**MLAS Standing Committee Meeting**

**MINUTES**

**MLAS SC II**

**Time:** Wednesday, 28 August 2019 13:30 – 16:00

**Venue:** Business Meeting Room 4 - Convention Center, Athens

**MLAS SC members present at the meeting:**

Mikhael Afanasyev, Amy Burke, Marwa El Sahn, Ute Engelkenmeier, Loida Garcia-Febo (incoming information coordinator), Susan Haigh, Hella Klauser (secretary), Karin Linder, Halo Locher (chair), Chin Loy Jyoon, Rauha Maarno (outgoing information coordinator), Dijana Machala, Alicia Ocaso-Ferreira, Pascal Sanz

**Ex officio members present:** Mathilde Koskas (Women, Information and Libraries SIG, outgoing convenor), Winny Nekesa Akullo, Adetoun Adebisi Oyelude (Women, Information and Libraries SIG information coordinator and co-information coordinator) Magdalena Gomulka (Convenor, New Professionals SIG), Antoine Torrens (Outgoing convenor, New Professionals SIG)

**Guests**

**Agenda**

1. **Welcome and Introduction** (chair/all)

The chair welcomes those present, especially members of the Standing Committee (SC) in their first term and asks for name tags. He invites to write down ‘welcome’ on posters in the local languages; the group reads and repeats together.   
A round of introductions of SC members and observers follows taking into account the answers to the following three questions: - What was the highlight of my association last year? - What is the biggest problem of my association at the moment? - What is my strongest competence that can be useful for MLAS?

1. **Approval of the minutes of Midyear meeting on 15 February 2019 in Oslo, Norway, and zoom meeting Minutes MLAS 18.4.2019**The minutes were approved as such.
2. **Report from PC Officers Forum** (Chair)  
   Satellite conference venues will be geographically closer to the WLIC site. For the year 2020 with the WLIC 2020 in Dublin only satellite conferences in Great Britain and Ireland will be possible. In 2021 the WLIC will take place in Rotterdam.   
   Governing Board (GB) will start the process of new governance now that the strategy is finalized; as IFLA’s structure is too complex, it will be analysed and decided upon, as well as the structure of the annual conference WLIC. The sections are asked to finalize their action plan before October 15, 2019, to create a communication plan and to share both with the section’s members as well as publish it on the IFLA website. A plan to monitor the process regularly should be installed (see paper ‘Next steps’ which was distributed during the meeting). For reforming our structures, Pascal proposes to collect ideas and main points to be considered and turn them in for the discussion in the GB.

*Action: The following members will work on this proposal and keep SC members informed: Halo, Amy, Dijana, Pascal, Marwa, Alicia, Adetoun (from SIG Women, Information, Libraries)*.

During the pause that follows, a group photo is taken.

1. **Review of MLAS Open Session** (Hella, Karin, Samia)  
   The open session on ‘Library Associations in cross-border actions’ on Monday, Aug. 26, was a success and worked out well. There might have been too much input, too many short presentations and too little time for discussion. It is noted that there were different sessions with similar topics going parallel. The chair thanks the organizers of the session for their great work.
2. **MLAS Communication**:
   1. MLAS Information Coordinator’s report (information coordinator)  
      The outgoing information coordinator reports about the update of the MLAS website and that the minutes of the section’s meetings are online as well. She has also supported the preparation of the new IFLA website. MLAS facebook group IFLA Management of Library Associations Section has about 120 members; twitter has not yet being used. There are two mailing lists for MLAS: one for members of MLAS SC members only and the other one for everyone interested. The chair thanks Rauha for her engagement during the last years.
   2. Election of new Information Coordinator (Chair)  
      Loida is running for the position of information coordinator. As there are no other candidates, the SC welcomes and congratulates Loida in her new position.
   3. Building a committee  
      The new information coordinator proposes to install a committee of communication to discuss a communication plan for the section in order to increase visibility of the work of the section and increase membership.

*Action: The following members will be in this committee and work on the communication plan: Loida, Ute, Amy*

1. **Special Interest Groups update:**
   1. New Professionals Special Interest Group (Magdalena)  
      The new convenor of the SIG talks about the successful IFLA Camp right before the WLIC started. 60 participants from 20 countries from 6 continents discussed the topic ‘information literacy’ during the first day of the camp and had the first Olympic Games for Librarians at the beach the second day. The group will organize a webinar on new technologies for libraries in September and is working on their leadership team and their tasks. The chair thanks the outgoing convenor Antoine for his engagement and welcomes Magdalena as incoming convenor.
   2. Women, Information and Libraries Special Interest Group (Mathilde)  
      The outgoing convenor Mathilde excuses the new convenor Evviva Weinraub and presents the new information coordinator Winny Nekesa Akullo and co-information coordinator Adetoun Adebisi Oyelude. The SIG prepared translations of some presentations from last year’s WLIC 2018, a flyer about the SIG and business cards for the group. Together with ‘Libraries without borders’ they work on ‘how to build guidelines for women’.
2. Draft Action Plan 2019-2010 Discussion – building committee to finalise   
   The chair proposes to concentrate on the goal to gain new members for IFLA as one action for the action plan 2019-2020. Pascal notes that library associations are mentioned twice in the new IFLA strategy: 1.3. (title) and 3.3. He proposes to work on this in order to make both points more concrete, the group agrees to add this to Halo’s proposal.  
     
   *Action:* *The following members will work on this proposal and will develop a draft for the action plan 2019-2020: Halo, Pascal, Susan*
3. **Plans for midterm meeting Spring 2020: proposal of leading team: 27 & 28 February in Chicago. building committee – ideas for programm** The chair presents the proposal; no further suggestions for 2020. A short survey of the attendees shows that about 10 of the present SC members plan to come to Chicago. Since the journey from Europe and Asia should be worthwhile, the business meeting will be supplemented with an exchange / further training with ALA members and/or American library colleagues.   
     
   *Action: The following members will be in this committee and work on the preparation of the MLAS midterm meeting 2020 in Chicago: Loida, Dijana, Chin, Michael*
4. **Plans for IFLA Congress August 2020 in Dublin, Ireland: ideas**
   1. Satellite meetings: only by demand of other sections with a SC-member in Ireland or Great Britain.  
      It is agreed that MLAS will not start an action on preparing a satellite because there is no MLAS SC member in the area. MLAS will be open though for possible proposals from other sections.
   2. Open sessions: building committee  
      Some proposals for a topic of next year’s open session are discussed: How can our section contribute to build library associations in countries where there is no association yet. It is proposed to contact former IFLA president Ingrid Parent on this topic as well as on the topic working with partners outside of our profession. As the topic should match the new strategy, be relevant for IFLA members and correspond to the needs, it is proposed to prepare a proposal within a working group and present the result end of October 2019.  
        
      *Action: The following members will be in this committee and work on planning and organizing the open session at WLIC 2020: Rauha, Ute, Susan*
5. **Any other business**No proposals
6. **Closing remarks**The chair thanks the observers for their participation and again the outgoing SC and SIG members for their engagement and work during the last years. He rings the Swiss bell for ending the meeting at 15.45h.