

## **IFLA News Media Section Standing Committee Meeting – April 26, 2017**

1. Welcome
2. Introduction of participants: Niels Bønding, Frederick Zarndt, Ana Krahmer, Mary Feeney, Gretel Westman, Örn Hrafnkelsson, Odda Helgadóttir, Edmund Balnaves
3. Approval of agenda: Agenda was reviewed, item added regarding midterm conference 2018, and agenda approved.
4. Check in about this midterm conference

Frederick asked how the organization of this conference went. Örn and Odda reported that many hours were spent planning and preparing since this is their first international conference held at the library. Questions came up for them about the role as host and who is responsible for certain aspects (the host institution or the committee). There was also an issue of being asked for questionable letters of invitation from someone in Nigeria. The IFLA Governing Board may want to have some guidelines regarding this. There should also be clear expectations of the host and expectations/responsibility of the conference planning committee, the standing committee, and IFLA. This information would be helpful for future IFLA News Media conferences.

Örn and Odda also reported that they found a great location for the standing dinner. It will be held at the Culture House. There were 50 people who registered for the conference.

Other business: We need moderators to make introductions on Thursday and Friday. We agreed to have Örn moderate the morning, Ana before lunch, and Edmund after lunch on Thursday. We will work out Friday moderators later. Moderators will also keep time. We have the biographical statements from presenters in Dropbox, if needed.

Frederick noted that IFLA is using Zoom for web conferencing.

5. Report on Nairobi digitization workshop

Yves Maurer (Luxembourg) and Frederick provided training for 3 days for 40 attendees from 7 different African countries, mostly Kenya. The sessions were a combination of lectures and hands-on training with mostly open source tools.

They have had requests for 3 more workshops in Africa: one in Johannesburg; one at a conference at the Eastern African Librarian conference in Malawi next spring; possibly one in French-speaking Africa.

6. New digitization workshop in Africa in conjunction with the SCECSAL conference in spring 2018. Covered in previous agenda item.

Ana asked if eye-tracking and user experience would be of interest for a workshop. Possibly a joint session for the IT and News Media Sections.

7. Midterm conference 2018

- a. Suggested by Frederick: Havana

Niels asked if this would limit the number of participants because of the main annual conference in Malaysia. Discussion about people's ability to travel to more than one conference. Frederick

noted the history of having the midterm conference in a different region than the annual WLIC to draw participants who cannot attend the annual WLIC.

Possibly we could poll section members for indication of interest.

We agreed to proceed with having Frederick check with his contact in Havana to see if that would be a possibility.

8. WLIC 2018 pre-conference

- a. Suggested by Douwe: joint session with the Preservation and Conservation (PAC) Section and the Genealogy Section, possibly at the Vietnam National Library. There was a question of whether that location would fit within IFLA's guidelines for being within a three-hour flight of the main WLIC in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. We confirmed that it is. Frederick has contacts in Vietnam, the Genealogy Section is on board, and PAC will let Douwe know. We agreed to having Douwe proceed with planning the joint session.
- b. Suggested by Frederick: NL Vietnam, NL Laos, NL Singapore, NL Malaysia. Others? We did not discuss these other options at this time.

9. Close of meeting

Addendum:

The Chair (Douwe Drijfhout) and Information Coordinator (Mazelan bin Anuar) attended a workshop on the IFLA Global Vision Project (IGVP) in Athens (4-5 April 2017). The purpose of IGVP is to form a global vision of how a connected library field can meet the challenges of the future. Douwe and Mazelan will involve the other News Media Standing Committee members in the IGVP discussion. Feedback is required by end June 2017.