**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL
UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES (IATUL)**

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2014

15.30 – 17.00 3 June 2014
Helsinki, Finland

1. Opening of General Assembly
The President, Dr. Reiner Kallenborn, opened the Assembly and welcomed all members present.

2. Approval of Agenda
The proposed agenda was adopted.

3. Minutes of last General Assembly
The minutes of the General Assembly, held in Cape Town, on Tuesday 16 April, 2013 were presented for adoption as a true record of the proceedings.

4. Matters arising from the minutes
The following correction was made to the previous minutes:
- *Ms. Gill Barthtrope* **to read** *Ms Gillian Barthorpe*

5. Financial report
The Treasurer Ms Irma Pasanen presented the Financial Report for 2013/2014.

6. President's Report

6.1 IATUL Office and Administration
The President Dr. Reiner Kallenborn presented his annual report. He reported on the current status of the IATUL Office that it is manned by a part-time assistant – for 10 hours a month at a cost of €9 600 per annum. He indicated that this was inadequate and that there was need to increase hours to at least 20 per month. He reported that the Board had agreed that he provides a comprehensive report on how this could be implemented.

6.2 Membership report
The membership of the association has grown from 220 members in 2013 to 226 in 2014. During this period 4 cancellations were received and there were 10 new members.

6.3 Board membership and officers
At the end of 2013 Dr James Mullins, Dean of Libraries at Purdue University ended his term on the Board. The President acknowledged the contributions that he has made towards the advancement of the association. It was reported that one nomination that had been received and confirmed for his replacement did not materialize as the candidate could not take up the post due to health reasons. A new call for nominations resulted in the confirmation of Ms Sharon Bostick as the new Board member representing North America.

Ms Imogen Garner and Irma Pasanen will be ending their terms on the Board at the end of 2014. Calls for nominations for: 1. Australia and New Zealand and 2. Northern and Eastern Europe will be sent out soon.

6.4 Events 2013-2014
In 2013 IATUL Board members were involved in a networking workshop aimed at fostering new links with university libraries in South America. The workshop was hosted by the Universide Federal de Santa Catarina (UFSC) Library in Florianopolis, Brazil. It attracted over 70 library directors mostly from Brazil and other neighbouring countries. A second event was held in Oxford during the December, 2013 and the workshop focused on research data management. The third event involving Board members was the Leadership Academy held in Thailand for Library Directors in the South East Asian region.
An inaugural meeting of a possible Regional Group for South East Asia was held in Krabi, Thailand.

6.5 Forthcoming events 2014-2015
The President reported on several upcoming events in 2014 and beyond and these include:
- Autumn seminar in Toulouse, France (2014)
- Annual Conference in Hannover, Germany (2015)
- Library Directors Summit in Hannover, Germany (2015)
- Joint workshop with ICSTI (2015)
- Wikipedia editing workshop in Oxford, UK (2015)
- Information Literacy Workshop – to be organized by the Special Interest Group on Information Literacy (SIG IL, 2015).

6.6 Communication
The use of the website continues to be on the rise as indicated by the latest statistics. The SIG IL has set up a blog on Information Literacy. The association has a presence on Facebook, LinkedIn and Wikipedia. The communication platform Elgg has been used successfully for the Leadership Academy, IATUL Board communication, Special Interest Groups and ordinary IATUL Members. The President indicated that the plans for the future are that IATUL should have a strong presence on social media platforms in a more structured way.

6.7 English language Coaching and Editing Programme
The President encouraged members to use the service as it is open to all.

6.8 International Study programme
The first call for applications for the International Study Programme will go out soon after the conference. The scheme is designed to assist member libraries to exchange/facilitate study visits.

6.9 Constitution, Rules for the IATUL Board of Directors
The President presented the Board recommendations that the IATUL mission be extended to include the broad academic university library community. This means transforming the Association from a science and technology focus to general academic libraries' focus. The IATUL acronym will be kept and the new name will be International Association of University Libraries. A draft constitution circulated to members was

presented and confirmed by the General Assembly. Rules for the IATUL Board of Directors which will be developed based on the new constitution.

6.10 Special Interest Groups
The President reported that of the two Special Interest Groups only the Information Literacy one was active. He suggested that the group on Library Organization and Quality Management be discontinued or that its purpose be redefined. The President further suggested that new interest groups could be set up focusing on:
- Library Buildings / Refurbishment / Architecture
- Leadership / Management
- Public Relations / Marketing
- Library Education and Training / Human Resources Development
- eResearch / Data management
- Automation and User Services
- Bibliometrics / Scientometrics / Data Mining

A call for expressions of interest will go out soon.

6.11 Regional groups
The core of a Regional Group for South East Asia met for a kick-off in Krabi, Thailand, in February 2014. The colleagues from Thailand and Malaysia will set up an agenda to be presented to the IATUL Board of Directors

6.12 Collaboration with other Associations
An envisaged cooperation with UNESCO is being abandoned at the recommendation of the Board as there is not enough response from the other party. The association is however continuing to build strong relationships with other associations and in 2015 there is a planned joint workshop with ICSTI. The details will be announced.

6.13 IATUL history project
Paul Sheehan, the former Secretary to the IATUL Board and former Director of University Library at Dublin City University has been tasked by the Board to compile the IATUL history. He is actively pursuing the projects and has sent out questionnaires and holding interviews with ex ordinary and Board members.

6.14 Digitization of IATUL archives
The project involves digitizing the Board meeting minutes, correspondence, printed proceedings, and project reports and to date a third of the archival material has been digitized.

7. Vote of thanks
The President thanked all present for attending the 35th Conference being held in Espoo, Helsinki. He thanked the Local Organizing Committee led by Irma Pasanen for doing an excellent job and being able to draw so many participants to the conference. He also thanked Board and several Sponsors for providing assistance towards the organization of the conference.

8. Conclusion of the General Assembly
The next General assembly will be held in Hannover, Germany at a venue and time to be announced.