

International Documents Task Force

DRAFT MINUTES – ALA MIDWINTER 2013

W Seattle Hotel, Studio 7 & 8

Sunday, January 27, 8:30 – 9:45 am

Coordinator: Julia Proctor

Coordinator-Elect: Amanda Wakaruk, University of Alberta

Secretary: Ava Iuliano, Florida International University

Attendees (Please refer to sign-in sheet)

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 am and the both the agenda and the 2012 Annual Minutes were approved.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Cataloging:** The Cataloging committee is planning on moving the catalog tool kits, one of which is devoted to international documents, off the University of Delaware servers. One possible outcome might be to migrate them onto the GODORT Wiki and the committee is currently in contact with the webmaster for more information. Please contact Chelsea Dinsmore at the University of Florida if you are interesting in assisting with the migration.

**Legislation:** The Legislation committee is currently discussing the state of affairs regarding the GPO and as a result, there is little that impacts international documents at this point.

**Publications:** The Publications committee voted to remain a standing committee and to augment meetings with conference calls as well as to change the name to include 'Endangered' documents, which would include information that is born digital.

**IFLA:** A representative has been put forward and recommendations have gone to the Executive Board. There remains a concern about continual representation in IFLA as well as membership on IFLA committees. Unfortunately, if IFLA committees sink below a certain number of members, they are disbanded. There was discussion about GODORT possibly contributing funds for travel in order to make filling the IFLA Representative slot more easily. The major hurdle in continued representation is finding individuals who have the support of their institutions to travel to IFLA conferences.

Reports from vendors: (PDFs of full vendor reports will be included shortly)

OECD: OECD continues to have a student program that focuses on peer-to-peer outreach for OECD resources. The program is successful at increasing the use of OECD products in the sponsor institutions. For more information, please contact Kathleen Deboer of the OECD. The OECD has recently released TiVA: 'Trade in Value Added' database. Please see the [website](#) for more information.

Bernan: There is a 25% 'at conference' discount for the Statistical Abstract. Bernan is also soliciting feedback regarding what should be kept in print. Discussion ensued regarding the capabilities of vendors such as ProQuest to archive databases since information has been disappearing faster than University libraries have been able to archive them. USA.gov is working on a protocol for archiving websites.

World Bank: World Bank will be soliciting feedback as they work towards redesigning the library.

While the UN was unable to make the meeting, they are available at booth 1204. On a related note, please contact Stephanie Braunstein at Louisiana State University to receive lists of older UN documents being discarded.

Old Business:

- A. Discussion on the International Government Information Competencies was halted due to the Wiki being down. There was discussion of possibly creating supplemental guides at the 2011 Midwinter meeting. Chelsea Dinsmore and Angel Batiste expressed interest in creating supplemental guides. It was also suggested that the guides could be a project for a GODORT-sponsored Emerging Leader.
- B. Regarding the changes to the GODORT bylaw changes, IDTF will be impacted in the following ways:
  - a. The IDTF secretary would no longer be an elected position. Instead, a meeting attendee would be asked to take minutes.
  - b. Taskforces are not required to meet during Midwinter.

On a related note, Steering now has the power to create and disband committees, taskforces, and discussion groups. For more information, please visit the Wiki. There was discussion regarding the representative to IRC as well as to the Western European Specialists Section. Since the Western European Specialists Section approached IDTF for a representative, there is a question as to whether or not the representative should remain. Angel Batiste expressed interest in serving as a liaison to IRC.

Report on the Preconference (Amanda Wakaruk): The Preconference on International Statistics will take place at the ALA Annual, on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Registration is open and there is space for 45 attendees. OECD is sponsoring the program and there are currently 4 confirmed speakers. It was suggested that IDTF work with the Education committee to possibly offer a webinar or series of webinars on the same topic in anticipation of the high demand for the preconference.

New Business

Announcements:

Please contact Rebecca Hyde immediately if you are interested in running for Coordinator-elect of IDTF, as it is the only position that remains open on the ballot to be approved at Steering.

A group focused on government information for children is being formed by Steering. It was suggested the IDTF piggyback on the initiative and collect together information on international resources for children.

There was also much discussion on the state of Canadian documents. Starting in April 2014, all print will cease to be distributed to depository libraries. In addition, online Canadian governmental information is in the process of being drastically reduced. It was suggested that in the light of these changes, a resolution be brought before the ALA Council regarding the access of information to Canadian governmental information.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Ava Iuliano

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