



# IFLA Section Library and Research Services for Parliaments

IFLAPARL Standing Committee, Business Meeting 7  
**April 16, 2022, at 14h00 UTC**

## Attendance

Josefa Fuentes (Spain); Fabiola Rosales Salinas (Mexico); Julie Anderson (Canada);  
Sonia Bebbington (Canada); Holger Scheerer (Germany); Ida Kelemen (Hungary); Zhang Shuguang  
(China); Ioulani (Lila) Theodosi (Greece); Karin Finer (Belgium); Janice Silveira (Brazil); Chama Mpundy  
Mfula (Zimbabwe)

**Regrets:** Agustin Lopez (Argentina); Jonathan Curtis (Australia); Bello Fatimadou (Cameroon); Mary  
Mazanec (United States); Paola Mandillo (Italy); Chifuyu Hiyama (Japan); Ellie Valentine (United States);  
Youlim Lee (Korea)

## Minutes

1. Julie checked the attendance and the SC approved the agenda.
2. Welcome from the Chair:
  - a. Josefa addressed the news regarding the dismissal of IFLA's Secretary General:
    - The reasons are unknown.
    - We must wait for a court ruling and official communication from IFLA.
    - We will not make any more comments as we do not know the facts.
  - b. There will be election soon for IFLA's President and President Elect.
  - c. In future will set a fixed date for future Standing Committee Meetings – stay tuned
  - d. Announced the newly co-opted members to our Standing Committee: Martin Reid, (UK House of Commons Library), Verónica Kulczewski (National Congress of Chile) and Lila Theodosi (Greek Parliament). Welcome! (note: The Co-opting Procedures are posted in Basecamp.)
3. Action Plan items updates:
  - a. **Pre-conference ("Satellite")**
    - Date is set for Friday July 22<sup>nd</sup>.
    - If you didn't see the call out let me know – I will send to you personally.
    - Registration and Call for Proposals sent out: please share with your regional networks and with Colleagues.
    - On the day, we need a volunteer to promote Directory to attendees.

- Letters of invitation: Claire, our contact in Dublin indicated that Letters of Invitation should be obtained through IFLA. Our discussion ended with: IFLAPARL should still provide a letter, as some may not be attending the main WLIC.
- Streaming will be available for content shared in the main room, but not for the small break-out rooms. A zoom link will be shared, and currently, no registration will be required. It must be noted that our Division Chair, Ms. Fernando, congratulates us on this as Live Streaming is not being provided at the main WLIC or at other pre-conferences.
- We added a question about the World Directory in the registration form: have you inputted your data, and if no, why not? Registry application.
- Janice suggested we promote the Directory via Social Media.
- Ida offered to promote the call for proposals and the Directory.
  - Action: Julie to send text to Janice and Ida
- The Dutch parliament reached out to learn from us as they are the hosts next year. We will invite them to the next Pre-Conference meeting.
- Chama asked: will there be time for Regional Associations? The program is set, but Regional Associations could give updates in the afternoon as Kaleidoscope presentations.

#### **b. WLIC Open Session**

- Business Meeting scheduled on Monday July 25th 16:00 - 18:00.
- OPEN session: Only one proposal received so far.
- Suggestion to extend deadline to May 30 was approved.
- Sample conference schedule published for our Open Session:
  - ID 72
  - **Scheduled Wednesday 27 July 14:45 – 16:15**
  - 90 minutes – Workshop
  - Set-up for the room: round table
  - Title: **“Time to re-connect introducing new services to answer recent challenge**
- Please promote and offer to present / ask colleagues to present
- We are also participating in a joint panel with our Division on COPYRIGHT. Please suggest of names of people who have dealt with copyright in parliamentary setting. Joint Session Details:
  - Joint session LAW – GIOPS – GL – PARL
  - ID 95
  - Scheduled Thursday 28 July 13:00 – 14:00
  - 60 minutes
  - Set-up – theatre style
  - Title “ Engaging with Copyright in Official Publications of Government and Law Libraries: Collaborating for Innovative Solutions”
- Verónica will present a poster about World Directory, as a means of promotion – it has been improved. Verónica will be attending the WLIC.

### c. Guidelines

- The IFLA review of the Guidelines was completed. The review strongly recommended that other sections review the Guidelines.
- Ms. Fernando suggested we provide the Guidelines to selected reviewers to meet this recommendation. Contacts have offered to review in a short time and Ms. Fernando is supporting a quick approval process in time for the WLIC.
- The Standards Section has been contacted so we can present in their open WLIC session on the new Guidelines. Sonia Bebbington and Ed Wood (the editors) have offered to present.
- UPDATE: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the IPU:
  - Julie, Josefa, Anoja, and a representative from IFLA HQ are meeting with Andy Richardson from the IPU.
  - After the Guidelines are published (digitally, we are not printing hard copies) we plan to shift the Guidelines to an online platform to support more timely updates, such as a wiki.
  - Ms. Fernando has advised: Outsourcing a platform is not optimal, rather, pulling the Guidelines into IFLA environment would be a better option
- Shu's audio wasn't working, but she supplied this comments by email: Previously, we have translated the Chinese version of the "Guidelines of the Library of Parliament". Maybe I can try the new Chinese version of the Guidelines with my colleagues. However, the progress will not be fast, and the time may be slightly longer. But at least next year maybe can be done.

### d. [World Directory](#)

- Our colleagues in Chile have improved the Directory, based on our requests (i.e., to simplify the registration process and reduce the amount of questions asked, regional and national split, simplified; poster session). More updates will be coming soon.

### e. Comparative Law Database

- Janium (a Mexican company) is working on a design with a link to the database. Fabiola requested members to send her URLs to repositories to be uploaded in the prototype.
- Our colleagues in Chile are also working on a prototype. Josefa sent them basic fields; they continue to work on this project when they have time.
- Both projects are advancing; we will choose one to proceed with (Janium's or Chile's)

### f. Social Media

- Fabi and Lila provided statistics from our social media channels. Our following is slowly growing!:
  - Twitter (133 followers)
  - Instagram (80 followers)
  - Note: Facebook is linked with Instagram and twitter so all three have the same posts
- **Action: SC members: please send more videos to Fabi and Lila for posting! They can be about your library building, a new report, events, something in your collection you want to highlight etc.**

- Language: There was discussion about the language of the videos. Chama suggested staying with the 5 languages of IFLA. Decision: we can post a video in any language. Let's start there.
- Congratulations to the Social Media team, Fabi, Lila and Janice – they are doing a great job!
- Shu supplied these comments by email: I have a suggestion on the content posted in Listserv or social media: we can introduce one service from one country/library, a new service initiative in different countries, etc. I plan to prepare a short PPT to introduce NLC collection of Chinese Studies and research on Chinese Studies.

## 5. Other Items of Business

- Listserv issues: it was noted many are not receiving listserv postings and not everyone engages in social media. The Listserv issues must be addressed
  - **Action: Julie to investigate**
- Josefa asked for comments about the new format to the Newsletter. Holger and Karin expressed kind words. Congratulations to the Newsletter team (Fabi, Lila and Julie) on the Newsletter The updated format looks great (thanks to Fabi and her team. )
- Chama asked: could we have an official communication of condolences by IFLAPARL for Donna Scheeder? No action decided.

## 4. Next meeting and adjournment

The next meeting is: To Be Announced.

The meeting adjourned at 1520 UTC.