



IFLA Division 3: Libraries Serving the General Public

Midyear Meeting 2005 in London

Thursday 3 March 9.00-18.00 and Friday 4 March 9.00-15.00

Minutes

Chair: Torny Kjekstad

Attendees: Torny Kjekstad (Chair Public), Jane Dreisig (Chair MCULTP), Ingrid Bon (Secretary Children), Ian Stringer (acting Chair Mobil), Joyce Jelks (Mobil) Helen Brazier (Secretary Blind), John Lake (Secretary Public), Joanne Locke (Secretary LSDP), Kirsten Leth Nielsen (Secretary MCULTP), Anne Clyde (Chair School), Ivanka Stricevic (Chair Children), Stewart Brewer, (Information co-ordinator Metropolitan), James Henri (Secretary School), Vibeke Lehmann (Former Chair Disadvantaged), Gyda Skat Nielsen (Chair Disadvantaged), Beatrice Christensen Sköld (Chair Blind)

Apologies: Mogens Brabrand Jensen (Chair Library Centres), Eduard Duijker (Secretary Library Centres) has resigned. Frans Meijer (Metropolitan), Aline Girard-Billon (Secretary Metropolitan)

No response: Stanly K. Ng'ang'a (Mobil),

Reporter: Kirsten Leth Nielsen

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Agenda

1. Greetings and Apologies (Torny)
2. Welcome to London and details of arrangements (Helen/John)
3. Document check (Torny/Kirsten)
4. Approval of the Agenda (Torny/Kirsten)
5. Minutes and Matters arising from the CB-meeting in Buenos Aires August <http://www.ifla.org/VII/d3/minutes/div3-Minutes0804.pdf>
6. Report from Governing Board December 2004 in the Hague <http://www.ifla.org/III/gb/GB-minutes-12-2004.pdf>

7. Report from Professional Committee December Meetings (Torny)
8. Chair's Report (Torny)
9. Financial Report (Torny)
10. Election of Officers 2005-2007 (Torny)
11. Review of Sections in IFLA (Torny)
12. Programmes for the IFLA World Library and Information Congress 2005 in Oslo (All)
13. Annual Section Reports (All)
14. Section Updates – Strategic Plans and Review of Ongoing/New Projects
15. Preliminary Programmes for the IFLA World Library and Information Congress in Seoul 2006
16. Any other Business

1. Greetings and Apologies

Torny welcomed the members of the Division and stated that all Sections were represented at this midyear meeting. That is indeed a good argument for having midyear meetings! She also thanked CILIP for hosting us at this meeting. Torny informed the meeting that Eduard Duijker (Secretary Library Centres) has resigned and therefore did not attend the meeting. From Metropolitan Section Stewart Brewer attended since Frans Meijer and Aline Girard-Billon were unable to participate.

3. Document check

Due to problems with electronic communications from time to time, we decided that as a rule all of us must ask for confirmation when sending emails to the Division members.

We also decided that all documents and other important information needed in scheduled meetings should be distributed at least 14 days before the scheduled meeting.

4 Approval of the Agenda

Some of the participants could not attend the meeting Friday 4 March. We therefore decided to change the agenda as follows: We would take item 5 and 10-14 on Thursday before starting at item 6.

5. Minutes and Matters arising from the CB-meeting in Buenos Aires

Some minor corrections in the text and corrections of names were reported. Kirsten will make the corrections and send the corrected minutes to IFLAnet.

10. Election of Officers 2005-2007

Standing committee nominations 2005-2009:

An overview from Headquarters states that with 16 nominated and 13 vacancies. Postal ballot is needed for the Public Library Section. Status for the other Sections of Division III: Disadvantaged: 9 nominations, 16 vacancies, 13 members. Children: 10 nominated, 12 vacancies, 18 members. School: 5 nominations, 9 vacancies, 16 members. Blind: 8 nominations, 8 vacancies, 20 members. Multicultural: 5 nominations, 12 vacancies, 13 members. Mobile: 4 nominations, 20 vacancies, 4 members (minimum 5. The future of the Section is unclear). Metropolitan: 11 nominations, 20 vacancies, 11 members.

Chair of the Sections are requested to send a welcome letter to the new members and point out that they are elected for a 4 years period with obligation to attend at least 3 of the conferences in that period.

IFLA has no rules for elections of officers in the Sections and the meeting is confused about the IFLA Election Process (GB 04-123). We are also unsure of the voting rights. Torny will contact Headquarters and find out more about the procedure. What we do know is: The first item on the first committee meeting will be election of new chair and if you have more than one candidate a

secret ballot is needed. Only members attending the meeting can vote.

11. Review of Sections in IFLA

We were all a little confused about the Questionnaire for Review of the Section. Torny will raise the issues to PC and we will have to discuss the matter again at the meeting in Oslo.

Our questions are:

Point 3:

It is impossible to know the amount of participants if you have not counted the participants at the session. Can you estimate the participation by estimating how many people the room takes? Point 3.3 Our opinion is that this is an issue related to the committee, not to an open session – is that correct?

Point 4-5:

We presume that the references are sufficient and that we do not need the paper itself (an active link), is that correct?

Point 14:

We are unsure of what to report here. Can we report all our volunteer work here? What about all the expenses related to arranging a satellite meeting?

12. Programmes for the IFLA World Library and Information Congress 2005 in Oslo

A. Torny distributed the draft programme for Division III at the Conference to all members, and gave a summary of the work done so far. We have an interesting programme and four good speakers. She pointed out that the hotel prices in Oslo are very high and all of us should try to find less expensive alternatives on Internet. Torny also informed that if possible, she will invite all of us to a reception in her library Thursday 18 August. The first CB meeting will be on Friday 12 August. Time schedule is not yet available. Information about this will come in the end of March.

B. Satellite meetings

As many as 16 satellite meetings will be arranged this year!

School and Reading Section – joint conference

Title: Policy empowering School Libraries. This is a one day closed meeting. The participants will attend by invitation only.

Public Libraries

A. A satellite meeting joint programme with the Section on Management and marketing

B. Joint programme with Children's Section: A satellite meeting in Stavanger

Blind and Disadvantaged Section

A joint venture – satellite meeting in Göteborg. Theme Accessible libraries

Mobile Section

A Nordic mobile meeting 12. -14. August at Valle Hovin. Unfortunately Finland has set up their own mobile meeting at the same time!

Multicultural Section

Programme on the theme staff competence. Kay Raseroka will be the keynote speaker. The programme is ready. After call for papers the Section received 25 papers.

Post conference arranged at Island by members of School Section

This is not an official IFLA conference but many of the speakers are “IFLA-people”: Kay Raseroka, Alex Burn, Marian Koren. Theme: International issues in Librarianship.

C. Sessions in Oslo

A. Division III

Title: Public Libraries and Partnership. We have four speakers: Svanhild Aabø, Norway. A representative from Bill Gates Foundation, Beth Hovius, Ontario and Liv Sæteren, Norway. Torny will be moderator of the session.

B. Sections programmes

School

Theme: Policy. 29 responded on call for papers, 19 were of good quality and relevant. Four speakers for a two hour slot will be chosen

Metropolitan

Title: *Managing Metropolitan Library Networks* . Four speakers by invitation. Franz Meijer will be moderator.

Disadvantaged

Title: Equal Access to Libraries. Opportunities for all. Three speakers: Mogen Wiederholt, Denmark, Gyda Skat Nielsen, Denmark, Margaret Forrest, Scotland. Two hour slot.

Multicultural

“Swap and shop” session off site (Deichmanske bibliotek/Oslo Public Library). A three hour slot including the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Section.

Children

Title: Children's and young adult's services, a voyage in the past, present and future. Three speakers: Leikny Haga Indergaard, Norway, Ingrid Bon, Netherlands, Ivanka Stricevic, Croatia. Also celebration of 50th anniversary of the Section. Two hour slot.

Mobile

A voyage to discovery – libraries on the move. Two hour slot

Public Libraries

A. The library as at hotspot. Four speakers: Rolf Hapel, Denmark, Carol Van Nuys, Norway, Meeli Veskus, Estonia, Monica Medina Blanes, Spain. Two hour slot.

B. Poster session: Public Libraries guidelines

Libraries for the Blind with Public Libraries

Title: Achieving inclusion through partnership. Seven speakers presenting examples. Two hour slot

13.-14. Annual Section Reports/Section Updates – Strategic Plans and Review of Ongoing/New Projects

Mobile

Committee of four members only! The caterpillar project is ongoing and successful. Ruth and Ian are invited as speakers to many conferences as IFLA representatives. A growth of mobile libraries in Asia, though not staffed by librarians.

Blind

The Section has three projects: 1) Guidelines for libraries for the blind. 2) Integrated digital library system for libraries for the blind. 3) Benchmarking. The last project will be presented in Oslo. The Section will apply for project money for a new project in August. Strategic plan is on the agenda at the midyear meeting and the revision will be continued in August.

Public Libraries

Projects: 1) Meeting user needs (small project). 2) Marketing the Public Libraries Guidelines and translate the guidelines to new languages (large project). 3) Libraries, Archives and Museums. Draft of the final report in March. The project will be finished in 2005. No plans for new projects. The Section wants to establish a new discussion group for the theme “Examples of Best practise published on the Internet”.

The Section's strategic plan is finally published in the correct format. The Section has failed in the

effort to raise the numbers of membership.

Multicultural

Projects: The Section is publishing the “Tips for Organizing and Hosting an IFLA Satellite Meeting”. Torny will ask Headquarters to highlight the publication on Officers Corner. Potential new project: The Section is planning a revision of the guidelines for multicultural library services. The section will cooperate with the Public Library Section in this issue.

The Section is planning a leaflet on the issue multiculturalism and the need of library services in this aspect. The leaflet will be translated into various languages and distributed at the conference in Oslo. The Section stated the need and benefit of the midyear meetings. The strategic plan is currently under revision.

Children

The Section is involved in many projects and is cooperating with several institutions. They have established partnership and signed agreements with several partners, among others with UNICEF. Other partners are ICDL: International Children's Digital Library. IBBY: International Board on Books for Young Adults. ALMA: Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award. The guidelines for Children's libraries and School libraries are translated into Amharic. The Section aims to translate all guidelines in as many languages as possible so people worldwide can get the information. The Sections has made a new design of the newsletter.

Disadvantaged

Project: A checklist of access to Public Libraries will be published and submitted in Oslo. The Section will apply for money for a new project: “Offering services to persons with dementia – guidelines” in August. The Section has published two newsletters the last year. Partnership with several bodies is established.

Metropolitan

Main project: The annual conference being held every year since 1986. The conference also functions as a kind of midyear meeting. The Section is not planning new projects. Strategic plan is not updated.

School

Project: Promoting of the School library manifesto (small project). The Section will apply for money to a small project : The impact of the school library manifesto. The Section will also propose a project with the theme Botswana. The strategic plan was updated last year. The Manifesto of school libraries is now translated into 33 languages!

6. Report from Governing Board December 2004 in the Hague

Torny submitted a short report from the meeting in December. 1) The Secretary General is from 1 March 2005 Peter Lor. 2) IFLA's new publisher is SAGE and the agreement with SAUR is dismissed. 3) The fee for using the IFLA logo for satellite meetings is raised from 100 to 200 EURO from 2006. 4) A new model for IFLA's operations is based on the three pillars Society, Members and Profession.

7. Report from Professional Committee December Meetings

The minutes are available on IFLANET and Torny urged all of us to read them ourselves. Among other things, the minutes include an overview of project applications from the Division with information of which of the projected have been approved and which have been rejected.

8. Chair's report

Torny gave a verbal report and stated that she is highly involved in the conference planning for

IFLA Oslo 2005. She requested input from all of us.

9. Financial Report

In 2004 we forgot to apply for administrative money and the consequence of that was that we did not get any financial support. This year we applied in due time and have got the money we requested.

15. Preliminary Programmes for the IFLA World Library and Information Congress in Durban 2007

The theme for the congress is: Libraries: Dynamic Engines for the Knowledge and Information Society. We discussed the theme and exchanged information. Some of the Sections has started planning the sessions:

Public Libraries

Theme: Digital services and other issues of digitisation of libraries

Multicultural:

The Section will have a joint session with the section of National Libraries

Division III:

Working title: Dynamic Libraries creating the future. We also discussed the theme for the conference in Durban and landed on two alternatives: 1) Social diverse society 2) Multiculturalism and Libraries (see also item 16, point d).

The structure will be that each section will donate one hour to the joint programme and keep the other hour for its own purpose. In that way all of us have the opportunity of having a joint two hour slot with another section!

16. Any other business

a. We discussed the three pillars of IFLA and gave input to Torny for PC.

b. Life long literacy – draft paper

We were all urged to respond to the paper before 14 March and send the response to Torny.

c. The IFLA and the issue of Public lending rights

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d. The future of the division and the life after the evaluation

We had a long discussion of this issue. The following keywords came up: It is time for a discussion about the structure of IFLA. This is a hot theme! A structure based on types of issues or types of libraries? Some issues/ services have a low status, how do we handle that? What about the fighters, enthusiasts for the small issues of big importance in IFLA – how do we take care of this resource? One important conclusion of the discussion was the suggestion from Torny about a joint programme in Durban. We replace all our two hour slots with two whole day meetings representing the variety of the Division. All Sections agreed to this idea under the condition of approval from the Committees of the Sections. School Section has already a theme for the conference, so it is a condition that this fits the overall theme.

Themes/titles suggested: 1) Access to life important information. 2) Libraries and multiculturalism/transnationalism. 3) Libraries and social responsibility. We decided to have the title: Social responsibility of the library as a working title. We also concluded that the theme must include health issues. The School section already has made an agreement on the theme AIDS - a

theme that might be adjusted to the overall theme for the Division.

The Multicultural Section is publishing a leaflet stating 10 reasons for promoting multicultural library services and the Section has also prepared a definition of Multiculturalism. The Section will submit the two papers to all members of the Division when available.

e. Trends in libraries

We discussed the theme. Keywords: Customer focus, City libraries as flagships, Libraries as meeting places, access issues, nationalism, transnationalism, reading, school libraries contributing in the learning process.

f. Midyear meeting

We all find it very inspiring to meet face to face to exchange ideas and experiences. The conclusion is that we will meet again next year. The conditions is that someone will host the meeting and that the flight tickets are cheap.