

**IFLA Library Theory and Reserach (LTR)  
Standing Committee  
Minutes from the LTR Standing Committee MIDTERM Meeting  
Conference: “Bridging the gap between research and library practice”/  
Reduciendo la brecha entre investigación y práctica bibliotecológica” .  
Institute for Library Science and Information, UNAM – CAMPUS,  
Mexico City, Mexico.  
Friday, 6 March, 2020**

**Standing Committee members present:**

**Krystyna Matusiak (Chair), Egbert John Sánchez Vanderkast (Secretary), Agnese Galeffi (Information Coordinator), Clara M. Chu, Carla Colombati, Premila Gamage, Debbie Schachter, Stefan Schmunk, Rebecca Vargha, Zuzanna Wiorogórska**

**Observers: Eder Avila Barientos, Jennifer Voutssas and Ma. Angeles Medina.**

**1. Introduction and Welcome.**

Krystyna (Chair) welcomes the Standing committee members, in the room and those on-line, including LTR, SIG members and observers. She introduces herself and ask the SC members and observers to introduce themselves

The proposal of the Agenda was sent by email to the LTR members. The agenda was Approved.

**2. Reports from the LTR officers and the Communication Team**

The report of the Chair was based on the world emergency of Corona Virus and the unknown situation whether IFLA World Conference will be postponed or the dates will continue as planning. The time for planning the Satellite Meeting at Dublin was very short and time consuming. LTR midterm meeting in Mexico City is organized in conjunction with the conference at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM). The conference topic is: “Bridging the gap between research and library practice.” LTR is participating in the conference along with the Latin America and the Caribbean Section (LAC). LTR offered a four-hour workshop, “Becoming a stronger researcher-practitioner: Research methods in library and information science (LIS).” The workshop is part of LTR Action Plan 1 activities.

**Secretary** work involved communication with the Agnese Galeffi to hand over the passwords and to share what has been done.

**Communication officer** shared the proposal of Communication plan and suggested to have an electronic instruction manual for the LTR – Section, which will be very useful to have the whole communication procedures and also define how communication efforts should be coordinated. Other form of communication were proposed the use of Infographics, so the work of the section is much easier to reach the audience. Agnese Galeffi and Carla Colombati will have a meeting to discuss the issue. Stephan and Premila will help.

### 3. LTR Communication plan

Communication Officer will held a meeting with the LTR team :

Rebecca Vargha (LTR News letter), Carla Colombati (social media), Debbie Schachter (Blog) + Premila Gamage and Stefan Schmunk.

Carla will request photo and a brief biography to all LTR members.

### 4. Planning for WLIC 2020 in Dublin

Satellite Meeting at the Library of Trinity College Dublin, 13 – 14 August 2020; Theme: "International Research in LIS: Challenges and Opportunities". The call for papers resulted in many submissions; an alternative plan is to make panels. Day 1: a panel of researcher and invited speaker from other disciplines . Keynote speaker: dr. Peter Lor. Day 2: Practical workshop with LTR members. LTR collaborates on planning the Satellite with IFLA Social Science section, ALISE and ASIST. The Website for the Satellite is ready. The registration cost of the Satellite meeting would be 50 Euros.

Open Session, 16 August, 13.45-15.45 PM, The BSLISE Working Group, Theme: "Working together to develop an international framework for quality assessment and qualification in the library and information profession: Engagement, connections, pathways and hurdles".

Clara Chu gives a **BSLISE summary report** to LTR (Apologies from Jaya Raju)

Action A - Asset mapping of LIS education programs.

BSLISE survey of LIS schools to gather information on program(s) and national qualification requirement(s) to practice in the library and information profession

- conducted October 28 - December 31, 2019. Response: total of 156 LIS schools were represented in the study from 67 different countries around the world.

Developing core knowledge in order to develop two LIS education/professional qualification frameworks: Guidelines on LIS Education, Certification process.

Two new projects

1. LIS program in international ranking systems - Review of world ranking systems in order to understand how external international systems assess the quality of LIS education (Project leader: Virginia Ortiz)
2. Consider how other cognate fields address professional qualifications internationally (Project leader: Anna Maria Tammaro)

Planning underway for the 2020 IFLA Open Session

Waiting to hear from IFLA PC on our project funding proposal

Please keep updated on our website <https://bslise.org/> and on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/bslise>

#### **5. Initial planning for WLIC 2021**

The 2021 Satellite Conference proposal (Rotterdam) will have as main topic “ Interdisciplinary Research” and during the year should have a broader theme.