



National Libraries Section Action plan 2016–2017

Objectives of National Libraries Section 2016–2017:

The mission of the IFLA National Libraries Section is to act as a focal point for supporting the vital role of national libraries in society as custodians of the worlds' intellectual heritage, providing organisation, preservation of and access to the national imprint in all its forms. The Section aims to provide leadership in the areas of concern to national libraries, always in recognition of the needs and views of every region of the world and in recognition of IFLA's vision as the trusted global voice of the library and information community.

For the period August 2016-August 2017, the Section has adjusted its earlier action plan for the period 2015-2017 (http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/national-libraries/Strategic-Plan/nl_sc_strategic_plan_2015-2017_web.pdf) to concentrate on four objectives. These are given below, with information on how they have progressed from August – December 2016.

1. Finalize the survey on national library activities. This will assist colleagues in their planning and discussing NL services in their own countries

Following a successful presentation of the test survey at the NL SC meeting in Columbus, the questionnaire on national library functions was sent out to all CDNL members. A problem occurred with distributing the call. The message to CDNL was re-sent and a new deadline of 28th November set. Following this, if there is low response, national library directors will be contacted individually. Results will be posted in IFLA-L and to the CDNL list. A presentation will be made to CDNL in August 2017. The survey will form the background to the NILP SIG session: National Libraries' core functions and best practices.

Round-table discussions on the Survey on National Libraries best practices: Impact on Library and Information Science and service policy imperatives.

2. Organise a session at WLIC 2017 with the Information Technology Section

The topic chosen and submitted to IFLA HQ is: A memory bank for the digital society: national libraries and web archiving. Work will start on the call in December 2016.

3. Work with IFLA and CDNL on the question of digital collaboration / unification (Strategic direction 3 cultural heritage)

Members of the NL SC commented on the proposed terms of reference. The Chair and Secretary met the Chair and Vice-Chairs of CDNL on November 1st 2016 to discuss the TOR and provide feedback to IFLA. The Chair has agreed to take part in the proposed group. A session on the topic will be held during the CDNL meeting in 2017 with input from the NL section.

4. Continue to work with CDNL to ensure synergies in annual programme and ongoing work

This has been done during the meeting held on November 1st (see point 3), at which the question of digital reunification was discussed, as was the questionnaire. The two topics will be presented at the CDNL 2017 meeting, ensuring a close connection with NL section activities.