



2021 IFLA Section 32 Annual Business Meeting I

Date: 3 August 2021

Time: 6:30am Eastern Time

In attendance: Lan Gao (Chair), Andrew Finegan (Secretary), Alireza Afshari, Anita Basak, Adjoa Boateng, Simona-Marilena Bursasiu, Theresa Byrd, Miyuki Hamaguchi, Suela Jorgaqi, Maria Neryueva, Sebastian Tarazona, Sabine Weber-Beard, Le Yang, Jiangshun Zhang.

Corresponding members: Catharina Boss, Elisabeth Marrow

Observers: Xi Chen, Fatou Diop, Carmela Ieracitano, Elisabet Rundqvist, Yasuko Hirata, Fred Gitner

Apologies: Eleonore Clavreu, Oddbjørn Hansen, Leslie Kuo, Shelli Lake, Pam Ryan

1. Welcome and Greetings.

- a. Introductions: Lan, Andrew, Alireza, Anita, Simona, Theresa, Sebastian, Sabine, Le, Jiangshun, Adjoa, Suela, Catharina, Elisabeth, Xi, Fatou, Carmela, Elisabet, Yasuko, Fred.
- b. Reminder from Lan to be mindful that members come from diverse linguistic backgrounds, so please speak slowly so that we can be more inclusive.

2. Approval of the 2021 Section Midyear minutes

- a. Moved: Sabine
Seconded: Adjoa

3. Announcements and reports – see attached

- a. Chair's report
- b. Secretary's report
- c. Information Coordinator's report

4. 2020-2021 Annual Report Review

- a. Tips for inclusive meetings – tips were published, infographic was made and promoted through social media and through IFLA website communications.
- b. Open session – preparations for WLIC session are now complete.
- c. Create and promote standards – in collaboration with Library Services to People with Special Needs and Public Libraries Sections – partially completed. Global Survey on Library Services to refugees, immigrants, migrants and asylum and the interviews are completed.
- d. Promote IFLA/UNESCO Multicultural Library Manifesto and Toolkit anniversary – partially completed. Thanks to Le Yang for leading this project.
- e. Newsletter – March 2021 – complete. Content: Looked back at origins of the IFLA/UNESCO Multicultural Library Manifesto, and looking at virtual services during the pandemic.
- f. Meetings – one midyear business meeting, one transitional meeting were hosted.

Comment from Adjoa – thank you to all the work that everybody has done.

5. 2021 IFLA WLIC Open Session

Open session was planned. Sub themes are “Libraries include”, “Of, by and for all”. Format: 45 minute panel discussion and 30-minute Q&A session. There will be three panelists plus a moderator. Section members are encouraged to register and attend and participate the live Q&A session afterwards. Andrew will send out email to SC members who will attend WLIC.

Lan thanks everybody for encouraging her to stay on in the committee – with the disruption of COVID, it’s important for the continuity, since many of our plans were delayed.

Adjoa: Next year in Dublin, the following year in Rotterdam as a hybrid conference, and with changes to the governing board, there are going to be many opportunities, and would encourage everybody to get more involved especially in the next two years. You don’t need to be in a leadership position to get involved – lots of opportunities to be in the spotlight.

Next meeting, we’ll start planning the next year’s events. Satellite meeting, WLIC open session, and celebrating 40 years of the section. Look forward to all the positive changes in the future years.

6. Introducing & Welcoming Standing Committee Officers for the 2021-2023 term

7. Any other business

Sabine: A big thank you to Lan and Andrew for holding the team together, and it’s very much appreciated.

Next Meeting – plan to rotate meeting times – sometimes earlier, sometimes later, so that it’s fairer for everybody. Next meeting will be in the first two weeks of September.

Chair's report

Prepared by IFLA Section 32 Chair Lan Gao
July 2021

In March 2021 our Section hosted a virtual Midyear Meeting. During the meeting, we reviewed our Action Plan progress, IFLA WLIC session updates, newsletter update, leadership team update, and 2021 IFLA election procedures. Chair's Report, Secretary's Report, and Information Coordinator's Report were also shared among attendees. After the meeting, approved 2020 Annual Business Meeting minutes were posted on our Unit's webpage.

In May 2021, Le Yang requested to step down as Information Coordinator of our Standing Committee. Adjoa Boateng is now serving as our Standing Committee's Information Coordinator. I appreciate Le's contributions to our Section and would like to extend my gratitude to Andrew and Adjoa for their support.

This year, the World Library and Information Congress (WLIC) will be held virtually, with the welcome support of the Dutch National Committee. We have an online WLIC 2021 session planned. The session title is: Multicultural library services worldwide: 15 years of the IFLA/UNESCO Multicultural Library Manifesto. This 45-minute pre-recorded session gives us a chance to look back fifteen years and discuss about the circumstances around the decision to create this document, and the kinds of change that were progressed. I would like to thank Andrew and Adjoa's hard work to make this happen.

This year is IFLA election year. It is also the first election under the guidance of new IFLA Statutes and Rules of Procedure. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new members of the committee:

Xi Chen (United States)
Fatou Diop (Senegal)
Carmela Ieracitano (Australia)
Evgeny Kolosov (Russia)
Elisabeth Marrow (New Zealand)
Emily Reed (United States)
Elisabet Rundqvist (Sweden)

I look forward to working with each of you in the following years. I am sure that we can achieve our goals together as a team.

Congratulations to the following members have been re-elected to serve a second term:

Theresa Byrd (United States)
Lan Gao (United States)
Le Yang (China)
Jiangshun Zhang (China)

I would also like to say a heartfelt "thank you" to those departing members. Your dedication and contribution to the Section have helped this Section to play a vital role in the international library field to advocate for multiculturalism and inclusion. Goodbye and good luck to our departing members:

Adjoa Boateng (United Kingdom)
Alireza Afshari (Sweden)
Olga Cuadrado Fernández (Spain)
Oddbjorn Hansen (Norway)

Shelli Lake (Norway)
Maria Neryueva (Russia)
Pam Ryan (Canada)
Anne C. Barnhart (United States)
Catharina Boss (Germany)
Teona Shainidze Krebs (United States)
James Toner (China)

Facing challenges and difficulties, we have come a long way during the past two years to accomplish our goals of addressing the needs of cultural and linguistic minorities and promoting global cooperation to advance multiculturalism in the library field. I would like to thank all who have supported and contributed our Section's work. Looking forward, our Section will take up various projects and tasks in the coming years. Those projects and tasks will make a positive impact in the global community to be more inclusive and diverse.

Secretary's report

Over the past four months, there have been two significant items of business: preparations for IFLA WLIC 2021, and the IFLA Professional Section elections.

IFLA WLIC 2021

The Section submitted a proposal for a panel discussion, looking back at fifteen years of the IFLA/UNESCO Multicultural Library Manifesto, featuring Tess Tobin, Mijin Kim, Lan Gao and Adjoa Boateng. The session was approved, and after some preparations, the discussion was pre-recorded, and will be featured as part of the WLIC 2021 programme, along with a live Q&A.

We encourage all of our standing committee members to attend this session, which will be held on the 18-19 August, and to help promote this session amongst their networks, so that we have a sizeable and engaged audience.

IFLA Elections

The IFLA Elections were held in April and May, and there were a total of 18 nominations of people running for 11 vacant positions in the section Standing Committee. Congratulations to all of the successful candidates, and welcome to those who are joining the Standing Committee for the first time.

Special congratulations to our past Chair and outgoing Standing Committee member Adjoa Boateng, who has been elected as the Professional Council Chair, and current Standing Committee member Sabine Weber-Beard who has been elected to the Asia Oceania Regional Division Committee.

IFLA then called for nominations for the leadership team. Lan Gao (Chair), Andrew Finegan (Secretary), and Eleonore Clavreul (Information Coordinator) were elected unopposed. I look forward to continuing this role in the section, and welcome Eleonore into the Information Coordinator position.

I look forward to all the opportunities that the next two years bring, and hope that we will soon be able to meet face-to-face once again.

Andrew Finegan

Secretary

Information Coordinator's report

In June 2021 Adjoa Boateng stepped in as Interim Information Coordinator, replacing Le Yang. We thank Le Yang for all his work and efforts.

Social Media

Social Media statistics as of 30 July 2021 have shown a steady increase in followers:

- Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/ifla.mcultp>): From 2,816 to 2,993 followers – gained 177 followers in four months
- Twitter (http://twitter.com/ifla_mcultp/): From 1,793 to 1,850 followers – gained 57 followers in four months
- Instagram (http://instagram.com/multicultural_libraries/): From 704 to 807 followers – gained 103 followers in four months

Social media posts touched topics including:

- IFLA elections
- Publication of tips for inclusive meetings
- The MCULTP session at WLIC 2021
- And other news items of interest to members.

Newsletter March 2021

The most recent newsletter was published in March 2021 and can be read here: https://www.ifla.org/files/assets/library-services-to-multicultural-populations/newsletters/ifla_newsletter_march_2021_-_9.pdf

Do read this interesting edition with contributions from colleagues all over world.

Thank you once again to our departing editor, Pam Ryan and team, for the work done as they now hand over to Andrew Finegan.

The help of all 2021-23 SC members is required to continue the excellent work that has built the sections online presence. Please let Andrew know if you could contribute to Twitter, Instagram, Facebook.

For the newsletter all new SC members have also been asked to contribute a short bio and/article.

2021 IFLA Section 32 Annual Business Meeting II

Date: 3 September

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In attendance: Lan Gao (Chair), Andrew Finegan (Secretary), Eleonore Clavreul (Information Coordinator), Theresa Byrd, Xi Chen, Fatou Diop, Miyuki Hamaguchi, Carmela Ieracitano, Leslie Kuo, Elisabeth Marrow, Emily Reed, Elisabet Rundqvist, Sebastian Tarazona, Sabine Weber-Beard, Jiangshun Zhang.

Observers: Fred Gitner, Yasuko Hirata.

Apologies: Anita Basak

1. Welcome and Greetings

All attendees briefly introduced themselves to the group.

2. Introducing & Welcoming Standing Committee Officers for the 2021-2023 term

Each of the officers introduced themselves

- a. Eleonore proposed that we all provide a photo and some words about ourselves to share on social media

3. Introducing Incoming Professional Council Chair (Outgoing Division III Chair) Adjoa Boateng

4. 2021 IFLA WLIC Open Session Review

- a. Thanks to Andrew and Adjoa for coordinating and everybody else for attending - it was a very successful session.

5. 2021-2022 Action Plan Discussion

Items include:

- a. 2022 Dublin Satellite meeting - was going to happen in 2020, but postponed to 2022. We already have a host who are eager to work with us. Theme was 'Engaging and empowering library workers from diaspora communities to strengthen their social representation and cohesion'.
 - Question from Elisabeth - is a virtual satellite meeting a possibility?
 - Fred has details of past chairs who might be able to participate.
- b. Session - initially planned collaboration with CPDWL, but unlikely to happen now. Probably wouldn't have a session if we have a satellite meeting.
- c. French translation of toolkit and study day - event for librarians on how libraries can support communities and speak about the manifesto and toolkit. Translation is nearly finished.
- d. Newsletter publishing. Lan proposes that we aim to publish by the end of the year. Special edition for 40 years of MCULTP, and welcome new SC members. Reminder - there will be a disclaimer in the call for papers to agree for IFLA to share via social media and website.
- e. Catharina Boss may be able to support in having a German translation prepared - Leslie Kuo will reach out to her.
- f. Communications and social media. Eleanore - suggested posting profiles of each of the committee members. Lan will invite SC members to basecamp to coordinate actions.
 - Question from Elisabet - please send links to social media accounts.
 - Leslie - idea for social media. Rotating curation. Think that there will be plenty of interest. Andrew to share the ideas in the Social Media Team. Can use TweetDeck or Buffer to plan social media content.

6. Any other business

- a. Mid-year meeting next year. Usually we have an in-person mid-year meeting in the year when we don't have a satellite meeting. Lan proposes that for the time being we have our midyear meeting online for now.
- b. Andrew - new website has changed! It's quite different, and we will be developing the MCULTP site further in the coming months.

- c. Looking to co-opt five further members to help increase diversity of the committee – Lan will look at IFLA guidelines to do this.