



# IFLA WLIC REVIEW

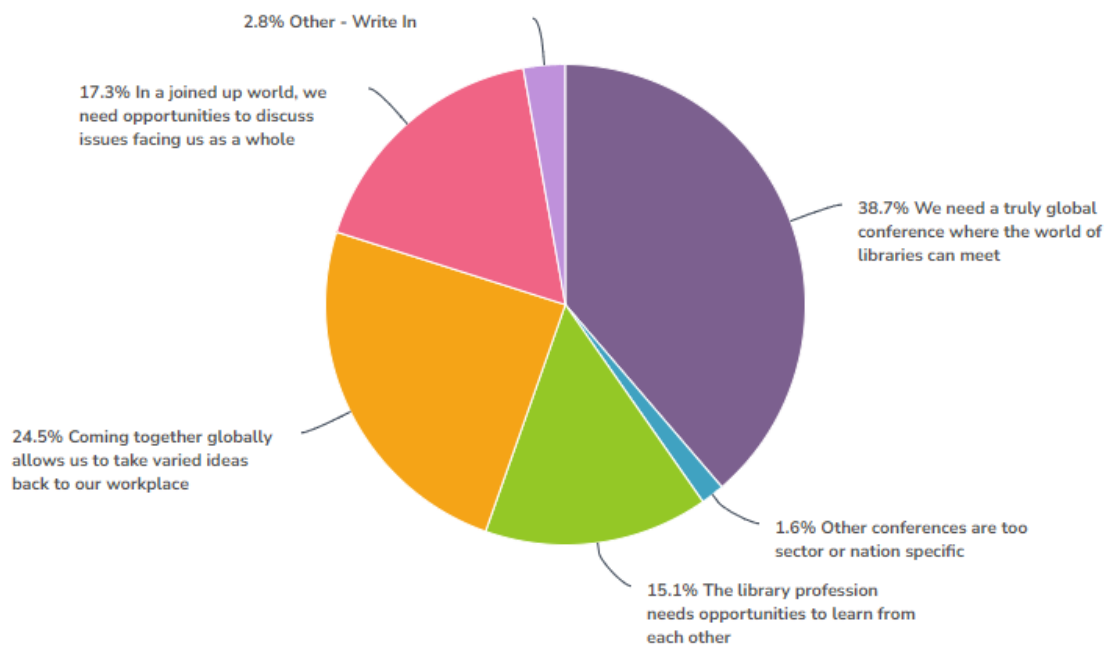
## Report of Pulse Survey 1

### [Abstract](#)

Does the profession need a World Library and Information Congress? What are its aims and what benefits does it provide to library professionals around the world? Read more in this report on the first Pulse Survey.

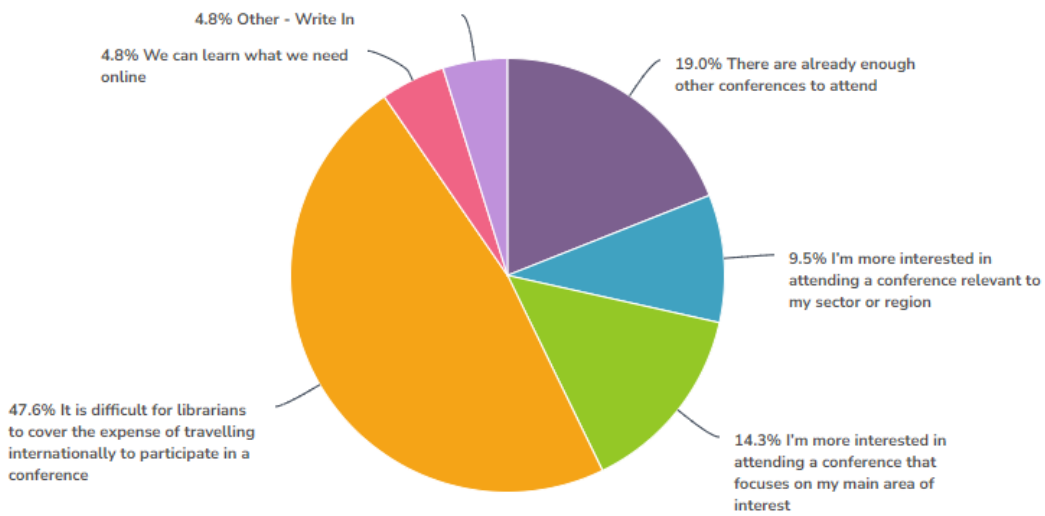
An overwhelming 93.6% of respondents agree: the global library profession needs a World Library and Information Congress. Why? Because it's a vital platform for the world of libraries to unite, exchange diverse ideas, and address global issues collaboratively. Together, WLIC participants shape the future of libraries worldwide!

### The most relevant reason for respondents to have a WLIC



### The most relevant reason for respondents to not have a WLIC

Nearly half of respondents who answered they do not find it relevant to have a WLIC (6.4%), 47.6% find it financially challenging for librarians to travel internationally for conferences. Meanwhile, 19% feel there are already plenty of conferences available, and 14.3% prefer attending conferences focused on their specific areas of interest. Let's bridge the gap and make professional development more accessible and tailored to diverse needs!



### WLIC into words !

When asked what words come to mind when respondents think of IFLA's World Library and Information Congress (WLIC), the words provided paint a vivid picture of the significance and impact of IFLA's WLIC within the field. They highlight themes of global collaboration, continuous learning, effective communication, and networking opportunities.



Terms like "innovation," "diversity," and "knowledge" underscore the congress's role as a hub for exchanging ideas and fostering creativity.

Words like "inclusivity" and "community" reflect the congress's commitment to creating an environment where professionals from diverse backgrounds feel welcomed and valued. Overall, these words convey a sense of inspiration, professionalism, and connectivity that characterize the WLIC experience for participants in the field of library and information science.

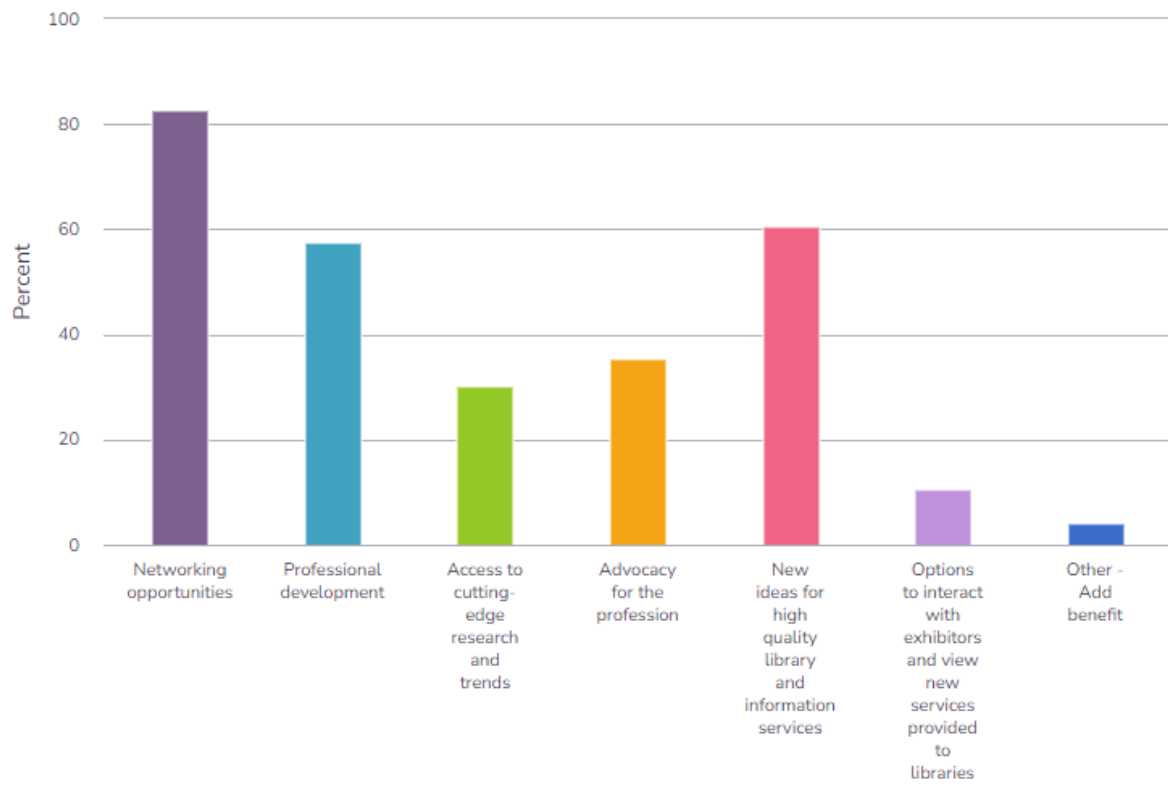
#### The power of WLIC !

According to survey respondents, the key benefits that WLIC offers to participants include networking opportunities, professional development, access to new ideas for high-quality library and information services, advocacy for the profession, exposure to cutting-edge research and trends, and the chance to interact with exhibitors and explore new library services.



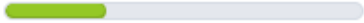
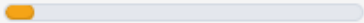
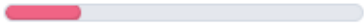
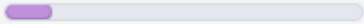

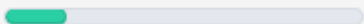
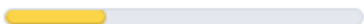
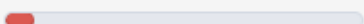
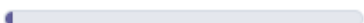
When asked about the key benefits to IFLA for organizing WLIC, respondents highlighted the importance of strengthening the library environment and development, promoting a global understanding among participants, facilitating IFLA committee-related activities, attracting new members, fostering connections among members and volunteers, showcasing professional activities and concerns on the international stage, enhancing human connections within the profession, and bringing local library and information science (LIS) issues to global attention.

According to respondent, WLIC participants enjoy unmatched networking, professional growth, and fresh ideas for top-notch library services. Meanwhile, for IFLA, WLIC means strengthening global libraries, fostering a sense of unity, and driving vital committee work. It's where connections flourish, local issues gain global attention, and the future of libraries shines bright!

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| Value   | Percent |  |
|---|---------|--|
| Strengthening the library environment and development of libraries                | 55.5%   |    |
| Promotes an understanding for participants in being part of a global movement     | 50.3%   |    |
| Undertake IFLA committee related business and meetings                            | 27.6%   |    |
| Engages new members   | 8.2%    |    |
| Connecting members and volunteers   | 21.2%   |    |
| Creates a sense of equality among all who are present                             | 12.7%   |    |
| Showcase the activities and concerns of the profession at the international level | 53.0%   |   |
| Local LIS issues can be highlighted and brought to the global stage               | 17.0%   |  |
| Optimise human connections within the profession                                  | 27.6%   |  |
| Generating income   | 7.9%    |  |
| <a href="#">Other - Add benefit (click to view)</a>                               | 1.8%    |  |

## Unlocking the Future of Libraries: WLIC's Path Forward!

Drawing from the survey feedback, here's a condensed overview of the primary objectives WLIC should strive to fulfill for the mutual benefit of its members and volunteers.

🌟 **Professional Development & Networking:** Empower members with workshops and forums, fostering global collaboration and skill enhancement.

📣 **Advocacy & Visibility:** Champion libraries' pivotal role worldwide, amplifying their impact and advocating for policies that drive change.

🌍 **Diversity, Equity & Inclusion:** Embrace diversity, ensuring equitable representation and fostering inclusivity across borders and professions.

💡 **Innovation & Collaboration:** Ignite innovation, showcasing cutting-edge technologies and forging partnerships to shape the future of libraries.

🤝 **Global Community & Connection:** Forge a global network, uniting library professionals to share insights, solve challenges, and celebrate diversity.

💰 **Accessibility & Affordability:** Open doors to all, offering hybrid options and financial support to ensure inclusivity and affordability.

🌱 **Sustainability & Impact:** Ensure WLIC's lasting impact, measuring its influence ethically and promoting sustainable practices.

Plus: Spotlighting local issues, delivering timely content, and celebrating the rich tapestry of our profession. Join us as we embark on a journey of discovery, collaboration, and celebration at WLIC!