



AGENDA

1. Opening and welcome - Members in attendance
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Adoption of the minutes of the last Business Meeting (21st and 22nd of April 2022)
4. WLIC 2022 : Satellite Meeting follow-up
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6. School Libraries section dinner
7. SL Manifesto update (Claire Mc Guire from IFLA Headquarters)
8. Manifesto on Libraries and Lifelong Learning (Stephen Wyber proposal)
9. New IFLA rules and statute: co-opted members and mentors
10. MIL Week 2022 collaboration with Information Literacy section
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12. WLIC 2023: satellite meeting and main session
13. Midyear meeting 2023
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MINUTES

Attendance:

IFLA SLS Members: Mayasari Abdul Majid - “Maya” (Malaysia), Beatrice Eleuteri (Italy), Valérie Glass (France), Melissa Johnston (USA and IASL); Vanja Jurilj (Croatia), Luisa Marquardt (Italy), Irina Nehme (Germany) – remote (via Teams), Fumie Niwai 庭井 史絵 (Japan), Hans-Petter Storemyr (Norway); Ivanka Stricevic (Croatia).

IFLA Guests: IFLA: Jan Richards (Division E Chair), Claire McGuire and Stephen Wyber (IFLA HQ) Adriaan Langendonk (The Netherlands, IFLA Literacy and Reading Section Member); Ning Zou (USA, IFLA IL Chair).

Observers: Elizabeth Burns (USA); Buffy Edwards (USA); Rei Iwasaki (Japan); Mutsumi Ohira (Japan); Lucy Santos Green (USA; IASL), and, from the School Library Group of the Irish Library Association, Andrea Dillon and Kathleen Moran (Ireland).

1. **Opening and Welcome.** The Chair Valérie Glass welcomes the IFLA School Libraries Section Members, as above mentioned (in alphabetical order), the IFLA Guests and the Observers. The 1st Business Meeting is held in presence, at the Dublin Convention Center, on the 25th of July 2022. Apologies were sent via e-mail by Teresa Quick (USA), Darryl Toerien (UK), and Mario Zervas (Cyprus) for being unable to attend the meeting. Notes are taken by the Section Secretary Luisa Marquardt.
2. **Adoption of the Agenda.** The Agenda (see top) sent by the Chair is approved and adopted. Some of the items (e.g., items #8 and #9) are discussed earlier than planned in order to allow the IFLA colleagues to take part in other business meetings : nevertheless, they are reported here according to their original order in the Agenda as adopted.

3. **Adoption of the minutes of 21st and 22nd of April 2022.** The minutes sent by the Chair are approved.
4. **WLIC 2022: Satellite Meeting follow-up** – The Chair reports on the positive outcomes of the Satellite Meeting “Global Action for School Libraries on Models of Inquiry in the Digital Age”, that was held at the CCT College (Dublin) on Saturday the 23rd of July 2022. It was opened by Valérie Glass (IFLA) and Melissa Johnston (IASL-IFLA Joint Committee) and chaired by Barbara Schultz-Jones and Dianne Oberg, the editors of the new IFLA publication as the result of the joint efforts by the IFLA SLS and the IASL. The consistency of the content delivered by the speakers (some in remote mode) on models of inquiry (morning) and the implementation of some of the models of inquiry (afternoon), and the lively discussion left all participants very satisfied. Luisa suggests to send a thank letter to the Head of the CCTC and the members of his staff who were involved in the Satellite Meeting organization, taking in account that the meeting exceeded the attendees’ expectations very much for the warm hospitality (including buffet and lunch), technological support, and overall organization. The suggestion is accepted and Luisa will provide a draft letter asap. A report will be also published in the Section’s webpages.
5. **WLIC 2022: events of interest.** Valérie highlights some of meetings and events of interest, e.g.,
 - Tue 26/07 15:00 - 15:45 Track: Other Type: Expo Pavilion Session Room: Expo Pavilion Organizers: School Libraries Group of the Library Association of Ireland *The Future of School Libraries in Ireland* Speakers: Andrea Dillon and Kathleen Moran. Current issues around school library provision and plans for the future;
 - Wed 27/07 10:15 - 11:45 Track: Engage Type: Congress Programme Room: Wicklow Hall 2 Organizers: School Libraries Section Session 099 *New IFLA School Library Manifesto: Implementation*. The session is about IFLA School library Manifesto and its implementation. By proposing focus-groups discussion and best-practices sharing it will engage the worldwide school librarians’ community to share their suggestions and best practices;
 - Thurs 28/07 09:45-10:45 *Emotional Well-being and Bibliotherapy*.
6. **School Library Section dinner** – Valérie reminds that the Section Dinner will be held at The Wollen Mills at 20:00 on the 28th.
7. **SL Manifesto update (Claire Mc Guire from IFLA Headquarters):** Claire reports on her efforts to have the SL Manifesto endorsed by the UNESCO. She mentions the global conference on “Transforming Education” that is being held in New York next September. Luisa expresses her availability to help making new efforts to push the SL Manifesto so that school libraries and their role in “transforming education” could be considered during the world conference.
8. **Manifesto on Libraries and Lifelong learning (Stephen Wyber’s proposal)** – Valérie introduces Stephen who shares his idea on working on a Manifesto on Libraries and Lifelong Learning. This comes in the wake of the UN International Conference on Adult Education, organised by the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning, which agreed on a 12-year Framework for Action which underlines the roles of libraries as key adult education spaces in the context of a broader right to education. The manifesto should aim at providing something that points out the themes included in the UNESCO documents; provides a reference that could be cited or taken up in national/regional adult/lifelong learning strategies and/or library strategies, as well as in institutional strategies. It should be signed off by both IFLA and the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (in order to give it more weight). The Public and School Library Manifestos are powerful examples that can be followed, first establishing a link between libraries and lifelong learning, then setting out things that libraries should be doing, and finally what governments should be doing. The participants agree on constituting a drafting committee and developing a first draft, to be discussed by a larger audience and, after public consultation, integrated by comments and suggestions, for final approval by IFLA, and then send to UNESCO for endorsement. Stephen underlines the importance of having a Unesco badge to have always libraries included in every document concerning learning, access to information etc. An online meeting for brainstorming and ideas seeking/sharing will be held in September.

9. **New IFLA rules and statute: co-opted members and mentors** – Jan Richards, the Chair of Division E, explains the main change in IFLA policies regarding no more corresponding members and the possibility of having Co-opted members (up to 5), to guarantee diversity and plurality of voices from around the world, and eventually mentors (up to 3), whose expertise in one or more fields may help the Section achieve its goals. In case of casual vacancies of members, a call can be opened to replace them. An expression of interest of the Section that is actively seeking for co-opted members has to be submitted to the Division Chair and eventually to the Regional Division. An online application has then to be opened; co-opted members can be elected as Section Standing Committee Members in the next elections. The tough issue of the removal of inactive members and their replacement process are also discussed.
10. **MIL Week 2022 collaboration with Information Literacy Section** – In the light of the successful experience of the joint webinars, that were held virtually on the IFLA Zoom on the 27th and 28th of October 2021 within the International School Library Month (ISLM), promoted by IASL, and the Global MIL Week, promoted by Unesco, Ning Zou, the Chair of the IFLA IL Section, underlines that her Section is open to any suggestions regarding possible joint initiatives and activities to be held during the last week of October 2022. An online meeting will be scheduled in the second part of August for planning them.
11. **MIL Alliance** – GAPMIL is now called UNESCO MIL Alliance. Valérie Glass had an online meeting with Stephen Wyber, from IFLA headquarters, in order to know what could be done with this Alliance. Stephen Wyber explained that UNESCO MIL Alliance is an UNESCO led-network organized with an International Committee. Stephen put in relation by emails the Chair, Valérie Glass, and two of this committee member, Jesus Lau and Lisa Hinchliffe, who are also active in IFLA. Feedbacks from Jesus Lau and Lisa Hinchliffe were that a newsletter is regularly sent to UNESCO MIL Alliance members and the SL section could provide news and updates about MIL.
All of the SL members present on this BM agreed about this opportunity.
12. **WLIC 2023**: satellite meeting and main session – The IFLA WLIC 2023 will be held in Rotterdam, The Netherlands. Satellite meetings have to be held in the BeNeLux area (Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg). These items will be discussed in the 2nd BM of the Section.
13. **Midyear meeting 2023** – Irina Nehme, unable to join the 1st BM in presence, intervenes virtually and reports of her efforts to host the Section Midyear Meeting in Germany. A 3-day international programme, including a national PD programme for school librarians/teacher-librarians of Germany and border countries, could be arranged in Berlin on the 28th of April 2023 and on the 29th and 30th in Leipzig, during the famous book fair. The participants welcome the proposal; more details are expected during next September.
14. **Varia** –
Luisa informs on the possibility for the 51st IASL Conference 2023 to be held in Rome in the 3rd week of July (one month ahead of the IFLA WLIC 2023) – a bid is to be defined shortly and some IASL-IFLA joint activities will be planned.

End of meeting

No other issues are to be discussed. The Chair expresses her thanks and appreciation. An invitation will be sent for the 2nd BM of the Section, to be held by the end of the incoming month (August 2022). The meeting ends at 13:15 (Dublin time).