



Information Literacy Section
Annual Report 2012-2013
(September 2012-August 2013)
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A. Scope

Mission

The primary purpose of the Information Literacy Section is to foster international cooperation and to promote information literacy in all types of libraries, as well as to lead the information world in promoting information literacy as it relates to the three IFLA Pillars: Society, Membership, and the Profession.

Goals, Priorities, and Actions

1. Advocate for information literacy in society and increase partnership within IFLA and with other organizations or institutions (e.g., UNESCO).
2. Support information professionals and other relevant partners in the provision of information literacy education in different types of libraries and information institutions, for all social sectors and in all geographic areas.
3. Improve communication within the section by creating and using a standing committee blog and a wiki which is open to the public.
4. Develop information literacy as a multi-cultural, multifaceted concept, of relevance to the global society by exploiting the collective, international experience of the Section.

B. Membership

Membership: 88 members as of December 2012

Standing Committee (up through WLIC 2013): 20 members

Corresponding members (up through WLIC 2013): 4 members

The following countries are represented: Bangladesh, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Ivory Coast, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Russian Federation, Senegal, Spain, Sweden, Taiwan, United Kingdom, United States.

For new terms 2013-2017, we welcomed five new standing committee members and four new corresponding members. Total Standing Committee membership beginning August 2013 is 20 standing members and 5 corresponding members. New countries include Brazil, China, Singapore, and Uganda.

C. Officers

Chair

Maria-Carme Torras i Calvo

Library Director

Bergen University College

Bergen, Norway
First term: 2005-2009
Second term: 2009-2013
Chair: First term, 2009-2011; Second term, 2011-2013

Secretary-Treasurer

Sharon Mader

Dean of Library Services
University of New Orleans
New Orleans, Louisiana, United States
First term: 2009-2013
Secretary: First term, 2011-2013

Information Coordinator

Albert K. Boekhorst
Visiting Professor
University of Amsterdam; University of Pretoria
Jacuma-Conde, PB
Brasil
First term: 2007-2011
Second term: 2011-2015

D. Standing Committee Meetings at WLIC 2013

Two SC meetings were held in at WLIC in Singapore (17 and 20 August, 2013). The minutes of all SC meetings are available at <http://www.ifla.org/en/information-literacy/minutes>.

E. Conference Programs WLIC 2013 Singapore

1. Conference programme: *School Libraries and Information for Civic Literacies*, co-sponsored with School Libraries Section (19 August).
2. Conference programme: *Intergenerational Literacies: texto-techno*, co-sponsored with Literacy & Reading Section (21 August).
3. Satelllite meeting: *Redefining and Refining Information Literacy and Reference Services in the Digital Age* (15 and 16 August). Co-sponsored with the Reference and Information Services Section and held at the National Library of Singapore, the satelllite was a great success, with 100 participants.

F. Projects, Publications, and Activities in 2013

1. Maria-Carme Torras I Calvo and Sharon Mader made a presentation on IFLA-UNESCO collaborative endeavors, with a focus on the MIL Recommendations, at the WSIS+10 summit in Paris (February 2013).

2. With the help and support of IFLA Headquarters staff (most notably Stuart Hamilton and Julia Brungs) and from UNESCO and IFAP, the Section has been working hard to get the IFLA Media and Information Literacy (MIL) Recommendations on the agenda at the 37th UNESCO General Conference to be held in Paris (5-20 November 2013). The goal will be to secure endorsement for the recommendations.

G. Future actions: Conference programmes, events, and activities

1. WLIC Lyon 2014

- a. Joint Conference programme with Health and Biosciences Libraries Section.
Theme: *It's public knowledge: understanding health literacy from an information science perspective*
- b. Joint Conference programme with Education and Training Section: *Education for Information Literacy Practice: Contemporary Approaches for Developing Professionals*
- c. Satellite meeting with 21-22 August, Limerick, Ireland. Theme: *Facing the Future: Librarians and Information Literacy in a Changing Landscape: Realising the Possibilities*

2. WLIC Cape Town 2015

- a. Plans are being made for a joint satellite with School Libraries Section and other partners.