



**Minutes of Digital Humanities/Digital Scholarship Special  
Interest Group – Spring Meeting**

**Teleconference (Zoom), 28 February 2024**

**Attendance:**

**DH/DS SIG Standing Committee**

Sabrina Celi ITALY  
Jenny Mackiewicz UNITED STATES  
Long Xiao CHINA  
Omnia Fathallah EGYPT  
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Fehintola Nike Onifade NIGERIA  
Ines Vodopivec SLOVENIA  
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Xuemao Wang UNITED STATES

Javanica Curry UNITED STATES  
Betsy Eister SOUTH AFRICA  
Promise Ilo (University of Nigeria) NIGERIA  
Alenka Kavčič Čolić SLOVENIA  
Stephen Lei MACAU  
Ditte Laursen DENMARK  
Michael Nashed EGYPT  
Juha Rautiainen FINLAND  
Mojca Rupar-Korošec SLOVENIA  
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**Science & Technology**

Cory Lampert UNITED STATES (Chair)  
Hasna Askhita SYRIA  
Anna Weng Ian Au GERMANY

**Knowledge Management**

Maggie Farrell UNITED STATES (Chair)  
Elsa de Almeida Valente THE NETHERLANDS (Secretary)

**Apologies**

Megan Gooch (Standing Committee) UK; Marcin Werla (Standing Committee) QATAR

**1) Welcoming of New Co-Opted Members and SIG Mentor**

The meeting was opened at 9:00 AM EST. Jenny Mackiewicz introduced the two new co-opted members of the SIG Standing Committee, Fehintola Nike Onifade and Ines Vodopivec, and confirmed SIG mentor, Xuemao Wang. The rest of the attendees then introduced themselves.

The following agenda was confirmed for the meeting:

- Apologies
- Welcoming of New Co-Opted Members and SIG Mentor

- Previous Minutes and Acceptance of Agenda
- Briefing from PU and Division
- News Media Conference
- Mid-term event
- General business/Others

## 2) Previous Minutes and Acceptance of Agenda

The minutes were approved by the members of the standing committee.

## 3) Briefing from PU and Division

- Division H/G Update- Maggie Farrell, chair of the SIG's sponsoring section Knowledge Management (KM) provided a brief update of the recent meeting of Division H. Sabrina Celi attended a similar meeting for Division G (KM and the DH/DS SIG are in separate divisions). Some highlights include:
  - [Information Futures](#) (President's) Summit, September 3 – October 3 in Brisbane, Australia. There will be no programming opportunities during the summit, but section/SIG activities may be scheduled before or after the summit. See the link above for more information.
  - KM is still determining if/how they plan to participate in the summit. Their next meeting is planned for March, where they'll discuss this, as well as a possible mid-year event. KM has committed their full support to the SIG's midyear event.
  - Re: unit reviews, IFLA is working on an outline for reviews. This will impact the SIG, as we are due for a review and need to prepare to position ourselves to apply to be a section.
  - Re: action plans, Sabrina explained that the SIG's action plan is due to be updated and approved on March 15. It will then be posted on Basecamp.

## 4) News Media Conference

- Long Xiao provided an update on the upcoming [2024 IFLA International News Media conference](#). Partners include the IFLA News Media Section, IFLA DH/DS SIG, IFLA Preservation and Conservation Section, IFLA Information Literacy Section and the Royal Danish Library.
  - The conference will take place May 29-31, 2024 at Det Kongelige Bibliotek (Royal Danish Library) in Aarhus University in Aarhus, Denmark.
  - There are nine members on the committee including two reps from the DH/DS SIG, Long Xiao and Marcin Werla.
  - Nineteen abstracts were submitted to the call for papers. Acceptances will be sent out March 1, and registration opens in March. There are a limited number of spots available, only 50, so register quickly if you'd like to attend.

## 5) Mid-term event

- Sabrina Celi provided in update on the status of the SIG's midterm event. The KM and IT sections and AI SIG are confirmed partners for the event. We are establishing an official planning committee to determine the scope and manage the project.
- Description of the project: The session(s), likely virtual, will feature speakers at the intersection of DH/DS and AI research. These researchers/scholars/experts will:
  - Provide insight into a specific critical element of the global DH/DS field, in the application of AI/Machine Learning that can be used to transform research methods.
  - Present their projects and share experiences of developing and acquiring skills for DH/DS projects.
  - Contribute to understanding of tools, systems and languages.
  - Provide examples in analytics, data/text mining, knowledge discovery processes, reproducibility of models, experiences of inclusiveness.
  - Provide expertise in usability, interoperability, accessibility, preservation and conversation.

- Discuss fair, ethical and legal use of information in digital contexts, not exclusively DH/DS.
- This event is intended for a diverse and wide audience involved in managing, curating and preserving digital materials, including digital repository managers, content curators, software developers, scholars and library administrators; as well as cultural heritage institutions, software companies, and other organizations working with digital materials.
- Suggested formats for the event, to be determined by the planning committee, include a webinar or a podcast.
- KM, the IT section and the AI SIG will be sending a list of volunteers for the planning committee. Our SIG is asking for members as well. Interested parties should contact [Sabrina Celi](#), [Jenny Mackiewicz](#) and [Long Xiao](#). Information about volunteering will also be posted on the DH/DS Basecamp. Please express your interest by **Wednesday, March 6**.
- Additional comments from attendees include:
  - John Wang, a SIG Standing Committee member, offered to serve on the planning committee.
  - Corey Lampert, chair of the IT section, suggested the committee remain flexible in terms of format, and perhaps wait until the proposals are received before confirming. The IT section has hosted a series of Symposiums around the globe, with a high level of participation and interested speakers.
  - Anna Au offered her expertise on recording and producing podcasts.
  - Ines Vodopivec shared several organizations to consider incorporating that focus on infrastructure: <https://www.dariah.eu/>, <https://www.e-rihs.si/>; <https://www.clarin.eu/>; <https://www.europeana.eu/sl>.

## 6) General business/Others

- The SIG is recruiting for several planning committees and subcommittees to help manage SIG activities. It is essential that the responsibilities and duties of the SIG are disbursed amongst the members of the Standing Committee and the volunteers, to maintain momentum while we work toward becoming a section. Committees include:
  - Midterm Event Planning Committee- Assist in planning and executing the midterm event, an online webinar in partnership with the KM Section, IT Section and AI SIG. Members will recruit speakers, determine the format, recruit a facilitator, create a marketing plan, etc, and execute the event.
  - Website and Information Subcommittee- This subcommittee will help create and manage the web and social media presence of the SIG.
  - SIG Creative Content and Publications Subcommittee- This subcommittee will work with the Website and Information subcommittee on content creation for the SIG. This includes the suggested series of interviews with DH/DS professionals in the public and private sector. Members will create a plan for the SIG's content over the next six months and assist in writing and publishing that content.
- Anna Au shared some publications to consider sharing via our website and social media. <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10912-020-09636-4>; <https://www.digitalhumanities.org/dhq/vol/17/3/000714/000714.html>
- More information about the committees and subcommittees will be published on the SIG's Basecamp. If you don't have access to the SIG's Basecamp, please contact [Long Xiao](#). If you have access but are unable to view the Basecamp, or for any other Basecamp issues, contact [Megan Price](#) (with IFLA).
- Jenny Mackiewicz will be reaching out to Standing Committee members for bio information to include on the IFLA DH/DS Website and for inclusion on our Basecamp. Look for more info soon!
- A recording of this meeting is available for one month here: <https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/B2rqlH2acQ3Dk8tC3UJivgyH1Y4UDJ4UJlssyaIOFETxIA3e1x78wUuiwZPAQztF.YGVDX5akwun79ink> Access Code: 5duY.0Ux