ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH LIBRARIES SECTION

Academic and Research Libraries Section
Business Meeting
12 & 14 February 2024

AGENDA

Present:
Bianca Amaro, Ursula Arning, Mimi Calter (Chair), Karen Downing, Adefunke Ebijuwa, Adriana Cybele Ferrari, Antonio Cobos Flores, Jerôme Fronty (Information Coordinator), Joanna Hare, Lorraine Haricombe, Sarah Kaddu, Lily Ko (Secretary), Jayshree Mamtora, Mary Ngure, Jim O’Donnell, Shaharima Parvin, Tiiu Tarkpea

Apologies:
Miriam Linda Akeriwe, Siviwe Bangani, Marisa King, Xin Li, Tuelo Ntlotlang, Astrid Verheusen.

1. Welcome, attendance and apologies
   Mimi welcomed the group.
2. Approval of the Agenda
   Mimi called for additional items. The agenda was approved.
3. Approval of minutes of previous meeting
   Minutes was approved.
4. Matters arising
   4.1. Infinity Platform Rollout
       • Training expanded.
       • Posting reports to Basecamp (Mimi to confirm)
   4.2. President’s Meeting (Information Futures Summit) announced
       Venue: Brisbane
       Date: September 30 to October 3, 2024
       The possibility of attendance grant for the Information Futures Summit was discussed.
5. Professional Committee
   5.1. Announcements from the Professional Committee
       Mimi shared the update from the March 2024 PC Meeting on ARL committee Basecamp site: [https://3.basecamp.com/3833672/buckets/4958023/messages/7223194262](https://3.basecamp.com/3833672/buckets/4958023/messages/7223194262)
   5.2. Request for items to be raised to the Professional Committee
       • Mimi called for items.
       • Jim raised the concern that it was a little bit distracted when there would be the mid-term meetings and President’s Meeting in the same year.
6. Action Plan Development
6.1.1. Joint Mid-term Meeting
- Meeting and dates confirmed
IFLA Division D Mid-Term Meeting
Libraries Bridging Boundaries: Challenges & Strategies for Global Openness
Wednesday 5th to Friday 7th of June 2024
Koc University ANAMED Auditorium in Istanbul, Turkey
Website: https://libguides.ku.edu.tr/ifla-midterm-meeting
- Call for Papers: March to 5 April 2024
  - Some members indicated that they were interested in submitting the paper proposal for the meeting
- Mimi thanked to the volunteers who agreed to work on the mid-term meeting: Adefunke Ebijuwa, Nigeria; Karen Downing, US; Adriana Ferrari, Brazil; Mimi Calter, Chair (as available); Jim O’Donnell, Mentor (as available)

6.1.2. Blogs
- Mimi reported that we have moved to two postings per month.
- ARL is working with Library Publishing SIG.
- Tiiu would prepare a blog post about the country trends.

6.1.3. Hot Topics (Lead: Lorraine)
- Lorraine thanked to the volunteers who agreed to work on the Hot Topics Team: Karen Downing, Adriana Cybele Ferrari, Joanna Hare, Sarah Kaddu, Shaharima Parvin.
  - Date: August 2024
  - Format: webinar in 90 minutes

6.2. Strategic Direction 2: Inspire and Enhance Professional Practice
6.2.1. IFLA Journal Special Issue (Lead: Jayshree / Bertil)
Deadline: 31 December 2023. 16 submissions were received.
Jayshree reported that IFLA Journal Special Issue was in good progress.

6.3. Strategic Direction 3: Connect and Empower the Field
6.3.1. Webinars (Leads: Xin Li / Reggie Raju)
- Mimi checked in on spring webinar status. A call went out in February for a topic for a spring webinar.
- Bianca Amaro and Adriana Cybele Ferrari might be interested in organizing a webinar in Portuguese.

6.3.2. Travel Grant (Lead: Astrid)
- No grant will be issued this year because there is no WLIC.
- SAGE continues to support and will provide funding to support attendance at the mid-term meeting.
- Call for funding to support attendance at the President’s Meeting (i.e. the Information Futures Summit)
- ExLibris has not committed to future funding.
- Revised application form for the travel grant – for review
  https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1nzim5qp1YE1Ec9rBzK51dalwdWZsyVOpTryl1V0UTho/edit?ts=64e86deb
6.4. Strategic Direction 4: Optimise our Organisation
6.4.1 Communications Plan (Lead: Marisa/Jerome)
Mimi thanked Jerome continued to do an excellent work. She also thanked Marisa for preparing the Newsletter.
6.4.2 Social Media
- Mimi thanked Shaharima for establishing our ARL page on LinkedIn. She also encouraged everyone to join.
- Adefunke continued to do good work on Facebook.
- Antonio has been monitoring X.
- Are there other platforms we should be investigating?

7. Additional Business
8. Next meeting
Our next business meeting will be held in 23 and 24 April 2024.