



**Indigenous Matters Special Interest Group
ANNUAL REPORT
2015**

Introduction

The Special Interest Group (SIG) on Indigenous Matters, formally established in December 2008. The SIG evolved out of IFLA Past President Alex Bryne's Presidential Task Force on Indigenous Matters, a focus on library services for the traditional owners of the land. The first Convenor of the SIG was Loriene Roy (USA) from 2008-2013. The second Convenor of the SIG was Te Paea Paringatai (NZ) from 2013- January 2016.

Original charge: This Special Interest Group will consider the broad range of issues relating to indigenous peoples, indigenous knowledge and libraries and information services. These include awareness of indigenous peoples and issues, content and perspectives, description and classification of materials, accessibility and use, handling of secret or sacred and offensive material, copying and repatriation of records, digitization and the Internet, intellectual property, governance and management, employment, and education and training for professional practice.

Members: The SIG attracts a membership of 565 people. This is the current number of registered people on the SIG Facebook page. Facebook is the primary mode of communication with members.

Report on progress and activities

Objectives <i>Identified in the Unit's Action Plan</i>	Project or activity <i>Identified in the Unit's Action Plan</i>	Progress <i>Please give brief details, including status (not started, in progress, near completion, completed)</i>	Risks <i>Please identify any problems or concerns (e.g. missed deadlines, lack of resource) and how you would propose to address them</i>
1. Raise profile of SIG within IFLA and with other indigenous groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Session and business meeting held at WLIC Congress • Attendance and participation in IFLA sessions that enable Indigenous Matters to achieve goals • Regularly post news to Facebook page for Indigenous Matters and Library Services to Multicultural Populations • Encourage members to submit papers for sessions or complementary conferences that enhance indigenous matters • Support other indigenous matters fora 	<p>Completed</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Changes to SIG programmes meant that one session is to contain both learning & development as well as business meeting discussion. Will need to manage expectations accordingly</p>
2. Maintain an active presence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend all meetings of the SC, 	<p>Completed</p>	<p>Cost of attendance for meetings.</p>

<p>within Standing Committee of Sponsoring Section</p>	<p>this includes mid-year meetings that may be held</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute to the Newsletter that highlights indigenous matters • Plan and organise the mid-year meeting for 2016 in New Zealand • SIG Convenor appointed as SC Secretary in 2015 	<p>Completed</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>Completed</p>	<p>Will seek sponsorship, grants, or personally funded portion of costs</p>
<p>3. Strengthen relationship with the International Indigenous Librarians Forum</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend IILF in Manitoba August • Actively promote IFLA Indigenous Matters opportunity • Enlist potential member groups/individuals • Support IILF initiatives 	<p>Completed</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	
<p>4. Establish as an IFLA Section</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete necessary documentation • Seek and confirm required members • Seek and confirm required Sponsoring Section and Division support 	<p>Completed</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>Completed</p>	

Results

Please provide further information about the activities that were completed during the year. Ensure that details or a full report can be found online, the main outcomes have been shared with a wider audience and the impact of the work can be demonstrated.

Completed project or activity <i>Please list those projects/activities identified as completed in the table above</i>	Output <i>Please state what the output of the project/activity was (e.g. Report, Standard, Workshop etc) and provide a URL to it</i>	Communications <i>Please state how the output and outcomes of the project/activity have been communicated to the Unit, IFLA members and the wider profession</i>	Impact of the completed project or activity <i>Through the Measures of Success identified in your Action Plan, describe what difference the project or activity has made to the Unit, IFLA members, the wider profession or society at large</i>
1. Raise profile of SIG within IFLA and with other indigenous groups	Attendance of small delegation to the 9 th International Indigenous Librarians Forum, held at the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg http://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/blogs/the-scoop/celebrating-indigenous-cultures/	In person at indigenous gatherings as culturally appropriate, via Facebook on both the IILF Facebook and Indigenous Matters Facebook	Indigenous Caucus held to discuss relationship with IFLA and IILF as part of the proposed Indigenous Matters Section. Support granted to proceed. Commitment towards registering for the Section discussed with members agreeing to advocate on behalf of Indigenous Matters. Members completed this activity which was critical to achieving IFLA Section Status.
2. Maintain an active presence within Standing Committee	Actively participate in discussion, meetings, programmes as required. Utilised Indigenous	In person, at meetings, via Facebook, email and skype as	Indigenous Matters and Library Services to Multicultural

<p>of Sponsoring Section</p>	<p>Matters combined expertise to advise and inform standing committee where appropriate</p>	<p>required</p>	<p>Populations enjoy a strongly connected and collaborative working relationship as a result of active, collegial participation and support.</p> <p>This partnership will continue when Indigenous Matters is a Section.</p> <p>It is agreed to find mechanisms that enable both parties to stay connected and work collaboratively.</p> <p>Practical ways to achieve this include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sharing the story of partnership on both groups IFLA webpages 2. Reserving a corresponding or ex-officio position for a member to be included in the standing committee of each respective group 3. Commitment to joint-hosting an WLIC open session, satellite every 2-3 years 4. Attendance and support at each individual WLIC open session, satellite, meetings as needed
<p>5. Strengthen relationship with</p>	<p>Maintain membership of IILF and ensure IFLA</p>	<p>In person, via Facebook and</p>	<p>Sustained indigenous</p>

<p>the International Indigenous Librarians Forum</p>	<p>indigenous matters projects/work enhances or achieves mutually beneficial goals</p>	<p>email. In person is the preferred method of communication. This requires funding and allowing the necessary time, understanding for this to occur</p>	<p>connections with communities that the IFLA indigenous matters section serves.</p> <p>A source of valuable library and information, as well as cultural knowledge practitioner advice and expertise.</p>
<p>6. Establish as an IFLA Section</p>	<p>Process completed</p>	<p>In person, attendance at local, national and international fora. All SIG members had a role in this activity around the globe. Via Facebook and email as needed.</p>	<p>Section status achieved, which enables broader indigenous representation around the decision making table to achieve goals that benefit all peoples.</p> <p>Indigenous Matters section will complement IILF fora and be one of the key vehicle for putting IILF outcomes into action.</p> <p>Organisations are more likely to support individuals to attend IFLA events.</p> <p>Organisations value the IFLA brand.</p>

Standing Committee membership

There is no Standing Committee of the Indigenous Matters Special Interest Group. The Group has a Convenor, and members participate in activities as needed.

Professional Unit meetings or conference calls

Meetings are usually held annually at the IFLA WLIC. Facebook is the another tool used for communicating and the responsibility of further discussion is held within the parameters of individual national groups. In 2015, the International Indigenous Librarians Forum provided another face to face opportunity to meet and discuss activities and issues. The SIG operates with flexibility and enlists assistance from the membership as needed, equally the membership posts questions to the Facebook group or via email to the Convenor as the need arises.