**MLAS Standing Committee Meetings**

**Minutes of the Meetings**

**SC I**

**Time:** Saturday, 17 March 2018, 14.30-18:00

**Venue:** Leitung Bibliothek / Cap de la Biblioteca

Goethe-Institut Barcelona

Roger de Flor, 224

**SC II**

**Time:** Sunday, 18 March, 10.00-13.30

**Venue:** Leitung Bibliothek / Cap de la Biblioteca

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**Participants:**

**MLAS SC members:**

Michael Dowling (chair), Halo Locher (secretary), Rauha Maarno (information coordinator) Samia Hassan Al-Shiba, Alim Garga, Vanya Grashkina, Susan Haigh, Hella Klauser, Karin Linder, Marijana Misetic, Katre Riisalu, Pascal Sanz, Mariann Schjeide

***Ex officio* members:**

Eviva Weinraub (WILSIG convenor)

**IFLA HQ:**

Glòria Pérez-Salmerón, Gerald Leitner

**Apologies:**

Amy Burke, Judy Brooker, Amandine Jacquet, José-Maria Nogales Herrera, Alicia Cristina Ocaso-Ferreira, Sabine Stummeyer, Adeline van den Berg, Vesna Vuksan (NPSIG convenor)

1. **Welcome and Opening (Michael Dowling, Chair)**

Invites everybody to present itself.

1. **Apologies for absence (Chair)**

The Chair noted apologies from members.

1. **Approval of the agenda (Chair)**

The agenda as proposed by the Chair is accepted.

1. **Approval of the minutes of the meetings, August 2017, Wroclaw Poland (Chair)**

The minutes are completed and approved by a Zoom call 31 of October 2017. The Secretary will send the adopted version with correction to all members. Pascal Sanz proposes to send them also to all members of MLAS.

1. **Reports on Success and Concerns of MLAS SC Member Associations**

Halo Locher, Switzerland: After two years of discussion the general assemblies of two national associations decided Monday 12 March to merge and start a united association with the name Bibliosuisse for all types of libraries on 1th of January 2019. It was a huge success for the committees and the secretary.

Alim Garga, Cameroon: African Public Library Summit will take place 3 to 4 July in Durban (ZA) – followed by a meeting with African ministers who are responsible for libraries the 5 and 6 July. The meeting is organized by the African Association of Library Associations.

Pascal Sanz, France: Cfibd (Comité français international bibliothèques et documentation) is participating in the advocacy campaign showing that French Libraries are contributing to the achievement of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the UN. Cfibd's partners in this campaign are Ecole nationale supérieure des sciences de l’information et des bibliothèques (Enssib), l’Association des bibiothécaires de France (ABF) and Bibliothèque publique d’information (Bpi). Cfibd organized, in cooperation with the IFLA New Professionals SIG two study days. Plenary sessions were held at the Bibliothèque universitaire des langues et civilisations (BULAC) in Paris, at the Enssib in Villeurbanne, and were broadcast directly to the other site. Thirty small group workshops were organized at both sites during these two days, which attracted more than 300 participants. Link to the Study Days program: <http://nouveauxbibliothecaires.cfibd.fr/le-programme/>

Hella Klauser, Germany: Association DBV got from Ifla/IAP the support for a workshop in Vienna with the Dachs-countries (**D**eutschland, **A**ustria, **C**onfoederation **H**elvetica, **S**üdtirol [part of Italy]): Preparing good ideas to support the Agenda 2030 by libraries (Biblio2030) and start a platform with ideas that could inspire others to copy the examples. The German speaking associations will use a common name for the International Advocacy Program: «Biblio2030, Libraries change the world». DBV finances together with Austria and Switzerland the translation of Ifla-papers in German. DBV organized the first time a conference with and for political decision makers and got a good feedback from politicians and members.

Rauha Maarno, Finland: The association developed a training program and instructed six mentors for international relation. The libraries developing project in Tanzania and Namibia is coming to an end. Actually, a new project in Tanzania is planned to improve the accessibility of information by libraries. It is financed by the foreign ministry.

Karin Linder, Sweden: The association strives for politicians to get them aware that libraries are the last open space for everybody and helps to improve the public funding of the libraries. The association office has changed his site and offers scholarships for participants at the WLIC in Kuala Lumpur.

Mariann Schjeide, Norway: The government has a big plan on cultural development. The association is proud that a lot of members and librarians are engaged in that plan. The law of library will be revised. That will challenge the association who has the plan to be more active in EBLIDA.

Vanya Grashkina, Bulgaria: The school libraries are new based in the law – a success after three years of work. Now the association prepares guidelines for that type of libraries which has got more money for the libraries. We hosted a meeting of EBLIDA what gave the opportunity to invite two members of the parliament to participate – a good example for lobby work.

Marijana Misetic, Croatia: We are proud to remain with some employees in the secretary even there is a political and economic crisis in the country. We have a lot of different positions according to political parties what has an influence on the work of the association. The interest in international relation and in global thinking is not very distinct. The Library association lost the position in politics that it had before.

Samia-Hassan Al-Shiba, Qatar: We are achieving to bring the librarians together. We are faced with the isolation by other Arabic states. The international relation is very helpful in that situation. The conflict makes us stronger to stand on our own feet. The association is still missing an official accreditation for the work. That makes necessary to collaborate with other institutions what could be an advantage for the future.

Susan Haigh, Canada: There are discussions between national and federal level in Canada: who does what? Copy right act is a challenge for the lobbying work. The government has recognized that research data management is an important topic. There is a lot of money granted for that field and the question is, what will land in the libraries? We care about collaboration with other English-speaking countries and LIBER for example concerning journal pricing etc.

Michael Dowling, US: ALA is looking for a new executive director. There is a discussion if it must be a library professional or not; required or preferred? Also the skills in social management is part of the evaluation. The Marrakesh treaty has passed in US and some associations have activities to implement the treaty. ALA has published new standards for school libraries – a manual to purchase it. 18 countries are involved in a plan to transform libraries and to train African librarians. President Trump has reduced the appropriate budget by 5% for which reason we have to improve the lobby work on the congress

1. **Report on IFLA Governing Board December 2017 Meeting (Chair)**

The Chair of the Division 5 becomes a seat on the board to improve the representation from the countries outside of Europa and the USA. Two election processes exist to become member of the board: one from members and a second from the chairs and divisions. It is requested to bring more young leaders in the SC – perhaps a quote for people with less than 10 years experience. Pascal Sanz: It is a responsibility of the “western” countries for the election. Another idea would be to define seats in the statutes for different continents. And it is helpful to Invite SIG-representative to every meeting…

Gerald Leitner: MLAS could give a recommendation for the election (for a global representation) – because the associations have the most votes. Give an information about the discussion on the election topic to all MLAS members.

See more information under agenda point 11

1. **IFLA 2018 Kuala Lumpur**

a) MLAS joint session “*Win-Win: building strong education, training and continuing professional development together with strong library associations"* (Pascal Sanz):

The call for proposals got a response by 19 submissions: Europe (including Russia): 5 (from 5 different countries), Africa: 4 (from 4 different countries), Asia and Oceania: 10 (3 from Malaysia, 3 from Iran and 2 from China including Hong Kong: that makes 5 different countries). In two sessions (with Amandine Jacquet and Judy Brooker) the proposals were selected. The group would like to have more contact to CPDWL and Education and Training section. Michael will contact the HQ concerning simultaneous translation of the session. The material that is already presented and developed on Ifla Website should be included in the discussion in that session.

b) MLAS Satellite Meeting *“How strong is your library association? Advocacy in action”* (Hella Klauser):

The meeting is prepared by a subgroup of MLAS (Hella Klauser, Michael Dowling, Mariann Schjeide, Karin Linder, Susan Haigh). It is complicated to get a venue for the meeting and to find a partner in Kuala Lumpur. Advocacy is the topic and as a method we will present “Story telling” and “Design thinking”. There is no call for papers because we will invite people for the workshop. Susan Haigh recommends a speaker from OCLC (Head of research) on the topic of scaling influence. All the organizational work is actually a problem and poses the question if we can manage the meeting. It could be a chance to get in contact with associations and exponents from south Asia and Indonesia. National Library/National Association will probably cover the cost for the meeting (without MLAS work). The Asia associations should be integrated in the development of the full day program. Rauha Maarno suggest having a look for views from outside – red cross f.e. Michael will contribute some basic information from his experience. Senegal as example? Problem of Financing: There will be no money from Ifla and MLAS for speakers. Therefore, we should focus on people from the region; also, attention on visa restrictions! Concept of the meeting: 5 short presentation and panel discussion (focus on what the association can/should do) – integrate the participants into a plenum discussion/or building groups to deepen the information. Key notes from the discussion: Are there studies about library law? History in Scandinavia? Important aspect. Promotion: Ilfa-Lists, Facebook, Mail to members that allow it. Process: have a look according to the discussion who could be there as presenter and then decide about which one should be there – ask the associations to spread the information within their countries.

Susan will send a draft to the members about the topic and date of the satellite. Subgroup will contact potential presenters (only in English and supported by PPT) and bring together the abstracts of topics to create a broad variety of aspects and the concept of the program.

The presenters cannot expect a funding by the section. Feedback to Hella till end of April so that the preparation group can decide in the beginning of May. (presenter from Senegal is covenant).

c) New Profession SIG *"Librarian fashion: what does the way we dress say about us?"* (Vesna Vuksan has informed Michael Dowling): The SIG got50 proposals – what a success. How they will handle all the ideas is not known but the session will sure be a highlight at KL.

d) Women, Information and Libraries Section: (Evviva Weinraub): The Topic *“How collections are presented”* got15 submissions. One group will prepare a 5 min video because they cannot be there. 5 presentations are additionally selected. The SIG discussed criteria of selection. Pascal Sanz recommends from his experience a system with points from 1 to 5. PPT is demanded to help to follow a presentation in another language and paper are useful to brief the translators.

1. **MLAS Communications and Communications Plan (Officers and Mariann Schjeide)**

No discussion – or the secretary missed it.

1. **Discussion of MLAS Action Plan and Activities (Michael Doling)**

Please consider the relevant document and notes under point 14

1. **Special Interest Groups update:**
2. **New Professionals Special Interest Group (Convenor)**

See the contribution to WLIC 2018 above under point 7 c)

1. **Women, Information and Libraries Special Interest Group (Convenor)**

See the contribution to WLIC 2018 above under point 7 d)

1. **Report from IFLA Secretary General (Glòria Pérez-Salmerón, Gerald Leitner)**
2. **Global Vision and MLAS and next steps (Chair)**
3. **Library Map of the World and MLAS and next steps (Chair)**

Glòria Pérez-Salmerón as president of IFLA gives a warm welcome in her hometown and focus the work in Barcelona on the nucleus Global Vision to improve the work of the association.

Gerald to Global Vision: He announce the Lunch of the global vision report at the end of the president’s meeting on Monday. There was never a similar initiative in the Ifla before. 190 UN member countries gave a feedback. All continents and all library types were represented. The online voting showed something about gender and age. The young people, the next generation, had an important impact on the nearly 22’000 online votes. 40 % of that number has less than 10 years professional experience. Next step in the Global Vision project: Make the vision real – create action with a bottom up process. We are looking for Ideas to action and we start Tuesday morning with over 140 officers from all sections and all continents. We will invite all library association to regional workshop. Global discussion will start at WLIC in Kuala Lumpur. It is also a transformation process within the Ifla from the old strategy to a new one that is enabled by the Gates foundation. The change means that more members are involved in the development: Asking what are the burning questions for you? We strive to create an awareness of that process from bottom up. Earlier in Ifla such things weren’t a process; it was more a decision of some wise man. Global Vision gives all members a chance to bring in ideas. It is also a membership and awareness campaign.

MLAS is essential to get in relation with the national members. Get us a report as feedback of the Ifla board. Bring it into the library journal and on the website, discuss it with the board. We were last year too late (in June). All regional meetings should be in May so that there will be two months to create feedback. MLAS can support the HQ by sending reports to members or national newsletter. Reports from countries and from the SC MLAS are helpful for the Governing Board and the HQ. There will be a structured form (template) for the report.

Library Map of the world

Gerald: 100 countries are present. Data quality is different. Make them more consistent. Plan later to enrich it by library laws and other information. Data should become more comparable. Be a motor for it. Bring the own data in and support other countries. It is a project – give response on it to improve the tool. Don’t ask the secretary what to do, but be active by yourself

Gloria: Peru is going to collect data – one result of that project. There is now a budget for 10 years. We plan webinars to build people on different levels to collect national data. The main topic in the Global Vision (funding and lobbying) is not to solve without data – you must measure the impact.

1. **MLAS Action Plan Discussion and Update (Chair)**

It is mentioned that we should integrate more young librarians in the MLAS and improve the representation of all continents in the SC – also gender aspects and the Spanish speaking representatives are important. Rauha Maarno point to the idea in Finland where in every group is a student integrated and financed – that could be an example how to solve the concern. The HQ sent the officers of MLAS a list of associations that hadn’t payed the fee last year. Halo Locher will take contact with the HQ and then send the list (in confidence) to the SC. Every member should choose two of them and try to contact the lost members and invite them to join Ifla again. More remarks of the discussion will be integrated by Michael Dowling directly into the plan. See the Action Plan on Basecamp (Michael will upload the last version).

1. **Any other business (Chair)**

We discussed the role of MLAS and freedom of expression in the region of Kuala Lumpur. A letter was sent to the HQ from Scandinavian Associations on the problem of handling with homosexuality in Malaysia and other states. It proposed to have a presenter that addresses the problem in a polite way. Michael Dowling pointed out that we should be there and present our opinion and no to stay at home.

Gerald Leitner thanks for the letter. It was a motivation for the GB to discuss the problem and to define in a statement the red line of Ifla for WLIC venues: no restriction on the program. Ifla is responsible for all members and we face a conflict to the international universal human rights. If we don’t go in such countries we do not support the local organization. A speech must be respectful and not teach the people but start a discussion. The key note speaker is chosen by the national committee. The LGBD Group will do a statement by video.

1. **Closing remarks (Chair)**

Michael Dowling: 13 members of the MLAS SC participated at this mid-term meeting – we reached the goal of attendance of 50 % of the committee. The chair is proud of all the motivated members and thanks all for their engagement during the meeting, for the organization and for all the work that members did before and will do in the time till the WLIC in Kuala Lumpur.

**For the minutes :**

Michael Dowling, chair Halo Locher, secretary