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**Section of Social
Science Libraries**

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From the Chair

I wish you for 1998 another successful but also a lucky year. We had a wonderful conference in Copenhagen : the most important event were the **elections for the officers** of our section : *Jean-Philippe Accart* is our new secretary. We regret that *Eva Thomson-Roos* did not want to continue the marvellous job she had done the past two years. As *the new chairman* has been elected the old one - and I thank you all for your confidence. I see this as a result of the amount of small projects I had started for the section. And I would be lucky if some one else could continue to some small projects for the section.

This year we decided not to ask for new project money because the ongoing projects have to be accomplished formally. I invite you all to have a look at our website as usual where you find also the new version of **the section's Medium Term Program**. May I draw your attention especially to the new interactive version of **the bibliography "SSID - Social Science Information and Documentation"** which had been started with great success in print form by *Kyllikki Ruokonen*.

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Life of the Section

Abstracts of the Minutes of the
Standing Committee Meetings in
Copenhagen -

30th August and 4th September 1997

Members Present :

Hans-Christoph Hobohm Chairman
Eva Thomson-Roos Secretary, Leif Lorrington, Mary Noel Gouke, Yvonne AbiLbol-Touboul, Jean Porter, Sebastian (Corresponding Member) Hudson A. Liyai (Observer), Chirawan Bhakdibutr (4th September), Sutanee Keesiri (4th September Observer), Beth Stafford (4th September, Observer), Mel Thatcher (4th September, Observer), Repke de Vries (4th September, Observer), Eeva-Liisa Lehtonen (4th September)

The Annual Report from the chairman and the draft financial report were accepted. Contact must be taken with IFLA headquarters since it was suspected that the 80 members given for the section were

probably too few. It was stressed that if the section wanted two issues of its newsletter per year, its members must contribute to the editor. Eva Thomson-Roos regretted that she had been unable to produce more than one issues since the last meeting and is now handing on the work as editor to Jean Philippe Accart.

Elections : **HC Hobohm** was unanimously **reelected chairman** and **treasurer** for the next two years and the committee expressed its appreciation of the great amount of work he had done for the section. Eva Thomson-Roos' resignation from the secretariat post was accepted and she was thanked for her work. **Jean Philippe Accart** was **elected new secretary** and **information officer**. **Diann Rusch-Feja** agreed to continue on the Section in the role of **Special Adviser** and **Hudson A. Liguai** accepted to be its **Special Adviser for Africa**.

The new **IFLA Executive Board** and the new **President of IFLA** have been elected - Results :

Ekaterina Genieva
Nancy John
Derek Law
Klaus-Dieter Lehman
Kay Raseroka
Sun Beixin

Christine Deschamps (France) is the new **President** elected with 810 votes (Marianne Scott from Canada had 567 votes).

Mr Hobohm reported from the **meeting of the Coordinating**

Board. Some structural changes in IFLA had been proposed based on the evaluation from last year. A **discussion group** hosted by our section entitled "**Corporate and For Profit Libraries**" with Cynthia Hill from Sun Microsystems as facilitator was established.

A brief overview of the programs for the Section during the Conference was given with special attention to the **visit of the Copenhagen Business School**.

IFLA 997 - a Record Breaker!!

IFLA '97 has proved to be a record breaking conference in many respects :

* **a record number of delegates with 2,917 mark.**

* **the number of new members registering at an IFLA Conference has reached 32 - an unprecedented amount !**

Full time delegates : 2514

One-day delegates : 204

Accompanying persons : 199

The Exhibition : 213 exhibiting companies, institutions and organisations are represented on a total of **99 booths**.

The Medium Term Program has been discussed and approved.

The Section's program for Amsterdam was discussed. The open session would be **focused on educational libraries entitled "Libraries in support of education"**. Diann Rusch-Feja and Leif Lorring had already done a great amount of work and will remain in charge with Repke de Vries as local coordinator. A **panel discussion or workshop** is

being planned by Hans-Christoph Hobohm on professional cooperation from FID and ICA.

The ongoing projects of the Section :

* The Social Science Virtual Meta Library.

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<http://www.flpostdam.de/IFLA/index.htm>

or :

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<http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/ifla/>

* The SSID bibliography project

* The list serv discussion list established by Repke de Viries.

* The section should host a start up meeting for a discussion group on genealogic libraries on this topic in Amsterdam. Mel Thatcher will provide a short text to announce this in IFLA news and the conference program

* The chairman solicited contributions to INSPEL and mentioned that he wanted the papers from the open session to be published there.

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- Elisabeth Simon, *Business Libraries: means and forms of international co-operation*

- L. Brindley, D. Law, *Digital Library Developments - a realistic future?*

- E.-L. Lehtonen, T. Savinen, *How the Virtual Business Library Meets the Virtual Researcher - A Case of a Customer Driven Innovation*

- C. Ericson-Roos, *The Journal in Focus - A report from an investigation of journal usage among Swedish researchers in the economic disciplines*

- N. Rajczak, *Using a product development model to create new embassy public affairs services for business*

- R. de Vries, *ILSES: how library and data archive meet in active support of research in the social sciences*

S. Kalkus, *Economic Institute Library and CERGE Library, a merger and modernisation of two libraries in Prague*

- E. Janke, *Revising the German Special Library Statistics: A Quantity-to-Quality Initiative*

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