

# IFLA Special Interest Group Library Publishing

**Minutes -- IFLA Library Publishing SIG**

**Session 107 - Monday August 26th**

**11:45 - 12:45**

**Business Meeting Room 1**

## **Attending:**

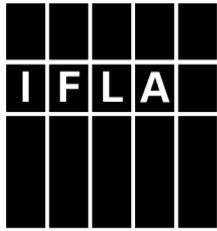
Lars Egeland, Oslo Metropolitan University  
Grace Liu, University of Windsor  
Kate McCready, Library Publishing Coalition  
James O'Donnell, Arizona State University  
Ann Okerson, CRL, Co-Convener  
Rehab Ouf, Biblioteca Alexandrina  
Danijela Petrić, Library of Koprivnica  
Reggie Raju, University of Cape Town, Convener  
Ekaterina Shibaeva, Russian State Library  
Heather Todd, University of Queensland  
Goran Trailović, Biblioteka Pancevo

LibPub received a number of regrets from individuals who had conflicting sessions at this time, as well as those who couldn't travel to Athens for WLIC.

**I. Welcome and Review of Activities.** (Reggie Raju). Attendees introduced themselves and described their local activities as well as their interest in the SIG.

**II. Mail Group and Web Space.** Ann Okerson reported on the IFLA mail group (libpub@infoserv.inist.fr), which has about 70 participants, as well as the IFLA web space (<https://www.ifla.org/about-library-publishing>). On the web site can be found the Dublin Midterm Meeting presentations as well as links to videos of the proceedings. Jane Buggle, Dublin host organizer, invited all the presenters to submit a full written presentation by the end of August, so that the papers could be compiled into a publication of the SIG. Janine Schmidt, Editor of IFLA's Publication Series (De Gruyter), invited Ann (on behalf of the SIG) to consider these papers for publication in a forthcoming volume of this book series. Ann responded that she believed the SIG members would want to produce an open access volume. It appears that De Gruyter can make this available only with a subvention of 7,000 - 10,000 euro, and the SIG doesn't have that kind of resource. Ann double-checked this with the WLIC group gathered here, and everyone was adamant that ways could be found to produce a volume for free or at minimal cost. The group decided not to proceed with a De Gruyter volume under the present circumstances.

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**III. Athens Open Programme, Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 11:45 - 12:45.** (Heather Todd). Heather reported that there had been 18 submissions, and the choice of 5 speakers was not easy. The selections that were made represent a fine balance of topics plus excellent presenters. [NOTE: The subsequent open programme was very well attended, with at least 200 people in the room -- all of whom stayed until the very end. The session was inspirational and successful. Thank you to Heather for her excellent coordination.]

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**IV. Communications.** Grace Liu reported on work she and her subgroup had done in support of future LibPub communications. After some exploration of alternatives, the group recommended a Wiki working site (or perhaps Google Groups). While the SIG already has email and Web resources as provided by IFLA, we probably need a space in which to correspond and plan ongoing activities. The Wiki site is ready to go and to be used as needed.

**V. Forthcoming South African Symposium.** Reggie Raju reported on this major African open access event to be held in Cape Town on December 2-7, 2019. The SIG is one of several sponsors. See: <http://www.sparcafricasymp.uct.ac.za/> This will be a week of workshop engagements and invited papers for critical discourse to advance African open scholarship within a social justice paradigm. As part of the event, there will be three workshops related to Library Publishing. The new continental platform will be officially launched.

**VI. Activities for the Year Ahead.** Reggie and Ann described activities that the SIG needs to do for the coming year between now and the DublinWLIC.

- A. Action Plan - key areas to be chosen by the end of this WLIC; action plan to be submitted to IFLA by 15 October.
- B. Building membership and participation.
- C. Programming, with the possibilities of Midterm Meeting, Open Programme for 2020, and perhaps others to be determined.

**VII. Organizing the SIG Action.** Since SIGs are not so formally organized or supported as regular Sections/Standing Committees, we need to organize ourselves for action. Reggie and Ann proposed that the SIG should have a volunteer Coordinating Committee and called for up to five volunteers, who would meet later during the WLIC to begin the planning work, which would be communicated via the mail group. The CC currently comprises: Reggie and Ann; Lars; Grace, Kate, Ekaterina, and others who may volunteer in future!

**VIII. Any Other Business & Adjourn.** The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.