

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES (IATUL)

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2013

15.40 -16.40 5 April 16 2013

Cape Town, South Africa

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 at Nanyang Technological University on Tuesday 5 June 2012 were presented for adoption as a true record of the proceedings.

4. President's Report

The President Dr. Reiner Kallenborn presented his report. He noted that the current membership stood at 213 in the following categories:

- Band 1 159
- Band 2 41
- Honorary 11
- Sustaining 2

IATUL is also working to develop ways to reach a wider audience. There are efforts underway to develop a cooperation agreement with UNESCO.

The President presented the IATUL's Strategy and mission as:

Aim 1 - Value to members

IATUL demonstrates value to its members by actively engaging with their needs. It sees its small size as an advantage for providing high engagement and commitment.

Aim 2 - Communication and advocacy

IATUL supports developing countries through portfolio responsibilities and travel grants.

Aim 3 - Project development

To complement the annual conference establish a task force to facilitate and fund projects that advance IATUL's statement of purpose.

Aim 4 - Collaboration

IATUL collaborates with other international library associations

On IATUL's communication activities he noted that:

The IATUL Website has been extended to accommodate the work of the special interest groups. He also thanked Ms. Gillian Barthorpe who continues to manage of the website; regarding membership information she is assisted by Ms. Regina Schmidbauer of the IATUL office.

On IATUL's recent events the President noted the following:

- He thanked Mr. Fatt Cheong Choy and his team for organising the highly successful 33rd Annual Conference in Singapore. 200 participants attended presentations and discussions on "Library Strategies for New Generation Users", including Twitter and Facebook activities. The financial result was outstanding.
- The President also thanked Mrs Srichan Chancheewa and her group for organising the 2012 Autumn Seminar, which addressed library directors in the region, comprising the whole of South East Asia. The topic of innovation management attracted about seventy senior librarians from Thailand, Myanmar, Laos, Vietnam, Cambodia, Malaysia and members of the board, of course. There were papers and a lively group work session supplying many suggestions, which will have to be reviewed and followed up, where appropriate
- It was noted in his report that The 35th Annual Conference will be held in Helsinki, Finland, the organisation of the event is managed by the IATUL treasurer Irma Pasanen and her team at Aalto University. The 36th Annual Conference will be held at the Germany National Library of Science and Technology/University Library Hannover. The library director Uwe Rosemann will be responsible for the event.
- The next autumn seminar, in conjunction with the next board meeting, will take place at Bodleian Library in Oxford, UK, organised by board member Alena Ptak-Danchak.

On administrative matters; The President noted that the Board had proposed the following changes to the constitution:

- **Article 4. Membership**

The Board of Directors of IATUL (vide infra, para. 6) shall be empowered to admit individuals or institutions to the following categories of membership, as appropriate:

(a) Ordinary Membership

Available to university libraries/information services of institutions which offer masters or doctoral degrees in engineering, science or technology.

(b) Associate Membership

Available, subject to confirmation by the Board, to libraries/information services interested in supporting the aims and objectives of IATUL.

Proposed changes:

Categories (a) and (b) shall pay the regular annual dues of the Association and only Category (a) members shall have the right to vote on all questions remitted to the membership ad hoc or by the present Constitution or by rules drafted by the Board in extension or interpretation of these Articles and approved by the membership.

The GA approved the proposed amendments to the constitution.

5. Financial report

The Treasurer Mrs Irma Pasanen presented the financial report. The report reflects a total of € 23, 508 earned as income for 2013. The assets as of April 2013 stood at € 130, 085.

The current liabilities stand at €57, 988 with an actual realisation of €36, 396 IP reported that travel expenses have gone up slightly and that membership fees were still the main source of income for the association. Other sources include the profits generated by previous conferences. The last conference in Warsaw generated no income. The Board noted that the membership fees were still very low and the scales could be compared to IFLA.

The Treasurer noted that support was also provided for the running of the Bangkok workshop in November 2012.

It was reported that UNESCO coupons could now be used as method of payment for membership. The Treasurer reported that The Board was considering budgetary provision for the following projects in the 2014 budget:

- Leadership academy
- Staff exchange
- Language coaching
- Regional boards' events
- IATUL initiated MLIS thesis

The Treasurer presented the 2014 budget, with projected expenses of €82, 010.

6. Board membership

The GA approved the appointment of the following Board members:

- Imogen Garner, Curtin University, as Vice-President (she has been an ordinary member)
- Gwen Ebbett from Windsor University in Canada will replace Louis Houle who steps down in 2012.

The President thanked the two Board members; Mr. Marek Gorski Cracow University, Poland, and Mr. Louis Houle, McGill University, Canada who will be stepping down for their contributions to IATUL during their terms.

The President pointed out that all IATUL members can put their names forward for board membership.

7. IATUL developments

The Presidents reported that a new coordinator for special interest group for library organisation and quality management: Deborah Becker, Cape Peninsula University of Technology, Cape Town was appointed. And that the new special interest group for information literacy will be coordinated by Caroline Leiss, Munich University of Technology. The responsibilities of the coordinators will be:

- Set up of agenda, running website and blog, considering meeting/workshop
- Get in touch, attend their sessions at this conference

Other developments that the president was/will be involved in include:

- Meeting with UNESCO representatives in Paris discussing domains of potential collaboration
- Attending the 2013 annual ICSTI meeting in Hannover, Germany

- Transfer of the IATUL archive from Dublin to Munich completed, digitisation in progress
- IATUL global membership development: preparation of initiatives in China and South America

8. Future conferences

Planning is already advanced for the 2014 conference, which will be hosted by Aalto University in Finland.

2015 Conference will be held in Hanover, Germany, and will be hosted by the TIB.

9. Vote of thanks

All present joined the President in a vote of thanks to Cape Peninsula University of Technology, and particularly to Dr. Elisha Chiware and his colleagues for their work in organising an extremely successful conference.

10. Conclusion

The General Assembly was concluded and will be reconvened in Helsinki, Finland during the Annual Conference, on Tuesday 3 June 2014.