

## IFLA P&C Section Meeting

Zoom Call, 8 October 2020

Attending: Jeanne Drewes, Arnold Mwanzu, Becky Ryder, Nevine Konsowa, Ornella Foglieni, Russell Lynch, Yoriko Sato, Mariia Kolpakova, and Sylvain Bélanger

### Old Business

#### **ENSULIB Report**

Petra Hauke requested some time to talk about: 1) moving from SIG to Section, 2) the book project, and 3) their webinar. Unfortunately she could not attend the meeting. Chair was asked and wrote a letter of support for full section status.

#### **IFLA Journal Special Issue on Storage**

Sônia coordinated the call for articles. Articles have been submitted, review is in process.

#### **Website update**

Yoriko has submitted our changes to IFLA Headquarters. The changes to the brochure are a part of this effort. (See the Brochure Update section below.) Our deadline is the end of October.

#### **Brochure Update**

Mariia has arranged for a designer to help us with graphics in the brochure. Our brochure in Russian, Arabic, and Portuguese versions don't have the description about the ENSULIB Section. Our brochure In French does not have the correct year for the ENSULIB Section.

Nevine requested someone from an Arabic country to review the translation from the Bibliotheca Alexandrina.

#### **Webinar Update**

Alenka had surgery recently and could not attend today. Our webinar (virtual event) is called Preservation of Complex Digital Objects. The Information Technology Section is co-sponsoring the event. The speakers are from the UK, the USA, Japan, and India. We will have two sessions:

- 18 November 2020, at 10.00 – 11.00 CEST
- 19 November 2020, at 16.00 – 17.00 CEST
- This is final information
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Dear colleagues, the webinars sessions have been set up :

Webinar 1 (18th November; 10 am Amsterdam)

Meeting ID : 982 6874 9932

Panelists have specific invitation / link

Attendees link : <https://zoom.us/j/98268749932>

Webinar 2 (19th November; 4 pm Amsterdam)

Meeting ID : 996 4115 3693

Panelists have specific invitation / link

Attendees link : <https://zoom.us/j/99641153693>

- Please promote this virtual event.

### **Renaming the section**

This will take time to complete. Becky put this on hold during the IFLA Governance review.

Note: Some delegates have ALA support and ALA CORE is also reorganizing. Some ALA units no longer exist. This could create a challenge for 2021-2025 SC Members. Becky and Jeanne will follow-up for their country.

### **Oral History Program with Library History SIG**

Russell has contacted Kerry Smith who is the Library History SIG Convener. There has not been much progress this summer. He expects to have a schedule ready in the next few weeks. Jeanne is working with ALA on the course for this topic and will try to share the handouts with the standing committee.

### **Division II and New Framework**

IFLA Headquarters continues with their governance changes. Some divisions are larger than others. IFLA will work to equalize the size of divisions. Ours will keep the name and the current sections. We have another Division leadership meeting next week.

### **Standards and best practice**

Annie Bonnaud is on that group. She could not attend today. Jeanne will ask Claire for an update.

### **Cultural History Working Group**

There will be some restructuring to make it more useful. A representative from the IFLA Governing Board will be Chair. Jeanne continues to represent us on this Working Group. This is a responsibility of the Chair so rotates.

### **Survey of Members**

Three-quarters of our members are institutions and we don't always have a contact name. As of 9 September 2020, we have 104 organizations (Institutions or Associations) and 10 personal affiliates. Last year we had 113 organizations and 9 personal affiliates. Becky, Russell, Jeanne, and Sylvain will work on getting contacts.

## **New Business**

### **World Congress program 2021 now virtual**

We could have a virtual satellite meeting on flooding. Christiane B. could assist us.

Sonia suggested the topic of *packing, shipping, and storage of items on loan and how to "Pack" digital files*

We have had some questions about cleaning during a virus. How to disinfect but not damage the item. By August 2021 it might be old news. Another topic could be *working during a pandemic*.

At LAC, conservators were some of the first to return because they could not do their job remotely. Sylvain can check with staff on experiences to share.

We could work with Library History on *Life in the Time of Coronavirus* and include the News Media Section.

Ornella reported that in Italy many people retired during COVID-19 so the staff count is lower now than it was before the shutdown. Libraries have had to reduce services as well as limit employee hours. Many libraries moved to a cooperative staff model (a mix of professionals and volunteers). Even checking out books is an issue – the staff has to retrieve books for loaning. We've had some problems with Legal Deposit. Government leaders don't view libraries as very essential.

All countries will need to look at Cultural Heritage institutions during COVID-19 and how to support them.

There are many options for topics. Lets review these and we can suggest others too. Deadline for ideas is October 28 from the group. Please put on basecamp or email Jeanne [jdrewes3@gmail.com](mailto:jdrewes3@gmail.com)

Arnold reported that the National Library of Kenya opened recently. The Occupy Library 2020 conference was held in September. (<https://occupylibrary.net/>) They discussed challenges of preservation and best practices. Another topic could be *The State of Conservation as a Result of the Coronavirus*.

Jeanne will put the Annual Report on Basecamp for us to review.