

**IFLA Library Theory and Research (LTR) Standing Committee
Minutes from the LTR Standing Committee Meeting II,
World Library and Information Congress, Kuala Lumpur
Tuesday, August 28 13:30 – 16:00**

SC members present:

Theo Bothma (Chair), Clara Chu, Premila Gamage, Gaby Haddow, Krystyna Matusiak (Secretary), Jaya Raju, Egbert Sanchez (Information Coordinator), Kerry Smith, Takahisa Shimoda, Anna Maria Tammaro, Simon Koudjam Yameni

Observers

Four observers attended the meeting: Jimena Breton, Michael Flierl, , Yasuyo Iuone

1. Introduction and welcome

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

2. IFLA WLIC 2018 reports

- Report from the Division IV meeting – Theo Bothma reported on the meeting where collaboration between IFLA professional units was strongly encouraged.
- Report from the joint open session with the Information Literacy (IL) Section "Information Literacy: From Practice to Research and Back Again" – Gaby Haddow reported on the session that took place on August 26. The session was very well attended with approximately 300 participants. The presentations demonstrated a good connection between theory and practice. Gaby emphasized an advantage of collaborating with other sections; the collaboration with the Information Literacy Section resulted in an excellent session. Many thanks to the planning committee members and reviewers that included:
 Planning Committee: Min Chou - IL Section (co-chair), Gaby Haddow - LTR Section (co-chair), Dan Dorner (LTR), Premila Gamage (LTR), Egbert John Sánchez Vanderkast (LTR)
 Reviewers: Chhavi Jain (IL), Anna Maria Tammaro (LTR), Malin Utter (IL), Zuza Wiorogórska (IL).
- Report from the join open session with Education and Training Section and LIS Education in Developing Countries Special Interest Group – the session will be held on Wednesday, August 29.
- Report from the SIG Library History session - Kerry Smith reported on the session, “Transform Libraries. Transform Societies: Library outreach to marginalized populations: historical perspectives” that took place on Sunday, August 26. The session was also very well attended with 160 attendees. IFLA offered partial funding to speakers and two speakers received funding.

3. 2019 Satellite Conference planning

The Satellite will take place after the 2019 IFLA Congress, possibly August 30-31 in Rome. The proposal has been submitted to the IFLA Governing Board and SC is still waiting for the approval.

- Collaboration with other IFLA units and other stakeholders – the Satellite will be organized in collaboration with the Education and Training section and perhaps with other IFLA sections; the planning committee will also include a faculty from the LIS program at the Vatican Library
- Committee members will include representatives from the Education and Training section; from LTR – Theo Bothma, Anna Maria Tammaro, and Krystyna Matusiak will serve on the planning committee; prof. Manfredi will represent the Vatican Library
- Topic – the planning committee will further discuss the theme of the Satellite conference; possible topics include research methods in LIS and a new professional profile.

4. 2019 Conference planning – Open session; LTR has two hours for an open session, which can be split if we collaborate with other sections.

- Collaboration with other IFLA units – Egbert Sanchez attended the business meeting of the Info Literacy section that has a proposal for a joint session: “Meaningful Literacy context; boundary and boundary crossing.”
 - The planning committee members include: Egbert Sanchez, Premila Gamage, and Simon Koudjam Yameni.
- Library History SIG – Kerry Smith presented a possible topic focused on oral histories of library professionals – a historical perspective. Library History SIG plans to collaborate with Genealogy and Local History Section on this program. Clara Chu suggested adding oral histories of IFLA.
- Theo Bothma mentioned two preconference meetings that LTR could get involved: off-site meeting in Athens on digital humanities and a preconference on open government data, both in collaboration with the Education and Training section.

5. Global vision: next steps for LTR SC

Krystyna Matusiak and Anna Maria Tammaro proposed forming three working research groups: 1.) New Professional Profile; 2.) User Studies; 3.) Research Methods. The groups are associated with three actions identified in the LTR Global Vision report. Each group will include 3-5 SC members but can also include other researchers who are not SC members. The purpose of the working groups is to give the committee members an opportunity to stay engaged throughout the year and to work together on research projects. The groups would be working throughout a year on selected research topics. A draft of the proposal was shared before the meeting. The document includes a list of proposed research topics that can be further modified. The document will be shared with the SC members through Google docs. SC members are encouraged to join. Anna Maria Tammaro volunteered to lead the New Professional Profile group. Gaby Haddow and Krystyna Matusiak will coordinate the Research Methods group. Egbert Sanchez and Simon Koudjam Yameni offered to coordinate User Studies group.

6. LTR action plan and communication plan

Theo Bothma will work on the action plan that needs to be submitted by November. Communication plan is shorter and addresses the way the SC and section members

communicate; a plan needs to include information on how we will use social media. Facebook and Twitter need to be reactivated; LTR blog is active. Takhisa Shimoda offered to translate selections from the newsletter into Japanese. A recommendation was made to translate highlights and abstracts and include images.

7. 2019 LTR election

Theo Bothma discussed the incoming elections. The call for nominations will go at the beginning of October 2018; the results will be available in mid-March 2019. There is a clear expectation for the new SC members to attend the 2019 conference.

8. Mid-term meeting 2019

A meeting is needed to finalize the plans for 2019. A meeting can be held in conjunction with a workshop. The date and location of the meeting are still undetermined; it may be held at the time of the IFLA President's midterm meeting at the end of March or beginning of April 2019.

9. LTR student/research awards

Theo Bothma provided an update on the LTR student/research awards. In the past, LTR was involved in selecting three awards that included student best paper award and a researcher best paper award. LTR made a proposal to combine the awards but the proposal was rejected by the IFLA Board. Theo proposed to upgrade the Libri – De Gruyter award to the best research paper by Masters or PhD student within one year of graduation; LTR might be involved in reviewing the papers.

10. 2020 planning committee – we need a volunteer for 2020 planning open session

11. Other business – no other business was discussed.

12. Closing

The Chair thanked everyone present for their participation. The meeting closed at 16:00.