

IFLA Special Interest Group Library Publishing

IFLA LIBPUB SIG
Committee Meeting October 25th 2023

Minutes

Attendees: Anne-Inger Hellekjaer, Lidia Uziel, Ursula Arning, Graham Stone, Scott Walter, Devin Soper, Grace Liu, Ann Okerson, Marie O'Neill, Jane Buggle (Minutes)

Apologies: Jill Claassen, Alec Vuijsteke, Monica Berger

1. Mid-Term Meeting

Further to our intention to hold a Mid-Term Meeting in Istanbul, AO detailed conversation that she has been having with Gulcin Cribb (Ex Chair of ARL) and the heads of large academic libraries in Istanbul. Dates in March, April and June were mooted and most committee members felt that 3-7 June would work best. English is not in widespread use in Turkey; however, by broadening out the invitation to neighbouring countries (which they'd help us to do) we might be able to increase the uptake. The broader theme of Open Science would also help to attract attendance. Gulcin and AO agreed that other committees in Division D, such as SCITECH and ARL could be invited to collaborate on the event. Mimi Calter agreed for ARL and Patrick Danowski for SciTech. JB suggested it to ACD and LU confirmed their interest. GS said that there is a large Turkish community of Diamond journals. SW said that this kind of arrangement may be the way forward for IFLA given the difficulties with WLIC. AO said that an IFLA committee has been formed to look into the future of the WLIC. She is on the committee and it will meet from January 2024.

Action: AO to form a committee of reps from the SIG and Sections to organise the event. LU, JB and MON volunteered.

2. Transition to Section Status

DS said that he received no further feedback on the letter. All agreed that it is excellent. He has listed 68 IFLA member institutions but the geographical spread is limited. GS said that he will add the UK institutions and their contacts. JB and MON will try to expand the regional representation. SW will contact institutions in which he has contacts.

Action: Everyone is to add to the list in their regions and send out letters – add initials and date of contact to the list

3. Blogpost Series

AIH has been working on a WordPress site. She showed it to the group. When it is ready, blogposts will be published monthly, except for August and December. The 3 posts that have already been published will be reposted onto the WordPress site to maintain the full collection.

4. Social Media

MON gave a report on the LIBPUB social media. She will set up a LinkedIn page. We have 68 followers on Mastodon. Facebook is harder win. Some members wondered whether it is worth the effort as it is seen as more friend-focused. MON said that traction with the Twitter page is increasing steadily. GS said that the LSE Impact Blog is gaining traction on LinkedIn.

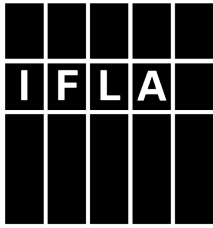
5. Financial Balance from Satellite

JB said that there was a small profit of €185.46 from the Satellite in the Hague.

6. Global Library Publishing Map

GL said that there had been a glitch on the Map which caused mismatching of locations. She and her team have fixed it as soon as it was reported.

7. Library Publishing Forum



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The LPC has invited LIBPUB to speak at the Library Publishing Forum every year. The call for papers has now gone out. SW will represent LIBPUB.

8. **DIAMAS Update**

GS said that the Global Diamond Summit is ongoing in Toluca, Mexico. Redalyc and SciELO have proposed the formation of a Global Diamond Network and this will include library publishers. The DIAMAS Quality Standards will be issued imminently. The Landscape document (240 pages) is with reviewers and will go to the EU at the end of November. Work on the IPSP Registry is ongoing. GS suggested setting up a meeting with GL and her team with a view to incorporating the relevant data into the Global Library Publishing Map. Any inclusion of data into the map would require prior discussion with Melanie Schlosser and the LPC Directory team.

9. **AOB**

JB reminded the people who spoke at the WLIC Open Session and the Satellite event to submit papers of the presentations to her by 20th November for inclusion in the special issue of 027.7 Journal.