

# August 2022- August 2023 - Annual Report Form

## Unit Information

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Please enter current information below.

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## Unit Member Contributions

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Please describe the contributions of the Unit members

**Role**

Chair

**Name of Unit member**

Carolyn Anthony

**Contributions**

The Chair presided over 6 meetings of the Standing Committee. She solicited partnership with the Statistics and Evaluation Section on conducting a survey of metropolitan libraries and national libraries regarding their use of impact assessment and worked with members of that Section to complete the survey and plan the program for WLIC. She introduced MetLib's program at WLIC 2022 on "The Impact of Libraries in a Democratic Society". She helped with the establishment of the MetLib Learning Circle. She participated in planning the Satellite meeting on metropolitan libraries and urban development, to be jointly held with the Institute for Housing and Urban Development in Rotterdam. She encouraged people to run for election to the MetLib Standing Committee and endorsed several candidates (11 ran). She responded to a request for Unit Engagement in the SDG's. She also participated in meetings of Division A and prepared a Plan of Action for 2022-2023. At WLIC 2023, Carolyn welcomed attendees and introduced the Satellite session on Libraries and Urban Development and gave a summary of MetLib's focus on impact assessment at MetLib's joint program with the statistics and Evaluation section "Impact Assessment: A Slice of Current Practice."

**Role**

Secretary

**Name of Unit member**

Lucia Werder

**Contributions**

Lucia Werder prepared agendas for all meetings of the Standing Committee and took minutes for all but one meeting. She was an active participant in meetings and responded to inquiries between meetings and contributed ideas re proposals such as the application for the Dynamic Unit Award. She served on the Engagement Working Group.

**Role**

Information Coordinator

**Name of Unit member**

Nick Buron

**Contributions**

Nick handled communication for the Section, sending out meeting agendas, minutes, and relevant news from IFLA. He completed the nomination of MetLib for a Dynamic Unit Award for Leadership. Nick got newly elected members onto Basecamp and helped orient them to its use. Nick helped publicize the upcoming Satellite conference on metropolitan libraries in urban development. He was always prompt in responding to emails and sending notifications.

**Role**

Convenor

**Name of Unit member**

Pablo Bruno D'Amico

**Contributions**

Pablo was a new member to the Standing Committee in 2022 and jumped in to offer to host MetLib 2023 in Buenos Aires in Oct 2023. He has chaired the Conference Committee, proposing the Conference theme, coordinating the request for program proposals, arranging for keynote speakers and cultural events, soliciting support from local officials, and otherwise showing leadership in planning and making arrangements for MetLib's first conference in Latin America which will be bilingual.

**Role**

Member

**Name of Unit member**

Ton Van Vlimmeren

**Contributions**

Ton Van Vlimmeren served on the Impact Assessment Working Group, suggesting speakers for MetLib's program at WLIC 2023 and providing information on activities related to impact assessment in the European Union. He was one of the principal organizers of MetLib's Satellite on urban development at WLIC 2023, contributing ideas, lining up speakers, and helping to promote the session.

**Role**

Member

**Name of Unit member**

Mathilde Servet

**Contributions**

Mathilde was one of the organizers of the MetLib Learning Circle. She participated actively in the Circle and prepared reports for the Standing Committee on the activities and topics discussed. She was also one of the principal organizers of the Satellite on urban development for WLIC 2023. She proposed and secured the keynote speaker and participated in planning meeting, contributing ideas for workshop sessions. She served as one of MetLib's representatives to the PLOTY Award Committee. She also attended Standing Committee meetings and participated actively in discussions.

**Role**

Member

**Name of Unit member**

Neeza Singh

**Contributions**

Neeza was one of the organizers of the MetLib Learning Circle and participated actively in the group. She also participated actively in Standing Committee meetings.

**Role**

Member

**Name of Unit member**

Felippe Van der Walt

**Contributions**

Felippe served as one of MetLib's representatives to the PLOTY Award Committee. He also attended most Standing Committee meetings and participated in discussions.

**Role**

Member

**Name of Unit member**

Brian Bannon

**Contributions**

Brian was an active contributor to planning for MetLib 2023 in Buenos Aires. He not only took part in planning meetings, but volunteered his staff to contribute the meeting scheduling, preparation of agendas and minutes, contacting speakers whose program proposals were accepted by the planning committee and other such support work for the planning committee. He was also one of the principal organizers of the MetLib Learning Circle.

**Role**

Member

**Name of Unit member**

John Spears

**Contributions**

John Spears has kept up with MetLib's short film award competition and arranged for new sponsorship. He volunteered for writing up the importance of the Public Library Manifesto for a U.N. publication. He was active in recruiting a host for MetLib 2024. John supported the MetLib Learning Circle and was also an active participant in Standing Committee meetings and discussions.

**Role**

Member

**Name of Unit member**

Carme Galve Montero

**Contributions**

Carme Galve Montero was an active contributor to planning for MetLib 2023 in Buenos Aires. She participated in planning meetings, suggested keynote speakers, helped in evaluating program proposals, and in translations.

**Role**

Member

**Name of Unit member**

Katri Vanttinen

**Contributions**

Katri helped in planning for the MetLib Learning Circle. She also served on the planning committee for MetLib 2023 Conference, evaluating program proposals.

**Role**

Member

**Name of Unit member**

Suzie Gately

**Contributions**

Suzie was an engaged member of the Standing Committee who volunteered to take minutes at a meeting the Secretary could not attend.

**Please indicate any changes to Committee membership during 2022-2023 (e.g. Resignations, co-options, appointment of mentors)**

Our co-opted members Pablo d'Amico, Carme Galve Montero, and Cao Zhong joined the Standing Committee for 2022-2023.

**Committee Meetings**

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**Please provide information about your 2022-2023 Standing Committee Meetings:**

**How many business or other meetings did you hold from August 2022- August 2023?**

6

**How many of these meetings were open meetings (where those beyond the Standing Committee were invited)?**

0

**How were the majority of these meetings held?**

Virtual (Zoom/Skype/Teams etc.)

**Did you hold a mid-term meeting?**

No

**Have minutes from all meetings been uploaded to the Repository?**

Yes

**Successes/Accomplishments/Achievements**

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**Briefly describe the project, activity, or output you accomplished during the period August 2022 - August 2023**

**Title or name of project, activity, output**

Satellite Meeting on Libraries in Sustainable Urban Development

**Details**

MetLib worked with the Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies at Erasmus University in Rotterdam to organize a Satellite meeting "Realising the Opportunity: Libraries in Sustainable Urban Development," held August 18, 2023. The connection with IHS was facilitated by Stephen Wyber, policy specialist at IFLA. The Satellite meeting was attended by 44 persons including urbanists and architects, as well as librarians, making for an interesting mix of people and a broad perspective. The meeting elicited some of the current challenges for cities, the ways libraries engage the community in actively planning for new or remodeled library facilities, and the ways in which libraries contribute to an engaged citizenry through serving as a third space in the community, providing a safe, welcoming, and open forum for personal learning and discovery and for group interaction. The session was included as part of the U.N. Urban Thinkers Agenda.

**Do you have a URL to this accomplishment to share?**

<https://www.ihs.nl/en/events/realising-opportunity-libraries-sustainable-urban-development-2023-08-18>

**Title or name of project, activity, output**

MetLib Learning Circle

## Details

The MetLib Learning Circle was conceived as a strategy for engaging mid-level managers in metropolitan libraries in MetLib and IFLA. It was proposed by MetLib member Brian Bannon of NYPL and Tommi Laitio, a Fellow at the Bloomberg Center for Public Innovation at Johns Hopkins University, agreed to facilitate the group. MetLib solicited nominations from Library Directors for Learning Circle participants. Seventeen participants from 12 countries and 5 continents met virtually seven times, with a dozen members being most active. While Tommi convened the group, the participants decided on topics of interest and took responsibility for leading subsequent sessions. Eleven of the participants will attend MetLib 2023 in Buenos Aires and take part in a presentation. It was agreed that an in-person face-to-face meeting earlier in the year would be helpful, but it was considered by participants to be a success. Hopefully, new connections were forged and at least some participants will become active in MetLib and IFLA.

**Do you have a URL to this accomplishment to share?**

## Communications

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**How have you communicated your Unit's work to the following stakeholders?**

	Standing Committee Members	IFLA members registered to your Section	Other IFLA Committees	The field at large
Newsletter				
Webpage				X
Blog post				
Mailing list	X	X		
Social Media				X
Basecamp	X		X	

**Please comment on any communication or partnerships outside of your own Standing Committee**

MetLib partnered with the IFLA Statistics and Evaluation Committee in preparation of a program on impact assessment for WLIC 2023. IFLA partnered with the Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies at Erasmus University in Rotterdam to hold a Satellite conference "Realising the Opportunity: Libraries in Sustainable Urban Development," August 18, 2023, in connection with WLIC 2023.

## Additional Information

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**Did you receive Professional Council funding for 2022-2023?**

No

**Please use this space to provide any additional information you would like to share about the Unit's activities for the year:**

One of MetLib's goals was to increase visibility, membership and participation in MetLib. MetLib's Learning Circle, co-hosted Satellite, and recruitment of 11 persons to stand for 5 positions on the 2023 ballot are indicative of success in achieving that goal.

The other goal was to advance an understanding and use of outcome and impact assessment in metropolitan libraries. Toward that end, MetLib conducted a survey of the extent of impact assessment in libraries, conducted a program on "The Impact of Metropolitan Libraries in a Democratic Society" at WLIC 2022 and a Satellite on Libraries in Sustainable Urban Development. There is a trend toward assessing the larger impact of the library on cities and societies of which they are a part.

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**Which Annual Report is this?**

This is our FINAL Annual Report due to the Division Committee Chair by 15-September 2023

**We are ready to submit our FINAL 2022-2023 Annual Report**

Yes