

CONFERENCE OF DIRECTORS OF NATIONAL LIBRARIES

MINUTES OF 2012 CDNL ANNUAL MEETING

Hosted by : National Library of Finland

Venue : Scandic Marina Congress Center, Katajanokanlaituri 6, Helsinki, Finland.

Date : Monday, 13 August 2012, at 08:00

1. OPENING AND WELCOME

The Chairperson, Mr John Tsebe, opened the meeting and welcomed all the delegates. He thanked Professor Dr Kai Ekholm, the library staff, local organisers and the Secretary for the preparations to make the meeting a success. He also informed the delegates that the IFLA delegation would join the meeting around 12:00 and for lunch thereafter.

2. Welcome by the Host Country

The host of the meeting, Professor Kai Ekholm, Director of the National Library of Finland, also welcomed all the delegates on behalf of the National Library of Finland. He introduced Ms Annu Jylhä- Pyykönen, Director: Ministry of Education and Culture: Finland who welcomed delegates to Helsinki on behalf of her Ministry. She shared with delegates the important role played by the National Library of Finland as a major part of network of libraries in Finland, facilitating access to information and preserving Finnish culture.

3. Attendance and apologies

A total of 83 delegates attended the annual meeting. They represented 55 member libraries as follows (in country order):

Aruba, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Canada (LAC and BAnQ), Chile, China, Colombia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Iran, Israel, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Republic of Korea, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Russia (National Library, State Library, and B. Yeltsin Presidential Library), Serbia, Singapore, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, UK (British Library, NL of Wales, NL of Scotland), USA (Library of Congress, National Agricultural Library) and Vietnam.

Apologies were received from the Director of the National Library of Ireland, Ms Fiona Ross. Mr Martyn Wade will join the meeting later.

4. Introduction and welcome of New National Library Directors

The following new National Library Directors were welcomed: Dr Isaq Salahi, National Library and Archives of Iran; Mr Noritada Otaki, National Diet Library; Mr Asadjan Khodjaev, National Library of Uzbekistan; Ms Lucia Phillip, National Library and Information System Authority NALIS of Trinidad and Tobago and Mr Shim, Jang Sup, National Library of Korea.

5. Confirmation of the Agenda

The following addition to the agenda was approved:

12.1 Update on the merger of the National Library and Archive by Mr Bas Savenije for the National Library of the Netherlands.

The agenda was **confirmed**.

6. Approval of the Minutes

Approval of the Minutes was supported from the National Library and Archives of Quebec (Canada) and seconded by Dr Elizabeth Niggermann from the German National Library.

7. Matters Arising from Minutes: None

8. Report by Chairman: Mr Tsebe

8.1 The Chairperson thanked the National libraries as well as the CDNL Regional structures for cooperation and collaborations. He highlighted the following challenges facing CDNL.

- CDNL membership is increasing but not all members attend the meeting due to various reasons.
- Mobilising the national libraries in Africa which are at different stages of development.
- CDNL to position itself as an influential international organisation on library and information issues on the IFLA as well as the National Libraries Standing Committee agendas.

8.2 Election: CDNL Vice- Chairman

The Chairperson explained that The British Library has announced that the Chief Executive officer, Dame Lynne Brindley, has stepped down at the end of July 2012, after twelve successful years. Dame Brindley was also a vice-chair of CDNL. With the end of her tenure as chief executive officer of the British Library, she is no longer a member of CDNL. According to the CDNL statutes an election should be held to fill the vacancy.

The Chairperson thanked Dame Brindley for the work done and requested Mr Stephens to convey the message of appreciation and gratitude to her. He reported the secretary called for nominations electronically prior the meeting. Since no nominations were received, CDNL members were asked to nominate from the floor. Dr Niggermann nominated Ms Marie- Cristine Doffey from the Swiss National Library. This nomination was seconded by Dr Guy Berthiaume of Canada. No other nominations were received and Ms Marie- Cristine Doffey was declared elected by acclamation. The Chairperson requested her to come to the front and congratulated her on her election as vice-chair.

9. Reports from IFLA Activities

- **National Libraries Standing Committee**
Ms Irina Lynden reported on behalf of Martin Wade. She reminded and invited all to the meetings of the National Library Standing Committee as they appear on the IFLA programme. The presentations will cover national libraries and importance of open data and open access.
- **IFLA Standards Committee** - Mr Patrice Landry reported that this was a committee of IFLA and CDNL is represented by Ms Anita Goldberga. The Committee will develop guidelines to be used by national libraries. Contributions are invited from CDNL. He also informed the meeting about his PHD research on "Investigation into the best practice in the conduct of systematic performance and outcome assessment of national libraries". He is going to need data from 100 national libraries.
- **FAIFE** - Prof Kai Ekholm reported that FAIFE committee was the best platform to deal with issues of freedom of speech and expression within IFLA. T-Shirts written FAIFE-SPOTLIGHT are still available.

10. Presentations

10.1 Presentation: Digital Library infrastructure in Finland by Ms Kristiina Hormias-Poutanen- National library of Finland. Handouts of the presentation were distributed. A copy will be posted on CDNL website.

10.2 Presentation : E-Legal Deposit :Advocacy pack was presented by Mr Andy Stephens - British Library. Copies of the presentation were distributed and another copy will be posted on CDNL website. The Advocacy pack will be translated in six languages.

10.3. Presentation: Business Excellence Framework for National libraries - Ms Ngian Lek Choh from the NL Singapore. Copies were distributed and one will be posted on the CDNL Website.

10.4 Presentation: The Recovery of the Institute d'Egypte: The Role of the National Library of Egypt by Prof Laila Rizk- National Library of Egypt.

11. IFLA DELEGATION PRESENTATION

The IFLA delegation was introduced by the IFLA President, Ms Ingrid Parent, President-Elect Ms Sinikka Sipila and General Secretary Ms Jennefer Nicholson.

- a) Address by the President of IFLA - Ms Ingrid Parent - She shared her theme: **Libraries: A force for change**. IFLA is the trusted global voice of LIS communities and drives equitable access to information and knowledge to all. She remarked about the strong relationship developing between IFLA and CDNL especially with regard to supporting each other on various projects. She also presented the IFLA's key initiatives and the 2012 strategic objectives.
- b) Another presentation was done by President-Elect Ms Sinikka Sipila. She shared her theme **Strong libraries, Strong societies**: It is about building strong communities through access to libraries/information. To build strong libraries so that they can give communities free access to information.

12. AFTERNOON SESSION

Members were divided into three discussion groups. The topics to be discussed and reported back on were as follows:

- Group A: Open Access was Facilitated by Dr Elizabeth Niggemann.
- Group B: Budget Cuts in National Libraries: Strategies For doing more with less was facilitated by Mr Bruno Racine.
- Group C: CDNL Vision of World Digital National Library was facilitated by Mr Bill Macnaught.

13. Report back from Discussion Groups

The facilitators reported back. The outcomes of the three groups to be submitted by facilitators to the secretary to put on the CDNL website.

14. Recommendations and Action Plans for 2013

- National libraries were requested to send their disaster plans to Secretariat to be put on the website to share with those who do not have them yet.
- CDNL to develop a risk register for National libraries. Prof Kai Ekholm to assist with this.
- CDNL to make a statement on Mali and put on CDNL website. Mr Andy Stephens to assist.
- Digitisation of National library collections and Digital rights.
- Development of e-legal deposit legislation. Set out guidelines.
- Advocacy Pack to be posted on the website. Mr Andy Stephens to assist with this.

15. Invitation by Host Country. The National Library of Singapore will host the next CDNL meeting 2013. They invited delegates and presented a short documentary about Singapore.

16. Next meeting CDNL Meeting: It will be held on 20th August 2013 hosted by National Library of Singapore -

17. Any Other Business: Kai Ekholm invited delegates to a reception at National Library of Finland and a Finnish sauna.

18. Vote of thanks: Mr Tsebe thanked the delegates for attending the meeting, the NL executive for their contributions and leadership as well as Rachel More and her Secretarial team for organising the meeting and keeping members informed. He also expressed our appreciation to Kai Ekholm and his entire staff for all the preparations and for hosting the meeting.

19. Closure

**Compiled by: Rachel More
CDNL Secretary**

Minutes Approved and signed

**Mr John Tsebe
Chairman: CDNL**