



### Attendance:

#### Officers:

Egbert Sanchez (**Chair**, LTR Member, 2<sup>nd</sup> term, Mexico), Debbie Schachter (**Secretary**, LTR Member, 1<sup>st</sup> term, Canada), Carla Colombati (**Information Coordinator**, LTR Member, 1<sup>st</sup> term, Italy),

#### LTR Members in first term:

Kawanna Bright (United States), Benôit Epron (Switzerland), Susmita Chakraborty (India), Lian Ruan (United States), Stefan Schmunk (Germany), Diljit Singh (Malaysia), Rebecca Vargha (United States), Steve Witt (United States), Zuzanna Wiorogórska (Poland).

#### LTR Members in second term:

Theo Bothma (South Africa), Clara Chu (United States), Takahisa Shimoda (Japan).

#### Observers & guests:

Shunzhong Chen, Albina Krymskaya (SET), Ekatarina Shivaeva (SSL), Jennifer Voutssas (SSL) Kerry Smith (LH SIG).

#### Apologies:

Agnese Galeffi (1<sup>st</sup> term, Italy), Jung-Eun Kim (1<sup>st</sup> term, Republic of Korea), Krystyna Matusiak (2<sup>nd</sup> term, United States), Assunta Arte (1<sup>st</sup> term, Italy), Maria Micle (1<sup>st</sup> term, Romania).

### 1. Introduction and welcome

Egbert Sanchez, Chair of the Section, introduced himself and the incoming Section Officers: Debbie Schachter (Secretary), Carla Colombati (Information Coordinator).

- Egbert noted guests in attendance from SET, SSL and Library History SIG.

### 2. Agenda Approval

The agenda was approved as distributed.

### 3. Minutes of Transition Meeting

The Minutes were approved as distributed.

### 4. Minutes of the LTR business Meeting I, 5<sup>th</sup> august 2021.

The Minutes were approved as distributed.

### 5. Minutes of the LTR Standing Committee Meeting II WLIC 2019, Athens, Greece, 26 august 2019.

The Minutes were approved as distributed.

## 6. Communication Strategies

Carla Colombati, LTR Information Coordinator, shared information about the LTR communications channels and she will send the communication plan to members for information. Carla shared a presentation showing Basecamp as the best way to share our activities in LTR, sharing agendas, and we can have some working groups sharing activities within Basecamp. Carla will prepare a small document with some tips on sharing our activities inside Basecamp, rather than on Google Drive or other platforms, as it is our official IFLA platform

Carla also walked attendees through the new LTR website. We will have to update information about the history of the Section and also to update the site with news, the newsletter, and the blog, specifically to help people to learn more about the section. We are still awaiting guidelines from HQ. Carla will create a schedule showing our activities, such as when we represent the Section or present at a conference or workshop with the intention of sharing our activities with both internal and external audiences. Carla encourages everyone to share their activities on behalf of the section into this calendar once it is prepared.

Egbert let us know that we are still waiting to get our access to our Twitter account but when the blog is posted it automatically posts to Twitter. Carla noted that we will create an official document that contains all of the passwords for access and succession purposes.

## 7. Comments of 2021 WLIC Congress program August 17 – 19

Egbert reported as follows:

- LTR/SET joint session “Beyond Helicopter Research” held **Wednesday 18 August**: We had about 76 attendees and some chat activity with the audience. The presentations were very well done. There were about 7 or 8 questions and it was a very successful joint meeting. Krystyna sent her apologies for not being able to attend today.
- A Solutions Room on Implementing the "IFLA Guidelines for Professional LIS Education Programmes": Stakeholder Perspectives and Buy-in Locally and Globally, with IFLA President Christine Mackenzie, President-Elect Barbara Lison; **Wednesday 18 August**: Clara Chu reported that there was some good feedback into implementation of the guidelines. They are finalizing for submission to IFLA for approval. We are at the stage now with IFLA incoming and current presidents providing some input into IFLA's role into guidelines for the education of our profession. The audience was also able to give some feedback on implementation and challenges. Diljit Singh was on the panel and reported on the importance of having the president and incoming president supporting this work.

- **“Librarians learning from the past to inspire, include and sustain”** Thursday 19 August. SIG Governor: Kerry Smith, convener of the section, reported that there were a number of disastrous technical problems but it has been fixed so it can be watched again now. The theme is based on background of information on library oral histories and the project is charging ahead and they’re getting a lot of support from IFLA, IFLA president all the way down, IFLA staff as well. There are wonderful colleagues who are taking on oral histories of IFLA presidents and leaders and they expect to have quite a bit in place by the time IFLA turns 100 in 2027.

## 8. Update on the projects

- Building LIS Education (BSLISE) Working Group: Clara Chu presented on the LTR Action Plan specifically action related to advancing LIS education and related research. The two projects are and the work they have been doing is documented at the [bslise.org](http://bslise.org) site. One is the mapping project and the map has been created and was part of the presentation of the Helicopter Research; if your programs are not included there is a tab on the website so you can go to a form to submit information about your particular program. They are encouraging the documentation of as many programs as possible

The other area is the LIS Education Guidelines and the revision has been completed so they are in the process of submitting it to IFLA. The recording of the session held at the WLIC 2021 is also available in that part of the site. The next phase is on implementing the guidelines. To implement the guidelines they are proposing a committee made up of LTR and SET and any other experts who would complement the group.

The next phase is to have a directory rather than just information on the map. Any of the publication and research is also listed on the site, plus other projects that have also been worked on (not in the Action Plan but are activities related to advancing the profession). For example, Student Spotlight is a place where you can submit and invite your students to submit for this spotlight, plus a YouTube channel and student voices as conversations amongst students around the world. The annual reports and members are also listed. Anyone interested in participating are invited to join the BSLISE.

Egbert asked about the project and whether they do promotion at the schools or only here at the IFLA site and suggest people go there? It would be great help to give promotion of the page to LIS schools. Clara is happy to have any of the members to do that, particularly as they are in different countries and can do it in different languages. That’s the benefit of having such a large group, having the different languages, including covering Russian speaking countries and Albina and others were able to create the feedback forum to allow the forum to take place bilingually.

Susmita Chakraborty is willing to translate into Bengalese language. Clara noted that once the guidelines are approved they will be requesting a lot of volunteers to do the translating.

- **Teaching Research Methods in LIS Programs**  
Debbie and Kawanna reported on the study that began as a pilot study gathering information from U.S. LIS programs, specifically from instructors on their approach to teaching research methods. The research was then expanded to collect data about research methods courses being taught in LIS programs in as many countries as possible. The research involved an online questionnaire, followed by a set of interviews with LIS instructors who were willing to participate in interviews to further expand on the information gathered in the survey phase.

From the interviews representing many countries, the research team has embarked on gathering individual case studies from interview participants who were willing to contribute their case studies to a book that we will publish through De Gruyter. We are currently awaiting draft chapters from 10-12 individuals on their specific teaching research methods cases, anticipated by late October, with the expectation of having the chapters edited and submitted to the publisher in early 2022.

This year, the team has presented at several conference: at the Library and Information Science Department of St. Petersburg State University of Culture in March; the Qualitative and Quantitative Methods in Libraries International Conference in May; and are anticipating presenting at ALISE later in September.

Steve Witt suggested this research would also make a great submission to IFLA Journal.

#### **9. Draft of the LTR Annual Report**

Egbert will share a draft of the annual report with the section in the near future.

#### **10. Results of the survey**

Egbert reported on the survey in which we asked our colleagues for feedback on what our members want to do in the next two years:

Business meeting. Please rate their relevance to you and your professional community on the scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being least relevant and 5 highly relevant.

#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Accommodating research produced by practitioners into LIS knowledge base: Methodological and theoretical perspectives	2.00	4.00	3.11	0.74	0.54	9
2	Implementing research findings into practice: How can researchers work with practitioners	2.00	5.00	4.00	1.05	1.11	9
3	Research taxonomy in the library and information science: How does the ALISE taxonomy reflect the research areas in the field	1.00	4.00	2.56	0.96	0.91	9
4	Research data analysis and research data management	1.00	5.00	3.56	1.57	2.47	9
5	Equity in the global scholarly communication: Exploring scholars' motivation and barriers to publishing	2.00	5.00	3.70	1.10	1.21	10

Clara stated she missed this information and so didn't submit anything from BLISE. Egbert indicated we should keep working on the BLISE program and if we have support of IFLA HQ and Presidents we should go on working on them. Clara will present the next phases to the group and Egbert indicated we will add it to the action plan and others are welcome to work with the group.

Debbie asked about the potential project to conduct research into the information seeking needs/actions of the refugees or immigrants? Egbert indicated that there was no progress at this point and it could be something that could be looked at in the future as an IFLA project and we can see if there is interest. Carla noted about the immigrant and refugee project we could link with Wikipedia use and we could look at volunteers to gather information from Wikimedia chapters around the world. Carla thought that would be a good opportunities to engage people in research.

Steven indicated that several of the activities are overlapping or complementary, and noted that SSL is working on webinars related to research methods and that we should be working with them. Egbert noted that on Tuesday, September 7, he and Debbie met with the SSL chair, secretary and information coordinator to discuss working on these as a joint project.

Because we are concluding the project on research methodologies and should have another project to develop. Egbert wonders about equity in scholarly communications as an example of a project. He will arrange another meeting in smaller groups to discuss what that other project should be.

## 11. Conference Planning WLIC 2022 Dublin:

- Previously, LTR had a subgroup working on planning our satellite conference. Peter Lor is able to be on this post-conference satellite planning group, which will be a focus on

sharing methodologies and research initiatives. Also, the Social Sciences has been working on this so we should move on with that group, and Krystyna Matusiak will be able to join the group to participate. We will need to find someone to lead this satellite conference in a joint post-conference satellite session with Social Sciences Section.

**Action:** Steve, Stefan, Rebecca, Zuza, Susmita and Debbie are willing to volunteer to work on this, along with Krystyna.

- **SSL Webinars on Research Methods:**

Ekaterina Shivaeva shared a link to the document that SSL developed regarding the proposed webinars on research methods in social sciences, at:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EwJzRoL8KxxEqTUCjaISMxEfclA2XWQGlwfKghTkGE/edit?usp=sharing>

SSL planned a series of webinars and they realized that LTR is also working on this subject and invited our section to work on these important webinars with them. The webinars are aimed at students, library administrators, and practitioners. From the survey of SSL members they identified several themes of interest and are inviting LTR members to participate in organizing the webinars. Two webinars are planned for this coming year: probably in February and the second one prior to congress in the summer (May or June). Egbert confirmed it would be helpful to work together to develop these webinars. Susmita recommends that research data management and research ethics are two other topics which are important to incorporate into these workshops.

**Action:** Lian and Debbie are happy to help to participate in developing these workshops with the Social Sciences Section, and Steve has already been participating.

Egbert also proposed that we do a joint session in 2022 with SET for the World Congress. SET may also join us in the post-satellite session.

- **SET webinars:**

Albina reported that SET did a series of webinars for LIS students. They had 3 webinars monthly over the three months and were successful. They had a lot of registrants and good attendance of LIS students and practitioners. Recordings of all three are posted on the SET Youtube channel ([www.youtube.com/channel/UCo9R8g3vwtNgv2k4rNUzjOA](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCo9R8g3vwtNgv2k4rNUzjOA)). They proposed 3 topics: Engaging with Library associations; another with projects; and the third was internships in libraries. In October they plan to talk about involving LIS students in international activities, international cooperation. They have IFLA President Elect speaking and will suggest this project for the new division, Division C, which involves both of our sections and a few others. We will add this project into the action plan for the next two years. Egbert will join with SET on this project. Susmita also looks forward to contributing to the project as well. You can watch recordings of all three webinars "A Webinar Series for LIS Students" at

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCo9R8g3vwtNgv2k4rNUzjOA/featured>

## 12. Any other business:

- Rebecca will continue as our Newsletter editor. Rebecca is seeking ideas or news for the newsletter or website.
- Egbert will determine if the satellite meeting proposal deadlines are available and will share them.
- Susmita asked if we will be meeting in person for WLIC next year and Egbert confirmed that WLIC is planned as an in-person in Dublin, in July, 2022.
- LTR will meet later in September to discuss the action plan development and to clarify projects for the year.