



# IFLA Special Interest Group Library Publishing

IFLA LIBPUB Committee Meeting

20<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Minutes

**Attendees:** Gillian Daly, Graham Stone, Anne-Inger Hellekjaer, Mimi Calter, Grace Liu, Lidia Uziel

**Apologies:** Jill Claassen, Devin Soper, Ann Okerson

## 1. SIG to Section Transition

JB said that we need to redouble our efforts to reach the 40 institutional member pledges required to transition to Section status. GS said that Zadar University has submitted its letter to [membership@ifla.org](mailto:membership@ifla.org). GL said that some institutions that had pledged in emails to her are confused about why they need to submit a formal letter to IFLA now. GD asked for an IFLA page that lists the increased cost that she can forward to institutions. The National Library has pledged. She has contacted all Scottish IFLA member institutions.

**Action:** JB to contact Membership for a link to the fee and to check whether the official letter requirement can be waived.

**Update: Response from Megan:** Regarding letters of intent to support: The letter would need to indicate that they would commit to supporting a LIBPUB section, *financially*. As long as the email/letter states this specifically, that would be fine.

## 2. Division D Midterm Proceedings

AO has done trojan work on the submissions and they are now ready for publication in a special issue of 027.7 Journal of Library Culture and in the IFLA Repository.

## 3. LPC/IFLA LIBPUB Joint Webinar on 19<sup>th</sup> November

GS said that 240 registered and 99 attended, many from N. America. Excellent presentations and great engagement. The presentations on PALOMERA, CRAFT-OA and DIAMAS along with the full recording have been shared on Zenodo:

Bargheer, M., Mounier, P., Stern, N., & Stone, G. (2024). Empowering Communities: Shaping Open Scholarly Publishing in Europe and Beyond (19 November 2024).

Zenodo. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.14191189>

## 4. LPC/LIBPUB International Scholarship to the Library Publishing Forum 2026

JB and JC met to discuss the scholarship application. It was agreed to limit applications to Less Developed Countries. A draft form (attached for comment) was devised that includes a section for the applicant and a section for the Librarian/ Library Publishing Program Manager to complete. MC recommended referring to the OECD Classification for the list of eligible countries. She said the form was useful but that an assessment rubric would also be required. GD agreed and said that it is such a valuable scholarship that we are likely to have a lot of applicants so a rubric would be very useful for decision-making. We will also need to provide time and support for visa applications.

JB said that as partners of the LPC, we have a standing invitation to present at the Library Publishing Forum. The 2025 Forum is virtual and the deadline for presentation submissions is early January. She asked if anyone would be willing to talk about LIBPUB. No volunteers.

## 5. Library Publishing Map

GL said that the Tech Team led by Jason intend upgrading the entire system in the New Year, including new infrastructure and application. Any suggestions for new functionality should be sent to GL.

## 6. Social Media



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As MON has stepped away from the LIBPUB Committee, JB has been managing social media, specifically X and LinkedIn. GD said that there seems to be a consensus for academics, institutions, and organisations to leave X by the end of the year, to lock and freeze accounts and to state that messages are no longer monitored. He referenced a presentation by Anna Hughes (Jisc) that has been circulated to the team with her permission. The exodus from X seems to be moving to Bluesky which is adding 1m new followers/day and how has an estimated 22m. The experience seems cleaner than X and it is easy to reconnect with contacts. Mastadon seems to have attracted a lot of researchers while organisations prefer Bluesky. Instagram takes a lot of work to gain and maintain followers. He mentioned that Buffer can be used to schedule posts. GD said that Scottish University Press has left X and joined Bluesky. It already has 1k followers. It is also using Instagram.

## 7. Blog Series

JB said that we have depleted our bank of blog posts and she asked everyone to reach out to their networks for submissions or to consider writing a post themselves. Find below the letter, spreadsheet of people contacted, and questions.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/10mERLgp9areyHKWPfGgYCWJmbO21CNFNriDcl4lqc0k/edit?usp=sharing>

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/11yOYMKyRslxmcmQUX0vcC215wPS3jPfttg0rTiuingY/edit?usp=sharing>

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1iKG9d5yPfyoiIBXpiviho601AX9-nvcmiMqfUO4cU65Q/edit?usp=sharing>

## 8. DIAMAS Update

GS gave the DIAMAS update and shared the following notes:

- Diamond OA Toolsuite launched  
<https://toolsuite.diamas.org/>
- Diamond OA Sustainability Check  
<https://diamas.fecyt.es/instructions>
- Consultation Process: Diamond OA actionable recommendations and guidelines  
<https://diamasproject.eu/consultation-process-diamond-oa-actionable-recommendations-and-guidelines/>
- IPSP Registry and Forum will launch in January - will include a question about whether the publisher is in the library publishing map
- European Diamond Capacity Hub will launch in January alongside the ALMASI project  
<https://www.coalition-s.org/public-launch-of-the-european-diamond-capacity-hub-and-the-almasi-project/>
- The EDCH will be launched in conjunction with a public event on 14 January 2025 announcing the EU-funded ALMASI project. This three-year project with 15 partners from three continents will seek a better understanding of the situation of non-profit OA publishing in three world regions – Africa, Latin America, and Europe – co-designing and aligning measures for quality alignment, training materials, and institutional and national policy development.

## 9. Event Planning

JB said that as we transition to a Section, we should organise more events. Few committee members will attend WLIC 2025 in Astana so we will not organise a Satellite. LU commented that we have few details about Astana which leave little time for planning. The ACD Committee met at Charleston. They may be open to a collaborative Open Session in Astana. MC talked about ARL's frequency of event scheduling. They schedule a Hot Topic event for



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WLIC but this year they held it virtually. They also hold 2-3 webinars/year. Last week, they held a Spanish language webinar and this attracted 110 attendees. The translate feature on Zoom is very useful for this. They post event reports in the blog and newsletter too. JB suggested running a webinar on Voices in Library Publishing including short presentations by both authors and library publishers.

### **10. AOB**

Next meeting will be in January 2025.