Mission of the Committee:

- Provide a forum for the exchange of information and best practice to strengthen the development, cooperation and good management of academic and research libraries in all countries.
- Encourage and foster research, lobbying, and promotion to strengthen the role of the library in the core institutional functions of learning, teaching, research and services.
- Facilitate the achievement of the strategic IFLA Goals and aspirations through an active membership of the Section.
- Participate in broader national and international frameworks for developing information policy and services.

Objectives 2016-17:

1. Monitor current and emerging issues relevant to academic and research libraries, and disseminate information about those issues, including both results of relevant research and experiences of practitioners. (Key Initiatives 1.5, and 4.5.)
2. Facilitate the involvement of library professionals from developing countries in committee activities and programs (Key Initiatives 2.1 and 4.3.)
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<td>1. Monitor current and emerging issues relevant to academic and research libraries, and disseminate information about those issues, including both results of relevant research and experiences of practitioners.</td>
<td>1.1 WLIC 2017 program development</td>
<td>1.1.1 Develop a program for a joint session with FAFE and CLM.</td>
<td>1.1.1 Jim Neal will serve as the ARL representative on the planning committee for the joint program.</td>
<td>All programs will be advertised to the membership in advance of the conference.</td>
<td>Information Coordinator to announce all sessions on the website.</td>
<td>1.1. Level of attendance; positive attendee feedback; assessed quality of presented papers</td>
<td>Both WLIC sessions are progressing well – speakers have been confirmed.</td>
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<td>1.1.2 Develop a Hot Topics program.</td>
<td>1.1.2 Gulcin Cribb, Gerald Beasley, Reggie Raju, and Janet Fletcher will serve as the planning committee for Hot Topics.</td>
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<td>Chair to report on success of the project via annual report to IFLA Members and PC.</td>
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<td>1.1.3 Prepare a satellite program to be held in Germany prior to the conference.</td>
<td>1.1.3 Andreas Degkwitz will serve as host and coordinator for the satellite planning.</td>
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<td>1.2. Regular blog postings on topics of interest in</td>
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<td>The pre-conference program is set, and registration is underway.</td>
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develop a short blog post on a topic of interest. Other committee members will facilitate discussion.  

1.2.1. Leo Ma will coordinate blog postings.  

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| 2. Facilitate the involvement of library professionals from developing countries in committee activities and programs | 2.1 ARL Attendance Grant program | 2.1.1. Refine the rubric for selecting award winners.  
2.1.2. Announce award availability  
2.1.3. Review submissions  
2.1.4. Coordinate with winners to ensure their  

Coordinators: Deena Yanofsky; Liz State; Oarabile Rakgamanyane.  
Africa Reviewers: Liz State, Reggie Raju, Judy Henning  
Asia/Pacific Reviewers: Leo Ma; Xiaolin Zhang  
Latin America/Caribbean Reviewers: Adeleda; Gerald;  

Grant availability will be announced and promoted in advance of WLIC2017.  
Following the event, the grant winners write-ups of their attendance will be posted to the blog or website.  

Three candidates attend the Congress and provide a written report after the Congress.  
Reports to be communicated to the IFLA community  
Continuing sponsorship of the Attendance Grant  

The grant winners for 2017 have been selected and contacted.  
The recipients have registered to attend the IFLA WLIC 2017. We do not yet have confirmation that all three have registered.

Regular blog postings have been underway since January of 2017. Interaction is good, and the postings are driving traffic to the Facebook site.
Resource requirements

If you wish to request resources for any of your planned activities, ensure the details above are complete, then copy the project and task details from above and add the necessary detail below.

This replaces the Project Funding Application form used in previous years. It is therefore extremely important that you submit it to your Division Chair and HQ by the deadline 30 October 2016.

The Professional Committee will agree in the December PC meeting a draft allocation of funds for anticipated reimbursements during 2017. Following confirmation of the level of PC Funds for 2017, the Division Chairs and HQ Professional Support Officer will communicate with Units in January/February to finalise the details. The PC would also appreciate hearing about resource requirements you already anticipate for 2018.

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<td>Do you need specific skills, money or technology? For what do you need resources in relation to this task? Match your needs against the resources listed below*</td>
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**Amount of funding.**
How much money would you like to request from Professional Committee Funds?
*Explain your rationale for the estimated amount in each case.*

**Timing.**
When would the money need reimbursement?
*Usually reimbursements are made on production of invoices following completion of the work, however, pre-payment can be arranged in some circumstances.*

* Resources
Use the following list in order to identify what kind of activity needs resourcing and therefore what details the PC will expect to read. If you have other details or requests, do not feel restricted to this list:

1. Project meeting –
   a. why is the meeting needed,
   b. who needs funding (give names),
   c. where is the meeting planned and when (if known),
   d. what costs cannot be covered by the project participant themselves (hotel, flight, local travel, subsistence);

2. Publications –
   a. what document(s) need funding support,
   b. how many copies need printing, if any,
   c. what services are required, if any (editing, design, proof-reading, etc.),
   d. delivery of the document (from where, to where, why);
3. Meeting/workshop logistics – (if this is a project team meeting, see above), ensure there are details to describe the meeting appended when you submit this funding request to the PC (how many people are expected, what are the objectives, who are you partnering with, when and where is it anticipated it will take place, who will be the local organiser),
   a. what logistics need funding (computers, room hire, refreshments, printing),
   b. what participant costs might need support (travel, accommodation),
   c. what trainer costs are there (honorarium, travel, accommodation),
   d. by what other means is the event being funded (participants’ own costs, sponsors, etc.). Give details.

4. Webinar –
   a. What is being planned and with whom,
   b. Who is the target audience,
   c. What technical requirements are there,

5. Consultant –
   a. What work needs to be done,
   b. Why can the work not be completed by someone in the IFLA network on a voluntary basis,
   c. How many hours work is required, and when
   d. Who is the consultant you have in mind,

6. Software –
   a. What software is required and why.

7. Advocacy materials –
   a. See the relevant number above (project meeting, publication, webinar, etc.)

8. Other - funding item not covered by the categories above.

**Next steps**

Please send your completed Action Plan to Joanne Yeomans (joanne.yeomans@ifla.org) and your Division Chair by 30th October 2016.
Questions?
If you have questions or would like help with your Action Plan, please contact Joanne Yeomans (joanne.yeomans@ifla.org) or your Division Chair. We’re ready to help.