




**IFLA Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania (RSCAO) Activities at
IFLA Mid-Term Meeting 2014, 17 – 19 February 2014
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**

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item	Agenda	Remarks
	Welcome, Introduction, and Apologies	
01	<p>RSCAO held its mid-term meeting and half-day seminar at the PETRONAS Petroleum Resource Centre of KLCC in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The Librarians Association of Malaysia hosted the event and was organized by Diljit Singh, RSCAO Committee member who took over the organization of the event following the untimely demise of the late Mohammad Sharif.</p> <p>It is with great sadness that our dear colleague and friend, Mohammad Sharif of RSCAO member, has passed away on Monday, 9 December 2013.</p> <p>At the beginning in the meeting, Chair Chihfeng P. Lin asked for a minute of silence for the late Dr. Mohammad Sharif. This was followed by a welcome address by Ms. Maimunah Kadir, Acting President of the Librarians Association of Malaysia.</p> <p>Chair Chihfeng P. Lin welcomed SC Members: Chihfeng P. Lin (Chair), Takashi Nagatsuka (Secretary), Fawz Abdallah (Member), S. B. Ghosh (Member), Jayshree Mamtora (Member), Teresita Moran (Member), Diljit Singh (Member), Tao Yang (Member), Sanjay Kumar Bihani (Corresponding Member), M. Al Mamun (Corresponding Member), Rashidah Begum Bt. Fazal Mohamed (Advisor); Yap Ian (Regional Office) and Janice Ow Fung Yin (Regional Office). Chihfeng also welcomed observers in the meeting. Chihfeng conveyed apologies from the following members who were unable to attend the meeting: Dan Dorner (Chair of Division V, Member), Jaesun Lee (Member), Sonny Vikash, Winston Roberts (Member), Michael Robinson (Member), Chandra (Member), Kieu Thuy Nga (Member), Mya Oo (Member), Mihyang Park (Member), Shawky Salem (Advisors)</p>	
02	<p>Matters and activities after the SC meeting in Singapore</p> <p>The Minutes of Asia and Oceania Section Standing Committee Meetings held on 18 and 22 August 2013 at the World Library and Information Congress in Singapore were confirmed. Takashi reported the important issues as follows:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - August 2013: the application for potential host countries for mid-term meeting & seminar for 2014 was called in August and the joint session with Section of Knowledge Management in Lyon was proposed - September 2013: "Transcending Borders: National, Social, and Ethnic Issues" was decided as the theme of 2014 RSCAO Open Session - October: the homepage address of Library Association in each SC Member's country was collected and the sub-regional chairs were requested to fill in the form of Strategic Plan - November 2013: the schedule of 2014 Mid-Term Meeting in Malaysia was announced to members - December 2013: IFLA HQ approved the two programs of the RSCAO 2014 open session and the joint session between RSCAO and Knowledge Management. The IFLA Asia and Oceania Section Newsletter (Issue 25:2, December 2013) was published - January 2014: A&O Regional Office requested RSCAO Sub-Region Chairs to a) identify Asia and Oceania Section (AOS) members who are liaising with Sections/Special Interest Groups (SIGs) for collaborative activities and to establish a list of these persons and the Sections/ SIGs with which they are liaising; and b) target an increase of 30 new regional members (5 per RSCAO Regional Sub-Committee). 	
03	Matters and activities after the SC meeting in Singapore were reported by Takashi and were discussed.	
04	Financial Report on the Administrative Budget was reported by Chihfeng and was confirmed.	
05	Updates on IFLA Policies (if any) and RSCAO Report for the period 1 August 2013 – 31 January 2014 was reported by Chihfeng and was confirmed.	
06	Post-2015 Development Agenda and IFLA Trend Report Chihfeng shared IFLA Trend Report and Ian Yap presented the Slides on the IFLA Trend. The issue on "Access to Information Central to the Post-2015 Development Agenda" were discussed and members requested to help promote access to high-quality library and information services.	
07	Regional Office (RO) Report Ian Yap reported that IFLA membership for Asia and Oceania Section stands at 328 members and 54 member countries. RO has compiled a database of contacts from the National Libraries and Library Associations in the Asia and Oceania Region. RO has initiated the idea of scanning for news in relation to IFLA's 5 Key Initiative and members from RSCAO can also contribute to this news alert from the region. The BSLA Convening Workshop would be held in Indonesia, 4 – 7 March 2014.	
08	Ian Yap reported Financial Report on the RSCAO Income and Expenditures for the period from 31 July 2013 to 31 January 2014.	
09.	IFLA Asia and Oceania Section Newsletter Members discussed a proposal by RO on the continuation with print or digital version of IFLA Asia and Oceania Section Newsletter and decided to continue both the print and digital versions of IFLA Asia and Oceania Section Newsletter.	
10.	IFLA's 5 Key Initiatives and IFLA Strategic Plan 2010-2015 Ian Yap presented the Asia and Oceania News Feeds activities countries	

	have done to address IFLA's 5 Key Initiatives including current issues countries are facing. Members discussed the issues of IFLA Strategic Plan 2010-2015.																
11.	RSCAO Strategic Plans for 2013 – 2014 The meeting noted RO's follow up from the RSCAO Strategic Plan 2013 – 2014 (Draft).																
12.	The meeting discussed the potential proposals and funding for new action for development through Libraries Programme (ALP) projects in Asia and Oceania, 2014 –2015 and the BSLA 2014 to be convened in Jakarta, Indonesia, 4 – 7 March.																
13	Action for Development through Libraries Programme (ALP) projects Asia and Oceania Section's Projects: Discuss the potential Proposals and funding for new Action for Development through Libraries Programme (ALP) projects in Asia and Oceania, 2014 –2015																
14.	The progress status of joint session with Knowledge Management Section during the IFLA WLIC 2014, Lyon was reported.																
15	 <p style="text-align: center;">80th IFLA World Library and Information Congress General Conference and Assembly</p> <p style="text-align: center;">16-22 August 2014, Lyon, France</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Libraries, Citizens, Societies: Confluence for Knowledge</p>																
15.1.	RSCAO Open Session at the IFLA WLIC 2014, Lyon The meeting reviewed the abstracts for RSCAO Open Session at the IFLA WLIC 2014, Lyon decided on the candidates of speakers that will be finalized by the RSCAO Open Session Subcommittee.																
15.2	Joint Session at the IFLA WLIC 2014, Lyon The meeting noted the progress on the status of joint session with Knowledge Management Section during the IFLA WLIC 2014, Lyon																
	Other Matters																
16	Satellite Conference on the IFLA WLIC 2015 The possibilities of joint or satellite conference and the theme for IFLA WLIC 2015 were discussed based on a proposal for a 2015 satellite meeting from Peter Lor, University of Pretoria, a member of Library Theory and Research Section..																
17	<p>The 2015 Mid-Term Meeting The potential host countries for the next 4 years were discussed as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="305 1602 1206 1780"> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>Potential Host Country</th> <th>RSCAO Members</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2015</td> <td>Japan</td> <td>Takashi Nagatsuka</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2016</td> <td>Lebanon</td> <td>Fawz Abdallah</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2017</td> <td>Bangladesh</td> <td>M. Al. Mamum</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2018</td> <td>Kazakhstan</td> <td>Roza Berdigaliyeva</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The meeting decided to invite application for potential host countries for the RSCAO Mid-term Meeting 2015.</p>	Year	Potential Host Country	RSCAO Members	2015	Japan	Takashi Nagatsuka	2016	Lebanon	Fawz Abdallah	2017	Bangladesh	M. Al. Mamum	2018	Kazakhstan	Roza Berdigaliyeva	
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18	Close of Meeting	
19	International Seminar at Perdana Leadership Foundation: The International Seminar on Library Consortium & Community Engagement was held at Perdana Leadership Foundation, Putrajaya on 19 February 2014. Dr. Zaiton Osman, a past president of the Librarians Association of Malaysia, delivered the key-note speech. Dr. Fawz Abdallah and Ms. Roza A. Berdigaliyeva, RSCAO members, gave a presentation in each topic.	