

IDTF Midwinter 2009 Minutes

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International Documents Task Force (IDTF), GODORT

Midwinter Meeting - Denver, Colorado

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Colorado Convention Center - Korbel Ballroom 4B

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Attendees: Mary Gay Anderson, Mary A. Axford, Hui Hua Chua, James Church, Kathleen DeBoer (OECD), Chelsea Dinsmore, Bob Dowd, Jackie Druery, Patricia Finney, Jennie Gerke, Gordon Grahame (Renouf), David Griffiths, James Jacobs, Linda B. Johnson, Shari Laster, Julie Linden, Amalia Monroe, Tom Moritz, David Oldenkamp, Bruce Samuelson (Bernan), Helen Sheehy, Annelise Sklar, Lynne Stuart, Tom Twiss, Marilyn Von Seggern, Malika Khek Vannier (World Bank), Stephen Want (LexisNexis), Susan White.

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I. Welcome and Introductions.

David Oldenkamp, Coordinator-Elect, presided in the absence of Coordinator Brett Cloyd. Susan White, Secretary, recorded the Minutes. David called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. and welcomed those present.

II. Agenda.

The agenda was approved as presented.

III. Minutes from 2008 ALA Annual Meeting, Anaheim, CA.

Minutes were approved as presented. For the text, see:

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IV. Reports from Committee Liaisons.

- Cataloging – No report.
- Education - Tom Twiss reported that the Education Committee will meet tomorrow, Sunday, January 25.. Points on the agenda that may be relevant for the IDTF include a discussion session devoted to library school curricula on government information, and-under old business-a discussion of survey results on competencies for government information specialists.
- GITCO - Shari Laster reported several possible new projects
- Legislation – No report.
- Program – No report.
- Publications – No report.
- Rare & Endangered Gov't Publications – Meeting minutes were available.
- IFLA – Jackie Druery, Liaison, reported on activities of the Government Information and Official Publications Section, (GIOPS.) . The IFLA Conference this year will be held in Milan from 23 to 27 August. The theme for the GIOPS program at that conference will be “Government Information as cultural Heritage.” The call for papers is still open, and has been extended to February 8. There is a strong emphasis in GIOPS at the present time on membership. There are at present 108 members. However, there are entire areas of the world, such as the Middle East, where GIOPS doesn't have members on the Steering committee. The Steering Committee of GIOPS has 20 spaces, and at present there are 8 vacancies.
- Agency Liaison Program - Susan White distributed copies of the Agency Liaison Report for Midwinter. There are several agencies needing liaisons at the present time, and she will put out a call for those.

V. NGO Interest by IDTF. (Prelude to GODORT Update program.)

Jim Church reported on the broad interest in NGOs which is increasing among Documents librarians, and suggested that this is based on a burgeoning interest by students and scholars. He referred to “today’s increasingly integrated and globalized world.” Jim suggested that it could be worthwhile to have some sort of formal / stated recognition by our institutions for NGO responsibilities in our jobs as international documents librarians. He also noted that publications of NGOs are not often found in standard distributions. Could the Internet Archives project give some space to international documents? The importance of archiving pdf files was also noted. Berkeley’s NGO page can be found at http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/doemoff/govinfo/intl/gov_ngo.html

VI. Digital Collection Development and Archiving On-line Only Publications.

Jim Jacobs reported that the Digital Collection Developing and Archiving project he has been working with at Stanford is continuing. At present, project is focusing at present on documents dealing with Global Warming, FOIA, and the Bay Area. Jim suggested that it would be worthwhile for documents librarians to send urls of Born Digital publications to be cataloged in our own institutions. One difficulty noted in preservation is the inherent instability of urls.

VII. IDTF Forum Ideas for ALA Annual 2009 Meeting.

At ALA Annual Meeting last summer, the IDTF meeting focused on discussion of issues, with as much business as possible to be taken up at MidWinter. In discussion, IDTF members expressed approval to continue this pattern for the coming year. Members are encouraged to send ideas to Brett Cloyd for a IDTF Forum at ALA Annual Meeting

in Chicago in July 2009 Those present also expressed a strong interest in being able to attend IDTF meetings virtually. Various technologies including Conference Calls and video conferencing were noted. Those attending could still register, but not have the added costs of transportation, hotels, and so on for being present in person.

VIII. Reports from Vendors/Agencies.

- Bernan - Bruce Samuelson reported that UN Book Days was held at U N Headquarters in New York this fall, and was very well attended. UN Publications staff was one of the hosts, as was Bernan. School, public, and academic library staffs were represented. The success of this event has led Bernan and others involved to plan for another UN Book Days for this year, perhaps in April/May, or in September/October. Bruce asked for input as to which time would be best, and several present noted that September/October is a very busy time on academic campuses, and so would not be best time for many academic librarians.
- CRL - Pat Finney distributed a written report, and highlighted human rights organization materials.
- Lexis/Nexis – Stephen Want was present to represent Lexis/Nexis.
- OECD - Kathleen DeBoer reported on the new OECD.Stat program. This is both a new browser and a “data warehouse” for OECD statistics. OECD Stat has evolved from the Beyond 20/20 Program formerly used. As to the rest of SourceOECD, Ingenta is working on a new version. Bibliographic data had to be redone to work in the new system. OECD has an extensive list of NGOs, and would be open to considering providing links to NGO publications through the OECD web site.
- Renouf - Gordon Grahame noted that there are an additional 15 titles which have been released by Renouf since the listing was provided for the Agency Liaison reports. Renouf’s Print-on-Demand program is strong, and Gordon encouraged those present to use it for whatever titles we need.

Those present expressed interest in having Renouf add more NGO materials. Could Renouf issue a CD-ROM of the publications from a particular NGO, or, a CD-ROM of publications from various NGOs on a particular theme, such as HIV/AIDs.

- United Nations Publications. No report.
- World Bank - Malika Khek Vannier focused on World Bank eLibrary and African Development Indicators, with more details available in the Agency Liaison Reports.

IX. Old Business

- IDTF Working Group - David Griffiths will follow up via email on outstanding issues.
- IDTF Web Site Issues - Annelise Sklar, IDTF Web Manager, reminded us that at 2008 Annual GODORT decided that we will not be updating the GODORT web site, but instead putting everything on the Wiki. IDTF members should email Annelise or Jim Jacobs if they would like to establish an account on the GODORT Wiki.

X. New Business.

- PreConference. Ideas for IDTF sponsored PreConferences or GODORT Programs. Some interest has been expressed on European Union.. World Bank has offered space during the ALA Annual 2010 Conference in Washington, DC and a proposal has been sent to the GODORT Program Committee. How could we support travel for trainers to come from the U.K.? Could we co-sponsor with other ALA units?
- Nominating Committee. Members are needed for the Nominating Committee itself.

XI. Adjournment of Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10 a.m., to meet again in July 2009 at ALA Annual Conference in Chicago.

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