International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions

Academic and Research Libraries Section Online Business Meeting I
9/10 August 2021

AGENDA

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Attendance SC-ARL Members:
Adetoun Adebisi Oyelude, Reggie Raju, Gulcin Cribb, Mari Aaltonen, Søren Bertil Dorch, Sharon Murphy,Tiiu
Tarkpea, Xin Li, Jayshree Mamtora, Lorraine J. Haricombe, Jerôme Fronty, Siviwe Bangani, Antonio Cobos Flores,
Marisa King, Vicki McDonald, Tuelo Ntlotlang, Melita Ambrozic, Marga Koelen, Leo F.H. Ma, Liz State

Non-Attendance SC-ARL members: Ursula Arning (with apologies), Karen Downing (with apologies) Astrid
Verheusen (with apologies) Ramesh C. Gaur, Oarabile Rakgamanyana, Jim O'Donnell (with apologies), Camila
Munoz Chumuca, Mimi Calter, Fawz Abdallaah, Mary Ngure

Observers:
Gloria Samunzala, Keamogetse, Andrea Doyle, Student, David Waweru, Galefele Bigman -IDM, Nessel Noé,
Oaitse

1. Welcome

    1.1. Introductions & Attendance

Gulcin Cribb the Chair of SC-ARL welcomes everybody to the meeting. She acknowledges "the traditional
custodians of the land on which I am speaking to you today and pay my respects for their elders past and
present". Gulcin explained the protocols for the meeting. The meeting will be recorded. The recording will be
available for two weeks to members only.

Only current members of ARL can vote at this meeting. The incoming members are most welcome to make
remarks and ask questions. The observers may make remarks only after the meeting.

She reminded us that the last 15 months have been challenging for all of us wherever we were around the world. She expressed her hope that we and our families, our friends and colleagues have been in good health. We all had to deal with this crisis whilst continuing with our work and taking care of our families and communities.

Marga is leaving as secretary but also leaves the committee. Jayshree will finish her term as Information coordinator but will remain as a member of the SC-ARL. Everybody thanks them for their support. Gulcin also thanked all the outgoing members for all their work. We welcomed newly elected officers, Marisa King as the Secretary and Adetoun Oyelude as the Information Coordinator which takes effect from the 26th August.

1.2. Apologies for Non-attendance

We received apologies from: Astrid Verheusen, Ursula Arning, Jan Richards (who will speak to us via a small video) and Jim O'Donnell.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved

3. Previous Meetings

3.1. Minutes SC Business meeting 25/26 May 2021

The minutes were approved and seconded in both meetings so will be made public on our SC-ARL webpages. Jan Richards speaks to us as chair of Division I. Under the new structure we will become part of Section D (the D of "dynamic" according to Jan Richards) and Patrick Danowskyi will be the chair of this section. Jan thanked everybody for their work for SC-ARL

3.2. Matters Arising

3.2.1. IFLA Journal Special Issue

Reggie proposed at the last meeting the possibility of publishing a special issue of IFLA Journal. Reggie stated that there has been some *"brilliant presentations during the last few years both at our webinars and blogs. It will be good if they can be produced as articles".* Marga contacted the editor in chief: Steven Witt. He explained: *"Our special issues are typically on a specific theme that is identified and proposed by the special issue editors. Once we have that theme, I then decide whether or not it would*

be a good match for the journal in consultation with the editorial committee. Once the issue is approve, the process take approximately a year to a year in a half. First, the editors would be asked to draft a call for papers and solicit manuscripts for the special issue. Each manuscript is peer reviewed through our double blind system. Very often the members of the section involved in the special issue will also assist with the peer review process. Finally, the guest editors are asked to write an editorial to accompany the special issue. I along with our production team at Sage manage all aspects of the editing and publishing process."

We (attendees at the first meeting) agreed that Reggie will, together with a team, draft a proposal for a specific theme for a special issue of IFLA Journal. This will become part of our new action plan. After that the proposal can be discussed with the editor Steven Witt. **Action: Reggie**

3.2.2. Proposal from Reggie Raju

During our meeting in February, we discussed Reggie's idea of having more focus on our activities over a 2-3 year period. The idea was generally received favorably by members present. It had been agreed that the concept needed to be developed further by a few members. Reggie apologized that he has not been able to present a written proposal due to the disaster that happened to UCT Library, which we all do understand.

The idea is in line with the proposal made during Division 1 meeting that we need to present a more years action plan. We decide that this issue will become part of our Action Plan to cover more than one year. Reggie will, together with Leo, Bertil, and Xin, write this proposal. Leo is leaving the committee, but he is willing to be part of the small writing group. **Action: Reggie**

3.2.3. Communication Plan

During the last meeting, we agreed to form a small task force to work on this. Since we have a new Information Coordinator after the 25th of August, she will take this up. She would like to have 2 or 3 more people to help her write the communication plan, and her goal is to get our voice more heard in the whole IFLA structure. It will be part of our Action Plan. **Action: Adetoun**

4. Professional Committee
4.1. Announcements from the Professional Committee

Vicki McDonald, chair of the Professional Committee (PC), reported to us that much of the PC activities in recent months were related to the organization of the WLIC virtual Congress this year. Next to that, the transition to the new structure took lots of time over the last two years. On the 25th of August, the General Assembly will take place, and the new structure will be in place. Vicki thanked everybody for their work for SC-ARL, and she remarked that SC-ARL has a strong tradition in excelling, and she hopes that SC-ARL will continue as a "powerhouse."

4.2. Request for items to be raised to the Professional Committee
No requests from our side

5. Updates on Ongoing Section Activities

5.1. Information Coordinator's Report
Jayshree presented her report, which is available on Basecamp:

https://3.basecamp.com/3833672/buckets/4958023/uploads/4032499890.

Jayshree reported that since everything went virtual after COVID-19, it has been a hectic period to push all the activities out virtually. The website is our main tool, but we also use social media channels. Facebook is the most popular, and the number of users is still growing. Twitter also works out quite well: we had 120 new followers last year. Jayshree reminded everyone that we should all retweet the messages so they can reach a wider audience all over the world.

A monthly blog is published. Jerome is responsible for that.

The webinars are, in most cases, 1.5 hours long, and Jayshree has created an ARL YouTube Channel and a Slideshare account. It was not possible to place the webinar recordings on our website due to size limits. Jayhsree also uses the ARL mailing list; there, she combines different messages into one e-mail. Some followers have left, and some are new. We may want to consider how to increase membership on this list.

Last year we received a special mention for the DUIA (Dnamic Unit Impact Award)award: The jury found two Sections worthy of special mention; one of them is Academic and Research Libraries (ARL):

"A special mention is given to the ARL Section for its outreach and advocacy. Five popular ARL Section webinars were held from December 2019 to September 2020. The webinar on 'Academic Library Services during COVID-19' in July attracted over 200 participants from around the world with ten presenters, and the webinar "Decolonization in education: role of the academic library" and "ARL Hot Topics" were both

presented as webinars including the planned speakers from WLIC 2020. Their active programme of events and sessions strengthen their area of the profession and support access to knowledge and information across the globe." From: https://www.ifla.org/node/93739

The DUIA proposal 2021 has been submitted, but we have not been notified of the outcome yet.

5.2. Attendance Grant

Liz State is our coordinator for the Travel Grant Award program. But this is also a team effort. The winners of the 2020 grant were offered the conference fee to attend the virtual WLIC. Four winners reacted positively: Andrew Ojulong from Nigeria, Nessel Noé from Argentina, Gianina Angela Celine O. Cabanilla from The Philippines, and Andrea Doyle from Brazil.

They are expected to write a blog after the conference. Andrea from Brazil thanked the funders in her presentation for WLIC 2021. We usually received funds from Sage and Ex Libris, but for 2020 we only received funds from Sage. At the end of this year, Gulcin will contact Ex Libris again to ask them if they could continue their sponsorship of this program. We thanked Liz for her contributions to coordinate the grant initiative.

5.3. ARL Blog and Webinars

We have a scheme one year ahead for the monthly blogs, so everybody knows when to deliver a blog. Jerome stated that this does not mean that only members can write a blog; we can also ask people in our libraries or others to write a blog about a topic of interest for our academic libraries. The content of the blog has been very interesting. See: https://blogs.ifla.org/arl/ Jerome will continue organizing the blogs. There were three webinars planned in 2021, and now one webinar took place in April. There will be the second webinar in September/October, but the organizing committee has had challenges with finding speakers. So Xin Li will write a small note to explain what kind of speakers they are looking for and everybody is invited to help to find speakers. New members may be interested in being part of the webinar organizing committee, e.g., Siviwe Bangani expressed his interest.

6. Action Plan 2020-2021

At our next meeting the Action Plan for 2021-2023 will be discussed. The Action Plan is due to be submitted together with the Annual Report at the end of September. During this meeting a few actions already were

mentioned. Everybody is invited to consider what activities and initiatives they would like to be involved in before our September meeting. All members are expected to be involved in one or more ARL projects.

7. Objectives & Planning

7.1. Trends in Member Countries

By now, the updated document is in Basecamp. We have received posts from Finland, Hong Kong, Mexico, Canada, Brazil, Botswana, New Zealand, Estonia and Slovenia. Others will follow and will be added to the living document in Basecamp. It would be nice if all countries of the members are presented in the document. Few emerging issues play a role everywhere in the world: Open Science, Open Data, Open Access (including transformative agreements), OER, RD, etc. But also cooperation and networking activities were presented. Institutional repositories were mentioned a few times.

During the meeting, some members shared the trends in their country. The trends document is very helpful in helping us with planning.

7.2. WLIC 2021

7.2.1. Hot Topics Session

Lorraine and her organizing team (Mari, Sharon, and Jim) have organized the virtual hot topics for this year's WLIC 2021. As Lorraine said: a small but mighty team. She thanked all for their input. The Hot Topics session has always been popular during the WLIC Congresses for many years. At this moment, the recordings for Hot Topics WLIC 2021 are edited for streaming. There are five speakers from different parts of the world, and some speakers are from non-library backgrounds. They will speak in total for 30 minutes (6 minutes each), and after that, there will be a live Q&A session for 30 minutes. The topic is Libraries – Resilience, Commitment, and Innovation. Lorraine hopes everybody will join the session and the Q&A on the 18th/19th of August.

7.3. WLIC 2022

We discussed the Satellite conference (initially planned for 2021, possibly in Luxembourg) and the joint session we had planned for the 2020 WLIC (in Dublin) if the physical congresses were happening. A satellite conference might be a nice idea, but most of the members are in favor of doing this in 2023 due to

uncertain situations in the world. It also might be an idea to hold a virtual satellite? Whether a satellite conference can be held prior to Rotterdam in 2023 will be a decision by the IFLA HQ. IFLA will give guidelines on this in the future. Preferably it will be in the same country as the WLIC. Gulcin will share this with Jim O'Donnell. Concerning the joint session with Statistics and Evaluation planned for 2020: we canceled all the speakers of last year. This means we can start with new ideas with other standing committees if we wish to plan a joint session for the 2022 Congress.

7.4. Annual Report for 2020-2021

Gulcin asked us all to read the Annual Report in Basecamp and give comments, etc. The new Action Plan 2021-2023 will also be on the agenda for the next meeting.

8. Any other business

No comments. Next business meeting will be held in September.

Academic and Research Libraries Section Online Second Business Meeting
September 2021 (date to be announced)

1. Minutes Business Meetign I

2. Business arising from the minutes

3. Evaluation of WLIC 2021

   3.1. Hot Topics 2021

4. Action Plan 2021-2022

   4.1. Objectives, Planning & Assignment of Roles and Responsibilities for 2021-2022

   4.2. Hot Topics 2022

   4.3. Joint Session 2022

   4.4. Blog Content

   4.5. Webinar Content and Coordination

   4.6. Attendance award

   4.7. Additional Activities.

5. Additional Business