



IFLA Section Preservation and Conservation

Minutes

Preservation and Conservation Section Meeting

Monday, 11 September, 15.00 – 16.00 CEST

Location: Zoom

Members in attendance: Adrija Henley, Hee Soo Jeong, Jasna Malešič, Miguel Angel Arellano, Nagai Yoshikazu, Ornella Foglieni (Chair), Sónia Casquiço (Secretary), Vicky Lee, William Schlaack and Petra Vávrová (Info Coordinator)

Members not present: Diana Saarva, Jing Ma, Gaele Bequet, Mona Kirsch, Salem Shawky, Stephanie Preuss, Sokhna Fall, Ted Marston, Juan Voutass

Apologized: Yi Zoo.

Observer: Russell Lynch.

Guest: Alenka Kavcic Colic (IT Section Secretary)

1. Introductions

A. Ornella Foglieni (Chair) opened the meeting presenting her vision for the section, emphasizing the importance of the contributions of all PRESCONS section members by participating and maintaining close relations with also other IFLA units, sections and special interest groups. Foglieni also suggested ideas and thoughts about new projects, upgrades to the PRESCONS action plan for 2023 -2024. The deadline for the action plan is the end of October.

B. The Chair recommend all the standing committee members to send a short biography (2-3 sentences) detailing their main professional interests, as well as a personal photo that will be featured on the the section webpage of PRESCONS as well as Basecamp.

2. Report on WLIC 2023 - Amsterdam and Rotterdam

Russel Lynch: gave an overview of the satellite conference held in Amsterdam on 17 and 18 august. Title: "Strengthening libraries emergency preparedness and response". All presentations are available in the IFLA Repository.

About the WLIC session n. 171 of PRESCONS on 24 August, Title: "Dealing with floods, earthquakes and volcanic damage. How the libraries and archives handle emergencies in the event of natural disasters", the Chair assured that her presentation will be available at the end of September in the repository where are also those of other speakers.

Russell said he didn't know what to do with the contents of the video recordings of the presentations. It was considered creating a streaming service or video channel on YouTube, but no conclusion was reached. He also felt that it was not his decision, as he was no longer the member responsible for the section.

As there wasn't time at the Congress for questions and answers from the audience, we can check if there are questions to send to the speakers.

3. Discussion on ongoing Initiatives Webinar on Bookbinding :

- i. Sónia Casquiço, as the incoming secretary , oversaw the working group, which included Céline Allain, Vicky Lee, Russell Lynch and William Schlaack.
- ii. Vicky Lee commented that they were currently reviewing the results of the questionnaire, which were being analyzed by the members of the working group. This activity has not been finalized.
- iii. The Chair promoted the idea of holding a webinar by the end of the year, perhaps December, concerning bookbinding.

Céline Allain will be invited to illustrate and finalize the analysis of the survey and to conclude the project.

- iv. **A working group to set up a webinar would include Vicky Lee, William Schlaack and Sónia Casquiço.**

Preservation and Conservation Standards project:

All the members consider important to continue working on standards: those are work in progress on disaster plan, and photographs preservation.

Céline Allain initially worked on this project, and now it is necessary to know the present state of the project to restart the work. The Chair informally contacted a member of the Rare Books and Special Collections Section and she agrees to work together on an initiative like webinar on special material, **as photography, for digital preservation**, together with Gaelle Bequet. Adrija Henley pointed out that there are few standards of this kind in the USA and Alenka also mentioned that there is already work being done in this area and suggested to also contact the IT Section Chair.

A **new working group on standards** should be created including: **Jasna, Petra Vávrová (General), Miguel Arellano and Gaelle Bequet.**

4. Action Plan for 2023-2024

i. We must complete the action plan by the end of October. But in coming weeks there are a few meetings of Committees or Central professional Units, and more info should be collected by the Officers concerning priorities and trends. New ideas and suggestions are welcome from all PRESCONS members and should be shared for discussion. Our current meeting must be considered as an important one to collect info on what we must begin immediately. The Chair considers it important to have a new meeting soon to decide the upcoming action plan and starting actions for the WLIC. The Chair informed the SC that she contacted Alenka Kavcic Colic, and invited her to talk about possible cooperation with the Information Technology Section to work on a joint session on the topics concerning Artificial Intelligence and Preservation & Conservation: suggested some points and definitions have been presented and a few possibilities to work on different topics and directions.

Jasna Malešič suggested to start also a series of webinars about emergency preparedness and response, based on pre-recorded, as we saw on recent experiences presented in the satellite in Amsterdam.

5. WLIC 2024 (gathering ideas and locations)

i. The chair agreed to ask for a **joint session with IT** as Alenka suggested something be considered for the **WLIC on 2024 in Dubai**. The Chair decided to

formalize as soon as she gets in touch with IT with an eventual call and more topics on digital preservation, and those of interest to PRESCONS competencies appointing a member of PRESCONS, as part of a mixed working group analyzing the opportunities together. The Chair informally contacted the IT Chair (Cory Lambert) to begin to formalize the project and agreements of when info will be available for the initiatives for the next WLIC. We can expect some instructions on activities for the WLIC 2024 in October, including the information on joint sessions, all of which should be included in our action plan.

B. Satellite Meetings and sessions can be approved in October by the IFLA Board and Central Units and Divisions HQ.

- i. The Chair reminded the SC that we must define a theme and venue place.
- ii. Digital or analog preservation could be good subjects in tandem with other committees or groups.

6. **Any other business:** The Chair expressed her desire to have another Zoom meeting soon sometime in the latter half of October to start the Action plan with contribution of the SC members. For this, we will need to maintain frequent, direct communication on Basecamp. Petra, as Info Coordinator, will work to organize our info and virtual spaces in the committee and meet with Sonia in October to get more info in order to define the working group and its members. Sonia will send out a Doodle poll soon. All of us must cooperate with Sonia and Petra to reorganize the communications and documents, all of which will also be disseminated and sent to necessary places and pages.

- A. The Chair reminded the SC of the importance of access to information and sharing the knowledge of past, present and future activities and the available documentation on the internet as PRESCONS sources, on IFLA pages, or a blog and on social, as FB, LinkedIn, and invited members of the section to help assist with this.
- B. The Chair, also a member of the Advisory Committee on Cultural Heritage, decided to appoint as her representative ex-officio, on behalf of PRESCONS, the standing committee member Prof Shawky Salem. His role is to help maintain contacts and update the SC with information between PRESCONS and the Advisory CCH. Additionally, he will also need to attend meetings the case that the chair cannot attend and in general with any necessary Advisory Committee on Cultural Heritage activities.