



**IFLA Section
Bibliography**

Minutes of Bibliography Section
Mid-Year Meeting
Teleconference (Zoom), 16 May 2024

Attendance

Bibliography Section Standing Committee

Rehab Ouf (*Chair*, Egypt), Maud Henry (*Secretary*, Belgium), Isabel Ayres Maringelli (*Information Coordinator*, Brazil), Annette Dortmund (Netherlands), Kazue Murakami (Japan), Linda Jerrewing Strömberg (Sweden), Paweł Leleń (Poland), Tiziana Possemato (Italy), Satu Niininen (Finland), Andrew Lamprecht (South Africa), Rebecca Higgins (Australia), Renate Goempel (Germany), Sandra Gisela Martin (Argentina)

Invited speaker

Athena Salaba (*Chair, Division H*, United States of America)

Observers

Pat Riva (Canada), Annick Bernard (France), Silvina Angelozzi (Argentina), Anna Slawek (Canada), Julijana Nadj-Guttandin (Germany), Melissa Levine (United States of America)

Apologies

Florian Betz (Germany), Haliza Jailani (Singapore)

Absentees

Florence Tfibel (France), Lobel Machala (Croatia), Marina Neshcheret (Russian Federation)

1. Welcome and introductions

Rehab Ouf (Chair) welcomes everyone and all attendees introduce themselves.

2. Approval of the agenda

The agenda is approved. Division H chair update is postponed until we are joined by Athena Salaba.

3. Chair's update

Rehab Ouf, in her capacity as Chair of the Bibliography Section, provides us with the following updates:

- Brief information about WLIC Review process that is underway, with no much information available yet.
- IFLA's first Network, the IFLA Accessibility Metadata Network, is now established, sponsored by the Bibliography Section and 5 other IFLA units. IFLA Governing Board

has approved the network proposal on April 17 and the “Accessibility Metadata Network” with a mandate of three years. More is covered in item 8.4 below.

- Metadata sections joint event: no precise dates (Fall 2024) and no program yet.

4. Section membership (Rehab Ouf)

Two active co-opted members: Andrew Lamprecht and Florian Betz. A new call will be launched soon for more co-opted members to join our section as we are not a full committee and for geographic diversity.

We have received one application from the National Library of Kazakhstan in replacement of Ainagul Nurseitova; the procedure is currently underway.

Observer Melissa Levine makes a comment about linguistic diversity and the idea to experiment with simultaneous translation devices for meetings (AI, transcripts). There is a discussion about IFLA members' ability to communicate in English and how this may affect their active participation. Athena will follow-up on this matter with the PC.

5. Division H Chair update

Athena Salaba, in her capacity as Division H Chair, provides us with the following updates:

- Many units have collaborated with regional divisions to organize events. It is a good experiment for IFLA to see what happens when there's no WLIC because a lot of sections have been very creative. The list of events can now be consulted centrally on the IFLA website. Other sections didn't organize events because they weren't ready or didn't think there would be enough participation.
- Action plan & updates: most of the sections have updated their action plan.
- [IFLA Information Futures Summit](#): Athena encourages to take part in the Summit, knowing that travel and registration fees might be prohibitive.
- Cycle of review of professional units (5-years cycle) by the Professional Council: 1st year is the review of SIGs; years 2-5 will be for the sections review. The PC is working on the procedures and timeline. We'll be asked to think about the scope of our section: is it still valid? is the name still valid? how do we engage with our members? etc.
- Athena gives some explanation about the [change to IFLA statutes to enable IFLA to formally apply for ANBI status under Dutch law](#).

6. Feedback and follow-up on BIBS VES

6.1. Feedback on first webinar: Building a National Bibliography: Models from Around the World, 30 April 2024 ([Event page](#), [Recording](#))

- Positive feedback: very well organized, run very smoothly, diverse presentations (topics, geographically). The new version of Zoom for webinars has some interesting new features.
- Things to improve: better compliance with the time limits.
- Other points: we had 270 participants which is a good number. 3 people co-hosting the event is the minimum to be comfortable and to deal with all the eventualities (questions, managing the chat, chairing the webinar, etc.). We plan to organize practice sessions with the speakers for the next webinar.

6.2. Second webinar: National Bibliographies: Wider Perspectives, 27 June 2024

Format: 45 minutes of presentations + panel discussion

Complete information about the webinar will be publicized the week following this meeting and the registration will open by then.

7. Action plan follow-up

All the groups have created and agreed on their terms of reference. There is clarity on the objectives and the outputs. It's time for all the working groups to kick off or pursue their activities. The next update of the action plan is expected by the end of October 2024.

8. Working groups and project updates

8.1. Common practices

The Common Practices is an ongoing core project. Being an IFLA standard, it has a 5-years review circle. The review will need to start in about 18 months.

- Complete translations: Italian, Spanish, Chinese
- Ongoing translations: French, Persian, Arabic
- Announced translations: Brazilian, Portuguese

8.2. National Bibliographic Register

This update was delivered by Rebecca Higgins, chair of the working group.

The NBR WG is working together in an attempt to have new entries added to the register, and also for our older entries to be updated. The WG has recently created an updated registration form to make it more user-friendly and to improve accuracy and precision.

The group is calling for volunteers who would like to try out the new form, either to update their entry on the NBR or for a national bibliography that isn't registered yet.

Policy question for the WG to discuss: can other types of (national) bibliographies be integrated into the NBR register? Example: Italy, where the national bibliography is not just produced by a single national library.

8.3. UBC working group

This update was delivered by Maud Henry, co-chair of the working group.

The UBC WG has discussed many items: the nature of the UBC document, its position in relation to other IFLA standards, the nature and the composition of the WG for next year, the expected deliverables and the timeline. The WG is drafting the mandate for the next revision to make IFLA (PC, GB and other IFLA units) and other stakeholders aware of their work. The mandate will be communicated in July.

The UBC statement is to use at high level, as a framework and advocacy tool. The group also acknowledges the need for practical guidelines: this will be done later as a separate document.

8.4. Accessibility Metadata and Accessible Formats in NBs working group

This update was delivered by Satu Niininen, chair of the working group.

The WG has finalized its terms of reference. In order to avoid doing redundant work with the Accessibility Metadata Network, the WG has decided to target its objectives and outcomes specifically for national bibliographic agencies by highlighting their role as a close collaborator with the publishing sector, and then later on by providing guidance and practical use cases in representing accessibility metadata in national bibliographies.

Update from the Accessibility Metadata Network: the network received its official network status from the GB. Chris Oliver was elected as the convener. The network has begun its work and set its objectives to developing international best practices and also guidelines on recording and the use of accessibility metadata. To achieve this, it has set up 4 separate subgroups, each has its own specific area of responsibility. Firstly, creating high level statements on the importance of accessibility metadata. Secondly, creating mappings between different sources of accessibility metadata. Then developing best practices and guidelines. And lastly, compiling a vocabulary of accessibility terms.

8.5. National Bibliographies and New Technologies working group

This update was delivered by Tiziana Possemato and Annette Dortmund, co-chairs of the working group.

Being a new WG, it took some time for the group to set up the priorities and define the focus. The WG has now finalized its terms of reference. The focus should be placed on those two important strengths (both linked to the application of new technologies): linked open bibliographies and AI for and in national bibliographies.

The WG will start by working on a set of guidelines for integrating AI and LOD technologies into national bibliographic workflows.

9. Section communication

9.1. Website, blog, mailing list, repository

Andrew Lamprecht has joined the Communication Team. He will be taking the lead with the blog. The objective is to develop the blog and enhance it. Andrew is also willing to help with any copy editing.

The Bibliography section now has its [Youtube channel](#) (where you can find the first webinar recording) and an [X \(Twitter\) account](#).

9.2. Projects webpages (new)

Webpages have been constructed for the working groups terms of references and outputs. They will soon be published.

9.3. IFLA Metadata Newsletter

IFLA Metadata Newsletter: SC members are highly encouraged to have contributions to the forthcoming June 2023 issue of the Newsletter.

10. Future meetings

There will be a SC meeting in July, after the second webinar. You will soon receive the link to the Doodle poll.

Adjournment.