

IFLA Library Theory and Research Section – Action Plan 2015 - 2017

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.

Strategic Direction 1: Libraries in Society			
Key Initiative: Libraries within a changing environment			
Action	Objective	Responsibility	Frequency/Date
Data Curator Project	To develop a glossary of definitions and an ontology relating to the concepts and responsibilities involved in a data curator role	Anna Maria Tammaro, Heidi Kristin Olsen, Terry Weech, Krystyna Matusiak <u>collaborating with</u> Information Technology Section	Ongoing
Linkedin Project	To stimulate discussion about theory and research through sharing experiences, advice and publications about research in library and information science	Heidi Kristin Olsen	Ongoing
Key Initiative: Changing attitudes and perceptions			
Disseminate Library Theory and Research Knowledge	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publish papers from the 2014 Congress open session "Libraries in the Political Process: benefits and risks of political visibility" in <i>Library Trends</i>. • Investigate the Annual Review of Cultural Heritage Informatics (ARCHI) as a potential journal to publish papers from the 2015 Satellite conference "Digitization as a Site of 	<p>Open Session and Satellite Conference Program Committee members Peter Lor</p> <p>Jennifer Weil Arns</p>	Ongoing

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Communication Plan	To develop a plan for information sharing and promotion of the Section and its activities through online, social media and traditional communication channels	Simon Jules Koudjam, Raphaëlle Bats, Krystyna Matusiak	December 2015
Strategic Direction 2: Information and Knowledge			
Key Initiative: A sustainable information environment			
2016 Open Session " <i>Participatory Projects in Libraries: Connecting Collaborative Communities</i> "	To plan and organize the 2016 open session at the Columbus, Ohio, IFLA Congress	Milan Vasiljevic, Raphaëlle Bats	August 2016
2016 Satellite Conference " <i>International Quality Assessment of LIS Education Programs</i> "	To plan and organize the 2016 satellite conference	Terry Weech <u>collaborating with</u> Education and Training	August 2016
2017 Open Session – theme TBC	To plan and organize the 2017 open session at the Wroclaw IFLA Congress	Heidi Kristin Olsen, Gaby Haddow, Krystyna Matusiak	August 2017
2017 Satellite Conference – theme TBC	To plan and organize the 2017 satellite conference at the Wroclaw IFLA Congress	TBC	August 2017
Library History Special Interest Group	To endorse and support the role and activities of the Library History SIG	All Standing Committee members, Kerry Smith	Ongoing
De Gruyter Saur/IFLA Research Paper Award	To participate in the De Gruyter Research Award through suggesting themes and serving as jury for submissions	All Standing Committee members	Annual

Strategic Direction 3: Cultural Heritage			
Key Initiative: Preservation of cultural heritage			
2016 Open Session for SIG Library History	To plan an organize the 2016 SIG Library History open session on the theme "Libraries and Immigrants: Historical Perspectives" together with multicultural Populations Section	Kerry Smith, Standing Committee members	August 2016
Strategic Direction 4: Capacity Building			
Key Initiative: Advancing leadership			
Young professionals' membership in the Library Theory and Research Section	To promote the Section to and attract young professions to participate in the Library Theory and Research Section	All Standing Committee members	Ongoing
Key Initiative: Building participation			
Section Meetings	To schedule two open meetings of the Section at the annual IFLA Congress and virtual meetings between congresses	Anna Maria Tammaro	Ongoing
Section Newsletter	To publish the Section Newsletter twice a year in electronic form through the Section's web pages	Krystyna Matusiak	Ongoing