



11/21/10 REVISION

**Mission**

**The IFLA Section on Library Theory & Research exists to:**

- provide a research-based framework to IFLA's professional priorities through a program promoting theoretical and empirical library and information science research and analysis;
- provide and encourage international networking opportunities for library professionals engaged in library and information science research.

**(Professional priorities:** Supporting the role of libraries in society; Developing library professionals; Promoting standards, guidelines and best practices)

**(IFLA Strategic Direction:** Transforming the profile and the standing of the profession.)

**Goals**

1. **1 Stimulate a high degree of membership participation and engagement through encouraging the sharing of practice-based and theoretical research methodologies in LIS.**

**Actions**

1.1 Encourage theoretically as well as empirically based papers at IFLA and IFLA sponsored conferences.

1.1.1. Göteborg 2010:

Congress Theme: **"Open access to knowledge – promoting sustainable progress"**

- An all-day session on research agendas, "Towards national library strategy: opening up access to research." Session held in conjunction with Management of Library Associations, Management and Marketing, Education and Training, Statistics and Evaluation sections, and LIS in Developing Countries SIG.
- Session designed to open up exchange of information about open access and its impact on national library strategies worldwide.

1.1.2 Puerto Rico 2011:

Congress Theme: **"Libraries beyond libraries: Integration, innovation and information for all"**

Focus on Applied Research: Extend ideas about integration and innovation knowledge sharing and where research enters the picture, examine what practitioners view as research needs and how researchers perceive the needs.

Invite selected participants in the LTR Researcher-Librarian Mentoring Program to present the results of their research at the 2011 IFLA conference.

1.1.3 Helsinki 2012

Congress Theme: "Libraries Now! Inspiring, Surprising, Empowering"

Planning a Session on "Evidence-based practice".

## **2. Assisting in the development of expertise and knowledge in useful research methods whilst developing, maintaining and adhering to the highest professional standards that support high quality practices.**

### **Actions**

- Evaluate conference papers for possible inclusion in IFLA and other journals.
- Implementing the mentoring programme: Researcher-Librarian Partnership Project and assessing its impact.
- Encourage strategic use of research, innovative approaches to research, and evidence-based research

## **3. Facilitating transnational networks of common, credible research interests**

### **Actions**

- 3.1 Sharing LTR communications via the internet
  - 3.1.1 Evaluating a LTR Blog as an alternative to the LTR Newsletter;
  - 3.1.2 Evaluation of the value of the LTR Discussion List;
  - 3.1.3 The evaluation of the LTR Website on IFLANET;
  - 3.1.4 Encourage attendance at LTR Standing Committee meetings and LTR sponsored programs through email contact with LTR section members.
  - 3.1.5 Promoting membership to LTR by developing a membership recruitment brochure
  - 3.1.6 Target professional groups (e.g. library schools and Library and Information Science research organizations) to become active in the Section.
    - Encourage broad international representation on LTR Standing Committee
    - Update the Section leaflet for distribution to targeted groups

## **4. Serving as sponsor section for Library History Special Interest Group**

### **Actions**

- 4.1 Endorse mission statement of Library History SIG, which is to be the means within IFLA by which professionals specializing in all fields of librarianship can be made aware of the importance of an understanding of the past and of the profession's theoretical foundations to the successful provision of library services in the present and future. In particular, the SIG concentrates on universal and broad themes of library history, regional or international or local experience of general significance.
- 4.2 Library History SIG session in Göteborg on "Library spirit in the Nordic and Baltic countries."
- 4.3 Publication:

Changing Visions: Parliamentary Libraries Past, Present, and Future. Special issue of *Library Trends*, 58/4 (Spring 2010), Johns Hopkins University Press, 150 pp. (eds. Gro Sandgrind and Hermina Anghelescu). Available at: <https://www.ideals.illinois.edu/handle/2142/16672>.

This volume includes the papers presented at the joint session of the Library History SIG and the Section on Parliamentary Libraries at the IFLA Congress in Milan.

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