

Draft Meeting Minutes

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS
Government Information and Official Publications Section (Section 17)
Standing Committee Meetings
2014 IFLA World Library and Information Congress
Centre de Congres, Lyon, France
Saturday 16 August 2014 12:30 - 15:00 | Room: Salle Gratte-Ciel 2
Wednesday 20 August 2014 09:45 - 11:15 | Room: Salle Bellecour 1

Standing Committee Meeting I

1. Welcome and introductions

Chair Dr. Satendra Dhaka called the meeting to order at 12:35. GIOPS Members present Satandra Dhaka (Chair); Jim Church (Secretary); Richelle Van Snellenberg, Susan Paterson, Kay Cassell, Alexander Chentsov, Takashi Koga.

Guests: Pavel Kiselev, Sanjay Bihani, Francis Kirkwood. Jerry Mansfield. Pedro Teta, Brendan Doyle, Veena Pethkar, Nandana Singh, Beacher Wiggins, Bernard Reilly (CRL).

2. Adoption of 2014 agenda and meeting minutes from IFLA 2013 conference in Singapore

The agenda was adopted and the minutes were approved.

3. Announcements and update on GIOPS activities:

-- Update and information on the GIOPS 2014 Paper Session

Jim Church reminded the committee about the upcoming Paper Session, *Libraries, Governments and Cultural Heritage* which will include speakers from the UN Office in Geneva Library, the International Telecommunication Union, The Bibliotheque Nationale de France, the Canadian Library of Parliament, and others.

-- Recruitment update and discussion for future strategies.

Jim Church noted that the current membership of the GIOPS Standing Committee is at sixteen members from 81 member organizations, which are relatively healthy numbers. In 2015 five members will go off the committee and will need to be replaced.

4. Discussion of GIOPS Statement: *Access to Government Information in the Post 2015 Development Agenda*

Jim Church shared ideas and draft text about a potential GIOPS contribution to the IFLA effort to include access to information in the UN Post 2015 Development Agenda via the Lyon Declaration. It was agreed GIOPS would draft a brief statement on Access to Government Information as part of this effort via a proposed toolkit, along with brief statements from other IFLA sections. Other members of the committee including Kay Cassell and Susan Paterson agreed to assist.

Bernard Reilly from the Center for Research Libraries (CRL) spoke about the immense challenges facing libraries and the preservation of government records. The overwhelming majority of government information is digital the CRL view is no library can make a meaningful attempt to preserve these records in such a context. The CRL strategy will focus on holding governments accountable for preserving records, particularly those held in proprietary systems.

5. Discussion of GIOPS Project Publication: ***The Continuing Need for Government Information Expertise in Libraries.***

Jim Church will be seeking approval from IFLA Headquarters on a GIOPS advocacy publication on *The Continuing Need for Government Information Expertise in Libraries*. The proposed publication was accepted as an IFLA project and GIOPS received funding for an editor and graphic artist.

6. Round Robin and update from Government Information Professionals from our members.

Richelle Van Snellenberg spoke about ILO field offices closing down and the consequent loss of staff at their libraries.

Pavel Kiselev from the Government Libraries Section spoke at length about a Russian Law and Legislation Conference upcoming in St. Petersburg in October and invited all interested members to register and attend, noting accommodations would be provided for.

The meeting adjourned at 14:30.

Standing Committee II

Chair Dr. Satendra Dhaka called the meeting to order at 9:45.

GIOPS Members present Satandra Dhaka (Chair); Jim Church (Secretary); Richelle Van Snellenberg, Susan Paterson, Kay Cassell, Alexander Chentsov, Takashi Koga.

GuestsL Sanjay Bihani, Lynn Brodie (Preservation and Conservation Section), Carmemary Midili

1. Brainstorming and planning for 2014 paper session

The majority of the meeting time was spent brainstorming about program topics for the 2015 GIOPS program in Cape Town. Prior to the meeting, guest Lynn Brodie from the Library of Parliament of Canada, and Jim Church had met to discuss a joint program with the Preservation and Conservation Section (PACS) and the Library and Research Services for Parliaments Section. Jim Church attended standing committee meetings of both these sections to get feedback and participate in some preliminary joint planning and discussion.

It was decided that GIOP, PACS, and the Library and Research Services for Parliaments Section would hold a joint, three hour session in Cape Town, which would take the shape of a knowledge café. There will be multiple topics and different tables, with discussion moderated by facilitators. Lynn Brodie, Jim Church, and other members of the Library and Research Services for Parliaments section will take the lead on coordinating this and keep other interested members of the Standing Committee informed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00.

Respectfully Submitted, Jim Church