



**Library Theory and Research  
Section**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**2015-2016**

## Introduction

The IFLA Library Theory and Research Section's objectives are to:

- Promote sound research methodology and evidence based practice in library and information Science;
- Promote reflection and discussion internationally on the theoretical bases of Library and Information Science
- Provide methodological expertise and support for selected projects closely aligned to IFLA's Strategic Directions;
- Stimulate discussion and debate about theory and research in relation to activities that contribute to IFLA's Strategic Directions; and
- Disseminate the Library Theory and Research Section's programs and satellite conferences through open access journal and book publications.

The Section's Action Plan is underpinned by its objectives, within the framework of IFLA's Strategic Plan and Key Initiatives. The Standing Committee members are listed at the end of this document.

A Communication Plan lays out the activities, intended audiences and responsibilities for promoting the Actions below.

## Report on progress and activities

<b>Objectives</b> <i>Identified in the Unit's Action Plan</i>	<b>Project or activity</b> <i>Identified in the Unit's Action Plan</i>	<b>Progress</b> <i>Please give brief details, including status (not started, in progress, near completion, completed)</i>	<b>Risks</b> <i>Please identify any problems or concerns (e.g. missed deadlines, lack of resource) and how you would propose to address them</i>
<b>1. To develop a glossary of definitions and an ontology relating to the concepts and responsibilities involved in a data curator role</b>	Data Curator	Near completion (expected to be completed in October)	In October 2015 it was discussed and decided to extend the investigation to non Anglo-American countries, where most of literature and research has been already done.
<b>2. To stimulate discussion about theory and research through sharing experiences, advice and publications about research in library and information science</b>	IFLA LTR LinkedIn Group	Ongoing	There are 120 members of the group but they are not active. A new plan is going to be prepared.
<b>3. To promote library theory and research by publishing papers delivered at the Section's open sessions and satellite conferences through open access books and journals</b>	Publish papers from the 2014 Congress open session Publish Satellite 2014 in Turin selected papers Publish Satellite 2015 Cape Town papers	Completed  Satellite 2015 Proceedings ongoing	

<b>4. To plan and organize the 2016 open session at the Columbus, Ohio, IFLA Congress</b>	2016 Open Session <i>“Participatory Projects in Libraries: Connecting Collaborative Communities”</i>	Completed	
<b>5. To plan and organize the 2016 satellite conference</b>	2016 Satellite Conference <i>“International Quality Assessment of LIS Education Programs”</i>	Completed	
<b>6. To plan and organize the 2017 open session at the Wroclaw IFLA Congress</b>	2017 Open Session – theme “Transformation of the Librarian Role” with SIG New Professionals	Ongoing	
<b>7. To plan and organize the 2017 satellite conference at the Wroclaw IFLA Congress</b>	2017 Satellite Conference – theme “Data curator” with Warsaw University LIS Department	Ongoing	
<b>8. To endorse and support the role and activities of the Library History SIG</b>	2017 Open Session	Ongoing	
<b>9. To participate in the De Gruyter Research Award through suggesting themes and serving as jury for submissions</b>	2015 Call for application 2015 Jury reviews results communicated 2016 Call for application 2016 Jury reviews	Completed	

	results communicated		
<b>10. To plan and organize the 2016 SIG Library History open session on the theme “Libraries and Immigrants: Historical Perspectives” together with Multicultural Populations Section</b>	2016 Call for paper 2016 Jury reviews results communicated	Completed	
<b>11. To promote the Section to and attract young professions to participate in the Library Theory and Research Section</b>	To plan a Doctoral Colloquium/Research Clinics To plan a young professionals focused communication strategy	Ongoing	
<b>12. To schedule two open meetings of the Section at the annual IFLA Congress and virtual meetings between congresses</b>	2015 15-20 August Cape Town 2015 28 Sept Virtual meeting 2016 13-18 Aug Columbus	Completed	
<b>13. To publish the Section Newsletter twice a year in electronic form through the Section’s web pages</b>	Newsletter publication in December and July	Completed	

# Results

The IFLA Section Library Theory has completed the following activities during the year (2015-2016). Links to details or to a full report are evidenced. Main outcomes have been shared with a wider audience during events SC members have participated. Impact indicators of publications will be checked next year. Output from Open Session and Satellite were quantified in number of participants and outcomes of the events.

<b>Completed project or activity</b> <i>Please list those projects/activities identified as completed in the table above</i>	<b>Output</b> <i>Please state what the output of the project/activity was (e.g. Report, Standard, Workshop etc) and provide a URL to it</i>	<b>Communications</b> <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>	<b>Impact of the completed project or activity</b> <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>
<b>1. . To promote library theory and research by publishing papers delivered at the Section’s open sessions and satellite conferences through open access books and journals</b>	2014 " <i>Libraries in the Political Process: benefits and risks of political visibility</i> "  2014 Satellite " <i>Theory and Research on the convergence of professional identity in cultural heritage institutions (LAM) beyond technology</i> "  2015 Satellite on "Digital preservation as a site of contestation: national heritage, memory, politics and	Not published yet at time of writing, but expected next month (November)in Library Trends.  Published in Annual Review of Cultural Heritage Informatics (ARCHI)  Satellite proceedings prepared for publication in the journal "Innovation" in November 2016.	Contribution to Key Initiative Library in Society presenting controversial Issues of political role of libraries  Digital Heritage opens new roles of professionals, as convergence of GLAM introduces the Data Curator role  Key Initiative Cultural Heritage can reflect on different approaches to digital preservation

	power -- beyond technology and management"		
<b>2. To plan and organize the 2016 open session at the Columbus, Ohio, IFLA Congress</b>	2016 Open Session <i>"Participatory Projects in Libraries: Connecting Collaborative Communities"</i>	LTR Web page, Newsletter and social channels have been used to disseminate the Call and report back on results of Open Session	More than 100 participants.
<b>3. To plan and organize the 2016 Satellite conference</b>	2016 Satellite Conference <i>"International Quality Assessment of LIS Education Programs"</i> together with SET and OCLC	LTR Web page, Newsletter and social channels have been used to disseminate the Call and report back on results of Satellite	Overall impression is very positive. Participants (among them 11 LIS educators) have assessed the meeting very positively. The part of the meeting that participants enjoyed the most was, interestingly enough, group discussions - 16 strongly agree with that. Also in answers to an open question "What worked well at the Satellite Meeting?" participants have often pointed on group discussions. The main reason for these was that the result of group discussions was very practical - formation of the working group "Building Strong LIS Education". More of this initiative will be discussed in SET business meetings

			and included in SET Action Plan 2017.
<b>4. To participate in the De Gruyter Research Award through suggesting themes and serving as jury for submissions</b>	2015 Winner Ana Pervan "Research Data" 2016 Winner Getaneh Alemu "An emerging theory of Metadata enriching and filtering"	LTR Newsletter and Blog have been used to disseminate the results	Publications in Libri of the articles of the two winners
<b>5. To publish the Section Newsletter twice a year in electronic form through the Section's web pages</b>	2015 December issue 2016 July issue	SC members and Section members have received the information by mailing list	



## Standing Committee membership

All the Section Library Theory Standing Committee members have been very active and collaborative and their contribution to the work of the Section is listed here under their name.

Standing Committee members' names	Role on the Standing Committee (if any) and contribution made to the work of the Professional Unit over the year <i>For example, Chair, Information Coordinator, Project Leader</i>	Comments on position <i>For example, resigned, co-opted to fill a casual vacancy, etc.</i>
<b>1. Anna Maria Tamaro</b>	Chair	1st Term: 2011-2015 2nd Term: 2015-2019
<b>2. Inoue Yasuyo</b>	Secretary and Treasure 2016 De Gruyter IFLA Award Jury member	1 <sup>st</sup> Term: 2009-2013 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term: 2013-2017
<b>3. Koudjam Yameni Simon Jules</b>	Information Coordinator Webmaster	1 <sup>st</sup> Term: 2013-2017
<b>4. Bats Raphaëlle</b>	2016 Program Planning Committee Co-Chair	1st Term: 2011-2015 2nd Term: 2015-2019
<b>5. Bothma Theo D.</b>	2016 De Gruyter IFLA Award jury member	1 <sup>st</sup> Term: 2015-2019
<b>6. Dorner Daniel G.</b>	2015-2017 LTR Action Plan Group member	1st Term: 2015-2019
<b>7. Haddow Gabrielle</b>	2015-2017 LTR Action Plan Group Chair 2017 Program Planning Committee Wroclaw Co-Chair	1st Term: 2015-2019
<b>8. Hauke Petra</b>		1st Term: 2013-2017
<b>9. Kouakou Kouassi Sylvestre</b>		1st Term: 2015-2019

<b>10. Kyung Kim Tae</b>	2016 De Gruyter IFLA Award jury member	1st Term: 2013-2017
<b>11. Liu Wei</b>		1st Term: 2011-2015 2nd Term: 2015-2019
<b>12. Liu Xiwen</b>	2015 and 2016 De Gruyter IFLA Award jury member	1st Term: 2013-2017
<b>13. Lor Peter J.</b>	2015 Pre-Conference Satellite Cape Town 2015 Programme Planning Chair	1st Term: 2009-2013 2nd Term: 2013-2017
<b>14. Lvovna Lavrik Olga</b>	2015 Program Planning Committee Cape Town	1st Term: 2013-2017
<b>15. Montiel Overall Patricia</b>	2015 Program Planning Committee Cape Town Project Data Curator Research Team	1st Term: 2013-2017
<b>16. Namachchivaya Beth Sandore</b>	Project Data Curator Research Team 2016 De Gruyter IFLA Award Jury	1st Term: 2015-2019
<b>17. Olsen Heidi Kristin</b>	2017 Program Planning Committee Wroclaw Co-Chair 2015 Program Planning Committee Cape Town LTR LinkedIn Group Coordinator Project Data Curator Research Team	1st Term: 2011-2015 2nd Term: 2015-2019
<b>18. Rankin Carolynn</b>	Project Data Curator Research Team	1st Term: 2013-2017
<b>19. Vasiljevic Milan</b>	2016 Program Planning Committee Co-Chair	1st Term: 2013-2017
<b>20. Weil Ams Jennifer</b>	2016 Program Planning Committee member Publications of 2014 Pre-Conference Satellite	

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<b>Names of any other reporting persons</b>	<b>Role</b> <i>For example, Corresponding Members</i>	<b>Comments on position</b> <i>For example, resigned, co-opted to fill a casual vacancy, etc.</i>
<b>1.Terry Weech</b>	Past Chair Project Data Curator Team member Co-Chair 2016 Satellite “ <i>International Quality Assessment of LIS Education Programs</i> ”	
<b>2.Krystyna Matusiak</b>	2014-2015 Secretary Newsletter Editor Project Data Curator Team member 2017 Program Planning Committee Wroclaw member 2015 and 2016 De Gruyter IFLA Award Jury member	
<b>3.Kerry Smith</b>	Convenor SIG Library History 2015-2017	
<b>4. Dan Dano Mahamadou Lawaly</b>	Corresponding member for the Project Data Curator	

## Professional Unit meetings or conference calls

Section Library Theory and Research Standing Committee has conducted its business over the year (2015-2016) as follows:

<b>Date</b> <i>When the meeting was held</i>	<b>Location or type of meeting</b> <i>Physical or virtual meeting (telephone, skype etc)</i>	<b>Main outcomes</b> <i>Briefly summarise the main outcomes of the meeting and how these were communicated to the membership of the Professional Unit</i>

<p><b>1. 15 Aug.2015</b></p>	<p>Cape Town SC meeting</p>	<p>Nominations of Chair (Anna Maria Tammaro) and Secretary/Treasure (Yasuyo Inoue)  Discussion about Annual Report  Report of Impact of IFLA Standards Project  Report on the De Gruyter IFLA Award results  Publications discussion</p>
<p><b>2. 20 Aug. 2015</b></p>	<p>Cape Town SC Meeting</p>	<p>Planning the LTR Open Sessions and Satellite and the Action and Communication Plan  Planning Doctoral Colloquium or Research Clinics in future WLIC  Publications discussion  Nomination of Kerry Smith as SIG LH Convenor</p>
<p><b>3. 28 Sept. 2015</b></p>	<p>SC virtual meeting</p>	<p>Project Data Curator update  Nomination of Simon Jules as IC and Krystyna Matusiak as Newsletter Editor  First discussion about the 2017 WLIC Open Session theme</p>

Please return this form to the Division Chair and Professional Support Officer (joanne.yeomans@ifla.org) no later than 30 October 2016.

Please also make a summary of this form available to the IFLA Members registered with the Professional Unit, removing any sensitive information such as risks, individuals' contributions, etc. (Officers can obtain a list of their IFLA Members from [membershp@ifla.org](mailto:membershp@ifla.org)).

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