

General Assembly Minutes

Tuesday 20 June 2017

2:00 - 3:30 pm

Free University of Bozen-Bolzano, Main building, Room D102

Bozen, Italy

1. Opening of the General Assembly

The President Dr. Reiner Kallenborn welcomed all members present to the 2017 General Assembly meeting being held at the Free University of Bolzano, Italy.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda for the General Assembly which was circulated to members was approved without any changes.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the General Assembly Meeting held on Tuesday 7 June 2016, Halifax Nova Scotia, Canada

The Minutes of the General Assembly held on 7 June, 2016 in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada were approved as a true record and without any corrections.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous General Assembly.



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5. Membership Report

The President reported that there was a marginal growth in the association's membership and that the total number of members currently stands at 239 from 231 in December, 2016 and 230 in December, 2015. It was reported that the Board is busy with various activities to attract more membership. Some of the newest members include the following:

- Universität Konstanz, Germany
- Paññāsāstra University of Cambodia, Cambodia
- Université de Segou, Mali
- Tehran University Medical of Sciences, Iran
- Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University, South Africa
- Gdansk University of Technology, Poland
- Busitema University Library, Uganda
- Library of Royal University of Law and Economics, Cambodia
- Universität- und Landesbibliothek Tirol, Austria

This growth shows a diversity from the previous focus on technological university libraries showing the fruits of IATUL's new mission to be a global university libraries association.

One member was reported to have cancelled membership.

6. Treasury Report

The president reported on the financial standing of the association.

An audited Financial Report from the appointed Auditors – Loffler & Partner - for the period of January 1st until December 31st 2016 was presented. The report noted no irregularities or objections.

The President reported on the IATUL Fundraising Initiative which is aimed at achieving the following:

- Financial sustainability of the Association
- Extension of added value of IATUL services to its members
- Increasing IATUL's visibility in the world of university libraries

In order to achieve this objective, the President outlined the measures that the Board had approved and these include:

- Financial Contribution to IATUL through
 - Global projects
 - Participation fees to any IATUL event
 - Review and reassessment of IATUL membership fee structures

It was also noted that the Conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia has brought a significant contribution to the Association.

7. Board Matters

The Current Board membership stands as follows:

- Sharon Bostick (Treasurer, Chicago, USA)
- Shirley Wong (Hong Kong, China, Term ends September 2017)
- Anne Horn (Sheffield, United Kingdom)
- Howard Amos (Dunedin, New Zealand)
- Elisha Chiware (Secretary, Cape Town, South Africa, Term ends December 2018)
- Gwendolyn Ebbett (Vice President, Windsor, Canada , Term ends December 2018)
- Reiner Kallenborn (President, Munich, Germany , Term ends December 2018)

Incoming Board member

- Jill Benn (Perth, Australia)

Treasury Position

The GA endorsed the Board decision to appoint Board member Howard Amos as the new Treasurer of the Association with immediate effect.

8. Administration (IATUL Office)

The President reported that the current IATUL Office working areas include the following personnel based at TUM in Germany:

- Administration and Finance (Annette Kiefer, Christine Friebolin)
- Communication (Annette Kiefer, Marita Mueller)
- Event management and development (Annette Kiefer, Pia Ludwig)

The IATUL Office resources funded by the association include the above personnel working 4x3 hours per week. The President however noted that further assistance was required as the current allocated working hours are not enough.

9. Communication

It was reported that a new IATUL Website has been developed by the IATUL Office and that it was being officially launched during the 2017 Conference. A word of appreciation was noted from the Board on the work that the IATUL Office had done to revamp the old Website

10. Activities and Initiatives

The President reported on various past and upcoming events and these include the following:

- 2017 IATUL Annual Conference in Bolzano, Italy was being held under the theme: “Embedding Libraries: Service and Development in Context’
- Focus workshop on ‘Linking up – Cooperation Strategies in Academic Libraries’ was held in Bolzano, Italy and was attended by librarians from the region and IATUL Board members in October 2016.
- Library Directors’ Summit on Strategic Library Management in Emerging Countries’ – was held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia and was attended by librarians from the region, three IATUL Board members and three invited IATUL member librarians facilitated at the event held in March 2017
- 2018 IATUL Annual Conference in Oslo, Norway will be hosted by the Oslo and Akershus University of Applied Sciences under the theme: “Mountains to climb – from multifunctional spaces to Open Sciences” and the conference will be held 17-21 June 2018
- Library Directors’ Summit in Windhoek, Namibia on ‘The Impact of Emerging Technologies on Library Services in Developing Countries” and to be attended by library directors from countries in the region as well as all Board members. The event will be held 7-9 November, 2017
- The IATUL Seminar 2018 will be held in Munich, Germany from 2 to 6 December, 2018 and will focus on Information Literacy in the workplace.



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- The IATUL Annual Conference 2019 will be held in Perth, Australia.

The other standing programmes and activities include the following:

- **English Editing Programme** – which is operational and continues to provide editing services to member libraries
- **The International Study Programme** – it was noted that Alyssa Sputore from the University of Western Australia in Perth visited the Technical University of Munich Library in 2016.
- In 2017 there were no applicants for the International Study programme
- The President also reported that a call for the International Study Programme 2018 will be placed on the Website.
- **SIGs Special Interest Groups**
It was reported that the following SIGs have been proposed and a call for Chairs and membership will be sent out after the Conference
 - ALICE – Advancement of Librarianship in Emerging Countries
 - Metrics
 - eResearch

Travel grants 2017

Conference Travel Grant Programme recipients for 2017 are:

- Ms Sharon Maria Esposito-Betan, University of the Philippines Diliman, Philippines
- Ms Moitheki Patience Ntuli, Vaal University of Technology, South Africa
- Dr Sylvia Ogola, United States International University, Kenya
- Mrs Jennifer Congyan Zhao, McGill University, Canada

11. Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda

There were no other matters reported on.

12. Closure

The meeting ended at 3.15pm.

The next General Assembly will be held in Oslo, Norway at the Oslo and Akershus University of Applied Sciences on 19 June, 2018.