



Minutes

CPDWL Welcoming Meeting

Wednesday, September 20, 2023, 2100 – 2200 (UTC+8)

Teleconference

Present: Helen Chan (Chair), Carmen Lei (Secretary), Joan Weeks (IC), Alan Brine, Tina Haglund, Jarkko Rikkilä, Jorun Systad, Julia Gelfand, Simona Bursasiu, Tao Yang, Heba Ismail, Mingyan Li, Mantra Roy.

1. Welcoming Remarks and Introduction

Helen Chan, Section Chair of CPDWL, extended a warm welcome to all newly elected, re-elected and continuing SC members. Helen provided an overview of the roles of officers. SC members are encouraged to refer to the IFLA Handbook 2023 and IFLA's Election Guides for details.

2. Introduction of members via Speed Dating

Before Speeding Dating Activity, Helen encouraged the participating SC members to join a Zoom poll to gauge their emotions at the very start. The majority of the SC members expressed feeling "motivated". Some conveyed "excitement", while others revealed "curiosity". Notably, one SC member admitted to feeling "sleepy". After that, in order to ensure everyone get to know one another in an engaging environment, there was Zoom Speed Dating, which Helen rotated members to different breakout rooms (in pairs) and each of them shared their name, title, organization, and reasons for joining CPDWL.

After the Speed Dating activity, everyone got a chance to introduce themselves to the entire group in the main Zoom Room.

3. Brief overview of CPDWL's goals and key action plan working groups

Helen shared the vision, mission and value of IFLA, IFLA Strategy 2019-2024 and the goals of CPDWL before introducing the ongoing action plan working groups.

Helen extended an invitation to all Steering Committee (SC) members to join the projects they find most interesting. To streamline the process, Helen created a Google Form where SC members can indicate their project preferences. The deadline for the submission is 12 Oct 2023. Helen also stresses that the importance of being an active member in the vibrant CPDWL section. In line with this, Helen reminded SC members the inactive members rules in IFLA.

4. Events Highlights

Helen introduced the 11 newly elected SC members, 3 re-elected members and 6 existing members of the section. She provided an update on ongoing projects and introduced the advisory group of the section. As part of the new IFLA governance structure, CPDWL falls under Division C. In addition, Helen shared the existing blog post excel file Jan-Dec 2023. She advised the SC members to complete the tasks assigned to them as per the labor division form. A new form will be developed by the newly formed working group specifically dedicated to the CPDWL blog.

5. Outstanding signature projects

Carmen, in her role as continuing SC members and the Secretary of the section, shared the projects run in the last few years. It could facilitate the SC members understand the ongoing projects before they decide which working groups they are interested to get involve. She also expressed gratitude towards the former officers and SC members, whose valuable contributions played a pivotal role in CPDWL being honored with awards on four separate occasions.

6. Initiatives from SC members:

Helen encouraged all SC members to submit new proposals. The proposal should include basic project elements such as the project title, a brief description, a timeline for project completion, the members of the working group, and any collaborators (whether within or outside of IFLA). These details would aid the standing committee in their consideration. Helen specifically noted that new ideas, particularly those related to Open Sciences and Artificial Intelligence, are most welcome.

7. Upcoming Business Meetings:

According to the results of the Sep 7 Doodle Poll set up by Helen, the 90-minute Post-Congress Business Meeting has been scheduled for **Oct 6 October, 21:00-22:30 (HKT)**. In the forthcoming days, Helen will disseminate the agenda and Zoom link for the upcoming meeting. The Sept 20 social gathering can be viewed as a precursor to the coming business meeting, serving particularly as a preparatory session, especially for the newly-elected SC members.

.7. Photo Time

The meeting concluded with a photo session, capturing the joyful moments shared among the SC members.

