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## Public Libraries Section

### Standing Committee Mid-Term Meeting Sydney, Australia 14 March 2017

#### Minutes

Jean Garling Room  
State Library of New South Wales  
Macquarie Street, Sydney, NSW, Australia  
10am – 2.30pm

**Members in Attendance:** Corinne Hill, Jan Richards, Lo Claesson, Montserrat Espuga, Marian Morgan-Bindon, Leikny H Indergaard, Suzanne Payette, Libuse Nivnická, Hitomi Takeuchi  
**Guest (Item 9):** Deborah Jacobs

Item	
1	<b>Welcome:</b> Marian welcomed all Standing Committee members and thanked them for making the trip to Sydney. She also thanked the State Library of New South Wales (SLNSW) for their support of the event and hospitality in hosting the Mid-Term meeting.
2	<b>Apologies:</b> Adriana Cybelle Ferrari, Jos Debeij, Annie Dourlent, Sarah Dudek, Jakob Guillos Laerkes, Pirkko Lindberg, Anette Mjoberg, Torbjörn Nilsson, Ljiljana Sabljak, Raymond Santiago, Josephine Siegrist, Jane Wee, Paul Tovell.
3	<b>Approval of the agenda:</b> The Agenda was approved (Corinne/Montse)
4	<b>Program STEAM into Sydney:</b> (attached) Marian went through details of the program for STEAM and explained the logistics to SC members. She also described how the program for the seminar has been welcomed by the Australian public library community and explained that the program was fully subscribed within 4 hours of bookings being opened. Thanks were extended to our sponsors and supporters especially the State Library of New South Wales, Civica, The Australian Library and Information Association and the NSW Public Libraries Association.
5	<b>Approval of the minutes of the meeting held in Columbus:</b> The Minutes of the Meeting held in Columbus were confirmed as a true and correct record (Leikny/Corinne)
6	<b>Business Arising from the minutes of the previous meeting:</b> There were no items arising that were not covered elsewhere in the agenda.
7	<b>Membership Matters:</b> Marian advised that voting for the PLS is now open and reminded everyone to cast their vote. Sarah and Tobogo did not seek re-election. Suzanne, Paul and Ljiljana have also completed the maximum of two terms as Corresponding members and will step down at the WLIC in Wroclaw. Marian thanked all those who will be leaving the Standing Committee for their

	<p>contribution. A formal thank you will occur in Wroclaw.</p> <p>There was also some discussion about the seemingly disjointed approach to elections within IFLA with differing dates and lack of information about candidates. There was also strong support for the possibility of online voting. This will be fed back to IFLA HQ.</p> <p>PLS has instigated a campaign to invite those seeking election to the PLS standing Committee to share information about themselves on the Blog. This has been quite successful.</p>
8	<b>Review of Action Plan 2016-2017:</b> Noted on Action Plan (attached)
9	<b>Global Libraries – Global Development Program – Bill &amp; Melinda Gates Foundation</b> Deborah Jacobs joined the meeting and provided an update on the legacy programs that the Gates Foundation will be funding as they leave the public library field.
10	<b>Other Business: <i>It was agreed to wind down 1001 Libraries to see before You Die and to potentially replace it with examples collected from the Public Library of the Year Award.</i></b>
11	<b>Next Meeting</b> The next meeting of the IFLA Public Libraries Standing Committee will be held Wroclaw, Poland on Saturday 19 August 2017 at 8 am (TBC)
12	<b>Close:</b>



## Program

IFLA Public Libraries Standing Committee  
 Mid-Term Meeting  
 Sydney 14- 17 March

Date	Event	Time	Location
Monday 13 March	Welcome Dinner	TBC	
Tuesday 14 March	Public Libraries Standing Committee Meeting	10 am –2.30pm	Jean Garling Room <a href="#">State Library of New South Wales</a>
	Library Tour	3pm-5pm	<a href="#">Woollahra Library at Double Bay</a>
	Section Dinner	7.30 pm	<a href="#">China Lane</a> 2 Angel Place, Sydney
Wednesday 15 March	Library Tours via public transport	Meet at <b>Central Station</b> at 9 am	Bankstown Library & Knowledge Centre The Learning Space at the Connection, Rhodes
	<i>Welcome Reception</i>	5.30-7pm	Friends Room, State Library of New South Wales, Macquarie Street, Sydney
Thursday 16 March	<i>STEAM into Sydney</i>	9am – 5pm	Metcalf Auditorium State Library of New South Wales, Macquarie Street, Sydney
	Conference Dinner	6.30pm – 10pm	<a href="#">Doyles on the Beach</a> Watsons Bay
Friday 17 March	<i>STEAM into Sydney cont</i>	9am – 4pm	Metcalf Auditorium State Library of New South Wales

Public Libraries Section

**Objectives of the Public Libraries Section Standing Committee 2016 -2017:**

- 1. Support the sector through the sharing of best practice*
- 2. Advocate for equitable access to information and knowledge for communities world-wide that supports the democratic process, shared understanding and community well-being.*
- 3. Build capacity for public libraries and public librarians internationally through an agile and engaged Section*

Objectives <i>What do you want to achieve? Use your list above</i>	Project or activity <i>What project or activity are you going to do?</i>	Main tasks <i>What are the specific things you need to do?</i>	Responsibilities and timeline <i>Who will do them and by when?</i>	Communications <i>How will you communicate your achievements? To whom? By when?</i>	Measures of success <i>How will you show the impact of your work?</i>	Progress <i>Report here the progress of your work, at least every month</i>
<b>1. Support the sector through the sharing of best practice</b>	Undertake a review of IFLA <i>Public Library Service Guidelines</i> .	Review existing standards	Corinne, Raymond, Jakob	Report back to Chair by October 2016	Review complete	<p>Review of the Standards by members of the PLS indicated that they need to be updated. In particular the following areas need to be addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technology is now an integral part of public library provision and has moved beyond the 'it would be nice' faze.</li> <li>• No mention of social media as a way of interacting with the community and delivering services</li> <li>• Concept of a digital branch needs to be explores</li> <li>• Nothing on accessibility</li> <li>• Partnerships and collections need to be further developed</li> <li>• Civic Engagement needs to be explored.</li> <li>• Too many examples but many of these do not provide practical assistance</li> <li>• Services to young adults and 'tweens' need to be exapnded</li> </ul>

	Engage consultant to work with industry stakeholders to review and update				PLS have ben unsuccessful in their application for funding to update the standards through use of a consultant. Members of the SC expressed their extreme disappointment at this and supported the Chair in her application to the Professional Committee to re-consider this decision.
Continue partnership with the Danish Agency for Culture’s Public Library of the Year Award	Review process in partnership with Danish Agency for Culture  Expand reach for application  Determine format for 2016 awards	Jan, Leikny, Jakob, Corinne August 2017 ongoing	IFLA PLS website PLS blog and Facebook Page National library associations and other information providers - ongoing	Number of entries  Number of participants in related program	The Danish Agency for Culture has decided not to continue their support of this initiative. PLS will work with the sponsor, Systematic, to offer this as an IFLA Award from 2018 on, probably in partnership with IFLA Buildings and Equipment Section.  Issues identified for consideration are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Award will build profile of PLS</li> <li>• Demonstrates value of libraries and stimulates interest</li> <li>• Include renovations</li> <li>• Recognition for a city’s investment</li> <li>• Workable buildings</li> <li>• Use the exampoles as a way to develop the program using the way that Manaagement and Marketing have developed their Congress program around the</li> </ul>

						<p>best Marketing Award entries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More international approach to the jury.</li> </ul>
<p><b>2. Advocate for equitable access to information and knowledge for communities world-wide that supports the democratic process, shared understanding and community well-being</b></p>	<p>Monitor, record and share initiatives that support equitable access to information and knowledge</p>	<p>Continue to collect and share examples of best practice examples</p>	<p>Jan and SC members</p>	<p>IFLA PLS website PLS blog and Facebook Page National library associations and other information providers - ongoing</p>	<p>Number and geographical spread of stories</p> <hr/> <p>Number of participants</p>	<p>Guest Blogger working well. Almost all members have responded to the request with variations in style and approach providing a fresh approach.</p> <p><a href="#">YouTube</a> and <a href="#">Twitter</a> have been added to the suite of Social Media being used by the Section.</p>
<p><b>3. Build capacity for public libraries and public librarians internationally through an agile and engaged Section</b></p>	<p>Ensure the delivery of strong and relevant conference programs</p>	<p>2017 Satellite Bergen</p> <hr/> <p>WLIC 2017 Wroclaw PLS/Environmental Sustainability and Libraries SIG</p>	<p>Leikny, Lo, Pirkko, Anette, Jos and Adrianna</p> <hr/> <p>Marian, Lo, Annie and Sarah</p>	<p>IFLA PLS website PLS blog and Facebook Page National library associations and other information providers - ongoing</p>	<p>Number and geographical spread of participants</p>	<p>Plans for the satellite are progressing well with information available on the <a href="#">website</a>.</p> <p>Further papers are required and members were encouraged to suggest that their colleagues submit a proposal.</p> <hr/> <p>The deadline for proposals is 15 March and we are confident of a good response.</p>

	WLIC 2017 Wroclaw PLS/ Literacy and Reading Section	Montse and Libuse and Jakob			20 responses to the call for papers have been received.
	WLIC 2017 Wroclaw Division 1 Joint Session	Marian and Jan			Public Libraries Section have submitted a proposal to give a 5 minute presentation as part of the Division 1 Joint Session. This is the first time that such a session has been held.
	WLIC 2017 Wroclaw MetLib, Acquisition and Collection Development	Marian			"Check me out! Human libraries and unique circulating collections, from art to technology petting zoos" will be held at Wroclaw. Deadline for submissions is 19 March 2017.
Encourage public librarians to participate in IFLA conferences through the presentation of innovative papers or posters	Promote IFLA Conferences, Satellites and other professional development opportunities through local networks and social media Mentor PLS Section members and other colleagues and identify	All PLS Standing Committee members	IFLA PLS website PLS blog and Facebook Page National library associations and other information providers - ongoing	Number and geographical spread of participants	Members are encouraged to spread information about opportunitis within their own networks.



opportunities					
Provide mid-term meetings which include a professional development opportunity for local and regional public library colleagues	<a href="#">Steam into Sydney</a> 14-17 March 2017 Australia	Marian and Jan		2017 Mid-term Satellite programme delivered  Professional Development opportunity delivered	Mid-term meeting in Sydney delivered. 9 members in attendance.  Professional opportunity met with great interest by Australian and New Zealand library community. Available spaces 'sold out' in 4 hours with extensive waiting list.
	2018 TBD				To be agreed on in Wroclaw
Participate in the promoting and sharing information using PLS Social media platforms, web and national networks	<a href="#">Guest Blogger</a> <a href="#">Facebook</a>  Local networks  <a href="#">PLS Website</a> and other channels	All PLS Standing Committee Members  Information Co-ordinator	IFLA PLS website PLS blog and Facebook Page National library associations and other information providers - ongoing	Number of hits  Number of stories published.	Guest Blogger working well. Almost all members have responded to the request with variations in style and approach providing a fresh approach.  <a href="#">YouTube</a> and <a href="#">Twitter</a> have been added to the suite of Social Media being used by the Section.  FB Likes = 1,434
Encourage active participation in the Section	Develop orientation kit for new PLS SC members	Torbjorn, Anette, Jakob	Website, Basecamp	New members are actively engaged and understand their role	Orientation kit in preparation and available by time of announcement of successful candidates at election.



## IFLA PUBLIC LIBRARY STANDING COMMITTEE TASK LIST 2016-2017

NAME	POSITION	MID-TERM		SATELLITE	CONGRESS PROGRAM					PROJECTS				COMMUNICATIONS	
		2017 SYDNEY	2018 TBC	2017 BERGEN	WROCLAW 'Green Library'	WROCLAW PLS/Reading and Literacy	WROCLAW Division 1 Session	WROCLAW PLS/Metlib Cataloguing and Acquisitions	STANDARDS REVIEW	1001 LIBRARIES	PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE YEAR	PLS STANDING COMMITTEE ORIENTATION TOOL KIT	BLOG/FB	LOCAL NETWORK	
Marian Morgan Bindon	Chair	✓			✓		✓	✓					✓	✓	
Jan Richards	Secretary/Information Coordinator	✓						✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
Lo Claesson	Member			✓	✓								✓	✓	
Jos Debij	Member			✓									✓	✓	
Annie Dourlent	Member				✓						✓		✓	✓	
Sarah Dudek	Member				✓								✓	✓	
Montserrat Espuga	Member					✓							✓	✓	
Adriana Cybelle Ferrari	Member			✓									✓	✓	
Corrine Hill	Member								✓	✓			✓	✓	
Leikny H. Indergaard	Member			✓						✓			✓	✓	
Jakob Laerkes Buillois	Member					✓			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Pirkko Lindberg	Member			✓									✓	✓	
Anette Mjöberg	Member			✓									✓	✓	
Tebogo Mzizi	Member				✓								✓	✓	
Torbjorn Nilsson	Member												✓	✓	
Ljiljana Sabljak	Member	✓											✓	✓	
Raymond Santiago	Member								✓				✓	✓	
Josephine Siegrist	Member												✓	✓	
Jane Wee	Member												✓	✓	
Libuse Nivnická	Corresponding					✓							✓	✓	
Suzanne Payette	Corresponding												✓	✓	
Paul Tovell	Corresponding												✓	✓	
Hitomi Takeuchi	Corresponding												✓	✓	

## MID-TERM MEETING

- Mid Term Meeting [STEAM into Sydney](#) 14-17 March 2017 (Marain and Jan)
- Mid Term Meeting 2018 - location & dates to be decided – volunteer required to be agreed in Wroclaw(refer to *Guidelines for Mid-Term Meeting*)

## SATELLITE

- Bergen August 16 – 17 August 2017
  - **Management and Marketing & Public Libraries Sections**  
[Managing Change: Library Transitions – Moving into the Future](#)  
**Date:** 16 – 17 August 2017  
**Location:** Hordaland County Library and Bergen Public Library, Bergen (Norway) (Leikny, Lo, Pirkko, Anette, Jos, Adrianna)

## CONGRESS PROGRAM

- **Wroclaw 19-25 August 2017**
  - Joint session with Environmental Sustainability and Libraries SIG on Environmental Sustainability in Libraries. This has the possibility of being related to the 2030 Agenda to which IFLA is a signatory. In Columbus we agreed that it needs to be more than just sustainable buildings and that the sustainability of staffing, training and programs offered by libraries needs to be included – social sustainability and environmental sustainability.(Marian, Lo, Annie and Sarah)
  - Joint Session with School Libraries Section Libraries for Children and Young Adults Section. *Literacy Matters: It takes a community to raise a reader - Building a nation of readers and creating a reading culture.* Themes: Advocacy - articulating the importance of literacy at the global and local level. Research - what does it tell us and how to make effective use of it Partnerships - what are the roles of different members of a community e.g. parents, schools, businesses, employers and how can they work together Reading projects and initiatives that demonstrate best practice Literacy Matters materials and guidelines.( Montse and Libuse and Jakob )
  - Division 1 - *Demonstrating value and/or assessing the impact of different types of libraries and information services: can you spot the difference?* Context: the importance of library and information services demonstrating value and/or assessing impact in a time of constrained resources, social instability, requirements for increased accountability, new and alternative competitors. The Session will be developed in a mixed format: 1) an inspirational keynote address, to introduce the topic and 'set the scene' for case studies by Library Types; 2) short lightning talks from Sections of Division I, focusing on specific aspects or sharing examples from their library type; 3) small group conversations through a "world café" approach. Discussions at tables will be encouraged by a facilitator and supported by key points and questions to be used as "discussion starters. (Marian & Jan)

- Joint Session with Section on Metropolitan Libraries and the Section on Acquisition and Collection Development. *Check me out! Human libraries and unique circulating collections, from art to technology petting zoos* “There is new trend in public libraries which is not very much known in the library professional community. This trend is related to libraries with collections of musical instruments, kitchen tools, seeds, e-book devices, etc., even people with an interesting experience to share ("living books"). It would be interesting to know the organizational details and discuss if these practices are consistent with the public libraries mission. Marian

## **PROJECTS**

- Standards Review
  - Look at current *IFLA Public Library Service Guidelines* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed) and determine if they need to be reviewed Report back to the Chair by October 2016 to allow for a submission for project funding to IFLA.(Corinne, Raymond, Jakob)
  - Submission for project funding submitted requesting funds for a consultant to undertake this work. Notifications expected in early 2017 (Marian & Jan)
  - Respond to Professional Committee regarding non granting of funds (Marian and Jan, May 2017)
- 1001 Libraries to See Before You Die –wind up of this project (Jan)
- Public Library of the Year Award Determine format for 2018 awards (Jan,Leikny Jakob, Corinne)
- Develop orientation kit for new PLS SC members (Torbjorn, Anette, Jakob)

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

- Everyone as per Guest Blogger schedule (All members)
- Facebook/YouTube/Twitter as appropriate (please ask Jan for posting rights if you do not already have them) (All members)

## **LOCAL NETWORK**

- Share information regarding IFLA PLS activities and programs within your own networks (eg your Country/Library association) (All members)