Attendance:
Standing Committee Members:
Andrew Finegan, AUSTRALIA
Anne Barnhart, USA
Eleonore Clavreul, FRANCE
Elisabeth Marrow, NEW ZEALAND
Elisabet Rundqvist, SWEDEN
Lan Gao, USA
Le Yang, USA
Leili Seifi, IRAN
Leslie Kuo, GERMANY
Lilian Letshabo, BOTSWANA
Miyuki Hamaguchi, JAPAN
Sebastian Tarazona, SWEDEN
Theresa Byrd, USA
Virginija Svediene, LITHUANIA
Waleed Al Badi, OMN
Xi Chen, USA

Mentors:
Fred Gitner, USA
Yasuko Hirata, JAPAN

Observers:
Camille Lefebvre, FRANCE
Clara Lukin, AUSTRALIA
Michele Villagran, USA
Natalia Duque, COLOMBIA

Apologies
Anita Basak
Carmela Ieracitano
Suela Jorgaqi
Emily Reed
Jiangshun Zhang
1. Welcome and Greetings
   All attendees introduced themselves to the group.

2. Approval of 2023 Section Midyear Meeting minutes
   Moved: Anne Barnhart
   Seconded: Xi Chen

3. 2023 IFLA WLIC Updates
   - Satellite Meeting
     Theresa reported on current progress. All the information is now on the website. Morning of Friday 18 August, from 9am. There will be a very interesting line-up of different speakers, and a panel session. There are many different satellite sessions, so Theresa would like Standing Committee members to please share details of the event through their networks so that we can have a truly global audience. Please also email Theresa to share your experiences of challenges to diverse librarianship.
     Andrew to re-send the details of the satellite event to the IFLA-L and IFLA-MCULTP lists.
   - WLIC MCULTP Open Session
     Theme of “Why bother? How Libraries Support Minority Languages”. There will be some videos shown, followed by group discussion. The session is number 114, Tuesday 22 August, 11.30am-12.15pm in Room Rotterdam B. ([https://iflawlic2023.abstractserver.com/program/#/details/sessions/233](https://iflawlic2023.abstractserver.com/program/#/details/sessions/233)) We encourage as many standing committee members attending WLIC to participate please.
     Still waiting for some content from video presenters, which is challenging. Recommended that Elisabet call them directly to request content. Backup plan is for Sebastian and Elizabet to introduce the discussion theme.
   - WLIC Joint Open Session
     Lightning talks, Session 159, Rotterdam B, 23 August, 2-3.30pm. Elizabet Rundqvist will be presenting about Lessons Learned from Sweden regarding librarians supporting patrons visiting from other countries (native and non-native Swedish librarian perspectives), followed by round table discussions.
   - Meet-up at WLIC
     It has been difficult to book ahead, so we will have an informal gathering, where people will pay for themselves. There are a few options for restaurants. Action: Eleonore to book “Lisa” restaurant for a group of 20 attendees for the Wednesday evening.

4. Announcements and reports (see attached)
5. Welcoming and Introducing 2023-2025 Section Officers
The incoming officers Sebastian, Leili and Waleed introduced themselves to the group.

Lan will share the annual report with the group after the business meeting - please let Lan know if you do not wish to be named in person. Leili will be taking over the reporting after WLIC.

7. Any other business

Please consider nominating to be the next newsletter editor - if you have experience with editing and publishing, please let Leili know.

Please also let Theresa know if you can help out in person on the day of the satellite event in The Hague.
Chair’s report
Annual business meeting 2023

MCULTP 2021-2023 Action Plan is finalized and will be submitted to IFLA HQ shortly. During the Division A meetings I attended, updates and highlights of our unit were shared with attendees.

June 2023 Issue of the MCULTP Section Newsletter is published. In this issue, stories on and best practices about how libraries protect and promote minority languages were shared. Special thanks to our Secretary Andrew Finegan and Information Coordinator Eleonore Clavreul for editing, publishing and promoting this newsletter. Also, I would like to give my thanks to all the contributors.

We are also planning our IFLA WLIC 2023 satellite meeting and open session. In August, our Section will host a satellite meeting “Empowering Diverse Librarianship” at the Dutch national center of expertise and repository for research data, The Hague. During IFLA WLIC 2023, our Section will host an open forum. Its topic is focusing on why libraries need to play a role in protecting minority languages. We will have five members leaving our committee, with five new members joining us for the 1st time and three members serving a 2nd term. I believe our diverse membership will strengthen our impact in the local communities, especially those areas that were under-presented in the past.

I would like to thank our Standing Committee members and colleagues for your contributions and time dedicated to our Section.

Lan Gao
Chair
IFLA Section 32
Library Services to Multicultural Populations
IFLA Library Services to Multicultural Populations Section

Business Meeting, 21 July 2023

Secretary’s Report

In March, elections opened for the 2023 IFLA Standing Committee positions, and closed in mid-April. We are pleased to welcome our new committee members for the 2023-2027 term.

In April, we also put a call out for newsletter articles, following our WLIC 2023 session theme of protecting minority languages. We received many articles, and thank all of our writers for their contributions to this issue.

Planning is now well under way for our satellite meeting and open session that will occur next month in Rotterdam.

I’d like to thank fellow leadership team members Lan and Eleonore for their work over the past few years, and wish you and the committee all the best for the future of the group.

Andrew Finegan

IFLA MCULTP Secretary
IFLA Library Services to Multicultural Populations Section

Business Meeting, 21 July 2023

Information Coordinator’s report

Social Media

Social Media statistics as of July 10th 2023 have shown a contrasting increase in followers across social networks

Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/ifla.mcultp): From 3363 to 3446 followers – gained 85 followers in 4 months
Twitter (http://twitter.com/ifla_mcultp): From 1960 to 1960 followers – gained 0 followers in 4 months
Instagram (http://instagram.com/multicultural_libraries/): From 937 to 942 followers – gained 5 followers in 4 months

I can only repeat what I said during our midyear meeting: This half-hearted assessment is partly my fault, as I sometimes let too much time pass between two publications. However, I have also made calls to the group for information to be relayed, without response. It would be very useful for more regular publications if members who have declared their interest in social networks would send me information more regularly. I am aware that it is not so easy to find the time for this, but, as you know, a page that is not very well fed, loses visibility.

Social media posts touched upon:

- Portraits of new members
- The MCULT’s newsletter
- And other news items of interest to members.

Thank you.

Eléonore Clavreul

IFLA MCULTP Information Coordinator
Minutes of the IFLA Library Services to Multicultural Populations Section
Business Meeting II, Teleconference (on Zoom) 20 September 2023

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Apologies
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1. Welcome and Greetings
Leili welcomed attendees and explained the course of the meeting. For the sake of time, we will do greetings during the Roundtable item.

2. Updates from IFLA HQ and WLIC 2023
Discussed an ambition of increasing multilingualism in IFLA, and how this could be achieved. (IFLA GB)

Our section webpage will be updated by Lidia Putziger

Wlic23 evaluation are open for about one month – Information will be shared with the PC and with the Governing Board in December

Coopting new members – The section does not have the possibility to coopt more members, we are currently at 25 + 2 mentors.

Section participation at Wlic2024 from the group – Some members won’t have the opportunity to participate so we need different options for how the section can participate. Different suggestions and opinions were raised by the group:

- Hybrid Satellite Meeting in another country.
- We don’t have to host satellite meeting every year, as decided upon previously.
- Questions raised about what IFLAs rules for Satellite meetings will be.
- Waleed suggests Oman as a possible host country for Hybrid Satellite meeting and informs that visa requirements should not be a problem.
- We should avoid placing a too big workload on members who attend the conference.
- For 2025 we also have the possibility of hosting a mini conference at another location.
- In case of Satellite Meeting, the deadline for open call usually is around January/February. However, first it’s necessary to find a host and that should be done already by December. Check with IFLA HQ for procedure.
- Elisabet opines Oman would be a good option for us to be present, meet and engage with librarians in the region on the condition that Oman does not interfere with the programming, the point of contention for IFLA members that opposed the selection of Dubai.

Leili will follow up the questions and options raised in the discussion and a final decision will be taken by section by e-mail.

3. Action Plan 2023-2025

Deadline for first draft for action plan by 31 October.

Funding guidelines for projects haven’t been announced yet.

Different suggestions for items to be included in the AP were raised by the group:

- Leili is planning Persian of the Multicultural Library Manifesto (MLM)
- Further translations of the Multicultural Library Manifesto-Toolkit.
In this that case we need to identify which language. We could do one official language and another one that we choose.

- There is also the possibility of combining new translations of the *Toolkit* with endorsement by UNESCO. Endorsement would require a lot of work and for several members to be involved. Leili will ask Megan for information about the procedure and what the work entails. Elisabet R would possibly be interested in leading such an effort.

- Suggestion from Natalia to translate the MLM into indigenous languages of Colombia with support in this process from the University of Antioquia: Ebêra Chami, Kriol, Minika and Wayunaiki. It could also support in the translation into Portuguese.

- Review and update the current translations of the toolkit.

- Review and update the Multicultural Communities: Guidelines for Library Services 3rd edition, 2009), which was published 10 years ago.

- Appointment of Newsletter editor.

4. **Newsletter: Editor, Topic (Sebastian)**

The need to appoint an editor for the newsletter was shared with the group, anyone interested can let Leili know.

Suggestion to form a working group to prepare the December newsletter was shared, Michelle Villagran and Lillian Letshabo volunteered for the group, with Anne Barnhart and Camille Lefebvre as editors.

The group decided for the December newsletter to accept contributions in different languages, possibly with short summaries of contributions in English. Thematically broad within the area of Multicultural Library Services. The newsletter can also include highlights from WLIC23.

Open call for the December edition to be sent out by the end of October with a deadline for contributions by the end of November.

5. **Creating LinkedIn Page (Waleed)**

The Information officer informs on the section’s communication channels and for section members to contact him when we want to post items.

Natalia informs on her participation for the section in the working group for updating the IFLA Internet Manifesto, and the parallel initiative she has taken together with María de Brasdefer and IFLA-LAC to collect input for this work from a broad range of countries, actors and associations in Latin America and the Caribbean, including libraries and librarians, and social and community-based groups.

6. **Round Table**
The group shared highlights from their respective countries. Examples from the Roundtable: reports about political developments that threaten inclusivity, tolerance, and free access to information from Sweden and USA, increasing influx of immigrants to USA, efforts to increase language training for Ukrainian refugees in Lithuania, efforts to spread awareness and recognition of minority cultures/languages in USA and Botswana, yearly meeting to promote Multicultural library services by the Multicultural Committee of the Japanese Library Association. Natalia highlights the work currently being carried out by the National Itinerant Library Program in Colombian rural areas and work to include orality in reading and writing plans (National Reading, Writing and Orality Plan) at the national level. Information and Links from the Roundtable were shared in Zoom Chat box or will be posted on the section Basecamp.

7. Any other business?
   Lan will share a disclaimer to be used for the Newsletter open call.

8. Feel free to share any other items you would like to add to the agenda.

   No additions