



Joint E4GDH SIG 2021-2022 and 2023-2025 committee meeting WLIC 2023 Rotterdam

1. Welcome and Introductions [Emma]

Committee members: Blessing Mawire [South Africa], Cindy Pierard [USA], Edison Ricket [Malaysia], Emma Farrow (outgoing convenor) [Finland], Margaret Sullivan (incoming convenor) [USA], Margaret Tarplay [USA]

Advisory Group members: Denise Lyons, Feili Tu-Keefner, Maria Cotera

Observers: Edmund Balnaves (incoming Division G Chair), Corinne Frappart, Ilona Boss

Apologies: Caroline De Brun [UK], Sara Loree [USA], Hannah Rutledge [USA], Ola El Zein [Lebanon], Peter Murgatroyd [New Zealand]

2. Committee Updates [Emma]

An update on our new committee started with thanks to our two outgoing 2022-2023 committee members, Edison Ricket and Sara Loree

The incoming 2023-25 Committee are:

Blessing Mawire - continuing committee member

Caroline De Brun - continuing committee member

Cindy Pierard - incoming 2023-2025 committee member

Emma Farrow - continuing committee member and outgoing convenor

Hannah Rutledge - incoming 2023-2025 committee member

Margaret Sullivan - incoming 2023-2025 committee member and convenor

Margaret Tarplay - continuing committee member

Ola El Zein - incoming 2023-2025 committee member

Peter Murgatroyd - incoming 2023-2025 committee member

(names in bold are at IFLA WLIC 2023)

The committee has benefited from the continuing support from our Advisory Committee, with thanks to Feili and Denise, and especially Maria as our Programme Lead. It is great that Ola and Margaret S are joining this committee having been active in the Advisory group.

3. 2021-23 Projects and accomplishments: closing the 2022-23 Action Plan [Emma]

The draft written report for HBS as outgoing convenor was presented for discussion. See appendix 1. This will be updated post-congress, alongside the final 2022-2023 Annual Report for IFLA. Copies will be made available on our basecamp.

4. WLIC sessions and virtual satellite meeting [Emma]

Our SIG has a number of activities during the congress:

Tuesday 22 August:

Joint workshop with HBS **Libraries Catalyze Communities in Times of Crisis: a participatory workshop** [S106, 1000-1115] [[more info](#)].

[Also ACE climate empowerment session that follows at 1130-1230, **How Can Libraries Accelerate Climate Empowerment?** [\[more info\]](#)]

Thursday 24 August:

Our E4GDH open session [S163, 0830-0945 local time, hybrid]: **Global equity in access to health information: collaborating toward breaking barriers** [\[more info\]](#).

Then 11:45- 13:15 Asia&Oceania regional committee, where Edison is presenting.

Asia-Oceania responses to environmental challenges to the sustainability of library services [\[more info\]](#)

Friday 25 August:

Satellite meeting virtual panel discussion: [It's getting hot in here! Information Professionals Contributing to Open Science towards Climate Empowerment](#) | 10:00 – 12:00 CEST

5. Potential activities in our 2023-25 Action Plan

Margaret led this item, outlining the importance of agreeing a small number of key activities (which we can overdeliver on, rather than overcommitting). Discussions opened and will be continued in the first online committee meeting in September.

Easy Wins

- **New evidence briefing summarising evidence on the role of libraries during times of crisis**, from 1/01/2017 to 02/05/2023. This is over 75% complete; after screening 1204 results, Caroline has made good progress summarising the findings.
- **World Evidence-based Healthcare Day** <https://worldebhcd.org/>
HIFA are now working in partnership with the team leading this event, hence the campaign for World EBHC Day 2023 is centred on **Evidence and Global Health Equity**.
[Submit a blog](#) [By Wedn 20-Sept 4 Oct]

HIFA Collaboration:

- **Follow up from HIFA-WHO consultation – end of technical support for Phase 1**
- **Consultation paper for the WHO**
- **Article on findings for journal**
- **IFLA piece on universal healthcare information access**

Follow on from Joint E4GDH and HBS workshop [Feili / Denise]

Linked to potential for:

- **Continued partnership with Asia&Oceania – e.g. a webinar?**
- **Webinars = skills based / ENSULIB**

Potential joint work with Sense about Science <https://senseaboutscience.org/>

Emma to prepare more information about this for consideration.

Potential to collaborate with ENSULIB; focus on skills development and resource building since so much push for advocacy in previous years.

Include **WLIC 2024**, theme unknown and short turnaround to confirm sessions (likely late Nov). Need to check who plans to go; likely no capacity for satellite meeting next year

For action plan: 3 major projects.

Next steps for IFLA SIG

i. Positioning ourselves for conversion to section (SIGs now have a limited lifespan)

Offer of support / advice from our new Division G Chair

ii. Co-opt additional members when opportunity arises, to increase diversity of voices

iii. Engage with consultation as IFLA develop their new action plan [current plan ends 2024]

6. Next steps, with key dates

- dd Sept: Division G initial meeting (Margaret as new convenor)

- dd Sept: First 2023-25 Committee meeting: timing TBC

- 31 Oct: Action Plan 2023-25 due

- dd Nov: WLIC 2024: short deadline for submitting proposals (likely late Nov)

7. Any other business

HIFA launch event today, global consultation launched to tie in with the first day of WLIC.

Flashmob today

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Appendix 1

E4GDH Report for Health and Biosciences Libraries Section Business Meeting, 20.08.2023

The Evidence for Global and Disaster Health [E4GDH] special interest group contributes to IFLA's mission with a focus on strengthening the evidence-based practice of librarians in global and disaster health through advocacy, skills development and capacity building, plus partnerships.

1. Advocacy work

As noted in E4GDH Action Plan, our profession's contributions as developers and mobilisers of 'Trusted Evidence for All' are often unrecognised and not resourced. Higher level advocacy is important, together with a multisectoral approach, to engage people outside our sector.

- Our SIG was invited to participate in the **Evidence Commission Implementation Council** meetings; Caroline de Brun is our representative, and has made new connections after presenting on our work.

- contributed to **IFLA's advocacy work with the UN**. SIG convenor presented on the role of librarians in providing best available evidence during times of crisis in an IFLA side-event at the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development for Europe. [<https://www.ifla.org/news/adapting-activating-enabling-libraries-making-the-difference-in-times-of-crisis/>].

A **case study** was also written for an IFLA policy brief on the UN website, "A Permanent Science-Policy Interface: Realising the Potential of Libraries to Integrate Science into Policy-Making" [URL below]. These support our action plan objective "to increase the visibility of librarians in the field of disaster and global health, and showcase their impact".

[<https://sdgs.un.org/sites/default/files/2023-05/B11%20-%20IFLA%20-%20A%20Permanent%20Science-Policy%20Interface.pdf>]

- **Evidence Ambassadors for Evidence-based Healthcare Day 2022**: 20th October 2022

Submitted vLog alongside HBS

- **Healthcare Information for All global consultation**

In early 2023, the opportunity for E4GDH to become technical partner on phase 1 of a global consultation with HIFA and WHO arose 'to identify best practices, opportunities and challenges from relevant health related stakeholders, towards pursuing universal healthcare information'

This is a major piece of work, and an important advocacy piece for the role of librarians - particularly as the consultation will be launched in a number of languages during the 2023 IFLA congress.

<https://www.hifa.org/projects/hifa-who-global-consultation-2023>

Monday 21st August (tomorrow!) launch of global consultation. Take 5 minutes to add your voice:

www.hifa.org/survey2023

2. Skills Development

Plans for a toolkit on hold, projects above will contribute. Hear more about our joint workshop with HBS shortly.

3. Resources and publications in support of evidence-based practice

Our guides signposting high quality resources in support of evidence based practice have been updated. 'Finding the Evidence for Global and Disaster Health' and 'Multilanguage tools for evidence based practice' were updated at the end of last year.

Caroline, as evidence lead, is now updating the 2017 evidence briefing, which led to formation of our SIG. The new briefing summarises **evidence on the role of libraries during times of crisis**, from 1/01/2017 to 02/05/2023. This is over 75% complete; after screening 1204 results, Caroline has made good progress summarising the findings.

4. WLIC 2023

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ii. Our **90-minute business meeting** is scheduled during the Congress programme, **Monday 21 August** (in-person only): 1300 - 1430 S082 / Dock 14. This is an open meeting, and we would be delighted to receive contributions from HBS committee colleagues.

iii. Satellite meeting virtual panel discussion on Friday 25th August.

The number of registrations was lower than initially anticipated. Therefore, in agreement with the host organisation and IFLA HQ, we decided to widen participation by turning the satellite into a shorter, free online event. The timing, 10.00 - 12.00 CEST, was deliberately chosen to enable colleagues based in the Asia-Oceania region to join. The recording will also be made available on the conference website and IFLA channels afterwards.

Erasmus University Rotterdam will continue to kindly host us - all the presenters will come in person, and presentations will be followed by a virtual panel discussion.

[It's getting hot in here! Information Professionals Contributing to Open Science towards Climate Empowerment](#) / Date: 25 August 2023; 10:00 – 12:00 CEST ([See the time where you are](#)) [Register](#)

5. New committee

Two colleagues are stepping down from our committee, and we have 5 new members so a full committee. 9 people for 2 year term; co-opting to increase diversity later in year.

Representation from Asia-Oceania, Europe, Middle East & North Africa, North America, Sub-Saharan Africa

Margaret Sullivan will be taking over as the new SIG convenor.

Our new formal E4GDH committee continues to be supported by a strong Advisory group.

Thank you

Emma Farrow

Outgoing E4GDH Convenor (2022-2023), August 2023