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2011 Annual Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico August 13-18, 2011**

Session #83

Standing Committee Meeting I (SC I)

**August 14th (Sunday) 13:45 – 15:45 at
Room 102b, Puerto Rico Convention Center**

Session #171

Standing Committee Meeting II (SC II)

**August 17th (Wednesday) 11:30-13:00 at
Room 102a, Puerto Rico Convention Center**

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(Revised January 29th 2012)

Item	Contents	Remarks (documents or files)
1	<p>Welcome and Apologies from members unable to attend.</p> <p>Chair Dan Dorner welcomed SC Members: Diljit Singh, Jaesun Lee, Takashi Nagatsuka, Premila Gamage, Chihfeng P. Lin, Fawz Abdallah, Winston Roberts, and Yan Xiangdong; Advisor Shawky Salem; IFLA Regional Office Ms. Keat Fong Tan and Ms. Petrina Eng to the SC Meeting I.</p> <p>Dan also welcomed observers in the meeting.</p> <p>Dan conveyed apologies from the following members who were unable to attend the meeting: Michael Robinson, Mihyang Park, Roza Berdigaliyeva, Sonny Vikash, Gary Gorman, Kieu Thuy Nga, Mya Oo, Yang Tao, Mark Perkins, Jayshree Mamtora, and Mohd Sharif Mohd Saad.</p>	 C:\Documents and Settings\shu\桌面\IF
2	<p>Adoption of agenda</p> <p>The agenda was adopted as moved by Premila Gamage, seconded by</p>	

	Diljit Singh.	
3	Election of Officers of RSCAO 2011-2013	 C:\Documents and Settings\shu\桌面\NFL  C:\Documents and Settings\shu\桌面\NFL
3.1.	Election of Chair and Secretary of RSCAO The Regional Office received the following nominations from SC members: Dan Dorner as Chair, Chihfeng P. Lin as Secretary. As “Election SC Officers PR August 2011 (2)” provided by IFLA HQ, Dan Dorner was re-elected as Chair of RSCAO, 2011-2013. Chihfeng P. Lin was re-elected as Secretary of RSCAO, 2011-2013.	
3.2.	Appointment of Information Coordinator/Web Editor Premila Gamage was nominated as Information Coordinator/Web Editor, and she accepted the position.	
3.3.	Election (Appointment) of Conveners of Regional Sub-Committees The Chair agreed to e-Mail the current Conveners of Sub-Committees of the Region to check if they are willing to continue the position.	 C:\Documents and Settings\shu\桌面\NFL
3.4.	Appointment of Corresponding Members of RSCAO The Chair reported that requests were received from former SC Members Sanjay Bihani and M. Al Mamun , and from Hilda Nassar, who would like to work in RSCAO as a corresponding member in the committee. 1 Sanjay Bihani (India) 2 M. Al Mamun (Pakistan) 3 Hilda Nassar (Lebanon) The Chair said that he would check the about the number of Corresponding members allowed on Standing Committees. Members agreed that the RSCAO should limit the number of Corresponding Members based on the rules.	 C:\Documents and Settings\shu\桌面\NFL

	<p>Current Corresponding Members: 1 Aree Cheunwattana (Thailand) 2 Hilda Nassar (Lebanon) 3 S. B. Ghosh (India)</p> <p>(Subsequent to the meeting, Dan Dorner found that Rules R18.30 and R18.31 in the Rules of Procedure allow for up to 5 Corresponding Members, each one for a two year term with the option of a renewal for two years at the discretion of the Chair. Aree Cheunwattana and Hilda Nassar had achieved their limit and were both asked to remain on the Committee as Advisors. Sanjay Bihani and M. Al Mamun have been invited to participate in the RSCAO as Corresponding Members.</p>	
4	<p>Confirmation of Minutes of the 2011 Mid-Term-Meeting held in Hong Kong on February 1-3.</p> <p>The Minutes of the 2011 Mid-Term Meeting in Hong Kong were confirmed as moved by Fawz Abdallah and seconded by Diljit Singh.</p>	 C:\Documents and Settings\shu\桌面\F
5	<p>Matters arising from the Minutes</p> <p>1 Video Conference evaluation and report (by Winston Roberts) in later discussion item. 2 Sub-Committee of Oceania Region is considering ALP application of Timor Leste</p>	
6	<p>Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's 2012 Access to Learning Award (ATLA) by Steve Bergen, ATLA Administrator</p> <p>Steve Bergen spoke briefly about the Access to Learning Award. Its purpose is to recognize institutions such as public libraries which provide free access to provide information to Internet. Any institution interested in the award, can go to the website and apply. It is an award that recognizes work already done, and is not for proposals or applications for grant funding. Steve pointed out that the ATLA encourages and welcome institutions in ASIA & Oceania to apply.</p>	
7	<p>IFLA update</p> <p>IFLA HQ Secretary General, Jennefer Nicholson joined the meeting and spoke briefly about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nomination and election of Governing Board Members 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● GB Members meeting (Friday) which will continue the emphasis on IFLA's 5-key-initiatives ● Process Longer-term strategic plan – broader considerations must be done. ● Encouraging new international partners through the establishment of membership categories such as affiliates. Some categories have no voting rights, but the members are allowed attend Committee meetings to communicate their interests. Affiliate membership can have different layers of payment (1 to 4 stages, for 25%, 50%, 75% and 100% membership fee). ● Setting up a standards committee to strengthen existing standards, and establish an open process to identify and nominate priority areas. One such area revolves around practice/advocacy issues which require the development of standards, rules and guidelines. ● Shauky noted that standards are needed, IFLA should have to publicize the meeting, commercialize the content of discussion. ● Strengthening and facilitating members, via Internet Governance Forum - Linked with ALP-BSLA, Build database of possible candidates to attend WLIC, ● Mentoring, countries that have encountered natural disasters or are politically in crisis – post-conflict regions (or countries) like Chile – May also involve paying the association's membership fee for a year or two ● Reviewing the Conference management process which has used the same model since 2005, and which has caused some problems. After a complete review and an examination of different income models, it was decided that an extended process involving competitive bidding for the work should be used. In addition, IFLA has adopted a new structure involving an IFLA owned company which no longer makes the Secretary General financially liable if problems arise. 	
8	<p>Nominations and elections of IFLA</p> <p>(IFLA HQ Secretary General, Jennefer Nicholson was present for this item)</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dan made a few comments, including mention of the new leadership, and especially the recent focus of IFLA on strengthening library associations, given that IFLA is an association of library associations. He also noted that Division V has had some concern about IFLA becoming Eurocentric as is evidenced by the recent Governing Board elections. He noted the suggestion made by a member of the RSCAO for a voting system for the Governing Board members that would take into consideration representation from geographic regions and sections. He noted that he wanted to work from within IFLA for ways to improve the system and did not want to be seen as a complainer or drag on the system. ● Jennefer commented that the GB was complex and that in order for the Asia & Oceania Section to succeed in changing the process of electing GB members, it needed to work within the current system. However, a better strategy would be to nominate people from within Division V who are internationally recognized, and then to encourage members within Division V to vote for these people. She also noted that it is necessary to begin planning now for the next election in 2013. 	
9	<p>Confirmation of RSCAO Strategic Plan for 2010-2011</p> <p>(The following discussion of the RSCAO Strategic Plan occurred at the second RSCAO meeting.) The Chair noted that the draft strategic plan was based on the 2010-2011 strategic plan which introduced the regional sub-committees. The members agreed that that idea of regional sub-committees was a good one. Dan said that he would have to prompt the conveners more regularly this year to do the tasks assigned to them in the Strategic Plan. Dan also noted that he had aligned the items in our Strategic Plan with IFLA's Strategic Directions.</p> <p>After a brief discussion, the members agreed to adopt the plan (see attached file IFLA RSCAO Strategic Plan 2011-2012)</p>	 C:\Documents and Settings\shu\桌面\IF
	<p>Administrative Reports</p>	
10	Financial Reports	
10.1	<p>Administrative Budget</p> <p>Chair Dan Dorner said that the administrative budget (which is 1400 Euros for 2011) is used mainly to support Officers to attend Mid-term Annual Meetings, and for the operation of the Section including the Officers' IFLA related expenses. If there is some budget money left it will go to support one or two members to attend the Mid-term meeting so that all of the budget will be spent.</p>	

10.2	<p>Meeting Budget (by Ms. Keat Fong Tan)</p> <p>The balance at the start of this year was EURO7534. The expenses for the Hong Kong meeting amounted to EURO3216. The new balance is EURO2331.</p> <p>The budget also included sponsored registration fees for four SC Members to attend WLIC Puerto Rico: Dan Dorner, Chihfeng P. Lin, Winston Roberts, and Fawz Abdallah.</p> <p>The balance can be utilized to support more colleagues for conference registration.</p>	 C:\Documents and Settings\shu\桌面\NF
	Information Reports	
11	<p>Report from the Chair, Dan Dorner</p> <p>Chair Dan Dorner provided a factual 4-page report which is attached. See attached file <Report_from_chair.doc ></p>	 Report_from_chair.doc
11.1.	<p>Report from Convener of North East Asia Sub-Committee</p> <p>Dan Dorner said that no report was received.</p>	
11.2.	<p>Report from Convener of South Asia Sub-Committee</p> <p>Dan Dorner said that no report was received.</p>	
11.3.	<p>Report from Convener of West Asia Sub-Committee</p> <p>Dan Dorner said that no report was received at the time of the meeting. However, subsequent to the meeting, he received a brief report in an email from Hilda Nassar. Hilda had advised Mr Ghassan Abdallah who had requested information to help with funding a project for which he had previously received ALP funding and was hoping to repeat. She provided him with the names of three international funding bodies but did not hear back from him. Hilda also organized a "train the trainers" session for IFLA Headquarters which was to be held in Beirut instead of Alexandria, Egypt. However, the trainer, from Australia was advised not to travel to Lebanon so the meeting was moved at the last minute to IFLA Headquarters.</p>	

11.4.	<p>Report from Convener of Central Asia Sub-Committee (Tendik G Yermekpayeva)</p> <p>Dan Dorner said that no report was received.</p>	
11.5.	<p>Report from Convener of South East Asia Sub-Committee</p> <p>Diljit Singh said that he had nothing to report.</p>	
11.6.	<p>Report from Convener of Oceania Sub-Committee</p> <p>Winston Roberts said the he will email a full report to the Committee but reported briefly that there were 4 members in this Sub-Committee - Winston, Mark Perkins, Jayshree Mamtora and the recently elected Sonny Viksash Chandra - and he noted that the Chair also is from this sub-region.</p> <p>He said that in the report he will comment on the Skype conferencing trial used at the Hong Kong mid-term report.</p> <p>Winston said that he would seek ALP funding for a project to advance the technology used in Australia and New Zealand into the Small island states.</p>	
12	<p>Report from the Information Coordinator.</p> <p>Hilda Nassar sent in an email after the meeting - it is attached but includes these main points: there are currently 291 RSCAO listserv subscribers; the messages received on the IFLA HQ listserv that are of interest to RSCAO members are put on the RSCAO listserv; it is best if RSCAO members to send messages directly to the list.</p> <p>Hilda also said that for many years she has greatly enjoyed her role as Information Coordinator for RSCAO - it has given her a deep insight into IFLA's world. She wishes Premila Gamage good luck in taking over the Information Coordinator role and has offered to help her whenever she wants.</p>	 <p>Report of Information Coordin</p>
13	<p>Report from the Regional Office,</p> <p>Ms. Keat Fong Tan reported the following:</p>	 <p>C:\Documents and Settings\shu\桌面\NFL</p>

	<p>Membership is stable, currently, 303 member from 54 countries, new member Brunei.</p> <p>RSCAO had a good Mid-Term Meeting in Hong Kong and will prepare a letter of appreciation to the local organizer and sponsors.</p> <p>Regional Office had issued and sent out an “Appreciation Certificate” to the following: Information Coordinator, Hilda Nassar Michael Robinson, Hong Kong Mid-term Meeting local organizer.</p> <p>Regional Office had issued and sent out “Appreciation Letters” to outgoing SC Members.</p> <p>RSCAO Newsletter: The last issue was completed and distributed in June. The Chair and the SC Members thanked the Regional Office for the good job done. For the next issue we will invite the new IFLA President, Ingrid Parent, to write an article.</p> <p>The selection criteria for sponsoring the registration fee to SC Members for attending IFLA Conference was produced and distributed in April to allow members to take advantage of the Early Bird Registration.</p> <p>The balance of the budget money will be used for the Mid-term Meeting 2012.</p>	
14	<p>Report and update on ALP</p> <p>Fiona Bradley from IFLA HQ reported the following:</p> <p>The official announcement will be made tomorrow that Nepal was chosen from the Asia and Oceania region as the country for the BSLA program in 2012. Applications were also received from Vietnam, Bangladash, Kazakhastan and India.</p> <p>In the current year, three countries are participating in the BSLA program, with at least 2 workshops in each country.</p> <p>The Small Project Applications are due in September so that the final decisions can be made in December. Each of the 3 Regional Standing Committees are asked to assist the applicants, and they will asked for input into the final decisions.</p> <p>Fiona clarified that the Standing Committees are asked to advise and assist the applicants, but the decision-making authority regarding</p>	

	<p>applications rests with ALP Staff at IFLA HQ.</p>	
15	<p>Report and update on progress with the IFLA "Building Strong Library Associations (BSLA)" Projects (IFLA HQ Fiona Bradley)</p> <p>Fiona Bradley reported on the following:</p> <p>BSLA was already discussed in Agenda item 14.</p> <p>IFLA HQ is encouraging countries to submit applications for funding for ALP small projects. Currently there are projects, for example, in Africa, that involve support from a wide constituency and involve many individuals and groups working together. While the ALP Small Projects funding is very limited, and is guaranteed only to the end of 2012, there is still funding available from some Scandinavian countries, but applications for these projects must be made directly to those countries.</p> <p>The IFLA staff provide some support to certain countries, such as how to write proposal and put a budget together.</p> <p>Winston Roberts raised the point that in the Oceania region there are many small islands. He asked if it would be possible to seek funding for a proposal for a Small project that was for a particular region to bring small countries together who then could share the benefits of the project. Fiona replied that it would be possible to do this as long as the size of the project fit within the Small projects limits.</p>	
16	Asia and Oceania Section's Projects	
16.1	<p>Current ALP Projects</p> <p>Fiona reported that currently there is a Small project underway in the Asia and Oceania region in Bangladesh on Health Information Literacy.</p>	
	<p>Future ALP Projects</p> <p>Dan Dorner said that he has assisted several countries in their preparations of BSLA and Small project applications.</p> <p>He also noted that part of the RSCAO's strategic plan focuses on small project applications. He noted that New Zealand and Australian members had indicated that they would like to support small project applications to help smaller countries in their sub-region.</p>	
17	IFLA 2012 WLIC Helsinki, Finland	

17.1	<p>RSCAO Programme</p> <p>Dan Dorner noted that the RSCAO will have to develop a theme and send out a Request for Proposals for papers at the A & O Session at the 2012 WLIC in Helsinki. He said he would put together a sub-committee to do this by email.</p>	
	 <p>World Library and Information Congress: 78th IFLA General Conference and Assembly Theme: "Libraries Now! - Inspiring, Surprising, Empowering"11-16 August 2012, Helsinki, Finland</p> <p>URL:<http://www.ifla.org/files/hq/annual-conference/ifla78/fi</p>	
18	Planning for other programmes at the San Juan conference	
18.1	<p>Officers Training Sessions</p> <p>The Chair and Secretary indicated that they will attend.</p>	
18.2	<p>Coordinating Board Meetings: Division V-Leadership Forum I & II</p> <p>The Chair and Secretary indicated that they will attend.</p>	
18.3	<p>Caucus: Africa, Asia & Oceania, and Latin America & Caribbean</p> <p>The Chair and Secretary indicated that they will attend.</p>	
18.4	<p>Cooperating with Sections or SIGs</p> <p>After a brief discussion, the members agreed that it was in everyone's best interest to cooperate with other Sections and SIGs. Chihfeng noted that she had been asked by the Chair of the LIS Education in Developing Countries SIG to ask the RSCAO to cooperate to hold a pre-conference in Taipei in 2013.</p> <p>Winston Roberts said that he would like a preconference on that topic to include New Zealand's indigenous population of Maori people.</p>	

	<p>Kerry Smith, Secretary of Section of Education and Training suggested including Indigenous groups in all RSCAO countries.</p> <p>Xuemao (Shimo) Wang, Chair of Section of Knowledge Management, said that he is willing to cooperate with Section of Asia and Oceania for a 2013 Pre-Conference.</p>	
18.5	<p>Monday 15 August: 11:45-12:45 ALP and BSLA Q&A session</p> <p>The Chair noted that IFLA ALP will announce the names of the countries that have been selected as the recipients for the BSLA 2011 funding round.</p>	
18.6	<p>Monday 15 August: 19:00-21:00 IFLA Regional Activities Social Event @ WLIC 2011 San Juan, Puerto Rico</p> <p>Sponsored by Emerald Group Publishing Limited.</p>	
18.7-18.11	<p>Other events of interest to RSCAO members were highlighted by the Chair and Secretary.</p>	
	<p>Other Matters</p>	
19	<p>Budget resources to support Asia/Oceania colleagues to attend IFLA WLIC</p> <p>The Chair noted that if there is some funding left in the 2011 Administrative Budget, he would look at ways to provide support to members who cannot afford to come to the mid-term meeting or the IFLA WLIC.</p>	
20	<p>Planning of Date and Place for Mid-Conference Meeting 2012</p> <p>After a brief discussion, the members decided that the best dates for the mid-term were just after the Chinese Lunar New Year, with 1-3 February being the best dates.</p>	
20.1	<p>Selection Criteria</p> <p>Keat Fong Tan provided details of the information requested of the potential host countries for the 2012 mid-term meeting.</p>	
20.2	<p>Reviewing Applications from Potential Host Countries for the RSCAO Mid-term Meeting and Seminar</p> <p>(The discussion for this item took place at the second RSCAO Meeting.)</p> <p>The Chair said that three applications had been received by the Regional Office to hold the 2012 mid-term meeting: Almaty,</p>	 C:\Documents and Settings\shu\桌面\IFL

	Kazakhstan; Auckland, New Zealand; and, Taipei, Taiwan.	
20.3	<p>Discussion and selection</p> <p>After some discussion of the pros and cons about each location, it was agreed that due to the low attendance of RSCAO members at this meeting, an email vote would be held by mid-September to decide on the location, with the Regional Office acting as the coordinating body.</p>	
21	<p>Evaluation of videoconferencing at 2011 Mid-Term-Meeting in Hong Kong</p> <p>(The discussion for this item took place at the second RSCAO Meeting.) (Winston Roberts will summarize and prepare a paper ready to report to HQ)</p>	
22	<p>RSCAO IFLA WLIC SC II</p> <p>The SC II was held on Wednesday, August 17th 11:30-13:00 at Room 102a. The discussion focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Strategic Plan ● Mid-Term Meeting Venue, criteria including Support of local association, weather (temperature), air fare, ● Evaluation of Videoconferencing in Hong Kong 	
23	Close of Meeting	
24	Post- SC Meetings Remarks	
24.1	<p>RSCAO Open Program Session 199 10:45 – 12:45 at Room Grand Salon B</p> <p>http://conference.ifla.org/ifla77/programme-and-proceedings-day/2011-08-18</p> <p><u>Moving into the future - a new vision for libraries in Asia and Oceania — Asia and Oceania Section</u> 18 August 2011, 10:45 - 12:45 at Room: Grand Salon B with simultaneous interpretation Congress track 5: Ideas, innovations, anticipating the new.</p>	 C:\Documents and Settings\shu\桌面\F
24.2	<p>Presenters and titles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Design and evaluation of Library SMS Services: a case study of the Oriental Institute of Technology (OIT) Library in Taiwan <http://conference.ifla.org/sites/default/files/files/papers/ifla77/199-wang-en.pdf> CHUN-YI WANG (Oriental Institute of Technology, Taipei, Taiwan, China), HAO-RENKE (Graduate Institute of Library 	

	<p>and Information Studies, National Taiwan Normal University, Taipei, Taiwan, China) and WEN-CHEN LU (Oriental Institute of Technology, Taipei, Taiwan, China)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reference 2.0 in action: an evaluation of the digital reference services in selected Philippine academic libraries<http://conference.ifla.org/sites/default/files/files/papers/ifla77/199-ramos-en.pdf> MARIAN S. RAMOS (University of the Philippines Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines) and CHRISTINE M. ABRIGO (De La Salle University, Manila, Philippines) ● Developing strategies to create information literate Thai students<http://conference.ifla.org/sites/default/files/files/papers/ifla77/199-sacchanand-en.pdf> CHUTIMA SACCHANAND (Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University, Bangkok, Thailand) ● Current status and future prospects: a survey of the application of Web 2.0 in Hong Kong school libraries<http://conference.ifla.org/sites/default/files/files/papers/ifla77/199-ma-en.pdf> LEO F. H. MA (New Asia College Ch'ien Mu Library, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China) ● Building an information culture virtually in Asia and Oceania <http://conference.ifla.org/sites/default/files/files/papers/ifla77/199-parker-en.pdf> KIMBERLY PARKER ((Health InterNetwork Access to Research Initiative (HINARI), World Health Organization (WHO) Geneva, Switzerland) 	
24.3	Attendees (audience): brief numbers about 112 in the meeting room	