



## Minutes of Digital Humanities/Digital Scholarship Special Interest Group – WLIC Planning Committee

Teleconference (Zoom), 11 April 2023

### SIG Update

- The formal SIG committee of nine members has been created and will be announced soon by Xuemao and Spencer Acadia, Head of KM. Thanks to everyone who self-nominated. Reminder that you do not need to be a member of the formal committee to participate in SIG activities.

### Review call for speakers

- Reviewed the session description and call for speakers, including the proposed 6+6+3 format (6 provocateurs, 6 minutes, 3 slides)
- Suggestions for edits include:
  - What are libraries going to do? What action will libraries take? Consider language that is more of a call to action.
  - How to encourage more nuanced conversation? Look at language.
  - Discussed changing number of speakers, and benefits to more or less of them, for both geographic representation and a wider range of ideas.
  - Can we engage audience between speakers? Consider 5x7x3 (10 minutes for questions)
  - Purpose of provocative session- to start a conversation and engage people. How do we balance that with more nuanced takes?
  - Change due date for call, to allow more time to recruit.
- Suggestions for logistics, notes for speakers:
  - Be prepared to coach speakers to help them narrow in on their topic and prepare to be concise.
  - Do additional prep work to organize discussion and create positions from the beginning.
  - Consider how to engage the audience.
  - Consider the scale of the event. How do we encourage audience participation, in person and virtually? Are there digital tools we can use? Simple ways to gauge audience opinion?
  - Xuemao will check with IFLA our capacity and the number of speakers on our request and if we have any flexibility to add additional.

### Next Steps

- Xuemao will create a second draft of the call. After it's reviewed by Jenny, Sabrina and Andrew, it will go out to the whole planning group for suggestions.
- Once the draft is complete, we will send it to IFLA-L. Planning group members should consider what groups or individuals they can send the call to in their personal networks.
- Xuemao's assistant will begin scheduling monthly planning meetings. The rest of our work will be done via email.