



## IFLA Management of Library Association Section (MLAS)

### MLAS Standing Committee Meeting - MINUTES

Day/Time: **23 November 2020, 2– 3.30 p.m. CET**

Type: Zoom Meeting

**Participants:** Dijana Machala , Marwa El Sahn, Susan Haigh, Loida Garcia Febo (Information Coordinator, Minutes), Halo Locher (Chair), Chutima Sacchanand, Amy Burke, Hella Klauser (Secretary, chairing the meeting), Alicia Ocaso-Ferreira, Mitsuhiro Oda, Randa Al Chidiac , Ana Carolina Lopez Scondras, Loy Jyoon Chin, Magda Gomułka (SIG Convenor, New Professionals), Lidiette Quiros, Pascal Sanz, Mikhael Afanasyev

**Excused:** Karin Linder, Ruijuan Huo, Ute Engelkenmeier, Rauha Maarno, Amandine Jacquet, Vanya Grashkina Alim Garga, Evviva Weinraub Lajoie (SIG convenor Women, Information Libraries) Vadim Duda, Assane Fall

#### 1. Welcome and Introductions (Chair)

Hella Klauser chaired this meeting to assist our Chair during this time.

#### 2. Minutes MLAS Meeting October 26, 2020

Overall, the minutes were left as they were. (1st paragraph had a name correction.)

#### 3. SDG (Sustainable Development Goals): Contribution and Information by Kristine Paberza; Loida)

<https://librarymap.ifla.org/>

Kristine Paberza from IFLA HQ presented about SDGs and IFLA's Library Map of the World. See attached the slides of her presentation.

IFLA is organizing work around the UN SDGs 2021 priority goals for advocacy efforts and the LMW.

Goal is to get national library associations in their country's national SDGs efforts so libraries stories are included in the countries reports to the UN.

LMW Challenges: (included on the slides as well)

- Demonstrating the contributions
- Demonstrating impact

Kristine proposed two webinars. One -a promotional webinar open to all- would introduce the concept of sharing stories for the LMW, libraries working on them, the UN SDGs priorities, and will also include creating and submitting Country Profiles for the LMW. The other webinar will be in a hands-on workshop for the Section members to learn more about stories for the LMW.

The MLAS group coordinating a webinar will consider these webinars at their next meeting and bring information back to the Section.



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Note that countries can now send information about their library stories and IFLA HQ staff will write the story to facilitate that includes all the components according to the requirements.

Kristine answered questions from MLAs members.

- **all participants to prepare:** Kristine proposes a webinar together with MLAS and IFLA HQ about the stories added to the LMW:

- a) what is your opinion about this proposal; how about the proposed date January 11, 2021?
- b) how would you collect possible examples of stories from your association members?
- c) what is the most important issue (obstacle) concerning the stories on the LMW which Kristine should explain further?

#### 4. Survey 'Formation needs of associations' – status quo (Susan)

The survey was translated, and it is ready. Next step is for the MLAs working group to coordinate messaging, deadlines, and distribution with support from IFLA HQ and through MLAs communication channels.

#### 5. IFLA Division IV Webinar Series for LIS students (Attachment/Loida & Hella)

Question from MLAs members: In which capacity we would support this webinar series?

Pascal suggested that we could support with organizing a webinar about library associations.

Action: Loida will connect with Albina with question if there is something else besides the points on item 3, below, we can support with. MLAs will suggest including NPSIG in the effort.

To note item 3 from the IFLA SET document:

*The Webinar Series is an annual project that will be held each March-May (one webinar each month). It involves members of Division IV units, LIS schools and LIS students.*

*There will be nine papers, 3 at each webinar, presented for 20 minutes each with time for questions and answers after each presentation. A subgroup of members of the 7 sections and 4 SIGs with a Project coordinator will choose a theme for the webinar series each year, issue guidelines for submission, announce the call for papers, receive the proposals, and organizes reviewers for the proposals. All technical activity is implemented by a Project coordinator with the support of two or three volunteers from the Division IV Professional Units.*

#### 6. Inactive Members (Halo/all): Allocation of previously uncontacted members (List attached)

MLAs members have contacted library associations to encourage renovation of membership. Many members provided information about the associations they



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contacted and the status if they are renewing or are experiencing situations preventing them from doing so.

### 7. **News from Governing Board and Division Chair (Halo)**

-Results on survey HQ on expectations for virtual WLIC in 2021? – Results are not available yet.

-Virtual General Assembly Nov.5, 2020 – IFLA President-Elect Barbara Lison Chaired this successful event. Voting electronically went well. IFLA President gave a speech and the Treasurer presented a report. The IFLA Honors and Medals were presented and members were happy with that.

Marwa noted that there is a point to note about the amount of money that did not come in this year from the WLIC that was cancelled due to Covid-19. The GB will discuss it at next meetings.

Pascal's concern about giving it more thought to the proposal passed during this GA about fewer in-person meetings, the frequency of the meetings, etc.

-Next general assembly Feb.12,2021 – IFLA President Christine Mackenzie will Chair this extra GA. The main purpose is to present the new changes in governance during this event along with proposed new statutes.

### 8. **Communication (Loida)** – The items below will be taken at the next meeting. IFLA HQ is planning a webinar featuring ways of communicating with members via social media and webinars, podcasts, etc. for Sections since we are all operating online now and will be online next year. Date and more information soon.

- Annual Report MLAS & SIG

- Update Action Plan

- update about communications from the Div 4 meeting

### 9. **Miscellaneous (all)**

Next meeting: December 22, 2020 (Halo)

### 10. **Closing remarks**