



IFLA Section
Education and Training

Minutes of the Education and Training Section
(SET)
Business Meeting
Teleconference (Zoom), 16 December, 2024

Attendance:

Albina Krymskaya RUSSIAN FEDERATION (CHAIR)
Dinesh Kumar Gupta INDIA
Vivian Lewis CANADA
Premila Gamage SRI LANKA
Marina Encheva BULGARIA
Sandy Hirsh USA
Ji Jiuming CHINA
Mary Grace Golfo-Barcelona PHILIPINES
Wachiraporn Klungthanaboon THAILAND
Naoki Matsumoto JAPAN
Elisabeth Noel FRANCE
Jaya Raju SOUTH AFRICA
Sophia Adeyeye NIGERIA
Susanne List-Tretthahn AUSTRIA

Regrets:

Regrets were received from: Nicole Filbrandt (GERMANY), Ling Li (CHINA), Laura Saunders (USA), Susanne List-Tretthahn (AUSTRIA) and Ina Yuryk (BELARUS)

1. Welcome – The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM (CET).

2. News from IFLA (Vivian Lewis)

A. IFLA Trend Report <https://www.ifla.org/wp-content/uploads/ifla-trend-report-2024.pdf>.

This recent publication (released at the Brisbane meeting in September 2024) documents the seven key trends expected to impact the library profession in the coming years:

- Knowledge practices are changing
- AI and other technologies are transforming society
- Trust is being renegotiated
- Skills and abilities are becoming more complex.

- Digital technologies are unevenly distributed
- Information systems are using more resources
- People are seeking community connection

B. IFLA Strategy, 2024-29 <https://www.ifla.org/units/strategy/> . This publication provides IFLA's strategic direction for the next five years. The document features a new, clearer vision for IFLA ("Sustainable futures for all through knowledge and information"). It identifies three impact areas:

- Impact Area 1: Libraries are connected and energized through vibrant, global professional communities
- Impact Area 2: Libraries are recognized, represented and valued as partners
- Impact Area 3: Libraries are enabled to deliver meaningful change at all levels.

Members are encouraged to read both the *Trend Report* and the *IFLA Strategy* and reflect on how SET can support the new frameworks.

C. Section Elections: Some members will be completing their terms on SET in 2025. The nomination period for individuals to express interest in serving on IFLA sections is open January 13, 2025 – February 24, 2025. Voting takes place March 17 – April 14, 2025.

D. World Library & Information Congress (WLIC): The next WLIC will be held Monday August 18 – Friday August 22, 2025 in Astana, Kazakhstan. The theme for the conference will be "Uplifting Knowledge: Building the Future."

Given the reduced length of the Congress, sections will not be guaranteed session slots. We are being encouraged to collaborate with other units, to focus on topics relating to the *IFLA Trends*, to make sure that our topics will be of interest to library workers in the host country, and to consider alternative formats like world café's.

Satellites must be held in Kazakhstan. Proposals for satellite meetings are due February 28, 2025.

3. WLIC 2025 Session

Some members indicated that they would or probably would be attending WLIC in Kazakhstan.

Members expressed interest in submitting a session proposal for the main WLIC program.

S. Hirsch proposed running a session on the impact of AI on education . What are the guidelines currently in use? How do we change what we teach? The session could be framed around "future proofing the profession."

S. Adeyehe noted that Nigeria is focusing on the ethical aspects of AI.

ACTION: V. Lewis will send out a message to all section members asking for a preliminary sense of who will be attending WLIC in Kazakhstan.

ACTION: The Chair will draft a 2-3 sentence concept for a Congress session on AI. She will reach out to CPDWL, LTR and KM about the possibility of partnering with SET on an AI related session.

4. Preparing for SET Section Review

The Chair shared the guidelines for section reviews. Our section Self Review is due February 3, 2025. She asked that those involved in projects help populate the document relating to achievements over the last five years.

ACTION: The Chair will forward the self-reflection document to all members. Members will help populate achievements over the last five years.

5. Update on the Book Project *“Library and Information Science Education around the World: Historical Trends, Current Perspectives and Future Projections”* (Albina Krymskaya)

Work on the book project, which celebrates the 50th anniversary of SET, is being led by A. Krymskaya, S. Hirsh and J. Raju.

The group has received a draft contract from the publisher and is now working to get formal invitations to prospective chapter authors sent out in January 2025. The book is expected to include 20-25 chapters by recognized experts in the field from across the world. Most chapters will be 2,500-3,000 words in length, with some identified as over 3,000 words.

6. UPDATE on BSLISE Working Group Projects (Jaya Raju)

Jaya updated the Section on behalf of herself and Clara M. Chu (BSLISE Co-Chairs).

LIS Education Programs Map and Directory: J. Raju reported that the searchable directory is complete and will be publicly launched at <http://directory.bslise.org/>. She also noted that an automatically updatable, self-ingesting entry system has been built for the map.

International Scholar Program: The San José State University (SJSU) School of Information and Building Strong Library and Information Science Education (BSLISE) International Scholar program is ongoing. The 2023-24 Scholar is Phoebe Yip, who completed her tenure. The recruitment for a new scholar is in process.

Presentations and Publications

- **EBAM conference**, July 22-24, 2024 <https://congresos.ucr.ac.cr/event/8/> (in Spanish and Portuguese) Clara Chu and Ana María Talavera
- **Mexican Information Global Forum** <https://difusion.iibi.unam.mx/mexinfo/index.html> - Ana María presented at the conference and shared information of the Guidelines and other BSLISE work when she attended meetings and in conversation with attendees. Ana María Talavera presented on the panel celebrating the 50th anniversary of the IFLA LAC section, highlighting the work when she was IFLA LAC Standing Committee Chair, and her contributions in the IFLA programs as a LAC representative.
- Chu, Clara M. and Raju, Jaya. An Action Plan Update from Building Strong LIS Education (BSLISE), a working group of IFLA," **LTR Newsletter**, July 2024; pp. 3-4.
- **IFLA Information Futures Summit**, September 30-October 3, 2024; Brisbane. ALIA Library Applied Research Kollektive (LARK) hosted a one-day research conference on Thursday, 3 October. Contact: Suzana Sukovic . The BSLISE presentation was made by Saif and Jasenka. Focus: LIS research is the symposium focus and the audience would like to hear about the research leading to the Guidelines development, and the implications of the Guidelines for LIS research. Program <https://lark.alia.org.au/symposium-2024/>
- **UWI Mona Seminar** - October 9, 1pm CT presented online by Clara, Jaya and Chris. January/February 2025 workshop - information to be provided by Stanley Griffin
- Ana María - invited to present in Recife, Brazil at the 30^a **Congresso Brasileiro de Biblioteconomia**, Documentação e Ciência da Informação, of the Federação Brasileira de Associações de Bibliotecários, Cientistas da Informação e Instituições (FEBAB), 25-29 November 2024
- Paper on the LIS Programs Directory was accepted for the **iConference**, March 2025.

A member asked if it was too late to join the BSLISE Working Group. J. Raju noted that many SET members expressed interest in joining BSLISE as part of a volunteer survey conducted by V. Lewis. BSLISE asks that interested members attend a BSLISE meeting to see if the fit is good. They will be asked if there are specific areas they would like to contribute in.

7. **UPDATE on Knowledge Management Collaboration (V. Lewis and A. Krymskaya)**

V. Lewis and A. Krymskaya participated in a meeting of the Global KM Education Project chaired by K. Albright in early December. The group is interested in understanding how KM is understood and practiced around the world – both as a way of attracting new colleagues to the profession and ensuring that educational curriculum meets current and future needs.

Participants were divided into work groups based on geographic regions. Each group will arrange to conduct a number of interviews with KM professionals and employers. Insights from the interviews will help inform the construction of a global survey.

The group will meet again in January 2025.

8. **Future Meetings**

ACTION: V. Lewis will set up meetings the same day and time for January, February and March 2025.

9. Adjournment: The Chair closed the meeting at 5:30 PM (CET).