**MINUTES - LPD/SC meeting Columbus, Ohio, USA**

**SC1: 13 August 2016; 9:45 – 12:15 (Room C213)**

**SC2: 16 August 2016, 9:45 – 11:15 (Room C225)**

1. **Opening and Welcome (Karen Keninger)**

The Chair of the LPD Section, Karen Keninger, welcomes all standing committee members to the meeting

1. **Apologies**

Elena Zakharova (Russian State Library for the Blind)

Geert Ruebens (Flemish Library for Braille & Audio Books - Belgium)

1. **Introductions and Attendance list**

*In attendance:*

Mike Marlin (Braille & Talking Book Library California State Library, American Library Association– USA)

Kirsi Ylanne (Celia, Finland)

Kristina Passad (MTM, Sweden)

Karen Keninger (NLS , USA)

Luc Maumet (AVH) , France)

Jelena Lesaja (Croatian Library for the Blind)

Yasmine Youssef (Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Egypt)

Christian Felsmann (German Central Library for the Blind, Germany)

*Observers:*

Francois Hendrikz (South African Library for the Blind)

Koen krikhar (Dedicon, Netherlands)

Isabel Gutierrez (Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain)

Zinaida Mauruch (Vilnius University)

Rasa Januseviciene (Library for the Blind, Lithuania)

Hiroyuki Murakami (JSRPD, Japan)

Chris Corrigan (NLS/BPH, USA)

Anthea Taylor (Vision Australia)

Ben Cartwright (AMDEU, UK)

Monica Urzua (Library of Supreme Court, Chile)

Claudia Cuevas, (Library of Congress, Chile)

Neli Kaunda (North West University, South Africa)

Raissa Teodori ( Senate Library, Italy)

Blanch Carolus (North West University, South Africa)

Francisco Martinez (ONCE, Spain)

Ronald Alexander Vargas Rodriguez (Biblioteca de la Fundación Clinica Abood shaio)

Stephen Wyber (IFLA HQ)

Sandra Macintyre (HaithTrust digital Library, USA)

Ando Kazuhiro (National Diet Library, Japan)

Linda Negaleka (South African Library for the Blind)

1. **Accepting the agenda / adding last minute items**

The meeting accepted with the addition of one item:

* The accessibility of the IFLA WLIC

1. **Minutes of meeting**

The meeting accepted the minutes of Oslo meeting with the addition of Kristina Passad in the attendance list.

1. **Announcements and reports from the Professional Committee Leadership Brief:**

Karen Keninger briefed the committee on the officers meeting:

* IFLA has a new secretary General, he is very interested in taking IFLA to the next stage of interactive, coopeartive work, encouraging the IFLA sections to be more cooperative, integrated, to work towards unified goals. He's planning several events to achieve that.
* Action plan revised and submitted by October .
* Also the annual report is due in September.
* Elections of membership nominations will be available in November, observers attending the meeting are encouraged observers attending the meeting to consider nomation for the next term.
* How to motivate members to be more active in their committee
* Membership survey to understand what makes value of being a member of IFLA, and what are members expecting from IFLA.

1. **Membership**

* We have memberships from a list of countries: belgium, UK, Peru, Canda, Malayais, Greece, the Netherlands, Sweden, Italy, USA, Egypt, Swizterland, Germany, Serbia, South Africa.of the LPD group not standing the committee. especially ways that we might be able to encourage members from latin America, and supposdely it's a language issue, and we don't have any representation from Africa, except for South Africa and Egypt.
* Marrakesh comes in force in sepetember, so the LPD is looking into ways to a vibrant consortium of librarires in spanish speaking that wil be leading the way in terms of cross border sharing. And also, see ways in which we can be more inclusive to latin American members. Although many latin american organizations are involved in the implementation of Marrakesh, such as Tiflo Libros in Argentina, Dorina Nowill in Brasil, but still the money is what is keepng them from joining IFLA and particpating in the standing committtees. The lack of representation from the spanish speaking countries, is due to the langauge barrier, and the financial problem, since it is very expensive to be a member of IFLA.
* Karen has asked whether any of the attendance is aware of how other sections overcome the language barrier. Raissa confirms that they are having the same issue of language barrier in the parliamentary section, so they rely on bilingual members to help especially in translations of newsletters and other publications.
* Some suggestions to recruit Latin American members were offered:
  + Stephen suggests to get in touch with the ULAC Some of them are members of Latinoamerican Unión For The Blind (ULAC). He also suggests creating a network online to stir the conversation.
  + Mike anounced that there is a reception on Tuesday the latin American Section is hosting and everyone is encouraged to try to connect with members there in the reception and see the potential of recruiting new latin American members to the LPD. He also suggests that we look at mailing lists, as there is is not a lot of work done online in between meetings, to encourage particpation from those who cant attend in person the LPD meetings.
  + Koen, suggests that the next midyear meeting would be held in a latin American country which would help a lot of latin american observers to join the meeting.

1. **CLM/LPD joint meeting:**

* Stephen has organized a meeting with CLM and some members of the LPD members. And Karen will report back the results of this meeting. Action: 8.1 The meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th of August 2016, 16:45-18:00 in room C226.
* See annexure 3 for CLM/LPD minutes by stephen Wyber.

1. **WLIC 2016 Session 193: What makes a Dynamic Unit –explanation & worksheets:**

* The committee members discussed the factors that define a dynamic Unit. Members agreed that in terms of particpation, members who attend the LPD meetings are active, however some members do not show up to the meetings, and don't participate virtually. Mike suggested setting up an informal teleconference for international participation: summarizing this congress and reaching out to them to find out how we can help them to participate. Most agreed that lack of funding is a major reason for their absence in the meetings.
* The top priority for the coming years is the implementation of the Marrakesh treaty. We should work on establishing an international community beyond the committee that participates in the projects of LPD,and find ways to engage a larger community outside this group to continue our work. So LPD still needs to work on expanding its international community beyond the standing committee.
* The advocacy for Marrakesh treaty is one of items that benefits the international community at large.
* When starting a project we have lots of volunteers, we had good participation in our project, so if we can expand we can have volunteers to help carry load from other members.
* The LPD listserv has been very useful. We get quick and very good responses. Yet we don't have a lot of traffic. As for social media; the facebook group is active. Kirsi thinks we need to use the email list more, so people would be encouraged to use it. And she also suggests translating the questions to other language like French and Spanish.Jelena added that she used the listerv to help her develop guidelines for narrators for the Croatian Library for the Blind.
* Results we have achieved this year: translation of guidlines for dyslexia into Swedish, and dutch, the publication and dessmination of the LPD Statement of support for Marrakesh, organizing the satellite conference in Louisville, and we started talking about guidelines for the cataloging of accesbile material .

1. **Louisville satellite meeting review**

* We had two full days with very interesting presentations on various ways to provide information to the people we serve. We had a keynote speaker talking about options for people with dysliexia with technology and others on image description, and programs on activites of various libraries around the world.
* Papers of preconference will be posted on the website by Kari. Action: 10.1.
* Luc and koen suggest making publicity of the presentations when published to engage other members of the section, make it available on facebook, And also publishing them on the national networks of each library.
* Kristina: suggests that everyone send her their thoughts and experiences about the satellite conference and she will put it together in the newsletter. Action:10.2

1. **ACTION PLAN:**

* The committee reviewed the action plan what has been achieved so far:

1. Inclusive publishing activities: LPD members gave updates on how their insitutions work to promote inclusive publishing:

* In Finland, they're establishing a website that offers all resources on how to publish accessible books, and guidlines for educational material, and it will be published soon in English. Krisi will email the list of guidlines once the translation is done.
* IDPF created EDRlab (the European headquarter of both the International Digital Publishing Forum and the Readium Foundation) and AVH is now part of this lab, and they are working on accessible publishing, they held a conference in Bordeau, and AVH was engaged. And they are also planning to expand in Asia. EDRlab is funded by the French government and some French publishers.
* The NLS reached out to publishers to give them their audio and digital files to create their talking books and soon to create digital braille books.
* In the Netherlands, Dedicon talk to publishers' association and make agreements with them, publishers for instance they put their EPUB in an open access repository , but Dedicon has to aproach the publisher who hold the rights, and they were able to gain access to 11,000 epub files, to transform into Braille or synthetic audio speech.
* In France, publishers have to provide the files throught the national library. The national French copyright exception laws are being renewed, they will still have acess to these files but will have to give a copy to the national library so that other libraries in the country will have access to it.
* In Japan: there's a government project to provide students with DAISY books and pulibhsers have to provide the text to make the DAISY books available for the students.
* Sweden: publishers give them the text or the file, and theres a company that helps libraries to distribute their ebooks. And this company gives them access to ebooks and then MTM can transform them to DAISY books

1. LPD participation and contribution to the development of ABC:

* Luc is the LPD liason in the ABC board, he just had a phone meeting with ABC but has not attended a meeting yet.
* Luc gave the committee some updates on ABC activities: TIGAR is currently being updated to be a B2C service not only B2B, ABC is going to work on capacity building in francophone Africa. That s the begning of a langauge group there.

1. Maintaining an active and strategic partnership with the DAISY Consortium through:

* It was suggested that LPD has as liason in the DAISY board, but it was concluded that there's no need for an official representation from LPD, since member organizations are represented in DAISY, it's expensive to be a member of DAISY and its too technical. All agreed that the LPD will keep up with what's happening rather than participating in the decision making of the consortium. Karen suggested someone to be responsable for giving the committee updates of the activities of DAISY. Kristina volunteered to take on this role. Action: 11.1

## Drafting and disseminating the LPD statement of support for the ratification and implementation:

* The action is done, it was sent out to all our networks, listervs and IFLA servs. Members of LPD should publicize it in their local networks.

1. Engage locally with the national authorities to speed up ratification, LPD members gave a brief of their efforts and advocacy in their respective countries:

* Netherlands:stakeholders, Dedcion included, are invited to talk to the ministry every year in the Dutch national library, to reach out to the ministry and ask for the communication to happen, to convey the importance of ratification to the ministry, and what they can do to facilitate the process.
* France: same situation of Spain, they worked on their national laws to make them comply with Marrakesh, so they will be allowed to do cross border exchange even before ratification.
* Japan: discussions about ratifacion stopped,as there are some differences between rightsholders and organizationse serving persons with disabilities.
* USA: is in discussions, rightholders are trying to to implent more record keeping. After US elections there might be a small window in the senators session to discuss the treaty.

1. Support the IFLA lobbying campaign to influence the UN Sustainable Millenium Goals (SDGs):

So we need to talk to IFLA board to talk about this in UN sessions, Mike will try to find out more about it.

1. Recommend cataloging standards:

The LPD section started addressing the issue of cataloging accesbile materials and two papers were presented in LPD's session in Columbus to discuss this topic.

1. Collect best practices of cooperating between libraries:

* The satellite conference had a lot of presentations about best practices, and this is one way we have addressed this goal.

1. Rewriting the existing Guidelines for Accessible Library Services:

* The committee has agreed that Its getting outdated faster than its going to be updated. It will be tabled.

1. Continue to disseminate the Dyslexia Guidelines:

* Kristina was publicising the guidelines through out the public libraries.
* Serveral translations in process for the dyslexia.
* The swedish translation is done and published
* Nota (Denmark) are working with dyslexic children, using eye tracking diagnosis to alert the student or teacher, where in text the student loses his focus, they will pilot this in in 10 school.

1. Stimulate the members to investigate the accessibility issues concerning the emerging E-book services:

* The Satellite meeting addressed this topic, like Karen Philips, and steve Nobel who talked about it fom the DAISY consortium presepectve.
* Nordic libraries meet annually, and are asked to report about the accessiblity of ebooks, in each country, what is going on from each country. And the accesbility of ebook lending in public libraries. It would be interesting to put it in the winter meeting
* In the Netherlands, they will do a survey on the accessiblity of ebooks libraries in the country.

1. **Annoucements:**

* Zinaida encourages everyone to participate in the international event: "Libarries for an Inclusive Society", because this year is the year of the libraries, to promote dialog between politicians and institutions serving the blind, to invlolve the libraries in the infrastructurs of inclusive serives for the blind. First day will cover best practices from libraries and institutions sering the blind, on the second day a workshop will be held dedicated to Marrakesh treaty, and there will be an interactive panel discussion, which involves experts from Canada, Latvia, and Estonia, and we will dicuss the benefits of Marrakesh treaty, and prospects of what will happen next. Website of the conference: <http://labiblioteka.lt/konferencija/en_GB/apie-konferencija/>
* LPD's session is on Thursday 18th of August: at 8:30 a.m. in Hall E, title: Collaborating across borders -  making accessible resources available

1. **Louisville satellite meeting review**:

The meeting had 30 speakers covering a wide range of topics: dyslexia, audio, braille, and library best practices. papers wil be posted o n the LPD website in September

1. **WLIC session 2017 topics**

Karen asked committee members to come up with ideas for the WLIC 2017 session:

* Kirsi: suggested talking about experiences from Austalita aand Canada, continue to talk about Marrakesh
* Latin American implementation of the Marrakesh treaty
* Zinaida: something about methods of training employees who are blind in the domain of computer literacy and information literacy.

1. **Marrakesh: Emerging issues and implementation strategies :**

One of the things we need to to do as a standing committee, is come up with an action plan, that will give us concrete ways , we can do as a group and fits with our mission, within the next year, that would have meaning, related to Marrakesh treaty. The committee had a discussion about practical steps and suggested effective ideas to support ratification and implementiation for the treaty:

* Karen shared with the committee Chris friend's suggestions to find ways to develop language centric groups and try to mentor countires that have potential to ratify and help with the implemtation process. However, Luc: thinks that we need to think of practical actions to go in this direction of developing these language groups. Koen added that in Belgium Dutch is also an official languge, and they currently are working on a pilot project where the Dutch library will share all their material with the Flemish library, and they started with sharing their catalogs, to avoid duplication. If we find organizations that are within a language group and are willing to share, this would be a first good step, and from there on they can develop ways to export and exchange titles. karen: we need to focus our efforts to help newly ratified groups to sign up with TIGAR, which would be useful in title exchange.
* The question was raised whether the cross border sharing will rely on the mechanism of the ABC book service, or go bilateraly like the example of dedicon and luisterpbibliteeek, with sharing the holdings; Kristina adds that in the Nordic countires they share ther titles, and TIGAR is vital for them to reach other languages outside the Nordic countires. Luc: we have to choose between promoting TIGAR or country to country title exchange. But TIGAR, is the easiest tool currently available. So if we are promoting the collaboration between same language group countries in titles exchange, we should also be promoting TIGAR as a platform for exchange.Countires who have not ratified can still benefit from the use of TIGAR.
* WIPO is very much behind the ABC and TIGAR as a quick solution. The questions currently being raised now, are : should there be a fee to transform the titles to accesible formats, and extra fees to exchange it with other countires. Whether the AE or the country would be paying is a matter that the national legislation would decide.
* Karen proposed to the committee another suggestion: to develop a virtual community within a language group, based on simple technology, like an e-mail list community, and we would reach out individually within that region and invite them to join to spread the network out, and one of the members could be the host and stimulate the conversation at least once a month to get people talking and sharing information. Something that is meaningful and manageable. The committee agrees this is a good idea to be developed, and the LPD can cooperate with the the WBU who can help with contacts and also spread the word. Also, ABC are doing some intiatives through their capatiy building , so in order to align with other initiatives and not duplicate efforts, we need to communicate with other players on the field.
* Zinaida suggests collaborating with EIFL.
* Advocacy and lobyying for ratifciation was also discussed: the disability assciation are louder and more powerful libraries and governments listen more to them, so library associations should join efforts with the Marrakesh succeed in Latin America because the movement was done by disability organizations, not by libraries. However, implementation will fall heavely on libraries. Francois: added that the LPD through the IFLA HQ and with WBU can still do a lot of lobbying. the LPD committee can push it along, by addressing governments, and he suggests to the LPD to come up with a joint letter, to be sent to the governments, and library associations and national libraries and back them up to go to the officials and talk about the benefits and begin the lobbying process. Also, the implementation process is very important, partnerships should not be ignored, e.g. ABC imitative with their book service TIGAR, we need to partner with these initiatives to promote these services. The LPD has issued a statement before, but all agree that a joint letter is still a good idea, and would back up ratification process.
* Zinaida proposes an idea for a practical project. Usually libaraires need some guidance about how to advocate for ratification, so she suggests launching campaigns and providing practical guidelines for advocacy for libraries and countires are in the process of ratification, and members of the LPD can add in their pracitcal experiences in these guidlines. In canada they produced kits for advocacy and it has been very useful, because the more you have suppport of national ibraries the better.
* Isabela also suggests communicating with Academic Libraries committees, to collaborate with the LPD to advocate for the treaty.
* Anthea added that we have to make sure that, that Marrakesh is part of our converstion with the governments and use our voice and talk about it. Countries who have ratified still have the obligation to help others ratify because it will be of benefit their commintues as well.
* Karen concluded the dicussion on Marrakesh; three ideas have been suggested:

1. An advocacy tool kit for Marrakesh

2. A joint letter

3. Building a virtual community to exchange ideas, supported but not driven by LPD.

* Karen will take these ideas to the CLM meeting and move forward form there.

1. **LPD communications**

* The newsletter of the LPD will be out next fall, and Kristina asked members or observers who are interested to contribute to sign up for it, and specify the topic.
* The deadline for receiving contributions is the 30th of September.

1. **Midwinter meeting**

* The next winter meeting will be held in Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Egypt and in case of any disrupt in the situation there, meeting will be moved to Celia Library, Finland.
* Suggested Dates: February 6th and 7th or February 13th and 14th. And Yasmine will confirm later. Action item: 17.1

1. **Accessibility and Joint session with LSN:**

* LSN invites LPD to Cosponsor their program in 2017, or arrange a four hour joint session. The topic is how to make conference events accessible, and possibly contribute panilists, to talk about aspects of accesbility.
* The committee can't give up its individual session on the agenda, as we have to focus on Marrakesh, but can particiapte in the panel and support the LSN session.
* Also LSN invites LPD to particpate in a letter to IFLA Governing Board about the accessilibity within IFLA Congress. Mike sent a draft paper that LSN has begun, concerning the need for improvement of accessbility issues for the IFLA congress. LSN asks LPD to collaborate in a joint letter to the IFLA Governeing board to consider accessbility the IFLA website and application and want LPD to contribute in the editing process and co-sign it.

**Annexure 1:**

**Action items (Columbus Meeting):**

Action 8.1: Karen will report back the results of CLM/LPD meeting.

Action: 10.1: Papers of preconference will be posted on the website by Kari.

Action:10.2: Members of the LPD will write about the satellite conference for the newsletter

Action: 11.1: Kristina will give the committee updates on the activities of the DAISY consortium

Action item: 17.1 Yasmine will confirm the date of the midwinter meeting

**Annexure 2:**

**Action items (Oslo Meeting):**

Action 6.1: Geert, mike and Chris Friend will draft a Statement supporting ratification efforts for Marrakesh treaty. **Columbus status: Done**

Action 9.1: Jelena will contact someone from the cataloging section. **Columbus status: Done**

Action item12.1: kirsi and Yasmine will be the LPD session coordinators. **Columbus status: Done**

Action 12.2: the following speakers have been selected to give out presentation in the LPD session: Geert Ruebens, Jelena Lesaja and Chris friend. Kirsi and Yasmine will follow up with potential speakers will the session. **Columbus status: Done**

Action 12.3: Karen will recommend a hotel in Columbus for the committee members. **Columbus status: Done**

Action 18.1: Karen and Geert are working on finding keynote speaker for the satellite conference. **Columbus status: Done**

Action 20.1: kari will contact IFLA to check the possibility of adding observers to the SC list. **Columbus status: Done**

**Annexure 3:**

**Further Ratifications of Marrakesh**

o   We discussed the need to get beyond twenty ratifications of Marrakesh to make the Treaty truly global and effective. Stories of African countries rushing to pass legislation including provisions on remuneration, record-keeping and commercial availability were concerning. We needed to send a strong message on steps that could limit the effectiveness of the Treaty.

o   **ACTION**: IFLA HQ to produce a draft statement warning of the impacts of including provisions on remuneration, record-keeping and commercial availability (already sent to Chairs for comment), as well as a toolkit for library associations, helping them to advocate nationally (on the way).

       **Practical Implementation of Marrakesh**

o   We clarified that however strong the law, this did not guarantee good implementation of Marrakesh principles. It would be important to encourage good practice, notwithstanding the existence of the ABC and TIGAR. We briefly discussed the idea of a wiki of examples of good practices where libraries were making and sharing accessible books.

o   **ACTION**: LPD to explore ways in which we can offer further support to libraries in this field.

       **Coordination going forwards**

o   There was agreement on the value of continued collaboration between the two committees, given CLM’s engagement in policy debates, and LPD’s experience and knowledge on projects for implementing the Treaty’s provisions.

o   Work on driving national ratification and implementation could draw on both committees’ expertise and contacts, as could any move to extend Marrakesh provisions to other people with disabilities.

o   **ACTION:** the chairs of CLM and LPD to exchange information and priorities as often as appropriate.