



Attendance:

Lan Gao, USA
Andrew Finegan, AUSTRALIA
Eleonore Clavreul, FRANCE
Anita Basak, INDIA
Simona-Marilena Bursasiu, ROMANIA
Xi Chen, USA
Fatou Diop, SENEGAL
Miyuki Hamaguchi, JAPAN
Carmela Ieracitano, AUSTRALIA
Suela Jorgaqi, SWITZERLAND
Leslie Kuo , GERMANY
Elisabeth Marrow, NEW ZEALAND
Emily Reed, USA
Elisabet Rundqvist, SWEDEN
Sebastian Tarazona, SWEDEN
Le Yang, USA
Jiangshun Zhang, CHINA

Apologies

Theresa Byrd, USA
Sabine Weber-Beard, NEW ZEALAND

1. Welcome and Greetings

Each member introduced themselves and talked about what they've been up to.

2. Approval of the 2021 Section Annual Business Meeting I & II minutes

Moved: Leslie, Seconded: Elisabeth

3. Announcements and reports

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

4. 2021-2023 Action Plan Review & Discussion

a. Toolkit French Translation

As mentioned in the report, the French translation was successfully completed, and presented to librarians on the Study Day as a focus for discussion.

b. Dec. 2021 Newsletter

It was encouraging to hear a strong response from past members, who came forward to share their fond memories of past activities - a good reminder of where the section has come from, and whose legacies we continue to carry with us.

c. Satellite Meeting

Two speakers have tentatively agreed to speak for us next year at a satellite meeting at Rotterdam in 2023. So, we already have some potential opportunities to deliver an in-person satellite event next year.

5. 2022 IFLA WLIC Business Meeting I & II

- Registration has opened for WLIC Dublin to be held from 26 to 29 July. Lan proposes that we have our first Business meeting around the week of July 11, and rotate the time to 8am to allow California colleagues a more convenient time. The second meeting will need to be held within a month of WLIC.
- Concerns about what happens with registration if somebody is unwell after arriving in Dublin for WLIC. Andrew to contact the Conference Officer with questions.

6. 2023 IFLA WLIC Satellite Meeting & Open Session

- Next year will be designed as a hybrid conference. Lan has been approached by three librarians at American Universities in Cairo, Paris and Sharjah, who would like to present in 2023 about working with multicultural populations.
- We should encourage them to prepare a response to a call for proposals around a specific topic.
- We'll need to designate people to lead and participate in a working group to deliver the open session at Rotterdam next year.
- Andrew suggests that now is a good time for all Standing Committee members to start thinking about leading a sub-committee for the open session or the satellite meeting in 2023. We will designate these people at one of our Annual business meetings in July/August, and start planning these events and incorporate the planning into the 2022/2023 Action Plan.
- Lan encourages everybody to think about getting involved in either of these activities, as part of their commitments to the Section.

7. Any other business

Lan - thanks again for everybody's contribution, and if you have any concerns that you'd like to discuss, then please feel free to contact her.

Chair's Report

2022 Midyear Meeting

After 2021 WLIC, MCULTP Standing Committee 2021-2023 team was established on Basecamp. We have been using that platform as our main communication channel.

MCULTP 2021-2023 Action Plan was prepared and submitted to Division A Chair in October, 2021. Its 2022 mid-term update was submitted to Division A Chair in February, 2022. During the Division A meetings in November, December 2021 and February 2022 that I attended, the accomplishments that our unit achieved were discussed and reported to Division A Chair.

The IFLA/UNESCO Multicultural Library Manifesto Toolkit French translation was completed in October 2021. The toolkit translation was presented during the study day on October 12, 2021. The study day was organized by the Bpi and the ABF on the theme of libraries and citizenship around the world. Bpi has shared the French translation on their website. Congratulations to our Information Coordinator Eleonore Clavreul and her colleagues for this accomplishment.

The year 2021 marked the 40th anniversary of the Library Services to Multicultural Populations Section. We made the commemoration of this milestone a main theme of the December 2021 newsletter. The newsletter brought together current and past members while we shared stories and news of the MCULTP section. Special thanks to our Secretary Andrew Finegan and Information Coordinator Eleonore Clavreul for coordinating and publishing this newsletter. I would also give my sincere thanks to all the contributors.

Despite all the challenges in the past several years, we have come together and shared innovative ways that we can adopt to reach out to our communities and to advocate for multiculturalism. I would like to thank our Standing Committee members and colleagues for your contributions and time dedicated to our Section.

Lan Gao
Chair
IFLA Section 32
Library Services to Multicultural Populations

Secretary's Report

Late 2021 saw the transition of IFLA's website to its new website, and during this time, the Section worked with IFLA's web team to upload all of its past records onto the IFLA repository. The section now has more than 140 publications available on the IFLA repository, including the Multicultural Library Manifesto, toolkit, translations, newsletters, meeting minutes, annual reports and other special publications.

2021 also marked the section's fortieth birthday, and to commemorate this milestone, we called for contributions to a special issue of the section's newsletters. What resulted is one of the largest ever editions of the newsletter, with 21 pages in total. Many thanks to all of the contributors.

In early 2022, the World Library and Information Congress (WLIC) organising committee called for proposals for open sessions at the congress scheduled for July in Dublin. However, due to the recent surge of COVID-19 cases, there are very few committee members who can currently make a commitment to deliver the session or a satellite event in July. This has unfortunately meant that the section does not plan to have a satellite event or session at WLIC this year, and we have informed our partner organisation (for the satellite event) and the IFLA conference team that we will not be participating in WLIC as a section this year.

As this is an in-person only event, it is unfortunate that many of us will not be able to take part, but we also look forward to next year's WLIC in Rotterdam which will be delivered as a hybrid event, where members will be able to participate both in-person and virtually.

Andrew Finegan
MCULTP Secretary

IFLA Section 32 Midterm Meeting 2022

Information Coordinator's report

You may remember that in June 2021 Adjoa Boateng stepped in as Interim Information Coordinator, replacing Le Yang. In July 2021, I became IC.

Social Media

Social Media statistics as of 28 February 22 have shown a steady increase in followers

Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/ifla.mcultp/>): From 2 993 to 3 163 followers – gained 170 followers in six months

Twitter (http://twitter.com/ifla_mcultp/): From 1 850 to 1931 followers – gained 81 followers in six months

Instagram (http://instagram.com/multicultural_libraries/): From 807 to 863 followers – gained 56 followers in six months

Social media posts touched upon:

- The section's 40th anniversary
- The MCULT's newsletter
- And other news items of interest to members.

Newsletter

All the merit for this publication is to Andrew who made a remarkable job (and Lan is a proofreader who doesn't miss a thing) : thank you for all of you who contribute a short bio and former chairs for their involvement.

The newsletter can be read here: <https://www.ifla.org/news/december-2021-newsletter-celebrates-40-years-of-mcultp/>

Please let me know if you could contribute to Twitter, Instagram, Facebook.
I'll try to be more regular on Facebook I promise !

Thank you.