



2022 IFLA Section 32 Annual Business Meeting I

Date: 15 July 2022

Time: 6:30am Eastern Time

In attendance:

Lan Gao (Chair), Andrew Finegan (Secretary), Anita Basak, Theresa Byrd, Xi Chen, Fatou Diop, Miyuki Hamaguchi, Carmela Ieracitano, Suela Jorgaqi, Elisabeth Marrow, Emily Reed, Elisabet Rundqvist, Sebastian Tarazona, Le Yang, Jiangshun Zhang

Observer: Fred Gitner, Yasuko Hirata

Apologies: Eleonore Clavreul, Leslie Kuo

1. Welcome and Greetings

Good news – meeting guidelines have been added to the conference pack for delegates

2. Approval of the 2022 Section Midyear minutes

Moved Elisabeth Marrow, Seconded Le Yang.

3. Announcements and reports

- a. Chair's report – Attached
- b. Secretary's report - Attached
- c. Information Coordinator's report - Attached

4. 2022 IFLA WLIC

- Talking Stick Session

This will be an informal session at WLIC – since we don't have any formal sessions, this is an opportunity to showcase our activities at WLIC 2022 – to be confirmed in the next few days.

July 27 - 11am, Innovative Ways to Engage Community Support. Please attend in person to support our section.

- WLIC Get-together

We plan to have a get-together social event.

5. Action Plan Progress Review

Reporting cycle is two years, so we're halfway through it.

Newsletter publications – on track so far with newsletters coming out in June and December each year.

Question from Elisabet – do we have a topic yet? Not yet – happy to discuss options and if people have suggestions, we welcome them.

In March, we decided not to proceed with having a session at WLIC in 2022, as there was not enough commitment from our section committee members to attend this year, and it's not fair for only a few people to run a session. But for 2023 we hope that there will be a strong commitment from section members to contribute to a session and our Business Meeting.

We are still looking for project leaders to run:

- Satellite Meeting – Simona is leading but need support.

We have speakers lined up for our satellite meeting who were available two years ago and still keen to speak.

Questions:

Carmela – What's involved in running a satellite meeting? Good way to engage with audiences. Can take many kinds of forms. It's like a mini-conference, usually a combination of speakers, discussions, workshops and social events.

Theresa offering to co-chair for the Satellite Meeting. Elisabeth Marrow available to assist on the ground as part of a larger group. Better to have invited speakers – we already have plenty lined up for Satellite Meeting.

- Session – Need a leader to draft the call for papers, and decide who to choose.

We've been approached by somebody so we can already proceed in planning with 'invited speaker'.

In the second meeting, we will discuss the co-opting process.

We will start working on our Annual Report, which will be drafted at our next Business Meeting, then submitted to the Division Chair for her approval.

6. Round the table sharing
7. Any other business

No further business.

Next meeting will be in August.

Chair's Report

MCULTP 2021-2023 Action Plan mid-term update was submitted to Division A Chair in February, 2022 and was approved in March, 2022. During the Division A meetings, the accomplishments that our unit achieved were shared with attendees.

Our June 2022 issue of MCULTP Newsletter is published. The theme is how we support multicultural communities in times of crisis. This issue also showcases how library initiatives continue to support multicultural communities around the world. Special thanks to our Secretary Andrew Finegan and Information Coordinator Eleonore Clavreul for editing, publishing and promoting this newsletter. Also, I would like to give my thanks to all the contributors.

In May 2022, IFLA had an interview with MCULTP Chair Lan Gao. In the interview, Lan talked about promoting multiculturalism and cultural diversity, the Section's celebration of its 40th anniversary, as well as the Section's plans to better serve multicultural populations moving forward utilizing IFLA resources.

I would like to thank our Standing Committee members and colleagues for your contributions and time dedicated to our Section.

Lan Gao
Chair
IFLA Section 32
Library Services to Multicultural Populations

Secretary's Report

The past year has seen the transition of IFLA's website to its new website. The section now has more than 140 publications available on the IFLA repository, including the Multicultural Library Manifesto, toolkit, translations, newsletters, meeting minutes, annual reports and other special publications.

We also produced two issues of the Section Newsletter in December 2021 and June 2022. The December 2021 issue marked the section's fortieth birthday, with many stories from members past and present recalling their fond memories of the section. The June 2022 issue focused on stories about how libraries support multicultural communities in times of crisis, and has received compliments for its strong range of inspiring stories from libraries around the world. Thanks to all of the contributors to the newsletter.

Whilst there are very few committee members who will attend the upcoming WLIC in Dublin, I do look forward to seeing you in Rotterdam next year when, hopefully, there will be more stability in the global situation. I would strongly recommend that committee members consider playing an active role in coordinating our in-person events at WLIC 2023.

Andrew Finegan
MCULTP Secretary

Information Coordinator's report : Eléonore Clavreul

Social Media

Social Media statistics as of 27 june 22 have shown an regular increase in followers

Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/ifla.mcultp>): From 3 163 to 3289 followers – gained 126 followers in 4 months

Twitter (http://twitter.com/ifla_mcultp/): From 1 931 to 1953 followers – gained 22 followers in 4 months

Instagram (http://instagram.com/multicultural_libraries/): From 863 to 888 followers – gained 25 followers in 4 months

Social media posts touched upon:

- Portraits of new members
- The MCULTP's newsletter
- And other news items of interest to members.

Thank you.

2022 IFLA Section 32 Annual Business Meeting II

AGENDA

Friday 19 August, 7am (Eastern Time)

In Attendance: Lan Gao (Chair), Andrew Finegan (Secretary), Simona-Marilena Bursasiu, Theresa Byrd, Fatou Diop, Miyuki Hamaguchi, Carmela Ieracitano, Suela Jorgaqi, Leslie Kuo, Elisabeth Marrow, Emily Reed, Elisabet Rundqvist, Sebastian Tarazona, Le Yang, Jiangshun Zhang

Observer: Leslie Weir

Apologies: Xi Chen, Eleonore Clavreul

1. Welcome and Greetings – brief self-introductions

Sebastian shared his experiences from attending WLIC. It was Sebastian's first time at WLIC, which was inspiring and fun to meet so many colleagues, and attended many sessions - the organisers did a very good job and there were many interesting things to see, including the poster sessions and meeting new colleagues.

Lan: If we can start thinking about whether we can attend WLIC next year, it would be good to let Lan know, so that we can start preparations for our activities in WLIC next.

2. IFLA Updates (Leslie Weir, Division A Chair)

Leslie introduced herself, and talked a bit about the work that she does in the Professional Council, and its relationship with the Governing Board and IFLA HQ. Each committee member briefly introduced themselves.

Brief update: Professional Council met twice at WLIC, and addressed issues - the first meeting focused on the current situation at IFLA and how they can support IFLA with what is happening, and looking at their workplan - the second meeting had a preliminary discussion around WLIC, and are gathering information, and is developing a Special Interest Group (SIG) co-opting process. Recognised that they needed to look at a new SIG. Looked at developing the congress as a professional development event. One request was that PC sessions aren't running at the same time as regional session. Looked at how they can support Units in aligning with IFLA's strategy - the last year has been one of the most productive - really quite vibrant, especially being able to do that during a pandemic. Will be meeting again in September then December, and so will have updates to those as well.

Questions:

Q: There have been a lot of discussion around these issues - what is the relationship between the new IFLA European section and other European organisations - can we clarify the purpose of the regional units?

A: One of the initial reasons for creating regional councils is to address the perception that IFLA might be too 'European-centric'. The motivation initially was to have a better profile and be more active and engaged in all regions of the world. From a North American perspective, it's interesting to have a regional council that has two countries! Similarly the Asia-Oceania is far too big, which is a challenge. With time, we will need to review, and make new recommendations / changes as we go.

Q: Do we have details on how a hybrid conference is going to work in 2023, especially in making the conference accessible online to people in different time zones, and make it a truly interactive experience for online delegates? How can we as a Unit start planning to make this happen?

A: There is a great deal of complexity - there have been successful hybrid conferences in the past, although in those cases they have still been focused in a geographic area, and so the challenge is trying to make a mixture of live and recorded sessions that will make sessions accessible and interactive that provide the same opportunities and engagement for people from all regions. There are certainly some mechanisms that can help make this happen.

Comment: People don't want to pay more for virtual attendance, but a true hybrid conference often cost at least twice as much to deliver.

Comment: When we had a purely virtual conference was more affordable - could send more people with the amount that they'd normally send one person. Could offering organisations a group ticket help build attendance numbers?

We want to create different options for people to engage in different ways.

Q: Do we know how many people attended WLIC in Dublin?

A: it was 2,019 - aimed at 1,500 so it was considered a success. Though many encountered difficulties with travel disruptions.

3. 2022 IFLA WLIC Talking Stick Session Recap (Sebastian Tarazona)

Eleonore provided a brief description of the Talking Stick session. This talking stick session brought together 8 people to discuss our theme (Innovative Ways to Engage Community Support) and to exchange thoughts and examples of good practice. We can summarise these exchanges around one key word: interactions. It was a good intimate group - if there had been more people, it would not have been so effective.

Sebastian's comments - the concept and maybe the name was a good concept and format because everybody had an opportunity talk when it was their turn. Maybe the title, and the background behind it, could have been explained better. But it worked very well. Those who participated also appreciated the discussion format. One valuable thing that it was focused on everyday professional tasks.

Lan's comment - despite the short notice, it was a positive initiative, and look forward to the concept being expanded in the future.

4. 2021-2022 Annual Report (Lan Gao)

Lan currently work on the annual report. Please look at the draft document currently in the Basecamp folder, and let Lan know if there's more detail that you'd like to add to regarding your activities in the past year.

5. Standing Committee Co-opt Positions (Lan Gao)

We will soon be putting together a call for co-opting new members to the standing committee, with the aim of strengthening regional diversity and filling casual vacancies. We will have seven positions open.

6. WLIC 2023

Plan is to have a satellite meeting, especially as we've had some speakers lined up who are very keen to present as invited speakers.

Open session: we currently have interested parties, so we could consider them first.

Elisabet: Do we have a theme for the open session at WLIC where we could look at the National Minorities perspective.

Lan: We don't have a concrete plan - we can discuss more once we have a call for sessions from IFLA HQ. We can have a range of speakers across different topics, with a more inclusive theme.

Carmela: Is there a particular month where everybody will get together to plan the satellite meeting?

Lan/Andrew: It's more appropriate to have a sub-group that meets more regularly to meet and plan the satellite meeting.

7. AOB

Acknowledge contribution of Sabine Weber-Beard to the unit and the Library community.

Lan also thanked the committee for all the hard work that they all continue to make in this unit.