



1. Welcome and introductions.

Yasmine opened the meeting and welcomed attendees. Committee members and observers introduced themselves.

In attendance:

Yasmine Youssef, Egypt (Chair)
Danielle Miller, Washington Talking Book & Braille Library, USA (Secretary)
Christiane Felsmann, German Centre for Accessible Reading, Germany (Information Officer)
Kirsi Yläne, Accessibility Library Celia, Finland
Irmgard Reijntjes, Bibliotheekservice Passend Lezen, Netherlands
Jelena Lesaja, Croatian Library for the Blind, Croatia
Saskia Boets, Luisterpunt Bibliotheek (Flemish Library for Audiobooks and Braille), Belgium
Dalia Balčytytė, Lithuanian Library for the Blind, Lithuania
Jorunn Wold, National Library of Norway, Norway
Laurette Uzan, Association Valentin Haüy, France
Ellen Follin, MTM, Sweden
Koen Krikhaar, Dedicon, Netherlands
Jason Broughton, NLS, USA
Maiko Honda, National Diet Library, Japan
James Bartlett, RNIB, United Kingdom
Karolina Zlatar Radogovic, Croatian Library for the Blind, Croatia
Henriikka Kokki, Accessibility Library Celia, Finland
Dipendra Manocha, DAISY Consortium, India (Zoom)
Hiroshi Kawamura, Assistive Technology Development Organization, Japan (Zoom)

Observers:

Alice O'Reilly, NLS, USA
Jason Yasner, NLS, USA
Elinore Clavreul, France
Diego Anthoons, Luisterpunt Bibliotheek, Belgium
Maela Rakočević Uvodić, Zagreb City Libraries, Croatia
Misako Nomura, ATDO, Japan
Geert Lievens, Belgium
Jan Rottier, Luisterpunt Bibliotheek, Belgium
Francisco Martinez, ONCE, Spain
Patrick Danowski, Division D Chair
Rosa Maria Yataco Marin, Peru (Zoom)

2. Apologies

Kazuhiro Ando, National Diet Library, Japan

3. **Approval of the Agenda.** The agenda was approved after review by the committee members.
4. **Meeting minutes of midterm business meetings on 15th and 16th of March 2023:**
<https://3.basecamp.com/3833672/buckets/6568895/uploads/6002938415>
 - **Approval:** The meeting minutes were approved by committee members.
 - **Process:** Danielle described a new process for approving minutes and informed members that draft minutes would be posted to Basecamp following the meetings and members would be requested to provide feedback within one week. No comments would signal an approval of the minutes. Minutes would then be considered final and would be uploaded to the IFLA repository and removed from Basecamp.
5. **News from Professional Council:**
 - Outgoing and incoming officers attended the professional council meeting, however there were not many updates. They did discuss how they plan to communicate to IFLA membership and volunteers, including telling a better story, using more targeted and strategic communication, and illustrating key points in communication. They also stated the financial situation is currently secure.
 - The topic of 2024 WLIC was not raised other than looking into regional inclusion and looking for balance with the IFLA core values and the fine line of reaching out and possibly compromising the core values of IFLA. Officers also attend the Division D meeting where the 2024 congress was much more openly discussed.
 - Yasmine requested thoughts on 2024 and asked who is planning to attend so we can know how LPD will participate and if we can have a program or discuss alternatives. Yasmine opened floor for discussion. The most important question is who is planning to attend.
 - Jason Broughton stated he is planning to attend and would bring his staff.
 - Kirsi: We need to discuss this issue in our own organizations and cannot decide here and now. We need to discuss it internally, so we should raise this at the second business meeting or find out what the deadline is for organizing a session in Dubai. It is valuable to discuss this, however.
 - Irmgard: I will be the new chair, but I will not attend the Congress in Dubai.
 - Saskia: I will not participate.
 - Jorunn: I will not attend, and Norway will not attend. LPD is really the relevant meeting, can an LPD meeting be arranged somewhere else?
 - Christiane: Just a few will come so do we have alternatives, because it is so important for us to meet, so what are the alternatives? What can we do and how can we meet, and if people go to another option, does it have to be before or after WLIC?

- Yasmine: We discovered a Satellite meeting must be held in UAE. An online meeting or a meeting or seminar branded differently and held elsewhere is possible.
- Irmgard: we can talk about at next meeting in September or in October.
- Dipendra: There is a huge concern about the principles of inclusion, this impacts the basic principles of our organization. If they make this decision for one community, what will stop them for making a decision that would impact persons with print disabilities? My personal view is to not support this.
- Christiane: If the decision is not to go to WLIC, we have to see if people can travel twice if they are going to attend WLIC and LPD is holding a different meeting.

6. Officers' Elections: Held online elections and new officers are:

- Chair: Irmgard – introduced herself
- Secretary: Danielle – introduced herself
- Information Officer: Dalia – introduced herself

7. Membership

- Yasmine shared information about two types of membership. First those who are registered members and affiliates of LPD including numbers from regions that make a total of 43. We need some broader representation and diversity from some regions. Standing committee members have 50% representation from EU and the rest are scattered and we have zero representation from Latin America, and we would like to improve that.
- Kirsi: when will the map be renewed with new members? Will there be anyone from Africa? Yasmine: No.
- Eight new members were elected:
 - James Bartlett
 - Jason Broughton
 - Ellen Follin
 - Maiko Honda
 - Henriikka Kokki
 - Karolina Zlatar Radogovic
 - Saskia Boets
 - Dipendra Manocha
- Outgoing members:
 - i. Jelena -Thank you to everyone, it has been great for eight years. It has been so great to learn from all of the members and visit libraries and talk with everyone. I was encouraged to go to meetings and ask questions and listen to everyone. I was never discouraged, and it has been a great experience.
 - ii. Christiane – Thank you and has been a member for 8 years. Has watched and been active in group for a long time. Marrakesh has been a big thing and been important in our work. Realized this has been so special because all the members are experts in their countries. Find the time to participate and work in the group and contribute. Maybe because no one can take the place from

Germany, there is an opportunity to become a mentor, so I would like to take that opportunity. Thank you.

- iii. Kirsi – I have shared experience of eight years; it has been wonderful and we are a special section because we share time together and share important information spending time together and face to face time together is really important. Encourage you to become an officer and become involved and learn about IFLA. Thanked Yasmine and Christiane.
 - iv. Koen – Thanked committee and said goodbye, has been a full member twice, after two years of absence you can return. He advised members to take the work seriously, the work has great impact on his mind and work and understanding of those with less resources and working with those who have common goals. He encouraged satellite meetings or meetings called anything else and midterm meetings. Thank you to Yasmine and Danielle.
 - v. Irmgard: Thank you to all the outgoing members and all the work you have done. As incoming chair, I look to Yasmine and the work she has done. I have a little present for you. Irmgard passed out Stroop Wafels to all the departing members.
- Co-opting members: We can co-opt members to represent regional diversity. We need to announce a call and people apply; this can be for regional diversity as well as filling in vacancies. Yasmine will work with Irmgard and Danielle to draft call for co-opting members.
 - Mentors: We have the option for three mentors who are non-voting members appointed by the chair. Mentors are meant for outgoing members or experts who can continue or join. They are not voting members but participate fully in the committee and have full terms.

8. WLIC 2023 session: There was a reminder about the LPD session on Wednesday.

9. LPD Annual Report

- A draft was submitted on August 1st to Patrick Danowski
 - Final report deadline of August 15th
 - We have had 6 committee meetings
 - We have communicated through our web page, mailing list, social media, Basecamp
 - For IFLA members we have communicated through our web page, mailing list, social media
 - For the field at large, our communication is mainly social media
- **Projects:**
 - i. Guidelines: More than 50% - Danielle will give a report
 - ii. Develop guidelines on how to use accessibility metadata standards. Kirsi on working group. Progress was survey and presentation on survey results in 2022. The plan is to set up a new working group. Kirsi gave update and accessibility metadata was discussed at Satellite. It is a complicated topic,

and we will need a cataloging expert and we hope we can find a cataloging person to take this over or take the lead on the project. Kirsi will write up her thoughts about what could be done and pass them to the LPD, she will be available to follow up and will follow the EU Accessibility Act very closely and stay close with what we should do with special libraries and how to prepare for the things to come.

- iii. Joint committee on IFLA online accessibility with LSN (Less than 50%). LSN and LPD consulted on presentation templates but nothing is currently in process. Maela and Irmgard can follow up.
 - iv. Contribution to development of ABC is an ongoing item. Always important to keep moving forward. We had a meeting where we shared comments and feedback. We had a good meeting thanks to Kelsey Corlett-Rivera from NLS who took the lead on collecting feedback.
 - v. LPD open session at WLIC 2023. This is a panel discussion with six presenters facilitated by Koen. Yasmine thanked the working group who planned it and stated what the topic of the session will be.
- **Completed action items:**
 - i. Midterm meeting in New Dehli and the seminar on improving Accessibility to Cultural Heritage with about 140 participants. Thanks to Dipendra for organizing.
 - ii. Successful event of Celebrating 10 Years of the Marrakesh Treaty webinar. Listed participants and speakers and thanked the planning committee.
 - iii. Satellite Conference – Let’s Work Together, Let’s Library for All in Schiedam at the Korenbeurs.
 - iv. LPD Panel discussion for WLIC. Title: Empowering Libraries through Accessibility: Inclusive Services for Persons with Print Disabilities: theme: exploring different perspectives to inclusive library services.

10. Satellite Conference: Successful 1.5-day meeting in the historic town of Schiedam, held at the Korenbeurs. The satellite was made up of three sessions including how to collaborate with libraries, promising practices from across the world, and accessibility metadata and how users will benefit and accompanying research. Closed the session with a boat tour. We heard a lot of positive feedback and had 55 attendees.

11. Guidelines for Inclusive Library Services for Persons with Print Disabilities: progress report

- Danielle provided a progress report on the Guidelines project including working group members, project milestones, sections currently in the draft of the Guidelines, and notified LPD Committee Members to be prepared to review a draft and provide feedback prior to the 9/26 business meeting and participate in a discussion at that business meeting.

12. LPD’s mission and objectives: review

- Yasmine read mission and goals aloud. We had discussed that we need to review and discuss whether we need to update or make any changes.

- Yasmine opened discussion and passed the role of facilitator to Christiane.
- Christiane asked group to state what they really want to achieve in the next couple years.
- Kirsi: “Establish global accessible library” seems a little outdated, this should be restated or revised to be more current.
- Koen: The power lies in the localization of ABC, if you do not implement it locally through schools or public libraries it decreases its potential. Maybe facilitate the existing global library, implement like a treaty.
- Ellen: following up on Kirsi, is ABC the only library? I do not think this is enough, we need to have something that is supporting alternatives. Something useful is the survey that IFLA does every year about Marrakesh and who are beneficiary readers and who can be collaborated with outside of ABC.
- Hiroshi: Global accessible library is a good idea and also not outdated if we think about some or many of the countries which have not yet implemented the Marrakesh Treaty, so I think this is appropriate. But at the same time, we have to think about changing publishing to have accessible publishing which is one of the goals of Marrakesh itself. When everyone agreed on Marrakesh, if publishers and authors wanted to preserve rights without exemption or limitation, they can publish accessible versions. One of the missions of LPD should address and elevate the section to be influential to the accessibility of publications and within several years there will be legislation regarding accessibility of publications. One of the important missions of LPD is to address that.
- Christiane: I would like to add as one point that we do not have is the publishers, and we may need to add that as a subject. Is there anything else we should say about the first goal? We should change the word establish. Maybe change to “global accessible library services.”
- Ellen: maybe promoting Marrakesh treaty and global accessible library services are more actions than goals and could be combined.
- Laurette: Now that we have international file sharing system perhaps what we want to do is promote an effective link.
- Christiane: move on to second goal:
- Kirsi: I would mention inclusive or accessible publishing under this one or make it a bit more concrete, because a lot of information is going through publications, maybe we want to promote accessible publications.
- Irmgard: Perhaps we can divide it into goals and actions, so we have a few goals and then what we have to do to achieve those goals.
- Christiane: We have to do an action plan anyway. It is easier to work on your action plan when you really understand your goals. We made these up years ago and it is important we really understand them.
- Irmgard: In our action plan we use the IFLA goals.
- Patrick: Even with the new action planning process you can only choose the strategic goals of IFLA. You can add your own goals in the comments or something, but you can only choose IFLA strategic goals in the action plan.

- Yasmine: Our goals need to be aligned with IFLA goals and strategies.
- Christiane: We need to talk about whether it is a goal or action.
- Saskia: Maybe we have to rephrase things to make them a goal, maybe we want as many countries as possible to implement the Marrakesh treaty.
- Yasmine: We want to support the implementation of the Marrakesh Treaty. The ultimate goal for the treaty is to be implemented globally.
- Ellen: The goal is increased access to published materials globally.
- Jason: can the group give examples of who we would partner with to accomplish the goals.
- Hiroshi: LPD may contribute a lot for accessible publishing.
- Koen: Traditionally we partner with the DAISY consortium, can partner with WIPO, UNESCO, publishers.
- Christiane: It is more than just the publishers, who is the first level partner, who is second level partner, things have to be clear.
- Saskia: add the word inclusive to goal three.
- Irmgard: do the guidelines in goal 3 refer just to ours or to all guidelines?
- Yasmine: We need to keep it specific to the LPD community.
- Goal 4: Support implementation
- Goal 5: Change to metadata – contribute and support the development of standardized accessibility metadata
- Jason: can we say develop? Yasmine: no, developing accessibility metadata is not the role of LPD
- Koen: Need to understand the needs of the users and look at research.
- Danielle: Connect with Dedicon and EDRIlab research to understand users.
- Jason: Do we need to understand the current metadata landscape before we move on?

13. Date of the second business meeting: 26th of September 2023 – Irmgard confirmed, 3:00 pm CET – 6:00am Pacific.

14. Any other business

- ABC Board – Victoria Owen is IFLA ABC representative, and we agreed to support that appointment and we requested that she become the ABC liaison to LPD until the next term where we will work closely with her to have someone from LPD be the representative the following term. We will also ask Victoria to regularly report on ABC at our meetings.
- Poster submitted by Karolina and Jelena, presenting Croatian Library podcast presenting authors who record books – Tuesday and Wednesday 12:00-2:00 pm. [Note: this poster won the award for visual impact.]
- Dinner: 7:00pm
- Yasmine: Expressed her gratitude to committee and looks back over 8 years and how library services in her county have changed thanks to this committee and to her

organizations, she really appreciates the global impact and is very grateful. She has shared great memories and is happy to have served with us.

- Picture: gather outside meeting room for an LPD photograph.