



**IFLA Indigenous Matters Standing Committee
Business Meeting
Wednesday, 18 January 2023, 17:00 UTC**

Chair: Stacy Allison-Cassin

Secretary: Collece Chisita

Information Coordinator: Raj Kumar

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Review and Approval of the Agenda
3. Review and Approval of the minutes of the last meeting.
4. IFLA 2023 Elections. <https://www.ifla.org/units/elections/>
5. WLIC 2023. Rotterdam. 21-25 August. <https://2023.ifla.org/>
 - a. Satellite Meeting
 - b. IM Session
 - c. Other WLIC matters
6. Update on online session of WLIC 2022 panel and discussion of online meetings focused on the Decade of Indigenous Languages
7. IILF 2023 info sharing
8. Action Plan & Updates from Working/Project Groups
 - a. Communication and Community
 - i. Newsletter
 - ii. Informal gatherings
 - iii. Website, etc.
 - b. Decade of Indigenous Languages
 - c. Serials Librarian Special Issue
 - d. Guidelines for Services with Indigenous Peoples
 - e. Teaching and Education
9. Updates around the table
10. Other Business

Present: Stacy Allison-Cassin Chair, Dr. Raj Kumar, Sandy Littletree, Feather Maracle, Melissa VandeBurgt, Celia Joe-Olsen, Jade Albuero, Mark Puente, Rebecca Bateman, Cindy Hohl.

Regrets: Collence, C.

Absent: Analu Kameeiamoku Cruze-Josephides, Jacinta Beckwith, Tonai Yuzuru, Mohit Garg, Leif Martensson

Quorum: Quorum was achieved.

Secretary: Collence, T. Chisita

Welcome Remarks

The Chair welcomed participants to the meeting and asked for Approval to adopt the agenda.

Review and Approval of the Agenda

- Mark Puente approved the agenda for the 18 January 2023 IFLA-IMs Business meeting, and Melissa Mind VandeBurgt seconded him.
- Stacy informed the meeting participants that she had uploaded the updated agenda for the 23 January 2023 IFLA- IMs Business meeting and the minutes from August 2022.
- There were no suggestions to change or add to the agenda. The minutes were uploaded and linked to the plan on Basecamp
- Stacy highlighted the IFLA 2023 conference and elections since they are sensitive issues that require decisions to be agreed upon by the committee.

Review and Approval of the minutes of the last meeting

- The Chair presented the minutes from August 2022 for review by the participants. She highlighted some anomalies concerning attendance. The Chair informed the members that they were welcome to pinpoint any egregious findings so that the corrections could be done.
- The meeting resolved not to approve until corrections have been affected. The minutes would be sent back to the Secretary for revisions.

IFLA 2023 Elections. <https://www.ifla.org/units/elections/>

- Chair Stacy highlighted that the election process for IFLA 2023 was already underway, as evidenced by several communications from IFLA and postings on Basecamp. She pointed out that there are many positions to be filled on the IFLA IM Standing Committee and that it would be good to get more nominations.
- Stacy confirmed that this was her maiden involvement in the IFLA 2023 election process and that the elections would be a learning curve for her. The speaker informed the participants that the head office could provide answers to IFLA 2023.
- The Chair informed participants that IFLA provides information on the technical and procedural processes of the upcoming elections on its website.
- Feather Maracle sought clarity on the email she received from IFLA stating that her position in the IFLA-IMs was not up for election or grabs
- The Chair assured Feather Maracle that her position on the IFLA IMs would not be contested until she completes her 4-year term. She explained the appointments are staggered to prevent the entire Standing Committee (SC) from leaving the committee simultaneously because members have different terms. Stacy assured Feather Maracle that her position was acceptable.
- Chair Stacy explained that Feather Maracle, Mark Puente, Cindy, Sandy, Melisa, Rebecca, and Jade joined IFLA -IMs concurrently; hence there is no cause for alarm.
- Stacy stated that her term and Raj's are completing their last 4-year term. She pointed out that members can serve two consecutive terms, which equates to 8 years on the committee. After that, you are still part of IFLA, although you must find another committee to join or seek re-election and be nominated again.
- Stacy informed the participants that she would not run for another term at IFLA-IMs.
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- Stacy informed the participants that there are 5 positions open for election at IFLA-IMs, namely Chair and Information Coordinator. Stacy and Raj currently hold these positions.
- She hinted that IFLA-IMs would incorporate more members into existing openings.
- Sandy Littletree inquired with the Chair on behalf of someone who would like to know more about the committee, expectations, and deadlines, but she wanted to know where to send the person showing interest in joining IFLA-IMs.
- Stacy replied to Sandy that the IFLA-IMs would develop new forms for invitations, nominations, descriptions of IFLA-IMs work, deadlines, and nomination periods and procedures to disseminate via social media and list servers so that those interested in joining the committee can benefit.
- Sandy Littletree asked for clarity on the voting procedure for the upcoming 2023 IFLA elections and whether members vote as a committee.
- The Chair explained she could not remember voting earlier as a committee and asked Celia or Melissa, who had more experience, to add their knowledge regarding voting.
- Melissa informed members about voting through the ballot system. Stacy also confirmed that she had also received a ballot paper to cast her vote.
- Melissa explained anyone could nominate or nominate themselves.
- Stacy explains she remembers nominating herself four years ago.
- Stacy pointed out that you can be part of IFLA, even if you are not necessarily a member, because you are either an officer or a member. According to the Chair, not everyone can vote.
- Sandy Littletree applauded Cindy's suggestion to upload the election information to benefit those who intend to self-nominate or nominate so that they know what they can expect regarding workload and responsibilities, among others.
- Sandy Littletree asked about the deadline for nominations for IFLA 2023.
- Stacy informed participants that nominations would be open from 13 January 2023. Therefore, potential candidates have 6 weeks to come forward, and members and affiliates can submit nominations.
- Sandy expressed wonder at why IFLA does not set dates for elections. Stacy informed the participants that nominations would close on 24 February 2023.

- The Chair stated that this would be an opportunity to use the 5 vacancies for diverse geographical representation.
- Stacy invited participants to suggest geographical areas or potential members for the 5 vacancies regarding geographical representation and type of libraries to diversify the IFLA IMs Committee. She hinted that the proposed suggestions could relate to the kind of libraries or people from communities or professional associations.
- Stacy stated that the political boundaries are not representative of our Mission Bonnet and that the call for nominations needs to be reconsidered to expand indigenous representation.

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- Stacy asks the participants to be excused for a few seconds to attend to a personal matter.

Satellite Meeting

- Stacy informed the participants that the WLIC -IFLA 2023 will officially occur in Rotterdam, Netherlands. She stated she planned to attend the WLIC IFLA 2023 conference.
- In Stacy's absence, Feather Maracle asked members if they would attend the IFLA 2023 conference in Rotterdam, and Melisa, Sandy, Jade, Rebecca, and Mark stated their willingness to listen.
- The Chair asked participants to confirm with a show of hands that they would attend the meeting. Melisa, Sandy, Jade, Rebecca, and Mark then raise their hands to verify their intentions.
- Stacy explained that IFLA IMs must await Approval of the proposal by the IFLA Professional Division.
- The Chair advised that part of the proposal involved securing the site and venue. She shared a list of potential institutions that have inquired whether they would support the proposed satellite meeting by providing technical facilities and space, with some promising more.
- The Chair informed the participants that it was now up to IFLA-IMs to find a partner organization. IFLA-IMs will benefit from not having to pay for premises or other costs.

- Feather Maracle asked for clarity on the term "partnership" and wanted to know if it meant that a partner would offset other costs associated with hosting the satellite meeting.
- Stacy replied that IFLA-IMs need a place to hold the satellite meeting, which implies that we will need a host institution; even though it might not be on the list, we can look for someone documented to host us by providing us with space.
- Feather Maracle suggested an external who wanted clarity on the topic for the upcoming IFLA-IMs satellite meeting.

IM Session

- Stacy highlighted critical factors for consideration in planning for the satellite meeting, for example, location, theme, size, and number of days, which need to be decided.
- Stacy stated that the satellite meeting is not held in the same city or place, whereby the main WLIC -IFLA 2023 conference will occur.
- The Chair informed the participants that the satellite meeting could be held anywhere, for example, Netherlands, Luxemburg, or Belgium, hence the need to consider the financial burden if we decide to move further from Rotterdam.
- Raj stated that he could not view the whole page of the list of potential venues that Stacy uploaded for viewing by the meeting participants.
- Raj wanted to find out if Belgium was the only option for the satellite meeting.
- Stacy informed the meeting that the IFLA-IMs option included Belgium, Luxemburg, and the Netherlands. She stated that she had reached out to the Royal Library of Brussels, the Rex Museum, and the Royal Library in the Netherlands, but there was no space.
- Feather Maracle suggested that there was some conversation on the chat that it would be easier to decide on the location if we have the topic. We tie the topic to the site and ensure it has relevance for indigenous matters.
- Stacy responded by thanking Feather for her suggestion. She stated that issue would be coming up but that, as Chair, she wanted to have an initial conversation on whether there were any strong feelings about being close or further from the urban centers. She stated that she had reached out to some of the national libraries since she is cognisant of conversations taking place concerning decolonization and that these institutions would be potentially good fits.

- Stacy cited the Rex Museum as one institution working on thinking about collections and open data conversations that would intersect with IFLA-IMs concerns.
- Regarding topics for the satellite meeting, Stacy informed the participants she circulated information on different ideas, as highlighted below:
 - a) Thinking about decolonization in the context of European collections; and
 - b) Thinking about decolonization or indigenous data sovereignty in the context of metadata or cataloging types of work.
- Stacy highlighted that many national libraries are doing quite a bit of work around linked data and issues concerning metadata
- Stacy also highlighted that Celia had earlier suggested the topic relating to the work IFLA-IMs did with OCLC on the following:
 - a) Reimagining descriptive workflows; and
 - b) The Decade of Indigenous Languages.
- However, Stacy highlighted that Celia was unsure whether the proposed topics above would resonate with the mandate of European institutions.
- Celia concurred that the OCLC "**Reimagining descriptive workflow**" would be an excellent topic for our satellite meeting.
- Stacy agreed with Celia and added that the OCLC topic would attract people in Europe and the local people who might not necessarily come to the IFLA meeting.
- Stacy informed the meeting that she made a keynote at the Semantic Webinar in German in November 2022. Participants expressed great interest in discussing decolonization or thinking about indigenous matters as it intersects with colonialism, considering that some institutions have strong colonial legacies in their cultural heritage institutions.
- In concurrence with the Chair, Mellissa stated that topics like decolonization and repatriation and their nexus with metadata would be a basis for attracting people from museums and raising great interest in Europe.
- Stacy stated that she contacted art museums because of a serious interest in making collections available. She said that she was currently working on IEEE standards on the provenance of Indigenous people's data

- The Chair stated that the IEEE work revolved around how we attach provenance information to collections in the context of metadata, linked data, and repatriation of collections
- Stacy informed the participants that inviting people to the satellite conference was possible. She hinted that there is a challenge to be in the proposed region.
- Stacy stated that the IFLA-IMs committee was free to hold a meeting elsewhere, but we need to within the Benelux
- Stacy stated that she has been trying to find an institution and would ask someone she knows from another IFLA committee for any suggestions on location and access.
- Jade Albuero stated it was her first time seeing the Excel Document on proposed satellite conference venues.
- Stacy replied that she had posted on standing committee files or shared it via email.
- Melisa suggested that it would be helpful to reach out to the Bibliotechnology in Luxembourg
- Stacy applauded Melisa's suggestion because Bibliotheca Nationale in Luxembourg was not on the list of potential venues.
- Jade Albuero stated that since a satellite meeting takes a long time, it was possible to tackle many things discussed, such as decolonization, repatriation, and technical sessions.
- Stacy hinted that she had never been to a satellite meeting before, even though she knew it takes place within 1, 2, to 3 days.
- Cellia stated that she had been to a satellite meeting that lasted for 2 days. On the first day, it focused on one particular topic; on the second day, it focused on speed dating or short issues whereby you jam in everything within 7 minutes, attracting many participants.
- Stacy stated that it was possible to cover 2 different topics focusing on decolonization in a potentially different context with reference metadata, repatriation, and colonial collections. She noted that it was essential to work on the document as part of the planning process, so we decided what to do.
- Melissa suggested that even though there was great interest in venturing outside the Netherlands, hosting the satellite meeting in Amsterdam would be advantageous in providing access to the entire museum complex, for example, the Vanga Museum and the contemporary art museum. She stated that such a venue would provide the IFLA-IMs

committee with access to the breadth and different areas of work that might be interesting. She highlighted that such a venue might stimulate or motivate people's interest in the upcoming event.

Guidelines for Services with Indigenous Peoples

- Raj suggested he agreed with Celia's idea that for the second or third day of the satellite meeting, time would be used to accomplish pending IFLA-IMs projects, especially the guidelines.
- Raj suggested that it would be proper to dedicate the second day of the satellite conference to a couple of our projects; for instance, the guidelines require input from members. He suggested that this would help in completing IFLA-IMs projects.
- Stacy agreed with Raj's suggestion, and she hinted that she had been thinking of the guidelines
- The Chair highlighted that Te Paya would undoubtedly appreciate it. Still, her reservation was that such a topic might not be relevant to the local people because there are not many indigenous populations in the conference's location. Still, it does not mean that we should not think of such issues.
- The Chair, Stacy, hinted that she opted to discuss works around collections since these were pressing issues among European institutions. Such matters could potentially magnetize local attendees who might not be able to attend the leading conference in Rotterdam and instead would find the satellite conference more convenient.
- Feather Maracle inquired from the participants on whether it was possible or optional to host the conference in 2 different locations since highly populated areas with many museum experiences would provide a different experience than a less populated rural area. She hinted that there are urban areas that are densely populated when compared to the historically rural areas and hence the need to experience the best of both sides by showing our interest in both phenomena.
- Stacy replied that she was not aware of the practicalities of Feather's suggestion. Still, she told the participants many factors, including IFLA regulations or rules, organizational capacity, and logistical support, must be considered.

- The Chair, however, hinted that it might be possible if the regulations allow, even though we can organize informal visits if we agree.
- Stacy hinted that the IFLA-IMs had secured space for the satellite conference but did not prevent us from being in a rural location.
- Stacy thanked Jade for sharing fantastic information about the Royal Museum of Fine Arts in Belgium. Stacy promised to communicate with them regarding the venue for the Satellite meeting.
- Celia stated that depending on our chosen topic, it would be possible and beneficial to partner with another section to deliver our satellite conference topic to ensure greater reach or spread.
- Stacy responded to Celia by confirming that she had also been thinking about partnering but hinted that the section was a bit late in the planning stage. She stated that if anyone had any ideas, they were welcome.
- Stacy hinted that she had sent a note to the IFLA person on the Committee on Cultural Heritage concerning the satellite meeting since there is a potential alignment or interface with the topic of repatriation and Cultural Heritage.
- Stacy stated that participants could suggest sections aligned with our partnership topic.
- Stacy informed the participants a Netherlands village contacted her about hosting a memorial for the deceased who died during the 2nd. World War after the plane he was operating came under fire.
- Stacy stated that the village was preparing a memorial for the deceased cadre.
- The Chair hinted that she was planning to travel to the village in the Netherlands and visit the site of the aforementioned tragic event.
- Stacy stated that the pending visit to the village in the Netherlands would be possible to think about interfaces or intersections with IFLA-IMs work and small communities and the need to consider rural communities and different locations and experiences in our work.
- Stacy expressed her excitement concerning the deliberations and her enthusiasm towards holding a satellite meeting, physical attendance, and contributions of ideas to ensure a successful conference.

- Stacy informed the meeting that she would upload all in a Google Doc and share all the work with everyone.
- The Chair said she was excited that the business meeting allowed everyone to discuss or deliberate on the upcoming conference openly.
- Stacy highlighted that she was aware that some members of the IFLA-IMs expressed interest in organizing the satellite meeting. In response, she created space on Basecamp for that purpose. She asked those not added to Basecamp to let her know so she could add them.
- Stacy told the participants she remembered thinking in 2022 about possibly communicating more information about the guidelines for services with the Indigenous Peoples project.
- The Chair acknowledged and took personal responsibility for neglecting the project even though there were other factors, for example, changes concerning the committee's members and the lack of knowledge regarding the IFLA Indigenous People's project's coordinator, hence the need to resurrect and complete it as soon as possible.
- The Chair suggested it would be appropriate for the Indigenous Peoples project to be included as a goal for the conference in 2023 to promote the project. In addition, if everyone agrees, that might be appropriate for this year's session.
- Stacy promised to share more information concerning the project for further discussions in the organizing group.
- Stacy stated that the Indigenous People's project would be an ideal and significant topic for the leading conference.
- The Chair expressed delight to hear other thoughts about the conference theme for 2023.
- Stacy highlighted the need to draft a call for proposals for the conference.
- Raj suggested that in addition to the proposed theme for the satellite meeting and the conference, there was a need to decide the program format and whether we would have invited speakers or call for papers. He furthermore stated a call for papers would attract more people to the conference, thus increasing membership.
- Stacy hinted that the conference would not be supported to accommodate remote participation.

- In response to Raj, Stacy stated that she was thinking about having a call for papers even though we had more invited speakers in the past.
- Stacy stated that IFLA-IMs had a call for papers in 2020, and then the conference was cancelled, and those individuals whose papers were accepted had to present in 2021. Stacy stated that we could return to an open call, invite people, or have a combination.
- Stacy hinted that a combination of options deliberated above would provide the best of all alternatives.
- The Chair stressed the importance of tying the program to the guidelines.

Any Other Business

- Stacy promised to push everything else to a base camp or other documents.
- Raj informed the meeting that IFLA was seeking suggestions to change the abbreviation of the IM section. He stated he had received an IFLA communication on a possible change of abbreviation and also the possibility of the IFLA-IMs suggesting an alternative abbreviation
- Raj stated that the deadline for submission of possible abbreviation had lapsed, but he had discussed the issue and promised to communicate with IFLA after discussing it with the committee.
- Raj suggested that IFLA gave options and the opportunity to invent a new abbreviation.
- According to Raj, IFLA has provided the following options in the pending decision to change the section's name:
 - a) Keep your current Acronym: IM or INDIG;
 - b) Replace your current Acronym with a proposed acronym from the IFLA Communications team: INDMAT; and
 - c) Propose a new Acronym to replace your current Acronym. To generate possible acronyms, try this website: <https://www.dcode.fr/acronym-generator>.
- According to Raj, IFLA suggested that the new abbreviation should be used for all communications, including the website
- Stacy asked Raj to post the proposed abbreviation changes on Basecamp to benefit members, including those not in attendance.

- Stacy stated that IFLA was in the process of standardizing and reviewing the names of all sections.
- Stacy stated that discussing the abbreviation change in the forthcoming committee meeting would be proper.
- Stacy informed the participant about the 2023 IILF conference's call for papers and hoped members would respond accordingly.

End of meeting

- There being no other issues to discuss, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 01:16:03am