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IFLA School Libraries and Resource Centers (SLRC) Midterm Standing Committee meeting:
Randi Lundvall (Chair), Barbara Schultz-Jones (Secretary), Tricia Adams (Website), Luisa Marquardt (Standing committee member)

We are gathered in Milan for the European Meeting on Media and Information Literacy Education (EMMILE), incorporating the International Association of School Librarianship (IASL) Regional Meeting – Europe and the IFLA SLRC Section Midterm Meeting.

Luisa is the key person who organized and imagined the EMMILE conference; a tremendous amount of work to bring these sponsors and participants together and she is complimented for her successful efforts. The proceedings will not be published with IFLA because of an overload of publications and Luisa is exploring other options with IASL for publication in April. 160 attendees registered and no registration fee was required due to the sponsorships.

Standing committee work:

The currency of the website is our concern, and Tricia will be handling the updates.

Action item: Standing Committee members – We need a list of the Standing Committee members that could be placed on the website, providing the member's name and term of office. Follow up with members who haven't attended recent conferences and check that they are still interested (Randi to coordinate). There is a policy regarding attendance and follow up with members is required. We can be a committee of sixteen members.

Action item: Distribution of Action Planning Document – distribute the past one and then the current one. The new plan should be published online and can be updated online (Tricia and Barb to coordinate).

Action item: IFLA conference in Singapore, 2013 – we have received an invitation from the Information Literacy section; this will be voted on in Helsinki.

Under consideration: Newsletter – issued twice a year currently. Discussion of changing to a monthly or bimonthly issue, along the lines of the updates from Diljit Singh for IASL. This would raise the profile of the association and provide current and ongoing information. Proposal to start after EMMILE – thank Luisa and summarize the conference. Introduce members of the committee and provide a small profile of each member.

Diane Oberg (Chair, Joint Committee of IASL and IFLA SLRC Section) joined us to discuss the joint project.

Joint project between IFLA and IASL – 850 euros for the first year and 1700 euros promised for the second year. The project will bring together advocacy materials for school libraries and we could possibly try them out in Doha, Qatar at the annual IASL conference in November, 2012. This could also be part of the satellite meeting in 2013 in Kuala Lumpur: Getting school libraries on the agenda.