

# Minutes of Library and Research (LTR) Business Meeting I IFLA WLIC, 25 July, 2022

11:15 GMT

# Wicklow Hall 2, Dublin Convention Centre and via Zoom

#### **Attendance**

#### Officers:

Egbert Sanchez (**Chair**, LTR Member, 2<sup>nd</sup> term, Mexico), Debbie Schachter (**Secretary**, LTR Member, 1<sup>st</sup> term, Canada),

#### LTR Members in first term:

Kawanna Bright (United States, virtual,), Lian Ruan (United States),), Diljit Singh (Malaysia) virtual, Rebecca Vargha (United States), Steve Witt (United States), Zuzanna Wiorogórska (Poland), Agnese Galeffi (Italy) virtual, Jung-Eun Kim (Republic of Korea), Maria Micle (Romania)

#### LTR Members in second term:

Krystyna Matusiak (United States) virtual, Theo Bothma (South Africa), Clara Chu (United States), Takahisa Shimoda (Japan) virtual.

# **Observers & guests:**

Dilara Begum (Division C Chair); Jaya Raja; Stephen Woods, USA; Neus Torres Tubau (Switzerland; Iman observer; Peter Lor, South Afrida; Saif Al Jabri, Iman.

#### Regrets

Carla Colombati (Information Coordinator, LTR Member); Benôit Epron (Switzerland); Susmita Chakraborty (India); Assunta Arte (Italy), Stefan Schmunk (Germany)

- Welcome and Introductions (Chair)
  Egbert opened the meeting and asked everyone to introduce themself.
- 2. Agenda approval (Chair) Clara/Zusa
- 3. Minutes approval
  - a. Approval of Business Meeting II, 9 September, 2021 The minutes were approved (Zuza/Jungegun)
  - b. Approval of Midterm Meeting, 24 March, 2022 The minutes were approved (Zuza/Jungegun)

4. Reports from the LTR Officers and Communications Team (Chair, Secretary, Information Officer)

Egbert reported that under the new structure LTR is now part of Professional Division C, and Dilara Begum was elected Chair of the Council. With Social Sciences, IFLA Journal we are providing a Satellite meeting following WLIC, on July 30 and 31 at Dublin City University. We also brought a plan together for a research project related to scholarly communications, under the leadership of Kawanna Bright. Kawanna will be bringing together colleagues to participate in this project and with Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning (CPDWL) special interest group. We also met with other professional division sections to present about our sections to introduce ourselves to each other. We are also continuing to participate through Clara Chu on the BLISE project and thanks to Clara for her hard work. Another project that is still ongoing is the research into the teaching of research methods at LIS programs globally, underway with the leadership of Krystyna Matusiak. Thanks to Rebecca Vargha for the newsletter and Zuza Wiorogórska will be participating in future newsletter production. Thanks to Carla Colombati for her input into the Basecamp set up. During the late winter we also organized the election for the History SIG and Anna Maria Tammaro is the new convener of this SIG within the new IFLA structure.

Debbie reported on her activities as Secretary, including that agendas and minutes have been developed for meetings and shared via email as well as on Basecamp. Basecamp is now set up as our repository of documentation. Basecamp also has our calendar updated with meeting dates and other dates of interest, and all members can participate through this platform. In March Debbie attended the workshop for sharing information with all of the sections within our Division C. On March 22 Egbert and Debbie attended a meeting with SET, LTR, BLISE and TESA, organized by Aida Slavic, in which each Section identified a liaison to the group, and Debbie was identified as the liaison. Debbie also continued to participate in the LIS research methods research project with Krystyna and Kawanna.

#### 5. Project Updates

Clara Chu provided an updated on the BLISE report with a physical report of the IFLA Guidelines for Prfoessional LIS Education Programmes, and which she shared at the meeting, as well as provided the online link (<a href="https://bslise.org/lis-education-guidelines/">https://bslise.org/lis-education-guidelines/</a>). BLISE has been working on the report since 2018 following a white paper that guidelines and other activities needed to be created to strengthen LIS education internationally. Clara provided a historic overview of the work of the committee and various outcomes, working with SET and LTR. Saif and Theo were also involved in data collection. In 2022 the Guidelines were formally endorsed. An open session will be taking place at WLIC on Tuesday, July 26 2:45 p.m. The Guidelines will be presented and they will hold a discussion on how to use these and what are the perceived challenges on implementation. BLISE want to identify how they will steward the guidelines for how to be used, and they are working to share the guidelines in Costa Rica in 2021, Library Association of Malaysia in 2022, Pakistan Library Sssocion in March 2022, and Latin American meeting May 2022. There was a webinar on

student engagement in Division 4 on how students can be more involved, and there will be a conference in South Africa. There will be many more future webinar opportunities. Jung-Eun Kim will be doing the Korean translation of the Guidelines with others.

The LIS programme map is hosted by EDICIC in Brazil and has been launched but official announcement is still forthcoming. There is an FAQ page and also a user guide. Metadata cleanup is in progress, and the directory is in development and will enhance discovery and accessibility. Sabrina Gunn, BLISE scholar is contributing to the map project. Presentations took place in 2021 and other papers are being developed by the group.

A third project is the LIS programmes in ranked systems, and data has already been collected and is currently being cleaned. Through the website the communications team is spotlighting student voices, and an internship program with students from Pakistan, Hungary, Nigeria and Bangladesh has occurred. A new call for interns is out now. They are also collaborating with the subject access group and with San Jose State University which is funding the LIS scholar. Egbert thanked Clara and Jaya for their report.

Kawanna reported on the new research project for LTR, and based on the survey conducted by the Section, the team will be looking at the barriers, challenges, etc., to scholarly communications globally. Diljit, Takashita, and Zusa are participating on the research team. The current plan is to do a deep dive into what scholarly communications looks like in the literature now and follow that up with a survey. It is modelled on the research that Krystyna has been leading on LIS research methods teaching. The initial thought is to focus on practitioners. They will be reaching out to everyone in further stages, including reaching out to practitioners in different countries and in different language.

Krystyna reported on the LIS research methods project, in its third year and is wrapping up by the end of this year. There are two parts: the first a scholarly project trying to understand LIS education in research methods. The team conducted an international survey and interview with educators, conducted in English and Spanish. The bilingual part of the research was particularly interesting and we learned a lot in terms of conducting international projects and reflecting on the methods. The practical implications were the need to translation from Spanish into English in order to analyse the data. We will share more about it in the presentation at the satellite conference following WLIC. Krystyna works closely with Debbie and Kawanna, and also with Egbert and past member, Premila. We did two presentations at ALISE, we'll be talking at the Satellite and a talk on reflection of conducting international research at ASIS&T in the autumn. We're in the midst of qualitative data analysis with some coding and we're hoping to finish and write a paper this fall.

The second part of the project is working on an edited volume where we invited study participants and did a call for chapters on research methodology in education and practice. The book consists of four parts, LIS in research methods, continuing ed and professional

development, the third is research studies investigating studies related to the gap and research methods in LIS, and the final part is case studies of librarians researcher practitioners conducting research in our field. There are 24 chapters with authors from 18 countries, so a fully international contribution. We are expecting to publish in the IFLA professional series by De Gruyter, later this year. There is an article about this research project in the most recent LTR newsletter.

- 6. 2022 WLIC Congress Program, July 26-28
  - Steven reported on the post-satellite meeting taking place on July 30 and 31 at Dublin City University. The University Library is able to provide us with hybrid technology so we can conduct the workshop in both in person and in Zoom. There are 35 online registrants and 13 in person at this time. The program follows on the project that Krystyna reported on. It's global and comparative research design in LIS research. Peter Lor will be providing a talk, and Lyn Salipigni-Connaway on research methods, and Kawanna, Krystyna, Debbie will be talking about how to conduct international research. Steve will be sharing how to prepare the information on your research for publication. Unfortunately, there is a clash with the satellite meeting that SET is holding, which may impact participation.
- 7. Draft of the LTR Annual Report Egbert reported that will be doing the draft annual report soon and will include information from the projects.
- 8. Group Discussion of the Section's Engagement, Collaborations, and Activities Egbert reported on attending the professional council as an observer, with the new structure and what they want from us within IFLA. They want us to engage and participate and ensure that everyone has a task. They also stressed on engagement generally and if we are part of a section how can we connect with our Division? They consider this a pilot period as it's a new structure and all members don't necessarily understand this structure. They are planning to gather input over the first two years and reflect for suggestion and correct any processes, etc. at that time. They have stressed on participation within the Section and to engage all members of the Section, and encourages all members to ask to participate on projects.

Debbie provided information about what was gathered at the officers information session.

#### 9. IFLA WLIC 2023

WLIC 2023 is confirmed for August 21-25 in Rotterdam and the satellite meeting countries will be the BENELUX countries. The call is out now for a host association for the 2024 WLIC, and it will need to be outside of Europe.

The question was asked why WLIC is being held in July this year, and this is due to logistics to run this year's conference, having been postponed for two years.

#### 10. Any other Business

Maria suggests of better communication in our Division such as a What's App group for both the Section and the Division. The LTR Information Officer can look to developing this.

Peter Lor apologized for missing the Officers Business meeting this morning and the reported that the History SIG has taken note that IFLA will be 100 years old in 2027. On Tuesday, July 26 the History SIG will be having an open session 083 at 16:15 on sources and themes for the history of IFLA. They are encouraging people to start thinking about possibly writing a chapter of a book. They will plan to have a seminar on the lead up to 2027 on the history of IFLA. There was a previous book on reminiscences and this time they are planning to have something a little more scholarly, celebrating IFLA's successes and looking critically at how it has developed and a critical perspective on NGOs and library associations. He encourages people to attend the session on Tuesday but if you are interested in participating on these projects to contact Anna Maria Tammaro (chair) or Peter Lor. This includes a project to collect oral histories of past presidents and secretary generals, etc. and they need to do this as quickly as possible. Peter has asked people to please recommend personalities other than the two official roles noted above, and also help to interview would be helpful.

Dilara thanked everyone for their work and departed.

Rebecca Vargha, Newsletter editor, mentioned that we have our new newsletter distributed in July and the new feature is Committee members for profiles and will look to have three more profiles in the next newsletter. Rebecca will aim for the end of this year to early next year for the next issue of the newsletter.

#### 11. Next mid-term meeting

LTR is considering planning a mid-term meeting in March or April in Europe or elsewhere, or we may need to hold a hybrid meeting, so we will wait to determine the situation but begin planning in the autumn.

If we choose to hold one, the next satellite meeting could take place in Belgium or elsewhere in the Netherlands, as those would be accessible from Rotterdam. Egbert may reach out to the public library in Rotterdam, for example, if needed.

# **Next Business Meeting:**

We will look to set up a meeting in August at which point we will be able to share the draft annual report. A Doodle poll for the meeting set up with be distributed after WLIC.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

# Attachment 1

# Building Strong LIS Education (BSLISE) Working Group Report

IFLA SET and LTR Business Meetings, July 26, 2022 https://bslise.org/

 IFLA Guidelines for Professional LIS Education Programmes endorsed April 2022 by the IFLA Professional Council and is now released. https://repository.ifla.org/handle/123456789/

#### **Guidelines Timeline and Process**

2018-19: Development of Foundational Knowledge Areas (FKAs) and LIS definition

2019-20: Development of Guidelines

2021: Broad consultation of draft guidelines and revision

2022: Guidelines endorsed by IFLA Professional Council

- 2. Presentations and promotion of the Guidelines
  - WLIC 2022 Open Session

**Tuesday, July 26, 14:45 - 16:15**. Session 073 IFLA Guidelines for LIS Education Programmes: Applying a Global Framework to Transform LIS Education in Local Contexts. **Location**: The Convention Centre Dublin (CCD), Wicklow Hall 2. <a href="https://iflawlic2022.abstractserver.com/program/#/details/sessions/7">https://iflawlic2022.abstractserver.com/program/#/details/sessions/7</a> The session engages LIS professionals, educators, students, associations and stakeholders in the application of the recently endorsed *IFLA Guidelines for Professional LIS Education Programmes* for local contexts.

#### **Session Format:**

- 1. Welcome and Introduction (Lisa and Egbert 3 min, with 2 min late start)
- 2. Presentation of Guidelines (Clara and Jaya 10 min) and Q&A (8 min)
- 3. breakout discussion to address three issues from their own local/institutional context: (a) promote guidelines, (b) usage of the Guidelines as a tool for the development of quality in LIS education, (c) challenges in implementation of the Guidelines) (35 min) each table will need a discussion leader and rapporteur. Section volunteers welcomed (sign-up on sheet circulated). Forms on tables allow people to write what they are considering doing or questions they have, and they can leave for us to collect.
- 4. Reporting out and discussion (15 min)
- 5. Support from IFLA or stewardship group (Lisa 5 min) and Q&A (10 min)
- 6. Conclusion and contact information (2 min)
- XII Encuentro EDICIC, Costa Rica, October 26-29, 2021 < PPT | recording | paper>
  Clara Chu, Ana María Talavera Ibarra y Virginia Ortiz Repiso
- Library Association of Malaysia and Philippine Council of Deans, March 2022 –
  Diljit Singh
- Pakistan Library Association, March 2022 Nosheen Fatima Warraich