

Subject: Evaluation of the work of the UBC Commission of Culture

The UBC Strategy for years 2010-2015 states: "In order to energize UBC Commission work and optimize the use of resources, the Executive Board shall formulate common criteria for evaluation of the work of various Commissions. The amount of financial support to Commissions will be based on this evaluation."

**Information to be submitted in written form by each UBC Commission by 20.11.2012**

1. Number of Member Cities participating in the meetings, projects and other work of the Commission. **(List of member cities (including names of their key representatives) with short description of the participation activities)**

- a. Boardmeetings:

- i. Kolding

1. Kolding: Lone Leth Larsen
    2. Petersburg: Olga
    3. Rostock: Thomas Werner
    4. Gdansk: Aleksandra Szymanska
    5. Pori: Jaana Simula

- ii. Gdansk:

1. Gdansk: Aleksandra Szymanska
    2. Kolding Lone
    3. (via skype: Umeå: Charlotte Lundqvist; Gävle: Ninni Berggren, Pori: Jaana Siimula; Riga: Agrita Ozola)

- iii. Skype (3-4 meetings)

1. Riga: Agrita,
    2. Umeå: Charlotte
    3. Gävle: Ninni Berggren
    4. Gdansk: Aleksandra Szymanska
    5. Kolding: Lone Leth larsen
    6. Pori : Jaana Simula

iv. Annual Meeting , Riga and Cesis look at programme a

v.

**2. Number and relevance of meetings, events and other activities organized by the Commission. Meetings, events and other activities organized by the Commission (List of meetings, events and other activities organized by the Commission with short description of the main achievements of these events; relevant participation lists)**

- a. Exchange of Librarians: the idea is that two cities are cooperating by letting their librarians work together in the two cities. This is an effective way of postgraduate training in the informal way and a good way for the professionals to get to know each other, and thus encouraging cooperation which is more sustainable
  - i. Kolding – Linköping: currently running
  - ii. Jekabpils 2 libraries (we are still identifying partners)
  - iii. Gdansk Library – Kolding ( is in preparation)

**3. Financial and human resource contributions by Member Cities for the work and activities of the Commission (Detailed amount of funding with short description of funding purpose presented city by city; List of contributions in human resources with short description of purpose presented city by city; Number of paid staff of the Commission Secretariat)**

- a. Kolding municipality: one assistant around 40 hours (own staff, paid by Kolding) administrative and secretarial work
- b. Lone: 125 hours
- c. No one paid by the commission secretariat
- d. Riga: Valerija Zirdzina: 100 hours
- e. Cesis: Ilona Asare: 100hours
- f. Trukums: Agrita Ozola: 120 hours
- g. Umeå : Charlotte Lundqvist 40 hours
- h. Pori: Jaana Simula 15 hours
- i. Gävle: Ninni Berggren : 20 hours
- j.

**4. Outside funding for projects and other activities of the commission (Detailed amount of funding by source, with short description of the project/activity)**

- a. Exchange-program: libraries put in per exchange 2600€ for travel expenses in total 7800 € plus staff time

- b. Gdansk: costs (not known) for board-meeting
  - c. Kolding: Costs for lunch, coffee and infrastructure for board-meeting, (not known)
  - d. Riga: coffee, tea, lunch and infrastructure in connection to annual meeting (not known)
  - e. Cesis: Venue, tea, coffee, lunch and infrastructure in connection to annual meeting (knot known)
5. Joint activities with other UBC Commissions and other organizations **(List of joint activities with short description including the role of the Commission, for example as main organizer or participant)**
- a. Currently preparing with the urban planning commission a joint seminar
6. Major results and achievements of the Commission's activities and its contribution to the implementation of UBC Strategy 2010-2015 **(Description of the major achievements and results, including publicity; Analysis about the Commissions contribution to the implementation of the UBC strategy)**
- a. We will know when the exchange-program and the annual meeting have taken place
7. Future plans for the development of the Commission's work **(Description of the Commissions future plans with concrete initiatives, funding etc.)**
8. Evaluation of results and relevance of the Commissions work by other stakeholders like Member Cities, other Commissions and key partners. **(Any relevant evaluation or feedback given to the Commission)**
9. Plan of Action and budget for the coming year (2013).

Last week of November :

Start of Library exchange program

Linkoping and Kolding have agreed a exchange program, focussing on organizational challenges for Libraries in the future.

Follows the libraries of Jekapils and Gdansk

10-11th of December:

Board meeting Latvia

Conference on Culture and social inclusion, Latvia

Aprox. 10 board-meetings. Most of them by skype, 3 meetings in situ.

Work on a new vision and mission, where we would like to work towards a more strategically platform and where we would like to promote bottom up cooperation between UBC cities

We also would like to start – with other partners a research-program on different aspects of culture

September 2013

The transition of industrial cities to knowledge based cities, which role can culture and urban planning play in driving the development  
A joint conference, organized by the urban planning committee and the cultural committee

Throughout the year:  
Smaller and larger cultural cooperative events in UBC cities

Date to be confirmed  
Conference on the libraries of the future, - presentation of the experiences of the library exchange program.

The cultural prize  
At the general assembly of the UBC the cultural prize will be presented to a cultural project that involves two or preferably more UBC cities

Board of the committee of Culture, Riga 10.12.12