



Library Theory and Research (LTR)
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Introduction

Objectives of the LTR Professional Unit 2018-2019

1. Stimulate discussion and debate about theory and research through increased collaboration with other IFLA Sections and SIGs
2. Contribute to the development of sound research methodology and evidence-based practice in LIS education and frameworks and data curation
3. Increase the level of awareness of the activities of the Library Theory and Research Section
4. Participate in the IFLA Strategy discussions, as and when required, in line with the Global Vision Project

PART 1: Projects/Activities

Objective 1	
Stimulate discussion and debate about theory and research through increased collaboration with other IFLA Sections and SIGs	
Projects/Activities	Progress
<i>List the Projects you've worked on, as identified in your Action Plan.</i>	<i>Give brief details, including status (not started, in progress, near completion, completed)</i>
1. WLIC 2019 joint session with Information Literacy Section	Session presented at WLIC 2019, session 207: Information Literacy in Context: Research Informing Practice informing Research
2. WLIC 2019 joint session with Education & Training Section	Session presented at WLIC 2019, session 193: International Framework for the Assessment of Quality Standards in LIS Education: the Role of Associations, Higher Education and the Professional Community
3. SIG Lib Hist WLIC 2019 session, with Local History and Genealogy, and Asia & Oceania Section	Session presented at WLIC 2019, session 271: Local History Collections, Genealogy and Oral History as Critical Information Services in Libraries
4. WLIC 2019 Satellite Conference, together with, SET, BSLISE Research Group, SIG for LIS Education in Developing Countries, and the Vatican Library	Satellite meeting, "Transforming LIS education for professionals in a global information world: digital inclusion, social inclusion and lifelong learning" presented; see https://iflasatellitevatican2019.wordpress.com/
5. BSLISE Research Group International Quality Assessment of LIS Education Programs	Good progress was made, and research is continuing.
6. LTR midterm meeting to finalise 2019 WLIC programme (one day) and report progress with research projects (one day)	Unfortunately this did not take place, and various virtual meetings of the different programme committees took place via Zoom.
Risks	
Output	Impact

<i>Please state what the output of your project/activity was (e.g. Report, Standard, Workshop etc) and provide a URL to it.</i>	<i>Describe what difference the project or activity has made to the Unit, IFLA members, the wider profession or society at large.</i>
1 – 3: Sessions at WLIC 2019	The sessions engaged many LTR members and strengthen LTR’s collaboration with the Information Literacy Section and with the Education & Training Section
4: Satellite meeting presented	The satellite meeting on “ Transforming LIS education” provided a forum for LIS educators from many countries to share their experiences and discuss inclusion
5. A number of presentations at various conferences, including for the WLIC session	
A selection of papers presented at 2017 WLIC LTR open session was submitted to the special issue of the <i>IFLA Journal</i>	The selected papers provide a scholarly contribution to research on information literacy
Communications	
WLIC sessions and the satellite conference were promoted through the IFLA list and on the LTR blog.	

Objective 2	
<i>As identified in your Action Plan.</i>	
Contribute to the development of sound research methodology and evidence-based practice in LIS education and frameworks and data curation	
Projects/Activities	Progress

<i>List the Projects you've worked on, as identified in your Action Plan.</i>	<i>Give brief details, including status (not started, in progress, near completion, completed)</i>
1. Publish selected papers from WLIC 2017 Satellite in Warsaw on "Data Curator's Roles and Responsibilities: International and Interdisciplinary Perspectives".	Four papers were published in various issues of LIBRI during 2019. Finalised.
2. Establish three research working groups in LTR: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. New Professional Profile b. User Studies c. Research Methods 	A pilot study by the Research Methods group has been undertaken. Unfortunately, the other two groups did not get off the ground
3. International competency framework / Driving principles of accreditation worldwide, as part of the BSLISE project	A number of Zoom meetings took place, three research sub-groups were created, data were collected via questionnaires and interviews, and presentations were made at a number of conferences, inter alia at WLIC 2019.
Risks	
<i>Having three research working groups was difficult to coordinate. LTR has decided to focus on one group and one major research project for the next year.</i>	
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1. Papers published in LIBRI.	See inter alia https://www.degruyter.com/view/j/libr.2019.69.issue-2/issue-files/libr.2019.69.issue-2.xml .
2. The preliminary findings were presented at the IFLA Satellite Conference in August 2019.	The pilot study provided a foundation for the major research project outlined in LTR Action Plan for 2019-2020
3. Various conference presentations, inter alia at WLIC 2019	For WLIC 2019, see session 193.

Communications
The information about the BSLISE project is shared with the wider audience through social media.

Objective 3	
<i>As identified in your Action Plan.</i>	
Increase the level of awareness of the activities of the Library Theory and Research Section	
Projects/Activities	Progress
<i>List the Projects you've worked on, as identified in your Action Plan.</i>	<i>Give brief details, including status (not started, in progress, near completion, completed)</i>
LTR leaflet/ brochure and other communications materials.	Not done, due to capacity problems
	Blog postings were published before 2019 WLIC
Risks	
<i>LTR Newsletter was not published because of the passing of the newsletter editor. New editor was elected at the business meeting in Athens.</i>	
Output	Impact

LTR Blog	<i>Blog postings were intended to promote the WLIC sessions and the Satellite Conference</i>
Communications	
<i>Describe how the output and outcomes of the project/activity have been communicated to the Unit, IFLA members and the wider profession.</i>	

Objective 4	
<i>As identified in your Action Plan.</i>	
Participate in the IFLA Strategy discussions, as and when required, in line with the Global Vision Project	
Projects/Activities	Progress
<i>List the Projects you've worked on, as identified in your Action Plan.</i>	<i>Give brief details, including status (not started, in progress, near completion, completed)</i>
Participation in the third phase of the IFLA Global Vision Projects	The Secretary attended the workshop in The Hague.
Developing two Action Plans	Two Action plans were developed and submitted to the Professional Committee

Risks	
<i>Identify any problems or concerns (e.g. missed deadlines, lack of resource) and how you would propose to address them.</i>	
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Action Plan 1 and Action Plan 2	
Communications	
<i>The Standing Committee held a Zoom meeting in July to discuss the actions plans. The drafts as well as the final copies of the plans were shared with the SC members through e-mail. The final copy is available in Basecamp.</i>	

Standing Committee membership

Please provide further information about members of the Standing Committee and their contribution to the work of the Professional Unit.

Standing Committee members' names	Role on the Standing Committee (if any) and contribution made to the work of the Professional Unit over the year	Comments on position
Officers		
1. Theo J.D. Bothma	Chair	1st Term: 2015-2019
2. Krystyna Matusiak	Secretary and Treasurer 2017-2019 2019 Satellite Meeting co-chair Chair 2019-	1st Term: 2017-2021
3. Egbert Sánchez Vanderkas	Information Coordinator 2017-2019 2019 Program Planning Committee member (LTR + IL) Secretary and Treasurer 2019-	1st Term: 2017-2021
Members		
4. Raphaëlle Bats		1st Term: 2011-2015 2nd Term: 2015-2019
5. Amada Marcos Blazquez	Social media editor (blog, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn etc.)	1st Term: 2017-2021

6. Clara M. Chu	2019 Program Planning Committee member (LTR + SET)	1st Term: 2017-2021
7. Jingli Chu		1st Term: 2017-2021
8. Daniel G. Dorner	2019 Program Planning Committee member (LTR + IL)	1st Term: 2015-2019
9. Premila Gamage	2019 Program Planning Committee member (LTR + IL)	1st Term: 2017-2021
10. Gabrielle Haddow	2019 Program Planning Committee member (LTR + IL)	1st Term: 2015-2019
11. Tae Kyung Kim		1st Term: 2013-2017 2nd Term: 2017-2021
12. Sylvestre Kouakou Kouassi		1st Term: 2015-2019
13. Simon Jules Koudjam Yameni		1st Term: 2013-2017 2nd Term: 2017-2021
14. Wei Liu		1st Term: 2011-2015 2nd Term: 2015-2019
15. Heidi Kristin Olsen	Website editor	1st Term: 2011-2015 2nd Term: 2015-2019

16. Flavia Renon	Newsletter editor (passed January 2019)	1st Term: 2011-2015 2nd Term: 2015-2019
17. Beth Sandore Namachchivaya		1st Term: 2015-2019
18. Takahisha Shimoda		1st Term: 2017-2021
19. Anna Maria Tammaro	IFLA Global Vision Report Rapporteur 2019 Satellite Meeting co-chair	1st Term: 2011-2015 2nd Term: 2015-2019
20. Jennifer Weil Arns		1st Term: 2013-2017 2nd Term: 2017-2021

New Standing Committee Members Elected in 2019

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Carla Colombati	Social media coordinator	1st Term: 2019-2023
Benôt Epron		1st Term: 2019-2023
Agnese Galeffi	Information coordinator	1st Term: 2019-2023

Jung Eun Kim		1st Term: 2019-2023
Debbie Schachter	Member of the 2020 Satellite planning committee	1st Term: 2019-2023
Stefan Schmunk	Co-chair of the 2020 Satellite planning committee	1st Term: 2019-2023
Rebecca Vargha	Newsletter editor; Member of the 2020 Satellite planning committee	1st Term: 2019-2023
Zuzanna Wiorogórska	Member of the 2020 Satellite planning committee	1st Term: 2019-2023
Steven Witt	Member of the 2020 Satellite planning committee	1st Term: 2019-2023

Names of any other reporting persons	Role <i>For example, Corresponding Members</i>	Comments on position <i>(resigned, co-opted to fill a casual vacancy, etc.)</i>
1. Kerry Smith	Convenor, SIG Library History 2019 Program Planning Committee convenor for SIG Session at WLIC 2019	1st Term: 2017-2019

2. Bill Fisher	Corresponding member	
3. Jaya Raju	Corresponding member 2019 Program Planning Committee member (LTR + SET) Co-leader, BSLISE working group	

Professional Unit meetings or conference calls

Please show how the Standing Committee has conducted its business over the year.

Date <i>When the meeting was held</i>	Location or type of meeting <i>Physical or virtual meeting (telephone, skype etc)</i>	Main outcomes <i>Briefly summarise the main outcomes of the meeting and how these were communicated to the membership of the Professional Unit</i>
1. Monthly meetings of the Satellite planning committee	Zoom	Planning of the IFLA Satellite in Rome
2. July 3, 2019	Zoom meeting	LTR Officer's meeting - briefing on the Hague workshop and planning of the
3. July 22, 2029	Zoom meeting	LTR Standing Committee meeting - 17 members participated, including several new members; discussion of the draft of the Action Plan

Please return this form to the Division Chair and Professional Support Officer (professionalsupport@ifla.org) no later than 31 October 2019.

Please also make a summary of this form available to the IFLA Members registered with the Professional Unit, removing any sensitive information such as risks, individuals' contributions, etc.

(Officers can obtain a list of their IFLA Members from membership@ifla.org).

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