

	<p>IFLA Section Preservation and Conservation</p>	<p>Preservation and Conservation Section 2nd Business Meeting Monday, 23 October, 14.00 – 15.00 CEST Location: Zoom</p>
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Attendance: Ornella Foglieni (Chair), Sónia Casquiço (Secretary) Petra Vávrová (Info Coordinator)

Members: Adrija Henley, Hee Soo Jeong, Jasna Malešič, Miguel Angel Arellano, Nagai Yoshikazu, William Schlaack

Members not present: Diana Saarva, Jing Ma, Gaelle Bequet, Mona Kirsch, Stephanie Preuss, Sokhna Fall, Ted Marston, Juan Voutass

Observer: Russell Lynch.

Guests: Alenka Kavcic Colic (IT Section Secretary), Elisabetta Zonca (Rare Books and Special Collections) and Céline Allain (BNF, Former PRESCONS Secretary)

1. Introduction (Chair Ornella Foglieni) .

2. Apologized: Vicky Lee and Salem Shawky

3. Chair Ornella Foglieni opened the meeting emphasizing the importance of the contributions of all PRESCONS section members by participating and maintaining close relations with also other IFLA units, sections, and special interest groups, enhancing the possible connections between PRESCONS and the Rare Books and Special Collections and IT Sections. She also suggested ideas and thoughts about new projects, upgrades to the PRESCONS action plan for 2023 -2024.

A. The Chair talked about the letter received on 10 th October by IFLA President Vicky McDonald concerning the withdrawal of the offer to hold WLIC 2024 in Dubai, and its consequences on the activities in IFLA structures and actions. The Board discussed also how to reorganize the activities considering the change of scenario, without a WLIC, both managing on going activities and surely preparing upgrading to the new Action Plan for 2023-25. The conclusions as first steps of the Governing Board after their October 's meeting decide also to make a necessary change in organizing the future WLIC and how to work in the professional units in next months. They are open to any suggestions, ideas, and concrete proposals from all members. The working model for 2024 is now

open, with the possibility of organizing in-person regional, online or hybrid sessions. The expect any contribution from all of us s to give suggestions for the good change.

B. The Chair also reinforced the importance of establishing a good method of communicating and publicizing the section's activities. It's a point that the section needs to improve a lot.

C. The Chair remembered that the Action Plan 2023-24 must be completed by October 31st. and pointing out the importance to collaborate all as SC members to the projects and activities in the new working groups/teams organized for each project or activity.

D. The Chair: asked for the formal approval of the Minutes the 11 September 1. Business Meeting, sent to the standing committee members by the Secretary Sonia Casquiço, without new comments. The minutes will be sent into the Repository, and available in a Prescons Folder.

4. Joint Session with Information Technology Section

A. Alenka Kavcic Colic (IT section): gave a brief update on the situation: with the news that WLIC will not be done in 2024, and perhaps even in 2025, there is a great deal of uncertainty about the activities to be carried out in 2024 in her committee. The IT section has not yet defined concrete activities but there are some proposals to transform them into webinars or talks or workshops eventually in presence, or online or hybrid, depending on the decisions expected in coming days.

B. Alenka also shared that the IT section recently held a webinar on AI they developed on artificial intelligence, which was very successful. Chair Ornella also attended and appreciating particularly the intervention of MR Coox, Convenor of the AI SIG. Alenka ensured the continuing collaboration on next way of activity, asking as a good possibility to continue the collaboration to include someone of Prescons in the IT working group for AI project. She pointed out that for Preservation and Conservation domains there is a great interest in IT to study and discover many possibilities of AI, with common or shared initiatives in 2024.

5. Webinar on Bookbinding (Ongoing activity)

A. Sónia Casquiço: gave an update on the organization of the online seminar:

- i. a draft version of the program has been sent to the members of the working group, with a date for it to take place: January 31st.
- ii. the speakers are practically defined and closed.
- iii. Adria Henley has agreed to participate on behalf of the Library of Congress.
- iv. Céline Allain agreed on presenting the results of the survey and suggested two speakers.
- v. we will have a working group meeting in November.

6. Preservation Talks

- A. Sónia Casquiço suggested organizing a series of talks on topics related to preservation and conservation. We could invite a specialist to speak and reflect on their area of expertise. The Chair agreed and suggested one-hour talks.

7. Advisory Committee on Cultural Heritage

- A. Salem Shawky: is the suggested representative of PRESCONS to this committee, but he has difficulty attending meetings and communicating, especially when it comes to answering emails.
- B. The Chair informed us that Jacob Nadal (Library of Congress) is also a member of expert of Preservation and Conservation registered in the Section.

8. Preservation and Conservation Standards project:

- A. A discussion sorted on the project after an update of the Chair on the issue of standards to be clarified: She asked the members of the committee their what suggestions for the prosecution.

- Miguel possibly meeting with the IFLA Advisory Committee on Standards, particularly on digital issues. Ornella informed that they would have a working session on October 27 and that they asked for suggestions and ideas.

9. Regarding the Standard on Emergency Preparedness:

- Céline: considered that the work she has developed is finished and has been presented to Claire McGuire and she validated it.
- i. The review that was conducted considered that the existing standard on disaster preparedness *was up to date*. What was missing was a “*matrix*” to help small institutions to prepare in the event of an emergency. The matrix is done and was previously made available in Basecamp, and few comments from Japan, have been received, the new working group and the members can see and comment too.
- ii. The chair Ornella recommended as important to produce a document comprehensive and adoptable to all regions of the world.
- iii. Jasna, Miguel and Petra as in the new working group will review the matrix.
- iv. Elisabetta Zonca (RBSP), referred that her Chair of the Rare Books and Special Collections, meet Ornella and that she is interested in the work on standard as done, and suggested organizing a webinar with PRESCONS about it.

b. Regarding the Standard on Photography:

- i. Elisabetta Zonca agree to collaborate on the standards on photography on 2024 as new sub project of a standards.

Communication .

The Chair Ornella recommended as most important to implement the communication in the the section and outside on our work by IFLA SOCIAL pages and the web pages of the section. Invite the

officers to use the IFLA list- PCS for internal info with the registered members to share info about our work and experience into IFLA , create a debate on a matter , and so on last but not least to find eventual volunteers to collaborate in our activities .

Closing the meeting the Chair asked to preview a next meeting around half December about and one around half January 2024 .