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All workshop presentation slides.	
Workshop Attendance list.	
Documents for all ISFEA Fields.	

Announcements

**Mr. Kawooya
Dick made a
pledge of
100,000/= to
ISFEA activities**



(Group photo at the end of the Workshop)

Reminders:

- Treasurer to pick ISFEA Membership and Subscription fee for Prof. Kigongo_Bukenya.
- Treasurer to pick ISFEA Membership and Subscription fee for Mrs. Allen Ssonko Ssuna.
- Participants are all invited to the Launch of ISFEA Foundation Fellowship for the month of September 2006, on Friday 29th September 2006, 6:00-8:00pm at Tourist Hotel, Nakasero. Detailed Information concerning the Speakers and Secure parking will be communicated soon.
- Having a meeting of the interim Committee for ISFEA Kampala Chapter on Friday 15th Sept.
- Payments for membership, subscription and T-shirts can be made in Stanbic Bank main Branch on account name, "Information Science Foundation for Eastern Africa", No. 0121012925101 or Contact ISFEA Finance Director, Mr. Robert Ntalaka 0772-426359

**The Four Pillars
of a successful
ISFEA: -**

- Recruit and Retain committed, quality membership.
- Implement successful service projects.
- Develop Strong Leadership at Chapter Level.
- Support ISFEA Financial activities.

BRAINSTORMING SESSION



(Mr. Muntoyera Anthony making suggestions)

The first concern from participants was about the difference between ISFEA and ULIA.

Response from board members:

- The two organizations are complementing each other.
- ISFEA is broader since it incorporates more related professions like ICTs, data entry personnel, knowledge management specialists etc. It is also broader in coverage as it intends to cover the East African region.
- ISFEA is yet to design a collaboration/twinning with National Information Science Associations such as ULIA, Kenya Library Association (KLA), Tanzaniz Library Association (TLA), National Book Trust of Uganda (NABOTU), etc and not to create a competitive environment. This twinning maybe inform of participation in each other's activities like the Book week, Symposiums etc.
- ISFEA board has the will to work with ULIA & other related organisations like KLA & TLA etc.
- ISFEA shall always avoid conflict with other sister organisations.

Contribution from participants on the issue:

- There is a need to develop a positive attitude to both organizations and have a good will and understand that both organizations contribute to the profession.
- Suggestion that Executive members of ULIA should have been invited to share views and challenges. We need to invite them in ISFEA activities.

The second concern from members was the request to have introductions from the organizers and all the participants.

This was done beginning with board members followed by the participants.

Concern 3 from participant was on how ISFEA will cater for research and publishing to journals given that Information Science has a small knowledge base.

Response from board members:

ISFEA encourages individual research through guidance and support. Taking in mind that researches conducted through an Organization have better influence to decision makers than individual researches. We need to focus on research topics that shall influence government decisions & policy especially regarding our profession and also need to build confidence within ourselves and work together to uplift our profession.

Contribution from a participant

We have a rich knowledge base. We need to be focused and support publication of findings and feedback to populations that were involved in different researches and encourage a good reading culture. ISFEA needs to setup a Research based Resource center for this purpose.

Does ISFEA have a marketing/Advocacy strategy?

-ISFEA has a directorate for advocacy & PR ,all members views about the area are welcome because we are finalizing with an advocacy strategy.

ISFEA needs to share views and challenges with ULIA and work together to find solutions to the problem, challenges may include; elimination of the certificate course (CLIS) at Makerere, writing proposals concerning such cases of training programmes, media tailored workshops etc.

- This was noted by the ISFEA Board.



Memorable: Rhoda, Michael, Dick and Richard

...y with the ISFEA
 ...ng... central, North
 etc...?? she also had a point of information. She
 informed other participants that Makerere
 University is undertaking a project that shall
 take care of publication of Research findings,
 and asked if ISFEA had the capacity to
 undertake such a project.

- The Organogram is designed in such a way such that it provides for working together of the members right from the grass roots. One chapter may have 20-30 members. If in Kampala there are more Information Science members then we can have another chapter in the names of Kampala North etc.

- The different committees on the organogram provide for better involvement of members, better distribution of responsibilities and networking to be able to handle projects like that of Makerere. The creation of a competence book/database in ISFEA, provides for quick browse of available skills in the Information Science community to have successful high profile projects.

Is ISFEA registered in other East African countries?

- We hope to register with the East African Federation & International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA). We will just establish ourselves in the three East African countries, contacts in those countries already exist. Here in Kampala we are starting small.



Consultation: ISFEA Trustees, Dr. Maria Musoke and Mr. Kawooya Dick

Observation from a participant is that the name of ISFEA excludes Library.

- Information Science embraces all including Library Science, ICTs, Knowledge Management etc.



Venue: Before the workshop.

One participant encouraged members to pick interest in the Foundation SACCO. However got worried about wide membership base. The numbers maybe over whelming for the SACCO.

- The leadership based on Chapters shall take care of the large numbers.
- The Foundation SACCO will help members improve their welfare through having a saving facility since these days ATM cards have rendered saving in banks, and the savings concept useless.

There were comments about the chapter and supervisory committee.

- The role of Chapters was not properly spelled out.
- Having the supervisory Committee in place may seem to bring a lot of un logical and unnecessary beauracracy. These two committees were merged to do away with the supervisory committee.
- Participants suggested that the appointed members of the supervisory committee should form the interim Chapter Committee. Also the Chapter Committee should be expanded to include 8 members instead of 6.
- Participants agreed that the Interim Chapter will now be composed of the following;

1. Ms. Faith Akiteng Ms.
2. Ms. Nansonga Juliet
3. Ms. Apio Harriet
4. Mr. Sennoga Richard
5. Mr. Ssebandeke Christopher
6. Ms. Rhoda Nalubega
7. Ms. Sarah Kaddu
8. Mr. Muntoyera Anthony

- Participants suggested changes in the organogram such as; eliminate the Supervisory Committee, Executive Director should be below the Board of Directors since he is one person against the Board, and the founding members or the Trustees should be on top of the General Assembly.



Brain Consultation: A section of the participants

STOP PRESS : Ms. Joyce Kalumba lost her mother over the week-end. Burial took palce on Sunday 6th Aug 2006, 2.00 pm.



Guest: Dr. Maria Musoke making remarks

Dr. Maria Musoke, University Librarian, Makerere University

In her remarks, the University Librarian encouraged young people not to accept the notion that the librarians are not relevant in the electronic age.

“We as librarians are more and more relevant, we are the people to provide the content that the computer scientists are going to work on and we also provide the guidelines that the software engineers are going to work on,” she said.

She further noted that being a librarian gives us an identity. Some young people want the name librarian to be erased from the map. When erased we will be squeezed with other people with whom we cannot compete. “Stay where you are and be firm, know what you are doing and know the difference between what you are doing and what other people are doing” she stressed.

She welcomed the ISFEA idea of forming a chapter, noting that there were already existing associations in Uganda like the Uganda Library Association and noted that there was no competition. What is being done is complimentary, “we are complimenting each other and I have been telling people that the playground is so wide that we cannot fit.” She observed that someone cannot say that the library association has done it all, no, there is still so much to be done. So let us not look at each other as competitors but let us look at each other as complementaries, we are complementing each other and together we shall move forward and achieve what we want to achieve, she said.

In her conclusion, Dr. Maria thanked members and encouraged them to go forward. She said she was looking forward to seeing the benefits of this association. She then noted that, it was very interesting because it was the young professionals who came up with this idea and had approached the old professionals to embrace it and to encourage them to go forward.



Key Note Address: ISFEA Trustee, Prof. Kigongo-Bukenya

Prof. IMN Kigongo-Bukenya, EASLIS, Makerere University

Professor Kigongo-Bukenya presented an exciting paper on the challenges of running professional organizations in developing countries. See attachment for this must-read paper. He encouraged members to pay up for membership. He noted that members should not look at the amount but put in consideration the benefits that go with becoming a member. He also challenged members to brainstorm on the ISFEA ideology in light of the exiting professional bodies in Uganda and encouraged all to be vigilant in contributing ideas that shape ISFEA broadly looking at developing the profession as a whole.

**Watch this space in the
next issue!!!!!!**

1. Madame Joyce Bukirwa Nyumba
2. Mr. Luyombya David
3. Ms. Miriam Kakai
4. Mrs. Liz State Mrs.
5. Mrs. Tamale Clement
6. Ms. Agnes Namaganda
7. Mrs. Betty Lwanga
8. Ms. Irene Nakayenga
9. Ms. Grace Nassiwa
10. Ms. Judith Namalwa
11. Mrs. Agnes Bwebale

Names of participants interested in joining the
ISFEA-Kampala Central Chapter

1. Richard Sennoga
2. Harriet Apio
3. Juliet Nansonga
4. Edith Lutwama
5. Mutonyera Anthony
6. Moses Kasirivu
7. Mayengo Fred
8. Nakayima Sarah Maka
9. Musinguzi Denis
10. Mukama Proscovia
11. Olot Alfred
12. Natukunda Nuliat
13. Lugya Fredrick
14. Gilbert Byatuhaire
15. Sarah Kaddu
16. Allen Ssuna
17. Nankya Maria
18. Mwebe
19. Lule Rose
20. Namugera Lydia
21. Nyakairu Joshua
22. Godfrey Ssenyonga
23. Murungi Ronald.



Refreshment: Participants at teatime

Names of Participants interested in Foundation SACCO

1. Gibert Byatuhaire
2. Kugonza Solomon
3. Harriet Apio
4. Juliet Nansonga
5. Edith Lutwama
6. Mutonyera Anthony
7. Moses Kasirivu
8. Mayengo Fred
9. Nakayima Sarah Maka
10. Musinguzi Denis
11. Mukama Proscovia
12. Olot Alfred
13. Murungi Ronald
14. Rhoda Nalubega
15. Sarah Kaddu
16. Allen Ssonko Ssuna
17. Nankya Maria Mwebe
18. Lule Rose

Names of Participants interested in T-Shirts

- 1 Godfrey Ssenyonga
- 2 Lugya Fredrick
- 3 Harriet Apio
- 4 Juliet Nansonga
- 5 Edith Lutwama
- 6 Namugera Lydia
- 7 Mayengo Fred
- 8 Nakayima Sarah Maka
- 9 Musinguzi Denis
- 10 Mukama Proscovia
- 11 Olot Alfred
- 12 Murungi Ronald
- 13 Rhoda Nalubega (Already bought)
- 14 Allen Ssonko Ssuna
- 15 Nankya Maria Mwebe



Attention: Participants were very attentive