



ENSULIB Business Meeting (Virtual)

Date: 21 February 2024

Meeting started at 10:00 CET / Meeting ended at 11:30 CET

Notes taken by Antonia Mocatta

1. Welcome, Introduction, Apologies

Chair Harri Sahavirta opened the meeting by welcoming all members of the Standing Committee (SC).

- a. Introduce the Agenda: The agenda was approved as submitted.
- b. Approval of the minutes from the BM minutes of 22 Sept 2023. Approved to upload to repository.
- c. Attendance:
 - **SC officers present:** Harri Sahavirta (Finland), Priscilla Pun (Macao), Antonia Mocatta (Australia)
 - **SC members present:** Petra Hauke (Germany), Eva Hackenberg (Poland), Ana Zdravje (Slovenia), Janet Wagner (Germany), Torbjörn Nilsson (Sweden), Ana Zdravje (Slovenia), Vivian Puerta (Colombia), Arnold Mwanzu (Kanya), Rosario Toril Moreno (Spain), Jessica Lewis Marshall (Jamaica).
 - **SC members absence with apologies:** Beth Filar Williams, (United States of America), Sarah Foezon, (France), Rossana Morriello (Italy), Amélie Vallotton Preisig, (Switzerland), Vivienne Byrd (USA), Kristīne Dekšne (Latvia), Per Eide (Norway), Merve Yavuzdemir (Turkey).
 - **SC members absence without apologies:** Amanda Delali Fie (Ghana)

2. **Institutional Members:** The SC discussed how to identify new institutional members as the ENSULIB membership has increased from 98-104. Headquarters will be able to identify who are the new members so we can send them a welcome letter. Harri will ask HQ for a list and Priscilla will send a welcome letter.

3. **SC Membership:** Four new co-opts were invited to join but one had to resign). Welcome to the new members Jessica Lewis Marshall (Jamaica), Vivian Puerta (Colombia) and Merve Yavuzdemir (Turkey). Mohd Faizal Hamzah could not take up the position.

4. **Action Plan Update:**

Harri noted that all sections have been asked to review and update their 2024 Action Plans by 15 March. Harri will forward the updated ENSULIB plan to the Division G Chair for approval.

Green Library Award: We have received 5 submissions to-date. The current deadline is 28 Feb. It was agreed to send out an email on February 23 to extend the deadline to March 15. After the deadline all submissions will be pre-checked to create a long-list for in-depth reviewing. The shortlist will be published during the spring in May, and then the winners.

Several IFLA Sections – Library Buildings and Equipment, Public Libraries, Metropolitan Libraries, and Rare Books will meet in Barcelona in October 2024. The Public Libraries Section is in touch and also the organisers. This could be a good platform for the Award celebration. The ENSULIB SC agreed we should work towards meeting in Barcelona in October and holding the Green Library Awards there. Petra suggested contacting the library architect, award reviewer and LBES section member Santi Romero, based in Barcelona, for an idea about where ENSULIB could meet. Rosario also has colleagues in Barcelona she can ask. It may be possible to host a joint Award with Public Libraries. Antonia will set up a planning meeting with Philip Kent, LBES Chair.

Torbjörn and Petra have a Green Library Award sponsorship proposal that has been sent to Megan for IFLA (Helen Mandl) approval, and we are currently awaiting feedback.

Newsletter: Sarah is coordinating the June 2024 newsletter. Some articles have already been added to the Basecamp folder. We need to make call for articles through the web site and social media. The new SC members will also be introduced in the newsletter. Jessica and Vivian have sent their bios and photos and we need to ask Merve for hers. Torbjörn will coordinate the December 2024 issue.

Webinars Series: ENSULIB has just held our 10th webinar, Urban Roles of Public Buildings and Spaces – The Public Library as the Community Space, with 42 participants – two more planned. Upcoming events include the 11 The Walking Librarians in Kerala: A Tale of Empowering Women and the Elderly Woven into the Fabric of UN SDG Goals on April 4, and Sustainability – Bringing Nature and Communities into the Libraries in late April. We are calling for new webinar ideas. Vivian has volunteered to do a webinar in May and will speak. Ana will ask a local seed library about a webinar in October.

Social media & other information communication issues: Antonia made a call for EOIs for more SC members to join the social media working group.

Green library check list: Petra discussed the plan to update the existing checklist and 30 related translations. There has been little interest in this working group so there is an option either remove this from the action plan; or given we have the green library guidelines, could the checklist become part of that? It was agreed that if we update the guidelines first, we could then review the checklist in line with the updated guidelines.

Tools for green libraries: Sarah and Rosario have started to revise the Tools for Green Libraries document, especially focusing on updating old links. Rosario has requested reference for inclusions from other

countries. Perhaps this request could be promoted in social media? It was agreed that work on this document should be completed by October.

Book project. We have accepted 20 proposals for chapters; however, we may still accept others. Petra noted that we only have a small group of reviewers and made a call to the SC for more volunteers.

5. **Collaborations:**

ENSULIB has been approached by the School Libraries Section about a collaboration and we have invited them to contribute a chapter to the upcoming book. We may also work with them on a school program which will offer a certificate for sustainability. It is also planned to consult with them on the Green library guidelines. Priscilla will share information and contact details with Rosario and Vivienne who may have some ideas for collaboration.

The Children and Young Adults Section have asked if we would like to collaborate on a session in at the Information Futures Summit in Brisbane in September. It may be difficult if only one ENSULIB SC member will attend the Summit; however, we could provide support or planning. Harri will send an introductory email so that Antonia may discuss options with them.

6. **Presidential Meeting in Brisbane**

The Presidential Meeting or Information Futures Summit in Brisbane in September / October will be difficult for ENSULIB SC members to attend. It may only be Antonia who represents the Section.

7. **Other Business:**

- Changes to Basecamp rules: it was noted that in the recent Division G meeting it was announced that only Megan Price will be able to add Basecamp members or add collaborators to Basecamp projects going forward. This may cause some access delays.
- Mailing list: it was agreed that the ENSULIB mailing list should be moderated for cybersecurity reasons. Antonia to request from Megan.
- Mid-term meeting: It was discussed when and where the mid-term meeting would take place. It is likely to in Barcelona in October 2024. It was generally agreed that the meeting would be open invitation and that we may include some guest presenters.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 CET.