



**IFLA Knowledge Management Section  
Mid-Term Meeting**

Thursday, April 27, 2023, at 14:00 UTC

**Officers:**

- Spencer Acadia, chair
- Frank Cervone, secretary
- Lihong Zhou, information coordinator

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**1. Call to order and welcome** – Spencer Acadia

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**2. Record of attendees**

- Present: Spencer Acadia, Frank Cervone, Maggie Farrell, David Byrne, Kendra Albright, Lihong Zhou, Leda Bultrini, Jenny Mackiewicz, Liu Zheng
- Unable to attend, sent regrets: Elsa de Almeida Valente, Steffen Wawra, Monica Ertel, Stephen Lei, Dawei Wei, Agnes Hajdu Barat
- Did not attend, no communication received: Daniel Okumu, Liz Turner (resigned), Long Xiao, Victor Walusimbi, Zheng Wang

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**3. WLIC 2023:** <https://2023.ifla.org/>

Among those present, who is planning to attend WLIC 2023?

- David, Frank, Spencer, Maggie, Kendra, Leda, Jenny, so far

**3a. Open Session** – Maggie Farrell

There will be a Knowledge Café event in person at WLIC 2023. The theme is *Coming together: Sharing community knowledge*. The session is on the draft agenda on Tuesday from 8:30 to 9:30, Rotterdam B, C, and D. This time is planned to be extended to the full 75-minute session for which we were approved (Spencer confirmed this with IFLA HQ).

The planning team includes: Monica Ertel (co-chair), Maggie Farrell (co-chair), and David Byrne. The team anticipates putting out a call for facilitators in early June, potentially drawing from people in CPDWL who are co-sponsoring the session.

### **3b. Satellite Meeting** – Frank Cervone and Kendra Albright

The Satellite meeting will be held in person, with some hybrid elements on Saturday, August 19, 2023, from 8:00 to 16:00 (approximate end time) at Erasmus University. SET (Section on Education and Training) is co-sponsoring the satellite meeting.

The theme is *Perspectives on global knowledge management training and education*, and will draw from work Kendra, Albina, and Frank did for a special issue of the journal *Library Trends* on global KM education. The event is free, but registration is required, details to be announced. A light breakfast, lunch, and afternoon break will be provided. The plan is to draw speakers from authors who participated in writing for the *Library Trends* special issue. Kendra will be following up with those authors to confirm their availability, either onsite or virtually.

The planning team includes: Frank Cervone (co-chair), Kendra Albright (co-chair), Elsa de Almeida Valente, Long Xiao, Monica Ertel, Maggie Farrell, Dawei Wei, David Byrne, Albina Krymskaya (SET chair) and Sandy Hirsh (SET SC member)

### **3c. Meetings at WLIC** – Spencer Acadia

- Business meeting – in person (possibly hybrid), at WLIC 2023 on Sunday, August 20, 2023, time and room TBD

### **3d. KM social dinner** – Spencer Acadia

Details TBD, more information will be forthcoming

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## **4. DH/DS SIG updates** – Jenny Mackiewicz

Given IFLA guidelines, there will be a new incoming committee.

27 people self-nominated, 9 people were selected. Announcements on specific appointments have not been made but should be released by IFLA on May 1. With the new committee, a new convenor will be elected in June.

In terms of events, the SIG will cosponsor an open session at WLIC with AI SIG. The call for proposals released April 24 with the topic being focused on Generative AI and the future of librarianship. The SIG will not convene a satellite meeting this year. The business meeting is on the draft WLIC agenda for Tuesday but that may change before the final agenda is released.

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## **5. KM Standing Committee updates – Spencer Acadia**

16 current members are ending their second terms. Four current members are classified as “continuing” because they are serving in their first term. Consequently, the recent nomination process was to bring in 16 new members, for a total of 20. As there were a total of 20 valid nominations, but only 16 openings, the election process was triggered. However, IFLA has not been clear on who gets to vote in the election, and it was unclear who received a ballot. Most members present at the meeting did not receive a ballot. Election results should be provided by IFLA in early May and will be shared via Basecamp. The 16 nominees who win the election will officially come on board at WLIC 2023 to replace the 16 who are leaving.

As both Spencer and Frank are cycling off the committee, both positions will be up for election with a non-incumbent. Officer elections will be held in June with details to be announced by IFLA. The newly elected officers will officially take their roles at WLIC 2023.

In addition, our two KM Mentors (David Byrne and Eva Semertzaki) will be officially announced at WLIC 2023 to serve 4-year terms.

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## **6. Future meetings – Spencer Acadia**

- Business Meeting – in person (possibly hybrid) at WLIC 2023, Sunday, August 20, 2023, time and room TBD. Future meetings after that to be determined after a new committee is in place.

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## **7. Other business**

Hybrid conference specifications are still being developed. For the satellite meeting, we will have the ability to stream presentations. The logistics of streaming the afternoon sessions will have to be worked out. Kendra and David are looking into this and the feasibility of such.

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## **8. Adjournment – Spencer Acadia**