



## LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Anna Maria Tamaro, chair of the standing committee of LTR

Dear Colleagues,

In 2013 the Section Library Theory and Research (LTR) Standing Committee (SC) have been re-confirmed or elected for the term 2013-2015. LTR section was happy to welcome as new members to the committee the colleagues: Petra Hauke (Germany), Yasuyo Inoue (Japan), Tae Kyung Kim (Korea), Xiwen Liu (China), Lavrik Olga Lvovna (Russia), Patricia Montiel Overal (US), Jennifer Weil Ams (US), Carolyn Rankin (UK), Milan Vasiljevic (Serbia), Simon Jules Koudjam Yameni (Cameroon). We all really appreciated the new members who immediately started to collaborate with their ideas and input for the Conferences organisation and new projects. During the first meeting in WLIC Singapore the SC gave thanks and recognition to the members who finished their mandate: Chu Jingli (China), Marydee Ojala (US), Ji Hye Song (Korea).

During the first meeting in Singapore LTR Officers (Chair, Secretary and Information coordinator/Newsletter Editor) were elected: Anna Maria Tamaro (Italy), Krystyna K. Matusiak (US), Raphaëlle Bats (France). Much thanks to Terry Weech, outgoing Chair of the LTR Section, for his work and achievements during his last four years as Chair. Terry Weech is continuing as member of SC and his advice and participation to Section activities will be of great value for all of us.

Krystyna Matusiak, Carolyn Rankin, and Steve W. Witt volunteered to work on revising the LTR Strategic Plan.

Also of interest to many in our LTR Section is the Library History Special Interest Group, chaired by Steve Witt as SIG convenor.

### LTR PROGRAM DURING IFLA WLIC

Theory and Research Open Session in Singapore, coordinated by Raphaëlle Bats, has been well attended

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(80 participants) and generated very good questions, mostly related to research methodology (Session 101 Diversity in libraries: research reflecting theoretical approaches and practical experimentation). One of the papers presented at the session discussed the program of implementing a LGBTQ awareness program in the public library and this was probably for the first time in IFLA, which is now starting a SIG on the topic.

Raphaëlle Bats together with Peter Lor and Milan Vasiljevic are planning the LTR program at the IFLA 2014 Congress in Lyon. The goal of the proposed program is to discuss the topic of "Libraries in the political process" with the focus on public libraries and their communities. One of the goals of the session is to examine the political and social reasons behind destruction of libraries and the impact on their communities.

In 2014 LTR is also planning a Satellite Meeting on the topic of convergence of cultural heritage institutions: "Theory and Research on the convergence of professional identity and technology in cultural heritage institutions (Libraries, Museums, and Archives)". The Satellite Meeting will take place in Turin, August 13-14 and will be organized in collaboration with Regione Piemonte, Turin City Council and Italian Library Association (local organizer) and ENSIBB. Anna Maria Tammaro will chair the Planning Committee. Terry Weech, Jennifer Weil Ams and Krystyna Matusiak volunteered to assist her in planning the meeting.

The Library History SIG in Singapore discussed the topic

of "Libraries, readers, and book culture in Asia: New perspectives in Information and global history". Steve Witt is planning a 2014 Satellite meeting focused on history of librarianship, in partnership with the Section on Education and Training (SET) in an off-site summit that celebrates 40 years of SET in IFLA by looking back and forward at LIS education. The SIG will also collaborate with IFLA Rare Books and Manuscripts Section and the Centre Gabriel Naudé to host a post-conference Satellite meeting at ENSIBB in Lyon. The proposed session theme is: "Building a Global Network: International librarianship at the confluence of cultures, practices, and standards"

The Call for Papers can be accessed in the IFLA Website: <http://conference.ifla.org/ifla80/calls-for-papers>.

#### PROJECTS

LTR will support the "Impact Study of IFLA Standards and Guidelines" project, together with the Chair of the Committee on Standards Patrice Landry, with the goal of investigating how IFLA standards and guidelines are used and what impact they have in the international library community. The project is related to the IFLA Key

Initiatives: KI 1 Digital Content (includes Copyright reform, Internet governance, Open Access, Trend Report, E-lending, Standards), KI 3 Outreach Programme for Advocacy and Advancement of the Profession.



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

#### COMMUNICATION AND PROMOTION OF LTR

LTR NEWSLETTER: Raphaëlle Bats, our dedicated editor of the LTR Newsletter has published two issues of the newsletter and I wish to thank her for the excellent work done.

Raphaëlle Bats together with her group of students of ENSSIB is also coordinating the social media of the Section and the Blog. The purpose of the LTR Blog is to offer updated information about Research and Theory in Information and Library Sciences : publications, grants, call for papers,

research projects and is open to collaboration from all interested professionals.

A special thank is due to Raphaëlle Bats together with her group of students of ENSSIB for the very good work they are doing for promoting LTR activities and projects.

I take the opportunity to wish all members of our Section a happy and prosperous 2014 and invite them to collaborate and become involved actively in the Section.

## MINUTES OF THE IFLA LTR SECTION, SINGAPORE, 2013

Standing committee meeting 2, World Library and Information Congress, Singapore

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Meeting 2, August 20, 2013

The last summer we discusses the following topics:

\* Officer Reports IFLA Key Initiatives, including LTR Conference Program 2013 in Singapore,

\* Conference Program Planning, including LTR Conference Program 2014 in Lyon and LTR Satellite meeting 2014 in Turin

\* Projects and publications: including Digital Humanities Student Project, IFLA

\* Committee on Standards project asks LTR collaboration and IFLA Library Theory & Research (LTR) Student Poster Award,

\* The LTR Strategic Plan

\* And the Special Interest Group: History of Libraries

To read the minutes:

[http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/library-theory-and-research/minutes/ltr\\_minutes\\_2013.pdf](http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/library-theory-and-research/minutes/ltr_minutes_2013.pdf)

## FOCUS ON A STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBER

KOUDJAM YAMENI Simon Jules

Born in 1970 at Douala in Cameroon, he obtains his GCE A level in 1989 and then his bachelor degree in Yaounde's University in 1993. He works as a journalist in private press before had been recruited in 1996 as civil servant in Central Library of Douala's University until today. After many training, he has been appointed Chief of public relation section of that library in 2005.

M. Simon Jules KOUDJAM YAMENI is members of several professionals associations like CALADUM (Cameroon national library association), IAFDL (International association of French speaking Documentalists and Librarians). He was elected during de last renewal election in the several organs of IFLA, member of standing committee of the LTR Section. He is now one of the rare

African librarians who are IFLA member.

He is married and father of 3.



## LIBRARY THEORY AND RESEARCH STRATEGIC PLAN 2013-2015

In the LTR strategic plan, you will find the description of our Mission, our professional priorities, our strategic directions, our actions, the conference program planning, the projects of satellite meeting,

To read the strategic plan, in full text: [http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/library-theory-and-research/minutes/ltr\\_strategic\\_plan\\_2013-15.pdf](http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/library-theory-and-research/minutes/ltr_strategic_plan_2013-15.pdf)

### Call for Submissions

### IFLA/ekz LIS Student Paper Award 2014

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### Important Deadlines!

Full paper submissions are due **May 1, 2014**.  
Notifications will be made by **May 15, 2014**.

Please find information brochures in  
(more than) all official IFLA languages at

<http://www.ifla.org/en/set/student-paper-award>

## CALL FOR PAPERS IFLA WLIC 2014

### Libraries in the political process: benefits and risks of political visibility

The IFLA Library Theory and Research (LTR) Section is pleased to invite submissions for its forthcoming open session in Lyon, France.

#### *Aim and Scope of the Session*

The theme "Libraries in the political process: Benefits and risks of political visibility" reflects the global theme of the IFLA 2014 Congress, "Libraries, Citizens, Societies: Confluence for Knowledge", in many respects. Librarians often complain that libraries are overlooked or taken for granted. But when libraries appear in the headlines, it may be a mixed blessing. This LTR program will focus on the contemporary roles of libraries and librarians in turbulent political environments: including cases where libraries are damaged or burned in violent protests, and at the other extreme, cases where the public mobilizes in response to the closing of a library. In these times of financial crisis, identity crisis, democracy crisis, managerial crisis...these questions challenge us to rethink our roles in relation to the public we serve. Our Session will

look in a scholarly way at these phenomena, not limiting the session to descriptions of the incidents or the defense of libraries, but at the profession's responses and at what it says about the way the profession is conceptualizing its role in society. Papers exploring research on political roles of libraries will be invited. Indeed, this question includes sociological, professional, educational, philosophical and historical issues, all of which have the potential to contribute to the confluence for knowledge.

**Submissions should be sent by email to: [section.IFLA.LTR@gmail.com](mailto:section.IFLA.LTR@gmail.com) before Saturday February 15th 2014.**

Full call for papers:

<http://conference.ifla.org/ifla80/calls-for-papers/libraries-political-process-benefits-and-risks-political-visibility>

## CALL FOR PAPERS: SIG HISTORY OF LIBRARIES

"Building a Global Network: International librarianship at the confluence of cultures, practices, and standards"

At the 1926 Prague International Conference, French Librarian, Gabriel Henriot, proposed the establishment of a permanent international library committee that could take care of the international relations among libraries and create the necessary conditions for the mutual international co-operation of librarians. This committee soon spawned the International Federation of Library Associations. IFLA and other significant international collaborations represent an international network of librarians that has expanded and persisted throughout the history of the profession. To support the conference theme of "Libraries, Citizens, Societies: Confluence for Knowledge" the History

Special Interest Group seeks papers that feature historical scholarship on the development, particularities, and impacts of international library networks as they have contributed to the development of the profession, helped articulate standards, and promoted access to knowledge.

Please submit your proposal for papers no later than February 15, 2014 to Steve Witt at [sw Witt@illinois.edu](mailto:sw Witt@illinois.edu).

Full call for papers:

<http://conference.ifla.org/ifla80/calls-for-papers/building-global-network-international-librarianship-confluence-cultures>

## BOOKREVIEWS

Submitted 22 December 2013 by Petra Hauke, Lecturer, Berlin School of Library and Information Science Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany, E-Mail: [petra.hauke@hu-berlin.de](mailto:petra.hauke@hu-berlin.de)

### RDA: strategies for implementation.

El-Sherbini, Magda: London: Facet Publ., 2013. X, 394 pp. ISBN 978-1-85604-834-7

The new cataloging code RDA, Resource Description and Access, has been one of the most discussed topics in forums and conferences since 2005. The new code will replace not only the AACR2r (Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules) but also other rules like the German RAK (Regeln für die Alphabetische Katalogisierung) and others that do not meet any longer the needs of cataloging electronic publications and digital resources. This introduction to RDA has been prepared to assist catalogers as well as library technical service staff in the transition from AACR2r to RDA.

The author, M. El-Sherbini, serves as Head of The Ohio State University Libraries' Cataloging Department. She is author of numerous library related publications and member not only of the ALA RDA Advisory Board but of several library committees.

The book is divided into 9 chapters. It starts (I) with an introduction discussing the history and background of AACR2r and the need for a new cataloging code, its benefits to catalogers and users. Chapter 2 offers a detailed comparison between both standards, starting with a concordance of the wording, followed by examples based on the content of different MARC fields. Chapter 3 describes strategies for the implementation of RDA including the decision of re-cataloging of legacy records, effects on OPAC displays, dealing with RDA records from OCLC or the Library of Congress and other major library collections.

The Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records (FRBR) as well as the Functional Requirements for Authority Data (FRAD) and their impact on RDA are explained in chapter 4, followed by chapter 5 discussing the FRBR entities manifestation and item, and chapter 6 discussing the FRBR entities work and expression. Tips for how to use, how to search and how to browse the RDA Toolkit are provided in chapter 7, including how to create a workflow.

Chapter 8 shows examples of how to create Bibliographic records (I) of specific types of library materials like print monographs, visual materials, maps, globes, sound recordings, compilations of musical works, music score, librettos, integrated resources, computer files and simultaneous publications, and (II) Authority records. All examples are displayed in MARC fields, accompanied by detailed notes to single MARC fields in case of need for explanation. Checklists for "copy catalogers", "original catalogers", and "authority control" are given in chapter 9.

All chapters are completed with references providing printed publications but mostly online resources. The book includes a considerable bibliography of further readings and a comprehensive, detailed index.

This book on strategies for RDA implementation, published by the American Library Association is a practical guide for catalogers but also a helpful introduction for decision makers. It provides basic information and is useful also for understanding and teaching the theory behind cataloging and indexing.

## BOOKREVIEWS

### The Green Library. The challenge of environmental sustainability

Die grüne Bibliothek ed. on behalf of IFLA by Petra Hauke, Karen Latimer and Klaus Ulrich  
Werner.München/Boston: De Gruyter Saur, 2013. VIII, 433 pp., Ill. (IFLA Publications, 161) 978-3-11-030972-0

This publication is the outcome from a book project seminar, held during the Winter semester 2012/2013 at the Berlin School for Library and Information Science at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany, led by Petra Hauke. Participants in the seminar were Georg Beyer, Kristina Bredenhagen, Jessica Müller, Carolin Rau, Stefan Schubert, Maria Staufenbiel, and Michael Triska. For further information please visit the bookproject's website at <http://www.ibi.hu-berlin.de/studium/studprojekte/buchidee>

Contributions and case studies from Germany and other European countries, as well as from Asia, Australia and the US, demonstrate different aspects of reducing the "ecological footprint" in libraries. As well as looking at

everyday procedures, the social role and responsibility of libraries as leaders in environmental sustainability are considered as are achieving a positive image for the library and the role of sustainability in marketing. The book also includes examples of sustainability in libraries through short papers presenting interesting cases. Contributions by experts in their field are written in German or in English and all have German and English abstracts. The publication will be of interest to librarians from public, business, special and university libraries, teachers and students of library and information science as well as anyone interested in ecological solutions such as architects, library users, library governing bodies, certification agencies and professional library associations.

The newsletter will be translated into French, very soon. If you want us to propose the newsletter in your language, don't hesitate to send us the texts translated.

See you this summer in Lyon, for IFLA WLIC 2014

