

The IFLA Library Theory & Research Section
Minutes of the IFLA Library Theory & Research Section, standing committee meeting 2,
World Library and Information Congress, Singapore [draft 9-30-2013]

Meeting 2, August 20, 2013, 13:15-14:45

SC members present:

Anna Maria Tammaro (Chair), Krystyna K. Matusiak (Secretary/Treasurer), Raphaëlle Bats (Information Coordinator), Jennifer Weil Ams, Petra Hauke, Olga Lavrik, Heidi Kristin Olsen,Carolynn Rankin, Milan Vasiljevic, Steve W. Witt, Simon Jules Koudjam Yameni.

Observers:

Gifty Boakye, Theo Bothma, K. Jane Burpee, Bluma Peritz, Jaya Radu, Reggie Raju, Ranaweera PPR, Emilia Rangel, Juvidilania da Silva, Ji Yu (Wendy), Michael Seadle.

Apologies:

Eileen Breen , Lynn Silipigni Connaway, Yasuyo Inoue, Tae Kyung Kim, Peter J. Lor, Wei Liu, Xiwen Liu, Bernd Lorenz, Patricia Montiel Overall, Helen Partridge, Terry L. Weech.

1. Introductions and welcome

Introductions were made of officers, SC members and observers. There were no changes to the agenda.

2. Officer Reports

IFLA Key Initiatives

Anna Maria Tammaro reported on her participation in the Leadership Brief discussion where achievements of IFLA Key Initiatives were introduced by Ann Ockerson and other PC members. The accomplishments of the Sections and SIG officers and conveners also were ~~also~~ discussed at the Leadership Brief. The IFLA market on August 18th provided guidelines how to plan and carry out an effective professional project and more information how Sections could support the Strategic Plan and Key Initiatives. The Initiatives focus on digital content, leadership development, outreach programme for advocacy, cultural heritage disaster reconstruction, and multilingualism. As a section, LTR has a task of aligning its activities, project proposals and conferences with the IFLA current Key Initiatives.

LTR Conference Program 2013 in Singapore

Raphaëlle Bats reported on the conference program that took place on 19 of August 2013, 09:30 - 12:45. The session *Diversity in libraries: research reflecting theoretical approaches and practical experimentation* included six presentations. The session was well attended (80 participants) and generated very good questions, mostly related to research methodology. One of the papers presented at the session discussed the program of implementing a LGBTQ awareness program in the public library. Raphaëlle mentioned that this was probably the first paper on LGBTQ issues ever presented at the IFLA congress. Raphaëlle also reported on creating a special interest group (SIG) on LGBTQ issues in libraries.

3. Conference Program Planning

LTR Conference Program 2014 in Lyon

Raphaëlle Bats presented a proposal for the LTR program at the IFLA 2014 Congress in Lyon. The planning committee is comprised of Raphaëlle Bats, Peter Lor, and Milan Vasiljevic. The goal of the proposed program with a tentative title "Burning Libraries" is to focus on public libraries and to examine the political and social reasons behind burning libraries. The proposal generated a discussion regarding framing the topic as well as methodological and theoretical approaches. Some committee members suggested broadening the topic beyond burning and include other means of destroying libraries or forms of disappearing libraries. In terms of methodology, it was suggested that the papers may include case studies or comparative studies.

LTR Satellite meeting 2014 in Turin

Anna Maria Tammaro provided an overview of the 2014 LTR Satellite meeting that will take place on 13-14 August, 2014 in Turin and is jointly hosted by LTR, the Turin National University Library, the Turin City Library, and the Italian Library Association. The theme of the Satellite meeting is: "Theory and Research on the convergence of professional identity and technology in cultural heritage institutions (Libraries, Museums, and Archives)." Anna Maria Tammaro will chair the Planning Committee. Jennifer Weil Ams and Krystyna Matusiak volunteered to assist her in planning the meeting.

4. Projects and publications

Digital Humanities Student Project

LTR received a proposal from the graduate students in Information and Library Sciences at the ENSSIB in Lyon to support their research project on digital humanities, titled "Open Science in Public Library: Let (Digital) Humanities Come In!" The students are seeking assistance with attending the annual symposium Bobcatss in January 2014 and the IFLA Congress in Lyon to present the results of their research. Raphaëlle Bats prepared the proposal and it was recommended that the LTR committee members become involved in the project. The draft proposal was distributed through e-mail and the committee members should submit their comments electronically.

IFLA Committee on Standards project asks LTR collaboration

Patrice Landry is going to submit a study project on Impact of IFLA standards and asked collaboration of LTR in the preparation of the project proposal. The draft proposal has been sent by mail to all SC members. Peter Lor, Terry Weech and Steve Witt are interested to participate.

IFLA Library Theory & Research (LTR) Student Poster Award

Petra Hauke, LTR SC member submitted a proposal to create a LTR Student Poster Award. The goals of the project are to encourage LIS students' participation in IFLA through submitting a poster related to LTR topics. The award will give students an opportunity to attend the Congress and to learn more about IFLA activities. The proposal was distributed through e-mail and the committee members should submit their comments electronically.

5. LTR Strategic Plan

The strategic plan needs to be aligned with the IFLA Key Initiatives. The LTR Strategic Plan and the Action Plan should be revised by November 2013. Krystyna Matusiak,Carolynn Rankin, and Steve W. Witt volunteered to work on revising the LTR Strategic Plan and the Action Plan.

6. Special Interest Group - Library History SIG

Steve Witt reported on planning a 2014 satellite meeting focused on history of librarianship.

7. Other Business

Follow-up activities for the Research-Librarian Partnership project were discussed. The project generated additional inquiries from interested librarians. Raphaëlle proposed creating a LinkedIn group that would offer an extended support for the program. LTR needs a volunteer to administer and manage the network.