



AGENDA

1. Opening and welcome - Members in attendance
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Adoption of the minutes of the last Business Meeting (25th of July 2022)
4. WLIC 2022:
 - a. Satellite Meeting follow-up
 - b. Main session follow-up
5. Annual report 2021/2022
6. Co-opted members call
7. MIL Week 2022: collaboration with Information Literacy section
8. ISLM (International School Library Month)
9. Midyear meeting 2023
10. WLIC 2023: satellite meeting and main session
11. MIL Alliance
12. Manifesto on Libraries and Lifelong learning (Stephen Wyber's proposal)
13. Information Coordination & Communication Plan
14. Varia

MINUTES

Attendance:

IFLA SLS Members: Mayasari Abdul Majid - "Maya" (Malaysia), Albert Boekhorst (Brazil), Valerie Byrd-Fort (USA), Valérie Glass (France), Melissa Johnston (USA); Luisa Marquardt (Italy), Irina Nehme (Germany), Fumie Niwai 庭井 史絵 (Japan), Teresa A. Quick (USA), Hans-Petter Storemyr (Norway); Ivanka Stricevic (Croatia), "Bella" Jing Zhang (China).

Observers: Adriaan Langendonk (The Netherlands) from the IFLA Literacy and Reading, and Elizabeth Burns (USA).

1. **Opening and Welcome** - The Chair Valérie Glass welcomes the IFLA School Libraries Section Members, as above mentioned (in alphabetical order) and the Observers. The 1st Business Meeting was held in presence, at the Dublin Convention Center, on the 25th of July 2022. Notes are taken by the Section Secretary Luisa Marquardt.
2. **Adoption of the Agenda** - The Agenda (see top) sent by the Chair is approved and adopted.
3. **Adoption of the minutes of 25th of July 2022** - The minutes sent by the Chair are integrated at point 7 with the following phrase: "All participants agree on providing Claire McGuire with the outcomes of the main session and workshop being held the next Wed. 27th on the new SL Manifesto" and then approved.
4. **WLIC 2022:**
 - a. **Satellite Meeting follow-up** – The Chair reports on the positive outcomes of the Satellite Meeting "Global Action for School Libraries on Models of Inquiry in the Digital Age" (CCT College, Dublin, July 23, 2022,

(<https://sites.google.com/view/schoollibrarieswlic/home>), that exceeded the expectations both in terms of content quality of the presentations and discussions, and in terms of the warm hospitality and efficient support provided by the CCT College. Presentations and reports should be published soon. A thank letter to the Head of the CCT College is on its way. Valérie Glass, the SL Chair, should complete a form for the report on the Satellite Meeting as it's the case for every SM. The form should be completed by 10th of September 2022.

- b. **Main session (#99 - July 27, 2022)** - The Chair summarizes the main aspects of the Session that was well attended, with a good representation of countries and diversity in contributions to the conversations that were held at the 16 tables, chaired in turns by Beatrice, Irina, Luisa, Maya, Valérie and Vanja. A report is to be submitted to Claire McGuire and shared in the Section's webpage.
5. **Annual report 2021/2022** - The annual report 2021/2022 and the updated action plan is to be submitted by the 1st of October 2022. The Chair summarizes the many activities and achievements of the Section to be included in the report, such as the new School Library Manifesto, released by the SL Section and the IASL on Sept. 12, 2021; the Joint Webinars with the IL Section that were held online on Oct. 27-28, 2021; the Midyear Meeting 2022 in Guernsey; the IFLA Publication, in collaboration with the IASL, on inquiry learning; the support to the Italian school library advocacy campaign "La biblioteca scolastica si presenta" (i.e. The School Library Introduces Itself); the Midyear Meeting 2020 (<https://ecosliprof.blogspot.com/>) proceedings published in 2021; the contribution to the SL session within the International Book Fair in Turin in Oct. 2021 etc.
6. **Co-opted members call** - The Chair informs the BM attendees that, following the IFLA WLIC in Dublin and the conversations with Jan Richards (the Division E Chair), an online call was opened to have five more people co-opted to have more regional diversity guaranteed in the Section.
7. **MIL Week 2022: collaboration with Information Literacy section** - The webinar will be organized jointly by the SL and the IL Sections and held virtually on the IFLA Zoom the last week of October 2022, initially because it's the UNESCO Media and Information Literacy (MIL) Week. This event is at the same time as the International School Library Month (ISLM) promoted by IASL. The former SL component team (Hans-Petter, Marios and Luisa) confirms its availability; Teresa (the Section IC) and Elisabeth Burns are also interested in collaborating. The Chair will explore the possibilities for Elisabeth to be involved, since she is not a Section Member, and a feedback will be provided to her. A planning meeting will be soon held online with the IL Section.
8. **ISLM (International School Library Month)** - Luisa, invited by the Chair, introduces the ISLM and underlines how endorsing and joining it can be beneficial for promoting both school libraries/school librarianship and the SL Section, which, as a whole, and its members as individuals can spread the word on the international SL advocacy initiative; meantime, the Section itself might contribute to it through a poster. "Reading for global peace and harmony" (<https://iasl-online.org/ISLM>) is the 2022 theme that invites to think and reflect on how reading can help reciprocal knowledge, understanding and respect, and benefit from the possibilities and the exciting journeys offered by reading, narration and storytelling. Luisa, Maya and Teresa agree on being the ISLM team for the IFLA SL Section and will be soon meeting online.
9. **Midyear meeting 2023** - Irina confirms that a 3-day international programme, including a national PD programme for school librarians/teacher-librarians of Germany, German speaking countries/communities and border countries. The midyear meeting will be held in Berlin on the 28th of April 2023 and on the 29th and 30th in the Leipzig Book Fair (<https://www.leipziger-buchmesse.de/en/>). The participants welcome the proposal; more details are to come in September.
10. **WLIC 2023: satellite meeting and main session WLIC 2023** - The IFLA WLIC 2023 (<https://2023.ifla.org/>) will be held in Rotterdam, The Netherlands, from the 21st to 25th of

August. Satellite meetings have to be held in the BeNeLux area (The Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg): the main suggestion is to have the SL satellite being held in Rotterdam (or immediate surroundings, easy to reach with public transportation). The topics will be defined later, as there is only a consensus on keeping a session for the SL Manifesto when it will be endorsed by UNESCO.

About the WLIC 2023 Programme, Luisa reminds that 2022 marks the 45th anniversary of the Section's foundation and suggests to create a "celebrative" poster, recalling the main actions and achievements, to be submitted by the Section for the Poster Session, and, if accepted, presented during the WLIC 2023. Irina, Luisa and Teresa offer to serve in the project team. Furthermore, being the WLIC held in The Netherlands, the home country of Lourense Das, who dedicated her life to school libraries/school librarianship, and covered several positions in many (school) library organizations and associations (LWSVO - Dutch association for school librarians -, IASL, ENSIL etc.), including IFLA, a tribute and a certificate of recognition of her generous and restless commitment could be given to her sister in loving memory of Lourense. Adriaan Langendonk, as one of the WLIC 2023 National Committee members will explore the possibilities for the satellite and the main session.

11. **MIL Alliance** - The Chair informs that articles are welcomed to be submitted to the UNESCO MIL Alliance (formerly GAPMIL) newsletter, a good outreach opportunity for the Section. Following the online meeting that Valérie had with Stephen Wyber (IFLA HQs) on the Unesco MIL Alliance and further contacts via email with Jesus Lau and Lisa Hinchliffe, both active IFLA members (as already discussed in the 1st BM and reported in its Minutes), Valérie reminds that a newsletter is regularly sent to UNESCO MIL Alliance members and the SL section could provide news and updates about MIL.
12. **Manifesto on Libraries and Lifelong learning (Stephen Wyber's proposal)** - Stephen's idea on working on a Manifesto on Libraries and Lifelong Learning was endorsed by the Section in the 1st BM (held on the 25th of July 2022). Alejandro, Irina and Luisa, coordinated by Valérie are available for representing the Section in the Drafting Committee, participating in the activities, starting with a brainstorming online meeting in September.
13. **Information Coordination & Communication Plan** – The Chair informs that an online meeting of the Div. E Units' ICs of Division E was held on the 22th of July with the Division E Chair, Jan Richards, in order to clarify the IC's role, tasks and duties and improve the communication inside IFLA (within each Unit and among the Units) and outside through several online means (i.e., the Unit's webpage) and social tools (FB, Twitter etc.).
A template regarding a communication plan will be provided by Jan in the next days. As soon as the communication plan/template is adopted, it will be introduced to the Units' members. Basecamp can be useful to facilitate the communication flow. Teresa underlines the need for improving the communication and choosing the most suitable tools according to the audience: for instance, FB is no longer used by the new generations who are more in favour of other social network (such as Instagram, TikTok etc.); the Section webpage header has to be customized with more meaningful photos. Teresa points out several issues concerning FB: for instance, it cannot be accessed in many countries (China, Russia etc.); the English translations are often of scarce quality: having the text of the post published in the original language and accompanied by a short summary in good English would be much preferable.
14. **Varia** –
 - a. Teresa informs she was invited to attend an online meeting next week from Paul, a Kenyan colleague, for a school library project to be carried out in Nigeria.
 - b. Irina underlines how we, as school librarians, should express our expertise in Children's and Young Adults' literature and reading, and share book reviews and recommendations through social media. She informs the meeting attendees that she has created a profile in Goodreads, the world's largest site for readers and book recommendations (whose App is available at: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.goodreads&hl=it&gl=US>).

Svetlana has already posted a recommendation. The username and password to access Goodreads will be provided by Irina.

End of meeting

No other issues are to be discussed. The Chair expresses her thanks and appreciation. Workgroups will be meeting online in the incoming weeks, according to the related project agendas. The meeting ends at 15:15 (Paris time).