

IATUL BOARD MEETING
Sunday 31 May 2009, 10am
Arenberg Campus Library, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

PRESENT

Maria Heijne (MH) **Chair**
Ainslie Dewe (AD)
Arja-Riitta Haarala (A-RH)
Louis Houle (LH)
Reiner Kallenborn (RK) (**Treasurer**)
James Mullins (JM)
Paul Sheehan (PS) **Secretary**
Gillian Barthorpe (for website report)
Ludo Holans (for conference report)

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Marek Gorski (MG)
Sohair Wastawy (SW)

2. Minutes

The minutes of the London board meeting were confirmed as accurate.

3. Matters arising/Actions

There were no matters arising which were not on the agenda, and all actions were completed or were noted on the agenda.

4. Website report

Gillian Barthorpe joined the meeting to speak to the tabled website report. It noted that web management costs from November 2008 to April 2009 were €786. In the discussion that followed the following points were made.

It would be helpful if members would promote IATUL News Alerts subscriptions among our own staff.

It was agreed that blog type material could be channelled through the News Alert and that iatul-1 could be used for individual contributions.

The question of IATUL proceedings being put on the DOAJ site was raised. Before this was done each proceeding should have a formal title and an ISSN assigned.

Action A-RH to investigate

5. Report on 2009 conference

LH reported on the 2009 conference. There will be over 140 delegates, including day delegates. It is expected that there will be a small financial surplus. Sponsorship proved difficult to obtain from some suppliers, including big publishers, this year.

MH thanked LH and his team for their very thorough preparations for the conference.

6. President's Report and General Assembly 2009

MH's report was circulated. It noted that there were 231 members from 45 countries, but that IATUL would like to recruit more members from outside Europe.

The programme for the present conference promised stimulating and varied presentations. The autumn seminar in London had been a success. There had been good progress in special interest groups and in twinning initiatives.

7. Financial report

In future financial statements will be discussed by the Board before being distributed at the GA. Outcome 2008

The membership fees received were less than budgeted because some memberships were cancelled and membership growth was not as great as anticipated.

There was a small loss on investments (now entirely in bonds) but this was much less than would have occurred if we had stayed invested in share funds.

8. Opinion Survey

LH analyzed reasons for dissatisfaction expressed in the opinion survey. Overall the level of dissatisfaction was small and no one reason stood out.

The survey results and analysis are to be placed on the web site.

Action: LH to contact GB

9. IATUL Development and promotion

The approach to Reynolds regarding development ideas has not worked. The option to engage another company should be pursued. Development ideas include

Place adverts in library journals – expensive

Place videotape sessions on the web

Action: Engage another company for IATUL development ideas

10. Membership

PS tabled a membership report.

Membership, at 231 reflected a clearance of members whose subscriptions had lapsed. There were 19 deleted memberships and 12 new memberships during the year. The number of members in certain areas e.g. the UK and the US needs to be addressed. Next year's conference in Purdue should increase American membership.

11. Board membership

Board membership for a representative of the University of Cadiz will be dependent upon the 2011 conference being held in Cadiz. This will be decided at the next Board meeting

A-RH will step down at the end of 2009.

MH expressed a wish to step down from the Presidency. RK and PS are due to step down at the end of 2010.

12. Projects

a. Cross country co-operation projects

MG to report at next meeting

b. Twinning initiative

TUM has signed twinning agreements with DCU, Nanyang (Singapore) and Bangkok universities.

Actions:

All

c. Special Interest groups

A session at the present conference will report on progress

d. Expert database

Filemaker to be used to set up database and TUM will be paid for this.

Action: RK

13. Portfolio reports

- A-RH Europe (General) /Scandinavia

Will meet Turkish librarians in Ankara

- AD Asia Pacific

Will contact Asian members re Hong Kong Autumn Seminar

- LH Canada.

Promoted IATUL at Paris meeting

- RK Germany

Produced article on IATUL and had it translated for publication in library journals. Will represent IATUL at IFLA

- JM USA

IATUL will be promoted through the 2010 conference

- PS Ireland/UK/France

Organised 2008 Autumn Conference in London

14. 2010 conference

JM outlined the programme. The Study Tour day will be on the Thursday rather than the Wednesday for logistical reasons. Hotel prices will be in the region of \$90 per room per day.

15. 2011, 2012 conference

If the 2011 conference is not to be held in Cadiz then the 2010 autumn seminar could be held there. Item to be discussed again at the next Board meeting.

Action: MH to contact Cadiz before next Board meeting re 2012 conference

16. Poster prize

AD and LH will judge the Poster prize

17. Any other business

The association's name change to The International Association of Scientific and Technological University Libraries (IATUL) will be proposed to the GA on Tuesday 2 June.

The next Board meeting will take place on Tuesday 2 June between 12.15 and 13.45 in a location to be decided.