



IFLA Section Academic and Research Libraries

Academic and Research Libraries Section Business Meeting 2 & 4 December 2024

AGENDA

Present:

Bianca Amaro, Ursula Arning, Mimi Calter (Chair), Karen Downing, Adefunke Ebijuwa, Jérôme Fronty (Information Coordinator), Lorraine Haricombe, Sarah Kaddu, Lily Ko (Secretary), Marisa King, Jayshree Mamtora, Mary Ngure, Tuelo Ntlotlang, Jim O'Donnell, Shaharima Parvin, Tiiu Tarkpea,

Apologies:

Miriam Linda Akeriwe, Siviwe Bangani, Adriana Cybele Ferrari, Antonio Cobos Flores, Joanna Hare, Xin Li, Astrid Verheusen.

1. Welcome, attendance and apologies
 - Mimi welcomed the group.
2. Approval of the Agenda
 - Mimi called for additional items. Members approved the agenda.
3. Minutes of previous meeting
 - Minutes were approved as no comments were received by Dec 8th.
4. IFLA Updates
 - 4.1 Update from the Professional Committee
 - Draft code of conduct has been submitted for review:
<https://www.ifla.org/news/volunteer-visions-progress-3/>
 - Mimi thanked Jim for his comments.
 - Revised guidelines for funding have been released:
<https://3.basecamp.com/3833672/buckets/31685025/uploads/8051648516>
 - ACTION/Question: Mimi asked whether we were planning to continue requesting funding for the newsletter
 - Call for nominations for awards: <https://www.ifla.org/news/call-for-nominations-ifla-2025-honours-and-awards/>
 - 4.2 Update from Division D



IFLA Section Academic and Research Libraries

- Elections upcoming
 - Mimi reminded members to complete expressions of interest form.
 - Mimi will be working to ensure that everyone who wants to be nominated can be covered.
- Call for WLIC 2025 session proposals is open:
<https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/pe2BKLPbB8Bf1uGLBRhWHcgT>
 - was discuss below

4.3 Update from Vicki sent via e-mail on Nov 5th

4.4 Call for items to be raised to the PC or Division D

- Multiple opportunities

5. Country Trends (Lily and Tiiu)

- Lily reported the update and reminded members who had not yet sent the report to send it to her by the end of December 2024.
- Post-meeting note: Lily has sent the Country Trends report on Basecamp:
- Tiiu has completed the summary of the Country Trends report.

6. Annual Report for 2023-24

- Mimi has completed the annual report in Infinity.

7. Section Review

- Must be completed by 3rd February, 2025.
- Forms in Basecamp now
- Mimi called for volunteers to work together. Karen was happy to help,

8. WLIC 2025 Planning

- How many attendees do we anticipate?
 - Mimi has asked members whether they would attend WLIC 2025. The anticipated number of attendees for WLIC 2025 was also discussed in the meeting.
- Collaboration with other units is strongly encouraged. Do we want to pursue that?
 - CLM is interested
 - Members agreed to collaborate with other units.
- What content do we want to present? Unlikely to get more than 1 hour
 - Hot Topics is a good option.
- Any interest in an offsite? Timing seems challenging.



IFLA Section Academic and Research Libraries

- It was also discussed that a strong local partner was needed for an offsite.
- Jim suggested that it would be a good chance to learn from Kazakhstan. Jayshree was happy to reach out to her contact from Kazakhstan.

9. Action Plan Items

9.1 Blogs

- Mimi called for new posts.

9.2 IFLA Journal Special Issue

- Jayshree reported the progress. It will be published in March 2025. Jayshree was happy that this project has completed, and Mimi greatly appreciated Jayshree's dedication and patience.

9.3 Webinars

- Mimi provided an update on the November webinar, which used a built-in tool in Zoom without any integration issues.
- The webinar is available on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/NpUmWoGARz0>
- Issue with translation: the speaker needed to select the correct language.
- There is demand in the Spanish-speaking community for webinars.

9.4 Travel Grant

- Completed for 2024
- Seeking funding for 2025
- Jayshree suggested to revisit the e-form and simplify the process.

9.5 Communications & Social Media

- Need to decide whether to continue with X
- Mimi called for volunteer to take care of the Newsletter.

10. Additional Business

- Outreach from Lorraine Estelle from Think, Check, Submit (<https://thinkchecksubmit.org/>)

11. Adjourn