

**IFLA Social Sciences Libraries Section – Zoom Meeting  
04/23/20**

**Attendees:**

Gene Hayworth, Chair  
Robin Kear, Secretary  
Celia Emmelhainz, Information Coordinator  
Ekaterina Shibaeva  
Wenli Gao  
Muhammad Yousuf Ali  
Jennifer Voutssás  
Fabien Vandermarq  
Donatus Duesterhas  
Lynne Rudasill  
Emma Fontenote

**Gene Hayworth called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm EST.**

**1. Round Robin - How are you all doing?**

Updates from the committee members – most are living and working at home during self-isolation/quarantine. 2 members are recovering from COVID-19.

**2. IFLA WLIC 2020 “Open Science: Roles for Libraries to Promote Collaboration, Access and Advance Public Understanding” cancelled / planning**

The chairs are thinking about what to do with any program content. Speakers/papers had been selected. No decision has been made yet.

**3. Satellite in Dublin on LIS Research - Trinity College Library**

This topic will be changed to a one-day session in Rotterdam in IFLA WLIC in 2021. The same space will be held in Dublin for 2022 for a new satellite topic.

**4. Pakistan Library Club 4th Convention Update**

Yousuf: This will be rescheduled, and they will let us know the date. It may be in August if the Pakistan’s universities open in June.

**5. August meeting/Elections**

Officer elections for the committee will be held in 2021. Gene, Robin, and Celia will continue as officers through 2021.

**6. RELINDIAL Update**

Donatus: Thinking about things to do next year in Rotterdam for a satellite meeting. There is a project to ask colleagues working in libraries with religious collections to find bibliographies online. They would like to compile these bibliographies to place on the RELINDIAL website within IFLA.

- What is the status of IFLA’s new website? Gene will inquire. Celia reports that they are looking for new content but does not know of a deadline.

## 7. New Business

Lynne: Asked for updates from committee members for Global Voices of Library Information blog on what is happening with COVID-19 and library impacts. Multiple languages are welcome. <http://publish.illinois.edu/globalcurrents/> If you have something you would like to send along, please send it to me at [rudasill@illinois.edu](mailto:rudasill@illinois.edu).

Celia: Website update. Celia is willing to update the description of the section and send to the committee for feedback. IFLA would like us to develop new content for the website they will someday roll out. They want a writing style that is "user-friendly, light and readable."

- Our current about section briefly defines the social sciences and defines our scope as: "Social Science Libraries are special libraries supporting research and practice in the broad domain of the Social Sciences. Thus, the section includes for example big Business Libraries as well as small research institute libraries in the fields of linguistics or anthropology."
- Celia thinks we could highlight issues we have discussed in recent sessions and satellite events and highlight our relationship to RELINDIAL.
- Are there other elements you all would like to emphasize to help other librarians understand what the Social Sciences Libraries section is and why they should get involved? Let me know and I will write and circulate a draft of new text.

Gene: He will call the next Zoom meeting for August.

**Gene Hayworth ended the meeting at 1:35 pm EST.**