



Approved Minutes
Professional Committee Meeting
Friday, 5 February 2021, 14:00-15:30 CET
Teleconference

Present: Vicki McDonald (Chair, Professional Committee), Sonia Poulin (Chair Division I), Helen Vincent (Chair Division II), Adjoa Boateng (Chair Division III), Catharina Isberg (Chair Division IV), Sanjay Kumar Bihani (Chair Division V), Ai Cheng Tay (GB member), Barbara Lison (President-elect), Minna von Zansen (GB member).

Staff: Gerald Leitner, (Secretary General) Helen Mandl (Deputy Secretary General and Director, Member Services), Megan Price (Professional Support Officer).

Apologies: Ellen Tise, (Chair, Freedom of Access to Information and Freedom of Expression), Martyn Wade (Chair, Copyright and Other Legal Matters (CLM)).

Welcome and Apologies

1.0 General Business

1.1 The Professional Committee Chair welcomed those in attendance and introduced the purpose of the meeting.

2.4 *Objective 4: Develop the congress as a professional experience and international forum*

2.4.1 WLIC 2021 Conference Platform - update

The Deputy Secretary General provided an update on the Conference Platform research and progress.

2.4.2 Conference Theme and Sub-Themes

The Professional Committee Chair introduced the WLIC 2021 Conference them and proposed sub-themes.

Conference Theme: Let's work together for the future
Conference Sub-Themes:

1. **Libraries Enable:** focusing on libraries and the future of education and innovation, this could include sessions on work within and outside of the field to build skills and competences among users, as well as to support innovation and research.
2. **Libraries Inspire:** focusing on libraries and the future of creativity and culture, this could include sessions on how libraries promote creativity and cultural engagement, in line with the UN International Year of the Creative Economy for Sustainable Development.
3. **Libraries Include:** focusing on libraries and the future of society and democracy, this could include sessions on how libraries are working to reach out and include diverse communities

(in their collections and programming), leaving no-one behind, as well as to promote democratic participation.

4. **Libraries Innovate:** focusing on libraries and the future of technology and information, this would include sessions exploring how libraries can improve the ways they use technology and other tools in carrying out their missions, as well as looking at the implications of technology for libraries and their values.
5. **Libraries Sustain:** focusing on libraries and the future of the environment and the wider economy, this would include sessions emphasising libraries' contribution to safeguarding cultural and natural heritage, broader work on sustainability, and support for improved long-term decision-making in governments (in line with the SDGs).

2.4.3 Expanding Sub-Themes

The Deputy Secretary General provided examples of possible sub-theme expansion to guide the call for conference session proposals.

The Division IV Chair led a session on further expansion of the sub themes.

2.4.4 Sharing information

The Professional Committee Chair will provide an update to the Units via Basecamp.

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Friday 19 February 2021