

August 2022- August 2023 - Annual Report Form

Unit Information

Please enter current information below.

Unit Name

Social Science Libraries Section

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Unit Member Contributions

Please describe the contributions of the Unit members

Role

Member

Name of Unit member

Abby Moore

Contributions

Abby co-organized sessions for both WLIC 2022 and WLIC 2023 and supported a joint post-satellite conference in Dublin, 2022, with the IFLA Journal and Library Theory and Research Section. She has been instrumental in moving business forward for SocSci and has been one of the few members able to represent SocSci at the congresses. She is the incoming chair for 2023-2025.

Role

Information Coordinator

Name of Unit member

Ekaterina Shibaeva

Contributions

Ekaterina initiated and co-organized sessions for both WLIC 2022 and WLIC 2023 and supported a joint post-satellite conference in Dublin, 2022, with the IFLA Journal and Library Theory and Research Section. Additionally, she served as a juror for submissions to other committees' WLIC sessions. Her leadership and participation in SocSci has truly been foundational. She has regularly represented our section at various meetings when other officers could not attend. Additionally, over the past two years she has implemented several social media projects designed to share social science resources with the community. She ran a, "get to know the SocSci Committee" campaign in 2021-2022. She is entering her second term as Information Coordinator for 2023-2025.

Role

Secretary

Name of Unit member

Jennifer Voutssas

Contributions

Jennifer participated in the planning groups for 2 WLIC sessions and a joint post-satellite conference in Dublin, 2022, with the IFLA Journal and Library Theory and Research Section. She regularly provided guidance on expanding our professional development offerings to Spanish speakers, helping to reduce barriers for non-English speakers (one of our official goals for 2021-2023). Her expertise and guidance as a library professional have been foundational to the committee. Additionally, she regularly represented our section at various meetings when other officers could not attend. She is finishing term as Secretary for 2021-2023. But will remain a member of the SocSci Committee.

Role

Member

Name of Unit member

Debal Kar

Contributions

Debal participated in the planning groups for WLIC sessions 2022 and 2023. He brought knowledge and expertise from our South Asian colleagues and helped us reframe several projects and initiatives to ensure they were more accessible to non-English speakers and those in non-American, non-European time zones.

Role

Member

Name of Unit member

Fei Xue

Contributions

Fei participated in the planning groups for WLIC sessions 2022 and 2023. She brought knowledge and expertise from our East Asian colleagues and helped us reframe several projects and initiatives to ensure they were more accessible to non-English speakers and those in non-American, non-European time zones. Notably, Fei regularly joined business meetings at 12a and 1a her time, demonstrating her commitment to the group.

Role

Member

Name of Unit member

Chiku Mcombu

Contributions

Chiku participated in the planning groups for the 2023 WLIC session and a webinar on Social Science research methods in 2022. She brought knowledge and expertise from our South African colleagues, helping us brainstorm unique and popular topics for webinars and WLIC sessions. Additionally, she helped us reframe several projects and initiatives to ensure they were more accessible to non-English speakers and those in non-American, non-European time zones.

Role

Member

Name of Unit member

Robin Kear

Contributions

Robin regularly provided direction and expertise on a variety of IFLA matters in 2022-2023, given her long-standing participation in the organization. Robin is the incoming secretary for 2023-2025.

Role

Chair

Name of Unit member

Lindsay Ozburn

Contributions

Lindsay initiated and co-organized a webinar on social science research methods in 2021-2021. She participated in SocSci planning teams for sessions for at WLIC 2022 and WLIC 2023. She also served as a juror for other committees' WLIC sessions. Additionally, she co-led and supported a joint post-satellite conference in Dublin, 2022, with the IFLA Journal and Library Theory and Research Section. Serving as Chair, she has represented our section at various business and officer meetings. She is completing her term as Chair for 2021-2023 and will be rotating off the SocSci committee.

Role

Member

Name of Unit member

Donatus Duesterhaus

Contributions

Donatus became a SocSci member after completing his term as convenor for RELINDIAL in 2021. He contributed to SocSci a wealth of knowledge about the SIG and its historical interactions with our section. Donatus regularly provided ideas and advice for WLIC planning sessions. He also provided us invaluable advice when we managed the RELINDIAL member nomination processes.

Role

Member

Name of Unit member

Muhammad Yousuf Ali

Contributions

Yousuf participated in the planning groups for WLIC sessions 2022 and 2023. He brought knowledge and expertise from our South Asian colleagues and helped us reframe several projects and initiatives to ensure they were more accessible to non-English speakers and those in non-American, non-European time zones.

Role

Convenor

Name of Unit member

Fabien Vandermarcq

Contributions

Fabien served as the convenor for SocSci's sponsored SIG, RELINDIAL, from ~June 2022 until Spring 2023. Fabien graciously stepped into this leadership role for RELINDIAL during a special election. During his tenure as chair, he led RELINDIAL in developing a very comprehensive action plan. His guidance on all IFLA matters has been invaluable, particularly pertaining to SocSci's relationship and interactions with the SIG.

Committee Meetings

Please provide information about your 2022-2023 Standing Committee Meetings:

How many business or other meetings did you hold from August 2022- August 2023?

8, plus other ad hoc project planning meetings

How many of these meetings were open meetings (where those beyond the Standing Committee were invited)?

2

How were the majority of these meetings held?

Virtual (Zoom/Skype/Teams etc.)

Did you hold a mid-term meeting?

Yes - virtually

Have minutes from all meetings been uploaded to the Repository?

Yes

Successes/Accomplishments/Achievements

Briefly describe the project, activity, or output you accomplished during the period August 2022 - August 2023

Title or name of project, activity, output

2023 WLIC Session, with RISS as a co-sponsor.

Details

Title: Bringing Back Patrons to the Library: Promoting Community and In-Person Programming in Digital World"

Summary:

As a result of the COVID 19 pandemic, many library activities transitioned to remote services – with overwhelming success. Over the past two years, activities and services have returned to normal. Most of us are back working in the office. Our patrons are slowly returning to our buildings. Remote services, however, are here to stay. While these online and virtual services allow all types of libraries to continue to meet the varying needs of their communities, social interactions continue to decrease and some patrons remain isolated. There is a need, now more than ever, for libraries to bring back our patrons to the library to promote social engagement and community. How are you bringing back your patrons?

We had 27 submissions for the session and selected 4 submissions to present.

Do you have a URL to this accomplishment to share?

<https://www.ifla.org/news/join-us-at-the-bringing-back-patrons-to-the-library-session-at-wlic-2023/>

Title or name of project, activity, output

SocSci SIG support

Details

We managed 2 election processes for RELINDIAL : 1 special election at which we also helped members elect a convener, and a second normal cycle election.

Do you have a URL to this accomplishment to share?

<https://www.ifla.org/units/relindial/>

Title or name of project, activity, output

Co-sponsoring a 2023 WLIC Session for SciTech.

Details

Several committee members served as jurors for submissions, and we provided advice on the theme and format of the session.

Title: Decoding Citizen Science: Putting Libraries in the Public Sphere

Summary:

The Science & Technology Libraries (STL) issues a call for four (4) presentations on the topic of Decoding Citizen Science: Putting Libraries in the Public Sphere at the 2023 WLIC Conference in Rotterdam, Netherlands, August 21-25, 2023. [Co-hosted by the Environment, Sustainability and Libraries Section, and the Social Sciences Section] we seek creative ideas about the role of citizen science in libraries that builds on the conference theme, of "Let's Work Together, Let's Library" emphasizing the multiple roles of library services, workers and resources.

How libraries of all kinds can promote, support, facilitate and educate about the roles of citizen science is the focus of this Open Session. The call for this session invites all libraries, public, school, academic, government and special to consider how they best encourage community engagement in the sciences that may contribute to a more active exchange about critical scientific, nature or environmentally related issues facing us in local communities. We expect some buildout of the common expression, "Think Globally, Act Locally."

Do you have a URL to this accomplishment to share?

<https://www.ifla.org/news/call-for-proposals-ifla-wlic-2023-science-technology-section-program-decoding-citizen-science-putting-libraries-in-the-public-sphere/>

Communications

How have you communicated your Unit's work to the following stakeholders?

	Standing Committee Members	IFLA members registered to your Section	Other IFLA Committees	The field at large
Newsletter				
Webpage	X	X	X	X
Blog post				
Mailing list		X	X	X
Social Media				X
Basecamp	X			

Please comment on any communication or partnerships outside of your own Standing Committee

Stephen Wyber from the International Council on Scientific and Technical Information (ICSTI) includes our committee on his regular newsletters.

SocSci also sponsors a SIG: RELINDIAL

Additional Information

Did you receive Professional Council funding for 2022-2023?

No

Please use this space to provide any additional information you would like to share about the Unit's activities for the year:

Unit members have been at capacity for the past year and were unable to undertake major projects outside of WLIC sessions. We decided to sunset a few projects from 2021-2022 so as to not overburden our members.