copyright law was recently updated, the amendments are minor. In others, more major changes are required.

This Directive became European law on 22 May 2001 and Member States had 18 months in which to implement it i.e. 22 December 2002. So far, Austria, Denmark, Greece and Italy have completed the implementation. Other countries, such as the UK, were aiming to implement on time, but due to the large number of responses to their public consultation, this has been delayed until later in the year. There have been delays in other countries, such as the Netherlands, due to elections and change of governments.

Because 20 out of the 21 exceptions are **optional**, member states can choose which exceptions they wish to implement. It is therefore very important that the national library lobby pushes to implement all the exceptions that are important to libraries (see below)

Selected optional exceptions

- Article 5.2(a) Reproductions on paper
- Article 5.2(b) Private copying, any medium
- Article 5.2(c) Library exception, any medium
- Article 5.3(a) Illustration-teaching or research
- Article 5.3(b) People with a disability
- Article 5.3(j) Advertising a public exhibition
- Article 5.3(n) Communication (in library only)
- Article 5.3(o) Existing analogue exceptions

If all these exceptions were implemented in full, the library would have a fair balance in providing services.

However, it is not only about copyright anymore. Most electronic material in libraries is acquired by licence, so the terms and conditions of the licence apply. It is very important that the library does not sign away their statutory rights under copyright law and that they try to negotiate fair contractual terms with the publisher. The formation of buying consortia gives libraries more power when negotiating with the rightowner, usually the publisher and who often is in a monopoly position.

Another issue of concern are technical protection measures which acquired legal protection in the copyright Directive. It is important that digital rights management systems do not block users from availing of their lawful exceptions. DG Information Society of the European Commission are trying to form a consensus amongst libraries and users, rightowners, technology companies and collecting societies about the future development of TPM and digital rights management systems (DRMS) in Europe.

**Jan-Ewout van der Putten**

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### **Libraries in a brave new world**

From the national to the local public, libraries perform a societal function, often governed by legislation, with defined roles and duties in providing citizens with information and learning opportunities. In recognition, libraries are accorded special privileges such as legal deposit and the public interest exceptions.

In the print world, the information chain was a straightforward affair with established roles for authors, publishers and libraries. But in the electronic environment, these roles are blurred. Authors are publishing their own works, publishers are holding the archives and libraries are buying access to material.

Digital content, from an academic journal to the latest Hollywood blockbuster, is delivered over same networks. Libraries find themselves negotiating the new regulatory frameworks alongside global media corporations, who have totally different interests. Mergers mean that a single company may monopolise a whole sector; we will have to see how competition authorities will regulate this in future.

At the same time, information is subject to an increasing number of rights and measures including lending and copyrights, database rights, contract law and technical protection measures.

Librarians are forced to renegotiate time-honoured library privileges (often without success). Digital rights management systems are the new cash cow for IPR. "Squeeze your digital content until it screams for mercy" is the title of one conference to which I was recently invited. Public sector information is being licensed to third parties and sold back to the citizen. And library services are up for grabs in the ongoing WTO GATS negotiations.

So where does this leave libraries? We mustn't take anything for granted! We must create strategic alliances to lobby effectively and compete with our giant corporate friends. We live in a world where the human genome is patented and the sound of silence is copyrighted, but there are also great opportunities. Imagine if the dream of the ancient Ptolemaic kings in Egypt in creating the first universal library was realised! We are walking in a brave new world, but if we hold our nerve, who knows what might happen.

***Teresa Hackett***

[www.eblida.org](http://www.eblida.org)

## **The copyright issue in Berlin**

The Committee on Copyright and Other Legal Matters (CLM) will be having two sessions during the Berlin Congress and is hoping a lot of the visitors will attend their meetings.

On Tuesday August 5th (13:45 - 15:45), there's an *Open Session* on: Digital Rights Management and Technological Protection Measures, with

Rick Weingarten. His topic is *Technological Locks on Information: what they are and how they could impact library services in the future*

Katy Loffman speaks about *Copyright Exceptions and Technological Protection Measures in Electronic Publications: a challenge for Legislators*

The *CLM Update on current issues* takes place on Wednesday August 6th (13:45 - 15:45), with

Tom Cochrane, on *Copyright or contract: the 2002 Review in Australia*

Paul Whitney and Kjell Nilsson: *Update on Libraries and International Trade Treaties*

Michèle Battisti: *Lier ou ne pas lier : pour un usage responsable de l'hyperlien*

## **Miscellaneous**

### **Mongolian Translation Public Library Guidelines**

Ch. Altantsetseg, Deputy director of the Metropolitan Central Library, mailed us about the Mongolian Translation of the Public Library Guidelines. The Metropolitan Central Library librarians translated the Russian version of the IFLA Public Library Guidelines into Mongolian. The Mongolian Ministry of Education, Culture and Science supported in the publication and distribution process of the Guideline. The guidelines have already been distributed to the Mongolian rural public libraries. All public libraries in Mongolia will follow the guideline. Metropolitan Central Library: <http://www.mclibrary.edu.mn>

### **Bookmobile for Rwanda**

A foundation is being set up to provide and maintain a bookmobile for the African nation of Rwanda. At the present time there is not a single public library in the entire country, but that is about to change, as the first library is currently under construction in the capital city of Kigali. It is hoped that as soon as the doors open at the new Kigali Public Library, that the Bookmobile will be ready to start travelling to all of the accessible towns and villages in that impoverished country. Support is urgently needed to help get this program off the ground. The Rwanda Bookmobile Foundation is requesting help from concerned organizations and individuals that want to help make the first Bookmobile in Rwanda a reality. Donations may be sent to:  
The Rwanda Bookmobile Foundation  
P.O. Box 1061  
Okotoks Alberta  
Canada T1S 1B1

## Conferences and seminars

### **IFLA pre-conference: Is digital different**

Munich, Germany  
July 30 – 31, 2003  
[http://www.bsb-muenchen.de/ifa/ifa\\_pre.htm](http://www.bsb-muenchen.de/ifa/ifa_pre.htm)

### **IFLA Pre-conference on Library Buildings**

Organization: IFLA Section of Public Libraries, IFLA Section of Library Buildings and Equipment and the Goethe Institut  
July 27 – August 1, 2003  
Paris, France  
<http://www.ifa.org/VII/s8/spl.htm#4>

### **IFLA Satellite meeting: e-learning for marketing and management in libraries**

July, 28 – 30, 2003  
Geneva, Switzerland  
[http://www.unige.ch/biblio/ses/IFLA/sat\\_01](http://www.unige.ch/biblio/ses/IFLA/sat_01)

### **IFLA Preconference on Disaster Management**

July 30 – August 1, 2003  
Berlin, Germany  
<http://www.kb.ni/ifaconference>

### **ALISE/EUCLID conference**

July 31 – August 1, 2003  
Potsdam, Germany  
<http://www.ibi.hio.no/bibin/euclid/eucnew.htm>

### **69th IFLA General Conference and Council**

Access Point Library: Media Information, Culture  
August 1-9, 2003  
Berlin, Germany  
<http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifa69/69theme.htm>

### **IFLA Satellite Meeting**

Public Libraries and Multilingual Collections  
August 11-13, 2003  
Utrecht, The Netherlands  
[www.ifla-utrecht.nl](http://www.ifla-utrecht.nl)

### **7th European Conference on Research and Advanced Technology for Digital Libraries**

Trondheim, Norway  
August 17-22  
<http://www.ecdl2003.org/>

### **2003 Conference on Users in the Electronic Information Environments**

Toward a User-Centered Approach to Digital Libraries  
Espoo, Finland  
September 8-9, 2003  
<http://www.lib.helsinki.fi/finelib/digilib/>

### **Creating Knowledge III - 3rd Information Literacy Conference**

Akureyri, Iceland  
September 25 – 26, 2003  
<http://web.bit.mah.se/konferens/ck3/index.html>

### **2003 Dublin Core Conference**

September 28 - October 2, 2003  
Seattle, USA  
<http://dc2003.ischool.washington.edu/index.html>

### **Thesauri & Taxonomies**

September 29 – 30, 2003  
London, UK  
[www.multites.com/conference03.htm](http://www.multites.com/conference03.htm)

### **Religious Book Culture In Europe And Hungary**

Hungary  
October 1-3, 2003  
<http://www.gradatio.hu/nagykonvvtar/conference>

### **8th IFLA Interlending and Document Supply International Conference**

Canberra, Australia  
October 28 – 31, 2003  
<http://www.nla.gov.au/ilds/papers.htm>

### **ISMIR 2003 - 4th International Conference on Music Information Retrieval**

October 26-30, 2003  
Washington, D.C. and Baltimore, Maryland, USA  
<http://ismir2003.ismir.net/>

### **Twelfth International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (CIKM)**

New Orleans, Louisiana, USA  
November 2-8, 2003  
<http://www.cikm.org/2003>

### **Pre-conference World Summit on the Information Society**

November 3-4, 2003  
Geneva, Switzerland  
<http://www.ifla.org/III/wsis.html>

### **World Summit on the Information Society**

December 2003, 2003  
Geneva, Switzerland  
<http://www.ifla.org/III/wsis.html>

### **6th International Conference of Asian Digital Libraries (ICADL 2003) – Digital Libraries: Technology and Management of Indigenous Knowledge for Global Access**

December 8 – 11, 2003  
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
<http://www.ftsm.ukm.my/ICADL2003>

### **7th International Bielefeld Conference 2004: Thinking beyond Digital Libraries - Designing the Information Strategy for the next decade**

February 3 – 5, 2004  
Bielefeld, Germany  
[www.ub.uni-bielefeld.de](http://www.ub.uni-bielefeld.de)

### **ICDL 2004: International Conference on Digital Libraries: Knowledge creation, preservation, access and management**

February 24-27, 2004  
New Delhi, India  
<http://www.teriin.org/events/icdl>

### **Joint Conference on Digital Libraries (JCDL) 2004 Global Reach and Diverse Impact**

June 7-11, 2004  
Tucson, Arizona, USA  
<http://www.icdl2004.org/>