



**ANNUAL MEETING  
IN WROCLAW, POLAND  
2017**

**Venue: Four Domes Pavilion**

**Date: Tuesday, 22nd August 2017**

1.	<p>Prof Kai Ekholm, Chair of CDNL, National Librarian, Finland welcomed the delegates.</p> <p>Dr Tomasz Makowski, Director General of the National Library, welcomed the delegates from his and the National Library of Poland's part. This was the first time that National Librarians around the world meet in Poland. He gave a short overview for National Library's history. Dr Makowski wished the delegates enjoyable meeting and WLIC conference.</p> <p><b>Delegates represented following countries:</b> Argentina, Aruba, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Croatia, Cuba, Estonia, Finland, France, Gambia, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Korea, Lithuania, Macedonia, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Poland, Qatar, Russia, Singapore, Slovenia, South Africa, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, UK, UK/Scotland, USA, Viet Nam. Altogether 44 countries were represented. Thank you for all the participants.</p>
2.	<p><b>Chair's report.</b></p> <p>Chair gave his report emphasizing the revised CDNL vision to focus more on strategical and management issues which unifies National Librarians around the world. IFLA Global Vision was launched in Athens in April and Prof Ekholm represented CDNL in starting workshop.</p> <p>Prof Ekholm gave few words in memoriam for Mr Erland Kolding Nielsen, Director General of the Royal Library of Denmark. He was a library director of long standing and a book historian. He remains as a very dear colleague</p>

	<p>in our minds.</p> <p><b>News from National Libraries' Section.</b> Guy Berthiaume, chair of the Standing Committee for National Libraries pointed out some main issues of National Libraries' Section's actions. A survey of national libraries' core functions was carried out during the year. There were totally 45 answers and the survey should carry on once again to get more answers. The results of the survey will be presented later on the WLIC program. 2017 conference program for national libraries will be about web harvesting and about national libraries' impact assessment.</p> <p><b>Election of the new Chair of the CDNL for 2018 - 2021.</b>  Professor Ekholm will be retiring next year and leaving his position as the chair of CDNL in this meeting. He thanked for the great possibility to serve CDNL.  Ms Lily Knibbeler was elected by acclamation as a new chair.</p>
3.	<p><b>National Libraries Connecting Continents and Communities</b>  Prof Kai Ekholm introduced the theme of the day. No national library can success and be strong alone. Cooperation is needed with other libraries and also with other memory institutions. Today's key issue is data sharing and how cultural data is used in research and in society generally.</p> <p><b>Keynote Address</b></p> <p><b>Cultural Heritage Linked Data on the Semantic Web:</b>  Infrastructures and Applications, Eero Hyvönen, Professor, University of Helsinki &amp; Aalto University, HELDIG - Helsinki Centre for Digital Humanities, Finland.</p> <p>Professor Hyvönen started his presentation by addressing the challenges of cultural data. Central problem is the heterogeneity of the data. Cultural data should be interoperable so that it can be shared across the barriers of locations, time and languages. To make the data interoperable means investments. For library data it means that the data should be transferred from databases to data clouds. Changing the library data means human work but also artificial intelligence is developing fast and helps in transition.</p> <p>In his presentation Prof Hyvönen presented Open Data and MyData movements, GGG (Giant Global Graph), formally WWW3 and gave short introduction to the idea of semantic web. He then gave several examples about how linked data has been used in Finnish cultural data initiatives, such as BookSampo and WarSampo.</p> <p><b>Tracing Global Information Networks in Historical Newspaper Repositories,</b> Hannu Salmi, Professor, University of Turku, Finland.</p>

	<p>Professor Salmi's research is based on digitized newspaper archives. Digitized newspapers are big data of 19<sup>th</sup> century. He has used in his research 100 million pages of newspapers. Even Europeana connects several newspaper archives a researcher still need to consult different archives without the possibility to unite the data. We still have our data in isolated silos.</p> <p>Prof Salmi introduced his research results about how news and ideas has been published around the world in 19<sup>th</sup> century.</p>
4.	<p><b>IFLA Session</b></p> <p><b>Donna Scheeder</b>, President, IFLA. Ms Scheeder greeted the audience by telling how she has been visiting many national libraries during her term as a President of IFLA. She especially mentioned Asian countries which offered her a wonderful experience. During her term the one important issue was the IFLA Trend report and its influence on library development. Especially important is to emphasize libraries' impact on high education. Another big issue for libraries globally is the UN Sustainable Report. As librarians we need to make sure that libraries meet these challenges. IFLA Global Vision discussion in a way to find unified vision to library field.</p> <p><b>Glòria Pérez-Salmerón</b>, President-elect, IFLA. Ms Pérez-Salmerón gave a short greeting and inspired the national libraries to affect governments to support libraries and our common goals.</p> <p><b>Gerald Leitner</b>, Secretary General, IFLA. Mr Leitner thanked National Librarians for their contribution in standing committees and for hosting PAX-centres. He presented the idea of the IFLA Global Vision: "No library is an island."</p> <p><b>IFLA Global Vision</b> Mr Leitner presented the IFLA Global Vision process. The definition of the vision is based on online voting where thousands of librarians are involved. In March 2018 on the Presidential Session in Spain the Global Vision work program will be launched to make the vision to practise. Mr Leitner told also that IFLA is changing its decision practices in spring 2018.</p> <p><b>Guy Berthiaume</b> addressed how the National Libraries' Section handled the Global Vision on committee members' own online voting. Section (old and new standing committee members) selected as core values freedom of speech, preserving the cultural heritage and cooperation with other memory</p>

	<p>organization.</p> <p>Delegates then have their own onsite online voting. Results of the voting showed emphasize on digital innovation and on training and development of staff and leaders.</p> <p>Mr Leitner thanked delegates for active voting and encouraged delegates to use the voting material also on their own libraries in motivating staff.</p>
5.	<p><b>Digital Unification – Connecting our Documentary Heritage</b></p> <p>Guy Berthiaume started the session by introducing the idea of digital unification and telling how the first IFLA Digital Unification working group meeting was held.</p> <p><b>Dr Tomasz Makowski</b>, Director, National Library of Poland. Dr Makowski gave first a short presentation of the National Library of Poland. He then presented the Polona service which started in 2006 and has grown ever since with thousands of digital objects. Present size of the Polona service is over 2 million documents.</p> <p><b>Mr Bill Macnaught</b>, National Librarian, National Library of New Zealand. Mr Macnaught presented National Library of New Zealand’s main strategic goal until 2030: Turning knowledge into value. He gave an overview of DigitalNZ which is a common service of dozens of New Zealand universities and memory organizations. DigitalNZ service contains documents, images, videos, sound, altogether access to over 300 collections. Asia Pacifica – project harvests metadata of digital items around Asian Pacific region. This project has partners for instance from Japan and China. As a conclusion Mr Macnaught summarized that digital unification requires leadership, compromises and persistence.</p> <p><b>Ms Laurence Engel</b>, Président, Bibliothèque Nationale de France. Ms Engel gave five definitions for digital unification.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Supporting reconstruction after disaster or damage</li> <li>2) Reunifying materials divided over time</li> <li>3) Preserving and sharing digital copies of unique and fragile analogue artifacts</li> <li>4) Creating new digital corpus of materials not possible in the analogue world</li> <li>5) Providing a better understanding of an entangled history.</li> </ol> <p>In France this has meant a shift from national cooperation to the international cooperation. BNF has also a principle that every digitization project has a research aspect. Ms Engel presented several examples of international cooperation in cultural heritage area.</p>

	<p><b>Discussion.</b> A short discussion was about the Polish copyright law which gives the National Library the right to deliver e-publication to other Polish libraries for local use, no digital copies are allowed.</p>
6.	<p><b>National Libraries – New Service Solutions</b></p> <p><b>Janne Andresoo</b> <b>Janne Andresoo</b>, Director General, National Library of Estonia.  For an introduction Ms Andresoo presented how national libraries are changing and also surviving in quickly changing environment. In the session there are three different topics which supplement each other.</p> <p><b>Ms Deborah L. Jacobs</b>, Director, Global Libraries Program, Bill &amp; Melinda Gates Foundation.  Ms Jacobs gave in her presentation recommendations to keep the library field strong. The strategic goal in Global Libraries –initiative have been to improve the lives of information poors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- libraries can't be recognized if libraries' services are not recognizable</li> <li>- libraries don't get money if the services are not important</li> <li>- we shouldn't make assumptions about the user's needs – we need actual facts</li> <li>- progress comes from collaboration</li> <li>- change demands to develop your leaders – build a new library leadership</li> <li>- support grows through clear alignment with community needs</li> <li>- show your worth, have proof of impact.</li> </ul> <p><b>Dr. Martijn Kleppe</b>, Researcher, Koninklijke Bibliotheek, Netherlands.  The national libraries' survey was made among CDNL members 2016 – 2017. One main aim of the survey is to support those countries who don't have national library or the tasks of the national library hasn't been definite. Survey's results are collected to a datacenter. There was 46 national libraries answering the survey, so 25 % of CDNL members. Worst answering percent was in Africa and South-America. But libraries can still participate.  According the survey most important task for national libraries is legal deposit material collecting. In future five years libraries emphasize: developing library standards, developing future bibliographic data formats, preserving the research data, open access and open data, linked open data.</p> <p><b>Prof Renaldas Gudauskas</b>, Director General, National Library of Lithuania.  Prof Gudauskas presented the totally renovated National Library building from 1960's. The renovation work continued eight years. The library has</p>

	high technology facilities for cultural consumption and creation, activities for children and youth, space for community gatherings among the more traditional library functions.
7.	<b>Ms Nafisah Ahmad</b> , Director General, National Library of Malaysia welcomed the delegates to the next year's annual meeting to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
8.	<b>Hand over to the New Chair</b> – from Professor Kai Ekholm to Ms Lily Knibbeler. From Finland to the Netherlands.
9.	<b>Meeting was closed.</b>