

Minutes of Professional Division F Committee Meeting Thursday, May 19th 2022, 11:00pm HKT Teleconference

Attendance:

Helen Chan, Professional Division Committee Chair (Division F)
Karin Byström (Secretary, Acquisition and Collection Development Section)
Ann Roll (Information Coordinator, Acquisition and Collection Development Section)
Russell S. Lynch (Chair, Preservation and Conservation Section)
Céline Allain (Secretary, Preservation and Conservation Section)
Mariia Kolpakova (Information Coordinator, Preservation and Conservation Section)
Daryl Green (Chair, Rare Books and Special Collections Section)
Makeswary Periasamy (Secretary, Rare Books and Special Collections Section)
Susan Parker-Leavy (Information Coordinator, Art Libraries Section)
Thomas Chaimbault-Petitjean (Convenor, LGBTQ Users Special Interest Group)

Apologies:

Lilly Ho (Chair, Acquisition and Collection Development Section) Tina Baich (Chair, Document Delivery and Resource Sharing (DDRS) Section) Nicole Clasen (Secretary, Document Delivery and Resource Sharing (DDRS) Section) Filiz Ekingen Flores Mamondi (Information Coordinator, Document Delivery and Resource Sharing (DDRS) Section) Stephanie Stillo (Information Coordinator, Rare Books and Special Collections Section) Rana Abdulrahman (Chair, Art Libraries Section) Elsa Loftis (Secretary, Art Libraries Section)

1. Opening and confirmation of the agenda

The agenda was approved.

2. Welcome and introduction

The Professional Division Committee Chair, Helen Chan welcomed the members of Division F. This time, Karin Byström, Ann Roll and Lilly Ho joined effort to prepare the minutes. The meeting was begun at 23:00 HKT and was recorded.

3. Minutes of previous meeting February 17th, 2022

The minutes of previous meeting was approved without correction.

4. **Division matters**

4.1 Newsletters

Helen thanked everyone who contributed to the contents of Division F newsletter. The first issue was posted on Division webpage and circulated through listserv in May.

The Division newsletter would be published twice per year. The second issue would be published in September/October this year. The themes would be "a letter to show your support to an IFLA staff" and "the most inspiring experience at WLIC". Helen would send out an e-mail to call for contribution after the congress. She also welcomed feedback on the frequency of newsletter per year.

4.2 Others

Helen also encouraged members to provide suggestions on "how to show positive synergies and good examples" and "how to inspire everyone to do better" within the professional sections and the Division.

5 Division updates - Document submission cycle

Helen reminded the group to prepare an annual report and updates on the action plans as soon as possible after the congress.

6 Updates on WLIC 2022

6.1 Officers briefing and culture events

The full congress programmes is on live. As of today, about 1,100 delegates would attend the congress.

Helen reminded that the officers briefing was scheduled on Monday 25 July 8:30-10:30 while the cultural event was scheduled on Wednesday evening, 27 July 2022. Some officers' meetings were by invitation only and some were compulsory to attend. Each section would have a business meeting during congress and a second one after the congress.

6.2 Section's sharing

Helen asked the representatives of each section to share their progression and WLIC activities or call for collaboration.

Acquisition and Collection Development Section – a panel discussion on the topic of "integrating open access content into the collection". Three panelists would be led by a moderator to discuss the current challenges and opportunities in this emerging area. The section would have a long term planning discussion in the business meeting.

Art Libraries Section – call for papers was in progress and had very good responses. The section considered to have more speakers than they originally planned (i.e. four speakers for paper presentation). The section also invited others to review the posters from an artistic perspective. Document Delivery and Resource Sharing Section – no representative in the meeting.

Preservation and Conservation Section – a satellite meeting would be hold in Cork before the congress. The satellite meeting was about climate change and was collaborated with the Environment and Sustainability Section. In addition, the section collaborated an open session with the Rare Books Section. Some speakers were unable to travel.

Rare Books and Special Collections Section – an open session would be in the congress. However, they came across challenges to have speakers to present in person in Ireland. The section also had an exhibition during the congress. The working group was currently liaising with the speakers of open session. Two third of the standing committee members would be in Ireland. The section considered to have a hybrid business meeting with Zoom option.

LGBTQ Users Special Interest Group – call for papers was in progress. Two papers were shortlisted. The SIG was still looking for a final presenter. A homemade solution to support members to join the business meeting online.

6.3 Social gathering

Helen had a poll of preferred dates of Division F social gathering. It was confirmed that a division lunch would be arranged on Wednesday 27 July 12:00-14:00. All section officers were invited. Assuming all would come for the lunch, there would be eighteen 18 officers in total. Helen asked the group to meet at the registration counter of Dublin Convention Centre and go to the restaurant together.

Helen encouraged all officers to bring a small and meaningful souvenir such as a handkerchief with something with their own language, DIY bookmarks or dry leaves of their countries. She also reminded the members to bring their business cards to exchange with each other.

In addition, Helen would look for a place and time to have an in-person gathering with all section members if possible.

6.4 Marketing and promotion

An additional marketing could be arranged through IFLA HQ. Sections could promote their WLIC sessions through IFLA social media and on the IFLA official congress webpage.

7. Other business

7.1 Questions to Helen

Helen responded the following questions that were raised by the members in the meeting:

• How would the lack of General Secretary and other changes to the Governing Board affect the congress?

There was a temporary General Secretary in place. An election on the Governing Board would happen very soon. Things were under control and were handled in a fair manner. The professional committee expressed their concerns to IFLA Headquarters in meetings. IFLA colleagues were doing their best to solve the situation. The overall change did not affect the planning of the congress and the operational works of IFLA.

Was it possible to have online session during the congress?
 Not the sessions. However, in the business meeting, the section could use
 Zoom with own Wi-Fi connection of their laptops so that other members
 and/or observers could participate the meetings remotely.

7.2 Survey on bookbinding practices in the libraries

Preservation and Conservation Section shared a survey on bookbinding practices in the libraries. The purpose of the survey was to identify and describe the bookbinding practices that were in use or in development, in libraries. It aimed at determining the current use of bookbinding, the features of a durable bookbinding according to the respondents, and the relationships between librarians and bookbinders. The section would like other sections to forward the survey within their networks. The survey would close on 29 September 2022 and the links were:

https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6723159/Bookbinding-practices-in-libraries (English version)

https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6855528/Pratiques-de-reliure-dans-les-biblioth-ques (French version)

8. Next meeting

The meeting was adjourned on Thursday, May 19th, 2022 23:44 HKT. Helen would setup a new meeting cycle for 2022-23. The next meeting would be in October. The date and time to be confirmed.