

## First Standing Committee Meeting: Saturday 19 August, 12:30-14:30

### 1. Welcome and introductions.

**Standing Committee Members present:** Helen Vincent (chair), Frédéric Blin (incoming member), Jan Bos (corresponding member), Claudia Bubenik (incoming member), Adelaida Caro Martin (incoming member), Danielle Culpepper (incoming member), Maria Aurora Diez Baños, Claudia Fabian, David Farneth, Daryl Green, Hege S. Høstøien, Beth Kilmarx, Rémi Mathis (incoming member), Angela Nuovo (via Skype), Krister Östlund, Meg Phillips, Edwin C. Schroeder, Winston Tabb, Huism Tan, Marijana Tomic.

**Other attendees:** Hyekyong Ahn, Ornella Foglieni, Isabel García-Monge, Jamey Hastings, Stephane Ipert, Elizabeth James, Krystof Klupp, Przemysian Kowolski, Chihfeng P. Lin, Russel Lynch, Nessa Malane, Jim O'Donnell, Dzhamilya Ramazanova, Aliaksandr Susha.

**Excuses:** Fabiano Cataldo, Mark Dimunation, Maria Ermakova, Mohamed Soliman Marijana Tomic.

**Standing Committee Members not present:** Stanislav Ermolenko, Naïma Keddane, Tatjana Subotin-Golubovic.

### 2. Approval of the agenda.

No objections/additions

### 3. Standing Committee membership matters

**a) Introduction of new SC members.** Four new members have been elected to the SC in this year's election (Frédéric Blin, Claudia Bubenik, Danielle Culpepper, and Rémi Mathis) and Maria Ermakova has been elected for a second term.

Valerie Hotchkiss has resigned from the SC with immediate effect, therefore Hyo Kyoung Kim of the National Library of South Korea, who received the highest number of votes of the unsuccessful candidates in this year's election, has been offered the position. Having turned it down, the position was offered to Adelaida Caro Martin, who accepted it, thus making her the fifth new member of the SC this year.

**b) Election of officers: Chair and Secretary:** Helen Vincent was re-elected as chair of the SC. Danielle Culpepper was elected as Secretary.

**c) Information Officer and other unelected roles:** Daryl Green was re-elected Information Co-coordinator. There are no unelected roles at this SC. It was noted that organisations may appoint or elect liaisons to the SC, for instance ALA RBMS; the committee welcomes this engagement but notes that these liaisons have no formal standing in the SC though may become SC members in their own right. It was agreed that we could pursue additional liaisons with national library associations as a way of increasing the geographical engagement with committee activities.

**d) Corresponding members:** Jan Bos is standing down as corresponding member this year, which means that five spots as corresponding member are available at the moment.

**e) Attraction of new members:** This year marks the start of a two-year membership cycle, which means that there is no pressing need right now to attract new members.

### 4. Notes of previous meetings.

The August 2016 (Columbus) and the April 2017 (midterm virtual meeting) minutes were approved and are/will be posted on the website.

## 5. Announcements and reports from the Professional Committee

**a) Funds:** Administrative and project funds are available; a minor sum of money can be used by the SCs to fund parts of their projects, providing that the money is not used for funding of travel expenses, lunches, coffee breaks etc.

**b)** There will be a session of accessibility at this year's WLIC.

## 6. Annual Report and Action Plan

Follow-up/Review of the Action plan: **Blog:** The blog is doing OK with more than 200 000 hits so far.

**Sponsor conferences:** RBSC is co-sponsoring the conference "El patrimonio bibliográfico en América Latina y el Caribe: desafíos y perspectivas" in Buenos Aires 27-28 September, and is open to sponsor other similar conferences around the world. **Conference sessions WLIC 2017:** The Committee is arranging three sessions at this year's conference in Wrocław (see below). **Competencies:** The

Working Group has had two web-meetings and is almost ready to submit the Standards Development Proposal Form to the Standards committee; the work will be presented early fall for feed-back. The working group needs new people since three of its members are rotating out this year. **Digitization guidelines:** no new translations are available. **Recruiting new members:** This year's election has resulted in five new members (see above). **Increase collaboration with other IFLA sections:** Indigenous Matters Section, Genealogy Section, Digital Humanities Special Interest Group are examples of sections, with which a future collaboration is possible. **RDA:** continued dialogue on RDA is necessary.

There were no comments on the Annual Report.

## 7. WLIC 2017

### Summary of the RBSC events in Wrocław

#### a) Business Meetings:

*Standing Committee I* 19 August 2017 | 12:30 - 14:30 |

*Standing Committee II* 23 August 2017 | 13.30 – 16:00 |

#### b) Conference Sessions:

*Session 088 — Collections and Books [A]cross Borders* (together with Indigenous Matters Section) | 21 August 2017 | 09:00 — 17:30 | Offsite at Biblioteka Uniwersytecka we Wrocławiu.

*Session 170 — Best Practices in Moving Collections from the View of Preservation and Conservation* (with Preservation and Conservation Section) | 22 August 2017 | 16:00 — 18:00 |

*Session 231 — Out of the Stacks: Special Collections in Society* | 24 August 2017 | 10:45 — 12:45 |

#### c) Special Events:

*Monday, 19 August* Group Dinner

RBSC is involved in quite a lot of sessions this year. Everything seems to be under control at this point. For the off-site session on Monday 19 August 50 attendants have signed up. The session "Out of the Stacks ..." has a full programme and has seven papers in a two hour session.

## 8. Future meetings

**a) Mid-term business meeting 2018:** We decided to have a mid-term meeting in 2018. Hege offered to host the meeting in Oslo.

#### b) Ideas for WLIC 2018:

- We have received a request from the Genealogy and Local History section to collaborate at IFLA next year on a session relating to "Citizen Science" (new patrons - not necessarily academic researchers). Meg will attend their SC and report back.

- We agreed we want to have a session next year at the Congress on competencies for librarians working with Digital Humanities/Scholarship projects. Andreas Degkwitz of the Academic and Research Libraries section is interested in working with us on this. We also took it to the Digital Humanities/Scholarship SIG where there was a lot of interest expressed in this topic.
- Born Digital Material in Special Collections was also a topic under discussion (which could be combined with the competencies session)

**c) Satellite meeting 2018:** There are currently no plans for a satellite or an off-site meeting, though Huism is pursuing the possibility of organizing a tour to some special collections in Malaysia (the day after the conference).

**d) Other meetings or events the section may sponsor:** We are willing to sponsor conferences like the one in Buenos Aires in September also in the future from all regions of the world.

## 9. New Business

**a) LRM (Library Reference Model) invitation:** Massimo Tedeschi, chair of the IFLA ISBD (International Standard Bibliographic Description) Review Group has informed us that the revision process of the ISBD is about to start, and he invites RBSC to be on the working group.

**b) Digital Unification Working Group** (see <https://www.ifla.org/cultural-heritage/digital-unification>): The working group has been established (Helen is a member) but has not met yet. More information will be given at a later stage.

**c) ILAB (International League of Antiquarian Booksellers) proposal for collaboration:** ILAB is interested in working with IFLA on addressing the security issues surrounding rare books worldwide. Last year's session at the Columbus WLIC showed that there is a great interest in these matters. A working group will be established between RBSC and ILAB. Anyone who has some thoughts on the matter, or is interested in being part of the working group is asked to contact Daryl.

## 10. Other suggestions for future activities

None

## 11. Items to raise or report to the Professional Committee

None

## 12. Any other business

Work on the new IFLA Global Vision was launched at the officers' meeting in Athens earlier this year. After that the vision has been discussed by the different SC:s, many of which (including RBSC) have sent in their reports to IFLA HQ. During the WLIC 2017 an on-line voting will be launched, which will close in September 2017. It will be further discussions at the professional meetings and President's meeting in 2018, which all will lead to the publication of a Global Vision Report in 2018.

## **Second Standing Committee Meeting: Wednesday 23**

### **August, 13:30-16:00**

#### 1. Welcome and introductions.

**Standing Committee Members present:** Helen Vincent (chair), Jan Bos (corresponding member), Claudia Bubenik (incoming member), Adelaida Caro Martin (incoming member), Danielle Culpepper

(incoming member), Maria Aurora Diez Baños, Claudia Fabian, David Farneth, Daryl Green, Hege S. Høgsøien, Beth Kilmarx, Rémi Mathis (incoming member), Krister Östlund, Meg Phillips, Huism Tan.

**Other attendees:** Lisa Cruces, A. Dill, Flavia Bruni (via Skype), Isabel García-Monge, Jennifer Hartley, Stephane Ipert, Nessa Malane, Antje Theise, Steve Witt.

**Excuses:** Frédéric Blin (incoming member ), Fabiano Cataldo, Mark Dimunation, Maria Ermakova, Angela Nuovo, Edwin C. Schroeder, Mohamed Soliman, Winston Tabb, Marijana Tomic.

**Standing Committee Members not present:** Stanislav Ermolenko, Naïma Keddane, Tatjana Subotin-Golubovic.

## 2. Approval of the agenda

No objections/additions.

## 3. Steve Witt, IFLA Journal editor: introduction

Steve Witt from the IFLA Journal presented the new aim and direction of the IFLA Journal. It used to publish the best papers of the different sessions of the conference, but has now an open submission with no papers *per se* from the congress, and with a peer-review system. He now invites us to help producing the journal – either by sending in articles or co-editing a special issue. He wants us to keep this in mind when planning our sessions.

## 4. Standing committee membership matters

Jim O'Donnell was accepted as new Corresponding Member of the RBSC Committee. We also agreed to follow up with Hyo Kyoung Kim about corresponding membership, as well as with Anthony Tedeschi from New Zealand and Cao Xingye from China.

## 5. Announcements and reports from the Professional Committee etc.

At the Professional Committee's Officers Forum (session 48) Gerald Leitner presented the new staff of IFLA HQ, an expansion made possible by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. There will be:

- New services for IFLA
- A membership survey (April 2018)
- A new web-site (August 2018)
- A new Strategic Programme (2019)
- An assessment of the sections ("what makes a healthy section?")

## 6. WLIC 2017

- The off-site session was very successful and attracted c. 85 attendants. The discussion on The Position Statements (initially intended to be on the agenda during the session) was postponed. We have asked the Indigenous Matters section Standing Committee to respond to them instead with a view to being able to announce a final version as agreed by both committees.
- Session 170: Videos and posters etc. will be uploaded and made accessible.

## 7. Planning for future activities / WLIC 2018

**a) WLIC 2018:** Due to a public holiday, next year's conference will be held Friday-Wednesday (24/8 – 29/8 2018). Theme of the conference is: "Transform Libraries, Transform Societies – Reaching Out to the Hard to Reach".

**b) New rules for off-site sessions:** the new rules are meant to discourage from having off-site sessions, thus we will not have one next year.

**c) Programme ideas for main conference:**

- Metadata for preservation. IFLA PAC (Strategic Programme on Preservation and Conservation) has shown an interest in organizing a session next year with us and with the Catalogue section. No plans have been finalized as of yet.
- The Genealogy and Local History Section would like us to co-sponsor a two hour session with them during the conference next year. Hege and Meg will be our contact persons.
- Digital Humanities. Hege will meet with the Digital Humanities Special Interest Group to see if there is an interest in doing something together
- Competencies: a session about the skills librarians need in order to deal with digital humanities with a focus on historical materials. This could be a co-operation together with the Academic and Research Libraries Section (see also section 8.a below). Hege, Beth, Meg, Rémi and Frédéric will work on this.

**d) Satellite conference and/or off-site:** There will be no satellite or off-site session next year.

## **8. Other projects, activities and strands for Action Plan**

**a) Competencies:** The Competencies Working Group will meet later today (23 August); Fabiano Danielle and Frédéric will replace those in the group who are rotating out this year. (See also 7c above).

**b) Mid-term meeting 2018:** Suggested theme for the mid-term meeting conference day: “Curating Digital Material”. Working Group: Hege, Frédéric, Beth, Tuism, Meg and Antje Theise. CERL and/or LIBER could also be approached to see if there is an interest in co-operating with us on this.

**c) Future Congress suggestions:** Programme ideas for WLIC 2019 will be discussed at the mid-term meeting 2018.

**d) LRM (Library Reference Model) invitation:** Adelaida was asked to be our liaison to this group. She will also work together with a small cataloguing working group created within the RBSC, consisting of Daryl, Isabel, Claudia, Helen and Antje.

**e) Digital Repatriation Working Group:** This group met for the first time in the morning 23 August 2017. It will have two meetings this year, and the goal is to produce a template that can be used in the future, produce guidelines of best practices and organize a conference.

**f) ILAB (International League of Antiquarian Booksellers) proposal:** We have decided to work with them and take part in their working group. Daryl, Rémi, Mark and Claudia B. will be our representatives.

**g) Other engagement with IFLA Cultural Heritage strand:** Stephen Wyber from IFLA HQ presented the work that is being done within IFLA connected to Strategic Direction 3: Cultural Heritage, the IFLA Risk Register, the UNESCO Persist Project, The Blue Shield etc. For further information see:

<https://www.ifla.org/drupal/cultural-heritage>

Fabiano is our representative in the IFLA Cultural Heritage Programme Advisory Committee

(<https://www.ifla.org/drupal/node/10284> )

Stephen noted that there is to be a new Director General of UNESCO and there may be issues to bring to their attention: the idea of national bibliographies as a collective memory of cultural heritage that should be preserved was discussed. There is an opportunity in 2019 to have UNESCO adding libraries to Cultural Heritage (currently only includes Museums) and RBSC may be able to contribute to making this case.

Daryl pointed out and asked Stephen to especially pay attention to the fact that preservation is not, and should not be our and IFLA's only concern concerning these matters, and that “collections” is an equally important issue to focus on.

**h) Any other activities or events:**

- Contact the Bibliography Section with regard to their Survey Register to make sure that historical bibliographical material is represented.
- Since there will be no off-site next year Huism will examine if there is any interest in organizing a library tour for us

- We have been asked to sponsor a second conference in Latin America, in Rio de Janeiro in November 2018. Before deciding we need to first evaluate our sponsoring this year's conference in Buenos Aires. Daryl pointed out that if this conference could be moved to spring 2019, we could have our mid-term meeting 2019 in connection with it.

## 9. Communications

**a) Support for Information Officer:** A group was formed to function as support for the Information Officer. Members of this group are Rémi, Muhammed, and Aurora.

**b) Media: Basecamp, Blog, Facebook, Twitter, email lists:**

- Basecamp is the official IFLA tool for sharing documents.
- Blog: there is a constant need of new blog posts; anyone who has something that might be of interest for our community is kindly asked to send this information to Daryl.
- Email lists: We currently have two email lists hosted on external servers (ENSIBB in France and National Library, Sweden) and we decided last year to move them to an IFLA server. This process has been initiated, but is not yet finalized.
- Twitter: We decided to start up a twitter account, administrated by Daryl and Rémi "IFLA Rare and Special".

**c) Publications:** Beth and Krister will meet with Heidi Lowther, Editor on the Museum & Heritage Studies and Library & Information Science list at Routledge Books, UK, on Thursday (24 August) to discuss our "work on special collections".

**d) IFLA Section One-Pager:** The Section One-Pager is a template for giving information on a section and its activities in a standardized way. We decided to use it, and finalize it by the end of September this year. Responsible: Danielle.

**e) Video for our sponsored conference in South America:** A short video was shot during and after our Monday meeting with greetings to the organisers and participants of our sponsored conference in Buenos Aires.

## 10. New Logo discussion

We all agreed that we are not satisfied with the proposal for a RBSC logo, we especially need to get rid of the "falling book", and find something more representative. Deadline is end of September. Huisman will try to find a good symbol for our section.

Submitted by Krister Östlund, Secretary