

IFLA Special Interest Group Library Publishing

IFLA LIBPUB SIG Committee Meeting 29th November 2023

Attendees: Anne-Inger Hellekjaer, Ann Okerson, Devin Soper, Jill Claassen, Grace Liu, Graham Stone,

Scott Walter, Marie O'Neill, Lidia Uziel

Apologies: Alec Vuijlsteke

1. Mid-Term Meeting

AO is setting up a meeting in January to start planning the Mid-Term Meeting in Istanbul in early June 2024. LIBPUB, ARL, ACD and Sci-Tech will all be involved. Some groups may want to schedule business meetings during the time frame. It is likely to be a very tight schedule. AO checked through the event tags on Infinity and isolated 8 proposals for Mid-Terms/Satellites across all groups so there should not be any clashes.

2. Transition to a Section

AO said that the Professional Group has a subgroup that deals with Governance. There was a discussion at that meeting about where work should start in relation to the 5-year reviews. AO suggested starting with the 3 SIGs (LIBPUB, AI, and Digital Humanities). JB has reached out to IFLA members in Ireland and in other countries that she has entered on the Google Sheet. DS and SW will each look at the US list and contact institutions. GS is compiling a list of UK contact and will also reach out to Croatia and other countries. He will contact Denver.

3. Blogpost Series

ARL blog will feature one of our blogposts each month from January 2024. AIH said that she will populate the LIBPUB WordPress blog that she has created with the posts too. JB will link this to the IFLA LIBPUB page. MON will post to social media and drive traffic to the LIBPUB WordPress.

4. 027.7 Journal – Special Issue

JB received 10 submissions for the special issue. She is meeting the editor, David Trefas, on 30th Nov. The issue will publish in January 2024.

5. DIAMAS Update

GS said that the European Commission carried out a 4.5 hour review of the DIAMAS work to date. The Landscape Report (139 pages) is going to the EC on 30th November. GS contacted Irakitos who is leading up the Registry to meet with GL, AO and JB about the overlap between the Global Library Publishing Map and the Registry. Ann contacted Melanie Schlosser, Library Publishing Coalition, to discuss what would happen if the Map diverges from the LPC Directory because of the Registry connection. Melanie would like to be kept informed and this expanded content could help the LPC in their advocacy. GS said that the Diamond OA Summit in Toluca stated the aim of capturing all Diamond OA Publishing. UNESCO supports the creation of a Global Registry with Regional Capacity Hubs. GC said that Reggie Raju was at Toluca and he proposed hosting the 3rd Diamond OA Summit in Cape Town in late 2024. This was supported by SPARC, Redalyc, UNESCO, etc.

6. Social Media

MON gave an update on each social media platform. Twitter is the preferred platform. Instagram (+68) and Mastadon (+78) – we get different followers from each. She will set up a LinkedIn page shortly. Facebook is more problematic but she will keep working on it.



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7. AOB

GL met Chinese Librarians through Fudan University. She will schedule a meeting to explore synergies.

The next meeting will be in January.