



IFLA Special Interest Group Library History

Welcome Meeting (virtual)
June 9th, 2023 16:00 to 17:00

Video: [Library History SIG Welcome Meeting 2023](#)

Participants

Present: Anna Maria Tammaro (Convenor), Kaisa Sinikara, Ahava Cohen, Polly Boruff-Jones, Wang Lei, Steve Witt, Jeffrey Wilhite, Martha Attridge Bufton

Apologies: Claudia Serbanuta, Anup Kumar

Absent: Brendan Luyt SINGAPORE, Hibaq Nur QATAR, Parisa Pasyar IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF), Peter Lor SOUTH AFRICA, Patrick Urru ITALY, Alice Isoka KENYA, Elsie Bain BAHAMAS.

Agenda

1. Welcome and presentation of LIBHIST SIG members

LIBHIST SIG Members 2021-2023 participating to the meeting have introduced themselves: Ahava Cohen ISRAEL, Kaisa Sinikara FINLAND, Lei Wang CHINA, Polly Boruff-Jones UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Anna Maria Tammaro ITALY Convenor

Volunteers collaborating with LIBHIST SIG during the last two years were: Martha Attridge Bufton CANADA, Steve Witt UNITED STATES of AMERICA, Jeffrey Wilhite UNITED STATES of AMERICA, Anup Kumar INDIA, Patrick Urru ITALY

LIBHIST SIG 2023-2025 new Members have introduced themselves: Martha Attridge Bufton CANADA, Steve Witt UNITED STATES of AMERICA, Jeffrey Wilhite UNITED STATES of AMERICA.

2. LIBHIST SIG projects and results

Kaisa Sinikara and Martha Attridge Bufton have introduced the ORAL HISTORIES Project. Since 2018 the Library History SIG has been planning to record oral histories for persons associated with IFLA's history. This is being done in collaboration with a number of other professional units of IFLA, including the Preservation and Conservation Section. Three groups of interviewees have been identified:

- IFLA President;
- IFLA Secretaries General;

- Other significant IFLA personalities.

Anna Maria Tammaro has introduced the IFLA CENTENARY Project and first steps completed. As IFLA's primary professional unit concerned with library history, the Library History SIG wishes to play a role in preparing for the celebration of IFLA centenary in 2027. SIG members aim to develop a programme of research into aspects of IFLA's history, in order to lead a special session at the WLICs leading up to 2027, and for publication in a book to be published in the centenary year.

We have decided on a conference or satellite for the presentation of draft chapters in 2025. Peter Lor has sent an updated description of LIBHIST SIG's projects with the title: "BRIEF NOTE ON LIBHIST SIG's PROJECTS FOR THE IFLA CENTENARY" deposited in the folder.

3. WLIC Open Session

Steve Witt is the Chair of the WLIC 2023 Planning Committee. LIBHIST SIG has planned a Satellite and an Open Session.

Satellite Meeting at Mundaneum

17-19 August 2023, Mons (Belgium)

Title: Preserving our origins: Approaches to the organization, curation, and historiography of the record of national and international organizations in libraries, information, and documentation.

Open Session

Conference 24 August, Dock 1, h 11:30 - 13:00

Title: Oral histories project: interviews with personalities who have a wealth of IFLA corporate memory

In WLIC 2022 the SIG's theme was: "Sources and Themes for the Historiography of IFLA" and the conversation with participants was opened by Peter Lor keynote paper, "[Towards IFLA's Centenary: Historical Sources and Themes](#)".

In WLIC 2021 the SIG's theme: Librarians learning from the past to inspire, include and sustain, invited papers that covered issues on librarian oral history as a contribution to the SIG's series of projects on oral histories of the world's librarians.

4. Communication and Collaboration

Our main tool of communication is [SIG Blog](#). LIBHIST SIG Blog has two objectives:

- 1) The LIBHIST SIG blog tracks down the activities of the IFLA Library History Special Interest Group (SIG).
- 2) The LIBHIST SIG blog would also identify the turning points in the history of librarianship around the world.

An objective we have set ourselves is to add one post per month updating the SG results and activities or hosting posts on the history of libraries

For communication internal to IFLA we use:
Basecamp, IFLA repository, Annual report, Action Plan

For communication external to IFLA we use:
Web Page and News (updated by Anup), Listserv (administered by Anna Maria)

LIBHIST SIG value collaboration and has Partnership

Internal to IFLA:

- Library Theory and research
- Preservation and Conservation
- Management and Marketing

External to IFLA:

- ASIS&T
- Mundaneum

Next business meeting (hybrid) of the SIG LIBHIST. Planned on 21 August at 12:45-14:45 CET