



# IFLA Section Knowledge Management

## **Minutes Section KM 1 th Meeting, December 19 15.00 CET, 2023 (via Zoom)**

Minutes taken by Elsa de Almeida Valente, ongoing Secretary

Attendees: Maggie Farrell (Chair), Lihong Zhou, Elsa de Almeida Valente, Evviva Weinraub Lajoie, Bhojaraju Gunjal, Gaohui Cao, Gladys Kemboi, Kendra Albright, Lilia Pavlovsky, Reshma Dangol, Ritu Nagpal, Tim Zijlstra, Ágnes Hajdu Barát, Xiaoli Li, Jenny Mackiewicz (From SIG DH/DS), David Byrne (mentor), Sabrina Celi (From SIF DH/DS), Leda Bultrinin (mentor)

Regrets: Stephen Lei, Natalie Buda Smith, Monica Ertel

### **1. Welcome new members and introduction**

All present members and guests introduced themselves.

### **2. Officer, mentors, and co-opting members**

The KM Section has a total of 20 Standing Committee member positions. Currently, 20 of those positions are filled. New Standing Committee members officially joined the KM Section in August as other members end their second term. Those new members are: Evviva Weinraub Lajoie, Bhojaraju Gunjal, Gaohui Cao, Gladys Kemboi, Lilia Pavlovsky, Reshma Dangol, Ritu Nagpal, Tim Zijlstra, Xiaoli Li, Silvia Vong, Jingli Chu, Edna Omare and Adetoun Oyelude.

David Byrne and Leda Bultrini accepted the invitation to be mentor of the section KM.

Maggie received a list of about 10 people to be considered for co-opting, but unfortunately, not everyone is eligible due to IFLA rules. Maggie believes that to enhance the diversity of the section, one or two individuals would make suitable candidates, and she intends to initiate the submission process.

### **3. Reminder regarding KM Section Reports on Basecamp – Elsa de Almeida Valente**

Elsa spoke about basecamp which is used for communication between members but also for archiving documents such as agendas, minutes and reports. KM action plan 2023-2024 draft will be prepared by Maggie and Elsa and presented in Infinity. this tool is now available by IFLA as a tool to assist with the organisation of activities.

### **4. Communications from the Division H – Athena Salaba**

Athena briefed us on the communication tools available through IFLA. These include Basecamp and Infinity for activity planning, and the IFLA repository in DSpace for archiving documentation related to sections and papers. Additionally, IFLA holds a Zoom license with translation functionality. If a

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meeting exceeds two hours, such as in the case of webinars, we can request Megan Price to schedule it for us. IFLA also recommends the use of Gmail for officers and Google Docs for workgroups.

There will not be a WLIC2024, but the governing board is pleased if sections wish to organize other events online, onsite, or in a hybrid format. The governing board can provide support in communication and offer advice, but sections are responsible for arranging programs and venues themselves.

Attendees discussed the co-opting process. Some find it complex, confusing, and frustrating due to receiving a list of individuals who are not eligible for co-opting as they are already members of a SIG. They hope that in the future, this process will be better organized. One attendee also requested a clear terminology for the different types of activities within IFLA.

### **5. Follow-up from WLIC 2023**

- Satellite Meeting – Kendra Albright

There were 50 registrations, but only 10 attendees showed up. Frank Cervone, Albina Krymskaya, and Kendra (moderator) organized this satellite meeting titled "Perspectives on Global Knowledge Management Training and Education." The four speakers included Naresh Agarwal and Anwar Islam from South Asia, Mohammad Hassanzadeh from Iran, and Francisco Carlos Paletta from Brazil. The presentations were highly informative and well-received.

During the afternoon session, a productive discussion took place in the room. There is an idea to initiate a project involving interviews with professionals from different regions to research the required skills for a comprehensive education program in knowledge management. Kendra is enthusiastic about leading this project and asked the attendees if anyone wants to participate in the interviews and contribute to shaping the project.

- Knowledge Café – Maggie Farrell

The knowledge café was unfortunately scheduled at the same time as the open session of DH/DG, and the group needed to split. However, the discussion was very interesting. Maggie has not yet received the reports from all tables, but she will soon submit the minutes of this event on Basecamp.

### **6. Activities plan 2024**

- Digital Humanities/Digital Scholarship SIG Update – Sabrina Celi (convenor DH/DS) and Jenny Mackiewicz (secretary DH/DS)

Sabrina Celi, the convenor of the SIG Dh/DS, introduced an idea from the previous convenor and mentor, Xuemao Wang, regarding the organization of an online event on the topic of the impact of AI in libraries. Speakers for this event could include individuals beyond librarianship and from various parts of the world, aiming to engage a more diverse global audience. Sabrina proposed a timeframe extending until July 2024. The overview for this webinar is:

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“Insight into a specific critical element of the global DH/DS field with the growing trends in the application of AI in the DH/DS fields, involving speakers who have experience and knowledge in software development/research and scholarship and who will present their projects and share experiences of developing and acquiring such skills for DH/DS projects.”

what kinds of services are scholars wanting from library collections?

what are the barriers digital humanists face in doing their work...

what can libraries do to help?

how can AI can break down barriers?

how can AI work for us to protect digital collections?

which models or trends can be identified?

why a particular design strategy is the best one or not, regarding both presentation and infrastructure.

Sabrina thanks KM for the very positive collaboration and ask if there are people interested in helping to organize this event.

- IT co-sponsorship request – Maggie Farrell

Maggie received a co-sponsorship request from the IT section. This event, [a symposium](#) on Artificial Intelligence and libraries, requires assistance with promotion, paper reading, and individual organization. Evviva is interested in collaborating as she was previously a member of the IT section. Tim also expressed interest.

- Virtual Knowledge Café? – Maggie Farrell

In campfire on Basecamp, Tim posted a call for a roundtable discussion on the application of Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence in Knowledge Management. In the meeting, he reiterated his keen interest in this subject and explained that the activity could take the form of a knowledge cafe, podcast, or film. Tim also offered his experience to help organize it.

## 7. Possible teams planning per activity

### **Project : Perspectives on Global Knowledge Management Training and Education**

Leader: Kendra / showed interest in participation: Bhojaraju, Lihong, Gladys, Ritu, Reshma, Tim and Xiaoli

### **Webinar: Application of AI in the DH/DS fields**

Leader: SIG DS/DG/ showed interest in participation: Elsa, Evviva and Lihong

**Knowledge Café/podcast/...:** Application of Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence in Knowledge Management

Leader: Tim / Showed interest in participating in Campfire on Basecamp: Elsa, Lilia, Reshma, Lihong, Xiaoli and Bhojaraju

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### **8.Meeting schedule for 2024 and Next Steps**

Maggie and Elsa will submit the annual plan in Infinity. Maggie suggested scheduling the next KM meeting for early February.