



LIBRARY THEORY AND RESEARCH SECTION (LTR) NEWSLETTER – JULY 2015

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Anna Maria Tamaro

As we prepare for our Standing Committee meetings and sessions in Cape Town in August of 2015, I am pleased to report on the results of the election for membership on the Library Theory and Research Standing Committee. There were 9 candidates for the 9 vacant positions on the Standing Committee. New members of the Standing committee elected for 2015-2019 are:

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The following LTR Standing Committee members will be completing their terms at the end of the conference in Cape Town. They are:

Terry Weech, Lynn Silipigni Connaway, Bernd Lorenz, Krystyna Matusiak, Steve Witt

Many thanks to these members of the LTR Standing Committee for their valuable contributions to the community of the Library Theory and Research Section and to the Standing Committee. We look forward to their continued contributions during the Cape Town meetings and we hope they will continue as private members of the Section and contribute to Library Theory and Research activities in the future. A special thanks goes to Terry Weech Chair of the

Section for the years (2009-2013 and Krystyna Matusiak Secretary of the LTR Section (2013-2015).

During our first meeting on Saturday August 15th, 2015, from 12:30 to 15:00 in Cape Town, the LTR Standing Committee will have to elect new Officers (Chair, Secretary, Information Coordinator) for the term 2015-2017. The second meeting for the LTR Section is scheduled on Thursday, 20 August 2015, from 8:00 to 9:30.

I hope to see all of you in Cape Town in August of 2015.

Submitted July 20, 2015.

CAPE TOWN PROGRAMS

RELEVANT TO LIBRARY THEORY AND RESEARCH

We hope many of you can attend the programs our Section is participating in at the Cape Town Conference.

1. The LTR Section is hosting a session on August 17th (09:30 – 12:45 Auditorium 1) on “Measuring the Impact of Access to Information and Development” together with the Statistics and Evaluation Section. Chairs: Yasuyo Inoue (Dokkyo University, Japan) and Britt Omstedt (University of Borås, Sweden).

2. The LTR Section’s open session is scheduled on August 19th (09:30 – 12:45 Roof Terrace Room) on “Quality Assurance in LIS Education” together with the Education & Training and SIG LIS Education in Developing Countries Chair: Gillian Hallam (Australia). A Discussion Panel is planned at the end of the presentations, about QA policies around the

World: Mitsuhiro Oda (Aoyama Gakuin University, Japan), Dennis Ngong Ocholla (Department of Information Studies, University of Zululand, South Africa), Seamus Ross (University of Toronto iSchool, Canada), Sari Feldman (American Library Association, United States), and Anna Maria Tammaro (University of Parma, Italy)

3. LTR members will be interested to participate to the SIG Library History open session on August 16th (13:45 – 15:45 Ballroom East) on “Library History in Sub-Saharan Africa - Library History SIG.

4. The LTR Section is also proposing Pre-Congress Satellite Conference of IFLA’s Library Theory and Research Section. The Conference, on Digital Preservation as a Site of Contestation: National Heritage, Memory,

Politics and Power -- Beyond Technology and Management, will take place in Cape Town on 12 and 13 August 2015.

A varied and interesting program has been compiled. Day 1 will be presented on the campus of the University of the Western Cape, which was a center of resistance during the anti-apartheid struggle and which houses the Robben Island Museum Mayibuye Archive. A visit to this Archive is included as part of the program. The University is in the eastern suburbs of Greater Cape Town. Transport will be arranged to the campus from the Cape Town International Convention Centre (venue for the IFLA

Congress), and back. On Day 2, participants will have an opportunity to visit Robben Island itself, weather permitting. They will make their own way to the Victoria and Albert Waterfront for the crossing to the Island. This will be followed by an afternoon session in Cape Town's District Six Museum, for which transport will be arranged. A preliminary program can be found [here](#). If bad weather rules out the crossing to Robben Island, an alternative self-guided walking tour can be taken in Cape Town.

More information and a preliminary program can be found on the Satellite Conference website, Please click [here](#).

IFLA DE GRUYTER AWARD



This IFLA award sponsored by IFLA and De Gruyter Saur and submissions were evaluated by a panel of LTR committee members: Anna Maria Tammaro (Chair), Krystyna Matusiak and Xiwen Liu. The award is aimed at encouraging original research and publication by those relatively new to the profession. This year's topic for the De Gruyter Saur IFLA Research Paper Award was Digital Libraries: knowledge creation and sharing, with the aim of advancing research into the role of digital libraries in facilitating

knowledge creation and sharing. The winner of the De Gruyter Saur IFLA Research Paper Award 2015 is Ana Pervan with her paper, "The role of data curator in the CERN Particle Physics Data-Sharing Community". Pervan's paper presents original research on the role of data curators in sharing scientific data and other forms of scholarly communication. The panel judged that she employed an innovative research methodology, with findings that were relevant to both data curators and the research community.

FOCUS ON THE LTR COMMUNICATION TEAM

Our team is composed of students from the *enssib* (Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Sciences de l'Information et des Bibliothèques) in Lyon, France and students from the University of Denver in Colorado, U.S.A. The IFLA LTR workshop was created in 2011 by Raphaëlle Bats, head of International Relations at *enssib* and information coordinator for the LTR section. This is the fourth consecutive year that students have had the opportunity to discover how an organization such as the

Here is a small presentation of the student team members.

Kouao Antoine ANOH (Diplôme d'établissement Cadre opérationnel des bibliothèques et de la documentation, *enssib*)

I joined the IFLA / LTR team of the in December, 2014. Within this establishment I do Information monitoring on the theme of Library science (which interests me in many respects) and of translation. I am also a permanent committee member of IFLA: Freedom of Access to information and Freedom of expression for the period 2013-2017.

Kathryn BODNAR (Student in the Master of Library and Information Science program at the University of Denver)

Kathryn joined the workshop in January 2015 and contributes to the LTR section's information monitoring and the section's blog.

IFLA works. As part of the workshop, we meet once a month to review LTR news and work on our respective tasks. Collectively, we monitor information about LIS and library and book history which we communicate on our *diigo* accounts. We publish our findings via [twitter \(@IFLA_LTR\)](#) and [our blog](#). Our monitoring is primarily for researchers or librarian-researchers in the fields mentioned above, to inform them on the latest resources, upcoming conferences, calls for papers and other pertinent information.

Bridget BOWERS (Master Cultures de l'écrit et de l'image, *enssib*)

I contribute to the LTR section's information monitoring, the publication of the English-language newsletter and the section's blog about Book History.

I joined the workshop in 2014, as it a great opportunity to sharpen my synthesizing and communication skills while working as a team and on an international field. Researching the dynamic domain of LIS, especially concerning the conservation of special collections, has broadened my perspective of an ever-changing discipline.

Saki HAGIHARA (Master Politique des bibliothèques et de la documentation, *enssib*)

I do information monitoring and participate in the communication of the LTR section by publishing the section's newsletter and blog about library and information science. I

joined the team at the end of 2014, and since I come from Japan, I am interested in the French library and also libraries worldwide. To participate in this workshop is a good occasion for me to discover IFLA, to work as a team and to acquire new skills.

Chelsea HEINBACH (Student in the Master of Library and Information Science program at the University of Denver)

Chelsea Joined the workshop in January 2015 and contributes to the LTR section's information monitoring and the section's blog.

Giovanna MONTANO (Master Politique des bibliothèques et de la documentation, enssib)

Giovanna joined the workshop in octobre 2013 and contributes to the LTR section's information monitoring and the section's blog.

Alexia SCHERER (Master Politique des bibliothèques et de la documentation, enssib)

I am member of the LTR Information Coordination team since fall 2013. First I learned how the team worked and what our tasks were (it took some time, but I think I got there). Today I take part in the information monitoring in the fields of book and library history and write some of the blog articles on these themes. I am in charge of the blog

agenda. To know who is writing what article and when is my job. I also have the task to publish the articles that other team members wrote on the blog and to check that everything is ok.

Pauline TREMBLAY (Master Politique des bibliothèques et de la documentation, enssib)

Pauline joined the workshop in octobre 2013 and contributes to the LTR section's information monitoring and the section's blog.

Alexandre TUR (Elève conservateur, enssib)

I'm just finishing my training as library curator at enssib, the french national LIS school. In the last two years, I've had the opportunity to learn and do a lot. I've been taking part to the 2014 World Library and Information Congress and I went in several international internships.

I've been a part of the LTR Information Coordination Team for two years. I'm collecting information for our Monitoring, both in LIS and in History, but I'm especially writing LIS Monitoring reviews on our blog. I am also taking care of our Twitter account, making sure to thank our followers, to retweet interesting IFLA information, and sometimes to add them to the monitoring when they seem to fit.

MORE ON DIIGO: THE INFORMATION MONITORING PLATFORM USED BY THE LTR SECTION

The IFLA LTR team is doing information monitoring which is shared and spread through its blog and its twitter account. "Diigo is a bookmarking software which

proposes sharing features within an identified group and permits to mutualize the information monitoring of the different

members on the subjects of the working group in order to:

- Gather all the information monitoring in the same space ;
- Organize the results of this monitoring through the use of keywords and find them more easily thereafter;
- Widely disseminate the results among the members of the group and share them with interested persons."

The information monitoring is done by all the members of the IFLA LTR workshop of the section under the guidance of Raphaëlle Bats, information coordinator of the LTR.

Any person may report resources to add to diigo:

- By sending an email to the following address: section.IFLA.LTR@gmail.com
- By adding the tag [@IFLA_LTR](#) to their twitter account

Follow the information monitoring of the IFLA LTR section

- The account of the LTR group is available at the following address: <https://groups.diigo.com/user/ifla-ltr>
- Each new addition in the diigo is automatically sent on the twitter account: https://twitter.com/IFLA_LTR
- An extraction is made each month on the blog section: <http://blogs.ifla.org/library-theory-research/>

Everyone can subscribe to the RSS diigo by topic:

- Library and information : <https://groups.diigo.com/group/library-and-information-sciences/rss>
- Book History : <https://groups.diigo.com/group/book-history/rss>
- History of Libraries : <https://groups.diigo.com/group/history-of-libraries/rss>

LTR'S PROJECT

- The LTR Project, "Data curator: who is s/he? A survey of international and interdisciplinary perspectives" has been approved by IFLA. The PC stated that "this project proposal came at a very good time, to align with the work of the newly proposed IFLA Special Interest Group on Big Data". The milestone

planned by the Project will be the formal description of an ontology using RDF/SKOS.

- The LTR Project about "Impact of IFLA Standards" has been stopped.

- LTR NEWSLETTER: As always, many thanks to Raphaëlle Bats, our dedicated editor of the LTR Newsletter. Her work makes these communications possible.

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

See you this summer in Cape Town, South Africa, for IFLA WLIC 2015.

