

2021-2023 Unit Action Planning

Unit Information

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Strategic Direction 1 - Strengthen the Global Voice of Libraries

Strategic Direction 1 Activities/Outputs**Activity/Output Description**

Activity/Output - e.g. Unit Guidelines, Workshop Series, etc.

International Congress

Activity/Output Category (most closely matched)

If you have a new category to add, please contact professionalsupport@ifla.org

Networking/Collaboration/Partnership

Please provide a brief description of the activity/output:

Provide professional support for the 2022 International Congress of Medical Librarianship, in collaboration with the Association for Health Information and Libraries in Africa (AHILA). Congress dates are March 15-19, 2022 with a theme of 'A call for action: Engaging to save lives'.

Activity/Output type

Continuation of an ongoing activity

This activity/output is matched most closely with which Key Initiative?

1.2 Build a strong presence in international organizations and meetings as a valued partner

Completion status as of today - Beginning of cycle

More than 50% complete

Expected completion month

May

Expected completion year

2022

Names of Standing Committee members who will be working on this activity/output:

Anne Seymour
Sarah N Kibirige

Activity/Output Context

What need is this activity/output filling or what problem will be solved for your sector?

This Congress aims to reflect the contributions that medical librarians and other information professionals are making to achieve global health goals by connecting, engaging, and ultimately improving health and saving lives.

Target group(s)

Library Professionals
The library and information field as a whole
The library and information field in a specific region: East, Central, and Southern Africa

What will the outcome for the target group be as a result of the work described?

Gained knowledge/awareness/understanding
Increased skills/competences/abilities
Increased access
Practice/Attitude/Behaviour changes
Resources saved

How will this activity/outcome move the Unit's sector forward?

This congress the will add to our unit's and IFLA's documentation of contribution of libraries, as observed in publications such as 'Access and opportunities for all: How libraries contribute to the United Nations 2030 Agenda'.

How will you measure the performance and impact of your work?

Survey

Activity/Output Collaborations

IFLA Professional Structure collaborators

Status of collaboration

Confirmed

IFLA Professional Structure collaborators

Status of collaboration

IFLA Regional Structure collaborators

Status of Collaboration

List any confirmed external collaborators

Association for Health Information and Libraries in Africa (AHILA)

List any potential external collaborators

Please list any additional collaborators and the status of the collaboration below:

Activity/Output Communications

How will you communicate this output to your stakeholders?

Mailing list

Social Media

Website, Blog post, news item

Other - Write In: Basecamp

Activity/Output Updates - Return to this section by the dates below to provide a status update for this output.

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End of term - What is the completion status as of 1 August, 2023?

Activity/Output Description

Activity/Output - e.g. Unit Guidelines, Workshop Series, etc.

International Congress of Medical Librarianship 2025/6

Activity/Output Category (most closely matched)

If you have a new category to add, please contact professionalsupport@ifla.org

Seminar, workshop, webinar, event (not WLIC)

Please provide a brief description of the activity/output:

Secure a sponsor and date (year), and begin planning the 2025 or 2026 International Congress of Medical Librarianship.

Activity/Output type

New activity or initiative

This activity/output is matched most closely with which Key Initiative?

1.2 Build a strong presence in international organizations and meetings as a valued partner

Completion status as of today - Beginning of cycle

Not started

Expected completion month**Expected completion year**

Other - Write In: 2025 or 2026

Names of Standing Committee members who will be working on this activity/output:

Bethany McGowan
Anne Seymour
Michael Huang

Activity/Output Context**What need is this activity/output filling or what problem will be solved for your sector?**

Combining international and regional conferences will provide an important platform for a global audience of health information professionals to hear about the latest research, share learning and discuss best practices.

Target group(s)

Library clients
Library Professionals
The library and information field as a whole
The library and information field in a specific region:
Our Unit's sector
Our Unit Standing Committee

What will the outcome for the target group be as a result of the work described?

Gained knowledge/awareness/understanding
Increased skills/competences/abilities
Increased access
Practice/Attitude/Behaviour changes
Resources saved
Policy changes

How will this activity/outcome move the Unit's sector forward?

In support of our efforts to achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals, the Congress will reflect the contributions that medical librarians and other information professionals are making to achieve global health goals by connecting, engaging, and ultimately improving health and saving lives.

How will you measure the performance and impact of your work?

Survey

Activity/Output Collaborations**IFLA Professional Structure collaborators****Status of collaboration**

IFLA Professional Structure collaborators

Status of collaboration

IFLA Regional Structure collaborators

Status of Collaboration

List any confirmed external collaborators

List any potential external collaborators

Please list any additional collaborators and the status of the collaboration below:

Activity/Output Communications

How will you communicate this output to your stakeholders?

Mailing list

Newsletter

Workshop, Seminar, Virtual Event

WLIC Session

Social Media

Website, Blog post, news item

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Strategic Direction 2 - Inspire and Enhance Professional Practice

Strategic Direction 2 Activities/Outputs

Activity/Output Description

Activity/Output - e.g. Unit Guidelines, Workshop Series, etc.

Report Outcomes of Training Health Sciences Librarians in East, Central, and Southern Africa

Activity/Output Category (most closely matched)

If you have a new category to add, please contact professionalsupport@ifla.org

Seminar, workshop, webinar, event (not WLIC)

Please provide a brief description of the activity/output:

Training Health Sciences Librarians in East, Central, and Southern Africa was an outcome of the HBS 2019-2021 Action Plan. Prof Maria Musoke, former HBS chair, will present findings from the workshop at the 2022 International Congress of Medical Librarianship (ICML) in May 2022.

Activity/Output type

Continuation of an ongoing activity

This activity/output is matched most closely with which Key Initiative?

2.2 Deliver high quality campaigns, information and other communications products on a regular basis to engage and energise libraries

Completion status as of today - Beginning of cycle

More than 50% complete

Expected completion month

May

Expected completion year

2022

Names of Standing Committee members who will be working on this activity/output:

Bethany McGowan

Activity/Output Context

What need is this activity/output filling or what problem will be solved for your sector?

This activity is a final deliverable in our sector's efforts to provide professional development opportunities for medical librarians in East, Central, and Southern Africa.

Target group(s)

The library and information field in a specific region: East, Central, and Southern Africa

What will the outcome for the target group be as a result of the work described?

Gained knowledge/awareness/understanding
Increased skills/competences/abilities
Practice/Attitude/Behaviour changes

How will this activity/outcome move the Unit's sector forward?

This activity will allow us to understand how our workshop series met its learning objectives, and to hear about best practices or recommendations for moving forward.

How will you measure the performance and impact of your work?

Survey

Activity/Output Collaborations

IFLA Professional Structure collaborators

Status of collaboration

IFLA Professional Structure collaborators

Status of collaboration

IFLA Regional Structure collaborators

Status of Collaboration

List any confirmed external collaborators

Prof Maria Musoke

List any potential external collaborators

Please list any additional collaborators and the status of the collaboration below:

Activity/Output Communication

How will you communicate this output to your stakeholders?

Workshop, Seminar, Virtual Event

Social Media

Website, Blog post, news item

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Activity/Output Description

Activity/Output - e.g. Unit Guidelines, Workshop Series, etc.

Book

Activity/Output Category (most closely matched)

If you have a new category to add, please contact professionalsupport@ifla.org

Publication (Report, Best Practices, Book, Journal Article)

Please provide a brief description of the activity/output:

HBS will sponsor the editing of a book titled, 'Planning and Implementing Transliteracy for Lifelong Learning' as part of the IFLA series. The book will examine how information is used in different formats, such as media, digital, or visual literacy

Activity/Output type

Continuation of an ongoing activity

This activity/output is matched most closely with which Key Initiative?

2.3 Develop standards, guidelines, and other materials that foster best professional practice

Completion status as of today - Beginning of cycle

Less than 50% complete

Expected completion month

July

Expected completion year

2023

Names of Standing Committee members who will be working on this activity/output:

Heather Todd

Activity/Output Context

What need is this activity/output filling or what problem will be solved for your sector?

Given transliteracy is a current theme it is important that information professionals and educators understand the various forms of information and how to create and share information through multiple mediums. Therefore, transliteracy supports lifelong learning and promotes critical thinking skills. The book will present a wide range of perspectives, projects, and methods on how librarians and educators use and integrate transliteracy to promote the acquisition of lifelong learning skills.

Target group(s)

Library clients
Library Professionals
The library and information field as a whole
Our Unit's sector
Our Unit Standing Committee

What will the outcome for the target group be as a result of the work described?

Gained knowledge/awareness/understanding
Increased skills/competences/abilities
Practice/Attitude/Behaviour changes

How will this activity/outcome move the Unit's sector forward?

The proposed book will highlight case studies with peers, other professionals, and communities focusing on transliteracy. The chapters will be diverse in terms of content, geography, experiences, and practices; however, the primary focus will be on how transliteracy supports the concept of lifelong learning.

How will you measure the performance and impact of your work?

Other - Write In: volume and diversity of book chapters

Activity/Output Collaborations

IFLA Professional Structure collaborators

Information Literacy

Status of collaboration

Proposed

IFLA Professional Structure collaborators

Status of collaboration

IFLA Regional Structure collaborators

Status of Collaboration

List any confirmed external collaborators

Prudence W. Dalrymple

List any potential external collaborators

Please list any additional collaborators and the status of the collaboration below:

Activity/Output Communication

How will you communicate this output to your stakeholders?

Mailing list

Publication (Professional Report, guideline)

Social Media

Website, Blog post, news item

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Activity/Output Description

Activity/Output - e.g. Unit Guidelines, Workshop Series, etc.

WLIC Session

Activity/Output Category (most closely matched)

If you have a new category to add, please contact professionalsupport@ifla.org

WLIC Session

Please provide a brief description of the activity/output:

WLIC session, tentatively theme: 'Combatting Misinformation in the Information Age'

Activity/Output type

New activity or initiative

This activity/output is matched most closely with which Key Initiative?

2.1 Produce, communicate and distribute key resources and materials that inspire the profession

Completion status as of today - Beginning of cycle

Not started

Expected completion month

July

Expected completion year

2022

Names of Standing Committee members who will be working on this activity/output:

Bethany McGowan
Elizabeth Ketterman
Annelie Janred
Asimina Vlachaki
Heather Todd
Denise Lyons
Alessia Zanin-Yost

Activity/Output Context

What need is this activity/output filling or what problem will be solved for your sector?

The IFLA World Library and Information Congress (WLIC) is the most international professional and trade event for the library and information services sector. It brings high-level speakers, experts in every aspect of the profession, and library and information workers from around the world together to help set the international agenda and explore issues and developments of interest to the global library field, especially as related to health and biosciences libraries.

Target group(s)

Library clients
Library Professionals
The library and information field as a whole
Our Unit's sector
Our Unit Standing Committee

What will the outcome for the target group be as a result of the work described?

Gained knowledge/awareness/understanding
Increased skills/competences/abilities
Increased access
Practice/Attitude/Behaviour changes
Resources saved
Policy changes

How will this activity/outcome move the Unit's sector forward?

We rely on the Congress as a time to celebrate our advocacy successes, learn lessons from each other, and collectively strengthen our voice.

How will you measure the performance and impact of your work?

Survey

Activity/Output Collaborations**IFLA Professional Structure collaborators**

Evidence for Global Disaster Health

Status of collaboration**IFLA Professional Structure collaborators****Status of collaboration****IFLA Regional Structure collaborators****Status of Collaboration****List any confirmed external collaborators****List any potential external collaborators**

Please list any additional collaborators and the status of the collaboration below:

Activity/Output Communication**How will you communicate this output to your stakeholders?**

Mailing list
WLIC Session
Social Media
Website, Blog post, news item

Activity/Output Updates - Return to this section by the dates below to provide a status update for this output.

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Strategic Direction 3 - Connect and Empower the Field

Strategic Direction 3 Activities/Outputs

Activity/Output Description

Activity/Output - e.g. Unit Guidelines, Workshop Series, etc.

Seminar or Workshop

Activity/Output Category (most closely matched)

If you have a new category to add, please contact professionalsupport@ifla.org

WLIC Satellite Meeting

Please provide a brief description of the activity/output:

Satellite Meeting with the Evidence for Global Disaster Health SIG and the Irish Health Group.

Activity/Output type

New activity or initiative

This activity/output is matched most closely with which Key Initiative?

3.1 Provide excellent opportunities for face-to-face networking and learning

Beginning of cycle - What is the completion status as of today?

Not started

Expected completion month

July

Expected completion year

2022

Names of Standing Committee members who will be working on this activity/output:

Asimina Vlachaki
Heather Todd
Martin Morris

Activity/Output Context

What need is this activity/output filling or what problem will be solved for your sector?

Tentative plans for a one-day workshop or seminar, in collaboration with E4GDH and the Irish Health Group, to highlight the work of local health sciences librarians.

Target group(s)

Library Professionals
The library and information field as a whole
The library and information field in a specific region: Ireland
Our Unit's sector
Our Unit Standing Committee

What will the outcome for the target group be as a result of the work described?

Gained knowledge/awareness/understanding
Increased skills/competences/abilities
Practice/Attitude/Behaviour changes

How will this activity/outcome move the Unit's sector forward?

This satellite meeting will allow our unit sector to spend a full day diving deeply into a timely, essential topic, while engaging with local library hosts.

How will you measure the performance and impact of your work?

Survey

Activity/Output Collaborations

IFLA Professional Structure collaborators

Evidence for Global Disaster Health

Status of collaboration

IFLA Professional Structure collaborators

Status of collaboration

IFLA Regional Structure collaborators

Status of Collaboration

List any confirmed external collaborators

List any potential external collaborators

Irish Health Group

Please list any additional collaborators and the status of the collaboration below:

Activity/Output Communication

How will you communicate this output to your stakeholders?

WLIC Session

Activity/Output Updates - Return to this section by the dates below to provide a status update for this output.

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Any information to add about this March 2023 Update?

End of cycle - What is the completion status as of 1 August, 2023?

Activity/Output Description

Activity/Output - e.g. Unit Guidelines, Workshop Series, etc.

Evidence Ambassador for WORLD EVIDENCE-BASED HEALTHCARE DAY

Activity/Output Category (most closely matched)

If you have a new category to add, please contact professionalsupport@ifla.org

Networking/Collaboration/Partnership

Please provide a brief description of the activity/output:

Hosted a webinar in support of World EBHC Day 2021, which highlighted the role of librarians in leading infodemic management campaigns.

Activity/Output type

New activity or initiative

This activity/output is matched most closely with which Key Initiative?

3.3 Empower the field at the national and regional levels

Beginning of cycle - What is the completion status as of today?

Complete

Expected completion month

October

Expected completion year

2021

Names of Standing Committee members who will be working on this activity/output:

Feili Te-Keefner
Bethany McGowan
Elizabeth Ketterman

Activity/Output Context**What need is this activity/output filling or what problem will be solved for your sector?**

Allowed HBS to join the global evidence community to share their experiences, expertise, and stories on infodemic management, including facilitating accurate knowledge translation and building eHealth/science literacy.

Target group(s)

Library clients
Library Professionals
The library and information field as a whole
The library and information field in a specific region:
Our Unit's sector
Our Unit Standing Committee

What will the outcome for the target group be as a result of the work described?

Gained knowledge/awareness/understanding
Increased skills/competences/abilities
Increased access
Practice/Attitude/Behaviour changes
Resources saved
Policy changes

How will this activity/outcome move the Unit's sector forward?

This activity highlighted librarians and information professionals as leaders and experts in infodemic management-related activities and informed the sector's potential inclusion in infodemic management/infodemiology-related work.

How will you measure the performance and impact of your work?

Other - Write In: Webinar attendance and recording views

Activity/Output Collaborations**IFLA Professional Structure collaborators**

Evidence for Global Disaster Health

Status of collaboration

Confirmed

IFLA Professional Structure collaborators**Status of collaboration****IFLA Regional Structure collaborators****Status of Collaboration**

List any confirmed external collaborators

Caroline DeBrun

List any potential external collaborators

Please list any additional collaborators and the status of the collaboration below:

Activity/Output Communication

How will you communicate this output to your stakeholders?

Mailing list

Workshop, Seminar, Virtual Event

Social Media

Website, Blog post, news item

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Activity/Output Description

Activity/Output - e.g. Unit Guidelines, Workshop Series, etc.

Webinar Series

Activity/Output Category (most closely matched)

If you have a new category to add, please contact professionalsupport@ifla.org

Seminar, workshop, webinar, event (not WLIC)

Please provide a brief description of the activity/output:

A webinar with the theme 'Combatting Misinformation in the Information Age', in collaboration with the World Health Organization Infodemic Management team, focused on the role of librarians in the field of infodemic management/infodemiology. May also include a white paper.

Activity/Output type

New activity or initiative

This activity/output is matched most closely with which Key Initiative?

3.4 Provide targeted learning and professional development

Beginning of cycle - What is the completion status as of today?

Less than 50% complete

Expected completion month

July

Expected completion year

2022

Names of Standing Committee members who will be working on this activity/output:

Bethany McGowan
Elizabeth Ketterman
Annelie Janred
Margaret Zimmerman
Feili Tu-Keefner
Alessia Zanin-Yost

Activity/Output Context

What need is this activity/output filling or what problem will be solved for your sector?

This activity reflects the contributions that medical librarians and other information professionals are making to achieve global health goals by connecting, engaging, and ultimately improving health and saving lives.

Target group(s)

Library clients
Library Professionals
The library and information field as a whole
Our Unit's sector
Our Unit Standing Committee

What will the outcome for the target group be as a result of the work described?

Gained knowledge/awareness/understanding
Increased skills/competences/abilities
Increased access
Practice/Attitude/Behaviour changes
Resources saved
Policy changes

How will this activity/outcome move the Unit's sector forward?

This activity reflects the contributions that medical librarians and other information professionals are making to achieve global health goals by connecting, engaging, and ultimately improving health and saving lives. It highlights the potential for librarians in the newly emerging field of infodemiology.

How will you measure the performance and impact of your work?

Survey

Activity/Output Collaborations

IFLA Professional Structure collaborators

Evidence for Global Disaster Health

Status of collaboration

Confirmed

IFLA Professional Structure collaborators**Status of collaboration****IFLA Regional Structure collaborators****Status of Collaboration****List any confirmed external collaborators**

World Health Organization Infodemic Management team members Tina Purnat and Christine Czerniak

List any potential external collaborators

WHO Library

Please list any additional collaborators and the status of the collaboration below:

Activity/Output Communication

How will you communicate this output to your stakeholders?

Mailing list
Publication (Professional Report, guideline)
Workshop, Seminar, Virtual Event
Social Media
Website, Blog post, news item

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Professional Council (PC) Funding

Would you like to submit a funding proposal?

Not now, will return to do later