



**IFLA Section
Science and
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Minutes of the Science and Technology Libraries
Section
Meeting
Teleconference (Zoom), 31, August 2022

Attendance:

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The following Agenda was confirmed for the meeting:

- I. Welcome to our Guests and Quick Round of Introductions
- II. WLIC Meeting minutes approval discussion
- III. WLIC Discussion and Feedback & Open Discussion (Julia)
- IV. IFLA Updates from Headquarters
- V. Sub-Committee Reports
- VI. Discussion/Brainstorming WLIC 2023 program ideas
- VII. Action Plan Review

- VIII. Any other business?
IX. Next Meeting Plan - next meeting Thursday, October 13, 2022

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- I. Welcome to our Guests and Quick Round of Introductions
- II. WLIC Meeting minutes approval discussion ([linked here](#))
- III. WLIC Discussion and Feedback & Open Discussion (Julia)
Julia reports, that we had a good session at WLIC 2022, with a great discussion afterwards, which included a lot of questions from the audience. Also, we had a good response rate from the survey from a number of attendees. We had approximately 85 attendees and ca. 40 responses from a big variety of countries and continents. The majority of them were practicing librarians from all sectors. One of the questions was related to potential future topics, which were: Open Science, Data Science, Open Access, Diversity, Data Management in STEM. Julia said that she send IFLA Headquarter a message saying that they should unify their messaging, about what the rules and guidelines for the sessions are. Some Sessions used video recordings and we were told to please not to use recordings. Marydee adds that the next conference in Rotterdam will be hybrid, so this issue is going to be resolved. Next time we should think about if we really want simultaneous translation, because this only happens in the very large rooms and these often lack atmosphere. On the other hand a simultaneous translation gives more people access to our program.

The speakers (guests) added, that the communication with Julia was very clear. Visas are always a barrier, depending were you are from. It would be good if IFLA would choose more countries from Asia, Africa etc., so that the Visa problem could be simplified.

- IV. IFLA Updates from Headquarters
- The General Assembly will take place on August 25
 - Announcement that Helen Mandl takes over as acting secretary general from Sept. 1st
 - Prof. Council update, see email on Basecamp
 - There was no Division D meeting, so no news from there.
- V. Sub-Committee Updates
- A. Professional Development (Kara)
Upcoming webinar: November 9th 8:00 am PST- Caroline Coward at Director of Library Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) (NASA): open Science and open data initiative JPL / NASA

B. Marketing and Outreach (Sarah)

Working with Kara and the rest of the professional development group on the marketing of the coming up Webinar. We do have all of the Webinar recordings from our most recent Webinars this summer on our Youtube Channel. Next Sub-Committee meeting will be scheduled for next month.

VI. Discussion/Brainstorming WLIC 2023 program ideas ([linked here](#))

A. **Satellite** will be on the topic of AI. Marydee and Anna with support from Sandy will lead the sub-committee. Maybe we could partner with digital humanities. Anna and Marydee get together in Berlin next month to talk about this. The topic needs to be narrowed down, so that it is unique to a specific audience, who will be really interested in it. The format is open, from panel discussion to hands-on workshops. Sandy said she recently participated in a hands-on workshop from the AI Institute UT Austin and she is happy to share her experience. Ethics and AI is also an interesting topic. Deadline for a draft is end of October. The list for the potential locations in either Belgium, Netherlands or Luxembourg has not been finalized yet. The list will be shared on the Officers basecamp. As soon as the list has been shared, we should agree on a location. It is also not clear if we can also pick a location which is not on the list. Several members said Amsterdam would be the easiest.

B. **Programme** WLIC 2023: We picked the topic(s): Social Media, Social Analytics, Science Communication, Citizen Science and Sustainability maybe in a cooperation with ENSULIB, Julia would be happy to draft a description, together with Anna. Deadline for the draft at the end of September.

VII. Action Plan Review ([linked here](#))

Sandy explains to our guests, what the action plan looks like and what it is for. She points out specific items from the plan: we had to unfortunately cancel this year's Satellite (Library Carpentry) due to a lack of registrations. Next year we should have a good plan on how we do marketing for the event and we should also discuss whether a fee is helpful or not. We formalized marketing for our events e.g. with specific templates. We set up a YouTube Chanel, were we are posting all of our professional development webinar content. We wanted to start a blog, but IFLA HQ has not provided the blog component yet. We organized a WLIC program, which was a big success this year. We put in some fund requestse for a software called Wordly, which can be used to translate our webinars in all of the official IFLA languages, which gives our content a broader audience. The second request is for using Wordly in our Business meetings for a simultaneous translation. We do a lot on social media (Facebook & Twitter e.g. during the conferences), we have new sub-committees (Marketing & Outreach, Prof. Development, WLIC Program). We already have had 3 groups of Webinars, in total 8 Webinars, some of which in different time zones.

VIII. Any other business?

Anna brought up a few things:

- <https://laverne.libguides.com/mira> MIRA Makerspace Conference
- <https://www.nextlibrary.net/> Next Library Conference
- We can submit a poster as a section, other sections are introducing themselves by posters, maybe we should do this next time.
- Anna suggests to publish a review on makerspace guidelines. Sandy said, we should put this on the next agenda

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