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Government Information and Official Publications Section

Standing Committee Meeting

2010 IFLA World Library and Information Congress, Session 28

Tuesday, August 10, 2010, 11:30 - 14:20, room F5

Swedish Exhibition and Congress Centre

Attendees: Eleanor Frierson, GIOPS Chair; Beacher Wiggins, Library of Congress Liaison to GIOPS; Mina Pease, member, ALA/GODORT; Geoff Swindells, Northwestern University, Chair, ALA/GODORT; Lorraine Waitman, UN Dag Hammarskjold Library; Frank Kirkwood, Library of Parliament, Canada.

Apologies: Marcy Bidney, Nan Hyland, Takashi Koga, Michèle Girard, Satendra Singh Dakka (conflict with FAIFE), Nerisa Kamar

The agenda and discussion were as follows:

1. Welcome and introductions

GIOPS Chair Ms. Frierson welcomed those attending. Participants introduced themselves.

2. Apologies for absence

GIOPS Chair Ms. Frierson reported on apologies received from those unable to attend.

3. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without modification.

4. Minutes of GIOPS meetings at 2009 IFLA General Conference and Council (available at <http://www.ifla.org/files/giops/minutes/2009.pdf>)

The minutes were approved.

5. Financial report

GIOPS had no administrative or project expenditures to report. IFLA HQ holds and administers section funds.

6. Report on August 9, 2010 Leadership Forum meeting

Various administrative and reporting requirements were discussed.

7. Report on GIOPS Activities

GIOPS was involved in two sessions at the WLICC, both co-sponsored with the Law and Government Libraries Sections. One concerned the challenges of managing the records of public commissions. The other concerned training and recruitment of librarians.

GIOPS has published its newsletter. There are no special projects or publications projects.

8. GIOPS Program, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 2010 - "Libraries beyond libraries: Integration, Innovation and Information for all"; 13-18 August 2011, San Juan, Puerto Rico

The topic of "eGovernment: the role of librarians" was approved. Possibilities for co-sponsorship with the Law and Government Libraries sections will be explored. GIOPS has already received one proposal for a paper, from a group of librarians promoting government information for kids. Suggested issues included the role of the expert in the eGovernment environment; re-thinking library Web sites to promote government information; how to set up and promote distance learning related to government information.

9. Project Proposals

None was received. The project to distribute papers of the 1994 and 2006 Anglophone African seminars on CD-ROM was closed at the end of 2009. Mr. Kirkwood reported that he was working with ATINA to distribute the remaining CD-ROMs.

10. Other Business

The group discussed possibilities for programs/communications outside WLICC, such as videoconferences, WebEx conferences, and teleconferences. Ms. Frierson agreed to propose these to the GIOPS officers.

Developments of the U.S. Federal group CENDI (www.cendi.org) were reported by Ms. Frierson.

Activities with UN Depository Libraries were reported by Ms. Waitman.

Some concern was expressed that positions for government document librarians are declining in some countries.

11. Adjournment

Ms. Frierson adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor G. Frierson, Chair, GIOPS