

IATUL BOARD MEETING
Saturday 22 November 2008, 10am
Wellcome Institute, London

PRESENT

Maria Heijne (MH) **Chair**
Arja-Riitta Haarala (A-RH)
Marek Gorski (MG)
Reiner Kallenborn (RK) (**Treasurer**)
Paul Sheehan (PS) **Secretary**
Sohair Wastawy (SW)

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Ainslie Dewe, Louis Houle, James Mullins

2. Minutes

The minutes of the Auckland board meetings were confirmed as accurate.

3. Matters arising/Actions

Opinion Survey to be followed up
Open Access action arising from survey to be followed up
IATUL brochures. It was agreed that these were useful and Board members could distribute them as appropriate.
IATUL Secretariat was discussed. It is not yet the time to have one, or a shared facility.

Actions

LH to put summary of Opinion Survey on Web site
MH TUD will offer translated OA advice documents
A-RH to investigate IATUL joining LUND OA site and to ask Gillian to link to that site.

4. GA Minutes

The Board will report back to the 2009 GA on the Opinion Survey

5. London Seminar

This was found to have been useful. There was a good attendance, with representatives from many of the main UK research libraries, and the papers were interesting.

Actions

The presentations and a list of attendees will be put up on IATUL web site (PS)

6. Conferences

6.1. Auckland outcomes

The evaluations received were overwhelmingly positive, and indicated that delegates found the conference informative, interesting and enjoyable. A-RH will pass on evaluation points to Leuven

6.2. 2009 Conference report

Ludo Holan's report was tabled. Conference organisation is proceeding well. It was suggested that a high-level EU speaker be sought to talk on policy matters. A-RH to advise Leuven

MH to choose hotel for Board

6.3. Forthcoming conferences

2010 JM's report tabled. Suggestion of final day being study tour day, in Chicago, agreed
2011 Offers had been received from Cadiz and Warsaw. As Cadiz was first it would be approached. Warsaw would be informed

2012 Singapore or Malaysia to be considered

Tony Evans travel grant

UK institutions to be advised of availability of grant (PS)

6.4. 2009 Autumn seminar and Board meeting

An Asian location would be preferred for raising awareness of IATUL. The Hanoi conference would not be an option since it takes place in April. Mr Choy to be approached re. seminar in Hong Kong in early November. Barcelona to be location for 2010 autumn meeting.

6.5. Travel Grant Programme Report

One travel grant awarded for Iranian delegate for Auckland

Actions:

AR-H to liaise with Leuven re evaluation form and EU speaker

PS to promote TE Travel Grant in UK

MH to contact Cadiz re. 2011

PS to write to Warsaw

MH to identify Board hotel for Leuven

RK to approach Mr Choy re 2009 autumn meeting in Hong Kong

7. Financial report

Investment funds were moved from Robeco to MLP, a German bond fund, in early 2008. This reduced exposure to the world market downturn, and although a reduction in value occurred it was much less than would have been the case in the former investment.

Eleven institutions have not paid their subscriptions since and including 2006. In accordance with procedure the Secretary will write to them requesting payment. If outstanding subscriptions are not paid, membership will be deleted.

8. Membership

PS tabled a membership report.

Membership, at 237, had remained stable during the year to date. There were four new members, two of them from France, and six resignations. The number of resignations by US and UK institutions is a concern. PS has taken actions to address the UK issues (including the recruitment of a UK Board member) and the 2010 conference in the US should boost membership there.

9. Website report

The website report was tabled. The analysis of hits was very useful and demonstrated that while the site is well used in some countries it is relatively neglected in others. More content is required, perhaps with additional buttons. All board members should contribute content. The site also needs to be promoted more actively.

Actions:

All Board members

10. Publicity

The publicity campaign should be formed around priority projects arising from the Opinion Survey.

An approach to be made to a professional advice on how to promote IATUL. The web hosting company to be approached first.

The proposed IATUL name was to be made in GA of 2009 as part of publicity campaign.

Actions:

MH to contact GB

11. Board Membership

A Swedish colleague to be approached to join Board from 2010.

Mr Choy to be nominated for Board membership from 2010 at 2009 GA

A UK member to be sought for Board.

Actions:

A-RH to approach TH to become Board member

PS to produce list of remaining terms of existing Board members, according to Constitution

PS to seek nomination of UK member

12. Portfolio reports

- **MG. South America and Spain**
- A-RH Europe (General) /Scandinavia

Promoted IATUL to Russian institutions and written to Greek colleagues

- AD Asia Pacific
- MB India/ N Asia/
- Mr Choy would take over this area from 2010
- LH Canada.
- MH Netherlands/China

A campaign will be started to coincide with the Leuven conference

- SW Middle East

Translated IATUL documentation into Arabic for the IFLA Arabic sub group

- RK Germany

Produced and distribute promotional leaflets. Also promoted IATUL to one of the two biggest universities in Bangkok

- JM USA

Organising 2010 conference

- PS Ireland/UK/France

French membership increasing and should continue to do so after Leuven. Concentrating on UK – essential Board has UK member.

Projects

a. Cross country co-operation projects

MG reported on a developing project between the technological universities of Cracow, Dortmund and Lodz. Cost to IATUL €2K of total project cost of €6k. Project to proceed.

Actions:

MG to report progress

b. Twinning initiative

Board members to initiate twinning projects.

TUM and DCU have signed formal agreement. This will be placed on the IATUL site.
TUD has agreements with Spanish and other partners.

A_RH investigating agreement with St Petersburg

Actions:

All to initiate agreements

c. Special Interest groups

Despite RK's efforts response has been weak. SIG meetings to take place at annual conferences. Suggestions from annual conference to be followed up. SIG will be a topic at the Leuven conference.

Action:

RK to report

d. Expert database

Desktop database such as MS Access to be used. TUM expert database to be investigated.

Action:

PS to proceed

Next meeting: Sunday 31 May, Leuven