



Education and Training Section

Minutes of Meetings in Buenos Aires, August 2004.

Minutes from the meeting of the Standing Committee on Education and Training, Sunday, August 22, 2004, 8:30 - 11:20 am. Buenos Aires

Members present: Terry Weech, Niels Ole Pors, Anna Maria Tamaro, Ismail Abdullahi, Mouna Benslimane, Jacqueline Dussolin-Faure, Assumpcio Estivill, Ken Haycock, Joyce Kirk, Susan Lazinger, C.R. Karisiddappa (corresponding member)

Absent: Lars Höglund, Hans-Jurgen Schubert, Françoise Lerouge, Aira Lepik, Rosemary Gitachu, Elena Nikodinovska, Josiane Roelants – Abraham, Raslin Bin Abu Bakar, Anna Shirinyan,

Observers: Alice Miranda, Elsa Barber, Chih Feng Lin, Brian Negin, Ian Johnson, Ole Harbo, Patricia Oyler, Loriene Roy, Tarek Ouerfelli, Mamadonu Diarra, M. Jawli Moelenane

1 Introduction and welcome

- Presentations, introductions of officers, old and new members, corresponding members.
Terry Weech, chair
- Approval of the Agenda for the August 22nd
- Approval of the Minutes from Berlin 2003.
- Report on the meeting in Division VII, August 21 2004 in Buenos Aires

The chair of the section, Terry Weech, welcomed the members and the observers. He introduced the officers and gave an orientation about the changes in the composition of the committee.

The agenda was unanimously approved.

The draft Minutes from the Berlin meetings were approved as submitted.

T. Weech reported that it was announced at the Division VII that as of this conference all projects requesting funding will be sent forward from the Division to the Professional Committee for final approval. In the past short term projects were approved at the Division level and only long term projects required Professional Committee approval.

2. Officer reports

- Report from the Chair, Terry Weech
- Report from the Secretary, Niels Ole Pors
- Report from the Information Officer, Anna Maria Tammaro
- Report from the Treasurer, Terry Weech
- Report from the Newsletter Editor, John Harvey

Terry Weech gave his report. The report was also in writing and it summed up the events of the previous year. Terry Weech focused on the following topics: He gave an orientation about the changes in the composition of the committee. He gave a short report of the status of the World Guide. He gave an report on the new leaflets (membership brochures) for section. Terry Weech gave also an overview of the publication activities of the Section's newsletter. He thanked John Harvey for his dedicated work with the newsletter. He also introduced the treasurer's report for 2004.

Niels Ole Pors gave a short report on the status of the World Guide.

Anna Maria Tammaro gave a short introduction to the work with the updating of the strategic plan for 2004 – 2005.

3. Conference Program Planning

- Report from the Chair of the Planning Committee of the Buenos Aires Program, Ismail Abdullahi
- Report on the Conference arranged by Division VII. Terry Weech

Ismail Abdullahi gave information about the off - site event taking place Thursday 26. August at the University of Buenos Aires. Ismail Abdullahi thanked the local organizers with whom he had a very fruitful cooperation. It was further stated that it was necessary to register for the off-site event. There would be room for 50 – 80 participants.

Terry Weech gave information about Division VII's slot in the programme taking place Monday 24 August at the Sheraton Hotel.

4. Projects and publications

- Proposals for new projects
- The Quality Assessment of LIS Education Report on the project by Ana Maria Tammaro (ongoing)
- The World Guide to Library and Information Studies Education. Report on the status of the project by Niels O. Pors (ongoing)
- The History of the Section. Report by Ole Harbo (Finalised)

There were two proposals for new projects. The first was formulated by Dr. Karisiddappa. It concerned Information Literacy teaching in India. It was discussed. During the discussion it was emphasised that IFLA does not support studies of a national character but only studies with an international perspective. It was suggested by several members that a change in the perspective of the project would made it worthwhile to put it forward at the next opportunity.

The second proposal was formulated by T. Weech and N. Pors and concerned the educational situation of digital librarianship. The proposal was discussed. It needed some clarification and it

was decided to work on it during the week and discuss it again at the second meeting Saturday the 29 August.

Niels Pors gave an outline of the problems concerning the project during the last year and emphasised that a meeting between the new editor of the World Guide, Judy Field, Sjoerd Koopman from IFLA HQ, Terry Weech and the advisory committee consisting of Joyce Kirk, Ismail Abdullahi, Susan Lazinger and Niels Pors. The meeting would take place Sunday 22 August. The meeting should clarify the financial situation, the timetable, the role of the regional editors and the infrastructure of the project. A fuller report about the situation would come at the second meeting the 29 August.

Terry Weech thanked Ole Harbo for the work on the History of the Section. Ole Harbo oriented about the work and the draft publication was circulated. Members have the opportunity to contact Ole Harbo and make suggestions for minor changes if needed. Terry Weech emphasised that the work is worth publication and this question will come up on the second meeting.

Anna Maria Tammaro gave a report on her ongoing project concerning quality assurance in LIS – education. The work goes as planned and we can expect a finalised report next year.

5. SET Mission and Strategic Plan

- Orientation by Anna Maria Tammaro

Anna Maria Tammaro has together with Ismail Abdullahi and Mouna Benslimane updated the strategic plan of the section. It was approved and the chair thanked the committee for the work.

6. Other Business

Ian Johnson told about a Latin America project on digitalisation of LIS – journals. The project was described in the IFLA Express.

Minutes from the Meeting in the Section on Education and Training, Saturday August 28, 8:30 – 11:00. Buenos Aires.

Members present: Terry Weech, Niels Ole Pors, Anna Maria Tamaro, Ismail Abdullahi, Mouna Benslimane, Jacqueline Dussolin-Faure, Assumpcio Estivill, Ken Haycock, Susan Lazinger, Francoise Lerouge, C.R. Karisiddappa (corresponding member)

Absent: Lars Höglund, Hans-Jurgen Schubert, Aira Lepik, Rosemary Gitachu, Elena Nikodinovska, Josiane Roelants–Abraham, Raslin Bin Abu Bakar, Anna Shirinyan, Joyce Kirk

Observers: Elsa Ramirez, Chih – Feng Lin, Brian Negin, Ann Ritchie, Ali Shaker, Theo Bothma

1. Introduction and Welcome

- Approval of Agenda for August 28th

The chair welcomed the members and observers. He also suggested another point for the agenda after a discussion with the Secretary General of IFLA. The issue was a leadership course for library managers in the developing world. With this addition, the committee approved the agenda.

2. Reports from Conference Program Planning Committees

- Buenos Aires 2004, Ismail Abdullahi
- Oslo, Norway 2005, Niels O. Pors
- Seoul, Korea 2006, Mouna Bensilimane
- Durban, South Africa 2007 (Committee to be appointed)

Ismail Abdullahi gave a report on the off – site event taking place at the University of Buenos Aires. The workshop attracted 61 people and it was a successful event. The support and work by our Argentine colleagues were recognized.

Niels Pors gave a report on the planning process of our Oslo activities. Together with the section on Library theory and research, we will run a slot concentrating on the Nordic tradition in teaching and research. The School in Oslo will host this event. We will continue the planning of another slot concentrating on the topics: recruitment, Assessment and Careers in Library and Information Science (Education).

Mouna Bensilimane (Chair of the planning committee for the activities in Seoul in 2006) gave a report on the progress. She has established a committee consisting of Ismail Abdullahi, Francoise Lerouge, Jacqueline Dussolin-Faure and C. Karisiddappa. She has already established a working contact in Seoul.

Ismail Abdullahi was appointed chair for the planning committee for 2007 in Durban, South Africa.

Francoise Lerouge gave a report from the E – learning discussion group and its activities during Friday the 27 August. She indicated that the session was well attended with nearly 100 participants and that the discussion went well and the event was considered a success.

3, Projects and Publications

- Follow up from the meeting August 22nd
- The History of SET

Terry Weech and Niels Pors presented a revised description of the project concerning Digital Librarianship. The committee supported the project, and approved forwarding the proposal to the coordinating board of Division VII for funding consideration.

Susan Lazinger and Assumpcio Estivill expressed interest in participating in the work on Action 8. They will represent the section in the work ahead.

Niels Pors gave a report from the meeting about the World Guide. The meeting with Judy Field went very well. Judy Field plans to finalise the project late spring 2005. The financial situation is all right. In the first week of September we will write to the regional editors with information.

The committee also decided, that it would be all right to suggest at the coordinating board meeting for Division VII that the section could participate in the upcoming test review of some of sections.

Terry Weech gave a report on the IFLA Secretary General's ideas about leadership training for library managers and directors in the developing world. The secretary general wanted the section to contribute to a curriculum plan to be presented in Haag. The preliminary plan is to have courses that in an intensive two week period followed by distance learning activities for middle managers in libraries in the developing world. The estimated number of participants was 35 – 40 each year and the Secretary General would seek funding for 3 or 4 years and after that he hoped the program would be cost recovery. It was the Secretary General's desire that this program would be recognize by librarians and those who hire librarians and one of the premier paths to qualifying middle managers to become managers of libraries. Many members of the committee were a bit sceptical about proposing a plan with the short time frame. It was decided that the committee would contribute with a short outline of a curriculum plus some considerations about selection processes and similar topics. A committee was established consisting of Anna Maria Tamaro, C. Karisiddappa, and Niels Pors as Chair. Ann Ritchie from the section on Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning was invited to work with the SET committee to provide appropriate input from her section.

4. Budget for 2005 (Weech)

Terry Weech went through the budget for 2004. He got the approval to use funds in the existing budget to cover the costs of copies of the publication of the History of SET. The budget was approved.

5. Other Business

No other business was brought forward.

Terry Weech ended the meeting thanking everybody for his or her contributions and participation. The meeting was adjourned 10:30 am.

Minutes of both meetings submitted by Niels Ole Pors, secretary.

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