



**Preservation and Conservation Section
ANNUAL REPORT
2018-2019**

Introduction

This Annual Report template corresponds with the Action Plan you prepared for the period 2018-2019. This report is an important way to inform the Professional Committee, your Section's Standing Committee, members of your Section and the profession around the world about achievements over the past year.

The Annual Reports of all IFLA Sections provide important input to the fulfilment of IFLA's Professional Programme, Strategic Plan and Key Initiatives, and also contribute to IFLA's Annual Report.

A summary should be provided to the membership of your Professional Unit and published on your webpage.

This is a condensed version of the report.

PART 1: Projects/Activities

Objective 1	
Contribute to regional development and adoption of standards and best practices in preservation and conservation.	
Projects/Activities	Progress
To raise the awareness on the importance of disaster planning through an open session at WLIC in Athens	Completed. The session took place on 27 August 2019.
Risks	
We expected some withdrawals, but that did not happen and the session was successful.	
Output	Impact
Open session in Athens WLIC on Forward Thinking to lessen the effects of disasters, whether from weather or man-made (P&CS and RBSC)	More than 100 of participants of the session show the interest and importance of this topic. We believe that described experiences could help librarian communities to be ready for possible disasters.
Communications	
The papers are published and accessible in the IFLA Library repository.	

Objective 2	
Share and promote good practices in preservation and conservation, both digital and analogue.	
Projects/Activities	Progress
Promotion of good practices in preservation of big data.	Completed. The session took place in an hour open session at WLIC in Athens on 27 August 2019.
Publication of a special issue of IFLA Journal on storage	In progress. IFLA Journal Committee approved the proposal; Co-Editors are Reinhard Altenhöner and Jake Nadal; Call for papers will go out later this year
Updating the Section's website	Completed
Risks	
The biggest risk is preparing articles for the IFLA Journal.	
Output	Impact
Open session in Athens on data preservation (P&CS and Big Data SIG)	The conference was completely full (approx. 120 participants), which shows that the topic has wide interest in the library sector.
IFLA Journal Special Issue on Preservation: Best Practices for Storage physical and digital	To share best practices in the field of library materials' storage
Updated Section's website	Clear overview of the Section's activities and goals.
Communications	
The papers of the open session are published and accessible in the IFLA Library repository. The thematic issue of IFLA Journal will be published next year.	

Objective 3	
Overview of standards and guidelines in preservation and conservation.	
Projects/Activities	Progress
Dissemination of information on digital preservation open source tools on the Section's website	In progress. Miguel Angel Mardero Arellano has completed the list but we can only publish with the new platform.
Risks	
We saw no risks to this activity.	
Output	Impact
Overview of useful tools for digital preservation.	We believe that this list could be of help to librarians planning digital preservation.
Communications	
The list will be available through the Section's website.	

Objective 4	
To promote the professional training and development of librarians involved in preservation and conservation.	
Projects/Activities	Progress
Cooperation with the PAC Strategic Program and PAC centers.	In progress. The joint meeting in Athens (Session #254) on 29 August 2019 was beneficial.
Risks	
Possible risks: 1) duplication of effort or 2) assuming the Strategic Programme will manage an activity that the P&C Section should oversee.	
Output	Impact
Communications	

Standing Committee membership

Please provide further information about members of the Standing Committee and their contribution to the work of the Professional Unit.

Standing Committee members' names	Role on the Standing Committee (if any) and contribution made to the work of the Professional Unit over the year (Chair, Information Coordinator, Project Leader)	Comments on position (resigned, co-opted to fill a casual vacancy, etc.)
1. Reinhard Altenhöner	SC member – contributed ideas and opinions concerning the organization of activities of the section	
2. Sylvain Bélanger	SC member – contributed ideas and opinions concerning the organization of activities of the section	
3. Sophie Dibounje Madiba	Information Coordinator – updated the Section’s website	
4. Jeanne Drewes	Project leader - contributed ideas and opinions concerning the organization of activities of the section; organized an open session for WLIC 2019; took the lead in preparing a thematic issue of IFLA Journal	
5. Russell Lynch	Incoming SC member - contributed ideas and opinions concerning the organization of activities of the section	
6. Arnold Mwanu	SC member – contributed ideas and opinions concerning the organization of activities of the section	
7. Stephanie Preuss	SC member – contributed ideas and opinions concerning the organization of activities of the section	
8. Becky Ryder	Secretary - contributed ideas and opinions concerning the organization of activities of the section, prepared the minutes of our meetings	
9. Véronique Thomé	SC member – contributed ideas and opinions concerning the organization of activities of the section	Co-opted to fill a casual vacancy
10. Yoriko Sato	SC member – contributed ideas and opinions concerning the organization of activities of the section	
11. Ingeborg Verheul	SC member – contributed ideas and opinions concerning the organization of activities of the section	
12. Alenka Kavčič Čolić	Chair – gathered all ideas and implemented the tasks of the Chair. She organized an open session for WLIC 2019.	

13. Annie Bonnaud	SC member – contributed ideas and opinions concerning the organization of activities of the section	
14. Brenda Cabral Vargas	SC member – contributed ideas and opinions concerning the organization of activities of the section	
15. Ning Cao	SC member – contributed ideas and opinions concerning the organization of activities of the section	
16. Marwa El Sahn	SC member – contributed ideas and opinions concerning the organization of activities of the section	
17. Hea-won Hyun	SC member – contributed ideas and opinions concerning the organization of activities of the section	
18. Miguel Angel Mardero Arellano	SC member – contributed ideas and opinions concerning the organization of activities of the section	
19. Irina Shilova	SC member – contributed ideas and opinions concerning the organization of activities of the section	
20. Maria Sorjonen	SC member – contributed ideas and opinions concerning the organization of activities of the section	

Names of any other reporting persons	Role <i>For example, Corresponding Members</i>	Comments on position <i>(resigned, co-opted to fill a casual vacancy, etc.)</i>
1. Ornella Foglieni	Corresponding member - contributed ideas and opinions concerning the organization of activities of the section	
2. Irmhild Ceynowa	Corresponding member and IFLA contact at CEN/TC 346 "Conservation of cultural heritage"	
3.		
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Professional Unit meetings or conference calls

Please show how the Standing Committee has conducted its business over the year.

Date <i>When the meeting was held</i>	Location or type of meeting <i>Physical or virtual meeting (telephone, skype etc)</i>	Main outcomes <i>Briefly summarise the main outcomes of the meeting and how these were communicated to the membership of the Professional Unit</i>
1. 23 October 2018	Virtual meeting (ZOOM)	Definition of the Action Plan and discussion on ongoing tasks (session calls and volunteers for peer reviews). This and next virtual meeting were announced on Basecamp and on the Section's listserver. Short minutes were distributed to all SC members after the meeting
2. 16 January 2019	Virtual meeting (ZOOM)	Discussion on ongoing tasks.
3. 21 March 2019	Virtual meeting (ZOOM)	Discussion on ongoing tasks and information on recent news relevant for the section.
4. 13 May 2019	Virtual meeting (ZOOM)	Discussion on ongoing tasks and information on recent news relevant for the section.
5. 24 August 2019	Athens (HAEF)	Business items for WLIC; election of Section Officers; appreciation to out-going members; welcome incoming members
6. 29 August 2019	Athens (WLIC)	Business initiatives and activities; plans for 2020