



Section on Education and Training

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Minutes of Section on Education and Training Annual Meeting (virtual) 10 August 2021

Attendance on 10 August 2021:

Kendra Albright – Outgoing Chair (USA), Joan Weeks – Ongoing Information Coordinator (USA), Albina Krymskaya – Outgoing Secretary, Incoming Chair (Russia), Kathleen DeLong (Canada – Outgoing Member), Lisa Janicke Hinchliffe (USA – Ongoing Member, Incoming Secretary), Howayda Kamel (Egypt– Ongoing Member), Saif Aljabri (Oman – Outgoing Member), Jasenka Pleško (Croatia – Ongoing Member), Barbara Schultz-Jones (USA – Ongoing Member), Jaya Raju (South Africa – Ongoing Member), Sohaimi Zakaria (Malaysia – Ongoing Member), Susanne List-Tretthahn (Austria – Corresponding Member, Incoming Member), Linlin Geng (China – Corresponding Member), Sandy Hirsh (USA – Incoming Member), Jiuming Ji (China – Incoming Member), Jane Makke (Estonia – Incoming Member), Diane Pennington (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland – Incoming Member), Jennifer Branch-Mueller (Canada – Outgoing Member), Hiroyuki Tsunoda (Japan – Ongoing Member), Laura Saunders (USA – Incoming Member).

Apologies: Anna Maria Tamaro (Italy – Ongoing Member), Valentina Brezhneva (Russia – Corresponding Member)

Observers: Feili Tu-Keefner (USA), Mathew Moyo (South Africa), Diljit Singh (Malaysia), Petra Hauke (Germany), Priscilla Nga Ian Pun (China), Ágnes Hajdu Barát (Hungary), Amara Malik (Pakistan), Alena Katina (Russia), Ekaterina Shibaeva (Russia)

1. Opening and adoption of the agenda

The meeting was opened at 10:00-11:00 am New York Time. Kendra thanked outgoing members and welcomed new officers and members, as well as observers.

The agenda was adopted for the meeting.

2. Update from the Section Chair

Kendra shortly reported out on the focus areas included into an Action Plan for 2019-2021:

- Focus Area 1: Improve training of library professionals in research and evaluation methods to engage practitioners in evidence-based practice – A joint project with LTR was postponed due to Covid-19.
- Focus Area 2: Advance the profession through understanding, developing and promoting best practices in library and information science (LIS) education (with LTR) – Project Output: "IFLA Guidelines for Professional LIS Education Programs"; Directory and map of LIS education programs. Jaya to report on this focus area.
- Focus Area 3: Advance the profession through understanding best practices in knowledge management education (with KM Section) – A joint project was postponed due to Covid-19. Kendra is going to the KM Section to get this project of the ground in the next year.

- Focus Area 4: To adapt education and training to the Global vision, and IFLA commitment to equal and free access to information and knowledge. Educators and Professionals must be educated to give capabilities to play a social role and supporting society needs for Equity, Diversity, Inclusiveness. SET gives a new importance to creating learning material for a global curriculum and organizing training and a Summer School about libraries transforming society, supporting objectives such as the UN SDGs. Howayda to report out on this focus area.

3. Report from SET Secretary

Albina reported out on the following issues: overview of a few projects of SET; promotion of SET’s activity on social media, and the upcoming SET Newsletter.

- SET mini-conference “Putting Emerging LIS Competencies into Education and Practice: Challenges and Opportunities” – November 19-20, 2020
- A Webinar Series for LIS Students was proposed by SET for IFLA Division IV units. These webinars aim to create a place for students to share their projects, research, and ideas about different topics related to libraries (See Table 1).

Table 1

Webinar Topic	Number of Students & Countries	Number of Registrations	Number of Attendees
Getting Engaged with Library Associations – Benefits, Issues, Factors	5 students, Bulgaria, Russia, Philippines	400+	180+
Projects in the Libraries - Ideas, Innovations, Initiatives	5 students, Philippines, USA, Norway	600+	200+
LIS Degree Requirement: Internships, Practicums, or Field Experiences	4 students, Pakistan, India, Philippines, Croatia	900+	300+

The recordings of all events were uploaded on YouTube at <https://bit.ly/3AJyptu>

- LIS students are the focus of many SET activities to encourage their future engagement with IFLA and SET. The first is "The Top Books" recommended by IFLA members for LIS Students who can then build reading lists to learn about the profession and IFLA. The second is "Professional Advice," from LIS Professionals in IFLA to LIS Students." In both projects, IFLA Leadership including current IFLA President Christine Mackenzie, IFLA President-Elect Barbara Lison, and IFLA Treasurer, Antonia Arahova shared their recommended readings and advice of how to grow in the LIS profession.
- SET has been growing its presence on social media. Since September 2020, SET has created accounts on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube, to share news and post events, including webinars (see Table 2).

Table 2

Social Media	Number of Followers	Date of the Beginning
Facebook	1193	September 10, 2020
Instagram	461	October 26, 2020
YouTube	143	September 28, 2020

4. Update on SET Action Items:

Jaya reported on the activity of the BSLISE Working Group that was very productive over the last year. She thanked Kendra for her leadership of SET and contribution into the BSLISE activity over the many initial years. She also thanked other SET members who contributed to research of the BSLISE.

Membership for the BSLISE has been growing over the years. At present the Working Group has 39 members representing 6 IFLA regions, 21 countries, 20 languages.

Jaya highlighted main activities such as Mapping LIS education programs (BSLISE had a webinar on preliminary results in February 2021) the Guidelines for Professional LIS education programs (a range of feedback discussions in different languages were held in February-April 2021).

She told about the upcoming sessions of the BSLISE Working Group at the IFLA WLIC:

- [An Open Forum on LTR research projects: Beyond Helicopter Research: Unpacking International Studies on LIS Education and Research Methods](#)
- [A Solutions Room on Implementing the "IFLA Guidelines for Professional LIS Education Programs": Stakeholder Perspectives and Buy-in Locally and Globally, with IFLA President Christine Mackenzie, President-Elect Barbara Lison and others.](#)

Jaya also talked about the BSLISE's presence on social media and thanked the communications team who led "The Student Spotlight" Project and initiated a new project "Library and Information Science (LIS) Student Voices: Global Peer-to-Peer Dialogue" to promote the BSLISE in the LIS field.

Kendra offered the tremendous thank you to the leadership Jaya and Clara provided to move this project forward.

5. Update on SET Action Items: Howayda reported on IFLA Academy

The IFLA Education and Training Section has submitted the proposal of the IFLA Academy Project, prepared by Howayda Kamel, Anna Maria Tammara, Albina Krymskaya, with the aim of facilitating teaching and learning for a social role and ultimately to enable professionals to carry out the IFLA Global vision.

The IFLA Academy project was approved in February 2021, lasts one year and involves all members of the SET Committee. The Budget will cover OERs recording, translation and dissemination costs.

In August 2021, a subgroup of the SET Standing Committee with two Project coordinators will have the task of managing the organization of the Project, preparing the OERs, translating them, publishing them and managing the secretarial activities for the Training the trainers event and the Summer School. For SET SC members interested to join the IFLA Academy Subgroup, contact: IFLA SET (email: iflaset23@gmail.com)

In September 2021, a series of recorded webinars will be realised as Training the trainers event to be held in October 2021-February 2022 and will be translated and shared online, together with live discussion.

The Summer School is planned in August 2022 in presence before WLIC 2022.

The project team talked with some of the speakers. Among them there are David Lankes, Clara Chu and some others.

6. Report from the Information Coordinator, IFLA-SET Joan Weeks

Joan told about the upcoming update with a new website of IFLA and in particular with SET webpage. As always, she's tried to design all information posted on the webpage more convenient for users. She showed some initiatives she took to make SET more visible for users.

Kendra thanked Joan on updating content on SET webpage and keeping SET organized. Joan tested the new website in June and July 2021.

7. Other Reports

Saif Al-Jabri reported out on the activities of the LIS Education in Developing Countries SIG. It had a webinar over the last year, and a second webinar is scheduled for September 2021. Saif mentioned that a face-to-face cooperation was more productive than online ones. SIG will have a session in cooperation with the Information Literacy Section at the WLIC 2021.

Division IV Secretary Albina shortly reported out on the work of the Division that had several special meetings aimed at sharing experience between the professional units. It was a good opportunity to share SET's experience with other units and promote SET's activity.

8. Other Business Chair

SET thanked Kendra for her leadership over the last two year and her service to SET during 4 years.

9. Wrap up

Kendra thanked all members and said that it is the hardest part to leave SET. Also she encouraged SET members and observers to participate in SET projects.

Albina reminded to SET SC members about the next business on September 2, 2021.