



IFLA Section Academic and Research Libraries

Minutes of the Academic and Research Libraries Section Standing Committee I WLIC, Dublin, 2022 Monday 25 July 2022, 1.45pm, Liffey Hall 1

Present (onsite):

ARL Section Committee Members – Gulcin Cribb (Chair), Jerome Fronty, Ursula Arning, Jayshree Mamtora, Jim O'Donnell, Lorraine Haricombe (notetaker).

Guests/Observers – Ellen Tise (representing Siviwe Bangani), Danitza Noemi Coronel Tola, Roana Flores, Thomas Arndt, Ines Carme, Julia Gelfand, Evangeline Koli, Jenny MacKiewicz, Neus Torres, Laura Tripetchr, Xuemao Wang, Steve Witt (IFLA Journal Editor), Patrick Donowski (Chair, Division D).

Present (online):

ARL Selection Committee Members – Reggie Ragu, Karen Downing, Siviwe Bangani, Astrid Verheusen, Xin Li, Antonio Cobos Flores.

Co-opted Members – Lily Ko and Shaharima Parvin.

Apologies:

None received.

1. Welcome

Gulcin welcomed everyone to the meeting, and congratulated the Travel Grant winners (Danitza Noemi Coronel Tola and Roana Flores) who joined the meeting onsite.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved.

3. Committee Membership Matters

Gulcin introduced two new co-opted members from Asia who attended the meeting online. They are:

- Lily Ko, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Head, Learning Services, Hong Kong, China
- Shaharima Parvin, East West University, Assistant Librarian, Bangladesh



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4. Previous Meetings

4.1. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as a true and accurate record.

4.2. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Professional Committee

Patrick Donowski explained there were many unresolved issues and problematic processes in IFLA's governance currently. Legal claims are underway. He expressed hope that the Governing Board would take the lead but did not have too much information. Notwithstanding these issues, the program for WLIC 2022 looks good, including ARL's program.

New structures are still to be organized and there are at least two open sessions for interested people:

- Open access
- E-book lending

The Professional Committee is interested in more ideas, new tools and networking to create connections between different sections.

Q&A:

- Reggie: The OA processes are focused on global north. There is a gulf between global north and global south.
- Ellen Tise: Shed some light on Thursday's meeting where IFLA's President will have more information for the membership. She mentioned IFLA's OA statement (created in Malaysia). How to take this forward in this world. How can IFLA lead? IFLA needs to develop structures/strategies.

6. Information Coordinator's Report – Jerome Fronty

To be discussed at the September meeting.



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7. ARL Action Plan 2021- 2023

7.1. Strategic Direction 1: Strengthen the Global Voice of Libraries

7.1.1 WLIC 2023 Satellite Conference (Lead: Jim)

2023 satellite meetings are limited to Belgium, Luxemborg and the Netherlands. IFLA will share the finally approved list of possible host institutions in October. The group expressed concern about the delay in announcing the locations and the competition by all sections for locations. It is difficult to plan amidst such uncertainty. There is strong consensus about collaborating with other IFLA sections (esp. with host institution). Astrid made a request for a location. She is still waiting on a response. Gulcin asked if we should have a fully hybrid conference satellite?

Discussion ensued about possible topics e.g.

- Jim: Focus on developing global crises e.g. Arizona State University will work with libraries in Ukraine. How can Ukrainian libraries be of service (Oksana ?? from Ukraine was a speaker at LIBER recently).
- Julia Gelfand (observer): Focus on student success and the global reach of universities who compete to recruit students.
- Ursula: Explore collaborating with Sci/Tech Libraries section on data science.
- Xin: Academic success centered in global citizenship. Knowledge sharing and action.
- Karen: theme of collaborations between ARL and partners to further globalization (student success, emergencies) etc. Call for papers to focus on collaborations.
- Jerome noted there'll be competition for locations if we wait too long.

Reggie cautioned that success and crises are defined based on environment. Inclusion is key! An inclusive mindset should drive the agenda.

No clear theme emerged. Following all these ideas Gulcin and Jim will begin to meet with potential partners in other sections this week to explore ideas for collaboration. Reggie recommended that discussions be linked to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Jim: What will decision-making look like?

Lorraine: Pull together topics with open movement framework (open science, inclusion, student success)

Reggie: Have discussions against backdrop of SDGs.



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Ellen Tise (observer): ARL seems to be closing in on reaching consensus. She agreed that SDGs should be linked to the topics and that we should think beyond IFLA (e.g. NGOs). The UN has done a lot of work in this area. NGOs in The Netherlands should be explored too.

Name it in the title: Open Agenda

Gulcin/Jim will explore topics with other sections.

Jim asked about the experience of satellite conferences at WLIC 2022.

Xuemo (observer) shared his experience of this week's satellite conference. Hybrid is here to stay. Vendor sponsorship was successful, but more speakers participated online. Not ideal given the various time zones. It needs to be better managed (e.g. pre-recorded like 2021).

Discussion ensued about what "hybrid" means for satellite conference in 2023.?

7.1.2 Blogs (Lead: (Vicki/Sharon))

The monthly blog offers diverse news and views from academic and research librarians around the world.

7.1.3 Hot Topics (Lead: Lorraine)

The session will be on Thursday at 8:30 a.m. in Liffey A. There will be five lightning talks followed by Round Table discussions. Gulcin thanked the team including Siviwe Bangani and Karen Downing.

7.2 Strategic Direction 2: Inspire and Enhance Professional Practice

7.2.1 IFLA Journal Special Issue (Lead: Reggie) (see Appendix below)

Steve Witt (IFLA Journal Editor)) provided an outline of the process to launch a special issue. Reggie and Steve met recently and discussed the process (see Reggie's attached report). According to Steve it usually takes up to a year to create the processes (e.g. guest editors, abstract for theme, call for papers, review and revisions until papers are accepted, followed by copy editing by Sage). Two options are:

- a) Submit abstracts for review. If approved, then invite authors to submit a full paper.
- b) Peer review editors can take an active role in managing the process and do revisions until paper is accepted.



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Gulcin thanked Steve and the ARL team (Reggie, Bertil and Jayshree) for their work on this project.

7.3 Strategic Direction 3: Connect and Empower the Field

7.3.1 Webinars (Lead: Reggie/Xin)

Next webinar: End of October. Reggie is the lead and will circulate the abstract on SDGs.

7.3.2 Travel Grant (Lead: Astrid)

First call was issued in February 2022. Received 31 applications.

Three successful applicants were from Zimbabwe, Philippines, and Bolivia.

Roana Flores (Philippines) and Danitza Noemi Coronel (Bolivia) attended the WLIC in Dublin.

Unfortunately Jerry Mathema (Zimbabwe) did not receive a travel visa to travel to Dublin.

7.4 Strategic Direction 4: Optimise our Organisation

7.4.1 Communications Plan (Lead: Marisa/Jerome)

Communication will be more proactive. The new brief newsletter is well-focused on what we do and offer more general information. The latest was distributed before WLIC and next one will be published in two months. To join the mailing list see:

<https://mail.iflalist.org/wws/info/univers>.

8. Planned ARL Sessions in Dublin

8.1. Hot Topics Session

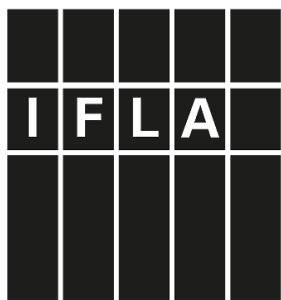
Thursday 28 July 08:30 – 09:30 Liffey A Session 128

9. Planning for 2022-2023

9.1. Roles and Responsibilities

Lily and Shaharima were encouraged to choose areas of involvement in ARL.

9.2. Trends in Member Countries



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Members were encouraged to write country trends. They are helpful for potential topics in webinars, blogs etc. Marisa will ask members to upload the country trends on Basecamp as per past practice which will be summarized by Tiiu later on. Before the next meeting in September.

9.3. Future Program & Partnership Ideas (none)

9.4. Ideas for New Activities

9.5. Annual Report for 2021-22

Jerome and Marisa will share.

9.6. Dinner at Ryleigh's at 7pm.



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Appendix: brief report on IFLA Journal Special issue

On Monday 11th July I met with Steve Witt as I was in Illinois. It was a fairly brief meeting to confirm our intention to publish the special issue.

I assured him of complying with academic rigour associated with the journal. Firstly, I shared with him that the editors of the issue will not be contributing manuscripts. We also agreed on double-blind peer review. It is my opinion that there is enough capacity within the committee to do the peer review. However, should there be a need to go outside the committee, we will consult with him. The one important condition was that the reviewers be familiar with the conditions within that specific geographic area. I am also making the assumption that the reviewers will be familiar with the content.

I shared with him the possible areas to draw the articles from – this list was generated by Jayshree. He cautioned that much has been published on the issue of COVID. My response was that we need to look at COVID and a paradigm shift. I would also like to propose that we look at how libraries are planning for the future using the pandemic as a springboard to conceptualise and reinvent services going forward. Steve shared that the IFLA Journal has published much content with regard to digital preservation. I would like to suggest that we park this issue for now. I mentioned the proposed webinar on SDGs – this excited him a lot. My suggestion is that when we prepare for this webinar, we inform the presenters in advance. I would have liked to have Bertil talk about his library and its contribution to achieving the SDGs. I have heard much about his University and its mapping of their teaching and learning and research agenda against the SDGs. If Bertil is happy to contribute a manuscript to the special issue, then I would like to suggest that we replace Bertil as a member of the editorial team and have him contribute to the webinar and submit the paper for publication in the journal.

Steve also indicated that the issue should contain between 10-12 articles. My suggestion is that we have few articles but more substantial. My suggestion is between 7-10. The word count should be between 5000 to 7000 words excluding references and abstract. This can be discussed at the business meeting and confirmed.

Steve offered to come and speak to the colleagues at the business meeting. Marisa and Gulcin you can decide on the invitation.

My proposed timeline, having not discussed this with the editorial team, is below. I am hoping that the rest of the editorial team will contribute to panel-beating the final timelines.

Item	Responsible persons	Timeline
Call for proposals	Editorial team in consultation with the boarder committee	August – October2022



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Acceptance of proposals	Editorial team	November 2022
Development of guidelines for submission of manuscript	Editorial team	November 2022
Submission of manuscript	Authors	March 2023
Identification of peer reviewers	Editorial team	March
Distribution of manuscripts	Editorial team + Marisa (?)	March/April
Peer review process	Peer reviewers	April – June/July
Reconciliation of review	Editorial team	Up to August
Revised manuscript	Authors	Up to October
Confirmation of revised manuscripts	Editorial team	October
Language editing	IFLA Journal	
Galley etc	IFLA Journal	
Publication of special issue	IFLA Journal	December/January 2024

WEBINARS 2020-2021

Tales of rising from the ashes: rebuilding libraries/museums after a disaster
October 2021

Digital Preservation – Managing Publications and Data for future Research
April 2021

Innovative and expanded academic library services: the ripple begins locally
November 2020

Hot Topics in Academic and Research Libraries
September 2020

Decolonization in education: role of the academic library
August 2020

Academic Library Services during COVID-19



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July 2020

Deemphasising physical

Plagiarism, its detection and avoidance: Role of Librarians in Enhancing Quality

December 2019

Academic Libraries Engaging in Publishing: A Burgeoning Service Model in the Open Access Sphere

August 2019

The Future is a Moving Goal Post: Change Management in Academic Libraries

April 2019

ARL BLOG

Selected Posts

Would you rather use LOCKSS, CLOCKSS or Portico? Three approaches to long-term preservation of scholarship

22 March 2022

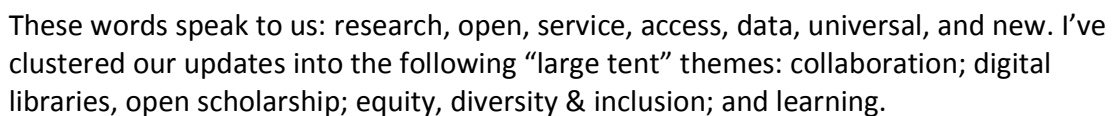
Long-term access to scientific publications as a challenge

BnF DataLab: a brand new digital humanities service to the research community

25 January 2022

ARL Highlights and Themes, 2015-2021: looking back and forward

With so much data, I started the following visualization:



12 November 2021

27 August 2021

9 August 2021

29 June 2021

20 May 2021

5 April 2021



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COVID-19 pandemic: a challenge for academic libraries' citizen science ambition

7 December 2020

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[Digital Dexterity in Australia »](#)

COVID-19 and academic libraries in Slovenia: a new reality in user services, and the case study of The Central Economics Library

Academic Libraries in Nigeria Riding the COVID-19 Storm!

[Aug 2020](#)

Response to Coronavirus (COVID-19) by Academic Libraries in Botswana

12 July 2020

Tackling the pandemic situation in French academic libraries: ADBU's initiatives

31 May 2020

Musings on a Closed Library Building Or: A Library's Reach Should Exceed Its Grasp . . .19 April 2020

Fantastic Futures: The 2nd International Conference on AI for Libraries, Archives, and Museums

6 January 2020

Netherlands Code of Conduct for Research Integrity

19 November 2019 –

[Danish research libraries on the move: a new strategy](#)