



Science and Technologies Libraries Section 2012/2013 Annual Report

Scope

The Section brings together special libraries involved in collecting and providing access to information and data about the physical sciences and technology to users in science and technology departments of national libraries, university and polytechnic libraries, public libraries and corporate and government research libraries. A major focus of the Section will be on electronic access to information for professional and scholarly communication. The overarching mission is to support and promote science and technology librarianship in a global framework.

Membership (2013)

The Committee has 17 committee members and 3 corresponding members. In July 2013, there were 80 members of the Section (76 institutional members and 4 personal affiliates).

Officers (2011- 2013)

Deva E. Reddy, Chair
Texas A&M University
United States

Annelie Janred, Secretary
Chalmers University of Technology
Sweden

Maxine Schmidt, Information Coordinator
University of Massachusetts
United States

Standing Committee Members

Name	2011-2013	2013-2015	2015-2017
Hermina G.B. Anghelescu United States	1 st term	1 st term	
Christina Birdie India	1 st term	1 st term	
Elizabeth Connor United States		1 st term	1 st term
Carol Ann Feltes United States		1 st term	1 st term
Annelie Janred Sweden	1 st term	1 st term	
Daulat Jotwani India	1 st term	1 st term	
Anthi Katsirikou Greece	1 st term	1 st term	
Xiwen Liu China	2 nd term		
Martin Kesselman United States	1 st term	1 st term	
Tamara Krajna Croatia	1 st term	1 st term	
James L. Mullins United States	1 st term	2 nd term	2 nd term
Ronald Munatsi Zimbabwe	1 st term	1 st term	
Deva E. Reddy United States	2 nd term	2 nd term	
Maxine Schmidt United States	1 st term		
Deborah Sibley United States	1 st term	1 st term	
Ajay Pratap Singh India	1 st term	2 nd term	2 nd term
Eva Tolonen United States	1 st term		
Zhixiong Zhang China		1 st term	1 st term

Corresponding Committee Members

Myriam Araujo Yaselli Venezuela	Joined 2011
Kayvan Kousha Iran	Joined 2011
Shamin Renwick Trinidad and Tobago	Joined 2011

Finances

As in August 2012, there is a balance of 359 euros in cash. No expenditure was incurred so far.

2012 Conference – Helsinki, Finland

The Standing Committee held two committee meetings during the annual conference. Ten members attended.

The Section's program focused on the role of libraries in data curation, access and preservation: an international perspective. The session was monitored by James Mullins. All the six papers were well-received.

In response to a call from IFLA office, the below mentioned two papers were recommend for favor of publication by the standing committee.

The Role of Libraries in Curation and Preservation of Research Data in Germany:
Findings of a survey by Achim Osswald and others

<http://conference.ifla.org/sites/default/files/files/papers/wlic2012/116-osswald-en.pdf>

Academic librarians and data research services: preparation and attitudes by Carol Tenopir and others

<http://conference.ifla.org/sites/default/files/files/papers/wlic2012/116-tenopir-en.pdf>

However, out of these two papers, the paper 'Academic librarians and data research services: preparation and attitudes', by Carol Tenopir and others was selected by the IFLA for publication in the IFLA Quarterly.

The session by Agricultural Libraries SIG focused on *Social networking for agricultural research, education, and extension service: an international perspective*. Six papers were presented on different aspects of the theme. Martin Kesselman, although it was not listed in the program, graciously presented his paper narrating his experiences as a consultant in Liberia. The session was monitored by the SIG Convener Deva E. Reddy

Project proposals submitted

The project proposal submitted by Dr. Ajay Pratap Singh on the topic "Development of Guidelines for Specialized Education for STEM Libraries in LIS Schools of South & Southeast Asia" was considered by the standing committee by circulation and was sent to the IFLA Professional Committee through the Division 1 Chair. However, the proposal was negative with the comments: "In reaching this decision, the PC commented that the need for this project in LIS Schools in the region was not clearly articulated in the proposal. They thought the timescale was a little too optimistic and so were unsure the project would reach its goals. Also they suggested that a shared curriculum might have more impact than guidelines and so were not convinced enough by the project proposal to support it at this time with funds".

Communication with Section Members

The Chair, Secretary, and Information Coordinator attempted to regularly communicate with the members. The section mailing list AGRILIBS

<http://infoserv.inist.fr/wwsympa.fcgi/info/agrilibs> serves as the channel of communication with the members. This list serve has 87 subscribers.

Welcome to New SC Members

Zhixiong Zhang (China)

Zhang Zhixiong, PhD, Professor, Assistant Director of National Science Library, Chinese Academy of Sciences, and the head of Information System Department of the library. He was standing committee member of IFLA (International Federation of Library Associations) IT Section. Now he is a member of Academic Committee for Digital Library Research and Development of the Library Society of China, and a professor of Graduate University of Chinese Academy of Sciences. He published about 90 research papers on topic related to “Information Extraction”, “Web Mining”, “Information Retrieval”, “Ontology and Semantic web”, “Digital Preservation” “Research Profiling” etc.



Carol Feltes (United States)

Carol Feltes is University Librarian at The Rockefeller University in New York City. Carol came to The Rockefeller, which is a world class graduate research institution in the biomedical sciences, in 2005. She has been a science librarian for over 30 years in a variety of not for profit and for profit research environments including Aurora University, Battelle Columbus Laboratories and 3 Fortune 500 companies, all life sciences research based. Carol has done undergraduate and graduate studies in biology and chemistry as well as having earned her M.A. in library science. Carol has been active throughout her career in several national and international professional organizations, as well as active in them locally in 5 different states. Since arriving at The Rockefeller Carol has initiated library website development and redesign, the establishment of the DSpace archive and a project to digitize and archive all Rockefeller students' theses. (Photograph courtesy Lubosh Stepanek)



Elizabeth Connor (United States)

Elizabeth Connor, MLS, DM/AHIP, STEM Liaison at the Daniel Library of The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina in Charleston, South Carolina, USA, was promoted from tenured associate professor to tenured full professor. Ms. Connor also secured inclusion in ACRL's Assessment in Action cohort. Her assessment project will focus on library services embedded into barracks housing for female STEM majors. She was nominated and funded by her college president and provost to attend HERS Institute at Bryn Mawr College, in June/July 2013. HERS focuses on preparing women to work in increasingly responsible leadership roles in higher education. Her HERS project will propose a split-model for academic advising. She also serves as a co-investigator for an engineering learning community project funded by the National Science Foundation.



Congratulations to Anthi Katsirikou (Greece)

Hearty congratulations to Dr. Anthi Katsirikou, member of STL standing committee for successfully organizing The 5th Qualitative and Quantitative Methods in Libraries International Conference (QQML2013) at "La Sapienza" University, Rome Italy from 4-7 June 2013 as the Co-Chair of the conference. Dr. Anthi Katsirikou is currently Director at the University of Piraeus Library located at Piraeus, Greece and responsible for the European Documentation Centre of it. She is also national coordinator of the European Documentation Centres in Greece. Prior to this position, she was Director at the Technical University of Crete library. Anthi Katsirikou is active in the Library Association of Greek Librarians and Information Professionals (GLA), serving as Board Member from 2001 until now. She received her PhD on Library management and human resources and her MSc on Management of Cultural Organization. She has organized the 20th IATUL conference in Chania, Crete, Greece (1999), the IFLA Satellite conference of the STL section (Chania, Crete, Greece: 2010).



Respectably Submitted

Deva E. Reddy, Chair
STL Standing Committee
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