



## **Library History Section**

### **MINUTES**

#### **Buenos Aires, Argentina August 2004**

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##### **Minutes of the Meeting of the Standing Committee I**

held on Sunday, 22 August, 2004, 14:30-17:20, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Present: Alistair Black (Chair), Hermina Anghelescu (Secretary), Mikhail Afanasiev, Ilkka Mäkinen, and Joël Plassard

Apologies: Donald G. Davis, Jr., Burnt Lorenz, Peter Hoare,

Minutes of the Berlin (2003) meeting of the SC were confirmed as an accurate and true record (<http://www.ifla.org/VII/s44/annual/ann03.htm>)

Report by the Chair on Division VII meeting, 21 August 2004, in Buenos Aires. Alistair Black briefed the audience on 'technical' issues regarding the IFLA governance and business such as training session for officers, elections, and evaluations of sections. Within this context he noted that the Library History Section (LHS) is an atypical section with very limited membership consisting mostly of academics (more on this issue under LHS Standing Committee membership and recruitment).

Reports by the Secretary: Hermina Anghelescu reported on the logistics and difficulties of organizing the Section's program in Argentina, a Spanish-speaking country. Three out of the four papers presented at the Section's session were in Spanish. With help from the Université de Montréal, some of the papers were translated into French and/or English and are now available on the IFLA site (Section # 123 <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla70/prog04.htm>). Another difficulty encountered was the participation of the Cuban speakers. One of them could not participate and dropped the last minute.

Treasurer's Report: As LHS had no administrative costs for the year 2003 – 2004 we did not receive administrative funding from IFLA HQ for this period. Also, for this last year, the Section on Library History has had no administrative costs.

LHS program for Buenos Aires: The details (comprising 4 speakers) of the open session were announced along with the collaboration of LHS with IFLA's Division VII, Education and Research,

and the Free Access to Information and Freedom of Expression (FAIFE) Section to organize joint sessions.

Plans for Oslo (2005): Alistair Black offered to take the lead in organizing the Section's program in Oslo. He suggested the theme *Historical Literacy in LIS: Examples and Value*. It was agreed to investigate if the Nordic countries would like to join their efforts and detect potential presenters from the region.

LHS Mission and Strategic Plan 2004-2005: Alistair Black presented the document available at <http://www.ifla.org/VII/s23/annual/sp23-04.htm>.

Criteria for evaluating sections: Alistair Black related that Sections had been invited to help draw up criteria for evaluating Section performance.

Review of SC membership and recruitment: Alistair Black emphasized the need to continue to canvass individuals to encourage them to see nomination to the SC and to ask their Association's to join the Section as institutional members.

Library History Conference in Leeds, UK: In June 2004 (in collaboration with Leeds Metropolitan University, the Library and Information History Group of CILIP and the British Academy) the LHS ran a two-day international conference: *Libraries and the Working Classes since the 18<sup>th</sup> Century*, Leeds Metropolitan University, which was attended by 35 delegates. Alistair Black was the organizer of this event.

Proposals for new projects: Alistair Black reported that the 'Survey of the archival policies and holdings of the world's library associations', which he was undertaking, completed its first stage in 2003-2004. An application for funding for stage 2 was made to IFLA, via Division VII, in Buenos Aires

Hermina G.B. Anghelescu  
Secretary

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