



National Libraries Section Annual report September 2017 – August 2018

This Annual Report records achievements and progress in relation to our [Action Plan 2017-2018](#). Guy Berthiaume and Genevieve Clavel continued in their positions as Chair and Secretary during this period, and Stuart Hamilton continued as Information Officer. The overall goal 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.

Objectives identified in the action plan and their realization

1. Organise a session at WLIC 2018

A successful session was held in Kuala Lumpur on the topic "National Libraries and social media – meeting the challenges of acquiring, preserving and providing long-term access"

The following presentations were given during the session which was chaired by Guy Berthiaume:

1. Archiver les plateformes vidéo contributives à la BnF. Expérimentations, réalisations et projets / Archiving "social videos" at BnF: experiments and projects

Alain Carou, Bibliothèque nationale de France, France

<http://library.ifla.org/2284/1/093-carou-fr.pdf>

2. Social media collecting at the National Library of New Zealand

Bill Macnaught, National Library of New Zealand Te Puna Mātauranga o Aotearoa, New Zealand

<http://library.ifla.org/2274/1/093-macnaught-en.pdf>

3. Institution as Social Media Collector: Lessons Learned from the Library of Congress and the National Archives and Records Administration

Kate Zwaard, Library of Congress, United States

Dana Allen-Greil, National Archives and Records Administration, United States

<https://www.ifla.org/files/assets/national-libraries/publications/ifla-socialmedia-libraryofcongress.pptx>

4. Institution as Social Media User: Lessons Learned from the National Archives and Records Administration and the Library of Congress

Dana Allen-Greil, National Archives and Records Administration, United States
Kate Zwaard, Library of Congress, United States

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

This is an ongoing activity. See <https://www.ifla.org/cultural-heritage/digital-unification>
The Chair of the NLSC chaired the group until August 2018, the Chair is now Isabelle Nyffeneger, a member of the SC who coordinated a survey and presented the results to the SC (see minutes SC II) . A first draft of the “questions to be raised when you want to undertake a digital unification project” will be reviewed by colleagues at the British Library and Library of Congress. IFLA HQ and the BnF will work on the case studies database. The next meeting of the WG will be in March 2019, with a review at the WLIC in 2019.

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

This is ongoing. The Chair, Secretary and Information Officer met the Chair and Vice-Chairs of CDNL on December 8th 2017 to discuss plans for 2018 including the Digital Unification Group

4. Build on the results of the NL survey

This has proved difficult as the site hosting the data was closed. A copy of the data was extracted but has proved difficult to analyse. Investigations to resolve the situation are ongoing.

5. Improve Communication

In February 2018 a roundup of news stories relating to national libraries was shared with the SC and Nat Libs mailing list, and new stories have been distributed on a monthly basis since June. Feedback is positive and SC Members are starting to send in their own stories which shows increasing engagement. The Section has a Twitter account (<https://twitter.com/IFLANatLibs>) which is slowly growing.

Standing Committee Meetings

24 and 29 August 2018: Physical business meetings at the 2015 World Congress

Email communication to organise sessions and receive input on action plans and manage any activities is ongoing.

Minutes of the meetings were distributed to Section Members by email and posted on the section’s website <https://www.ifla.org/national-libraries/minutes>

Additionally, the Chair and Secretary attended the IFLA President’s meeting and Global Discussion workshop in Barcelona in March 2019. A report was submitted to IFLA HQ with proposals from members of the SC.

National Organizations and International Relations - NOIR SIG

80 participants attended NOIR SIG's session on August 26th at the 2018 WLIC which focused on 'International Relations: How far have we come and where do we go from here? Progress, feedback and feasibility'. The session had the following format:

- a. Reporting back on the feasibility of the 2017 session suggestions: Francesco Manganiello (National Libraries and Archives Canada) bridged back to 2017 and opened the 2018 table discussion. Stuart Hamilton (Qatar National Library) and Sonto Moleme (National Library of South Africa) also spoke on behalf of the SIG and shared some information on the Silk Road initiative (S.Hamilton) and the BRICS countries initiative (S.Moleme).
- b. Presentation of SIG recommendations following liaison with the institutions already having a policy on international relations. A globally representative panel was convened, with special focus on the Asian region. Speakers included the National Library of China, the National Library of Russia, and the Digital Library of India. Presentations were followed by interactive discussion.

National Information and Library Policy SIG – NILP SIG

NILP SIG's session at the WLIC was on the 29th August. The theme of the session was 'Lessons learned from new developments in information and library policy at national level'. Four speakers were invited from: New Zealand, the MENA region, the Andean region (LAC), and the Philippines. The Convenor spent considerable time advising the speakers on the content of their presentations, in order to reflect the session theme. Despite the session being in the last time-slot of the congress programme these unexpected developments, it was reported that the presentations were well received by an audience of approximately 80 people.