



**IFLA Section  
Science and  
Technology Libraries**

Minutes of the Science and Technology Libraries  
Section  
Meeting  
Teleconference (Zoom), 1, September, 2021

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The following Agenda was confirmed for the meeting:

- I. Welcome & Email Regrets
- II. Approval of the Agenda
- III. Approval of Minutes from August 4th Meeting ([linked here](#))
- IV. Using Basecamp as Sole Communication Method
- V. Launch of IFLA's New Website  
<https://www.ifla.org/>
- VI. IFLA General Assembly-Highlights  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OFNPR4Qilag>
- VII. Mention of New Sub-Committees-Who Has Signed Up
  - A. Marketing/Outreach, WLIC Program, Professional Development
- VIII. WLIC Program Draft Discussion ([linked here](#))
- IX. Discussion/Planning of Action Plan for 2021 / 2021 ([linked here](#))
  - A. Actions on onboarding and section committee member introductions
- X. Future Meetings- Every 3 months, same day & time. Details to follow in Basecamp

A. Wednesday December 1st, Wednesday March 2nd, Wednesday June 1st

[Link to Presentation Slides](#)

- I. Welcome & Email Regrets  
Sandy welcomes the section members and explains guidelines: Minutes will be provided 1-2 weeks after meeting. Minutes will be written in a google document and can be commented.
- II. Approval of the Agenda  
Agenda is approved
- III. Approval of Minutes from August 4th Meeting ([linked here](#))  
Minutes are approved
- IV. Using Basecamp as Sole Communication Method  
The group agrees that Basecamp should be used for major discussions and the communication of the sub-committees (e.g. Conference planning). Smaller discussions or one-to-one communications could be done via email. All section documents should be available via Basecamp.  
Sarah mentions that she reached out to Megan Price from IFLA regarding training and introductory tools for the use of BC, and IFLA is interested in creating some tools. Additionally the list-serve can be used for communication. STL has two different lists: one for internal use and one which includes external users. Both need to be updated by the information coordinator.  
Basecamp needs a clean up. This will be done by Margret, Sarah and Sandy. Ideas on how this could be done are welcomed.
- V. Launch of IFLA's New Website <https://www.ifla.org/>  
Sandy introduces the new website. The Sections can be found via the top navigation > who we are > professional sections > section finder. Our sections websites need an update and additional information such as e.g. mission & goals, resources, twitter account. Members page: alphabetical order, link to institution, photos etc. Sarah adds that she and Tara spoke about a page that includes accomplishments (e.g. projects, publications) from members to highlight. Patrick will be asking in the next division meeting what is possible regarding the members section.
- VI. IFLA General Assembly-Highlights  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OFNPR4Qilag>  
Sandy points out the video above and recommends watching it, especially if you are interested in Governing Structure issues. Patrick added that reading the [IFLA Strategy](#) is also recommended.
- VII. New Sub-Committees-Who Has Signed Up

The following three subgroups were formed:

- Marketing / Outreach (lead: Sarah)(supporters: Christina, Ana)  
Sarah is looking for a small subteam to help her set up a concept and generate content. A list of all institutional members (either from Helen or Lydia) should be used for more outreach. Anna adds that we could contact the marketing sections for ideas.  
Please contact: [sarah.norris@ucf.edu](mailto:sarah.norris@ucf.edu)
- WLIC 2022 Conference Program Planning (Julia)(supporters: Christina)  
Julia explains in detail what is needed to install the next WLIC program. In a nutshell: Draft & finalize a call for papers, send to IFLA, acceptance by IFLA, publish the call in January, deadline in February, abstract submissions by about May. Review process, selections based on content, geography, and other diversity criteria. Contact with authors who have to submit their full paper by June / July, PPT submission by 4 weeks before WLIC etc. Julia is also looking for a small group to help her with this.
- Professional Development (Manika)(supporters:)  
A discussion arises around the topic of science librarianship. Marydee mentions that according to a survey (ALISE 2021 Statistical Report) Science Librarianship is the least interesting among students. We should work towards changing this and e.g. encourage undergraduates to choose this subject. Kara suggests a blog post, etc about librarianship as an alternative academic career option for science graduate students. We could also work together with the ALA on this: What makes science librarianship cool? It is also suggested to publish an IFLA Journal Issue on this topic. Other ideas: Survey on Changing role of science libraries. Based on this, we could publish regular webinars on Data Science Skills. Manika adds that we could cooperate with ASIS&T SIGs <https://www.asist.org/sig/>  
Manika is looking for a small team to draft a concept on this and discuss it in the next Business meeting. Please contact: [lambamanika07@gmail.com](mailto:lambamanika07@gmail.com)

All three subgroups are expected to organize themselves on basecamp and report regularly. All members are expected to join one of the subcommittees (more than one is possible).

- VIII. WLIC Program Draft Discussion ([linked here](#))  
Julia drafted a call for papers on the topic of **Open Practices: Supporting the Sciences** (see link above). The focus of the topic is to be further sharpened. Please feel free to comment on the draft. The topic is set, other topics like Misinformation in the Sciences are to be elaborated in a different format (e.g. Webinar > Manika).  
Please contact: [jgelfand@uci.edu](mailto:jgelfand@uci.edu)
- IX. Discussion/Planning of Action Plan for 2021 / 2021 ([linked here](#))  
Margret presents the action plan, which includes the following tasks for 2021/2022 (for discussion). All tasks need to fit into the 4 IFLA Focus Areas, namely
- [Strengthen the Global Voice of Libraries](#)

- a. Improve the communication work of the STL section / Development of an outreach / social media strategy
- [Inspire and Enhance Professional Practice](#)
  - a. Organize a WLIC joint open Session on the Topic of “open practices”
  - b. Offer a library / software carpentry workshop teaser (2 hours) (during the IFLA conference in Dublin (including information about the method)
  - c. Hold a 2-days library / software carpentry workshop prior to the IFLA WLIC 2022 at the Waterford Institute of Technology in Ireland (see project request) (if possible)
  - d. Develop Data Science Skills Training Webinar Series / small video bites “How to...”
  - e. Share existing resources
- [Connect and Empower the Field](#)
  - a. Identification of partners, who offer innovative Tools and Services for Open Science in their libraries (including our members) and let them share this with the library world via Blogposts.
  - b. Identify Partners (such as International Council for Scientific and Technical Information, Force 11, ICSU..) and develop a concept that fosters an exchange between Libraries & Open Science Institutions and Initiatives
- [Optimise our Organisation](#)
  - a. Adopt more participatory practices in standing committee meetings including a „Getting to know our members“ concept
  - b. Implement mid-year virtual SC meeting
  - c. Update Website

The action plan is one of the most important section documents to be delivered to IFLA in the beginning of November. Margret will share a Google Docs see [LINK](#) with the tasks, feel free to comment or add ideas until 4 October. Margret will then write the formal action plan from this.

X. Future Meetings- Every 3 months, same day & time. Details to follow in Basecamp Next Meetings: Wednesday December 1st, Wednesday March 2nd, Wednesday June 1st

**Other business:**

- Patrick promotes the work of Division D
- Anna points out an event:  
<https://www.orion-openscience.eu/events/202106/save-date-orion-open-science-final-conference-27-28-september>