



82nd IFLA General Conference and Assembly, 13–19 August 2016, Columbus, Ohio USA

# Minutes

## IFLA National Libraries Standing Committee - Meeting 1

Saturday 13 August 15:15 – 17:45, Room: C210

Present: Guy Berthiaume, Chair (Library and Archives Canada), Genevieve Clavel-Merrin, Secretary (Swiss National Library), Melita Ambrožič, Information Coordinator (National and University Library, Slovenia), Renate Gömpel (Deutsche Nationalbibliothek), Hans Jansen (National Library of the Netherlands), Howayda Kamel (The National Library & Archives of Egypt), Angela Maria Monteiro Bettencourt (National Library Foundation / Biblioteca Nacional, Brazil), Isabelle Nyffenegger (Bibliothèque nationale de France), Katarzyna Slaska (National Library of Poland), Mark Sweeney (Library of Congress, Washington DC)

Absent: Aakki Hassan (National Library of Morocco), Nancy Machado Lorenzo (National Library of Cuba), Liudmila Tikhonova (Russian State Library), Han Yongjin (National Library of China)

Excused: Roger Jøsevold (National library of Norway), Katarina Kristofova (Slovak National Library), Ismet Ovcina (National and University Library of Bosnia and Herzegovina)

Corresponding members: Jaesun Lee (National Library of Korea)

Observers: Lars Ilshammer (National Library of Sweden), Raissa Teodori (Senate Library, Italy), Julia Brungs (IFLA HQ), Elsa Barber (National Library of Argentina), Maureen Clapperton (Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec), Heui-Joo Jeoung (National Library of Korea), Francesco Manganiello (Library and Archives of Canada), Gaëlle Bequet (ISSN International Centre), Christiane Barbe (Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec), Ingibjörg Steinunn Sværriðóttir (National and University Library of Iceland), Sun Yigang (National Library of Canada), Claudia Lux (Qatar National Library), Liudmila Zaytseva (Russian State Library), Theron Westervelt (Library of Congress, Washington DC), Mohammed Alyafei (Qatar National Library), Patrice Landry (Swiss National Library), Liisa Savolainen (National Library of Finland), Tanja de Boer (National Library of the Netherlands)

### 1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed the SC members and observers and opened the meeting.

### 2. Apologies

Three apologies were received, from Roger Jøsevold, Katarina Kristofova and Ismet Ovcina.

### 3. Introduction of members and guests

Those attending presented themselves briefly.

### 4. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was approved with the addition of a point under AOB concerning the IFLA worksheets on dynamic units.

### 5. Approval of the minutes from the meetings in Cape Town

The minutes were approved.

### 6. Report from the Chair on the IFLA Leadership brief

The Chair summarized the main information from the IFLA Leadership Brief held earlier in the morning: the new Secretary General, Gerald Leitner, is aiming to make IFLA more inclusive and consult members more frequently, with more emphasis to be placed on the professional units. In a first stage, there will be a meeting in March 2017 in Athens to start a global discussion on IFLA's vision for the next years. The officers from all units will be invited to attend in order to reach a synchronized vision across the organization. Regional meetings will follow. The first results are expected by WLIC 2017, with follow-up discussions to place in March 2018 to finalise the programme.

A library map of the world will be developed to show the number of all types of libraries in all countries.

A membership survey will be carried out in October/November 2017 to determine what information IFLA members most value and what they expect from IFLA. First results should be delivered to the Governing Board in December 2017. The survey will be sent out in all 7 IFLA official languages. IFLA will focus on as well on recruitment – contacting former, non- and potential members, and scan the information world to determine if there are other associations or organisations drawing members away.

The IFLA website will be redesigned in 2016-2017.

Publications: the IFLA journal is now an e-journal by default though paper copies may be requested. IFLA publications will be licensed CC BY 4.0. The series on bibliographical control will be open access and produced in-house (more centralized proof reading and editing). The IFLA publication series will continue under a new editor and a new contract. Satellite meeting papers and posters will be loaded to the IFLA Library.

Basecamp and survey gizmo will still be available for sections to use.

### 7. National Libraries Section's program at IFLA 2016 (open session, SIGs and other sessions of interest)

The Chair reminded attendees of the Section's sessions at IFLA 2016:

- SC meeting II: Wednesday August 17th 11.30-13.00, Room C224 – Agenda
- Session 97 - Monday 15 August 2016 09:30 - 11:30 | Room: C220 – 222  
How do international relations add value? Innovation through internationalisation - National Organisations and International Relations (NOIR SIG)
- Session 115 - Monday 15 August 2016 16:00 - 18:00 | Room: C220 - 222

The role of National Libraries in contributing towards the achievement of sustainable development goals - National Information and Library Policy (NILP SIG)

- Session 201 - Thursday 18 August 2016 08:30 - 10:30 | Room: Union Station A/B/C  
National Libraries and digital collaboration: building connections and communities - National Libraries Open Session

The President Donna Scheeder, Secretary General Gerald Leitner and President-elect Glòria Pérez-Salmerón attended the meeting and reminded colleagues about other sessions; the President's session to be held on Monday 15 August 9:30 (at the same time as the NOIR SIG session), and the President-elect's session on Thursday 18 August at 8:30 (at the same time as the NL session).

#### 8. Review of the SC activities and action plan August 2015-August 2016

The section submitted its action plan to IFLA as well as an annual report. The main activities during the year were the selection of a theme and speakers for the open session, led by Isabelle Nyffenegger, and the preparation and distribution of the survey, led by Hans Jansen and Genevieve Clavel (to be discussed under point 10). In December 2015, the Chair and Secretary met the Chair and Vice-Chair of CDNL, Kai Ekholm and Marie-Christine Doffey, in Geneva to discuss potential synergies between them and plan the 2016 CDNL meeting. They agreed that digital unification is a key topic for the future. A meeting on this point was also planned for Monday August 15 with representatives from IFLA Cultural heritage Key Initiative, CDNL, UNESCO and the NL section.

#### 9. National Organizations and International Relations update: change of convener

A new convener for the NOIR SIG had been proposed and accepted during WLIC 2015: Guido Jansen, Head, International Cooperation Deutscher Bibliotheksverband E.V. Germany. Unfortunately, he had to step down in February 2016. Katharina Beberweil, Manager, Library and Information Centre IBFD Netherlands accepted the nomination to become convener. However, as she was unable to reach Columbus in time, Genevieve Clavel agreed to manage the NOIR SIG session, with the help of Kelly Moore and Marian Koren.

#### 10. Survey on national library activities, Hans Jansen (KB, NL) and Genevieve Clavel (Swiss National Library)

Hans Jansen and Genevieve Clavel presented the first results of the survey designed to provide an inventory of national library functions. (Slides posted to the NL site). The survey design, management and analysis was carried out by Martijn Kleppe (NL). Following a scoping meeting held in Bern in February 2016, eight topics were selected for the survey:

Background participants, Collection Development, Collection Management/Metadata, Preservation & Conservation, Making Collections available, Outreach, Cooperation & Coordination, Special functions.

The draft survey was distributed to members of the Working Group and after comments had been incorporated it was sent out to the Standing Committee members. 18 colleagues replied. The results could not be considered as significant given the small number but the goal is to extend the survey to all CDNL members.

The results are available at <http://bit.ly/libraryfunctionsdatacenter>. An interactive map shows which libraries responded and their main functions. The following elements were highlighted as important activities for national libraries over the next five years:

- Training courses and workshops for Library's staff
- Development of library standards

- Providing access to digital material and e-books
- Providing national virtual library network platform for all types of libraries
- Future of bibliographic data formats
- Promotion of information literacy
- Offering research facilities and services on site
- Collaborative storage printed (& e-) material
- Closer cooperation with Wikipedia

Discussions points for the SC to consider – and to provide feedback after WLIC as well:

- Keep the current set-up?  
For now, yes, extend to CDNL
- How to report on the findings?
- Simple report with basic results per question, or
- Meta-analysis of each of the 8 topics?  
A deeper analysis would be useful
- Keep the Datacenter as way to explore the data yourself (upon agreement participants)?  
If yes: Embedded on IFLA website?
- Open or password protected?  
Open for now until the extended questionnaire is finished. The hosting question still needs to be resolved. Attendees agreed that it would be a good tool for national libraries to help improve themselves but also for the general public and politicians. The feedback from attendees was positive.

Next steps:

- August 2016:                    Include your comments & suggestions
- Mid September 2016:        Send out to CDNL
- Mid November 2016:        Close survey
- Mid January 2017:           Results & Datacenter finalized
- Mid February 2017 :         Results & Datacenter at IFLA website [to be confirmed]

11. Ideas for National Library Section’s program at IFLA 2017. General theme: Libraries. Solidarity.

The Chair asked attendees to think about potential topics – and partners from other sections and announced that the theme would be addressed in the second meeting.

12. NLSC’s second meeting at IFLA 2015 (Wednesday 17 August 11:30-13.00) Room: C224

The Chair reminded all to attend if possible.

13. Any other business

The Secretary distributed worksheets prepared by IFLA for units to discuss ahead of a meeting with officers on Wednesday August 17 about ways to ensure units are more dynamic. The Secretary, Chair and Information Officer had provided draft replies – members of the SC were requested to look at the sheets and provide feedback at SCII.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.