

Summaries for the ENSULIB web page

Annual report 2016-2017:

Name change

The Special Interest Group changed its name from Environmental Sustainability and Libraries to Environment, Sustainability and Libraries. We now have a broader approach to sustainability while retaining the acronym ENSULIB.

Satellite meeting

ENSULIB hosted a Satellite Meeting in Berlin, Germany, 16–17 August 2017 **based on** the theme “Collaborative Strategies for Successful Green Libraries: Buildings, Management and Services.” The 40 participants came from Brazil, Cameroon, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Italy, Hong Kong, Kenya, Rwanda, Spain, Sri Lanka, and the U.S. Besides a business meeting and the presentation of papers, participants toured two libraries. The Philological Library of Freie Universität Berlin boasts a building with concrete core temperature control, natural ventilation, and solar energy. For most of the year, it is heated and cooled without appreciable energy requirements. The Bibliothek Tiergarten-Süd is a public library situated next to a community garden. They offer resources and programming for families that educate about green practices such as crafting with upcycled materials. They also have a small but growing seed library.

IFLA WLIC 2017 in Wroclaw Poland

ENSULIB was very active at the World Congress. Our business meeting resulted in a good number of new corresponding members. We hosted an off-site meeting at the Polytechnical University of Wroclaw (Politechnika Wrocławska, Centrum Wiedzy i Informacji Naukowo-Technicznej), with about 50 attendees and a very lively discussion about green library issues. Presentations were given by

1. Harri Sahavirta (Finland): What are Green Libraries– and Why Do We Need Them?
2. Lo Claesson (Sweden): The Green Corner at Vaggeryd Public Library
3. Konrad Kutt (Germany): Sustainable BookboXX (Poland/Germany)

We also co-hosted an Open Session with the Public Libraries Section, “*More than Green – Sustainability of Practice – Public Libraries and the 2030 United Nations Agenda*” with about 100 people in attendance. Petra Hauke, ENSULIB’s Secretary presented about the IFLA Green Library Award. Conveners Harri Sahavirta (ENSULIB) and Marian Morgan Bindon (PL) moderated the presentations:

1. Leonor Gaspar Pinto, Paula Ochôa (Invited professors in Universidade NOVA de Lisboa, Portugal): Public libraries' contribution to Sustainable Development Goals: gathering evidences and evaluating practices
2. Veerle Minner (Climate Reality Project, Madrid, Spain): Climate change and libraries
3. Onan Mulumba & Irene Nakazibwe (College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Library, Uganda), read by Muhumuza Medard Emmy: The Emerging Role of LIS Professionals in Combating Adverse Environmental Effects

4. Ritva Hyttinen, Satu Salmela (Lecturers in Turku & Seinäjoki of Applied Sciences, Finland): Reaching out - Public libraries against exclusion with art based methods
5. Lo Claesson (Director of Vaggeryd Public Library, Sweden): The Green Corner at Vaggeryd Public Library

Second Annual IFLA Green Library Award

Sponsored by de Gruyter Publishing, there were 35 submissions from around the world, including India, Ukraine, Serbia, China, USA, Columbia, Italy, Portugal, Kenya, Nigeria, and Iran. The 15 independent reviewers came from a range of countries as well. Stadtbibliothek Bad Oldesloe a public library from Germany won this second annual IFLA Green Library Award.

Book project

Guidelines for Green Libraries will be developed and published in 2018.

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Action Plan 2017-2018

IFLA WLIC 2018 in Kuala Lumpur

Open sessions with Children and Young Adults Section and with Preservation and Conservation. Themes are under development.

IFLA Green Library Award 2018

Some reviewers already identified

Growing ENSULIB from a SIG to a Section

Book project

Publication of best papers from ENSULIB events in 2017 (Satellite, Award, WLIC) within IFLA Publication Series. This new project will be headed by Petra Hauke and library students, with support from other editors.