



## Draft of LTR SC 2011 Meetings in San Juan, PR

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Library Theory and Research Standing Committee Meeting,  
First meeting

Saturday 13 August 2011

Room 208a, San Juan Convention Center, San Juan, Puerto Rico

Terry Weech opened the meeting at 9.20 a.m.

Present:

Committee members: Terry Weech (Chair), Marydee Ojala (Acting Secretary), Raphaëlle Bats, Heidi Kristin Olsen, Diane Heath (Emerald Publishing, representing Eileen Breen, Information Officer), Michael Seadle, Yasuyo Inoue, Peter Lor, Krystyna Matusiak, Anna Maria Tamaro (incoming Division Chair), Lynn Silipigni Connaway, Hermina Anghelescu (Convenor, Library History SIG)

Observers: Ellen Namhila, Kerry Smith, Vanessa Casseus, Lourdine Altidor Marsan, Chloe Vicente

Guest: Michael Heaney (Chair, Division IV, Support of the Profession)

Apologies: Helen Partridge (Secretary/Treasurer), Jingli Chu

1 Introductions and welcome

1.1 The agenda was approved.

1.2 The minutes from the LTR meetings in Gothenburg were approved after correcting for spelling.

1.3 Terry Weech and Helen Partridge were elected Chair and Secretary/Treasurer, respectively, for the coming term of office.

1.4 Terry Weech reported on the Division Leadership meeting. The slides from the meeting are at <http://www.ifla.org/files/hq/officers/documents/division-leadership-brief.pdf>.

1.4.1 IFLA is working on a consolidated budget. Section monies not spent will go to headquarters for deficit reduction and funding other projects.

1.4.2 Sections should develop action plans, which should stem from their strategic plans.

1.4.3 Ingrid Parent's presidential theme will be "Libraries: a Force for Change", stressing inclusion, transformation, innovation, and convergence

1.4.4 Five key initiatives are identified for the coming year: 1. Digital content, 2. International library leadership development (which fits well with LTR's theme for the 2012 conference), 3. Outreach for advocacy and advancement, 4. Cultural heritage disaster reconstruction, and 5. Multilingualism. One or more of these key initiatives should be the focus of each section.

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1.4.5 There will be a presidential mid-year meeting in Vancouver, Canada, April 12-14, 2012, with a focus on indigenous knowledge. Terry Weech suggested LTR consider a SC meeting in conjunction with this.

### 2. Officer reports

2.1 Chair Terry Weech reported that the section leaflet was finalized this year. It was translated into French and Chinese. He thanked Raphaëlle Bats and Jingli Chu for facilitating the translations. Michael Seadle is working on a German translation. Terry Weech asked for volunteers to translate the leaflet into the other IFLA official languages. He also reported that there are still 700 Euros left in the LTR account that could be used for a mid-year meeting or another purpose. Some funds could be set aside to support the Section Newsletter.

2.2. Diane Heath reported for the information officer, Eileen Breen, on their study of social media to replace the LTR newsletter. There are wide variations in how other sections are using these technologies. Before deciding to adopt social media for its communications, LTR should decide what it wants to accomplish. Michael Seadle moved and Lynn Silipigni Connaway seconded that we retire the LTR discussion list due to lack of use. Motion carried.

Terry Weech recommended reinstating the section's newsletter. It could be linked to a blog, wiki, or other social media, but is an important means of communication. Raphaëlle Bats will explore the possibility of involving students in creating newsletter. Diane Heath said that Emerald is committed to help. The newsletter, blog, wiki, and other communication tools should be bilingual. Krystyna Matusiak suggested creating a section profile on LinkedIn and other social media. Terry Weech, as Chair, suggested that Raphaëlle Bats and Eileen Breen be appointed as Co-Information Officers for the Section, with Raphaëlle serving as Newsletter editor and print Information Officer and that she work with Eileen on the website maintenance and establishing electronic communication channels such as blogs and social network activities. For purposes of meeting IFLA requirements, Raphaëlle will be listed as the primary Information Officer for the section and Eileen as an associate information officer.

2.3 Michael Heaney, Chair, Division IV, Support of the Profession, reported that he is stepping down as Chair. Anna Maria Tamaro will be the new Chair. He congratulated LTR on its activities, particularly in regard to advocacy and leadership. He reviewed the 5 key themes and noted some should be part of sections' strategic plans. He believes that LTR should provide guidance in regards to research supporting the themes.

Ellen Namhila (an observer to the meeting) asked if the strategic plan would look at issues such as metadata usage when doing mass digitization projects. With social networking forcing different modes of information sharing and people's desire to have digitized resources, she is looking for guidance, standards, and

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consistency. Mike Heaney recommended she talk with Division V and noted that the IFLA initiative to build strong library associations might be relevant. Kerry Smith (a meeting observer) said she is about to engage in research process about mass digitization and will look at the environment of the information commons, the role of librarian, and the Google model. Peter Lor asked what has happened with other digitization projects. Europeana and the World Digital Library were mentioned. Michael Seadle noted there is an enormous amount of research going on in the area of digitization. The role of the section should be to make IFLA aware of the research. It's possible we have too many standards, not too few. Terry Weech suggested that LTR propose a shared session on specific issues, incorporating the elements of this discussion.

### 3. Conference planning

3.1 Michael Seadle and Lynn Silipigni Connaway reported on the program for 2011, which LTR planned in partnership with Statistics and Evaluation. The title is "Data collection in the service of libraries" and it will be on Monday from 9.30 to 12.45. There were some 22 submissions from which the committee selected five. Terry will bring copies of the new LTR leaflets to distribute at the session.

3.2 Peter Lor, in consultation with Marydee Ojala, Steve Witt and Terry Weech presented his proposal for the LTR session in Helsinki 2012. The conference theme is "Libraries Now! Inspiring, Surprising, Empowering." The LTR session will concentrate on international and comparative librarianship. It has seven sub-themes: Methodological issues, comparative studies in borrowing policies from one country to apply in another, comparative studies regarding advocacy, critical approaches to international development aid in LIS, theoretical and evaluative approaches to international LIS education, trends in international LIS cooperation, and applications of international and comparative LIS in collection development and services. LTR will approach the Education and Training section and the SIG for LIS education in developing countries for possible cooperation.

The theme was approved.

3.3 Raphaëlle Bats and Yasuko Inoue will coordinate session program planning for the 2013 conference in Singapore. Kerry Smith suggested piggybacking with the information consortium of Southeast Asian libraries, which will have a meeting in Thailand close to the IFLA conference dates.

3.4 Michael Seadle raised the issue of plagiarism in regards to conference papers. Diane Heath volunteered to run papers through Emerald's plagiarism program just as they do for published papers in their journals.

### 4. Projects and publications

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4.1 Terry Weech reported for Ragnar Audunson that his professional norms project is almost finished and that he will send it during this 2011 conference.

4.2 Michael Seadle reported the CILIP Library and Information research Group (LIRG) committee on the directory of research interests, edited by Alan Poulter, was only interested in English language materials. He recommended dropping LTR's interest in the project. Anna Maria Tammaro said she would look into it further, as it might still hold value for IFLA.

4.3 Terry Weech reported for Helen Partridge on the Research Librarian Partnership. The project started 3 years ago and has matched research experts with protégées interested in doing research. From the almost 50 people who applied, 10 were selected and matched with mentors. The final report should be out in December 2011. Two of the final papers will be included in the LTR session at the 2012 congress in Helsinki.

4.4 Terry Weech reported that no new project or publication proposals had been received.

### 5. Strategic plan

5.1 Krystyna Matusiak, Peter Lor, and Ellen Namhila volunteered to form a subcommittee to oversee the revision of the LTR strategic plan. The existing plan is at <https://netfiles.uiuc.edu/weech/IFLA/LTRStrategicPlan2010-2012.pdf>

6. Special Interest Group on Library History: Hermina Anghelescu will report on Tuesday.

### 7. Other business

7.1 Terry Weech presented a certificate of appreciation to Michael Seadle, who is leaving the Library Theory & Research standing committee.

The meeting adjourned at 11.45 a.m.

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Library Theory and Research Standing Committee Meeting,  
Second meeting  
Tuesday, 16 August 2011  
Room 102a, San Juan Convention Center, San Juan, Puerto Rico

Terry Weech opened the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Present:

Committee members: Terry Weech (Chair), Marydee Ojala (acting Secretary), Raphaëlle Bats, Heidi Kristin Olsen, Diane Heath (Emerald Publishing, representing Eileen Breen, Information Officer), Michael Seadle, Yasuyo Inoue, Peter Lor, Krystyna Matusiak, Steve Witt, Jingli Chu, Anna Maria Tammaro (incoming Division Chair), Lynn Silipigni Connaway, Hermina Anghelescu (Convenor, Library History SIG)

Observers: Ellen Namhila, Sophy Shu-Jiun Chen, Frank Huysmans, Maureen Weicher, Chloe Vicente, Alejandro Oyarce, Clara Chu (Education & Training)

Apologies: Helen Partridge

Guest: Michael Heaney (Chair, Division IV, Support of the Profession)

### 1. Introductions and welcome

1.1 Terry Weech presented a revised agenda. It was approved.

### 2. Conference program

2.1 Lynn Silipigni Connaway and Michael Seadle reported on the success of the LTR session, planned in partnership with Statistics and Evaluation "Data collection in the service of libraries," held on Monday, 15 August, from 9.30 to 12.45. During the session, between 150 and 200 people attended. The quality of the presentations was high and the level of discussion after the presentations also very good. Terry Weech thanked both Connaway and Seadle and commented on the value Connaway brought to the introduction and Seadle to the summarizing of the talks.

2.2 Peter Lor reported that the Education and Training section is very interested in partnering with LTR for the 2012 programme in Helsinki. Clara Chu will work with Peter Lor and Marydee Ojala in programme planning. The working title is "International and comparative librarianship: Valid, relevant and authentic research and education". There is an IFLA website for those teaching international librarianship ([www.ifla.org/en/set/projects/icl](http://www.ifla.org/en/set/projects/icl)).

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### 3. Projects and publications

3.1 Terry Weech received the Professional Norms Project report from Ragnar Audunson. It includes national reports, mainly based on qualitative methods from:

- South Africa (Peter Underwood)
- Australia (Kerry Smith)
- US (Terry Weech)
- Norway (Ragnar Audunson)
- Cuba (Setien-Quesada)
- Russia (Natalia Gendina)

The main finding of the survey is that those coming from the poorer countries place a much higher value upon IFLA and WLIC as a source of professional guidelines and as an arena for keeping professionally updated than respondents from the rich countries (i.e. the OECD countries plus the additional 10-15 that the World Bank groups as the richest). Also a significantly higher proportion of respondents from the poorer countries find the use of resources on yearly conferences pays enough to be worth it. That is an important finding when discussing whether or not to reduce the frequency.

3.2 No new project or publication proposals have been received.

### 4. LTR Strategic Plan

4.1 Krystyna Matusiak, Ellen Namhila, and Peter Lor reviewed the LTR strategic plan, compared it with the IFLA strategic plan, and wrote a draft revision of the LTR strategic plan. They expressed concern that the LTR plan doesn't link directly to IFLA's key initiatives, but this doesn't appear to be a problem. New elements of the LTR strategic plan include shared communication, encouraging the use of social technology and multilingualism/multiculturalism. It's important to differentiate between multilingual research and disseminating results in multiple languages.

Peter Lor, Krystyna Matusiak and Ellen Namhila will rewrite the LTR strategic plan and rename it 2011 – 2013. They will submit to Terry Weech by the end of September 2011.

4.2 Peter Lor reported on the president-elect's brainstorming session. Ingrid Parent presented her presidential theme of "Libraries as a force for change". To support this theme, LTR can look at convergence of different value systems, different theories, and the theoretical underpinnings of convergence. Steve Witt said there is a working group on convergence that will meet Wednesday, 17 August 2011. Anna Maria Tamaro said multilingual convergence should also be

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considered because words are used differently and can represent different concepts.

Terry Weech asked Steve Witt to be LTR's "point person" in regards to advising the board on the issue of convergence.

Peter Lor suggested LTR explore the idea of a satellite event on multilingualism and convergence.

### 5. Special Interest Group

5.1 Hermina Anghelescu, Convenor, Library History SIG, reported that the session "Libraries in Central America and the Caribbean Region", with four speakers, held on Sunday, 14 August from 13.45 to 15.45 had about 60 people attending. She recommended that the paper by Stephanie L. Maata, "El Lector's canon: Social dynamics of reading from Havana to Tampa" be submitted to the IFLA Journal for publication. She will send the paper to Lynn Silipigni Connaway and Michael Seadle and they will submit to IFLA.

5.2 Hermina Anghelescu will remain as Convenor, Library History SIG, for 2012 and will plan the SIG session for Helsinki.

### 6. Other matters arising.

6.1 Terry Weech expressed his frustration with the administrative lack of consistency and the increasing amount of bureaucracy. Everything now comes from the top down rather than the bottom up as in the past. Steve Witt commented this could be an unintended consequence of the IFLA reorganization, which created larger divisions.

The meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

Draft by Marydee Ojala with revisions by Terry Weech, 9/7/2011