IFLA Section **Science and Technology Libraries**	Minutes of the Science and Technology Libraries Section Meeting Teleconference (Zoom), 13, December 2022

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The following Agenda was confirmed for the meeting:

    I.   October 13th Meeting minutes
    II.   Member Update/Upcoming Membership Emails and Section Acronym
    III.   Division D Meeting Updates
    IV.   Upcoming Officer Elections and Information
    V.   IFLA HQ Updates
    VI.   Sub-Committee Reports
    VII.   Any other business?
    VIII.   Next Meeting Plan - Wednesday, February 15, 2022

Link to Presentation Slides

I. October 13th Meeting minutes ([linked here](#))
   Minutes will be approved in the next meeting.

II. Member Update/Upcoming Membership Emails and Section Acronym
   A. Regrets: Kara, Christina, Sarah
   B. Membership Nominations: Officers received an email from the headquarters in November indicating who is coming off the committee and when they come off. For those starting a 2nd term, as far as we understand, a new nomination is needed. All information on this will be sent to us soon from Headquarters, then we will inform you. Julia is for sure cycling off, because she is at the end of her second term. We need to fill the empty positions with people who are interested in STL. Julia adds that she finds it problematic that the next conference in Rotterdam is hybrid. She fears that not many people will come because there is not much travel budget.There is little information at all about the conference and the process of nominating members. Sandy adds that there is a lot going on right now, such as Professional Board backfill and the Division Chair vacancy.

III. Section Acronym vote: SCITECH or STL?
   It is agreed that it is difficult to have a vote when only three people are present. Julia says she likes STL because the reference to the Library is included. Anna says from her point of view SCITECH is more self-explanatory. Julia says we should be in harmony with the other section when it comes to the number of letters of the Acronym. We should check with Megan what the other sections are planning to do. We will have a vote on basecamp and Sarah will check with Megan.

IV. Division D Meeting Updates
   The Division D meeting was held on November 20. Sandy attended as the secretary together with Patrick as the chair and there were quite a few people from other divisions. The link to the recording is available as well as the minutes. See the below link to access:

   https://docs.google.com/document/d/1CysIBG0zJtZuBnSwyxHztgVPYsHZeSmh1Nm3Pwpals8/edit

   Main topics: What is going on with IFLA, Gerald Leitner's dismissal, development of working groups, elections process for officers, round of highlights of what the sections were doing.

V. Upcoming Officer Elections and Information
   Margret and Sandy will not run for election again, we don't know about Sarah. That means we have at least two officer positions open. Please think about everyone if this might be interesting for you. Dates:

- IFLA committee nominations in January
- IFLA committee elections in March / April
- Officers nominations and elections in May / June
- Transitions May / August
- Onboarding July / October

We should note that currently the representatives for the library associations around the globe are elected. Also a balance of professions (librarians or not) and locations and other diversities is important to consider for our section. The nomination process takes a long time, we should start promptly so that nominees know early that they have been accepted and can be there in August already, also because of possible visa problems.

VI.   IFLA HQ Updates
Te Paea Paringatai has been elected to the position of chair of the professional council for the remaining time of 2021 - 2023 term and due to that change an extraordinary election for her replacement as Chair Division G is currently held.

Sandy posted the complete update of the professional council on basecamp.

VII.   Sub-Committee Reports
A. Professional Development (Sandy in Kara's absence)
Latest webinar: November 9th 8:00 am PST- Caroline Coward at Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL). Very informative webinar, good number of attendees. The recording will be shared on our YouTube channel by Sarah asap.

B. Marketing and Outreach Sub-Committee (Sarah)
No update.

C. WLIC 2023 program (Julia)
The revision of the draft based on member's feedback is currently prepared. We need clarity of whether a paper is expected next time. Without a paper it is less work but many are more interested in submitting something if a paper is requested because it then counts as a publication for their record. The paper information is needed as well as if presenters need to be present, what is the setup for the hybrid conference etc. so that the call can be finalized.

Anna adds that we should ask IFLA HQ if a lightning session is planned

D. Satellite Meeting Sub-Committee- AI Topic (Marydee/Anna)
Ana reports that she contacted a friend at Wikimedia Germany and presented our Hackathon idea to him. He liked the idea, but thinks it needs to be more focused. If we're really going to do a hackathon, we should know what location we have and define the challenges really well (hardware, software, physical environment and institutional things). For the tasks we should ask the library

community, so that they really correspond to the needs of the participants. Julia objects that she sees the same problem with this Satellite that we had last year with a hands on event. We need a lot of support, people come with very different backgrounds (knowledge and technology). Maybe we should rather find a library that is willing to hold a hackathon themselves with their people, their material, their equipment. Or have talks about AI instead of conducting a hackathon with problems and solutions but not Hands on. Someone who gives a talk on AI and Ethics and several other talks focus on related projects. Julia worries that a hackathon could be too sophisticated for such a group and suggests dropping the hackathon idea. When it comes to the location, we don't know yet if Marydee has found a host, because we were all waiting for the information from IFLA HQ. Sandy adds that we do not get funding for the Satellite from IFLA HQ. We could request funding from a vendor such as SPIE or Wikimedia. Julia suggests doing something library-centric instead of a Hackothon: 4 lecturers and then a few tasks for the participants. The conference is Monday through Friday (21st to 25th August). The Satellite should be a day ahead of the conference, which would be Sunday August 20. A Sunday could be a problem because libraries may not be open. We have to find out via Marie Emmanuelle.. 50-60 participants is the maximum. Julia is in favor for Utrecht and TU Delft as a host location. First, we need a modified call so that we can contact the locations/ hosts. The description should include what we want to do, how many participants we expect, what kind of technology we need, catering etc. Anna and Marydee are working on that, with support from Sandy. Julia suggests asking Elsevier for sponsorship because they are Dutch and also we could ask ACM. We should also check with the AI special interest group to help us with the program. We really need to get going here because time is flying.

VIII.   Any other business?
          None.

  IX.   Next Meeting Plan - Wednesday, February 15, 2022