



**Attendance** (full attendance not available)

Krystyna Matusiak, Chair.

### **1. Introduction and welcome**

Krystyna welcomed members and guests to the meeting.

### **2. Reports from the LTR officers and the Communication Team**

Krystyna reported that action plans and annual reports will be submitted in the fall; a mid-term report is also required by March 15, reported on the Division IV meeting. Plans for the main congress to be virtual have just been announced, and there will be no satellites conferences this year.

The IFLA General Assembly was held in Melbourne on February 12

### **3. Report from the SIG Library History**

We have received a report from Kerry Smith, the convener of the SIG. The group is working on a multi-part long-term oral history project collecting oral histories from librarians around the world. The project includes oral histories of IFLA Presidents, Secretaries General and IFLA Personalities. The plan is to collect those stories by 2027, a hundred-year anniversary of IFLA

### **4. 2021 election of the LTR Standing Committee members - the nomination period March 1 to April 12, 2021**

2021 is the IFLA election year. The nominations process for IFLA's elections and appointments 2021 opened on March 1 and will last six weeks until April 12.

The terms for two members will end: Simon and Jennifer; several members will complete their first term and may choose to seek nomination for the second term. Krystyna reminded members to please make sure to receive a nomination if they want to be re-elected and continue to serve the second term.

### **5. Feedback on the IFLA Guidelines for LIS Education Programs**

Clara Chu reported that the Building Strong LIS Education Working Group has been continuing its work and developed the IFLA Guidelines for LIS Education Programs It's in the process of seeking feedback.

### **6. Report on the LTR research project**

LTR research project – examining how research methods are taught in the LIS programs at different levels of professional preparation and investigating how library professional are

prepared to conduct research and evaluation studies. The major project identified in the LTR Action plan

Krystyna thanked the research team members: Debbie Schachter, Egbert Sanchez, and Premila Gamage, as well as all LTR members, who disseminated the information about the project and translated the information (Benoit and Egbert). This has been a truly collaborative project where almost all section members have been involved.

Details about the research project timeline and details include:

- Data collection – fall 2020 with several weeks of pause due to ethics review at additional universities, and re-started in January 2021.
- Mixed methods – an international survey plus interviews, 316 responses from LIS educators from 37 countries; survey in 3 languages, interviews in English and Spanish
- 24 interviews completed (18 in English and 6 in Spanish) with data collection ending by the end of May
- Case studies will be prepared based on a 10-12 of the interviews, providing an overview of different approaches to LIS education in research methods around the world, and we are working on a book proposal for those case studies.

## **7. Planning for the 2021 WLIC Virtual Congress**

Proposals for the virtual congress are due Friday, 9 April 2021.

## **8. Planning an LTR Webinar**

## **9. Discussion of the LTR direction and future research projects**

Krystyna reminded the group that the SIG LH is undertaking some oral history projects and work is slowly progressing on them:

- Assess and develop oral histories from librarians around the world – a longer term project, part of which is my hope to have an IFLA Map of the World approach to what has already been done.
- Assess and develop oral histories of IFLA Presidents, Secretaries General and IFLA Personalities – a colleague from the Preservation & Conservation Section has volunteered to co-ordinate the Presidents set and 2 colleagues from the SIG have offered to co-ordinate the other two components. IFLA is very supportive and we are finalising the administrative and technical issues on the requirements before the interviews start. The plan is to have as many done as possible for the IFLA Centenary in 2027.
- Assess and develop oral histories of library educators past and present – another colleague is driving this and I am awaiting an update from her.
- The IFLA 2021 Conference – we have just received the notification of bid requirements and I am in touch with the SIG's "Committee" on whether or not the SIG LH will be participating and if so, how. Early days at the moment so nothing to report on this at this stage.