

Information Literacy Section
Annual Report
August 2009 – August 2010
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A. Scope

Mission

The primary purpose of the Information Literacy Section is to foster international cooperation and to promote information literacy in all types of libraries, as well as to lead the information world in promoting information literacy as they relate to the three IFLA Pillars: Society, Membership and the Profession.

Goals, Priorities and Actions

1. Advocate for information literacy in society and increase partnership within IFLA and with other organisations or institutions (e.g. UNESCO).
2. Support information professionals and other relevant partners in the provision of information literacy education in different types of libraries and information institutions, for all social sectors and in all geographical areas.
3. Improve communication within the section by creating and using a standing committee blog and a wiki which is open to the public.
4. Develop information literacy as a multi-cultural, multifaceted concept, of relevance to the global society by exploiting the collective, international experience of the Section.

B. Membership (Status August 2010)

Membership: 94 members

Standing Committee: 21 members

Corresponding members: 5 members

C. Officers

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D. SC meetings

Milano 2009

Two SC meetings were held in Milano, 22 and 27 August 2009.

Maria Carme Torras was elected as section chair, and Antonio Calderón was reelected as section secretary. He was elected section treasurer as well. Albert K. Boerkhorst is elected information officer. Lisa Hinchliffe is the new newsletter editor.

We had an internal election of corresponding members. 5 corresponding members were elected.

A new strategic plan for the section for the period 2009-2011 was approved (<http://www.ifla.org/en/publications/information-literacy-section-strategic-plan>)

Gothenburg 2010

Two SC meetings were held in Gothenburg, 10 and 13 August 2010.

The minutes of all the SC meetings are available on <http://www.ifla.org/en/information-literacy/minutes> .

E. Conference Programmes

IFLA Conference in Milano, 2009

Conference programme (94) *Libraries promoting twenty-first century literacies* (Monday 24 August)

The session was delivered jointly with Reading and Literacy Section.

Logo session (159): *Promoting the Information Literacy Logo Toolkit* (Wednesday 26 August)

The main goal of the session was to promote the use of the logo in institutions, events and documents worldwide.

IFLA Conference in Gothenburg, 2010

Satellite meeting: *Information Literacy: context, community and culture* (8-9 August)

40 people from 16 countries participated. The satellite had three different parts: roundtables, keynotes and *unconferences*. A blog was created for information, collaboration and supporting materials: <http://infolitsatellite.blogspot.com>. This was a successful and interesting satellite meeting both in terms of form and content.

Conference programme (74) — Information Literacy with Reference and information Services

Don't wait to be asked – towards the next generation reference and information literacy (11 August)

This was successful session with good quality contributions. There were approx. 470 attendants. The session was podcasted.

Conference programme (86) — Social Science Libraries with Information Literacy

Making it count, social science data literacy as an information fluency (12 August)

The session had an average of 190 participants. This was a successful session where the convenors introduced the programme theme and closed the session briefly.

F. Projects

➤ **Integrating the Information Literacy Logo: A Marketing Manual**

A marketing manual to promote the information literacy logo was written (<http://infolitglobal.net/logo/en/manual>) and it is published on the IL section website. Another initiative to promote the logo has been to provide translations of the concept “information literacy” into a number of languages have been provided on the IL section homepage.

➤ **International Information Literacy Resources Directory**

The Information Literacy Section created this database on behalf of UNESCO to record information literacy materials from different parts of the world. The directory can be accessed on <http://infolitglobal.net/en/>.

➤ **International IL State of the Art Report**

As well as making the contents of the report more comprehensive and updating them, we are planning to turn the report into a wiki to facilitate dissemination, sharing and updating.

G. Publications

The section newsletters are available on the IL section website.

The information literacy guidelines have been translated into a number of languages.

The International IL State of the Art Report is available on the section website (<http://www.ifla.org/en/publications/81>). It gradually includes more and more geographical regions and the IL state of the available regions is updated.

H. Ongoing actions

The section wrote an action plan for 2010-2011 (<http://www.ifla.org/en/publications/information-literacy-section-strategic-plan>). The following actions are given priority in 2010-2011:

- 1. Organising a 3-hour joint programme session** with Library Services to Multicultural Populations and the IFLA SIG on Indigenous Matters at the 2011 IFLA conference. The theme is “The Importance of Information Literacy for Multicultural Populations: Needs, Strategies, Programs, and the Role of Libraries”. Priority activity 1 relates to goals 1c, 3a, 3b in the IFLA Strategic Plan 2010-2015.
- 2. In collaboration with UNESCO/IFAP, writing Information Literacy Recommendations** for UNESCO endorsement. In addition, the section is organising an off-site working meeting of experts in San Juan (Puerto Rico) in August 2011 to discuss IL global promotion and UNESCO/IFAP – IFLA collaboration. Priority activity 2 relates to goals 1d, 3b, 4b and 4d in the IFLA Strategic Plan 2010-2015.
- 3. Setting up a wiki to report the global information literacy state of the art.** This wiki will be open globally and will serve as a tool to publish and more easily and dynamically update the IL state of the art report. Priority activity 3 relates to goals 3a and 3b in the IFLA Strategic Plan 2010-2015.

Another ongoing activity is writing guidelines for the professional profile of the IL practitioner/ IL educator.

A section wiki has been set up and we are considering how its use can improve communication and discussion within the section.

The section promotional flyer has been updated.

The IL section will be sponsoring the international delegate event at the *Librarians' Information Literacy Annual Conference (LILAC)*, (<http://lilaconference.com/WP/>), London, 18-20 April 2011. This conference is an excellent arena to promote IFLA, the IL section and recruit new members. The IL section chair and other SC members will be attending the conference.

The section is arranging an IL workshop at the *3rd International Conference on Qualitative and Quantitative Methods in Libraries* (<http://www.isast.org/qqml2011.html>), Athens, 24 - 27 May 2011. The section information coordinator will facilitate the workshop.

I. Future actions: Conference programmes and other events

Puerto Rico, 2011

Joint off-site pre-conference working seminar with UNESCO/IFAP

The section is organising an off-site working meeting of experts in San Juan (Puerto Rico) 11 August 2011 to discuss IL global promotion and UNESCO/IFAP – IFLA collaboration. This is not an open session. Participants will be invited by the IL section and IFAP.

Joint satellite meeting with the Information and Libraries Special Interest Group

Theme: Information Literacy and its impact on women.

Location: Turabo University, Gurabo, Puerto Rico

Dates: 11-12 August 2011

Website: <http://www.ucm.es/BUCM/ILWIL>

Joint programme with *Library Services for Multicultural Populations*

Theme: The Importance of Information Literacy for Multicultural Populations: Needs, Strategies, Programs, and the Role of Libraries.

Helsinki, 2012

Joint satellite with Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning Section Professional Development

Themes:

- how to provide professional development to librarians in all types of libraries so they can help their user communities become information literate;
- tools to support and promote information literacy;
- information literacy in a work context;
- the importance of the information literacy concept to the role of library/information professionals regardless of type of information organisation.

Location: Tampere, Finland

Proposed dates: 8-10 August 2012

Joint conference programme on civic literacy with SIG ATINA

The IL section is planning to arrange a conference programme on civic literacy together with the ATINA SIG and possibly other IFLA sections/SIGs.

