



MINUTES of the Conference of Directors of National Libraries CDNL 2014 ANNUAL MEETING

Hosted by: Bibliothèque nationale de France

Venue: Hôtel de Ville, Lyon, 1, place de la Comédie, 69001 Lyon.

Date : 19 August 2014

Time : 8:30 – 17:30

1.	<p>Opening and Welcome</p> <p>The CDNL Interim Chair Marie-Christine Doffey Director, Swiss National Library opened the meeting and welcomed the delegates. She thanked the Bibliothèque nationale de France and the local organizers for hosting the CDNL. She thanked the CDNL secretariat for their work and assistance in preparation and during her interim as Chair following the retirement of John Tsebe.</p>
2.	<p>Welcome by the Host Country</p> <p>Bruno Racine, President of the French National Library welcomed the delegates to Lyon, and apologized for Georges Képénékian, First Deputy Mayor of Lyon for Culture, Major Events and Citizens' Rights who was to join the meeting but who would arrive later to formally welcome delegates.</p>
3.	<p>a) Confirmation of the Agenda</p> <p>Before the confirmation of the agenda, Ms. Doffey announced that three apologies had been received from Ms. Ingibjörg Steinunn Sverisdóttir, Chief Executive of the National Library of Iceland, from Ms. Belinda T.K. Ramnauth, Director of the National library of Mauritius and from Mr. Gene Tan Director, National Library of Singapore.</p> <p>The agenda was adopted and confirmed without amendment.</p> <p>b) Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting</p> <p>The Chair reported that due to the interim the matters arising had not been treated during the year. She apologized for this and proposed to add them to the activities for the coming year.</p> <p>One correction was proposed to the minutes: the National Library of Thailand also attended. With this change, Erland Kolding Nielsen, National Library of Denmark moved to adopt the minutes, seconded by Elisabeth Niggeman, Deutsche Nationalbibliothek. The Chair thanked Rachel More of the National Library of South Africa for writing up the minutes.</p> <p>c) Report from the Chair</p> <p>The Chair reported that on behalf of the CDNL, the Executive Committee endorsed the Lyon Declaration and encouraged the regional associations and</p>

	<p>the national libraries to do so. She informed members that the Lyon Declaration calls upon United Nations Member States to make an international commitment through the post-2015 development agenda for the Sustainability Development Goals. This aims to ensure that everyone has access to, and is able to understand, use and share the information that is necessary to promote sustainable development and democratic societies. It was prepared by IFLA and a number of strategic partners in the library and development communities. The Declaration was officially launched by IFLA President Sinikka Sipilä and the Mayor of Lyon Gérard Collomb on August 20 2014.</p> <p>d) Elections The call for nominations was sent out at the end of March and four nominations were received.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One for the position of Chair: Kai Ekholm, Director of the National Library of Finland • And three for that of Vice-Chair: • Belinda T.K. Ramnauth, Director of the National Library of Mauritius • Gene Tan Director, National Library of Singapore • Marie-Christine Doffey, Director of the Swiss National Library. <p>Due to family circumstances, Gene Tan had to withdraw his candidature. No additional proposals were received from the floor. Kai Ekholm was elected Chair, Belinda Ramnauth and Marie-Christine Doffey were elected Vice-Chair, all by acclamation.</p>
4.	<p>Reports from CDNL regional meetings</p> <p>ABINIA : Mônica Rizzo Soares Pinto, Director - Reference and Diffusion Center National Library Foundation – Brazil</p> <p>A full overview of ABINIA activities is available (in Spanish) on the CDNL site.</p> <p>During ABINIA's 24th General Assembly held in Panama in September 2013 the following projects were approved</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Purchase of equipment for six countries in Central America El Salvador, Panama, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Costa Rica and Honduras to provide continuity to the database of National Bibliographies (ABICEN) 2) Latin American Workshop on Authority Control Authorities. RDA Guidelines / FRAD to be held at the National Library Mexico with attendees from: Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Panama and Venezuela. 3) Digitizing the documentary, historical and cultural heritage of the National Library of Venezuela. ABINIA to 50% of equipment costs. 4) Cooperation in the creation of Spanish speaking authority files. 5) Scanning of pre-twentieth century maps from National Library of Uruguay <p>International events in 2013 sponsored and funded by ABINIA and the National Libraries of Chile, Brazil and Mexico.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A) From 23 to 25 October 2013, at NL Chile " Iberoamerican Conference on Digital Libraries" B) From 26 to 30 November 2013, at NL Brazil "IX International Meeting of Cataloguing." C) From 7 to 11 October 2013 at NL BN Mexico " International Colloquium on guidelines in the Field of Conservation and Restoration in Libraries and Archives",

CANL: **Rocky Ralebipi-Simela**, CEO National Library of South Africa took up her position in May 2014.

The Conference of African National Libraries (CANL) was established at the African Library Summit held in Pretoria on 2 July 2013 to constitute a representative body, recognised at national, regional and continental levels and by the international community; provide a forum for enabling communication, collaboration, cooperation, research and activities, for example.

The National Librarian of South Africa attended the SCANUL ECS Conference in Lilongwe, Malawi, on 27 July 2014. Only the National Librarian of Malawi attended the Conference and no meeting was held of CANL.

CDNL-AO: **Anne-Marie Schwirtlich**, Director General National Library of Australia

Full report available on CDNL site

The 22nd meeting of the Conference of Directors of National Libraries in Asia and Oceania (CDNLAO) was hosted by, and held at, the National Library of Australia in Canberra on the 27th of February. Twenty four delegates from 18 countries or regions attended the meeting, several of them for the first time.

Delegates enjoyed several presentations about projects and developments of common interest:

- E-legal deposit of online publication in Japan – presented by Mr Toru Toyoda, National Diet Library;
- Digital New Zealand – developments and measuring impact – presented by Mr Bill McNaught, National Library of New Zealand;
- Update on the National Libraries Asia Pacific Project – presented by Ms Mei-Chen Lee, National Library of Singapore;
- Trove – presented by Dr Marie-Louise Ayres, National Library of Australia; and
- Reading Room Integration – presented by Ms Margy Burn, National Library of Australia.

CDNLAO had a thorough discussion of the five high level trends identified in the IFLA Trend Report, *Riding the Waves or Caught in the Tide?*

CDNLAO's discussion was prompted by IFLA's invitation to the global library community to discuss the trends and to identify the questions we should ask ourselves at a national or international level. CDNLAO has conveyed a summary of its discussion to IFLA.

The National Diet Library hosts the CDNLAO website and publishes CDNLAO's online newsletter. On behalf of colleagues in Asia and Oceania Anne-Marie Schwirtlich invited delegates to visit the website - <http://www.ndl.go.jp/en/cdnlao/index.html> - to get a fuller picture of what the activities.

CENL: **Bruno Racine**, President, French National Library, France

The year from September 2013 to May 2014 has been a critical one for CENL. Legal work was undertaken to clarify issues regarding the Service Level Agreement between CENL and Europeana as well as the Partnership Agreement between CENL and its members for operating the European Library Service (TEL). A new strategy and business model for TEL was investigated. The CENL annual meeting was held at Pashov House, Russian State Library Moscow, May 26-27 2014. The central topic under discussion was the future of the portal The European Library, initially set up

	<p>to provide access to metadata held by the national libraries, and now extended to representatives from LIBER and CERL. Following an analysis by a consultancy firm it was recommended that TEL become an autonomous organization, in the form of a foundation. The CENL Board approved this new direction and a transition process is under way with the goal to launch the new structure by January 2015. Delegates discussed CENL's future strategy and focus. A new strategic plan will be prepared by the Executive committee and presented to the Board for adoption at its next annual meeting in Bern in May 2015.</p>
5.	<p>Digitisation as a tool for national and international cooperation : Transnational digital platforms towards global digital libraries Presentations are available on the CDNL site.</p> <p>Roly Keating, Chief Executive, British Library, introduced and moderated the session, underlining that it supported the CDNL vision for a global digital library with the idea to give updates on four collaborative digital aggregation initiatives that could interest colleagues (possibly to join them?) and provide examples of best practice (to take up locally/regionally) in digitization and cooperation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Europeana - Jill Cousins, Executive Director Europeana Jill Cousins explained that digitisation starts the process but for it to be of use transnationally it is necessary to work on creating interoperable data, on ease of sharing and re-use and on copyright reform. Some of this has begun. Europeana, as a platform, is fundamentally about sharing digitized material and as such it places huge emphasis on the importance of the access layer. These access criteria are the key to being able to create global digital libraries. She covered how cooperation on data models for interoperability and on shared licensing frameworks has led to Europeana in the first place and the connection with America and Australasia. • Biblioteca Digital del Patrimonio Iberoamericano - Ricardo Santos Muñoz, Head of Cataloguing Services, National Library of Spain The presentation provided an insight about BDPI (Biblioteca Digital del Patrimonio Iberoamericano), a transnational project which aims to provide a single search point to the digital resources of all the participating libraries, coming from Latin American countries. • World Digital Library - Ismail Serageldin Director, Library of Alexandria Ismail Serageldin presented the project's mission to digitize and make freely available over the Internet, in multilingual format, primary source materials that tell the stories and highlight the achievements of all countries, with the objectives to promote international and intercultural understanding and awareness; to expand multilingual and culturally diverse content on the internet; to provide resources to educators and contribute to scholarly research; to build knowledge and capacity in the developing world; and help narrow the digital divide. The presentation outlined the governance structure, highlighted the number of partners and demonstrated the new version available at beta.wdl.org. He encouraged national libraries to join and to attend the annual meeting to be held in Rome, October 29-30 • Réseau francophone numérique (RFN) - Driss Khrouz, Director, National Library of the Kingdom of Morocco Driss Khrouz presented the mission of the RFN [Francophone Digital Network]: to preserve, through digitization, a precious heritage in risk of disappearing and its large-scale dissemination to the public; to transfer skills to

	<p>documentary institutions of the Francophonie, and to provide a platform for reflection on the challenges and issues of the digital age. He outlined the current activities with an emphasis on the portal and training activities. Future work includes reviewing the governance model, the portal and extending the network.</p> <p>During the discussion which followed the presentations, the challenges of sustainability and users' paths to access via search engines emerged as common themes for all the initiatives.</p>
6.	<p>IFLA Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address by the President of IFLA – Sinikka Sipilä Sinikka Sipilä informed the group that over the past year she has been privileged to meet many national librarians around the world and thanked the CDNL for the opportunity to share details of her theme: strong libraries, strong societies. Libraries offer people opportunities for life-long learning, culture, education and in so doing help to build strong societies. Her first President's meeting in Helsinki in June explored this in more detail as would her second in Turkey in June 2015. National libraries are key players politically and practically in preserving cultural heritage and supporting library services, thus helping other libraries to become and remain strong and support society. She hoped for continuing and closer cooperation between IFLA and CDNL. • Strategy and Key initiatives- Secretary General Jennefer Nicholson Jennefer Nicholson also underlined the importance of IFLA and national libraries cooperating and stressed that the issues being discussed by CDNL in the afternoon session were also on the IFLA agenda. She announced a new four year programme with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation which would support advocacy activities and help move them from an international to regional and national levels. IFLA is preparing a new strategic plan which will be influenced by the Trend report and work on the UN post 2015 Sustainable Development Goals. IFLA is strongly committed to improving access to information, preservation and creation of cultural heritage and capacity building. IFLA has been active in the World Intellectual Property Organisation since 2009 seeking a binding international instrument that recognizes the importance of copyright exceptions and limitations to the services libraries and archives provide. She thanked the CDNL-AO for the input on the Trend report and reported that it has been translated into 15 languages, with good coverage and discussion especially in the areas of data privacy and protection. She thanked CDNL for signing the Lyon declaration. Two areas in which IFLA is working that are particularly close to the work of the national libraries and which she hopes CDNL will continue to support are the Risk register project and the Preservation and Conservation core activity. She thanked all national libraries for their leadership and support, with special thanks to Bruno Racine and BnF for hosting the PAC core activity office until 2014, and to Bas Savenije and the KB for hosting IFLA HQ. <p>IFLA National Libraries Section - Chair, Mônica Rizzo Soares Pinto – thanked the speakers who spoke in Singapore last year and also this year's speakers at the NL Section session the previous day. She thanked NL Korea for continuing to lead the Special Interest Group on National Info policy. She informed CDNL that next year elections will be held for new members, and updated CDNL that for next year's session, two ideas were suggested, one on ILL and the other on mobile library services for national libraries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

	Georges Képénékian , First Deputy Mayor of Lyon for Culture, Major Events and Citizens' Rights welcomed the delegates and wished them a fruitful meeting
7.	<p>DISCUSSION GROUPS: The papers for these discussions are posted on the CDNL site</p> <p>A. Facilitate access to documents in copyright (e.g. orphan works) – Elisabeth Niggemann, Director General, German National Library</p> <p>B. Cultural heritage and natural & human risks: how can the CDNL join forces and show solidarity (Haiti, Timbuktu, ...)? - Gene Tan, Director, National Library of Singapore</p> <p>C. Preservation of digital heritage: regional and international cooperation as a solution – Steve Knight, Programme Director Preservation Research & Consultancy, National Library of New Zealand</p>
8.	<p>Report back from Discussion Groups : A, B and C.</p> <p>A. Facilitate access to documents in copyright (e.g. orphan works) – Elisabeth Niggemann, Director General, German National Library Participants shared their experiences. It is difficult to draw any conclusions because of the wide variety of situations e.g. fair dealing / fair use in Canada and the US but not elsewhere. In Europe, the implementation and adaptation of the EU directive on orphan works is at different stages in each country e.g development is slow in the UK. It is felt to be a heavy approach to the question. Most countries are experimenting with books since they are simpler compared to other media (fewer rights holders involved) and there is less pressure than for example in the film industry. However, Norway is trying to work on broadcast material, and Finland with music. In many EU countries collecting societies play an important role and may be partners in collective licensing schemes.</p> <p>B. Cultural heritage and natural & human risks: how can the CDNL join forces and show solidarity (Haiti, Timbuktu, ...)? - Gene Tan, Director, National Library of Singapore As Gene Tan could not attend, Ngian Lek Choh led the group. The group covered a wide geographic spread and there were examples of endangered heritage – and initiatives from different fields. It was agreed that digitization is both an access medium and a preservation medium (protecting items from heavy use) but is not the sole solution and that protection and restoration are also important. Examples discussed included the Endangered Archive Project coordinated and administered by the British Library; the digitization of Timbuktu manuscripts in South Africa with also support from Bibliothèque nationale de France; cooperative digitization of newspapers in Aruba; coordination activities by the National Library of New Zealand, especially in the field of newspapers. In Turkey, the national library bought ottoman Turkish manuscripts from private collectors to incorporate them into the national collection. Bibliothèque nationale de France could be a repository for data for French-speaking countries.</p> <p>Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IFLA should continue the PAC core activity and IPN (International Preservation News) should be maintained.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National (or other) disaster plans should be shared - Through IFLA and/or CDNL set up a disaster and preservation experts register covering different formats - National libraries should consider coordinating a risk assessment of cultural heritage in their countries and then share - There is a need to grow some capacity for long-term initiatives; not confined to financial capacity but also expertise and cooperation across CDNL members <p>C. Preservation of digital heritage: regional and international cooperation as a solution – Steve Knight, Programme Director Preservation Research & Consultancy, National Library of New Zealand</p> <p>Summary: Technology, infrastructure, training, awareness raising, policy, strategy, legal frameworks, workforce planning/skills are essential Preserving our digital heritage is a priority for libraries and archives around the world Failure to look for trusted means and methods of digital preservation will certainly exact a stiff, long-term cultural penalty How do we (as national Libraries) ensure our actions ensure accurate rendering of authenticated content over time? Legal, strategic and policy frameworks – we need to get this right – we need to take the lead Have the right people – how do we make them, where do we get them from ? Having the right tools and processes (maybe from the private sector) Networking, cooperation the keys to success Responding better to the technology world – cloud, big data, robustness, scalability</p>
9.	Recommendations and Action Plans for 2014/15 The Interim chair proposed that the New Chair and Executive Committee draft a plan based on the outcomes from the group discussions and matters arising from last year and present it to CDNL later in the year. Volunteers will be needed to help steer these activities, so a call will be sent out via the CDNL list and all are encouraged to take an active part in the plans.
10.	Next CDNL Annual Meeting in 2015 Rocky Ralebipi-Simela, CEO National Library of South Africa invited CDNL colleagues to the next annual meeting to be held in Cape Town in 2015. Delegates were shown a short film about the library world and major attractions in South Africa.
11.	Any Other Business. a) The National Library's role in cultural diplomacy. Dr Seyed Reza Salehi Amiri, National Library & Archives Iran (available on CDNL site) Due to time limitations, Dr. Seyed Reza Salehi preferred to postpone his presentation.
12.	Vote of Thanks The Interim Chair thanked the hosts, the Bibliothèque nationale de France, especially Claire Bertrand, for all their hard work and excellent management and welcome. She thanked Ngian Lek Cho for her support as Vice-Chair over the past years. She thanked Rachel More and Susanne Janse Van Rensburg for all their great

	<p>support in the preparation and planning of the meeting and managing the CDNL site, especially during the interim phase.</p> <p>Finally, she thanked all delegates for their presence and contributions to the day.</p>
13.	<p>Hand over to new Chair</p> <p>Ms. Doffey congratulated Kai Ekholm on being elected Chair and handed him the floor.</p> <p>Kai Ekholm said that CDNL is a strong umbrella for national libraries and hoped that delegates would continue to contribute to its success. His focus as Chair would be on leadership. He encouraged contacts to contact him with ideas especially concerning the structure of the meeting and looked forward to meeting again in Cape Town.</p>
14.	<p>MEETING CLOSED</p>
	<p>A total of 92 delegates attended the annual meeting. They represented 53 member libraries as follows (in country order):</p> <p>Argentina, Aruba, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Haiti, Indonesia, Iran, Israel, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Republic of Korea, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mariana Isles, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Russia (National Library, State Library, and B. Yeltsin Presidential Library), Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, Tanzania, The Gambia, Turkey, UK (British Library, NL of Wales, NL of Scotland), USA (Library of Congress) and Vietnam. The International ISMN Agency and ISSN International Centre attended as observers</p>