



IFLA Section Library and Research Services for Parliaments

IFLAPARL Standing Committee, Business Meeting 4

Held virtually in two instances:

November 24, 2021 at 12h00 UTC and November 25, 2021 at 13h00 UTC

Attendance

Josefa Fuentes (Spain); Fabiola Rosales Salinas (Mexico); Julie Anderson (Canada); Sonia Bebbington (Canada); Chama Mpundy Mfula (Zimbabwe); Holger Scheerer (Germany); Ida Kelemen (Hungary); Chifuyu Hiyama (Japan); Karin Finer (Belgium); Agustin Lopez (Argentina); Janice Silveira (Brazil); Youlim Lee (Korea); Zhang Shuguang (China); Ioulani (Lila) Theodosi (Greece); Paola Mandillo (Italy)

Regrets: Mary Mazanec (United States); Bello Fatimadou (Cameroon); Ellie Valentine (United States); Jonathan Curtis (Australia)

Minutes

1. Attendance (Secretary)

Secretary confirmed attendance.

2. Welcome (Chair)

The Chair welcomed everyone.

Updates:

- The Action Plan was updated to reflect the Standing Committee's input, namely:
 - Add URLs to jurisdiction's repositories in the World Directory (if possible; to be discussed with Chile who created the Directory)
 - The database of comparative studies will be hosted on the IFLA platform or another (To Be Decided)
 - IFLA has started a new initiative, the IFLA Academy. We will pursue our action item of developing a Master's Degree or a course on serving Parliaments in collaboration with IFLA
 - New action item added: creating and sharing short videos from our services, highlighting something interesting (e.g., a treasure from the collection, our library spaces, a new tool or initiative), as proposed by Lila (Greece)

- We will pursue a hybrid pre-conference (on-line and in person). To be discussed with Ireland first; if they can not support, we will reach out to IPU for a possible collaboration
- We will gather and upload presentations from IFLAPARL pre-conferences on the IFLA website/repository
- The idea of creating a “service” where members can post questions was channeled into leveraging the Listserv for this connection and support

3. The Evaluation of the IFLAPARL/IPU Event

It has been completed and was summarized by our Spanish colleagues. Josefa will translate and we will share with the Committee. High-level summary:

- 56% respondents preferred an on-line event
- The preferred session topic is data focussed
- The reason for attending was that it was easy to attend (virtual)
- Expectations were met
- Attendees what
 - to know how to do things, to learn from real experiences
 - more workshops
 - materials for workshops circulated in advance
 - that the next event is a hybrid (online and in-person)
 - National and International law resources
 - a platform to support learning needs
 - a history of Parliaments and Libraries
 - marketing resources

These responses validate our Action Plan as it appears it is aligned with the wishes expressed in this evaluation.

Sonia suggested we use this in our communications, e.g., “we heard this from you and are now providing it to you... we listened to your requests”.

4. IFLAPARL’s Pre-Conference

Pre-Conference committee volunteers: Karin; Janice; Holger; Paola; Ida

Jackie Leavey is our contact in Dublin (Senior Clerk of the Oireachtas [**eer-uhkh-tuhs** / **ɛrəkθəs**]).

Suggested dates: Thursday July 21 and Friday the 22nd. Dublin is reviewing if they will be able to support an virtual broadcast.

Regarding the dates: there was much discussion about holding the pre-conference on a Friday (usually a day reserved for workshops) and that there will be three days between

the end of our pre-conference and the start of WLIC. Many attendees will have to choose either the pre-conference OR WLIC due to the cost of staying extra days.

Unknowns: if WLIC will be a full day on Tuesday the 26

Fabiola suggested we approach Ms. Fernando to see if she knows.

Holger and Janice agreed to the 21st and 22nd.

Structure of pre-conference:

- Offer to Dublin, as the host, that they only need to provide content (about them and their services) for half a day. This will give IFLAPARL more time for other deliverables.
- Agreement that we would like lightening talks to allow participation from as many attendees as possible (possibly Thursday afternoon)
- Will there be a training session? We need to validate if Dublin can support (e.g., if they have computers for attendees to use).
- Sonia offered to pull together a session on the Guidelines; Fabiola offered to help
- Paola suggested the topic "Impact of Covid on Services"

5. IFLAPARL session at WLIC

Planning Committee volunteers: Karin; Janice

- The Theme of the 2022 Congress is: "Inspire. Engage. Connect"
- We will put out a call for papers in January
- IFLAPARL usually gets one session (45 minutes)
- We are open to holding a shared session, perhaps with the Law Library section, or like we have in the past with the knowledge cafe but ONLY if we do can keep our own session
- We will promote the World Directory, perhaps with a poster
- Fabiola suggested we survey the membership for topics
- We can also use the evaluation survey results to select a topic
- Other topics suggested: A.I; Knowledge Management Systems; Question: do we want to focus on tech, when there are other IFLA sections that focus on these topics?

6. Action Plan: Taking Responsibility

All Standing Committee members are responsible for volunteering for tasks laid out in the Action Plan. Please volunteer in Basecamp.

- In January, if volunteers have not come forward, the Chair will assign people to specific tasks
- Julie to upload updated Word version in Basecamp.

7. Participation in the IPU's e-Parliament Conference and Report

- There will be no e-Parliament Conference next year
- IPU has requested permission to publish the results of the Covid Surveys in the next IPU e-Parliament Report (2022)
- There was some concern raised how the survey would fit with the rest of the report. It was suggested we update the Survey
- Josefa confirmed that IPU is interested in using what we have (no need for an update) but will report back after her meeting with Andy
- In principle, members agreed we should participate in the 2022 edition

8. Other Items of Business

- Janice asked if Certificates of Attendance will be issued for the IFLAPARL/IPU Event. There was agreement that there was no discussion about doing this. Josefa will ask Andy. (as per Ellie, in the past we have issued letters from the section verifying attendance in pre-conferences /webinars (added after the meeting – JA)
- The call out for submissions for IFLAPARL Newsletter submissions will be coming soon
- Ed and Sonia are making progress on the Guidelines. They will open them up to the Standing Committee for review. To be decided: the approval process regarding IFLA and the IPU.

9. Next meeting and adjournment

Next Meeting will be in January.

Zoom links will be sent out through Basecamp and the Listserv.

- The first instance of Business Meeting 2 adjourned at 13h30 UTC.
- The second instance of Business Meeting 2 adjourned at 14h20 UTC.