

ENSULIB Annual Report 2020-2021

Year 2021 was a turning point for ENSULIB. After active advocating sustainability for library world for ten years, the Special Interest Group was transmitted into an IFLA Section with a full standing committee with 20 members. Hence, the year was transitory in many senses and consisted in work for the 2021-2022 period. Nevertheless, the past year has been active also in other senses.

Projects/Activities

Focus Area 1: *IFLA Green Library Award*

The aim was to develop the award and increase its visibility and participation. In addition, we wished to create new evaluation criteria for the award. These criteria would serve as guidelines for green libraries and offer some self-evaluation tools for libraries.

Project Output

The 2021 IFLA Green Library Award winners were selected and announced at IFLA WLIC 2021. For the first time, the Award was divided into two categories: the best Green Library and the best Green Library Project, since library buildings/renovations and other library projects are incommensurable. Though the criteria and evaluation process have been created, they must be developed further.

<https://www.ifla.org/node/10159>

Responsible unit members:

Petra Hauke (Secretary) was responsible for the call for submissions and collected all the submissions.

The Award Committee (Petra Hauke, Harri Sahavirta and Priscilla Pun) eliminated disqualified submissions.

Harri Sahavirta (Chair) coordinated the evaluation process and the selection for longlist and shortlist. International jury evaluated all the longlist and shortlist submissions.

Focus Area 2: *Publication: New Libraries in Old Buildings*

The aim was a new ENSULIB publication to advocate sustainability in libraries.

Project Output

Publication: Hauke, Petra, Karen Latimer & Robert Niess, eds. (2021). *New Libraries in Old Buildings: Creative Reuse* (IFLA Publication, 180). Berlin/Boston: de Gruyter Saur. In printed and online format with open access.

The plan was to have a session in IFLA WLIC 2021 under the same title (with Library Buildings and Equipment Section) but due to time limits the session was not accepted.

<https://www.ifla.org/node/93231>

<https://www.degruyter.com/view/title/570461?rskey=XuO3Zy&result=1>

Responsible unit members:

Petra Hauke, with support from LBES Section

Focus Area 3: *Promotion of Green Libraries: UN SDG*

The aim was to support libraries to go green; publish their stories on the SDG Stories website.

Project Output

Papers and workshops: ENSULIB members have presented papers and facilitated workshops on SDG stories and World Library Map. Editing SDG stories turned out to be too challenging.

Responsible unit members:

Petra Hauke has encouraged the Green Library winners to create a SDG story.

Harri Sahavirta coordinated an IFLA workshop for Finnish libraries 28th April 2021 (with Kristine Paberza-Ramiresa).

Focus Area 4: *Enforcing the status of ENSULIB*

The aim was the transition from SIG to Section.

Project Output

The transition was actualized in the beginning of 2021.

Interim Standing Committee (Sahavirta, Hauke, Pun) served from January to August. The official Standing Committee was elected and began working during the summer.

The SC's first preliminary unit session was on 6th July 2021, the first business meeting was 11th August, and second business meeting was 31st August. Work on the Action Plan 2021-2022 happened during these meetings.

Responsible unit members:

Petra Hauke, SIG Chair – Section Secretary

Harri Sahavirta SIG Secretary – Section Chair

Priscilla Pun – Section Information Coordinator

Focus Area 5: National and international conferences

The aim was to disseminate the Green Library concept through participation in national and international conferences and publications.

Project Output

ENSULIB Open Session in IFLA WLIC 2021 19th August.

Theme: Green Libraries and Sustainable Practices for the Long-Term Future. The session announced the 2021 award winners and consisted of presentations from the IFLA Green Library Award winners of 2020 and 2021.

ENSULIB arranged a virtual event (with Preservation and Conservation section) on 6th May, based on the cancelled Satellite meeting papers (2020): "*Environmentally Inspiring and Engaging Buildings, Research, Education and Library Services*"

ENSULIB Members have been promoting ENSULIB and Green Libraries in several webinars during the 2020-2021 term.

[IFLA -- View Online -- the Joint Webinar by ENSULIB and P&C Sections on 6 May 2021](#)

Responsible unit members:

Open Session was arranged by Harri Sahavirta, Petra Hauke and Priscilla Pun

The virtual event was arranged by Harri Sahavirta (Chair), Petra Hauke and Vivienne Byrd (technical support)

In addition, many unit members presented papers and published articles on several national and international occasions.