

CDNL

Chair's report 2015 – 2016

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CDNL Executives met the chair of IFLA National Libraries Section Guy Berthiaume, Librarian and Archivist of Canada, in December 2015 in Geneva, Switzerland. They studied the need of integration of CDNL annual meeting and the National Libraries Section. Kai Ekholm presented the resources and strategic choices of CDNL. They will be shortly presented to the annual meeting, as well.

The outcome of the meeting was that CDNL annual meeting and the National Libraries Section will show stronger integration already in Columbus, Ohio. They will promote each other's strategic choices and arrange the program so that the themes of annual meeting will be deepened at the National Libraries Section. The chair of NL section, Mr Berthiaume, has arranged on CDNL meeting one session which he will chair. The aim has been to produce a professionally high level meeting that will attract most needs of national libraries' executives and create an arena of vital discussion.

As the impact of the local organizing National Library is essential the Chair visited Library of Congress (LoC) in April 2016. In one day meeting the contribution of LoC as responsible for the Key Note –session was carefully drafted. The challenges of Library of Congress (LoC) will thus illustrate the challenges every national library will face trying to fulfil its tasks. The outcome was a very impressive program on a high professional level.

Ulrike Junger from the National Library of Germany started her period as a representative of CDNL at the **IFLA Committee on Standards**. Important goals of the CoS are to raise the visibility of IFLA standards, ensure the maintenance of IFLA standards and to liaise with other standard-making bodies like ISO TC/46. During the past year the CoS received several papers and standards for review and approval, among them a revised version of the International Cataloguing Principles and two documents related to the Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records (FRBRoo, PRESoo).

The CoS is in the process of developing an analysis on the use of IFLA standards, carrying out a review of the status of IFLA standards (still relevant, possibly outdated etc.) and a review of the management and representation of IFLA permanent standards review groups (ISBD RG, FRBR RG, UNIMARC Core Activity).

The secretary of CDNL has maintained CDNL mailing-list and an address list of national libraries and taken care of ordinary communication inside CDNL community. CDNL website had some security problems during the year, but after some new installations website security is on good level.

Country reports from CDNL members were not especially asked, but some countries have their reports delivered and those reports are published on CDNL website.

In May-June both **positions of the Vice-Chair** were declared open as Mrs Belinda Toolsee Kreetee Ramnauth (National Library of Mauritius) and Mrs Marie-Christine Doffey (National Library of Switzerland) resigned their positions. CDNL community submitted two nominees for the positions and their nominations for the period 2017 – 2020 will be confirmed on the annual meeting in Columbus.