



## **Division Leadership Forum: Division I**

Session 067 – Saturday 25 August 2018 | 08:30-10:00 | Room 305 |  
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

### **Attendance**

Secretary, Division I – Corrado di Tillio  
- (Chair)

Academic & Research Libraries – Mimi Calter – Chair

Academic and Research Libraries – Marga Koelen - Secretary

Agricultural Libraries SIG - Satendra Singh Dhaka - Convenor

Art Libraries - Lucile Trunel - Chair

Art Libraries – Ekaterina Igoshina – Information Co-ordinator

Evidence for Global and Disaster Health – Anne Brice - Convenor

Government Libraries - Anoja Fernando - Chair

Government Libraries – Johnathan Finn – Information Coordinator

Health & Biosciences Libraries –Maria Musoke – Chair

Law Libraries – Sonia Poulin – Chair

Law Libraries – Anne Burnett –Secretary

Law Libraries – Heather Casey – Information Coordinator

Libraries Serving Persons with Print Disabilities - Kirsi Ylännö –Chair

Libraries Serving Persons with Print Disabilities - Yasmine Mohamed  
Youssef – Secretary

National Libraries Guy Berthiaume - Chair

National Libraries – Genevieve Clavel-Merrin –Secretary

Parliamentary Libraries – Steve Wise – Chair

Parliamentary Libraries – Karin Finer -Secretary

Public Libraries – Jan Richards –Chair (Minutes Secretary)

Public Libraries – Anette Mjoborg –Secretary

School Libraries – Joanne Plante –Chair

School Libraries - Valérie Glass –Secretary

Science & Technology Libraries - Patrick Danowski - Chair

Science & Technology Libraries - Annelie Janred –Secretary

Social Sciences Libraries – Lynne Rudasill –Chair

Social Sciences Libraries –Debra Cheney -Secretary

Religions: Libraries and Dialogue (RELINDIAL) – Fabien Vandermarcq – Information  
Coordinator

**Guest:** Helen Mandl - Deputy Secretary General – IFLA

**Observer:** Steve Moichabulchi Ngoako – Public Library South Africa

## **1. Welcome and apologies**

Corrado welcomed Division I officers, as well as SIG Conveners and Information Coordinators. Corrado tabled an apology from Division Chair, Vicki McDonald who was unable to join the meeting and explained that he would chair the meeting and that Jan Richards (Chair Public Libraries) would take the minutes. Corrado also welcomed Helen Mandl, IFLA Deputy Secretary General before asking all attendees to introduce themselves.

## **2. Approval of the Minutes of the 2017 Meeting (Wroclaw Poland)**

The minutes of the 2017 meeting in Wroclaw were confirmed as a true and accurate record.

## **3. Key Sessions at IFLA WLIC for Sections**

Everyone was reminded to attend the sessions recommended by IFLA HQ and previously circulated. This includes the sessions offered by IFLA's communications unit and all office bearers are asked to attend to strengthen the capacity of their professional units. Helen reminded officers that some sessions are being live streamed and there is an opportunity to watch these and share with colleagues at a later date.

## **4. Professional Committee Meeting 23 August 2018 - Highlights**

The future of three Division I Special Interest Groups (SIGs) was discussed at the Professional Committee (PC) Meeting. SIGs are reviewed every four years to ensure that they are still fulfilling their stated function. Areas reviewed by the PC include website, communication channels, action plans, annual report, funding proposals and activities.

- Approval was given for RELINDAL (Religious Libraries and Dialogue) and NOIR (National Organisations and International Relations) to continue
- Agricultural Libraries SIG was deemed to be not fulfilling the requirements and the SIG will be discontinued.

Sponsoring sessions were asked to consider how they might incorporate the work of the SIG areas of interest and community.

The Dynamic Unit and Impact Award was also discussed. This will be presented at the closing ceremony. Officers were reminded that they should reflect on their activities and consider nominating for the award in 2019.

Officers were also reminded that requests for PC funds should be included in the Action Plans submitted to IFLA HQ.

There was a question about IFLA's support of open access. Helen responded that the *IFLA Journal* is available free on line as PDF Version. There was discussion about its inclusion in IFLA Library and Helen advised that IFLA Library is currently under review.

## 5. Dynamic Professional Units: how to work smarter for increased impact and reach

Delegates were reminded of the expectations of a dynamic unit and asked to check the IFLA website for additional information: <https://www.ifla.org/node/37116>

- Communication – basecamp and zoom  
Zoom is available for Section meetings – and it is an easy tool to use.  
Basecamp is the primary communication tool
- Each Section/SIG should have a Communications Plan, Action Plan and Annual Report completed and on their web pages

## 6. IFLA Review of Professional Structure

Three Division I zoom conferences were held seeking input to about IFLA's professional structure. These are summarised at <https://3.basecamp.com/3833672/buckets/5499174/messages/1236580834>

The main findings of these discussions was that officers believed that the work of Standing Committees was not aligned to the priorities of IFLA; or that much of the work of Standing Committees was focussed on planning and delivering sessions at WLIC.

Helen explained that the review of the structure is part of the new governance discussion. There will be many opportunities for input as this work progresses.

Officers present at the Division I meeting were asked for further feedback. Below is a summary of key comments:

- Pity that the division meetings are at the same time as there are so many collaborative initiatives that could be facilitated if we were able to attend each other's sessions.
- How can we make the conference different where is the place where we can discuss collaboration?
- 'One thing I really appreciate is the concept of talking to the members e.g. Global Vision'
- There is such a broad coverage of issues through specialised sections – how will this be maintained?
- IFLA needs to reflect priorities of the sections and the work of IFLA - so twist it around so it's not being hierarchical and put the sections first. We are the people doing the work.
- IFLA needs to lose it's Public library focus in its wording etc, needs to be more academic.
- Striking a balance between the various sections is always a problem.

[Helen: confirmed that some of the wording e.g. in the Global Vision is using words that translate across sectors and the IFLA languages and these may seem 'public']

- We need to explain what we do. Explain 'social good'

- There is no place to be able to promote your section within IFLA
- There is a threatening sense of will we survive this review?
- Different meetings within the division, maybe do a show and tell of what we're doing.

[**Helen:** This is not a review to get rid of sections but is a review to establish a way forward. She also confirmed that Standing Committee members are seen as energetic enthusiastic base of experts with a personal commitment, and it is recognised that we are all the experts in our field.]

- Showing what you do - new website, highlight the work that you're doing showcase.
- Even though the website isn't fab it is still usable, you just need to use it. 'One pager' is a good idea. Thanks for the consultation process great initiative, thank you.
- Present the work we are doing to each other very big puzzle.

[Helen: There has been an issue with the logos discussed last year. New graphic designer working on something simple]

- The stresses of being an IFLA officer and how many of us are involved in multiple associations. The more tools we have the easier it is for us to work as part of IFLA
- Important that people in our sections develop a culture that it is your responsibility to not only undertake the work but to explain the work. The more tools we have to get the message out support in crafting a message

## **7. Other Business**

Vicki will schedule zoom conferences in October 2018 – please let her know any issues that you would like to discuss.