



ENSULIB SC Business Meeting – 25 July 2022, 13:45 – 15:45

Notes by: Jacqueline Breidlid

1) Opening words

Chair Harri Sahavirta opens the meeting by welcoming all members of the Standing Committee (SC) and observers to this Business Meeting (BM).

2) Participants/introductions

Participants to the meeting:

Standing committee members

- Harri Sahavirta, Finland, ENSULIB SC Chair
- Rosario Toril Moreno, Spain, ENSULIB SC Member
- Katharina Portugal, Austria, ENSULIB SC Member
- Arnold Mwanzu, Kenya, ENSULIB SC Member
- Jacqueline Breidlid, Germany, ENSULIB SC Member
- Amélie Vallotton Preisig, Switzerland, ENSULIB SC Member
- Per Eide, Norway, ENSULIB SC Member
- Rossana Morriello, Italy, ENSULIB SC Member

Observers

- Philipp Colomb, France, Observer
- Michael Kelly, Ireland, Observer
- Ingrid Bon, Netherlands, Observer
- Karien von Buuren, Netherlands, Observer
- Geert Lievens, Belgium, Observer
- Te Paea Paringatai, New Zealand, Observer
- Lena Fischer, Germany, Observer
- Simon Kugler, Germany, Observer
- Franziska Corradini, Switzerland, Observer

- Debora Messerli, Switzerland, Observer
- Andrea Wirth, USA, Observer
- Claire McGuire, Netherlands, IFLA HQ
- Barbara Lison, Germany, IFLA-President (end of the meeting)

Te Paea Paringatai informs the participants about the Letter to the IFLA Governing Board, sent on behalf of members, volunteers, officers, professional and regional divisions, advisory committees and standing committees on 18 July 2022. The letter requests firm action from the President and Governing Board to swiftly commence an independent review of IFLA's governance and financial arrangements, and to inform the membership at the IFLA General Assembly on August 25th how this work will be carried out. Te Paea Paringatai informs participants that it is still possible to sign the letter.

3) Agenda for 1st business meeting:

Chair Harri Sahavirta mentions that this BM will cover:

- Overview of the Annual report 2021-2022
- Overview of the Action Plan 2022-2023

The two documents will be completed at the 2nd business meeting. The deadline is in October 2022.

4) ENSULIB's actions 2021-2022 (Annual report)

Chair Harri Sahavirta mentions that this has been the first year for ENSULIB as a Section with a full Standing Committee (SC). Before that ENSULIB was a Special Interest Group. The activity of the Section has been quite intensive in this first year. The roles are divided as follows:

- Chair: Harri Sahavirta
- Secretary: Petra Hauke
- Information Officer: Priscilla Pun

The SC is organized into working groups (WLIC, the Satellite meeting, the Green Library Award, etc.) and Special Groups (Communication tools, Standards and Guidelines, Tools for Green Libraries, Virtual Events and Webinars).

Jacqueline Breidlid presents the following ENSULIB activities:

- Webinar series: so far ENSULIB has held three webinars – one in January 2022 on “The Power of Data to advance the SDGs” with Dr. Anders Karlsson, one in March 2022 on “How Libraries and Publishers can support the SDGs” with Dr. Nicola Jones, and one in May 2022 on “Climate equity: A manifesto for libraries” with Dr. Osuigwe.
- Newsletter: Since December 2021 ENSULIB has an official newsletter, which is published twice a year. The newsletter reviews ENSULIB's activities and achievements and is a platform for interesting stories, events and projects from all over the world relating to green commitment by libraries. The second newsletter has just been published, in June 2022.

- Webpage updates/ definitions: ENSULIB has updated the evaluation criteria for the Green Library Award, as well as the official definition of what a Green Library is.
- Social Media: ENSULIB has started/ re-activated its activities in several social media channels: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Youtube, Slideshare.
- ENSULIB-Video: ENSULIB has just finalized a video presenting its activities, available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DPICxIRxCow>

Rosario Toril presents the project “Green Library Tools”. The idea behind the project is to provide a toolbox for clarifying concepts such as “Green Libraries” and “Sustainability”, providing background on the international framework, and listing resources and publications from different countries.

Philipp Colomb asks whether the document “Green Library Tools” will be open (e.g. Wiki-Tool) so that it can be modified by third parties. ENSULIB will discuss this to this during the 2nd BM.

Harri Sahavirta informs the group that the IFLA Green Library Award 2022 was given out for the 7th time at this year’s ENSULIB Satellite meeting in Cork. The prize is awarded in two categories:

- Category 1: Best Green Library
- Category 2: Best Green Library Project

The winners of the IFLA Green Library Award 2022 were

- Category “Best Green Library”: Singapore, National Library Board Singapore—“Revamp of Choa Chu Kang Public Library”
- Category “Best Green Library Project”: France, Paris, Médiathèque de la Canopée-la fontaine—“La Médiathèque de la Canopée : a Pilot Library for Sustainable Development for the Parisian Network”

In addition, a special recognition went to Colombia, Cali, Comuna 1 Cultural Center Public Library for its project “The Neighborhood Path”.

Harri Sahavirta mentions that the ENSULIB Satellite meeting took place in Cork on 22 and 23 July. It was hosted by the University College Cork (UCC) and arranged with MM and C&P. The meeting included sessions on open science, case studies, marketing and the Green Library Award.

Jacqueline Breidlid also mentions some of her impressions of the Satellite meeting in Cork. In particular, she thought it was impressive that the Satellite meeting was held in a library that had such a strong focus on sustainability as UCC and that had been shortlisted for the Green Library Award last year.

Finally, Harri Sahavirta mentions that ENSULIB will hold an Open session at IFLA WLIC on Thursday 28 July, 14:30-16:00 ([Session 152](#)), on “Climate Action in Libraries: Creating a More Sustainable Future by Engaging and Inspiring Youth” together with the Children and Young Adults section. The Open Session will be in form of Pecha Kucha presentations and a workshop.

5) ENSULIB ACTION PLAN 2022-2023

Presentation by “Grow it Yourself”

Michael Kelly, Founder of “Grow it Yourself” (<https://giy.ie/>) presents his project:

- The organization “Grow it Yourself” operates in the context of the fact that food is a major contributor to Greenhouse Gas Emissions.
- An important observation so far has been that people who grow food themselves / know more about food are less likely to waste food
- Beans have been found to be a particularly sustainable food to plant: they improve the soil, are nutritious, do not need much water, etc. The goal of the project is thus to get people to grow beans
- Collaboration with libraries: Michael Kelly would like libraries to act as “ambassadors” and multipliers, by teaching about the project and distributing seed kits. Ideally, he would like to find library networks in 10 different countries.

The group discusses that options for spreading the project to libraries in Europe could be to contact the national library associations individually or to go through EU-funds. ENSULIB will discuss this further at its next BM.

Open Session at WLIC in Rotterdam

Harri Sahavirta says that ENSULIB will probably have a two-hour open session at next year’s WLIC in Rotterdam, which could be divided into two 90 min sessions arranged with some other sections. This could for instance be with the Information Literacy Section.

Amélie Vallotton Preisig says that, in her opinion, a topic that would still need discussion is sustainability in library education – how is the subject brought into curricula? Philipp Colomb agrees and adds that there are some important questions tied to training librarians on SDGs, such as for instance: “what does neutrality mean?”. Such a session could be organized jointly with “Freedom of Access to Information and Freedom of Expression” (FAIFE).

Arnold Mwanzu suggests that a session could be held jointly with the library building section.

Satellite meeting

Harri Sahavirta suggests that ENSULIB in 2023 skips having a satellite meeting and that the aim could be to have a satellite meeting every other year – so next one in 2024.

Philipp Colomb suggests that ENSULIB could hold a social event instead. Rossana Morriello suggests to have both, maybe with a shorter conference programme (one day) and a social event (second day).

Barbara Lison suggests addressing the Public Library in Rotterdam, which considers climate adaptation an important topic.

IFLA Green library Award 2023

With regard to the Green Library Award 2023 the following issues were discussed:

- There will be a need to be more specification as to what a “Green Library” and what a “Green Library Project” is. It remains difficult to properly hold the two apart (Amélie Vallotton Preisig)
- What could the winning libraries receive in addition to the award specifications? (Harri Sahavirta)
- ENSULIB should attempt to have an own session for the Award (winners) for WLIC (like the Public Libraries and the Public Library of the Year have) (Harri).
- Would it make sense to shortlist only three libraries for each category – especially in light of reducing the amount of runner-ups travelling to the Satellite meeting/ WLIC? (Jacqueline Bredlid)
- Have the Guidelines for sponsorship been updated? (Katharina Portugal). Claire McGuire (IFLA HQ) will ask and get back to ENSULIB.

Ongoing projects

Harri Sahavirta summarises ENSULIB’s ongoing projects:

- Communication tools
- Standards & guidelines -*support from IFLA Committee on Standards will be requested.*
- Tools for green libs - *will be completed 2022-2023*
- Virtual events & webinars – will continue
- Newsletter – will continue
- *ENSULIB Brochure - new working group will be formed.*

Book project

Harri Sahavirta says that Petra Hauke had an appointment with Claudia Heyer (de Gruyter Publisher) and Klaus Werner (co-publisher with Karen Latimer of "The Green Library"), who suggested a 2nd edition of "The Green Library". Other topics such as for example "The New Green Library", “Marketing of sustainable libraries” or other new trends in libraries sustainability could however be envisageable as well. A native language speaker is needed as a co-editor. The working group includes Petra Hauke, Priscilla Pun, Beth Filar Williams (ENSULIB Member), Vivienne Byrd (Co-Opt Member), Rossana Morriello (ENSULIB Member). He invites participants to go meet Janine Smith at the DeGruyter booth during WLIC.

Communications plan

Rosario Toril Moreno suggests that ENSULIB could develop a Communications Plan. Claire McGuire says that IFLA is a member of the Climate Heritage Network, to which there seems to be a significant overlap. The Climate Heritage Network could amplify ENSULIB's posts. Rossana Morriello suggests to choose some hashtag to be used always in communication on social media by ENSULIB. Claire McGuire says to communicate to her the hashtags chosen so that they can be processed by bots used by IFLA.

6) Other issues:

Barbara Lison congratulates ENSULIB on becoming a Section.