

# 2020-2021 Annual Report

## 1. Welcome

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**Hello and thank you for submitting your Unit's 2020-2021 Annual Report.**

The report form is slightly updated from the 2019-2020 version, in that it request details on Action Plan activity.

Please plan to have a draft of this report ready to share at the WLIC Business Meeting I, and a printout of the draft to pass on to incoming Officers, so they can use this for their Action Plan discussions and planning at WLIC Business Meeting II.

The final version of the 20-21 Annual Report is due to IFLA HQ, by October 1.

Some information about using this form:

### 1. Save and Continue

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Thank you.

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## 2. Unit Information

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**Please select your professional Unit**

Academic and Research Libraries Section

**Please select your Division**

Division 1

**Name of person completing form**

Gulcin CRIBB

**Role of person completing this form**

Chair

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### 3. Projects/Activities

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#### 1. Focus Area 1

Monitor current and emerging issues relevant to academic and research libraries, and disseminate information about those issues, including both results of relevant research and experiences of practitioners.

#### Project Output (e.g. Unit Guidelines, Webinar Series, etc.)

The 2020 Hot Topics session was held as a virtual panel discussion on the 8th September 2020. The 2021 Hot Topics (Ignite Talks) took place during the WLIC 2021 on the 19th August 2021.

#### Output status

Complete

#### Will you continue this output into 2021-2022?

Yes

#### Do you have a URL to this output you can share?

The 2020 Hot Topics session: <https://www.ifla.org/node/93276> The 2021 Hot Topics (Ignite Talks) session: <https://www.ifla.org/node/94003>

#### Detail, in brief

1. Hot Topics – Libraries as Catalysts: Inspire, Engage, Enable, Connect. 8th September 2020

<https://www.ifla.org/node/93276>

Recording of the Virtual webinar/panel discussion on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=34hSEdGX4vA>. Over 200 people attended with more than 150 views of the recording.

2. Hot Topics – Title: Libraries - Resilience, Commitment and Innovation, took place on the 19th August 2021 during the WLIC 2021. <https://www.ifla.org/node/94003>. The pre-recording with all five speakers took place successfully. Q & A session attracted over 80 participants with many questions and comments both in person and as part of the chat.

#### Key Unit Members who were responsible for the realisation of this output.

The leader of this initiative (both 2020 and 2021 Hot Topics) is Lorraine Haricombe supported by Jim O'Donnell, Mari Aaltonen and Sharon Murphy.

#### Project Output (e.g. Unit Guidelines, Webinar Series, etc.)

#### Output status

#### Will you continue this output into 2021-2022?

#### Do you have a URL to this output you can share?

#### Detail, in brief

#### Key Unit Members who were responsible for the realisation of this output.

### 4. Projects/Activities

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#### 2. Focus Area 2

Facilitate the involvement of library professionals from all regions in committee activities and programs.

**Project Output**

Webinar Series

**Output status**

Complete

**Will you continue this output into 2021-2022?**

Yes

**Do you have a URL to this output you can share?**

<https://www.ifla.org/node/93162> <https://www.ifla.org/node/93242> <https://www.ifla.org/node/93398>  
<https://www.ifla.org/node/93770> <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCACqtxCwibJlexS9APXZGwg>

**Detail, in brief**

Five webinars held from December to September 2020. 'Academic Library Services during COVID-19' (July 2020) with over 200 participants. 'Decolonization in education: role of the academic library' (August 2020) with 150 participants. 'Innovative and expanded academic library services: the ripple begins locally' (November 2020). 'Digital Preservation - Managing Publications and Data for future Research' (February 2021) with 130 participants. ARL collaborated with IFLA HQ in organizing webinars on 'Rights Retention: Exploring How the Plan S Strategy Could Apply Globally', presented in three different regions, with over 150 attendees. Recordings posted on YouTube, some viewed more than 200 times.

**Key Unit Members who were responsible for the realisation of this output.**

Reggie Raju and Li Xin in collaboration with Jayshree Mamtora, Mimi Calter, Lorraine Haricombe, Ursula Arning

**Project Output**

ARL WLIC Attendance Grants

**Output status**

Complete

**Will you continue this output into 2021-2022?**

Yes

**Do you have a URL to this output you can share?**

<https://www.ifla.org/node/10787>

**Detail, in brief**

A team of ARL members evaluated 89 applications for the WLIC attendance grant at the beginning of 2020 according to criteria agreed by members. As a result of the cancellation of the 2020 WLIC, it was agreed to offer the grant to the same applicants in the form free registration fees for the virtual 2021 WLIC. The following successful applicants Andrew Ojulong (Uganda), Nessel Noé (Argentina), Gianina Angela Celine O. Cabanilla,(Philippines) and Andrea Doyle (Brazil) attended the WLIC 2021 and will write a blog about their WLIC experience. The 2021 grant was sponsored by Sage

**Key Unit Members who were responsible for the realisation of this output.**

Liz State (coordinator), Marga Koelen, Leo Ma, Jayshree Mamtora, Ursula Arning, Lorraine Haricombe, Melita Ambrozic, Mari Aaltonen, Adetoun Oyalude, Oarabile Rakgamanyane and Gulcin Cribb

**Project Output**

Blog Posts

**Output status**

Complete

**Will you continue this output into 2021-2022?**

Yes

**Do you have a URL to this output you can share?**

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

**Detail, in brief**

ARL actively coordinates the posting of timely and relevant work to its blog. Posts are commonly written by committee members, though we occasionally have guest authors. 19 posts on a variety of topics were published from January 2020 to August 2021.

**Key Unit Members who were responsible for the realisation of this output.**

Jerome Fronty coordinates the blogs supported by the ARL IC Jayshree Mamtara. Almost all members of ARL have contributed a blog.

## 5. Projects/Activities

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**3. Focus Area 3**

**Project Output**

**Output status**

**Will you continue this output into 2021-2022?**

**Do you have a URL to this output you can share?**

**Detail, in brief**

**Key Unit Members who were responsible for the realisation of this output.**

## 6. Projects/Activities

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**4. Focus Area 4**

**Project Output**

**Output status**

**Will you continue this output into 2021-2022?**

**Do you have a URL to this output you can share?**

**Detail, in brief**

**Key Unit Members who were responsible for the realisation of this output.**

## 7. Projects/Activities

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**5. Focus Area 5**

**Project Output**

## Output status

Will you continue this output into 2021-2022?

Do you have a URL to this output you can share?

Detail, in brief

Key Unit Members who were responsible for the realisation of this output.

## 8. Communication

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How have you communicated your Unit's 2020-2021 work to the following?:

	Your Unit members	General IFLA members	The field at large	Your Section Members
Newsletter				
Webpage/Blog post			X	
Basecamp	X			
Mailing List			X	
Social Media			X	

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

Our members regularly share ARL activities and announcements amongst their own regional and local professional communities. We had planned to collaborate with the Stats&Eval Section for a joint session for WLIC 2020, however we had to cancel this due to the cancellation of F2F WLIC 2020. We collaborated with IFLA HQ (Steven Wyber) and Coalition S for a series of 3 webinars on Plan S that took place in January 2021.

## 9. Standing Committee Meetings

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Please provide information about Standing Committee Meetings held August 2020-August 25,2021:

Meeting date (dd/mm/yyyy)

21/09/2020

How was this meeting held?

Virtual (Zoom/Skype/etc.)

Main purpose(s) of this meeting

General Business Meeting

Main outcomes from this meeting?

ARL Section business to reflect on the previous year and to plan for the next 12 months.

Meeting date (dd/mm/yyyy)

16/12/2020

How was this meeting held?

Virtual (Zoom/Skype/etc.)

**Main purpose(s) of this meeting**

Check-in  
Social

**Main outcomes from this meeting?**

This was our year end social gathering to check in and connect with each other. It was held twice in different time zones to cater for members around the world. We invited various IFLA HQ staff and Chairs of PC and Division 1 to the event to get to know each other.

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

22/02/2021

**How was this meeting held?**

Virtual (Zoom/Skype/etc.)

**Main purpose(s) of this meeting**

Check-in  
General Business Meeting  
WLIC Planning

**Main outcomes from this meeting?**

This was our mid-term meeting for updates on various initiatives and projects, such as WLIC and webinars and to plan for the next 6 months or so. The meeting was held twice to cater for different time zones.

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

25/05/2021

**How was this meeting held?**

Virtual (Zoom/Skype/etc.)

**Main purpose(s) of this meeting**

General Business Meeting  
WLIC Planning

**Main outcomes from this meeting?**

This was our second mid-term meeting for updates on various initiatives and projects and to plan for the WLIC 2021. The meeting was held twice to cater for different time zones. We used this meeting to share various IFLA announcements such as the upcoming elections and changes to governance

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

06/07/2021

**How was this meeting held?**

Virtual (Zoom/Skype/etc.)

**Main purpose(s) of this meeting**

Transition

**Main outcomes from this meeting?**

We invited both the newly elected, outgoing and current members to this meeting. The meeting was held twice to cater for different time zones. We welcomed the new members and shared information about ARL activities.

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

09/07/2021

**How was this meeting held?**

Virtual (Zoom/Skype/etc.)

**Main purpose(s) of this meeting**

General Business Meeting

**Main outcomes from this meeting?**

This was our Business meeting prior to WLIC 2021 with the outgoing, current and new members. We invited the Division 1 Chair (Jan Richards who presented a video recording) to share information about the division and the new structure. The meeting was held twice to cater for different time zones. We discussed progress on various initiatives and the plans for the ARL session during the WLIC 2021.

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

26/09/2020

**How was this meeting held?**

Virtual (Zoom/Skype/etc.)

**Main purpose(s) of this meeting**

Project/Working Group Meeting

**Main outcomes from this meeting?**

This meeting was for planning the 2021 Satellite conference with a potential partner (Luxembourg National Library) prior to the 2021 WLIC to be held in Rotterdam. The satellite conference was cancelled due to the cancellation of the F2F WLIC 2021.

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

24/11/2020

**How was this meeting held?**

Virtual (Zoom/Skype/etc.)

**Main purpose(s) of this meeting**

Project/Working Group Meeting

**Main outcomes from this meeting?**

This was a meeting to discuss the plans for the webinar series with a small group. We agreed that we would have 3-4 webinars per year at the most as they are quite labour intensive. We agreed to aim to produce high quality webinars addressing critical issues with diverse speakers.

**10. Additional Information**

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

IFLA published an article about ARL titled "IFLA ARL Section + IFLA Strategy: Acting locally, Reaching Globally" as part of the IFLA from Home series in November 2020.

[https://www.ifla.org/node/93484?](https://www.ifla.org/node/93484?fbclid=IwAR1hu4RHogevXaY8i0hyHKjmn5d4aAkOuwkNoqsmMMhgBoAMjp9aP0U-fkw)

[fbclid=IwAR1hu4RHogevXaY8i0hyHKjmn5d4aAkOuwkNoqsmMMhgBoAMjp9aP0U-fkw](https://www.ifla.org/node/93768?og=43)

ARL was awarded a special mention for the DUJA 2020 Awards. <https://www.ifla.org/node/93768?og=43>

ARL was awarded the DUJA 2021 Award.

<https://www.ifla.org/node/94145?og=43>

ARL involves all its committee members in planning and delivering initiatives to broaden engagement with the overall IFLA membership. Committee members lead initiatives, including blogs, webinars, WLIC 2021 sessions, and more. Succession planning for officers' positions as well as responsibilities for other initiatives after the elections are discussed on an ongoing basis. There was a high level of interest in ARL during the recent IFLA elections as demonstrated by the large number of candidates (34) for ARL's 14 vacant positions. In addition, the officers of ARL fielded numerous enquiries from candidates about membership and activities of ARL. Our members often contribute to the overall activities of IFLA, such as testing of the new website and the virtual events handbook. Marga Koelen contributed a great deal to the testing of the new website. Xin Li provided considerable amount of input to the revision of the Handbook-Zoom events for Professional Units.

Several committee members have contributed to the development of the IFLA statement on Open Access. ARL's communications and social media strategy also support engagement. ARL's Facebook group, for example, has over 4800 members from around the world. The posts are often shared multiple times and 'liked' 20-30 plus times. One of our posts, on the devastating wildfires and damage to the University of Cape Town Library, was noted by over 95 people, generated 15 comments and shared 10 times.

ARL asks its members to share trend reports from their countries on annual basis. These reports are available on Basecamp and they are often used to identify topics for various ARL initiatives, such as webinars and WLIC Hot Topics sessions.

ARL membership is diverse in terms of both geography and expertise areas. Efforts were made in 2020 to gently suggest to inactive members (who have not been communicating with the Section and not attending meetings) to cease their membership as per IFLA Guidelines and then proceed with the appointment of new members on the list of nominees from 2019 elections. Three such new members were appointed. We also appointed new corresponding members to bring more diversity to the Section membership. We have been mindful in ensuring diversity in terms of the speakers for our webinars and the Hot Topics session for the WLIC 2021. The Hot Topics session for the WLIC 2021 (led by Lorraine Haricombe) included 5 speakers from China, Singapore, Denmark, Cameroon and the USA attracted over 80 participants around the world. The discussion was very interactive and participative.