

# IDTF Midwinter 2009 Minutes

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**International Documents Task Force (IDTF), GODORT**

**Midwinter Meeting - Denver, Colorado**

**Saturday, January 24, 8-10 a.m.**

**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, Gorden 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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## **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/doemsmMMcneen>

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.**

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