IFLA IT SECTION BUSINESS MEETING 1
July 25, 2022 at 16:00
West Wing, Dublin Convention Center
WLIC 2022

Present:

1. Edmund Balnaves, Chair
2. Elena Sánchez Nogales, Coordinator
3. Cory Lampert , Secretary
4. François-Xavier Boffy, Information Coordinator
5. May Chang, Mentor
6. Patrick Cher (Big Data SIG, Convenor)
7. Sylvain Bélanger
8. Leda Bultrini
9. Alenka Kavčič Čolić
10. Wouter Klapwijk
11. Peter Leinen
12. Maria Loretto Puga
13. Ray Uzwyshyn
14. Lynn Kleinveldt
15. Maria Kadesjö
16. Kate Zwaard
17. Souleymane Sogoba (attending virtually)

Observers:

1. Thomas Arndt, German Special Libraries Association
2. Liau Yi Chin, National Library Board, Singapore
3. Jane Makke, National Library of Estonia
4. Stephen Wyber, IFLA HQ
5. Xuemao Wang, University of Cincinnati / Digital Humanities SIG
6. Camille Callison, Division H
7. DeGruyter (Janine Schmidt)

Declined:

1. Yeon-Soo Lee
2. Almudena Caballos Villar
3. Ngozi Blessing Ukachi
4. Anna Tereza Barbosa da Silva
5. Qiang Xie

Agenda:

1. Welcome
Camille Callison opened the meeting with introductions and a welcome to the Standing
Committee from Division H.

Chair Edmund Balnaves welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for attendance information via the paper sign-up sheet and an on-line Google Sheet

2. Attendance & Quorum
Quorum reached

3. Approval of the Agenda
Agenda approved

4. Approval of mid-term minutes (https://repository.ifla.org/handle/123456789/1898)
Approved

5. Standing Committee matters
a. Appointment of mentor May Chang
b. AI SIG formation meeting 16/6/2022 – Andrew Cox as coordinator

It has been a busy year with many achievements working within IFLA. Outcomes of the Action Plan include appointment of May Chang as Mentor and establishment of the AI SIG with the Election of Andrew Cox as the Convenor.

6. Section activities in the conference

Session 041 SC1 Meeting Information Technology Section - Monday, July 25, 16:00 - 18:00
(in progress)

Session 062 Big Data SIG Business Meeting - Tuesday, July 26, 10:45 - 12:15
Moderated by Patrick Cher, Including presentations as well as business.

Session 065 Agile in the Library: Methods and Tools for Project Management, Collaboration and Innovation Tuesday, July 26, 13:15 - 14:30
Session moderatorated by Elena Sanchez and Caroline Saccucci

Session 074 Perspectives on Data Access and Use at Scale: Lessons from the Field - Tuesday, July 26, 15:00 - 16:15
Session moderated by Cory Lampert

Session 086 Artificial Intelligence SIG Business Meeting - Tuesday, July 26, 16:30 - 18:00
Session moderated by Edmund Balnaves and Andrew Cox, this was the kickoff meeting for the SIG.

Session 103 IFLA Strategy Session - Wednesday, July 27, 11:15 - 12:30
We were invited to present an update from our Section (Edmund); there are some things that we want to propose to HQ, such as Co-Chairs

Talking Stick Sessions The Perils of AI: From the (Real) Skynet to the (not so) Intelligent Bot Wednesday, July 27, 13:00 - 17:00
Edmund will present a bit on dystopian aspects of AI

Session 118 Artificial Intelligence: New Horizons and Implications for Libraries - Wednesday, July 27, 14:45 - 16:00
Moderated by Andrew Cox, this is a forum / town hall discussion following brief presentations

Any other sessions that are IT-related that should be mentioned? (none mentioned)

7. Reports
a. Information/updates from Professional Committee (Leadership Brief, Officers Training, etc)
Updates from the Professional Committee - Basecamp is the platform used for communication, please keep your eye on the space for information. Make sure you are registered and please feel free to comment and share ideas with other members, you can direct messages to specific people or broadcast to all.

b. Information Coordinator
François- Xavier, Ray, and Wouter led the communication team. Souleymane joined later during the year. Met monthly. The communication plan has been updated with changes to the IFLA website and now the team is actively using Facebook in addition to Twitter for social media. The team uses the Twitter account regularly and shows increased use and impact of these messages. Good for reTweeting mentions across IFLA. Can have more activity on Facebook, anyone can post in the group if you would like to share. In the new year: continue TILT, continue social media development and work on the website (new banner) and may add more content.

The team published two issues of the TILT journal and showcased excellent work across the globe. Thanks to the team for the hard work and dedication to creating a quality product. They are working on a new theme of African-sourced articles for the next issue. Please send ideas their way to complete the issue.

c. Publications
Ray thanked folks for suggesting themes for TILT and mentioned a need to encourage more submissions on the current theme. If not received, they may need to switch the theme and mix with other themes if not enough content is recruited. Please use your networks to suggest authors for the publication. Editors are also needed for help in working with submitted content and specifically a graphic designer role would be of great support.

If anyone is interested in taking on leadership for the social media accounts, this help would be welcome. This would help diversify the content.

Wouter thanked the other members for their excellent work on the team.

d. Big Data SIG
Edmund welcomed Patrick as new Convenor. Patrick introduced himself and his work projects. SIGs now need to have a formal voting and nomination process like the Sections. It still is open to all (no need to be a member of IFLA to participate). SIGs can renew twice and then can promote into a Section or inactivate. SIGs often succeed each

other as the topic evolves. More updates will be shared during the WLIC sessions and participation is encouraged.

e. AI SIG
Andrew Cox is the new Convenor of the SIG. More updates will be shared during the WLIC sessions.

8. Report on the Galway AI Satellite
The satellite meeting in Galway was a resounding success with excellent presentations, panel discussions, and hands-on workshops. There was an enjoyable social evening and reception funded by Ex Libris and the hosts at National University of Ireland in Galway provided excellent support for the event. Papers will be posted to the IFLA repository and check back for the live tweets from the Communication Team to get a flavour of the satellite. The satellite was a wonderful success and we certainly have enough material to work on a publication for the DeGruyter IFLA publication series

9. Action Plan
- Publications
Guest from DeGruyter (Janine): There will be a soft launch of two books available next month. One is on copyright and the other on school libraries guided inquiry.Every book needs a proposal from the Section and the Section will find two or three editors for the publication. Editors can be a bit hard to manage, participation is patchy. Not paid for the work, so it is important to find good editors that possibly have worked together before. Familiarity with the English language is important. Open access is possible, though there is a fee. The publication can turn into the creation of an Open Educational Resource. There is a style sheet that can be used. Chicago citation style is the preferred reference style. When writing, link to open access resources if possible. Librarians! Put your publications in institutional repositories, please.

The satellite has at least five publications that are going to the IFLA repository and several other presentations. Each of the two upcoming books have 20 chapters. 4000-4500 words per chapter (up to 6000). If we embark on this, we need a strict timeline because of the nature of IT. We have good content but need to cohere it into a publication. Two themes: ethical themes and pragmatic themes. Put to the attendees: is there an interest in the book and are there volunteers? Response was "some interest".

Q: What does the open access fee pay for?
A: Not sure how it is picked up in the indexing services, most books do not include an index. Keywords are given for the chapters (LCSH). This is an old-fashioned publisher, adding links and working on accessibility issues. But it is open access and indexed on the web. Put chapters into an IR in early stages.

Ray and Edmund indicated interest in the work but will need additional support from other editors. Confirmed editor does not need to be a member of the Section. Members are invited to consider contributing to the work with feedback prior to SC2.

Q: How many chapters?
A: At least 8 -12 chapters from satellite and the TILT special issue would be another resource. Can invite chapters or do a call for proposals.

Q: What are the roles? Editor will compile the content and work with authors to revise to

publication level. Detailed reading of the content.

Q: Do we want a volume on the theme or are we publishing conference proceedings? Editor needs to establish a vision for the chapters and book. Last few books have had reviewers to provide feedback.
A: The latter, a full book.

Will email around for volunteers to confirm the project.

- Satellite(s) for 2023
Mid-term satellite is a possibility to work on a topic of our choice, possibly in South America (Chile). IT Section could do a Mid-term and the SIGs could have a main conference satellite.

Topics:
- Extend AI theme. AI was so successful that we may want to keep the momentum going sooner than a year away. It could be in New Zealand or anywhere in the world like the News Section. We do need advance notice for our South American colleagues.
- Digital humanities and cultural heritage could tie in well; big infrastructure projects; libraries as data, German National Library; possibly research data management
- Comment on embedding with the annual conference and how participation is higher. Drawback is that they have to register for the conference. Downside of the mid-term is the travel. Comment that IFLA would not like it to conflict with the sessions.
- Preservation and Conversation: interest in preservation of data across systems, data produced for interoperability.
- Science and Technology: AI also came up in their meeting. Perhaps we need to have a global call.
- Maybe do both midterm and prepare for annual satellite via building on the mid-term; same as how we had a very successful webinar leading up to the IFLA WLIC 2022 satellite with a plan to continue the discussion. Virtual events in addition to the in-person option are preferred. We could have a broad Library Data theme and subthemes.

Format options:
- Virtual midterm
- In-person midterm
- Midterm + Annual
- Possible venues discussed: S. America - Chile (8-9); Europe - French National Library in Paris (9-10); Singapore

Section members to consider options and provide feedback toward a decision at SC2.

- Joint activities with SIGs
Possibilities of working with Digital Humanities SIG and other SIGs, we have done this in the past. We had Subject Analysis and Access participation at the satellite, and they are very good partners. Also connected already with Preservation and Access.

10. Other business
a. Social meeting time & SC2 Meeting time
Should we get together for lunch or dinner sometime during the rest of the conference? This is a shorter conference; Wednesday is the Cultural Evening. Edmund proposed an informal meeting after the AI SIG meeting on Tuesday. He will email around and is taking ideas for a location.

Date for Business Meeting 2
Date set for: August 19.

Meeting adjourned at: 18:00