

# 2021-2022 Unit Annual Report Form

## Unit Information

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Please make any needed changes to the information below:

**Unit Name**

Academic and Research Libraries Section

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## Unit Member Contributions

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Please describe the contributions of the Unit members

**Role**

Chair

**Name of Unit member**

Gulcin Cribb

**Contributions**

Undertaking the role of the Chair; Being a member of the 2023 Satellite Conference team; Evaluation of applicants for co-opted membership of ARL and liaison with the successful and unsuccessful applicants during the process. Supporting all teams and members with their initiatives. Mentoring new members and officers and supporting them with their activities. Liaising with IFLA HQ and individuals and organisations both within and external to IFLA re IFLA matters, e.g. membership, elections, the WLIC etc. Liaising with Ex Libris and Sage regarding sponsorship for the IFLA ARL Travel Grant and liaising with the successful grantees for various follow up activities. Facilitating communication between the grantees and IFLA HQ prior, during and after the WLIC 2022.

**Role**

Secretary

**Name of Unit member**

Marisa King

**Contributions**

Undertaking ARL Secretary duties, organising meetings, agendas, minutes, contributing to the overall planning of ARL activities, being the moderator for the ARL webinar on Research Ethics in an Open Environment, creation and publication of the inaugural ARL Newsletter and publishing it twice in the last six months. Taking care of the UNIVERS list; being one of the assessors for the IFLA ARL Travel Grant. Marisa contributed a blog post in February 2022 on the tertiary librarians special interest group in New Zealand, and edited the blog post on the summary of the initiatives by ARL members' libraries to support the Ukrainian libraries and librarians. Marisa drafted the first ARL Communication Plan and sought the views of others to finalise the document. Marisa also stepped in and served as a fantastic Moderator for the webinar on Research Ethics.

**Role**

Information Coordinator

**Name of Unit member**

Jerome Fronty

**Contributions**

Jerome took over as the ARL IC in April 2022. Jerome learnt the necessary procedures, policies and technical matters related to the IFLA website, YouTube, various distribution lists and other aspects of communication very quickly by liaising with the IFLA HQ team and ARL members. He collaborated with Marisa on various communication matters, such as the communication strategy and ARL Newsletter. Jerome has been taking care of the ARL blog since 2019. He handed it over to Sharon Murphy and Vicki McDonald after being the IC. Jerome and Sharon collaborated in developing the ARL Blog guidelines.

Jerome helped out with the zoom technical aspects of the last ARL webinar on Research Ethics to make sure it went well. He gave a presentation for the Hot Topics session during the WLIC. Jerome helped with the technical aspects of making sure ARL members who were not able to be present (face-to-face) during the ARL meeting in Dublin to connect to the meeting via zoom. During the '22 WLIC he also joined, with Gulcin, Lorraine and Jim, the task force to plan the ARL '23 Satellite meeting. Jerome joined the evaluation committee to assess the proposals for the DUIA in 2022.

**Role**

Member

**Name of Unit member**

Adetoun Oyelude

**Contributions**

Adetoun was the ARL Information Coordinator from August 2021 to April 2022 until she stepped down due to her other commitments. Adetoun helped and still helps with the coordination of the ARL Facebook by posting various ARL announcements and assessing membership applications. She created an automatic system to ensure only the posts complying with ARL social media guidelines are posted. Adetoun was also one of the assessors for the ARL Travel Grant. Adetoun's presentation for the Hot Topics session at WLIC 2022 was accepted, however she was not able to travel due to visa issues to enter Ireland. Adetoun contributed to various IC activities during her term as the ARL IC.

**Role**

Member

**Name of Unit member**

Antonio Cobos Flores

**Contributions**

Antonio takes care of the ARL Twitter and tweets about various ARL initiatives and news. He is also a member of the IFLA ARL Travel Grant assessment team and the webinar team. Antonio regularly posts tweets about ARL activities.

**Role**

Member

**Name of Unit member**

Astrid Verheusen

## **Contributions**

Astrid is the lead for the IFLA ARL Travel Grant initiative. She led the team including Ursula Arning, Antonio Cobos Flores, Jayshree Mamtara, Marisa King, Mari Aaltonen, Tuelo Ntlotlang, Mary Ngure and Adetoun Oyelude to assess the applications (31 for 2022). Astrid received all the applications for the grant and sorted them for the assessors to do the evaluation. She helped conclude the process with the selection of the three winners from Africa, Asia/Oceania and Latin America to attend the WLIC 2022 in Dublin.

## **Role**

Member

## **Name of Unit member**

Jayshree Mamtara

## **Contributions**

Jayshree is a member of the IFLA Journal Special Issue team led by Reggie Raju. The team is planning a special issue based on the contents of ARL's blogs and webinars.

Jayshree is also a member of the evaluation team to assess the IFLA ARL Travel grants.

Jayshree gave a presentation at the Hot Topics session during the WLIC 2022 Congress in Dublin.

## **Role**

Member

## **Name of Unit member**

Jim O'Donnell

## **Contributions**

Jim is the lead for the Satellite Conference initiative. Jim, together with other team members including Mari Aaltonen, Tuelo, Tiiu and Lorraine, Jerome and Gulcin had a number of meetings throughout the year to plan the satellite conference which we hope will take place prior to WLIC 2023 in Rotterdam.

Jim also contributed a blog to the ARL Blog prior to the WLIC 2022.

## **Role**

Member

## **Name of Unit member**

Karen Downing

## **Contributions**

Karen is a member of the ARL webinar series and Hot Topics teams. She has made many contributions as an ARL member, for example by volunteering to give feedback on the competency guidelines for rare books and special collections professionals when the IFLA Section RBSC asked for help on behalf of ARL.

Karen contributed a blog post to the ARL Blog as well. She was the lead organiser for the Research Ethics webinar. She helped find speakers for the webinars and the Hot Topics session.

Karen shows interest in almost all aspects of the ARL activities and offers her suggestions, ideas and help readily.

## **Role**

Member

## **Name of Unit member**

Lorraine Harricombe

## **Contributions**

Lorraine is the lead organiser of the ARL Hot Topics session for the WLIC 2022. Lorraine and her team, including Karen and Siviwe, put together the proposal for the Hot Topics session, sourced the speakers and organised the successful session in Dublin.

Lorraine contributes in multiple ways to the Section's activities, often offering her ideas and suggestions and volunteers for various tasks, for example taking the notes of the meeting in Dublin when the Secretary was unavailable.

Lorraine met members of the team to plan the Satellite Conference 2023 in Rotterdam whilst in Dublin.

## **Role**

Member

**Name of Unit member**

Mari Aaltonen

**Contributions**

Mari is a member of the assessment team for the IFLA ARL Travel Grant proposals. She is also a member of the Satellite Conference planning team.

**Role**

Member

**Name of Unit member**

Mary Ngure

**Contributions**

Mary is a member of the assessment team for the IFLA ARL Travel Grant proposals. Mary has been helping with the ARL website by uploading news and resources and by editing and uploading ARL webinar video to YouTube and slides to SlideShare. Mary started taking care of the website and video aspects of the IC responsibilities during the transition period between ICs and she is happy to continue with some aspects of the web and video responsibilities.

**Role**

Member

**Name of Unit member**

Reggie Raju

**Contributions**

Reggie has been leading the webinar team together with Xin Li for the last few years. Reggie is also the lead for the IFLA Journal Special Issue team. Reggie and the team are collaborating to create a special issue of the IFLA Journal with the journal editor. Reggie will be the lead for the next ARL webinar on SDGs.

**Role**

Member

**Name of Unit member**

Sharon Murphy

**Contributions**

Sharon has been the co-lead for the ARL blog for the last few years, initially with Jerome and then with Vicki. Sharon collaborated with Jerome in the development of the blog guidelines. She helps with the editing and revision of the blog articles. Sharon wrote a blog summarising 'Country Trends' compiled over many years by members of the ARL Committee.

**Role**

Member

**Name of Unit member**

Siviwe Bangani

**Contributions**

Siviwe is a member of the Hot Topics team and the Webinar team. Siviwe will be the lead organiser for the webinar for February 2023.

**Role**

Member

**Name of Unit member**

Soren Bertil Fabricius Dorch

**Contributions**

Bertil is a member of the IFLA Journal Special Issue team. Bertil has contributed a number of blogs to the ARL Blog series, the most recent ones being about the LIBER Conference in Denmark and a summary of the initiatives by ARL members' libraries to support the Ukrainian libraries and librarians in recent months.

**Role**

Member

**Name of Unit member**

Tiiu Tarkpea

**Contributions**

Tiiu is a member of the ARL Satellite Planning Team. Tiiu compiles and summarises ARL Country Trends Reports annually for ARL members to use in planning its initiatives for the year. Tiiu has now volunteered to make some adjustments to the ARL Basecamp space to make it more accessible. Tiiu has contributed to the ARL Blog series.

**Role**

Member

**Name of Unit member**

Tuelo Ntlotlang

**Contributions**

Tuelo is a member of the webinar team. She contributed to the most recent webinar by monitoring the chat. Tuelo is also a member of the Satellite Conference Planning and Travel Grant Assessment teams.

**Role**

Member

**Name of Unit member**

Ursula Arning

**Contributions**

Ursula is a member of the ARL Travel Grant assessment team. Ursula has been contributing to the ARL Blog for many years. Her most recent blog was "Writing Open Access Policies: Experience in Sciences". Ursula has been helpful in sourcing speakers for various ARL webinars. She helps the team with offering translations from Spanish to English and vice versa when required.

**Role**

Member

**Name of Unit member**

Vicki McDonald

**Contributions**

Vicki has been the lead for the WLIC Open Session team which we were not able to hold in 2022 due to WLIC 2022 limited programme.

Vicki is the co-lead with Sharon Murphy in managing the ARL blog and uploads the blogs to the platform.

Vicki was one of the assessors to choose two co-opted members from Asia/Oceania for ARL.

**Role**

Member

**Name of Unit member**

Xin Li

## Contributions

Xin has been the co-lead for the ARL webinar series for the last few years. Xin developed a very helpful step-by-step guide to planning and running webinars in collaboration with her team and with Megan Price's team at the IFLA Headquarters. Xin regularly provides support and advice on the webinar planning and arranges program planning for the calendar year and debriefing sessions afterwards to ensure members learn and follow up. Xin offers advice and ideas willingly and regularly.

## Please indicate any changes to Committee membership during 2021-2022

We recruited two co-opted members from Asia/Oceania in June 2022 after assessing a number of applicants. They have not had a chance to undertake any activities yet. They have been present at meetings. Adetoun Oyelude stepped down as the ARL Information Coordinator due to work commitments. After calling for Expressions of Interest, Jerome Fronty was appointed as the ARL IC in April.

## Standing/SIG Committee Meetings

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### Please provide information about your 2021-22 Standing Committee Meetings:

#### Meeting date (dd/mm/yyyy)

13/09/2021

#### How was this meeting held

Virtual (Zoom/Skype/Teams etc.)

#### What were this meeting's main outcomes?

We hold almost all our meetings twice to accommodate members in different time zones. This meeting was held on 13th and 15th September 2021.

Country Trends Reports, Action Plan for 2021-2022, Roles & Responsibilities for members, New initiatives for 2021-2022, evaluation of the first virtual WLIC 2021 and feedback, new IFLA website feedback, lack of members from Asia/Oceania were discussed and decisions were made for various teams to follow up.

#### Have the minutes for this meeting been uploaded to the Repository?

Yes

#### Meeting date (dd/mm/yyyy)

29/11/2021

#### How was this meeting held

Virtual (Zoom/Skype/Teams etc.)

#### What were this meeting's main outcomes?

We hold almost all our meetings twice to accommodate members in different time zones. This meeting was held on 29 November and 1 December 2021.

Blog posts, new IC and her role plus shared IC responsibilities within the Section, Action Plan items progress reports, Travel Grant activity and next steps.

#### Have the minutes for this meeting been uploaded to the Repository?

Yes

#### Meeting date (dd/mm/yyyy)

9/02/2022

#### How was this meeting held

Virtual (Zoom/Skype/Teams etc.)

#### What were this meeting's main outcomes?

This was a social gathering of ARL members plus IFLA HQ staff, Megan Price and Div E Chair Patrick Danowski for CCC (coffee, cocktails, conversation). It was held twice, on the 7th and 9th February. No agenda and no minutes, just connection and conversation.

#### Have the minutes for this meeting been uploaded to the Repository?

Not yet

**Meeting date (dd/mm/yyyy)**

17/02/2022

**How was this meeting held**

Virtual (Zoom/Skype/Teams etc.)

**What were this meeting's main outcomes?**

This was a special meeting to discuss plans for WLIC 2022. It was held only once to have a quick discussion and make decisions. Notes of the meeting are on Basecamp, not on the web.

**Have the minutes for this meeting been uploaded to the Repository?**

Not yet

**Meeting date (dd/mm/yyyy)**

11/04/2022

**How was this meeting held**

Virtual (Zoom/Skype/Teams etc.)

**What were this meeting's main outcomes?**

We hold almost all our meetings twice to accommodate members in different time zones. This meeting was held on 11 and 13th April 2022.

Follow up on progress for each of the initiatives on the Action Plan. Plans for the next webinar on research ethics.

**Have the minutes for this meeting been uploaded to the Repository?**

Yes

**Meeting date (dd/mm/yyyy)**

20/07/2022

**How was this meeting held**

Virtual (Zoom/Skype/Teams etc.)

**What were this meeting's main outcomes?**

We hold almost all our meetings twice to accommodate members in different time zones. This meeting was held on 20th and 22nd June 2022.

Update on the Call for Expressions of Interest for the co-opted membership for ARL and appointment of the two new members; progress on the Hot Topics session during WLIC and other activities.

**Have the minutes for this meeting been uploaded to the Repository?**

Yes

**Meeting date (dd/mm/yyyy)**

25/07/2022

**How was this meeting held**

In-person

**What were this meeting's main outcomes?**

The ARL Business meeting during the WLIC 2022 in Dublin was held in-person, but we were able to connect with some of our members who were not able to attend via Zoom. We had a number of observers as well as the Chair of Division E, Patrick Danowski attend the meeting. Fruitful discussion on plans for satellite conference in 2023 amongst other action plan initiatives.

**Have the minutes for this meeting been uploaded to the Repository?**

Yes

**Meeting date (dd/mm/yyyy)**

19/09/2022

### **How was this meeting held**

Virtual (Zoom/Skype/Teams etc.)

### **What were this meeting's main outcomes?**

We hold almost all our meetings twice to accommodate members in different time zones. This meeting will be held on the 19th and 21st September 2022.

### **Have the minutes for this meeting been uploaded to the Repository?**

## **Successes/Accomplishments/Achievements**

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### **Briefly describe the project, activity, or output you accomplished during the period August 2021 - August 2022**

#### **Details**

Attendance Grants: We were successful in securing sponsorship from Ex Libris and Sage to support three IFLA ARL Travel Grant winners from Asia/Oceania, Africa and Latin America to attend WLIC 2022 in Dublin. The two attendees (one was not able to attend due to visa issues) were delighted to attend the Congress.

#### **Do you have a URL to this accomplishment to share?**

<https://www.ifla.org/g/academic-and-research-libraries/academic-and-research-libraries-attendance-grants-for-the-ifla-congress/>

#### **Details**

ARL accomplished two webinars during 2021-22; "Tales of rising from the ashes: rebuilding libraries/museums after a disaster" held on 11 October 2021 and "Research Ethics in an Open Research Environment" held on 16/17 June, 2022. Both webinars had a wide range of speakers from diverse global backgrounds.

#### **Do you have a URL to this accomplishment to share?**

<https://www.ifla.org/ifla-arl-webinars/>

#### **Details**

ARL Hot Topics session during the WLIC 2022 in Dublin was a major success. The theme was: "Truth, Evidence and Memory: Academic Libraries as Cultural Rights Defenders"

#### **Do you have a URL to this accomplishment to share?**

<https://www.ifla.org/news/call-for-papers-arl-hot-topics-session-at-ifla-congress-in-dublin-ireland-2022/>

#### **Details**

##### **ARL Blogs**

ARL publishes blogs related to a wide range of topics on academic and research libraries. We published 18 blogs from August 2021 to September 2022. The authors of these blogs are global and diverse.

#### **Do you have a URL to this accomplishment to share?**

<https://blogs.ifla.org/arl/>

## **Communications**

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**How have you communicated your Unit's work to the following stakeholders?**

	Unit members	General IFLA members	Section members	The field at large
Newsletter	X	X	X	X
Webpage	X	X	X	X
Blog post	X	X	X	X
Mailing list	X	X		X
Social Media	X	X	X	X
Basecamp	X		X	

**Please comment on any communication or partnerships outside of your own Standing Committee**

ARL uses both IFLA-L and UNIVERS lists to communicate with the profession globally.

**Additional Information**

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**Did you receive Professional Council funding for 2021-2022?**

Yes

**How does the Unit plan to measure the impact of the funded output?**

We have not used the funds yet.

**Please use this space to provide any additional information you would like to share about the Unit's activities for the year:**

ARL has a diverse global membership now that we have two new co-opted members from Asia. The number of ARL Facebook followers keep increasing. There are over 5600 followers as of September 2022. Our webinars are very popular globally.

Many of our activities take place on an ongoing basis, eg. blogs, webinars, Travel Grant and so on. We usually review, improve and enhance these activities regularly, as new members take the coordination role and new ideas are suggested. They are not static, but evolve on a continuous basis.