



# IFLA Special Interest Group Library Publishing

IFLA LIBPUB Committee Meeting  
29/01/2025

## Minutes

**Attendees:** Anne-Inger Helekjaer, Graham Stone, Jill Claassen, Jane Buggle

**Apologies:** Devin Soper, Grace Liu, Gillian Daly, Mimi Calter, Ann Okerson

### 1. IFLA Elections

The IFLA elections are live until 5pm on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February. The link to the nomination platform, the timeline and additional information on all positions can be found on [IFLA's Election 2025 website](#) and in the [IFLA Elections 2025 Guide](#). JB urged those on their first term to self-nominate. 7 people will be appointed to the LIBPUB Committee. When LIBPUB transitions to a Section, 13 people can be coopted to the expanded committee.

### 2. SIG to Section

GD has secured three more sponsors for the SIG to Section transition. GS said that it would be useful to go through the list together at the next meeting. AO had said that the LGBT+ SIG had received a surfeit of sponsors already, so we need to get a move on. We currently have 23 sponsors of the requisite 40.

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1g6J39EnslyoatTs\\_qW-kBaDvoZfY30PyRYRP2jh8h6U/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1g6J39EnslyoatTs_qW-kBaDvoZfY30PyRYRP2jh8h6U/edit?usp=sharing)

### 3. LPC/LIBPUB Scholarship to the Library Publishing Forum

JB met the LPC LPF Committee in December to discuss the proposed scholarship. The Committee approved our approach and the form below. They agreed that applications would only be accepted from people in countries on the OECD List of Developing Countries. As the scholarship offers benefits of attendance at all LPC meetings for a year, etc., they agreed that it should be awarded to someone working in the field for at least two years. They also endorsed the stipulation that the awardee present on the benefits of the scholarship at a LIBPUB event after the year. They have requested a rubric for evaluation of the applications. JC to share the SPARC Africa rubric with JB. Another meeting with the LPF Committee will be held in February.

[Copy of Draft Application Form for the LPC / IFLA LIBPUB International Scholarship to the 2026 Library Publishing Forum](#)

### 4. WLIC 2025 in Astana

JB said that we have an opportunity to collaborate on the ACD Open Session at Astana on the subject, Sustainable Paths to Open Science and Scholarship. The call:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Y0dQgBSYGEjJC504ac6D5Wd0qxVxKjF9uMFn91Nz4oQ/edit?usp=sharing>

Please let JB know if you have any comments. All agreed that it would be very difficult to organise a satellite event in Astana with no contacts on the ground.

### 5. Social Media

AO suggested that LIBPUB set up a presence on Bluesky now that we have left X. JB asked for a volunteer to set this up and manage it as she is already managing two other accounts on Bluesky. LinkedIn is gaining tractions with 673 followers.

### 6. Diamond Summit in South Africa



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JC delivered a comprehensive report on the Diamond Summit that was held at UCT in December 2024.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Global Summit on Diamond Open Access was held from 8-13 December 2024 at the University of Cape Town (Cape Town, South Africa). The University of Cape Town Libraries, in collaboration with Redalyc/AmelICA, SPARC (USA), South Africa's National Research Foundation, UNESCO, CLACSO, Association of African Universities (AAU), Science Europe and the University of Cape Town (Libraries and Department of Knowledge and Information Stewardship) and other stakeholders hosted this Summit.

## Attendance

This Summit had delegates from across the globe with the host continent dominating attendance. The total number of delegates in-person and virtual was 1171 – 546 delegates in person and 625 virtual registrations. In attendance were government officials, policymakers, researchers, librarians, students, IT personnel, Open Access advocates, and funders.

Item	No.
<b>Country attendance</b>	
No. of countries represented	73
No. of African countries represented	36
No. of global south countries	41
<b>Language diversity</b>	
English speaking delegates	421
French speaking delegates	71
Portuguese speaking delegates	19
Spanish speaking delegates	32
Swahili	3

## Events at the Summit

Event	Primary host	Dates
Advancing social justice through curriculum realignment: centering scholarly communication in LIS curriculum	DKIS	8-9 December
Third edition of Open Science in the South Conference	IRD & NRF	9-11 December
Open journal publishing workshop	PKP & Redalyc	9-10 December
Open monograph publishing	Copim Project & AAU	9/10 December
Main DOA conference		11-13 December
African Forum meeting	UCT	14 December
Meeting of African consortia	UCT	14 December
SPARC Africa meeting	SPARC Africa	11 December

The website of the Global Summit will continue to be accessible, with videos, photos and presentations: <https://doasummit.uct.ac.za/>

## Noteworthy outcomes



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There was a launch of the Toluca-Cape Town Declaration (see below)

There was a formation of African Coalition of Library Consortia

There will be a collection of essays publication, which is the outcome of the DKIS conference.

The book will be launched in February 2025

## **Toluca-Cape Town Declaration on Diamond Open Access**

Following the 2023 Toluca Global Summit, we, the 2024 Cape Town Global Summit participants, affirm that sharing knowledge is a human right.

As such, scholarly knowledge must be a public good. It must be accessible to all communities, including readers and authors, without barriers and paywalls. Participation in knowledge production and communication must be free of prejudice and bias.

In line with the 2021 UNESCO Recommendation on Open Science, Diamond Open Access is community-owned, community-led, and non-commercial.

Social justice, equity, and inclusivity are fundamental to Diamond Open Access, enabling it to be a driver of decolonization and demarginalization.

We commit to regional and language diversity in scholarly communication. Diamond Open Access needs to be tailored to address both local and global challenges and supported by systems of research assessment.

## **7. DIAMAS/EDCH/ALMASI**

GS delivered a comprehensive report on the next stages of the DIAMAS/EDCH/ALMASI projects.

The **European Diamond Capacity Hub (EDCH)** aims to strengthen the Diamond OA community in Europe by supporting European institutional, national and disciplinary capacity centres and Diamond publishers and service providers in their mission of Diamond OA scholarly publishing. By providing coordination, sustainability, training modules, technical tools, and services at scale, the EDCH provides valuable resources to these Diamond stakeholders. In doing so, the EDCH answers the need for capacity building in the Diamond OA community that was expressed in the [Action Plan for Diamond Open Access](#).

Has grown out of the DIAMAS and CRAFT-OA projects with additional funding from ANR and CNRS in France. Founded on the principles of the action plan for diamond OA.

It is a collective organisation, fiscally sponsored by OPERAS.

### **Governance**

Supporting members - steering committee

Operational members - executive committee

Community members - assembly with two co-chairs

EDCH website: <https://diamas.org/>

### **Services**

**Registry & Forum.** The Registry and Forum are virtual spaces dedicated to fostering collaboration and networking among Diamond Open Access Community Members. They provide a place where services, tools and technologies can be presented and discussed. All Diamond Open Access Centers, Publishers, and Providers across Europe are invited to join the Registry to become Community Members. The Forum facilitates networking and discussions on topics relevant to the community.

**DOAS and its self-assessment tools:** The Diamond Open Access Standard (DOAS) is an instrument that helps foster quality assurance in Diamond Open Access publishing. DOAS includes both a practical guide and benchmarking resources for checking quality and sustainability. The DOAS and self-assessment tools allow Diamond Open Access Publishers and Providers to assess their compliance with the seven quality components of DOAS, as well as their financial sustainability.



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**The Diamond Discovery Hub (DDH):** The DDH aims to provide an authoritative list of Diamond Open Access journals in Europe, helping these journals increase their visibility in the academic community and beyond. Diamond Open Access journals included in the Diamond Discovery Hub must fulfil the [six operational criteria for Diamond Open Access](#). They can subsequently work towards meeting the Diamond Open Access Standard quality criteria.

**Resources & Guidelines:** This is a set of resources that support publishers moving towards Diamond Open Access. They include concise high-level introductions to Diamond Open Access and to the Diamond Open Access Standard as well as guidelines and good practices for journal publishing. Additionally, this component of the European Diamond Capacity Hub offers detailed instructions and practical guidance to assist Diamond Open Access publishers in meeting the standards outlined in the Diamond Open Access Standard.

**The Training Platform** is dedicated to helping Diamond Publishing Service and Diamond Tools & Technology Providers enhance their skills and build capacity by offering skill-building training modules and curricula in various areas, including the seven components of the Diamond Open Access Standard.

**Publishing Tools** refers to a set of software tools, add-ons and other technical developments that serve to improve technical efficiency at the level of publishing workflows and platforms. The publishing tools will also furnish the necessary components to ensure seamless interoperability between various publishing software solutions.

## **Getting involved**

Use the resources

Register

Self-assess

Improve

Increase chances of being sustainable!

Consider joining the task forces:

Quality alignment

Skills and competences

Community

Tools and technology

Diamondisation

Fundraising

Recording of the launch in Madrid: <https://www.youtube.com/live/k4Y9nBA460k>

## **8. AOB**

The LIBPUB Committee would like to express their sympathy and condolences to Devin and his family at this sad time.