Committee Meeting
Monday 11 September 2023
13:00-14:15 CEST
@Zoom

Indigenous Matters | Information Literacy | Libraries for Children and Young Adults | Literacy and Reading | Reference and Information Services | School Libraries | Library History SIG

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| Library History SIG: | | |
| Convener | Steve Witt (USA) | |
| IC | Pending |

AGENDA

1. Welcome to newly elected officers
2. Attendance and Apologies
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Minutes of the previous hybrid Meeting held on 20 August 2023 – Approval
5. IFLA WLIC 2023: highlights and follow-up
6. Officer Training and Resources
7. Action Planning: The Infinity Tool
8. Regional Diversity in Professional Units
   a. Co-opting Members for Regional Diversity
   b. Appointment of Mentors
9. Basecamp Accounts for Professional Units
10. WLIC 2024
    a. Your Section/SIG in Dubai
    b. Satellite Meetings
    c. Program Proposals
11. General Assembly 2024
12. Other Items from Professional Council
13. Roundtable / Reports from Sections and SIG
14. Any Other Business / Your Questions
15. Closing of the Meeting

IFLA Division E Committee Meeting
September 11, 2023
1. Welcome to newly elected officers
The Chair Russell Lynch welcomes and thanks participants. The minutes are taken by Luisa Marquardt, Secretary of Division E.

2. Attendance and Apologies
Attendance is as follows. The acronym NEO stands for: Newly Elected Officer.

Chair: Russell Lynch (USA)
Secretary: Luisa Marquardt (Italy)

Indigenous Matters:
Chair: Damien Webb (Australia) - NEO
Secretary: Mark Puente (USA) - NEO

Libraries for Children and Young Adults:
Chair: Marianne Martens (USA)
Secretary: Benjamin Scheffler (Germany)
IC: Sarah Evans (USA) - NEO

Literacy and Reading:
Secretary: Anette Mjöberg (Sweden)

Reference and Information Search Services:
Chair: Nadja Ylvestedt (Sweden) - NEO
IC: Min Chou (USA)

School Libraries:
Chair: Luisa Marquardt (Italy) - NEO
Secretary: Abha Singh (India) - NEO
IC: Valerie Byrd Fort (USA) - NEO

Apologies were sent by Steve Witt (Library History SIG) and Valérie Glass (School Libraries).

3. Adoption of the Agenda
Moved by Min Chou, seconded by Marianne and Luisa, all in favor. Agenda is adopted.

4. Minutes of the previous hybrid Meeting held on 20 August 2023 – Approval
Minutes, previously shared through Basecamp, are moved by Luisa, seconded by Russell, all in favor. Minute are approved.

5. IFLA WLIC 2023: highlights and follow-up
Some comments and highlights are shared. Marianne reports on the positive outcomes of the several activities of LCYA, like the Satellite in The Hague, “a real treat”, a very well attended event; the launch of the 3rd Edition of The World Through Picture Books (https://cdn.ifla.org/wp-content/uploads/ifla_cya_wtpb_3ed.pdf); the flash mob at the train station. The LCYA had its first BM during the WLIC and the second one on the 8th of September. Damien (1st WLIC) reports on the positive satellite held at the University in Leiden (75 attendees) in collaboration with Rare Books Section. Luisa mentions the first BM of School Libraries, that was well attended (in-person and virtually) by members and observers; the “physical” conference offered the opportunity to reconnect, especially with those who could not make the IFLA WLIC 2022 in Dublin, and connect with new
people. Taking in account the current transitional time, meeting at the IFLA WLIC in Rotterdam was also good for starting planning new projects and initiatives (e.g., the joint MIL webinar with the IL Section, the Midyear Meeting etc.).

Russell underlines how important is the hybrid dimension, to allow people to join the works remotely.

6. Officer Training and Resources

Becoming familiar with Basecamp is absolutely vital for Officers. Information and resources are accessible from URL: https://3.basecamp.com/3833672/projects/31685025.

New information and explanation on funding have been published at URL:

7. Action Planning: The Infinity Tool

Training sessions on “Infinity”, the new tool that should facilitate Action Planning, were addressed to Chairs and Convenors and took place at the IFLA WLIC. Those who could not attend them should schedule a session with Megan Price as soon as possible (at latest by Sept. 20). Infinity credentials will be soon activated.


8. Regional Diversity in Professional Units

a. **Co-opting Members for Regional Diversity** – In case of any vacancies, regional diversity has to be considered. IFLA is going to send a general call across all professional Units, in order to avoid any confusion. However, Units can send out a call. Unit officers can make their choice from a list of candidates.

b. **Appointment of Mentors** – If a Standing Committee is full, up to 3 mentors can be appointed.

9. Basecamp Accounts for Professional Units

Basecamp Accounts are available, and communications and documents should be shared through Basecamp. There is suggestion about sending emails that can help in the current transition phase, where some might not be as familiar with Basecamp as needed. Benjamin encourages to use Basecamp. Luisa raised the issue of creating (or not) a new School Libraries Section area (2023-2025), taking in account that in Basecamp there are two “Division E” areas still existing. Luisa explains that merging the two SLS areas is not a problem.

10. WLIC 2024

a. **Your Section/SIG in Dubai** - Most of Sections/SIG have not decided yet, although many library associations (Sweden, Norway, Italy etc.) have already released statements against the WLIC 2024 in Dubai; officers and members could therefore not be allowed to take part in the conference.

b. **Satellite Meetings** – Russell clarifies that hybrid is required, being it the “new normal”; Satellites have to be held in countries in the UAE Region, and proposals have to be submitted in October.

c. **Program Proposals** – to be submitted by the end of October.


Due to the lack of time, items 11, 12 and 13 are not discussed and are adjourned to the next meeting.

14. Any Other Business / Your Questions

Russell informs participants that the next Division E meeting will be held in November. Luisa suggests to use Basecamp to have the meeting minutes quickly discussed, amended and approved, so that the final version can be published as soon as possible and made officially accessible in the IFLA Repository.

15. Closing of the Meeting

The Chair thanks all for their participation. The meeting ends at 14:15 (CEST – Rome time).

Rome and virtual, Sept. 11, 2023.

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