



### Attendance:

#### Officers:

Egbert Sanchez (**Chair**, LTR Member, 2<sup>nd</sup> term, Mexico), Debbie Schachter (**Secretary**, LTR Member, 1<sup>st</sup> term, Canada),

#### LTR Members in first term:

Kawanna Bright (United States), Benôit Epron (Switzerland), Susmita Chakraborty (India), Lian Ruan (United States), Diljit Singh (Malaysia), Rebecca Vargha (United States), Steve Witt (United States), Maria Micle (Romania)

#### LTR Members in second term:

Krystyna Matusiak (United States), Takahisa Shimoda (Japan).

#### Observers & guests:

Aida Slavic, Chair, SA (TESA), Anna Maria Tommelo (Library History SIG)

#### Apologies:

Theo Bothma (South Africa, Second Term), Clara Chu (United States), Carla Colombati (**Information Coordinator**, LTR Member, 1<sup>st</sup> term, Italy), Stefan Schmunk (Germany), Zuzanna Wiorogórska (Poland, First Term), Agnese Galeffi (Italy), Jung-Eun Kim (Republic of Korea), Assunta Arte (Italy),

### 1. Introduction and Welcome

The Chair welcomed the members of the Section and visitors and introductions were made.

### 2. Report from the Chair

The Chair reported that work has been ongoing within the section including research being conducted as well as a book contract related to that research (the teaching of research methods in LIS education); the development of the post-satellite meeting which is now confirmed to be at University College Dublin following the conference; and continuing professional development and workplace learning (Carmen Lei and Maria Mickle) with respect to opportunities to have a joint project particularly the global scholarly communications research project.

This section sponsors the Library History Special Interest Group and a new convener was needed for the group, and recently Anna Maria Tommelo was elected as the convener for 2 years. In the new IFLA structure we are under Professional Division C

(<https://www.ifla.org/units/professional-division-c/>), and we have Dilara Begum, Chair of Division C, promoting us at Council in the new IFLA structure

On March 22, Egbert and Debbie met with Aida and representatives from the TESA group to discuss how we can work with this section on a joint project or work together on an initiative (TESA). We will have a joint meeting with SET and Clara Chu will be our liaison for this joint session at the conference in Dublin.

### **3. Report from the Secretary**

The Secretary set up Basecamp for our documentation and where the Section members will find agenda and minutes, as well as other communications pieces. In the past few months Debbie has set up meetings and participated in discussions including the WLIC satellite conference, collaboration discussions with SET and the Social Sciences Section (SSLS), and have become the liaison to the SAA Training and Education Subject Analysis and Access Working Group (TESA) <https://www.ifla.org/training-and-education-in-subject-access-tesa/>

### **4. Report from the Information Coordinator**

- a. Newsletter -Egbert inquired about the newsletter (Rebecca); Rebecca is hoping to have this done sooner than summer; Rebecca has been looking at other communications so she has seen and would recommend that we do member spotlights, based on the will of the group. There will be something about the educational guidelines
  - i. Will have a message from the Chair; Looking for information about the teaching research methods in LIS programs research from Kawanna, Krystyna and Debbie, as well as a piece about the post-conference satellite
  - ii. Susmita volunteered to work on the newsletter with Rebecca

### **5. Report from the SIG Library History (Anna Maria Tommelo)**

They had the SIG meeting yesterday; they are preparing an open session which will be interactive in preparation of the centenary of IFLA there is the idea to do research about the history of IFLA, so the open session will be a conference paper and will collect experts and people interested in the history of IFLA to research the topic and possible to involve experts. They have just collected information from the previous convener (Kerry?) who was a very dynamic convener, and there was a project started on oral histories of librarians; she started to interview the president, secretary general and other experts in different countries. We are now collecting that as part of the project and we've started also speaking about the possible of a book about the centenary of IFLA to be discussed in this open session. The SIG has just started their work.

### **6. WLIC 2022:**

- a. Open Session – Joint Session SET, BLISE, LTR

Clara sent her regrets, so Diljit reported. The session has been approved and the details will be worked out and over the next few weeks will determine who will present. From BLISE they are ready to share the guidelines and will be going to the IFLA Council on April 1<sup>st</sup> and don't expect any hurdles. After that the guidelines will be available publicly and can be publicized. Happy to consider any other contributions to the session.

Written report from Clara Chu: The joint WLIC session with SET and LTR (see attached proposal for more details) has been approved. The title is: IFLA Guidelines for LIS Education Programmes: Applying a Global Framework to Transform LIS Education in Local Contexts. According to the 2021-23 LTR action plan, the BSLISE activities are the

**(SD2.1) the Guidelines,**

**March 22 Update:**

The IFLA Guidelines for Professional LIS Education Programmes have been approved by the IFLA Advisory Committee on Standards (ACOS) and will be considered by the Professional Council for approval at its April 1, 2022 meeting. The BSLISE Working Group plans to promote the Guidelines and its implementation at different meetings and venues globally, including translating the Guidelines. (Group members from LTRR: Clara Chu, Diljit Singh).

**(SD2.2) LIS Schools Database/Register/Map**

**March 22 Update:**

The LIS Schools Database and Map is being maintained with schools being added monthly and appropriate data update and cleaning continues. Sabrina Gunn, the recently appointed BSLISE-SJSU iSchool International Scholar, is supporting the work of the map and directory project, including the current planning of the accompanying directory. (Group members from SET: Clara Chu)

b. Post Satellite Meeting (workshop)

Steve Witt reported on the post-satellite meeting: (information attached) working with Social Sciences Section and IFLA Journal to host a two-day workshop at the University College Dublin, being held directly after the conference. Still organizing the panel sessions and speakers. The focus is on research methods and research design with an audience that may be more practitioner research and early career researchers and we hope to use this as a venue to improve research methodologies and research design amongst participants. We hope that there will be members of this section as well as presenters, so Steve has asked for volunteers to speak on the panels as soon as possible. Given the budget constraints we don't have funds to bring in others to speak at the workshop. Aiming to have the speakers confirmed by mid- to late-April. We can nominate individuals who can be invited.

**7. Ongoing Research**

Krystyna Matusiak reported that we are finalizing data analysis by the research project sponsored by LTR. The data was collected by end of last May and the international survey was conducted in 3 languages (English, Spanish, French) and followed up with 29 interviews with LIS educators across the world in English and Spanish. For data analysis the Spanish interviews were translated into English and now we have the full data set and doing coding. We are coding every interview and synthesizing every interview as a case and then conducting final analysis. The

result, we are hoping, will be a journal article reporting the finding of the study. We're hoping to be completed by summer and to share the information at Dublin WLIC. Perhaps this research design is something we could share at the workshop as far as comparative international research as recent practitioners rather than specific experts in the area. We learned a lot from the process and can share the lessons that we learned.

The second project in conjunction with the research project is we proposed a book with De Gruyter for a book that would contain a number of case studies, sort of best practices, in this area. The publisher was interested and our formal proposal was approved. In discussion with the editor we expanded the scope to include beyond research methods we will have a section on professional development and alternative ways of providing training of research methods to library practitioners, and another section would be voices from practice from practitioners who conduct research, and the final will be research studies on research methods within LIS. The chapters are due at the end of this month and we should be receiving and reviewing chapters. The self-imposed deadline is that we will return the edited chapters to the editor by mid-July. We will know how many chapters and how those sections play out, and will share that in the conference. We want to make a pitch to IFLA to have this open access which would be helpful with its case studies wide geographic coverage and which would be helpful to educators and students.

Egbert thanked Krystyna, Kawanna, and Debbie, and will set up a meeting to bring Krystyna, Kawanna and others together to discuss the global scholarly communications research project.

#### 8. **Aida Slavic, Chair, TESA (guest)**

Aida confirmed that she will be the liaison to LTR and Debbie Schachter the liaison to TESA.

**Subject analysis and access** – Aida reported that there is a decrease in teaching in library schools and training in this specific expertise (specifically cataloguing and subject analysis). This makes us unprepared for the future workforce with lecturers retiring and there are no new experts in this area coming up and we can see this in libraries, so cataloguing departments and a lot of retirements in cataloguing departments; national libraries are facing problems now and trying to outsource cataloguing and she's based in the UK and you have cataloguing outsourced to India. The problem is that we are now delegating our work and our expertise to new technologies and they will be replacing this access to information and knowledge which is critical to our lives and without expertise to evaluate these tools and their quality and to propose how they can be improved we will not be able to control what is happening. Librarians are uniquely placed to be able to communicate how information is being classified, etc. We felt it was critical to address this and the need for training. They are aware of the BLISE guidelines and are looking for more specific for training with proper guidelines and will collect documentation on standards and information from the profession worldwide for knowledge information and subject access. Much of this is done in extensive interview and started in 2019 and now they are comparing gaps and analysing the documents. They would like to be able to provide guidelines with details of knowledge competencies and skills. One of the actions proposed was to liaise and collaborate with all forums that are stakeholders in the area of

education and knowledge organization, generally. So beyond library world generally (so libraries, archives, knowledge orgs).; connected to LTR, SET, to communicate research and make connections and be transparent on who is doing what research is happening and to propose IFLA research. So will have a liaison between sections and share what research projects may be occurring and collaborate and invite to meetings and events that are relevant to each group. They are planning a panel for this August and will be looking to have presentations on BLISE and possibly LTR research and how we can collaborate and discuss perceived challenges in this area. The Training and Education in Subject Access (TESA) Working Group URL is: <https://www.ifla.org/training-and-education-in-subject-access-tesa/>

Egbert will contact his colleague at his school who teaches cataloguing.

As liaison to LTR, Aida will let Debbie know when there are meetings to attend and SET panel they are planning to set up in case there are others who wish to participate from LTR. As liaison to TESA, Debbie will share information to Aida and the group.

#### **9. Meeting Schedule for 2022**

Egbert stated that we will determine our meeting dates at WLIC in the next few weeks and we will share the dates soon on our Basecamp site. We will plan the fall meeting once we are at the WLIC Business meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PT / 16:00 CET