

IFLA Special Interest Group Library Publishing

IFLA LIB PUB Meeting 8th December 2022

Attendees: Anne-Inger Hellekjaer, Graham Stone, Ann Okerson, Grace Liu, Ekaterina Shibaeva, Lidia

Uziel, Devin Soper, Marie O'Neill

Apologies: Ursula Arning, Fiona Bradley, Jill Claassen, Mimi Calter

1. Theme for Open Session at WLIC 2023

WLIC 2023 in Rotterdam. The theme is: Let's Work Together, Let's Library: how libraries can contribute to an inclusive society, one in which everyone has the opportunity to participate. It will have a hybrid element but there has been no instruction as to how this will work. There will a Professional Council Meeting on 6th January and we should know more then. The Open Programme theme of Transformative Library Stories was agreed with the hope that we could attract 3 or 4 case studies for a 1.5 hour session.

2. Decision about WLIC 2023 Satellite event

There were mixed feelings about holding a satellite event. The ARL Section is holding a satellite in Rotterdam on Saturday 19th August with an OA theme. DS suggested that LIB PUB could submit to this. ES said that it was difficult to promote the Social Sciences Section satell ite in Dublin. AO and LU said that it would be very helpful to have people on the ground who could support it. AO, LU and GS will reach out to colleagues locally.

The conversation continued over email. AO contacted a colleague in Leiden University who will investigate interest. All agreed by email that we should hold a satellite on the theme of The Global Reach of Library Publishing – the morning session will focus on Library Publishing Supporting Open Science and the afternoon focusing on Voices in Library Publishing. The event could conclude with a panel discussion on Diamond OA including a speaker from DIAMAS. LU, MON and JB will look for colleagues in Europe to publicise. This will be discussed further at the January meeting.

3. Official Acronym

IFLA asked us whether we would retain the current acronym, LIBPUB, or agree a new one. All agreed to retain LIBPUB.

4. Guidelines for the Blog

DS, AIH and UA have written questions and guidelines for the LIBPUB Blog (attached). Interviewees can close any 5 questions from the list. DS and JC will write the first blog points which will juxtapose Global North and South perspectives. A bank of blog posts can be amassed and released at regular intervals. The first post will be released in January 2023.

5. Elections

IFLA is running elections in February. It seems likely that there will be elections for LIBPUB committee members. We will know more after the Professional Council meeting on 6th January.

6. Mikael Book's Comments

Mikael Book posted a blog post on Twitter that was critical of IFLA generally. It mentioned LIBPUB saying that it is not inclusive of the Global South. JB replied that most library publish ed material is Diamond OA and that we aim to advocate and share knowledge globally.



7. Follow-up on platform users list

Held over to the next meeting.

Next meeting will be held in mid-January.