



IFLA Section Academic and Research Libraries

Academic and Research Libraries Section Business Meeting 30 September & 2 October 2024

AGENDA

Present:

Ursula Arning, Miriam Linda Akeriwe, Siviwe Bangani, Mimi Calter (Chair), Adefunke Ebijuwa, Antonio Cobos Flores, Jerôme Fronty (Information Coordinator), Joanna Hare, Lorraine Haricombe, Sarah Kaddu, Lily Ko (Secretary), Jayshree Mamtora, Shaharima Parvin, Tiiu Tarkpea,

Apologies:

Bianca Amaro, Karen Downing, Adriana Cybele Ferrari, Marisa King, Xin Li, Mary Ngure, Tuelo Ntlotlang, Jim O'Donnell, Astrid Verheusen.

1. Welcome, attendance and apologies
 - Mimi welcomed the group.
2. Approval of the Agenda
 - Mimi called for additional items. Members approved the agenda.
3. Approval of minutes of previous meeting
 - Request comments in advance – announce deadline for comments. Members could send comments to Lily by October , 2024.
4. Matters arising
 - Funding for MailChimp to support our newsletter has been confirmed.
 - There was some concern about whether MailChimp was the best tool
 - This was especially relevant because Marisa is retiring from her role as newsletter editor – Mimi called for volunteers to take her place.
5. IFLA Updates
 - 5.1. From the Professional Committee
 - PC meeting was held on October 2nd.
 - Agenda included:
 - Review of input on draft code of conduct



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- Thanks to those who provided comments on the drafts that I shared, especially Jim
 - WLIC Review
 - Report from Tools and Planning committee
 - Anticipated that our funding request for MailChimp would be incorporated into the tools discussion
- Report from the August meeting:
 - Report from Te Pea has been copied to our Basecamp here: <https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/7A8yUDYzpSpgvT2uQkezG51E>
 - Approval of ANBI (Charity) status for IFLA
 - Trends survey (now published)
 - Section review process
 - WLIC 2025 Kazakhstan
 - Satellite meetings must take place in Kazakhstan

5.2. From Division D

- Updates from individual units (including Hot Topics from us)
- Also discussed the selection of Kazakhstan for WLIC 2025.
- It's unclear if all sections and committees would be asked to submit proposals, since we have more committees now that Regional Committees exist.

5.3. From the Governing Board

- Communication has begun related to the 2025 election
 - You should have already received an e-mail with the timeline
- The process has changed somewhat this year – there was now a pre-nominations phase by November 29, 2024.
- Information Summit is underway!

5.4. Request for items to be raised to the Professional Committee or Division D

6. Information Coordinator's Report (Jerome)

- Jerome sent out the Information Coordinator report on October 1, 2024. Members could send comments to him.
- Discussion on whether we should continue to keep X due to encounter a technical issue to login. It was not able to add new posts on X since last August.

7. Country Trends (Lily and Tiu)

- Call for submissions of members' country trend reports (ideally not longer than one page). Members could send the report to Lily by 31 October 2024.

8. Annual Report for 2023-24

- The annual report is now submitted via the Infinity platform



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- It was due in October; Mimi has initiated work and would include input from our discussion
- Action Plan updates would be due in addition to the annual report
 - Action plan runs through 2025, but annual reports are still required
- There are several Action Plan items that are ongoing and will need to be refreshed in Infinity for the new year
 - Blog posts
 - Social Media
- Add new items for the coming year?
 - Need to consider WLIC

9. Action Plan Items

9.1 Planning for WLIC 2025 in Kazakhstan

- Mimi would be adding an Action Plan item related to this topic so we can begin thinking
- Get initial read on who expects to attend
- Opportunity to partner with Copyright & Legal Matters (Melissa Levine)
 - Ideas around joint programming

9.2 Blogs

- Mimi called for blog posts for October
- Should also be getting blog posts from our Attendance Grant awardees

9.3 Hot Topics (Lead: Lorraine)

- It was discussed whether the Hot Topics in Kazakhstan in 2025 would be in-person or webinar.
- Lorraine is happy to do the behind-the-scene planning and organizing, but she will not attend the WLIC 2025 in Kazakhstan.

9.4 IFLA Journal Special Issue (Lead: Jayshree / Bertil)

- Jayshree updated our IFLA Journal Issue
 - Our special issue will be the first one for 2025, not late 2024 as we had at first hoped
 - 6 articles that will be in the issue are already available online
 - Looking for 3 more articles, aiming at 10.
 - We can publish with a minimum of 7 articles; don't see any issue with completing that

9.5 Webinars (Lead: Xin)

- Update on planning for our next Webinar
 - Date: Nov 14, 2024



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- Title: "Academic integrity and generative artificial intelligence: How can libraries support the training of students?"
- Language: Spanish
- Thank you to Jo who is going to step in as Webinar coordinator when Xin rolls off the Committee in 2025

9.6 Travel Grant

- The big issue is funding.
 - Elsevier had no response.
 - We still have some funding left.

9.7 Communications & Social Media

- Jerome is taking the lead in his role as IC
- Thanks to Marisa for her contributions on the Newsletter. She is retiring as newsletter editor at the end of the year – looking for volunteers for a replacement; Marisa will train!
- Thanks to Shaharima for her efforts on LinkedIn. That page is doing well
- Adefunke continues to do good work on Facebook.
- Antonio is monitoring X.

10. Additional Business