



General Assembly Minutes

7 July 2015

13.30 – 15.00

**Hannover Congress Centre
Niedersachsenhalle Auditorium**

1. Opening of the General Assembly

The President, Dr Reiner Kallenborn welcomed all members and representatives present to the 2015 General Assembly.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda of the General Assembly was approved without any additions.

3. Minutes of the General Assembly Meeting Tuesday 3 June 2014 at Aalto University Espoo, Finland

The Minutes of the General Assembly held on 3rd June, 2014 at Aalto University Espoo, Finland were approved as a true record of the proceedings.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

No arising matters were tabled.

5. Membership report

The President presented the membership report and noted that there was a marginal increase in membership and that 10 new universities had joined to put the membership number at 230 in 2015. It was also noted that during the reporting period 6 members had cancelled their membership and that 65 members had not yet paid their dues and reminders will be sent in August 2015.

6. Treasury report

The President in his capacity as acting Treasurer presented the Treasury Report. The current membership fees contributions and assets stand at €132.000 euro.



The management of the assets continue to be handled by the financial management company MLP.

It was also reported that the overall value of the assets had dropped from €148 000 a year ago and even though there were more members; the fees collected have dropped as there were still many outstanding fees from standing members. It was noted that the Dynamic portfolio yields more than Government bonds but in volatile times this type of investment is more vulnerable than Government Bonds, which are more stable. However, in the reporting period both have dropped due to global economic conditions.

Each year IATUL is urged by financial advisor J. von Ranke to spend money to guard against losing its non-profit status

7. President's Report

The President reported on several issues for the year July 2014 to May 2015.

a. IATUL Board of Directors

On the recommendation of the Board, the General Assembly approved the following Board positions:

- Dr Reiner Kallenborn – President for a second term until end of 2018
- Dr Sharon Bostick – Treasurer for a first term until end of 2018
- Ms JoAnne Sparks – Board Member
- Dr Shirley Wong – Board Member
- Mr Pierre Chourreu – Board member

The other Board members remain in their positions

- Dr Elisha Chiware – Secretary – until end of 2017
- Ms Gwen Ebbett – Vice-President – until end of 2018
- Ms Alena Ptak-Danchak – Board member until end of 2018

Resignations from the Board

The President informed the General Assembly that the following members had stepped down from the Board:

- Ms. Irma Pasanen – resigned from the Board and her position as the Treasurer
- Mr Fatt Cheong Choy – resigned from the Board

b. Administrative Matters



The President reported that the Chancellor of Technical University Munich (TUM) has approved the housing of the IATUL Office at TUM and that 5 TUM Library staff members are now seconded to do IATUL work for 5 hours each per week. A budget of €40 000 has been reserved for running costs for the office.

The IATUL Office will support the Board with administration, marketing/promotion, finance, Website management activities and further development of services.

c. Communication and Website Report

It was reported that the IATUL Website was migrated to a new platform at the beginning of March, 2015.

The website will be redesigned to enable better communication with members. A special working group to restructure website and social media activities will consist of several Board members as well as IATUL Office staff.

d. Activities and Initiatives

IATUL Strategic Plan

The President reported on the Board's work to realign the strategic plan with the new focus of the association to become the voice of university libraries worldwide. He noted that the new strategic plan will be finalised at the Nov 2015 Board meeting in Prague and then made available to members through the new website.

Conferences and Seminars

The 2015 IATUL Seminar under the theme: 'Information Literacy and beyond for E-Research Support' will be held from 23 - 24 November 2015 in Prague, Czech Republic. The workshop is organized by the IATUL Special Interest Group for Information Literacy and the Czech Technical University of Prague - Central Library

It was reported that the 2016 IATUL Annual Conference will be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada and will be hosted by Dalhousie University Library.

The theme of the Conference will be: **Library Leadership in a Sea of Change**



The President reported that the Board has agreed to co-host the following seminars:

- Paññāsāstra University of Cambodia Library, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, in 2016
- Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar, India, in February 2016
- IATUL Seminar on Almetrics at NTU, Singapore in 2016
- eResearch workshop in Australia to cover skills for librarians in 2016

Initiatives

The President reported that the Board has approved the following initiatives as part of growing the association:

- **IATUL One World Forum:** A new initiative to be called IATUL One World Forum that could see library directors from developed and developing countries coming together to share ideas. This could e.g. be part of an IATUL seminar to be held in Gandhinagar, India, Feb 2016, where both the President (RK) and Vice President (GE) will participate.
- **Special Interest Groups (SIGs):** expansion of SIGs to include the following:
 - Library Building / Refurbishment / Architecture
 - Leadership / Management
 - Public Relations / Marketing
 - Library Education and Training / Human Resources Development
 - e-Research / Data Management
 - Automation and User Services
- **Editing services:** to continue with editing services and broaden the scope to include both librarians and faculty, starting with service announcements in China, South America and South East Asia.

8. Matters arising not elsewhere on the Agenda

Vote of thanks

The President thanked all present for attending the on-going 36th IATUL in Hannover, Germany. He also thanked the Local Organizing Committee led by Dr. Uwe Rosemann for an excellent job and being able to draw so many participants to the conference. He also thanked the Board members for their engagement and encouragement for IATUL throughout the year and several sponsors for providing financial support towards the organization of the conference.

9. 60 years of IATUL – a review



Ms Gwendolyn Ebbett, the Vice-President presented a summary on the draft IATUL history project done by Mr Paul Sheehan – a former Board Member and Secretary of IATUL.

She noted the beginnings of the Association and the progress that has been made since its inception 60 years ago. An executive summary presentation of the history will be circulated during the 2016 IATUL Annual Conference in Halifax, Canada.

10. Closure

The next General Assembly will be held in Nova Scotia, Halifax, Canada at a venue and time to be announced.