



Agenda of Library and Research (LTR) Business Meeting I
IFLA WLIC, 15 September, 2022
16:00 CET

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Attendance:

Officers:

Egbert Sanchez (**Chair**, LTR Member, 2nd term, Mexico), Debbie Schachter (**Secretary**, LTR Member, 1st term, Canada), Carla Colombati (**Information Coordinator**, LTR Member, 1st term, Italy)

LTR Members in first term:

Susmita Chakraborty (India), Benôt Epron (Switzerland), Jung-Eun Kim (Republic of Korea), Maria Micle (Romania), Stefan Schmunk (Germany), Diljit Singh (Malaysia), Rebecca Vargha (United States), Steve Witt (United States), Zuzanna Wiorogórska (Poland),

LTR Members in second term:

Clara Chu (United States), Krystyna Matusiak (United States).

Observers & guests:

Apologies:

Assunta Arte (Italy, First Term), Theo Bothma (South Africa, Second Term), Kawanna Bright (United States, First Term), Agnese Galeffi (Italy), Lian Ruan (United States, First Term), Takahisa Shimoda (Japan).

The meeting began at 16:03 CET

1. Welcome and Introduction: Chair – welcomed the group and spoke briefly on the recent WLIC
2. Agenda approval – agenda approved with additions
3. Minutes of the Business Meeting II: a few - BSLISE – “s” missing” in minutes – DS to correct ; Pakistan Library Association (typo) (Clara/Steve)
4. Reports: Egbert shared that he attended the Professional Council and Regional Division meeting and it was enlightening to know how the council are working and what is the change that is gong on and the divisions at the professional council. Headquaterers was sharing what will the structure do and how the divisions work at the council and will

bring concerns to the Council. With the last structure there was a lot to do with the elections and it was very quick and there were many questions on how to vote and HQ clarified that the colleagues that are being represented as Chair, Secretary and Communications Officer should not have another position in another section. This also came up as a problem for the History SIG with a role in another Section as well.

Debbie reported on the sessions and the all IFLA session to explain the situation at HQ and to receive answers. Sessions went well, about 2000 people attended and

Carla apologized for not being able to attend and has problems with her capacity right now and will need to leave her role as she was very busy at work but a lot is resolved now. She is looking for someone who may take on the role or will continue as best possible for now. Susmita has volunteered to take on the communications coordinator role and Egbert will communicate that to HQ.

5. Project Updates:

Clara Chu reported on the open session with LTR and SET which focused on the guidelines. Egbert was part of the panel that facilitated the welcome and introduction of the guidelines. Audience of about 70 people with nine discussion tables discussing how we promote the guidelines in our local context; how we use them, and what challenges we may have. From that session there were people who were willing to translate the volunteers. Since our last meeting the guidelines are being translated into Chinese, Arabic and Spanish. We need German, French and Russian. We still need volunteers for French and Russian (but we have German). We also have volunteers for Portuguese and Korean. They welcome other translations. Anna Maria Tommelo is leading that work

Guidelines Committee set up composed of SET, LTR members (Clara and Diljit) and will address questions about implementation and come up with a periodic review to update. They continue to promote through conferences and additional input with an FAQ to come. People need to have definitions of terms, such as how to define quality. They'll be doing webinars on implementing the guidelines. The mapping project is working on a new phase of a directory of programs. The LIS programs in developing countries SIG is contributing to the mapping project.

Krystyna reported that we are in the final stages of the project. The project focus on LIS education in research methods and examined the issue globally with interviews with educators in 19 countries. We are in the final stages of data analysis and should be writing an article at the end of the year. The other part of the project was gathering case studies on best practices in research education and professional training and case studies on how researchers participate in research. That part has been submitted to the editor and the book will be published by DeGruyter. 24 chapters organized in 4 sections (Research methods in LIS programs, from the research; second section is training and development; the third is LIS practice in teaching; the last voice from the field includes case studies from the field in practice of conducting research). Over the summer we

were working really hard with Debbie and Krystyna as joint editors. We submitted everything on August 24th and it is slightly delayed to the book editor having an accident. We are shifting our focus to the completion of the research project now.

Susmita congratulated Krystyna and the team and wondered if our site has a list of books that we have published on our site.

Diljit reported on the new project which is delayed slightly. They are trying to get input on how practitioners are involved in research. Zuza, Rebecca, Diljit and Kawanna will be meeting soon. Steve reported that Kawanna and he met recently on the project and he is very supportive of the project and shared ideas on how to ensure wide participation from wide linguistic groups that should be included in the study with the idea that it may extend the number of co-authors to ensure there are co-authors from the regions being studied. He suggested that if the team wants to submit to IFLA journal he should not be part of the research team but will provide support otherwise.

Egbert noted that we have members of LTR, and the sections of Social Science or other sections into this research (SET) and he will approach Albina and Lisa to see if they want to be part of this project.

6. 2022 WLIC Congress and Satellite Meeting

It was a small meeting with fewer than 2000 colleagues attending but it was very enlightening and joyful to see colleagues, share. As a small meeting it was complicated to see colleagues as the meetings were so close to each other and there was not a lot of networking time for sharing and getting together. For those who weren't there there was a lot of enthusiasm to be part of the IFLA family.

Steve reported on the satellite meeting at Dublin City University. It was a hybrid event and Steve thanks Dublin City U for their support and making this an effective session. It was comparative research methods in global LIS. Lynn Connaway from OCLC provided a keynote and facilitated breakout sessions. We had a session with Peter Lor, and Debbie, Egbert, Krystyna represented on their research. There were successful presentations that were recorded and we will post after they are edited. As far as attendance ours were similar to other satellites where we had good registration for in person but at the end of the day people were not able to travel. We had about 8 people in person, so a small congenial group, and we had as many as 35 people logged into the virtual presentations. Those numbers changed throughout the day with a good average of about 20 people attending. It was a success given the circumstances and the fact that we were trying to do it hybrid. There seems to be interest in continuing to focus on comparative and global methods in the field. Steve is gathering names for a listserv and future potential for symposia on that theme. Not planning for a symposium in 2023 at this point, but it depends on the interest of participants.

7. Draft of the LTR Annual Report – currently working on it and the report of the satellite meeting and Egbert will connect with Steve for some details.
8. Group Discussion on the Section’s Engagement, etc. (Egbert/All)
 - a. Section on Education and Training and social Sciences – Clara and Diljit continue to represent in collaboration, engagement and collaboration. That will be ongoing
 - b. Our next vision is to move also to see with our colleagues are interested in participating in activities with Acquisitions and Collection Development Section. Egbert inquired if people are interested. Zuza felt that we have so many projects right now and that being involved in another collaboration would mean that we would be at risk of overloading ourselves. Diljit agrees that perhaps we should ask them what they have in mind and we could respond accordingly. Debbie will connect with them and provide this follow-up. We may have more capacity next year.
9. History SIG report (Steve) – during the congress the History SIG had an open meeting focused on promoting a 100 year anniversary volume on the history of IFLA trying to inspire research toward that end in the coming years so the publication can be ready by 2027. As a follow-up to that, there is a group designated to move the project forward being led by Anna Maria Tommaro with Peter Lor and Steve. They’re trying to put together a structure where that volume can be put together with the plans of seeking funding through IFLA for research, travel (archival materials are located in different countries/regions and we want to inspire authors from various perspectives to contribute). They’re asking IFLA for modest amounts of funds for research scholars. There are plans for a seminar in 2025 which would be a preview of chapters being included, with book launch in 2027. There is also a discussion with other sections about a more celebratory publication which would be more of a marketing piece. Anna Maria would appreciate any feedback and encourage scholars to contribute.
10. Midterm Meeting – plan for holding a midterm meeting in Europe, in Florence next year between March and April. This is what he wanted to share with the group and if you have other thoughts or options to please let him know. In the minutes there is an invitation to hold the midterm meeting in Florence and we should, as a section, decide if we are going to accept that offer or to decline. Could participate with History SIG. Clara wonders how many people could participate – many people are interested but there are implications for travel restrictions for some or the availability depending on the days of the week for example. We will share more information and doodle poll about potential dates later in the year. Egbert will look into funding question. Clara can support the development and having a seminar

The meeting ended at 17:03 CET

