

IFLA NEWSPAPERS SECTION

35th Business Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico

Location: Puerto Rico Convention Centre

Time - SC I: Saturday 13 August 2011 at 14.45 – 17.15

Time - SC II: Wednesday 17 August 2011 at 08.00 – 09.30



MINUTES

PARTICIPANTS

Standing Committee Members

Mr. Frederick Zarndt, Global Connexions, USA, Chair IFLA SC39

Mr. Pär Nilsson, National Library of Sweden, Sweden, Secretary IFLA SC39

Ms. Majlis Bremer-Laamanen, National Library of Finland, Finland

Mr. Ulrich Hagenah, Hamburg State and University Library, Germany

Ms. L. Suzanne Kellerman, Pennsylvania State University Libraries, USA

Ms. Mona Løkås, National Library of Norway, Norway

Mr. Robert Allen, Drexel University, USA

Observers

Ms. Christiane Baryla, Bibliothèque nationale de France, France (Programme Director PAC)

Mr. Randy J. Olsen, Church History Library, USA

Ms. Ngian Lek Choh, National Library Board, Singapore (SC II only)

Ms. Alice Keller, DeGruyter Saur, Germany (SC II only)

SC I

1. Introductions

Frederick Zarndt, Chair of the Newspapers Section, welcomed all Standing Committee Members and guests to this 35th business meeting of the IFLA Newspapers Section.

2. Apologies for Absence

The following SC members gave notice or didn't show up to the meeting:

Mr. Christoph Albers, Berlin State Library, Germany, Information Coordinator IFLA SC39

Mr. Philippe Mezzasalma, Bibliothèque Nationale de France, Paris

Ms. Georgia Higley, Library of Congress, USA

Ms. Dolores Rodriguez Fuentes, Biblioteca Nacional de España, Spain

Mr. Abdul Rahman Sudin, National Library of Malaysia, Malaysia

Ms. Inci Önal, Hacettepe University, Turkey

3. Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved as provided, optionally with a different order of items.

4. Minutes of meetings / matters arising.

The minutes of the 34th Business Meeting in Kuala Lumpur 2011 and all action items included were approved. The minutes are available on the IFLA website at:

http://www.ifla.org/files/newspapers/minutes/Business%20Meeting%20SC%2039_24-04-2011_Kuala-Lumpur.pdf

5. Election of section chair and secretary for 2011 to 2013.

By a unanimous vote Frederick Zarndt was elected chair and L. Suzanne Kellerman was elected secretary for 2011 to 2013.

6. Discussion of spring 2012 BnF-hosted Newspapers Section conference.

[Discussion was postponed and held at the end of the SC I meeting.]

Christiane Baryla presented the proposed spring conference of 2012. It will take place at the National Library of France 11-13 April and has the working title "Digitisation and preservation of newspapers in Europe and the francophone space - state of the situation and perspectives".

A committee with among others Philippe Mezzasalma is preparing the conference which will be held in conjunction with a large newspaper exhibition at the library. The contributions to the conference will probably be a mix between the results from a call for papers and papers from handpicked speakers.

The proposed sessions of the conference would be:

1. Online newspapers and news
2. Preservation of originals, microfilm and digital material.

(Now at: <http://www.ifla.org/en/events/ifla-international-newspaper-conference-2012>)

7. Discussion on satellite conference hosted by the National Digitisation Centre of the National Library of Finland prior to 2012 Helsinki General Conference.

Maj-Lis Bremer-Laamanen presented the plans for a satellite meeting in Mikkeli before WLIC in Helsinki 2012. Mikkeli is conveniently situated 200 kilometres from Helsinki and is the home of the National Digitisation Centre, which has worked with newspaper digitization for many years. The proposal is to hold a three-day conference on many different aspects of newspaper digitisation August 7-9.

Cooperation with IFLA's Genealogy and Local History Section (GENLOC) during the satellite conference was also discussed and August 8 was considered to be the best date for this. Suitable topics for a joint session during the conference may be the usage of and expectations from digitised newspaper collections among genealogists and local historians.

(Now at: <http://www.ifla.org/en/events/ifla-2012-preconference-in-mikkeli-finland>)

8. Review / discussion on revision to Section mission statement.

Frederick Zarndt had prepared and on 12 August sent out a proposal for a new mission statement to the SC-members (included below together with the old mission statement). This proposal was discussed and following the discussion it was decided that Sue Kellerman and Mona Løkås were to redraft the proposal. It was the general feeling that an important part of a new mission statement is a clear definition of where to draw the boundary for the Section's work. How much of online news media should be included in the statement? It was pointed out that we must remember that the more traditional areas in newspaper librarianship are still very active and important in newspaper librarianship.

Old Mission Statement

The Section is concerned with all issues relating to newspapers in libraries and archives, including acquisition and collection development; intellectual and physical access; storage and handling;

preservation of newspapers and their contents; interlibrary lending; and the impact of digital technologies on all of these.

New Mission Statement

The Newspapers Section is concerned with all issues relating to acquisition and preservation of news published in any media, in print, on the Internet, and by the broadcast media in all its forms. The Section is further concerned with collection development, with storage and handling of collections on digital or physical media, with standards pertaining to news collections and preservation, and with access to news collections.

9. Review of the progress on newspapers digitisation guidelines.

The wiki for the Section's newspapers digitisation guidelines is now open to all SC39 members and other invited colleagues. It is now possible to add and edit content at:

<http://www.ifla.org/en/newspapers/ifla-guidelines-for-digitisation-of-newspapers/>

A subsection on the implementation of the guidelines had been proposed by Inci Önal and will be added. Already existing guidelines and requirements for digitisation should be linked to and used as far as possible, e.g. documents from the projects in Australia and the United States. Other existing and relevant guidelines on the IFLA website should also be reused and referred to, e.g.

A division of the editorship for different sections of the guidelines among SC39 members and others was discussed with the following result:

Sections 01, 02, 03, 06: Ulrich Hagenah and Christoph Albers

Section 04: Sue Kellerman

Section 05: Pär Nilsson

Section 07: Frederick Zarndt

Sections 08, 09, 10: Maj-Lis Bremer-Laamanen

Section 10: Ngian Lek Choh, National Library of Australia

However, this division is not complete and is not to be static.

Sue Kellerman suggested that all start with section 04 (*Preparing a digitisation project*) of the guidelines as it is a very basic and important section. This was generally approved and Sue also volunteered to be editor of this section.

Christoph Albers will arrange editorial access for all involved and the wiki should be clearly marked as work in progress.

10. Review of other action items (in *italic*) from the Kuala Lumpur business meetings.

Action: Frederick will ask Bob Allen from ACM to publish the proceedings by the end of May.

New action: Frederick will ask Bob Allen to talk to somebody from IFLA HQ about the publishing question. (Does ACM and/or IEEE get exclusive copyright, for example?)

Action: Christiane and Majlis will share topics and papers submitted to their conferences. Majlis will be member in the French organising committee and Christiane in reverse will become a member of the Finnish organising committee. They will set up a common mailing list for discussion and final agreement on topics, papers and speakers.

New action: Topics and call for papers for the Mikkeli satellite meeting are to be discussed by a working group during the San Juan conference.

Action: Christoph will ask IFLANET webmaster for establishing a wiki accessible from the newspapers web pages and will upload the basic structure of the guidelines. After the end of May it is planned to allocate certain items to certain people responsible for the further development and editing. It is envisaged to use material from the Unesco Guidelines for digitisation, Copyright and Access.

Result: Christoph Albers has published the basic structure in the wiki mentioned under item 9 above.

Action: Frederick will talk to James Simon and Bernard Reilley. ... a closer co-operation between CRL and IFLA SC39 ...

Result: Frederick Zarndt has discussed the possibilities for a closer co-operation between Centre for Research Libraries and IFLA Newspapers Section and will continue these discussions.

Action: Since there is a list on "Online Newspaper Archives" on Wikipedia at: (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:List_of_online_newspaper_archives). All SC members are asked to check, if they probably can contribute to this list. In particular the following people will check for their country:

- Majlis for Finland
- Ngian Lek Choh for Singapore
- Else for France (Gallica)
- Christoph for Germany

New action: Else Delaunay will add the missing French material.

Action: A new mission statement will be provided by Frederick.

Result: Frederick Zarndt has proposed a new mission statement. See item 8 above.

Action: Majlis ... for the Helsinki satellite meeting at Mikkeli it is planned to invite SC37 for contributions.

Result: Discussed as item 7 above.

Action: A short information on "How to join IFLA SC 39" will be provided by Frederick.

Result: Frederick Zarndt has emailed information on "How to join IFLA SC 39" to SC39 members for further distribution.

Action: Frederick will ask IFLANET webmaster if it is possible to create a blog on IFLANET and will try to enlist Sue Kellerman as volunteer to set up a blog for the Section.

New action: Since blogs are increasingly taking over the role of newsletters within IFLA. Frederick Zarndt will talk to the IFLA webmaster about the possibilities for a Newspapers Section blog.

11. Discussion about cooperation with other IFLA sections

Cooperation with the Genealogy and Local History Section (GENLOC) during the 2012 satellite conference was discussed. Nothing was decided during the Business Meeting, but the members of the Newspapers Section and Randy Olsen agreed to keep in contact and discuss the matter further. As a part of these contacts Pär Nilsson participated in the first part of the GENLOC Business Meeting, where possible topics for cooperation were discussed.

12. Review of the membership situation.

Currently at 45 section members and 11 standing committee members. Standing committee members will drop to 9 after the 2011 General Conference according to IFLA Headquarters. The members of the Standing Committee were encouraged to use Fredrick Zarndts email on "How to join IFLA SC 39" to recruit more members.

13. Discussion on the role of IFLA publications, the newsletter and online communication for the section outside www.ifla.org

Different possibilities for publishing conference papers etc were discussed. Frederick Zarndt will talk to IFLA representatives during the San Juan conference and arrange for further information to be given during the second part of the Business Meeting (SC II).

SC II

1. Continued discussions on the spring conference in Paris, the satellite meeting in Mikkeli and the Newspapers Section open session.

During the San Juan conference a working group within the Newspapers Section had worked on a draft for a call for papers for the satellite conference in Mikkeli and the following open session at WLIC in Helsinki. There were many suggested themes for the Mikkeli conference, but this will be narrowed when proposals start coming in.

The proposed theme for the open session in Helsinki is portals and other delivery systems for digitised newspaper collections. The focus should be on the users. This is an important aspect and may also attract more participants than presentations about the digitisation process. It was also noted that delivery systems and search possibilities would be an area of cooperation with the GENLOC section.

Majlis Bremer-Laamanen asked the meeting for opinions on the conference fee for the Mikkeli conference. Traditionally the fee for the Newspapers Section conferences has almost always been kept as low as 50 Euros. It was the general view that the fee must be allowed to be higher if it is necessary to finance the conference, although a strong sponsorship support was also encouraged. Christiane Barylá proposed a fee of 100 Euros for the Paris conference.

Christiane Barylá informed the meeting that the Paris conference would be a mix of solicited presentations from chosen speakers and presentations proposed after the call for papers has been put out. As papers on some of the subjects at the conference may be more or less obsolete within a year it will be better to publish as quickly as possible on the web and not wait a year or two for publication on paper.

A two-part business meeting was proposed for the Helsinki conference, but the second part should be put in earlier as many participants at the satellite may not want to stay during the whole main conference. There should also be one business meeting during the Paris conference.

2. Continued discussion on revision to the Section's Mission statement.

Frederick Zarndts proposal for a new mission statement was discussed. Christoph Albers had commented on this proposal by email and suggested a modified version.

Action: Mona Løkås and Ulrich Hagenah will work on merging the two current proposals for a new mission statement

3. Discussion of the progress on digitisation guidelines.

Further discussions were held concerning the division of the editorship for different sections of the guidelines and the following proposed contributions were added:

Sections 06-10: Christoph Albers

Section 09-12: Robert Allen

Section 04: Ed King

With these additions the division of editorship is as follows:

Sections 01-03, 06: Ulrich Hagenah and Christoph Albers

Section 04: Sue Kellerman, Ed King

Section 05: Pär Nilsson

Section 07: Frederick Zarndt, Christoph Albers

Sections 08-10: Maj-Lis Bremer-Laamanen, Christoph Albers

Sections 09-12: Robert Allen

Section 10: Ngian Lek Choh, Christoph Albers, National Library of Australia

Frederick Zarndt encouraged the SC members to start contributing to the guidelines as soon as possible. Some results should be in place before the Paris conference.

[The sections of the guidelines (23 November 2011) are included here:

01. Background and aims of these Guidelines
02. Topics beyond these Guidelines
03. Definitions and Abbreviations
04. Preparing a digitisation project
05. Digitising newspapers from hard copy
06. Digitising newspapers from microfilm
07. Digital image output
08. OCR (Optical Character Recognition)
09. OLR (Optical Layout Recognition)
10. Metadata
11. Search and delivery functions
12. Prototyping
13. Enhancement and upgrading options
14. Long-term preservation and accessibility of digitised newspaper collections
15. Project management
16. Newspaper digitisation projects worldwide
17. Subject Index

[http://www.ifla.org/en/newspapers/ifla-guidelines-for-digitisation-of-newspapers\]](http://www.ifla.org/en/newspapers/ifla-guidelines-for-digitisation-of-newspapers)

4. Review of the membership situation.

Frederick Zarndt described the current membership situation and especially mentioned Turkey, which now is represented on the standing committee. Currently at 45 section members and 11 standing committee members. Standing committee members will drop to 9 after the 2011 General Conference according to IFLA Headquarters. All efforts should be put into recruiting more members to the section.

Action: Fredrick Zarndt will send out the spreadsheet with the entire list of section members after the conference. This list is not available on the IFLA web site.

5. Discussion on the role of IFLA publications, the newsletter and online communication.

The different options for publishing papers and presentations from the Newspapers Section's conferences and open sessions were discussed. Frederick Zarndt stressed that journal publication is often more stringent than just putting the papers online. However, we must remember that paper publication requires somebody to do the work and prepare the material for printing and the Newspapers Section does not have the same resources as a couple of years ago.

Alice Keller from DeGruyter Saur presented the different options for further publications. If The Section wants to have volume with papers in IFLA's green back series during 2012, Ingeborg Verheul must be contacted. There are only six green back volumes per year, but there can be IFLA volumes outside this series as well. One other publication option could be the LIBRI journal, which is published four times per year. As with the IFLA volumes this would also involve some traditional editorial work.

Majlis Bremer-Laamanen asked if there is a style sheet available and Alice Keller answered that there are two documents: one with rules about style, e.g. capitalization; and one "dot" style sheet for Microsoft Word.

Robert Allen asked if DeGruyter Saur publishes books online as well and Alice Keller answered that e-books are published simultaneously with the printed version.

The traditional newsletter of the Section was discussed and Frederick Zarndt noted that the trend is that sections are moving away from the paper or PDF newsletter and are more and more using blogs as a platform for faster publication. If IFLA doesn't make this too difficult, it is probably the best way to go.

6. Any other business

Discussion about conferences 2013

The meeting discussed a possible location for the spring conference 2013. Since the conference at the Library of Congress could not be arranged in 2011, this was one of the proposals for 2013. Other possibilities are University of California Riverside or Los Angeles.

Action: Frederick Zarndt is to contact Brian Geiger (UC Riverside) and Mark Sweeney (LoC) to find out if they would be interested in hosting the conference

Report from National Library Board, Singapore

Ngian Lek Choh reported that the National Library is now taking on new challenges in newspaper digitisation and publishing. Among them are OCR for Tamil script and formatting of the digitised material for mobile devices.

29-11-2011

Pär Nilsson, National Library of Sweden
Secretary IFLA SC39