Minutes of School Libraries Business meeting #2
Teleconference (Teams), 12 September 2021
(14:00-16:00 Paris time)

AGENDA

1. **Welcome** (members in attendance)
2. **Adoption of the agenda**
3. **Adoption of the minutes of 16th of August meeting**
4. **Division E** : update and follow up
5. **WLIC 2021** : follow up and feedback
6. **Information Literacy & School Libraries joint webinar** : work group follow up (Jing, Marios, Hans- Petter and Luisa)
7. **International School Libraries Month**
8. **IFLA/IASL joint committee** : follow up
9. **IASL collaboration proposal** : Lesley Farmer’s follow up
10. **IFLA School Libraries Manifesto** : update
11. **Midyear meeting 2022** : update
12. **School libraries section** : annual report and action plan – follow up
13. **WLIC 2022**
14. **Varia**

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**Attendance:**

**IFLA SLS Members:** “Maya” Mayasari Abdul Majid (Malaysia), Albert Boekhorst (Brazil), Valerie Byrd-Fort (USA), Svetlana Chazova (Russia), Beatrice Eleuteri (Italy), Valérie Glass (France), Melissa Johnston (USA), Luisa Marquardt (Italy), Irina Nehme (Germany), Fumie Niwai (Japan), “Bella” Jing Zhang (China), Teresa A. Quick (USA), Hans-Petter Storemyr (Norway), Darryl Toerien (UK), Marios Zervas (Cyprus).

**IASL Observers/Guests:** Kolowole Aramide (Nigeria), Raman Deep (IASL ISLM Committee Chair), Lesley Farmer (USA), Zakir Hossain (Pakistan/Switzerland), Antonija Lujanac (Croatia), Katy Manck (IASL President, USA).

1. **Opening – Welcome** - The Chair Valérie Glass welcomes the IFLA School Libraries Section Members and IASL Observers/Guests, as above mentioned (in alphabetical order). The 2nd Business Meeting of the IFLA School Library Section is held virtually on the 12th of September 2021 and hosted by Roma Tre University on Teams. Notes are taken by Luisa Marquardt. Apologies were sent by e-mail by Alejandro Micalucci (Argentina) for being unable to attend the meeting.

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2. **Adoption of the Agenda** The Agenda sent by the Chair was approved and adopted.

3. **Adoption of the minutes of 16th of August meeting** The minutes sent by the Secretary in the final IFLA-compliant formatted version were approved.

4. **Division E**: update and follow up. IFLA is organized in 8 Divisions and the SLS is under Division E, coordinated by Jan Richards. More information will be provided right after the Division Meeting on next Sept. 15, that will be attended by Teresa and Luisa, who are appointed to take notes and share the outcomes.

5. **WLIC 2021**: follow up and feedback – The IFLA WLIC 2021 was attended by 2700 participants. Some comments about were expressed, both in terms of criticism about technical problems (e.g., overlapping chats) or organizational (e.g., belated sessions, Q&A session unavailable in some meetings, including the one by the School Libraries Section), and in terms of appreciation of the affordable registration fee and the worldwide participation. As Irina underlined, the SLS session on the 17th was attended by participants from all of the continents and offered a very unique possibility of gathering and sharing information and ideas (although via chat only).

6. **Information Literacy & School Libraries joint webinar**: work group follow up (Jing, Marios, Hans-Petter and Luisa) – Six contributions were selected. Their presenters will be invited in the incoming week (by Sept. 17) to submit their recorded presentation and provided with some practical information (length of presentation, PPT format, recording instructions/best practices: self recording via Zoom; possibility of close captioning or transcripts for accessibility etc.) – There are 6 weeks left to MIL week (October 24-31). The exact date, timetable and duration (maybe an hour and half) will be defined in the next days.

7. **International School Libraries Month** – Information about activities were shared (e.g., Luisa about the webinar scheduled on Sept. 13, 2021; Antonija and her colleagues are working at a movie, Maya –). Teresa is on the ISLM workgroup: a meeting was scheduled with short notice and Teresa could not attend it. Besides the JC, the IASL ISLM Coordinator Raman Deep (islmbookworm2012@gmail.com) is also available to help.

8. **IFLA/IASL joint committee**: follow up – The MoU was signed and is added to these minutes. The Joint Committee Members are as follows:

   **IASL**: Katy Manck (*ex-officio* as the IASL President), Sophia Adeyeye (Nigeria), Zakir Hossain (Pakistan and Switzerland), Maria José Vitorino (Portugal), Annie Tam (Hong Kong).

   **IFLA SLS**: Valérie Glass (*ex-officio* as the Section Chair), Vanja Jurili (Croatia), “Maya” Mayasari Abdulmajid (Malaysia), Teresa Quick (USA) and Melissa Johnston (USA).

   **IASL-IFLA SLS Joint Committee Chair**: Melissa Johnston (USA) is appointed.

9. **IASL collaboration proposal**: Lesley Farmer’s follow up. The “Library Education Curriculum” Project is about the teacher/school librarians’ self-education and training for entering teacher/school librarian, aligned with the IFLA School Libraries section documents. Its main task: based on the IFLA Manifesto, crowd-source textbooks, readings, other support materials and possibly learning activities as supports to prepare and develop school librarians. Modules, appropriate learning activities and resources will be developed/selected by a scientific committee and made available in an e-learning platform. This could be done by the IFLA section and the IASL Library Education SIG (chaired by Lesley Farmer) as a whole, or as a project of the Joint Committee that is established (in this case, L.F. would like to join it as an *ex-officio* member). The project is interesting, but also challenging for many issues: its implications and details need to be discussed within the IASL-IFLA SLS Joint Committee (JC). Melissa Johnston will report on the outcomes of the JC.

10. **IFLA School Libraries Manifesto**: update – The final version of the Manifesto was shared both via mail and on the screen during this meeting. All participants agreed about the text and approved the new SL Manifesto. Albert, who also suggested to stop the revision process, raised the issue of coordinating the translations of the IFLA SL Guidelines and the new Manifesto. Since this coordination is a challenging activity, a new volunteer is needed.

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Albert, who will be in the Section for one more year, is available to assist the transition process of will be volunteering for one year. Valérie reads the steps required by the process for the new Manifesto to be endorsed by the IFLA HQs; then there will be a double check with Unesco. The whole process is supposed to require a long time; in the meantime the text approved by both the IFLA SLS and the IASL and submitted to the IFLA HQs can be promoted as a “draft version” and contribute to the SL advocacy. All of participants approved.

11. **Midyear meeting 2022**: update – Darryl has confirmed the availability of his school for the meeting to be hosted in Guernsey (UK), the week right after Easter (April 17). It is the week when the celebrations for the Unesco World Book Day (April 23) are held, too. Although some criticism were expressed about having the meeting held in presence (when technology can facilitate the online participation), Valérie and others expressed their appreciation of the Midyear Meeting held in presence in terms of professional development (workshops, library visits etc.).

12. **School libraries section**: annual report and action plan – follow up. About the new Action Plan (2021-2023), suggestions were made about possible activities, such as webinars, workshops etc. about enquiry learning, related to the new joint book, the UN 2030 Agenda for sustainable development, the ISLM etc. The Section Chair and the Secretary will develop a draft action plan based on the today’s discussion and also on ideas and proposals that the SLS Members are invited to share the next days. The draft of the new Action Plan will be shared and discussed in a few weeks.

13. **WLIC 2022 – Dublin**. More information will be provided as soon as possible. Maybe a call for proposal for our Session should be sent out in November.

14. **Varia**. The 2022 IASL Conference is being held in a hybrid mode at (and in collaboration with) the University of South Carolina, July 11 - 16, 2022.

**End of meeting**

No other issues are to be discussed. The Chair expressed her thanks and appreciation. The meeting ended at 16:00 (Paris time).

Rome (and virtual), Sept. 12, 2021.