



IFLA Special Interest Group Library Publishing

IFLA LIBPUB SIG Committee Meeting
31st January 2024

Attendees: Ann Okerson, Anne-Inger Hellekjaer, Grace Liu, Jill Claassen, Graham Stone, Mimi Calter, Ekaterina Shibaeva, Marie O'Neill, Scott Walter

Apologies: Devin Soper, Alec Vuijlsteke

1. Special Issue of 027.7 Journal on Library Publishing

The Editorial and ten articles will be sent to David Trefas for publication shortly. The content gives a rich flavour of the WLIC Open Session and the Satellite Program.

2. SIG to Section

The Professional Committee is planning its review of sections and SIGs. The review period is 5 years. AO is hoping that the 3 SIGs aiming to become Sections will be reviewed first. A questionnaire will be sent in Summer 2024 in which milestones, activities, etc., will be recorded. A sub-group of the Professional Committee will make recommendations. This will likely happen in Fall 2024. The mandate of 40 signatures has yet to be discussed. At present, 20 signatures have been collated. SW said that LA Public Library has publishing plans so he will try to get a signature there.

3. Mid-Term Meeting in Istanbul

A planning committee composed of members of the 4 groups met on 24th January and the meeting was very positive. Sub-committees have been composed. AO is on the Logistics committee with our Turkish colleagues. JB, LU and MC are on the program committee, and MON is on the Comms committee. The obvious intersection for the 4 groups is around Open Access. There was a discussion about the preferred term but all agreed that open research, open metrics, research assessment, funding, open publishing, open peer review would be good sub-themes.

4. Social Media

MON gave an update on how the various platforms are developing. Traction is also growing across new social media pages including Mastadon, Instagram and LinkedIn. Engagement on Facebook has been modest but is likely to grow as the mid-term approaches. X/Twitter has the most traction with 911 followers.

5. Library Publishing through the IFLA Global Lens Blog

Miriam Akeriwe is managing the ARL Blog. She posted a LIBPUB post today from the library publishing programme at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. AIH will post this on the WordPress blog and will share this with the Committee. MON can then push it out on SM.

6. DIAMAS Update

The Landscape Report based on the survey has just been issued and there will be a webinar on the results on Wednesday. 700 institutions completed the survey. The full report is 250 pages but LIBER has produced a 'glossy' synopsis There will be country sessions held on the Landscape Report.

EQSIP – quality standards focus groups and comments to form. Lots of feedback. On version 2.3 at the moment. The next step will be the roll-out of the self-assessment tools. Login is necessary to complete the self-assessment, which will remain private. It will be possible to repeat the self-assessment to chart progress. At this stage, the move is from gathering data to publishing results to co-design.

GS and GL will meet on the ISP Registry and the LIBPUB Map link-up. GL wondered if an address could be provided. GS thought not.



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GS said that Turkey is within the European Research Area (ERA) so it could be possible to send a speaker to the Istanbul Mid-term – perhaps Johan Rooryck. DIAMAS has funds and LIBER runs engagements

7. AOB

JC said that the follow-up to the Global Diamond OA Summit will be held in Cape Town in December. There will be discussion of the African Open Science Platform and also a meeting of Library Schools which will discuss Scholarly Communications in the Curriculum.

The website will be posted soon and the event will be co-run by a number of key players including Science Europe, cOAlition S, SPARC, UNESCO, African Universities, etc.

MON wondered if LIBPUB could join the Diamond Open Access Community by signing the Action Plan.

GS said that UNESCO has established Capacity Hubs (Cape Town, Redalyc, DIAMAS, and Indonesia). There are also national hubs. Building on the Cape Town Open Education Declaration.