



Academic and Research Libraries Section Online Mid-Term Meeting 22/23 February 2021

Attendance SC-ARL Members: Melita Ambrozic, Ursula Arning, Ramesh C. Gaur, Lorraine J. Haricombe., Marga Koelen (Secretary), Xin Li, Leo F.H. Ma, Jayshree Mamtora (Information Coordinator), Jim O'Donnell, Tiiu Tarkpea, Reggie Raju, Gulcin Cribb (Chair), Mari Aaltonen, Sharon Murphy, Soren Dorch

Non-Attendance SC-ARL members: Jerome Fronty (with apologies) Oarabile Rakgamanyane, Adetoun Adebisi Oyelude, Camila Churruca, Liz State, Mimi Calter, Fawz Abdallah

Observers: Winston Tabb., Marisa King., Buhle Mbambo Thata., Bobana Badisang., Ayanda Lebele., Babaksi Fidzani ., Boipuso Mologanyi

1 Announcements

Gulcin Cribb, the chair of SC-ARL, welcomes everybody and opens the meeting. A special welcome to our observers.

This meeting is recorded.

She starts with the following statement: "I would like to begin by acknowledging the traditional custodians of the land on which I am speaking to you today and pay my respects to their elders past and present".

There are two virtual meetings in order to accommodate our members in different time zones. *"We have a lot of exciting activities planned for the year and we will hear about some of these today. I know many of you have already started discussing initiatives in small groups. That is wonderful".*

IFLA GB is discussing the future of WLIC Congresses. But we haven't heard anything yet. Professional Committee meeting was on the 19th February but we did not hear anything up till now. We are likely to hear about various decisions concerning the WLIC 2021 and so on. Some of our members did or will send their comments regarding the IFLA Statement on Open Access.

2 Minutes 21 September 2020

Minutes are approved so these will be made public on our SC-ARL webpages.

3 Elections

This year we will have elections. IFLA HQ will soon place information on their webpages concerning the exact procedure and the timeline. See also:

<https://www.ifla.org/node/93615>

But we know already that those of us whose first terms ends in 2021, will need to re-nominate, if you wish to remain in ARL and continue being an active member.

Those whose second term ends won't be able to re-nominate for the ARL SC.

ARL has two members coming to the end of their second term in August 2021: Leo Ma and Oarabile Rakgamanyane so this means they are leaving the committee.



When someone is co-opted to finish the term of a member that has left the Section, the original term will apply to the co-opted member.

You may wish to check the ARL webpage to see if your term expires in 2021. IFLA will send notification regarding this in due course as mentioned above.

<https://www.ifla.org/standing-committee/02>

We will also have three positions vacant in our section: Chair, Secretary and Information Coordinator. Once the continuing and incoming committee members are elected the call for nominations for Chair and Secretary can start

We also needs to consider our Corresponding Members list.

4 Social Media

IFLA ARL has a number of accompanying communication channels and the Facebook page attracts the most traffic. In order to manage this interest and to retain the relevancy of the posts, ARL members have agreed to set up a set of guidelines. There are multiple posts added to the Facebook page from around the world daily, many of which may be topical and of great interest to you.

However, just as many are of a personal - religious, political or commercial - nature and are not relevant to the aims of this group. We like to have as much diversity as possible in the posts. For this reason, the guidelines are used to help the page administrators manage these posts and ensure they are relevant, while endeavoring to apply them fairly to one and all: https://www.facebook.com/groups/IFLAARL/manage_rules

1 IFLA ARL Communication Guidelines ^

These guidelines are intended to provide direction for the IFLA ARL Facebook page

2 Relevance of post ^

The content of all posts will be relevant to academic and research libraries. No political or commercial posts will be accepted even if they are related to ARL

3 Continual postings ^

Editors will moderate messages when required, to prevent individuals from dominating postings. Where one individual dominates postings in a short period, posts may be declined

4 Professional achievements ^

Announcements of individual professional achievements must be brief, and should only include significant events, and be limited in number

5 Language of use ^

Posts will generally be in English. Posts in IFLA languages (Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Russian, Spanish) may be included with a summary or parallel text in English. Google Translate can be used

6 Call for journal articles ^

Calls for journal articles will only be included for the IFLA Journal; or a journal with a particular ARL theme

It is asked whether we should use also other social media like twitter and Instagram. We already have a twitter account but this could maybe be used more for discussions after the webinars. Instagram account will be considered for ARL publicity.



5 Blog

The blog is a successful media forum to share your experiences from the different parts of the world and creates diversity. Our members are all very active and the schedule for 2021 is already known. Two posts already have been posted by now.

January: Jerome - Beethoven during the

pandemic February - Bertil - a new deal with

Elsevier in Denmark

March - Tiiu - teaching Research Data Management to PhD students (in Estonian and in English) April - Ursula - publishing platforms

May - Mari - open access in

Finland June - Liz - topic to be confirmed

July - Leo - university library alliance in HK and in the Greater Bay Area in China

August - Camila - ARLs as information and knowledge advisors + Adetoun Academic Libraries activities in Nigeria

September - Ramesh - One Nation One subscription model

October - Sharon – summarize the trends reports from our

members November - Jim - hopefully post-COVID lessons

6 Webinars

Reggie Raju discussed his ideas to have more focus on our activities over a 2-3 year period. Everybody agrees that more focus and more in-depth webinars on certain topics is a good idea. The SDG's as a topic are maybe too broad. How to do this in practice will be elaborated by a few members of our committee (Xin Li, Leo Ma and Bertil Soren Dorch) together with Reggie Raju. We decide that a proposal will be written and this proposal will be discussed with the full committee.

The proposal will be send to the members before the next meeting in May.

We already have a possible topic list for the webinars in 2021:

1. Data Literacy (Adetoun)
2. Health Safety in Academic Libraries (Adetoun)
3. Strengthening Remote Learning Tools in the Academia (Adetoun)
4. Ethics and research (Marga)
5. Dissemination of research (ethics in publishing), we could look at ethics in preparing manuscripts, we could look at ethics in engaging with researchers and such (Reggie)
6. Deeper examination of academic libraries action to support UN's Sustainable Development Goals (Reggie and Xin)
7. Privacy and surveillance in higher education and the role of academic libraries (Xin)
8. A possible collaboration initiative with the IFLA Doc. Delivery and Resource Sharing Section. It may be possible to do a webinar with them collaboratively and perhaps focus on SDG's as this is relevant to SDG, Goal 10 - Reduced inequalities and GOAL 17: Partnerships for the goals. These two are very relevant for resource sharing, open access and common borrowing schemes. (Gulcin)
9. Digital Preservation; a new field of work for academic libraries; how to work together (Ursula)

Lorraine J. Haricombe stated that she and her Hot Topics team would look into these topics for the Hot Topics session to be held at the WLIC 2021.



7 Attendance grant

Last year we offered three successful applicants the travel grant to attend the 2020 WLIC. But as you all know there was no WLIC in 2020.

IFLA has not yet set the registration fees for WLIC 2021 but it is looking likely that there will be a registration fee, albeit lower than the regular registration. We think it is a good idea to use part of the award funds for a free conference registration. IFLA HQ agrees on that as well. IFLA HQ also thinks about how to engage and connect other unit award winners.

From Ex Libris we did not receive their contribution to this award yet but we did get the contribution from Sage.

Lorraine J. Haricombe suggested that we look at the list of applicants who were not successful in getting the grant and offer them registration if we have sufficient funds since there is no travel involved. Marga and Gulcin to follow up.

Leo Ma suggested that if the grant winners attend the WLIC 2021, we should ask them to write a blog about their experiences

We will not be calling for applications for 2021 WLIC Travel grant as you can understand.

We need to consider the next round of applications for the travel grant for 2022 WLIC in Dublin since we do not know yet what happens with the WLIC 2022.

8 Trends in Member Countries

The document can be found in Basecamp and everybody is requested to add new developments within their own countries and members who did not add anything yet on their countries as asked to do that as well.

You can also send the trend report of your country to the secretary and she will add it to the trends report

The trends report can be seen an important source of information for further webinars, hot topics, blogs etc.

9 Different roles in our Committee

We have a number of initiatives planned as per our Action Plan and we are expected to revise it as we come up with new and or different initiatives. Due data is 15 March. Gulcin and Marga will work on the revised Action Plan.

The table below indicates the roles everybody has agreed to take on up till now. Everybody agrees on the table.

The WLIC 2021 virtual Congress is still in the planning. Once we know how and what, the table will probably change.

Activity	Lead	Team Members	Timelines and details
Webinar series	Reggie	Xin (Lorraine, Marga, Jayshree, Gulcin as additional support)	Quarterly
Hot Topics	Lorraine	Sharon, Mari, Jim	

Blog	Jerome	Contributors	Blog schedule
Website	Jayshree		
Social Media	Jayshree	Everyone	
WLIC 2021 activities e.g. Open Session with S&E;	Gulcin	Marga, Mimi	August 2021
Collaborative activities, e.g. Plan S and Retention of Author Rights webinar series	Gulcin	Stephen Wyber (IFLA HQ)	January 2021
Travel Grant (on hold for 2021)	Liz	Almost everyone involved in assessment of applications	

10 Future meetings

We all agree that we will have another meeting end of April or May.

11 Any Other Business

SC-ARL has some surplus funds: profits from the 2019 satellite conference,. It is just over US\$1000. IFLA HQ will keep this money for us for a few years. We may wish to consider options/worthwhile projects to use the funds.

If anybody has ideas on how to spend this money please inform our chair. We need to find out if there are restrictions on where to spend the money on.

Reggie suggested to save this money for a future satellite conference in the future

How the new structure of IFLA will influence SC-ARL is not yet clear but in general the activities and way of working of the Standing Committees will not change for now. The role of the regional council needs to be developed and maybe this can give us good opportunities to work together.



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