IFLA/IASL Jamaican Pre-Conference

Minutes of meeting by Skype 4th November 2010

Attendees: Dianne Oberg (Chair), Lourense Das, Randi Lundvall, Luisa Marquardt, Paulette Stewart and Karen Usher.
Apologies: Helle Barrett and Myrtle Harris

Will use initials again plus Lourense (Lo) Luisa (Lu)

D started the meeting by welcoming everybody and asking for an update on items from the last meeting.

P confirmed that the cost of lecture theatre, technology and refreshments (Coffee, lunch & tea) would be US $32.

R confirmed that she was happy with the ELearning theme having received papers detailing the concept from D.

D thanked Lu for the outline Call for Papers

Lo has had a response from Karen Bonanno re sponsorship. Lo has sent P a link to the relevant website. Lo said the option to seek sponsorship was open as long as the IASL Criteria are adhered to.

D asked for Lo about Nick van Dam (lives in USA) and his project on Elearning for Kids. Lo thought he might be a possible Speaker who may or may not need sponsorship.

(Technical problems meant that at this point we lost P and Lu so D talked about the IFLA/IASL book. For the sake of continuity I have put notes re this at the end –K)

D asked Lu if any ideas etc. from the Pre's in Italy and Australia might be useful for Jamaica. Lu says that she felt the Pre's were successful because they involved a number of organisations – Ministry of Education, local Education Authorities, Goethe Institute, American Embassies and International schools. Also if the University could issue Certificates of Accreditation this could be useful to students. D felt that providing university course credits might be difficult, unless the University of the West Indies has a system in place for this, but Certificates of Attendance for Continuing Professional Education could be done.

(Paulette arrived!!)

D updated her on suggestions for speakers, Elearning for Kids, sponsorship and Lu's input.

P confirmed price from Univ. She liked the theme of Elearning and hoped that by linking it with School Libraries it would be influential in showing the Jamaican Education Dept. the importance of school libraries. She will be contacting the Minister of Education in the hope that the person concerned with Elearning will attend the Pre.

Lu asked if there would be 2 tracks. D said no the programme would follow the pattern set out already e.g.

Morning – Keynote on Elearning and Millennial Children and Panel on Elearning including Jamaican project and in the afternoon International Papers, which would provide an opportunity for local attendees to think about school libraries in connection with Elearning.

Letters from IFLA & IASL asking Minister of Education for his support and/or for him or his representative to attend. R and K will do letter from IFLA, Lo will ask Diljit to do a letter from IASL.

D asked for questions related to organisational matters:

K wanted date/place/title for IFLA for website Working title "School libraries – best practice for ELearning". Near future we must think of 'place' for emails and link to booking form.

Lo asked for explanation of the date timetable as IASL Board usually meets before the Pre-Conference.

P laid out plan
5/8 Joint Pre-Conference
6/8 Tours and visits
7/8 IASL Pre-Conference and Evening Welcome Reception
8/8 – 11/8 IASL Conference

Lo asked for more details by email so she could organise the Board meeting with Diljit.

Cost – US $32 for venue etc. But realise there will be a need to build in a margin to cover costs of speaker and profit.

D feels we should be looking at 50 minimum and 100 maximum re numbers and that local attendees should pay a lower rate.

D – Durban – the Ministry of Education funded the Conference. P said that they were hoping to get sponsorship. D wanted to know if this would be to cover speakers or mean a lower course fee. She also felt that we should be looking at US $88 to cover speaker costs and profit margin.

K – IBBY has graduated costs by region for its events

D asked Lo if IASL still did this. P said James Henri had mentioned this in Brisbane. Early Bird discount had also been mentioned. D said IASL had 3 world regions and Lo confirmed that Jamaica was a C region. P said due to local exchange rates a lower fee for locals would be appreciated.

D asked for question related to the programme structure – Opening, Keynote, Panel, Four Papers, Entertainment, Close

D said that academics are used to having many papers briefly presented and followed by discussion. P confirmed this but also wanted discussion/feedback time. There would not be any posters.

P – Pre Conference Papers would be on Conference disk

K - They would also have to be published on the IFLA website as this is an Official Satellite Conference

Style Guidelines D said that the IASL used the APA standard (School Libraries Worldwide). K said IFLA's only requirement was a Word document due to the huge number of Papers attached to the WLIC.

K Proposal form should be submitted through IFLA-L, IASL-L, ENSIL and any other lists we promote Call through. K volunteered to be collection point, all members of this joint Committee would be circulated with Papers, all make comments and forward to Lu and H who would make final selection of the 4 Papers.

Lu and H will refine call over next week – please send them comments and Call will be published next week. LU/H please send to all Members of this joint Committee. Lu will circulate an example Invitation.

Next Skype Meeting: Tuesday 30th November, D will confirm the time.

Joint book between IFLA/IASL to be published by IFLA in 2011 – Lu and D have worked on a proposal for Sjoerd Koopman which has been approved. The Call for Papers will go out this week; final versions of the accepted submissions must be in to Lu and Hby 1st May 2011 for publication in August this year – launches at IASL and IFLA. The Call will be for chapters/case studies on projects and practices that can be replicated around the world or could inspire similar work e.g. network of School Libraries in Italy, CILIP work on School Libraries and legal status, the Namibian Book Forum. Two page proposals will be requested.

We are all asked to circulate the Call to encourage colleagues to submit projects we think may be eligible.