

GODORT International Documents Task Force Minutes

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1997 ALA Annual Conference San Francisco Marriott, Pacific Suite E Saturday, June 28, 1997, 2:00 pm - 4:45 pm

Attending: Duncan Aldrich (Coordinator), Mary Gay Anderson, Dan Blazek, James Church, Thomas DePaul, Sam Dunlap, Chuck Eckman, Patricia Finney, Christof Galli, David Griffiths, Peter Hajnal, Dena Hutto, August Imholtz, Peggy Jobe, Linda Johnson, Bob Kettner, Sarah Landeryou, Michael Levine-Clark, Rosemary Allen Little, Mike McCaffrey-Noviss, Vida Margaitis, Andrea Morrison, Michael Oppenheim (Secretary), Sandy Peterson, Patrick Ragains, Margaret Renton, Jim Ronningen, Helen Sheehy, Juri Stratford, Kathy B. Tezla, Peter Van Leeuwen, Julia Wallace, Chris Zahn. Duncan Aldrich called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm.

1. *Welcome and Announcements*

Following introductions around the room, Duncan announced that Assistant Coordinator/Coordinator-Elect Kathy B. Tezla will need to resign her IDTF office, inasmuch as she has been elected incoming Chair of GODORT, and cannot hold both offices simultaneously, and ices

3. GODORT Cataloging Committee--Liaison Andrea Morrison reported that the Committee has written a letter to Neville Keery, Head of Library Services at the European Commission, concerning the "problematic usefulness" of OCLC's EUR-OP file (of European Union MARC cataloging records). The records, accessible through PRISM, although worth having available, are also very difficult to use (being essentially in the form of a "data dump" only). Cataloging Internet resources also continues to be a paramount concern of the Committee.
4. GITCO--Liaison Dan Blazek reported that when the Committee meets on Sunday afternoon, its principal discussion topics will include the activities of the Workgroup on CD-ROM Documentationdisposition of Jack Sulzer's gift (considered jointly with Education)development of a template for "government information" pages on libraries' Web sitesand GODORT's proposed merger with ASCLA (ALA's Association of Specialized & Cooperative Library Agencies).
5. GODORT Program Committee--Liaison Peggy Jobe reported that the main GODORT program, on GILS, is all set to go on Monday morning. [Additional Program-related information was subsequently discussed under "Old Business."]
6. GODORT Rare and Endangered Documents Committee--Liaison Mike McCaffrey-Noviss reported that when the Committee meets Sunday morning, attention will be focused on the Serial Set Survey. The Committee has not, as yet, begun to address issues concerning foreign and international "rare and endangered documents," a matter which IDTF will continue to press.
7. Ad-Hoc Committee on the GODORT Web Presence--Liaison Mike McCaffrey-Noviss strongly urged everyone to come to the Committee's meeting on Sunday afternoon, where a "preliminary report" on the GODORT Web will be discussed. High-priority issues involve the character and extent of ALA's oversight of the GODORT Web.
8. ALA International Relations Committee--Liaison Rosemary Allen Little represented the IDTF at the Friday orientation meeting for international attendees of ALA Annualshe had some very good conversations with some of the attendees, and GODORT enjoyed excellent PR. New to ALA this year is an International Lounge for those attendees, of whom there are more than ever before. The Committee met first on FridayRosemary has their agenda and related documents. At its next meeting, on Tuesday, the IFLA Human Rights Resolution on Freedom of Information will be discussed. The new Chair of the Committee is Robert Seal, University Librarian of Texas Christian University.
9. IFLA--Liaison Helen Sheehy reported that IFLA's Government Information and Official Publications

praising the Web-based ready-reference database UN-I-QUE (<http://www.un.org/Depts/dhl/unique/index.html>) and addressing related matters. Key points to be raised in the follow-up letter include making multiple passwords available to UN depository libraries for use of UN-I-QUE, the inadequacy of "concessional pricing" (currently, a 25% discount on UN materials to depository libraries), and conference and support services. Also, letters from 1997 GODORT Chair Andrea Sevetson to the European Commission concerning long-term access to electronic documents received appreciative responses from the EC on 2/3/97 and 4/4/97. As IDTF Chair, Duncan received from the EC a copy of Librarians in the Information Society, 1996: Deposit Collections of European Publications [document number EUR 161910 EN--not an EC depository document]. Duncan and Mike McCaffrey-Noviss will review the document, and share their findings with the IDTF.

3. Various issues concerning programs at 1998 Annual in Washington, D.C., were discussed. Julia Wallace reported that ALA President-Elect Barbara Ford asked 1997 GODORT Chair Andrea Sevetson to recommend GODORT personnel to advise on implementation of her 1998 "Global Touch, Local Access" theme. The following "smaller committees," already getting underway, may provide particular opportunities for GODORT: one is compiling a boo

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