



IFLA Special Interest Group Library Publishing

IFLA LIBPUB SIG Committee Meeting
March 26th 2025

Minutes

Attendees: Anne-Inger Hellekjaer, Jill Claassen, Gillian Daly, Devin Soper, Grace Liu

Apologies: Ann Okerson, Ursula Arning

1. SIG to Section

The LGBTI+ SIG has obtained 41 pledges of support and will move to become a Section this Spring. We have 26 pledges. All committee member should redouble efforts to secure the 14-outstanding letter of support.

[IFLA LibPub SIG to Section Outreach - Google Sheets](#)

[IFLA Members including Institution and Association Affiliates \(19 March 2025\)](#)

2. IFLA Elections

The IFLA elections are ongoing. JB to contact Megan in HQ to check who has self-nominated and whether we can co-opt someone now to replace Marie O'Neill. It seems that the SIG committee can continue as in until we transition to a Section. At that point, we can co-opt a further 11 committee members.

3. WLIC 2025 Open Session

The ACD/LIBPUB Open Session for WLIC 2025 has been approved: Sustainable Pathways to Open Science and Open Scholarship. The call will follow. We are looking for 4 stimulating short presentations.

4. Events Planning

JC met Harrison Inefuku (LPC) at the Diamond Summit in Cape Town and they discussed collaborations. They agreed on a webinar series. A number of topics were suggested. JC said that she will talk to Angel Peterson who is doing a lot of work on accessibility. GD suggested an event on open textbooks as there are pockets of activity in this area. JC said that the Open Book Collective is assisting with and marketing open publishing in Zimbabwe on OMP. The event could feature open textbook innovations in different regions. This could also cover OERs. We need to refine these idea and approach speakers with a view to holding both events in Fall 2025. JB may be able to get Dr Patrick Paul Walsh, Director of the UN SDG Academy to speak. DS signposted the [Open Educational Network](#), which has an Open Textbook Library. We could engage them in a dialogue around open textbooks. There is also AIH suggested attending regional library publishing group meetings to get a better idea of how we can collaborate.

5. LPC/LIBPUB International Scholarship

The draft information for the scholarship has been sent to the LP Forum Scholarship Committee for their approval: https://iadt-my.sharepoint.com/:w/g/personal/bugglej_iadt_ie/EZGajzBwVuJHlyn7smPabOgB5N3azWuJ1Zplr0czhJwXBg

6. Library Publishing Map

GL said that her team may be relocated to ICT services. They are extremely busy. The upgrade of the Map system will take some time. They will deal with the LP Directory data first. They can look to incorporate the DIAMAS landscape data after the upgrade.

7. Blog Series

DS suggested that we move to a more general blog. We can do a literature search for 2024 articles and ask the authors to contribute a blog post about their article. This could increase



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metrics for their article. JS said that she could approach some members of SPARC Africa to write posts reflecting on the Diamond Summit. GD said that she is chairing a panel for the Open Institutional Publishing Association (OIPA) at the UK Serials Group Conference next week. She could write a post on that. AIH said that she could write a post on her presentation at the Computers in Libraries Conference in Arlington on [Keenious](#). JS said that could feed well into the theme of AI and Open Scholarship.

8. AOB

AIH said that there is a new Norwegian Library Publishing Network. It has received funding for a Library Publishing Conference (and another on GDPR). There could be blog posts from that.