

**IDTF Annual 2011 Draft Minutes**  
**International Documents Task Force (IDTF), GODORT**  
ALA Annual Conference – New Orleans, Louisiana  
Saturday, June 25, 2011, 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Westin Canal Place, Ballroom I

**Chair:** Chelsea Dinsmore, University of Florida (for Annelise Sklar, University of California, San Diego)

**Notetaker:** Amanda Wakaruk, University of Alberta

**In Attendance:**

Hui Hui Chua, Michigan State University  
Susan Bucks, Monmouth University  
Helen Sheehy, Penn State University  
Alexandra Simons, University of Houston  
Jenny Gerke, University of Colorado at Boulder  
Jim Church, University of California at Berkeley  
Yvonne Wilson, University of California, Irvine  
Catherine Morse, University of Michigan  
Sherry Mosley, University of Southern California  
Ava Ialiano, Florida International University  
Veronica Dou, Bernan  
Devika Levy, World Bank Publications  
Patricia Loo, International Monetary Fund

**I. Welcome and introductions**

Chelsea Dinsmore welcomed attendees and explained that she would be the chairing the meeting as Annelise Sklar was not able to attend the conference. As incoming IDTF Secretary, Amanda Wakaruk volunteered to take notes. Attendees introduced themselves.

**II. Approval of agenda**

The agenda was approved as is, see:

[http://wikis.ala.org/godort/index.php/IDTF\\_Annual\\_2011\\_Agenda](http://wikis.ala.org/godort/index.php/IDTF_Annual_2011_Agenda)

**III. Approval of minutes from mid-winter**

[http://wikis.ala.org/godort/images/9/9b/IDTF\\_Midwinter\\_2011\\_DRAFT\\_MINUTES.doc](http://wikis.ala.org/godort/images/9/9b/IDTF_Midwinter_2011_DRAFT_MINUTES.doc)

Please send any corrections to the mid-winter meeting minutes to Annelise Sklar before August 31, 2011 (deadline extended from original (July 31, 2011)).

#### **IV. Announcements**

Pat Finney was not able to attend the meeting as she was undergoing cancer treatment. A get well card was circulated.

A job posting, previously circulated by Susan White, for the position of Chief Librarian, United Nations ECLAC, Santiago was noted.

#### **V. Reports from committee liaisons**

- Cataloging - Chelsea Dinsmore (2012): nothing to report
- Education – Alex Simons (2012): Competencies document was completed and forwarded to Steering Committee; unsure of the next step in the process.
- Government Information Technology Committee (GITCO) – Chris Davison (2012): not present; the status of this committee is uncertain.
- Legislation: no one present
- Program - Brett Cloyd (2012): not present
- Publications - Susan Bucks (2011): nothing to report
- Rare and Endangered Government Publications: no one present
- IFLA - David Oldenkamp: no one present

A call was made for the following committee liaisons, 2012-2013:

- Publications (2012-2013)
- Legislation (2012-2013)
- Rare and Endangered Gov Pubs (2012-2013)

If you are interested in acting as a liaison, contact Chelsea Dinsmore.

It was noted that there are a number of open committee positions: check GODORT wiki for more information. [http://wikis.ala.org/godort/index.php/Main\\_Page](http://wikis.ala.org/godort/index.php/Main_Page)

#### **VI. Update from the subcommittee on international documents librarian competencies**

The subcommittee submitted the document *International Government Information Competencies for Beginning Government Information and General Reference Librarians* to the Education Committee, who have since sent it to Steering Committee.

Supplemental guides were planned for specific areas (similar to the acquisitions/collection development guide drafted by Jim Church) but have not yet been written. A call for volunteers to work on this project was made; please contact Chelsea Dinsmore or Annelise Sklar if you are interested. It was noted that this project might be able to tie into the international publishing project. Catherine Morse stated an interest in working on the extended competencies project.

## VII. Agency liaison reports:

The Agency Liaison Reports were circulated in paper, see

<http://wikis.ala.org/godort/images/1/12/AgLiaRep2011JuneReportFINAL.pdf>

Veronica Dou, Bernan, stated that many of their titles are now available in e-book format. In addition, Bernan now distributes academic and reference works that focus on China and India (i.e., from Enrich Professional Publishing, as noted in the report).

Devika Levy, World Bank Publications, described the new World Bank web site, related apps, eLibrary content, and eAtlas functionality (all detailed in the report). She also noted the World Bank's new Micro Data Library, which drew positive comments from the group. Devika asked for input on how to expand and improve this tool (e.g., data harmonization/standardization). In addition, improved MARC records for the eLibrary should be available before the end of the summer. And finally, the broadcast of the *World Bank Open the Vault Webinar*, held June 15, 2011, is available online. IDTF members who joined the Webinar stated their gratitude for this event.

Patti Lowe, IMF, talked about the re-launch of the IMF eLibrary / Data interface in March 2011. The site works with various apps and allows for full-text searching, the establishment of new accounts, table exports, internal chart linking, and incorporates a citation tool. More back material is being added and both counter reports and eLibrary MARC records will be made available next fall. Librarians who had already used the new IMF Data interface suggested that it could be improved by resetting default search parameters after each session (e.g., year and country settings). It was noted that the interface seems to be setup for individual users when, in fact, most academic users would be signing in through the library account. Patti agreed to take this feedback, as well as comments about the eLibrary being over-priced, back to the World Bank Publications unit. Current eLibrary and eBook pricing at IMF forces some libraries to rely on print equivalents; Patti confirmed the World Bank commitment to continue offering print publications. She also explained that *Staff Position Notes* are now called *Staff Discussion Notes*. And finally, Jim Church noted that the exchange rate data (by member country) published in *Annual Report on Exchange Arrangements and Exchange Restrictions* (AREAER), is now available as a subscription database (this data is not available from any other source).

An update on the United Nations situation was requested. Sherry Mosley stated that some libraries continue to receive incorrect materials. Contact with the UN Depository representative was encouraged. It was noted that plans for a fee-based UN eLibrary (i.e., UN publications) are underway but no timeline has been announced. It is expected that current UN Depository Libraries will receive a substantial discount on this service.

## VIII. Discussion topics / questions

### Collection Development

The impact of budget cuts in recent years has affected staffing and collection development, including the renewal of subscriptions to international government information products. Two “big ticket” items that are under particular threat at multiple libraries include the CIS ASI and Readex UN documents microfiche subscriptions.

### Collaborative projects and ideas

Ongoing projects already have a web presence on the GODORT wiki; i.e., NGO/IGO Search Engine and Publishing Policies and Practices at [http://wikis.ala.org/godort/index.php/Main\\_Page#GODORT\\_Projects](http://wikis.ala.org/godort/index.php/Main_Page#GODORT_Projects). Prior to the meeting, James Jacobs asked for volunteers to continue work on both projects. In addition, ideas for expanding and improving access to these and other projects via the wiki were solicited by the Chair.

### Digital Collection Ideas

Current IGO and foreign government **e-archiving projects** supported by Archive-IT and the California Digital Library (CDL) were discussed. The efforts of the University of California, Berkeley to collect born digital material produced by regional UN offices were noted with particular interest. The complexities of digital rights management and copyright issues were raised as potential barriers.

The continuing, critical need to capture and archive born digital **NGO publications** was discussed. Jim Church spoke to the influence (and importance) of NGOs through their consultative status with the UN (ECOSOC). The non-traditional nature of NGO publishing makes their output precarious and, as a result, these items are not being systematically collected or archived even though they are of value to researchers.

The LLMC (formerly Law Library Microform Consortium) is working with the Centre for Research Libraries (CRL) to **digitize legal materials** and are looking for additional collections. Send suggestions for inclusion to Annelise Sklar, a member of the CRL-LLMC Steering Committee.

## IX. New Business / Relevant Comments from other meeting

The question of holding virtual mid-winter meetings engendered some lively discussion but did not carry the favour of the group. Further conversation on this topic is needed.