



**SIG Library History (LIBHIST)**

**WLIC 2022 - 1st Business Meeting (in presence and virtual)**

**26 July 2022 14:45 to 16:15 (Wiclow meeting Room 1)**

### *Participants*

*Present: Anna Maria Tammaro (Convenor), Kaisa Sinikara, Ahava Cohen, Polly Boruff-Jones; Peter Lor; participating on Zoom: Anup Kumar Das, Parisa Pasyar, Martha Attridge Bufton*

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### **1. Approval of the Agenda and Minutes of previous meetings**

Agenda approved and Minutes of Midterm meeting approved

### **2. Report from the Convener**

Internal communication with SIG members has been renewed using Basecamp group and Zoom calls. External communication with IFLA members can use the SIG mailing lists, web pages, blogs, etc. managed by Anna Maria Tamaro and Anup Kumar Das.

Thanks and acknowledgement of the role of Information Coordinator to Anup Kumar Das. SIG members are encouraged to provide information on LIS history projects in their countries and Anup can help to use our blog and social media to publicize these.

Thanks to Kerry Smith for all the work she put into our SIG, getting us to where we are now.

During the WLIC 2022 the Open session of the SIG will focus on brainstorming on the IFLA Centenary Project and the proposal of publishing a Book.

### **3. SIG LIBHIST Action Plan**

Discussion on the ongoing activities has been intensive: Oral histories, IFLA Centenary Book

#### ***Oral histories:***

Russel Lynch reported on oral histories of former IFLA presidents: Ellen Tise, Ingrid Parent, Christine MacKenzie, Sinikka Sipilä. Peter Lor reported on a test run, with Sjoerd Koopman interviewing him. Peter reported that he received a small amount of material (including a video clip) in response to an appeal for material about the late Donna Scheeder. Parisa said an interview with Donna had been conducted by Gloria Pérez Salmerón posted on youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ayImuQP06s> (time 1:20:00 of the video). Gloria had also organized a celebration of Donna's life in 2022. Work on other IFLA personalities has not yet begun. There are different question lists for the three groups.

The discussion raised a number of questions: where will the recordings/transcripts be stored? How will they be made available?

To whom? Under any conditions? What metadata?

To encourage candid responses, will respondents be able to edit and embargo parts of their interviews? In this case the interviewer will have to declare what the embargo is and for how long.

Automated Transcription: Results proved largely unusable, transcripts and editing taking much longer than the actual interview.

Who are the appropriate interviewers? People who know the interviewees, or other people experienced in interviewing, and suitably educated.

Jeffery Wilhite reports that the late Laverne Carroll had conducted interviews with four IFLA presidents in the 1970s or 1980s; these had been published in the IFLA Journal.

Decision taken: Set up a sub-group on oral histories project to review all of the above questions and develop a procedural guidance document for all three categories of IFLA respondents. This must be done by December. Members: Anna Maria, Peter, Russel, Ahava, Polly, Jeffrey and Martha. Anna Maria will create a communication mechanism for the group and Peter will draft and distribute to the group the list [above] of questions to work on.

### **Centenary publication on the history of IFLA**

For the IFLA centenary we foresee an academic book and/or a commemorative publication more for dissemination of the results, with photographs and possibly audio and video clips. [This was discussed at length in the open session later that afternoon, and this part of these notes includes some points that were raised more pertinently in the open session, where some attendees were quite adamant that publication was desired more popular, rather than a dry academic book that very few people would buy and read].

The diffusion will be different for the two types of publication.

Preparatory satellite conference: possibly in 2025, to allow chapter authors of academic publications to submit their articles and receive feedback, after which they can produce their final versions of the chapters.

Need for more and more young people to help manage publishing projects. Collaboration with other IFLA professional units: Suggested: Preservation and Conservation Section; Rare Books and MSS Section; Section of local history and genealogy; Cataloging section and other sections of the division dealing generally with metadata; Standards Committee; Management and marketing section. Indeed, all IFLA professional units should be aware of the Centennial projects.

Decision made: A Planning Committee was established consisting of Anna Maria, Jeffrey, Peter and Steve. As a first step, the Committee will prepare an outline and request for funding to the IFLA headquarters.

## **4. SIG LIBHIST Annual Report**

The Convenor will complete the review and update of the SIG's Annual report to reflect the completed activities and the review of the SIG's objectives completed in the Action Plan and planning of related activities.

## **5. WLIC Open Session for 2023 and 2024**

Given that we have decided on a conference or satellite for the presentation of draft chapters in 2025, we need volunteers to organize SIG open sessions for 2023 (Rotterdam) and 2024 (venue not yet decided).

Steve Witt volunteered for 2023 and Parisa Paysar for 2024. These will not be devoted to the centenary as such, but each year awareness of the coming centenary should be raised.

**Next business meeting of the SIG LIBHIST.** Planned on 11 August at 16pm CET

	<p><b>SIG Library History (LIBHIST)</b></p> <p><b>WLIC 2022 - 2nd Business Meeting (virtual)</b> <b>11 August 2022 16:00 to 17:30 CET</b> <b>Link: <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87596773660">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87596773660</a></b></p>
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Anna Maria Tamaro, Ahava Caen, Kaisa Sinikara, Lei Wang

**Apologies:**

Steve Witt

**1. Welcome and Approval of the Agenda**

Agenda approved

**2. Report from the Convener**

The Convener reported on the results of the SIG Open Session during WLIC. The keynote by Peter Lor wanted to provide an overview of available resources along with a list of topics that should be considered for research. The outcomes of the discussion can be preparatory to the eventual publication of an IFLA centenary book. We also invited short presentations of five to ten minutes proposing topics for inclusion in the commemorative volume or other commemorative activities. Only one proposal “Commemorating Over 40 Years of IFLA’s Newspaper and News Media work” has been submitted by Ana Kraemer and Feeny Mary. Discussion at the SIG’s open session indicated that, in addition to a scholarly book, there is a demand for a more popular celebratory publication, possibly in the form of an e-book, with less formal content, for example, reminiscences of IFLA personalities, photographs, audio clips and video clips.

### **3. SIG LIBHIST ongoing activities**

SIG has planned the discussion on the [Oral histories](#) guidelines using a collective document in Drive and Basecamp. Lei Wang wants to participate and has been added to the subgroup

The Planning Committee for the IFLA Centenary Book has finalized details for the application of funding to be submitted to the Professional Committee on 31 August.

WLIC Open session for 2023 and 2024: we are going to discussing first ideas with the coordinators.

Action Plan updates are due to IFLA HQ by October 1 adding the ongoing activities: Oral histories, IFLA History Book and respective working groups.

Revision and update of Annual report of the SIG LIBHIST to take into account completed activities and planning of related activities: 2021-2022 Annual Report is also due on October 1.

- 4. Next meeting of the SIG LIBHIST.** We will plan a SIG Midterm meeting on January 2023