



**Minutes of Digital Humanities/Digital Scholarship
Special Interest Group - Business Meeting**

Teleconference (Zoom), 17 October 2023

Attendance:

DH/DS SIG Standing Committee

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Jenny Mackiewicz UNITED STATES
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Science & Technology

Anna Weng Ian Au GERMANY

Knowledge Management

Maggie Farrell UNITED STATES
Elsa Valente THE NETHERLAND

IFLA Advisory Committee

Peng Xiao CHINA

Apologies

Te Paea Paringatai (Chair of Professional Council) NEW ZEALAND; Edmund Balnaves (Chair of Division G) AUSTRALIA; Xuemao Wang (outgoing convenor of the SIG) UNITED STATES; Jeannet Molopyane (University of the Free state South Africa) SOUTH AFRICA; Andrew Cox (AI SIG convenor) UK; Cory Lampert (IT Section chair) UNITED STATES; Promise Ilo (University of Nigeria) NIGERIA

1) Opening and confirmation of the agenda

The meeting was opened at 3:00 pm CEST. Sabrina noted all the members of the Standing Committee in attendance and allowed time for introductions.

The following agenda was confirmed for the meeting:

- Welcome and Introduction
- Approval of Business Meeting (Rotterdam) Minutes

- Announcements
 - a. Action Planning
 - b. Division G
 - c. WLIC 2024
- Standing Committee Matters
 - a. Participation and Attendance
 - i. Proposals, Topics and Activities
 - ii. Collaborations (Sections and SIGs)
 - b. Mentors and Co-opted members
- Other business

2) Approval of Business Meeting (Rotterdam) Minutes

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

3) Announcements

- a) Action Planning- It is necessary for us to update and submit our action plan. In doing so, we must take into consideration our plans for the next year, as well as our future as a SIG.
Maggie Farrell and Elsa Valente, the Chair and Secretary of Knowledge Management (KM), respectively, were in attendance. They expressed their support for our SIG moving into a section. Currently KM, our parent section, and the DH/DS SIG report to different divisions, so that will need to be addressed.
Maggie and Elsa are also looking into possible midterm or alternate meetings, since the 2024 WLIC has been cancelled. We will attend one another's meeting this year, so we can stay aware of our action plan and activities.
- b) Division G- Sabrina attended meeting with our new Division Chair Edmund Balnaves. Other members of the division are planning to collaborate in the coming year.
- c) WLIC 2024- Since the conference has been cancelled, we are working to figure out next steps. More information will be incoming.

4) Standing Committee matters

- a) Participation and Attendance- Sabrina outlined the expectations for participation from Standing Committee members. This includes attending all Business Meetings and volunteering for SIG projects and committees. It is the responsible of the standing committee members to manage their involvement in the SIG.
 - i) Proposals, Topics and Activities- Anna Weng from the Science & Technology Section shared an insight from the World Health Summit. In summary, epidemiologists are very bad at telling a story with data, and they are not alone among researchers and academics. Digital tools can assist in effective data storytelling, and access and experience in the usage of these tools can create interesting opportunities for libraries. Food for thought.
 - ii) Collaborations (Sections and SIGs)- Sabrina has identified multiple opportunities for the SIG to collaborate with other IFLA sections of SIGs. Some of these she discovered while attending the IT section business meeting. Some themes that arose from that meeting include: Preservation and use of AI for automation; AI from new perspectives; data workflow automation, public/patron engagement; AI literacy; Cybersecurity, privacy, security, data protection; Accessibility, case studies; Digital Inclusion; closing gaps; ensuring equity in technology education and access
 - (1) The News Media section is also planning a conference for 2024. They have asked for us to co-sponsor this conference in Denmark in May.
 - (2) The Science and Technology Section is looking for a way to participate in the European City of Science Katowice 2024. There may be an opportunity for the SIG to partner or participate, as well.
- b) Mentors and Co-opted members- Sabrina explained the process for co-opting additional members

for the SIG. While anyone can participate there are currently only 9 official members on the standing committee. Co-opting members would allow us to expand official membership, which will help on our path to become a section.

5. Other business

RE: Information sharing, we discussed the current webpage for the SIG on IFLA's site and explored the idea of creating our own site. We also discussed the merits in expanding our social media presence. Sabrina called for volunteers to assist in creating a robust social media presence. She also outlined a plan to increase content on our current website, including interviews with prominent members of the IFLA and/or DHDS community. Standing committee members were encouraged to assist in this content creation.