



# IFLA Section Academic and Research Libraries

## Academic and Research Libraries Section Business Meeting 23 & 24 April 2024

### AGENDA

#### Present:

Miriam Linda Akeriwe, Bianca Amaro, Ursula Arning, Siviwe Bangani, Mimi Calter (Chair), Karen Downing, Adefunke Ebijuwá, Antonio Cobos Flores, Jérôme Fronty (Information Coordinator), Lorraine Haricombe, Sarah Kaddu, Lily Ko (Secretary), Xin Li, Jayshree Mamtora, Shaharima Parvin,

#### Apologies:

Adriana Cybele Ferrari, Joanna Hare, Marisa King, Mary Ngure, Tuelo Ntlotlang, Jim O'Donnell, Astrid Verheusen, Tiiu Tarkpea

1. Welcome, attendance and apologies  
Mimi welcomed the group.
2. Approval of the Agenda  
Mimi called for additional items. The agenda was approved.
3. Approval of minutes of previous meeting  
Members were invited to provide feedback via email or Basecamp until the deadline on Friday, April 26, 2024. As no feedback was received by this date, the minutes were subsequently approved and stored in the IFLA Repository
4. Group photo  
Mimi captured screenshots of the gallery view on Zoom, serving as a group photo of the members.
5. Matters arising
  - 5.1. Information Futures Summit (formerly President's Meeting)  
Venue: Brisbane  
Date: September 30 to October 3, 2024
    - Mimi wanted to ensure all members were informed about this matter. No further action is required.



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- ARL initially planned to sponsor two attendance grants. However, four applications were received. The decision was made to sponsor all four applications, provided the applicants meet the necessary requirements.

## 5.2. Survey re. Future of WLIC

- Sent via e-mail
- Mimi encouraged members to fill in the survey.

## 5.3. Dynamic Unit Impact Award

- Nominations would be closed on May 15<sup>th</sup>
- <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7794860/2024-DUIA-Nomination-Form>
- ARL has submitted the application before the deadline.

## 6. Professional Committee

6.1. Update from the PC's March meeting has been added to our Basecamp site:  
<https://3.basecamp.com/3833672/buckets/4958023/messages/7301835257>

## 6.2. Announcements from the Professional Committee

- Code of Conduct for Volunteers being developed
- SIG reviews process has been finalized
- Update on WLIC 2025 anticipated in April

## 6.3. Request for items to be raised to the Professional Committee

- No item was raised.

## 7. Action Plan Items

### 7.1 Joint Division D Mid-term Meeting

Libraries Bridging Boundaries: Challenges & Strategies for Global Openness

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> of June 2024

Koc University ANAMED Auditorium in Istanbul, Turkey

Website: <https://libguides.ku.edu.tr/ifla-midterm-meeting>

- Mimi Thanked to the volunteers working on the meeting:  
Adefunke Ebijuwa, Nigeria; Karen Downing, US; Adriana Ferrari, Brazil; Mimi Calter, Chair (as available); Jim O'Donnell, Mentor (as available)
- Several speakers announced
- Two keynote speakers confirmed
- Call for papers has closed – program being assessed  
There was an issue with the payment process. The proposed solution was to attempt using various credit cards to pay the registration fee.

### 7.2 Blogs

- We have moved to two postings per month



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- ARL is working with Library Publishing SIG
  - There was a call for more contributions. Mimi urged members to submit blog posts, while Jerome encouraged members to solicit blog posts from their respective networks.
- 7.3 Hot Topics
- Lorraine thanked to the volunteers who agreed to work on the Hot Topics Team: Karen Downing, Adriana Cybele Ferrari, Joanna Hare, Sarah Kaddu, Shaharima Parvin.
  - Date: August 13, 2024
  - Format: webinar in 60 minutes
  - The plan was to feature four speakers, each allotted 10 minutes, followed by a 20-minute Q&A session. There was no provision for a break-out room session
  - Lorraine would collaborate with the Webinar Team, which is led by Xin.
  - The deadline for abstract submission has been extended to May 31, 2024.
- 7.4 IFLA Journal Special Issue (Lead: Jayshree / Bertil)
- Jayshree provided a positive update on the progress.
  - Initially, 16 submissions were received, but the final count was 13
  - The submissions are currently undergoing the peer review process. Steve has compiled a list of potential peer-reviewers. Additional suggestions for reviewers have been made by both Jayshree and Bertil.
- 7.5 Webinars
- Mimi extended a warm welcome to Xin upon her return.
  - Mimi inquired about the status of the upcoming webinar. Xin expressed an interest in incorporating multiple languages in future webinars. Potential topics could include multilingualism and AI terms in licensing agreements from an international perspective. Considering the schedule, October was deemed an appropriate time for this webinar, following the 'Hot Topics' Webinar in August.
- 7.6 Travel Grant
- SAGE continues to support us; no commitment from ExLibris
  - ARL is supporting attendance at the Istanbul joint meeting
    - SAGE has agreed
  - ARL is funding attendance grants at the Information Futures Summit
    - Using a version of the revised travel grant form
    - Only open to Oceania
    - Four applications were received. The decision was made to sponsor all four applications, provided the applicants meet the necessary requirements. This is reported in the same manner as in 5.1



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## 7.7 Communications & Social Media

- Jerome is taking the lead in his role as IC
- Mimi thanked to Marisa for her ongoing work on the Newsletter.
- After overcoming some initial challenges, the LinkedIn page is now fully operational. Mimi expressed her gratitude to Shaharima for her efforts in this regard. Shaharima is currently contemplating the use of a documentation platform, such as Flickr, for photo management.
- Adefunke continues to do good work on Facebook.
- Antonio is monitoring X.

## 8. Additional Business