



## UNESCO Publications Board

### Meeting Minutes

**Meeting date:** 28 November 2012

**Meeting time:** 10:00 a.m.

**Location:** Room 5.021, UNESCO Headquarters, Paris

#### Call to order

The Chair, ADG/ERI, called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. and welcomed those members and observers present.

#### Attendees

An attendance sheet was circulated for signatures. The following people were present:

##### Chair

Mr Eric Falt, Assistant Director-General, ERI

##### Members

Mr Guy Berger, Director CI/FEM [*rep. Mr I. Banerjee, Dir. CI/KSD*]

Mr Qunli Han, Director, SC/EO

Ms Angela Melo, Director, SHS/HPD

Mr Svein Osttveit, Director ED/EO [*rep. Mr D. Atchoarena, Dir. ED/PDE*]

Ms Lynne Patchett, Chief, CLT/EO

Mr Axel Plathe, Head of Kathmandu Office & UNESCO Rep. to Nepal [*attending via teleconference*]

Ms Estelle Zadra, Chief, Communication & Publications Unit, IIEP [*rep. Mr Khalil Mahshi, Dir. IIEP*]

##### Ex officio Members

Mr Cvetan Cvetkovski, Senior Planning and Programme Officer, ODG/GE [*rep. Ms S. G. Corat, Dir. ODG/GE*]

Ms Ranwa Safadi, BSP/PB

##### Secretary

Mr Ian Denison, Chief, Publications Unit, ERI/DPI

##### Observers

Ms Mimouna Abderrahmane, SHS/EO

Ms Barbara Blanchard, CLT/WHC/M/CEP

Mr Jens Boel, Chief of Unit, ADM/DIT/ISS/ARC

Ms Anne Candau, SC/EO/IKM

Ms Jinchai Clarke, ERI/DPI/PUB

Ms Natalia Denissova, CI/EO/IKM

Ms Fanny Douvere, CLT/WHC/SPU

Ms Laurence MAYER-ROBITAILLE, CLT/CEH/DCE

Ms Cristina Puerta, ERI/DPI/PUB

Ms Lydia Ruprecht, Chief a.i. ED/ERF/KMS

Mr Rudi Swinnen, Chief/ADM/CLD/D

Ms Patricia Toigo, ED/ERF/KMS

Ms Natalia Tolochko, SC/EO/IKM

Ms Petra Van de Born, ADM/DIT/ISS/LIB

##### Minutes Secretary

Ms Isabelle Nonain-Semelin, ERI/DPI/PUB

## I. Item 1. Approval of minutes

The Chair, ADG/ERI moved to approve the minutes of the 24 October meeting. The Board had comments and raised questions about the minutes. The Chair therefore recommended that they be approved electronically before the next meeting of the Publications Board.

## II. Item 2. Proposition on stocks and recycling

1. The Secretary (Chief, Publications Unit, ERI/DPI) made reference to intensive discussions which had been going on in the past weeks and to a number of meetings with the sectors which had been held.

The current situation is similar to the one that existed in 2004-2005 when the issue of moving stocks under pressure and without general consultation had been raised. Replication of that situation has to be avoided.

Nevertheless, UNESCO is facing reduction of space devoted to stocks, which must now be consolidated in Fontenoy.

2. In compliance with recommendations previously made by IOS, the Secretary (Chief, Publications Unit, ERI/DPI) proposed the following course of action:
  - There should be a proper inventory of stocks (there are stocks everywhere).
  - Stocks take-over should be rationalized.
  - The procedure concerning surplus stocks should be clarified, which means that clear guidelines have to be given and alternative solutions to pulping have to be offered.
3. It was highlighted that participation of Field Offices is crucial.
4. The member for Field offices recommended that an online application in Sharepoint be developed regarding this issue.
5. The member for ED and the member for CLT both stated that the Sectors were working in order to find solutions and fully supported these propositions.
6. The Chair enquired as to which sectors were most affected in terms of quantity:
  - UNESCO Publishing, CLT and ED are the most affected by space reduction for stocks.
7. The member for CI expressed his interest in the fact that there would be one specific place for stocks and suggested that our surplus stocks be clearly identified in order to offer them to universities around the world.
8. The observer for ADM/DIT/ISS/ARC agreed with the propositions and offered the Library's help and advice with a view to coordinating everybody's efforts. The importance of maintaining the Organization's memory was underlined. To this effect the Library can take publications that it does not have yet.
9. The Chair closed this discussion by stressing the need for anticipation and communication regarding this issue and by requesting that a memo for the Director-General be prepared, with colleagues on copy.
10. The Secretary (Chief, Publications Unit, ERI/DPI) agreed to draft a text on which everyone could agree before sending the memo to the Director-General.

### III. Item 3. Review of publication proposals

Seventeen proposals were presented to the Board, three of which had been revised and resubmitted following decisions from the meeting of the Publications Board on 24 October. The Board approved eight proposals, including the resubmissions, with nine returned for reconsideration, review and resubmission.

The following general points were made during the discussions:

1. The member for the Field Offices reminded that it had been previously suggested that there would be a follow-up, in terms of impact, for two successful publications which had gone through the Board:
  - The Secretary (Chief, Publications Unit, ERI/DPI) acknowledged that a follow-up process must be established and explained that the Publications Unit has started to work on this issue and aims at providing systematic follow-up on each publication early in 2013.
  - The Chair proposed that in the meantime one or two publications be already selected and presented in terms of impact during each meeting of the Publications Board.
  - The member for BSP/PB concurred.
  - The observer for ED enquired as to the guidelines that were to be drafted by BSP regarding impact indicators.
  - The Secretary (Chief, Publications Unit, ERI/DPI) noted that a lot of statistics are included in the Monthly Report on the Use of UNESCO Public Information Products.

### IV. Item 4. A.O.B.

The next meeting of the Publications Board will be held on Wednesday 19 December 2012.

### V. Item 5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

**Minutes submitted by Isabelle Nonain-Semelin, ERI/DPI/PUB**

**Annex 1 – Agenda**

1. Approval of the minutes of the 24 October 2012 meeting
2. Proposition on stocks and recycling
3. Review of publication proposals
4. A.O.B.
5. Adjournment

**Annex 2 – Overview of proposals reviewed**

<i>Proposal No.</i>	<i>Series</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Decision</i>	<i>Estimated media impact</i>
1.	1112_SC01	<b>(RESUBMISSION 1012_SC01)</b> Integrated Environmental Assessment of Agricultural and Farming Production Systems in the Toledo River Basin (Brazil)	Approved	
2.	1112_SC02	<b>(RESUBMISSION 1012_SC04)</b> Climate Change and Human Impacts on the Sustainability of Groundwater Resources: Two Case Studies in Brazil	Approved	
3.	1112_CI01	<b>(RESUBMISSION 1012_CI01)</b> Worldwide multilingual information literacy resources	Approved	
4.	1112_ED01	The Skills Challenges for the Water Industry: An Overview of Approaches and Practices	Approved	5
5.	1112_CLT01	Catalogue of the exhibition: "Our Common Heritage: Exploring World Heritage sites of Cambodia, Laos and Viet Nam"	Revise and resubmit	
6.	1112_ED02	LLECE: Publicaciones Factores Asociados al logro cognitivo de los estudiantes de América Latina y el Caribe-Segundo estudio regional comparativo y explicativo (SERCE) 2004-2007: Análisis curricular.	Tercer Estudio Regional Comparativo y Explicativo 2009 - 2013: Análisis Curricular	Revise and resubmit

7.	1112_ED03	LLECE publications Aportes para la enseñanza de las ciencias naturales Aportes para la enseñanza de la matemática	Análisis del clima escolar: poderoso factor que explica el aprendizaje en América Latina y el Caribe [Analysis of school climate: Powerful factor that explains learning outcomes in Latin America and the Caribbean]	Revise and resubmit	
8.	1112_ED04	LLECE: Publications Aporte para la enseñanza de matemáticas Aporte para la enseñanza de lectura Factores Asociados al logro cognitivo de los estudiantes de América Latina y el Caribe	Estudio de factores asociados del SERCE con el método de ecuaciones estructurales	Revise and resubmit	
9.	1112_ED05	LLECE publications Aportes para la enseñanza de las ciencias naturales Aportes para la enseñanza de la matemática	Las políticas educativas de América Latina y el Caribe [The education policies of Latin America and the Caribbean]	Revise and resubmit	
10.	1112_SC03		Identificación de prioridades para la gestión nacional de las especies exóticas invasoras	Approved	6
11.	1112_CLT02		Unlocking opportunities: governance of culture for development	Revise and resubmit	
12.	1112_CI02		Pressing for Freedom: 20 Years of World Press Freedom Day	Approved	
13.	1112_ED06	UNESCO Education Research and Foresight Occasional Papers (ISSN number was secured for the series. Papers No 1-4 have already been approved by the Publications Board)	Education Post-2015: Between rights-based and instrumental approaches	Revise and resubmit	
14.	1112_CLT03		Ecosystem-based management Marine World Heritage sites: Best practice guide	Revise and resubmit	

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15.	1112_ED07	Adult education in retrospective: 60 years of CONFITEA / La educación de adultos en retrospectiva / Educação de adultos em retrospectiva: 60 anos de CONFITEA	Approved	3
16.	1112_SC04	Simposio Científico Académico Delta del Paraná. HISTORIA, PRESENTE Y FUTURO	Approved	
17.	1112_ED08	Le VIH et sida dans le milieu professionnel de l'éducation en Afrique occidentale et australe (TBC)	Revise and resubmit	

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