



IFLA Special Interest Group Library History

August 2022- August 2023 - Annual Report Form

Unit Information

Please enter current information below.

Unit Name

Library History Special Interest Group

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Unit Member Contributions

Please describe the contributions of the Unit members

Role

Convenor

Name of Unit member

Anna Maria Tammaro

Contributions

Revision and update of Annual report 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 of the SIG to take into account completed activities and planning of related ongoing activities

After WLIC 2022 she has updated the Annual Report and Action Plan 2022-2023 and submitted them in the repository
Business Meeting: she has called and coordinated the SIG LIBHIST meetings for the Midterm and Welcome to new members, preparing the Agenda. She has planned and chaired the WLIC 2023 Business meeting. Preparation of minutes and reports submitting them in the repository

Project Oral Histories: Organization of collaborative tools and coordination for the drafting of the Oral Histories Guidelines document. Realization of the first Draft and testing of the project workflow with all the stakeholders involved. Testing accessibility of recorded interviews.

Centenary book: Preparation for the proposal and funding request for the IFLA Centennial book WLIC 2023 Satellites and Open Sessions:preparing the collaboration for the Satellite with the Mundaneum and visiting Mons in December 2022. Coordination of the contact and agreement with Mundaneum and organization of the Planning Committee meetings, all online: December 20, February 14, April 24, May 18, June 10, June 26. Launching the Call for proposals on April and invitation of the authors selected for the Satellite Session. Preparation for SIG LIBHIST Open session at WLIC on August 24 and submitting the form requested by WLIC 2023.

Communication strategy: as a useful way to disseminate LIBHIST SIG projects and events and, during elections period,

soliciting the involvement of professionals from around the world, in collaboration with Anup Kumar has updated the Web page and news and the SIG LIBHIST Blog. She is the LIBHIST SIG administrator of the mailing list. Starting a new partnership internal to IFLA: Sections Management and Marketing, Preservation and Conservation Library theory and research. External partners Mundaneum, Biblioteca civica Bolzano. Introducing the Satellite in Mons. Chairing Business meeting in Rotterdam.

Role

Member

Name of Unit member

Peter Lor

Contributions

Business meeting: Active participation in all meetings of the LIBHIST SIG.
LIBHIST SIG Projects: preparation of an outline for publication and dissemination of the two SIG projects: Centenary Book. He has carried out the first phase of the Centenary Project with the visit and study of the various archives of the international professional associations. And, after the analysis, he has prepared a post for the Blog of LIBHIST SIG and the presentation at the Satellite in Mons.
Oral histories: active collaboration in the discussion for the Guidelines, preparation of an update note on LIBHIST SIG projects for new incoming members. He has collected material on Donna Scheeder to be published in the framework of the project.
Preparation and chairing the Open Session during the WLIC 2023 on 24 August.

Role

Member

Name of Unit member

Polly Boruff-Jones

Contributions

Business meeting: She has participated in all meetings of the LIBHIST SIG.
WLIC 2023: Member of the WLIC Planning Committee and actively participated in the definition of the program and in the choice of speakers. Actively participated in the Satellite in Mons and other activities at WLIC 2023 Oral histories: Active participation in the drafting of the Guidelines. She coordinates interviews with IFLA personalities Centenary book: participated in discussions and meetings

Role

Member

Name of Unit member

Parisa Paysar

Contributions

Business meetings: she has participated in all LIBHIST SIG meetings until January, then warned of difficulties connected to political problems in her country

Role

Member

Name of Unit member

Kaisa Sinikara

Contributions

Business meetings: she has actively participated in all meetings of the LIBHIST SIG.
Oral histories: she has actively participated in the discussion and testing of the Guidelines document.
Centenary book: participated in discussions and meetings
Communication: Prepared the Blog post we requested to her on academic libraries in Finland

Role

Member

Name of Unit member

Ahava Cohen

Contributions

Business meetings: she has actively participated in all meetings of the LIBHIST SIG.

Oral histories: she has actively participated to the discussion and testing of the Guidelines document

Centenary book: participated in discussions and meetings

Role

Member

Name of Unit member

Wang Lei

Contributions

Business meetings: she has attended most of the SIG LIBHIST meetings and participated in online communication in Basecamp.

Oral histories: she has actively participated to the discussion on Guidelines and coordinates interviews from China and Asia

Centenary book: participated in discussions and meetings

Role

Member

Name of Unit member

Brendan Luyt

Contributions

He did not participate in any meetings or conversations

Role

Member

Name of Unit member

Hibaq Nur

Contributions

He did not participate in any meetings or conversations

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

Volunteers:

Anup Kumar continues to volunteer and collaborates with SIG LIBHIST for Communication. Steve Witt and Jeffrey Wilhite participated in the SIG LIBHIST Business meetings and actively collaborated on the Centenary book project.

Steve Witt is chair of the Planning committee satellite in Mons

Martha Attridge Bufton and Patrick Urru have started to collaborate as volunteer for Oral histories project after WLIC 2022

Committee Meetings

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

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

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

How were the majority of these meetings held?

Virtual (Zoom/Skype/Teams etc.)

Did you hold a mid-term meeting?

Yes - virtually

Have minutes from all meetings been uploaded to the Repository?

Yes

Successes/Accomplishments/Achievements

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

Title or name of project, activity, output

Oral histories

Details

As a first activity we took into consideration the results obtained from the Oral histories project launched in 2018. After WLIC 2022 we have developed a Subgroup who has created and tested the project workflow Guidelines. Sub-group on Oral Histories (Anna Maria Tamaro, Russel Lynch, Ahava Cohen, Polly Boruff-Jones, Jeffrey Wilhite, Martha Attridge Bufton, Lei Wang, and Peter Lor), has provided some specific procedural guidelines for the Oral Histories project, including an Oral histories workflow guidance document.

This subgroup collaborated with the Management and Marketing, Library theory and research and Preservation and conservation Sections of IFLA. A collaboration has been started also with the Civic Library of Bolzano (represented by Patrick Urru) which has been managing an Oral history project for the Italian-speaking community for twenty years. Other IFLA Sections with similar projects may have the same workflow.

The untimely death of former IFLA president Donna Scheeder recently highlighted the importance and urgency of recording different types of documents, not just interviews. In response to a request circulated through IFLA-L, material on Donna's activities at IFLA was collected with the aim of creating a virtual memorial. This collection, as well as the collection of interviews already carried out, highlighted the need for a workflow for the management of digital objects integrated with the HQ activities for a historical archive.

SIG tested the accessibility of some recorded interviews using YouTube Studio. Further discussion is necessary to select the appropriate tool. Note that the interview with President elect Weir (who will be President in 2027) was carried out for the Oral history Project by the Management and Marketing Section. Following interviews are online: Ingrid Parent: <https://youtu.be/sPS8F0fNaHA>

Ellen Tise: https://youtu.be/_9jQ-6NPFhY

Leslie Weir: <https://youtu.be/Rg8h5pmp-iU>

We have obtained permission to grant interviews from the following personalities to be interviewed soon:

Alex Byrne, Kay Raseroka, Jesus Lau, Winston Roberts

Do you have a URL to this accomplishment to share?

<https://www.ifla.org/g/library-history/projects/>

Title or name of project, activity, output

IFLA Centenary book

Details

Scholarly centenary volume

The SIG proposes to compile and edit a book of contributed chapters on IFLA. Chapters will be solicited through a call for chapters to update the book published in 1977 to celebrate IFLA's first half-century (Koops and Wieder 1977). It is envisaged that a satellite conference in the form of an authors' seminar will be held in 2025. In 2024 the theme would not be about the centenary as such, but each year awareness of the coming centenary should be raised. SIG obtained a small loan as a contribution to the costs.

Peter Lor has completed a first phase of registering the archives of historical sources and a first report published in the Blog, together with the introductory report presented in Dublin and a presentation during the Satellite in Mons. Results of this first phase have been published in SIG Blog: <http://iflalibraryhistorysig.blogspot.com> The Satellite at the Mundaneum has been one of the results of this first phase, starting a collaboration based on common interests for archives.

Popular celebratory publication: Discussion at the SIG's open session at the 2022 WLIC indicated that, in addition to a

scholarly book, there is a demand for a more popular celebratory publication, possibly in the form of an e-book, multimedial with less formal content.

The SIG will invite the Management and Marketing Section and the Management of Library Associations Section to work in collaboration with the SIG.

Do you have a URL to this accomplishment to share?

<https://www.ifla.org/g/library-history/projects/>

Communications

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	X	X	X
Blog post	X	X	X	X
Mailing list	X	X	X	X
Social Media				X
Basecamp	X	X		
Repository	X	X	X	

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

The SIG has collaborated with the Management and Marketing, Library theory and research and Preservation and conservation Sections of IFLA. A collaboration has been started also with the Civic Library of Bolzano (represented by Patrick Urru) which has been managing an Oral history project for the Italian-speaking community for twenty years. The new partnership with the Mundaneum has had the first result of the organization of the Satellite before WLIC 2023

Additional Information

Did you receive Professional Council funding for 2022-2023?

Yes

How does the Unit plan to measure the impact of the funded output?

SIG wants to produce documents and reports that will have an impact on IFLA and the international professional community. The first documents produced are important for the historiography of IFLA and also for improving the organization of professional associations for the curation of sources. The Satellite in Mons was a first initiative for the dissemination of information and good practices.

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

The Library History SIG has been very active over the past two years, carrying out its projects on schedule and achieving important results for the history of IFLA. In addition, the LIBHIST SIG has initiated new partnerships inside and outside IFLA. LIBHIST SIG during the Closing Ceremony has received the award of Dynamic Unit of IFLA