



GAELIC STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING 2007

Part 2

Friday 20 April 2007 at Unisa Library (Pretoria)

NOTES

Chairperson: Dudu Nkosi
Facilitator: Peter van Eldik

09:00 Focus Group Leaders meeting
See separate Notes.

10:30 GAELIC Governing Board and Focus Group Leaders meeting

1. Attendance

Dudu Nkosi	North-West University
Peter van Eldik	Tshwane University of Technology
Rachel More	University of Limpopo
Lettie Erasmus	Unisa
Di Man	Wits University
Gerda Ehlers	Unisa
Anette van Vuren	University of Johannesburg
Jenny Taylor	FOTIM
Tanya Healey	FOTIM
Judy Henning	Unisa
Nonnie van Wyk	Unisa
Welna van Eeden	Unisa
Ansie Watkins	Unisa
Tom Larney	North-West University
Kgabi Chuene	University of Limpopo
Robert Moropa	University of Pretoria
Janet Zambri	Wits University
Buhle Mbambo-Thata	Unisa
Vivian Agyei	Tshwane University of Technology
Felix Ubogu	Wits University

Apologies

Joyce Gozo	Vaal University of Technology
Hannie Sander	University of Johannesburg
Anke McCallum	FOTIM
Eunice Leseyane	Tshwane University of Technology
Mushoni Mulaudzi	University of Venda

2. Overview of draft GAELIC Strategic Plan 2007-2008

Dudu advised the meeting delegates that the Focus Group Leaders had slightly modified the goals and objectives as follows (in bold):

Goals

- To support member libraries in facilitating the creation, use and management of knowledge
- To provide innovative information access **and services** through implementing cost-effective strategies for state-of-the-art systems and resources

Objectives

- Investigate and implement a joint integrated **Millennium** system
- Build capacity through identification and provision of training needs **and services** for optimal utilisation of resources
- Improve cost-efficiency through joint procurement and resource sharing

Peter emphasized that this document is a joint initiative of the GGB, FGs and GAELIC office, collated from discussions at the 1st Strategic Planning meeting of 8 February 2007, and from subsequent input from the 3 teams formed to develop the Goals and 3 Objectives. It gives guidance to GAELIC for the period 2007-2008, and is a prelude to a longer-term Strategic Plan that will be developed early in 2008. Emphasis was placed on the importance of the planned survey that would cross all 3 objectives. The Plan requires the formation of 3 teams to take the Objectives forward, and the full support of the GGB. The meeting was given the opportunity to identify fundamental gaps, unacceptable issues, inadvertent misrepresentations, suggest improvements, etc. The document was ACCEPTED as a working document for the 2007-2008 period.

3. Discussion on Strategic Objectives

3.1 Appointment of Project Conveners and Project Team members

In their meeting prior to this meeting, the Focus Group Leaders had discussed and agreed upon how each group could integrate into one of the 3 Objectives' teams. The Focus Groups would not be collapsed, but would channel their energies to supporting the overall goals of GAELIC for the period 2007-2008. Members of the GGB were requested to volunteer to champion / take ownership of the project by acting as sponsor and to guide the groups. Conveners were tasked to call a planning meeting for their team to adjust and expand the draft Project Plan.

The following teams were formed:

OBJECTIVE 1

Sponsors – Judy Henning (Convenor), Felix Ubogu and Tom Larney

Innovative Systems FG – Lettie Erasmus

All other FGs to be involved and add value to the survey.

The call for nominations for Site Coordinators was modified in the light of Di's retirement, and at the FG Leaders meeting Lettie was mandated to identify and bring on board one or two experts to assist with site visits.

OBJECTIVE 2

Sponsors – Vivian Agyei (Convenor), Rachel More, Robert Moropa, Kay Raseroka and Ellen Namhila

Virtual Learning Environment – Anette van Vuren

Information Literacy – Gerda Ehlers

Metadata and Digitization – Ansie Watkins

OBJECTIVE 3

Sponsors – Mushoni Mulaudzi, Joyce Gozo and Hannie Sander [Convenor to be advised]

Document Delivery and Support Services – Janet Zambri

Cataloguing – Welna van Eeden

Collection Development and Electronic Resources – Dorette Snyman

Shared Storage – Nonnie van Wyk

4. Discussion on Implementation of Project Plans

4.1 Budget 2007

Funds are available in the 2007 budget for moving the Strategic Plan forward, plus FOTIM has allocated R100,000 seed funding for the Millennium survey (Objective 1). The revised funding proposal to the Mellon Foundation will be pursued – feedback will be given by Lettie to Heather Edwards. [Secretarial note: the FOTIM Exco has requested that the new FOTIM Director, Dr KN Magwenzi, be full apprised of the progress to date in order to take the proposal forward].

5. Other

5.1 Innopac

5.1.1 The Innopac Millennium Directors symposium in Nov
Buhle reported that at the recent Academic Director's Symposium, III had agreed to host a similar symposium for southern Africa. GAELIC had been tasked to organize this in cooperation with the Innopac User Group: South Africa (IUG:SA). Proposed that this should take place in November. Lettie will take on the role of leader in organizing this event.

5.1.2 Innopac Project

5.1.2.1 Appointment of team member

See Objective 1 above [Secretarial note: the Millennium Project Team comprises Lettie Erasmus (Convenor), Soekie Swanepoel (UP), Maria Sibanda (Medunsa) and Carina Malan (UJ)]

Lettie will submit an abstract to convene a panel discussion with librarians and technical people, at the Ditch conference at end May 2007.

5.1.2.2 FOTIM funding

See 4.1 above.

5.2 Project eIFL – appoint a representative.

OSI is sponsoring the Greenstone Project through eIFL and is setting up site offices in South Africa. Greenstone is just one of a number of programmes and GAELIC involvement should not be interpreted as commitment to use the product. AGREED that this would have to be a SANLIC nomination and Dudu would raise this at its meeting on 14 May 2007.

5.3 Survey Errors report back, inclusion of U Botswana

Peter Underwood has corrected the errors and has offered to update the results. Because this costs has not been budgeted for, AGREED that the update, with Botswana and Namibia included, would be postponed to 2008. AGREED that the corrected survey should use the 2005 audited tables from the DoE, rather than FTE's provided by institutions.

- 5.4 GAELIC Celebration – Storytelling and Poetry
AGREED that the theme should be a 'Celebration of 10 years: a Success Story' and that a written record of GAELIC's history would be produced. An event would be planned for mid November. Tanya to distribute a request for assistance and members are urged to volunteer for this fun event.

6. Closure

On behalf of the GGB, Felix thanked Peter for being such a good friend and for believing in GAELIC for so many years. Peter has the respect of the FOTIM Board and was instrumental in obtaining the funding for the Millennium Project.

Dudu wished a sad farewell to Di and thanked her most emphatically for her contribution since the inception of GAELIC to its success. Di responded that she will still be around libraries, wearing the hat of Country Manager for SWETS. GAELIC has been a big part of her life since 1996, and she is proud to be associated with this relatively small organisation that can stand tall alongside the rest of the world. She wished GAELIC best of success with its Strategic Plan.

Dudu congratulated Vivian on her election to the FOTIM Executive Committee.

The meeting ended at 12:20.