

**IFLA Rare Books and Manuscripts Section
Standing Committee Meeting, Gothenburg 2010**

Minutes

Tuesday 10 August 2010 11:30 – 14:20 Session 29, RBM SC I

1. Welcome and introductions

Standing Committee Members present:

Isabel Garcia-Monge, David Farneth, Alexander Samarin, Fabienne Le Bars, Sirkka Havu, Claudia Fabian, John Meriton, Raphaële Mouren, Anne Eidsfeldt

Standing Committee Members absent: Christina Guillén Bermejo, C.C.A.E. Kejsper, Pilar Moreno Garcia, Angela Nuovo, Edwin C. Schroeder, Winston Tabb, Denis Tyskin, Cheng Xiaolan

Regrets from C. C. A. E. Kejsper, Joana Escobedo Abraham, Cristina Guillen Bermejo, Pilar Moreno Garcia, Angela Nuovo, Marie Korey, Richard Landon, Bettina Wagner.

Others: Ivan Boserup (Royal Library, Copenhagen), Fred J. Hay (Appalachian State University, North Carolina, USA), Monica Rizzo (National Library of Brazil), Rejane Benning (Biblioteca Historica do Itamaraty. Ministry of International Relations, Brazil), Jan Bos (National Library of the Netherlands), Frédéric Blin (Bibliothèque nationale et universitaire de Strasbourg), Isabelle Westeel (ENSSIB, France), Vincent Boulet (Bibliothèque nationale de France), Nosheen Fatima Warraich (University of the Punjab, Pakistan).

2. Approval of the minutes from August 2009, Milan

Two corrections to the last year's minutes:

- Isabel Garcia-Monge, last paragraph, should be "different manuscript traditions", not just European and American.
- Christina Guillén was absent but sent her regrets

3. Financial report (Anne Eidsfeldt)

Current balances for the section in September 2009 were 168 Euros. 50 Euros were given to Genealogy and Local History Section to cover their overrun. The rest went back to HQ.

In January 2010 the section has received an annual sum of 610 Euros. The SC agreed to spend 600 Euros to support authors (six in all) publishing articles which require a large number of colour reproductions in Bettina Wagner's IFLA publication of last year's satellite meeting in Munich (*Early Printed Books as Material Objects: Principles, problems, perspectives*).

4. The times for IFLA RBM SC meetings in Göteborg were announced:

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Thursday 12 August 2010 10:00 – 14:00 RBM SC II

Thursday 12 August 2010 16:00 – 18:00 “Reconstructing Libraries: Physical Evidence for the History of Libraries and Collections”. This year the section does not cooperate with other sections, therefore only four papers will be given.

Off- site visit arranged by former SC member Björn Dal will take place Friday 13 August. We will visit Skara Library and Läckö castle.

Raphaële Mouren, Isabel Garcia-Monge and Anne Eidsfeldt attended Division II leadership Forum meetings held Monday 9 August and Wednesday 11 August. A topic of special importance was IFLA’s new strategic plans and how to implement them into the sections’ own strategic plans.

IFLA WLIC 2010 Satellite meeting will be held in Uppsala, 16 – 18 August: “New techniques for old documents – scientific examination methods in the service of preservation and book history”. This is a cooperation between Rare Books and Manuscript Section and the Preservation and Conservation section.

5. Implementation of IFLA’s new strategic plans.

The section started to discuss how IFLA’s strategic plans can be implemented in the section’s own strategic plan. The section’s strategic plans are for 2006-2007 and are consequently out of date. The section must therefore make new strategic plans based on IFLA’s strategic plans. Moreover, the section must, according to the procedures of implementation, also identify at least one action (or three) that we can undertake in 2010-2011 that link to the priority activities.

The SC agreed to discuss the matter further and try to find solutions on the second SC meeting on Thursday 12 August.

6. IFLA WLIC 2011

Next year’s conference will be held in San Juan in Puerto Rico. The SC agreed to discuss proposals for themes, joint sessions with another section etc. on the second SC meeting on Thursday 12 August.

There will also be a satellite meeting in 2011: “Libraries in the islands: constitution, conservation and valorization of collections”. The RBMS will be cooperating with the PAC Core program, and the meeting will be held 10 – 12 August 2011. The place for the conference is not yet decided.

7. IFLA WLIC 2012 Helsinki

The committee discussed various themes for the WLIC 2012 in Helsinki. One idea is to find a theme connected to a seminar in Paris in March 2011: “The message of Old Books in the New Environment” (L’Institut Finlandais en France). Section member Sirkka Havu (National library of Finland) has useful connections.

Satellite congress for 2012

The theme for a satellite congress for 2012 must be ready within March 2011. Suggestions must be sent to Raphaële or Anne.

A midterm meeting is proposed by Pierre Delsaerdt, Anvers, spring 2012: "Teaching competences for heritage librarians".

8. UNESCO Memory of the World program

Former SC member Jan Bos (National library of the Netherlands,) informed the committee about the UNESCO Memory of the World program. Jan Bos will be attending a preparatory meeting at the end of September where the agenda and lay-out of the 4th International Memory of the World Conference will be discussed. He asked the standing committee for ideas and input. He will send all the standing committee members and people at our mailing list an email asking for ideas for the agenda for the 4th International Memory of the World Conference.

9. New members in the section 2011, nomination for chair and secretary 2011

In 2011 8 members of the section will either leave the section or continue for another period. During the term 2010/2011 there must also be nominations for new chair and secretary/treasurer. New section members (from 2009) are asked to volunteer.

10. Various news and announcements:

- Jan Bos informed the SC about a new IFLA publication:
The history and cultural heritage of Chinese calligraphy, printing and library work / edited by Susan M. Allen ... [et al.]. - Berlin : De Gruyter Saur, cop. 2010. (IFLA publications ; 141). The publication consists of papers held at the RBMS meeting in 2006 Hangzhou, China.
- Section leaflets and last year's bookmarks were available to members.
- ALA Guidelines
In Milan 2009 former SC member, Susan M. Allen (The Getty Research Institute), informed the SC about the *Guidelines Regarding Security and Theft in Special Collections* recently completed by the American Library Association's RBMS. ALA RBMS is asking IFLA RBMS Standing Committee to give its endorsement to the Guidelines before the official publication. The request has also been sent to all the 118 members of RBMS.
- SC member Alexander Samarin (Russian State Library) informed the SC about book historical work and projects at the Russian State Library.

Chair of Division II, Ann Okerson, visited the SC during the SC meeting. She was open for questions and comments.

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Others: Ivan Boserup (Royal Library, Copenhagen), Jan Bos (National Library of the Netherlands), Isabelle Westeel (ENSSIB, France)

1. IFLA WLIC 2011 Puerto Rico

- A working group consisting of **Isabel Garcia-Monge, Claudia Fabian, Raphaële Mouren (chair) and Anne Eidsfeldt (secretary)** was appointed to work with the RBMS congress in Puerto Rico next year. The committee agreed that the theme for the next congress will be connected to modern rare material. Papers should be from both Europe and Latin-America. The working group will write CP, receive suggestions, chose papers etc.

2. Updated Strategic Plan for RBMS

- A working group consisting of **David Farneth, John Meriton, Fabienne Le Bars, Raphaële Mouren (chair) and Anne Eidsfeldt (Secretary)** was appointed to work with a new strategic plan for the section. The group shall throughout the year make a draft for a strategic plan and present it at the next CS meeting in Puerto Rico 2011. An important part of the strategic plan will be to try to make a definition of rare books/material.

3. Action plan

The section shall identify at least one action that the section can undertake in 2010-2011 that link to the Priority Activities. The action must include a measurable outcome. The following actions were suggested:

- Make / start to make guidelines for digitization of old and rare material. Action: Mid-term meeting in Madrid 2011 (Organizer: Isabel Garcia-Monge). (Strategic direction no.1, goal 1f, priority activity 1.5)
- Increase RBMS's relationship to international and external groups and associations (Strategic direction no. 4, goals 4 a.-c., Priority activities?). Action: to make lists (with emails) over associations, institutions, libraries etc. that work with cataloguing, bibliographies, library history, book history, art libraries etc.
- Try to make a definition of what Rare books / materials are (as part of the new strategic plans). The process shall start this year, ending in a definite product after August 2011.