2021-2023 Unit Action Planning

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**Strategic Direction 1 - Strengthen the Global Voice of Libraries**

**Activity/Output Description**

**Activity/Output** - e.g. Unit Guidelines, Workshop Series, etc.
Collocating and sharing of information on transformative agreements in publishing

**Activity/Output Category (most closely matched)**
Communications

If you have a new category to add, please contact professionalsupport@ifla.org

Please provide a brief description of the activity/output:
Following an exploration of the development and spread of transformative agreements in various regions and fields, the section will share both the information gathered and such analysis as can be undertaken based on that information

**Activity/Output type**
New activity or initiative

This activity/output is matched most closely with which Key Initiative?
1.4 Shape public opinion and debate around open access and library values, including intellectual freedom and human rights

**Completion status as of today - Beginning of cycle**
Not started
Expected completion month
August

Expected completion year
2022

Names of Standing Committee members who will be working on this activity/output:
Shannon Keller

Activity/Output Context

What need is this activity/output filling or what problem will be solved for your sector?
Transformative agreements are a crucial development in the scholarly publishing landscape and will affect all aspects of the scholarly communication community

Target group(s)
Library clients
Library Professionals
The library and information field as a whole
Our Unit's sector
Our Unit Standing Committee

What will the outcome for the target group be as a result of the work described?
Gained knowledge/awareness/understanding

How will this activity/outcome move the Unit’s sector forward?
Provide greater clarity on the creation, publication and distribution of serials and other continuing resources, which is the focus on the section

How will you measure the performance and impact of your work?
Survey

Activity/Output Collaborations

IFLA Professional Structure collaborators

Status of collaboration

IFLA Professional Structure collaborators

Status of collaboration

IFLA Regional Structure collaborators

Status of Collaboration

List any confirmed external collaborators

List any potential external collaborators

Please list any additional collaborators and the status of the collaboration below:
Activity/Output Communications

How will you communicate this output to your stakeholders?
Mailing list
Social Media
Website, Blog post, news item

Activity/Output Updates - Return to this section by the dates below to provide a status update for this output.

2022 Mid-term Update - What is the completion status as of 15 March, 2022?
Any information to add about this March 2022 Update?

2022 Mid-cycle Action Plan - What is the completion status as of 1 October, 2022?
Any information to add about this October 2022 Update?

Please describe any major changes/adjustments from initial 2021-23 Action Plan.

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End of term - What is the completion status as of 1 August, 2023?

Strategic Direction 2 - Inspire and Enhance Professional Practice

Strategic Direction 2 Activities/Outputs

Activity/Output Description

Activity/Output - e.g. Unit Guidelines, Workshop Series, etc.
Special Issue on Scholarly Metrics

Activity/Output Category (most closely matched)
If you have a new category to add, please contact professionalsupport@ifla.org

Please provide a brief description of the activity/output:
Publication of a special issue of a journal gathering papers addressing metrics and changes in metrics for scholarly communications

Activity/Output type
Continuation of an ongoing activity

This activity/output is matched most closely with which Key Initiative?
2.1 Produce, communicate and distribute key resources and materials that inspire the profession

Completion status as of today - Beginning of cycle
Less than 50% complete

Expected completion month
August
Expected completion year

2022

Names of Standing Committee members who will be working on this activity/output:

Rebecca Bealer
Nadege Isbergue
Hamideh Memari

Activity/Output Context

What need is this activity/output filling or what problem will be solved for your sector?

With the changes in serial publication and in scholarly communication in general, new and revised metrics are being used and tested to determine the effectiveness of various publications in this new environment, in hopes that important scholarship is getting to the appropriate audiences

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What will the outcome for the target group be as a result of the work described?

Gained knowledge/awareness/understanding

How will this activity/outcome move the Unit’s sector forward?

Improved understanding of all aspects of this issue, with the hope of highlighting shared problems and solutions, leading to targeting them more specifically

How will you measure the performance and impact of your work?

Survey

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- Publication (Professional Report, guideline)
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Activity/Output Description

Activity/Output - e.g. Unit Guidelines, Workshop Series, etc.

Papers/presentations on impact of OA on serials assessment

Activity/Output Category (most closely matched)
If you have a new category to add, please contact professionalsupport@ifla.org


Please provide a brief description of the activity/output:

Creation of a scholarly publication based on the lightning talks held at the SOCRS Open Programme at the virtual 2021 WLIC

Activity/Output type

Revision of an existing output

This activity/output is matched most closely with which Key Initiative?

2.1 Produce, communicate and distribute key resources and materials that inspire the profession

Completion status as of today - Beginning of cycle

- Not started

Expected completion month

August

Expected completion year

2022
Names of Standing Committee members who will be working on this activity/output:
Gaelle Bequet

Activity/Output Context

What need is this activity/output filling or what problem will be solved for your sector?
Improved understanding of how the growth and development of Open Access is affecting fundamental assessment of
serials in libraries and in the entire scholarly communication life cycle

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Gained knowledge/awareness/understanding

How will this activity/outcome move the Unit’s sector forward?
This will allow for us to further share with our stakeholders on a matter of key information to them

How will you measure the performance and impact of your work?
Survey

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Professional Council (PC) Funding

Would you like to submit a funding proposal?

No