Work Report
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IFLA STRATEGY 2019 - 2024
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• **Strategic Direction 1** - Strengthen the Global Voice of Libraries
• **Strategic Direction 2** - Inspire and Enhance Professional Practice
• **Strategic Direction 3** - Connect and Empower the Field
• **Strategic Direction 4** - Optimise our Organisation
STRATEGIC DIRECTION 1: STRENGTHEN THE GLOBAL VOICE OF LIBRARIES

KEY INITIATIVES

1.1 Show the power of libraries in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals

Focus area:
Develop an advocacy document on how libraries in the Asia Oceania region support the attainment of the UN Sustainable Development Goals

People: Strategic Planning Sub-Committee 2019-2021 (SPSC)

Outputs:
• Focus area proposed (Vicky) and approved (SPSC)
• Action Plan consolidated and submitted (Jayshree)
• Liaised with IFLA HQ to work out the logistics and set up the submission (Jayshree)
• Developed the abbreviated online submission form (Tina, Edzan and Jayshree, Winston)
• Formed
  • Implementation Team: Premila, with the Sub-Regional Convenors
  • Editorial and Production team: Winston and Vicky
  • Communication: Dilara, Information Coordinator, with the Comms and Marketing Subcommittee
KEY INITIATIVES
3.1 Provide excellent opportunities for face-to-face networking and learning

Focus area:
Organize the Asia & Oceania Open Session for IFLA WLIC 2020, August, Ireland

People: Program Sub-Committee 2019-2020 (PSC)

Outputs:
- Discussion meeting via Zoom in Nov. 2019 (Arshad, Chihfeng, Edzan, Jayshree, Tina)
- Conference theme and format defined (Arshad, Chihfeng, Edzan, Jayshree, Ramesh, Tina)
- Program web form submitted (Edzan)
- Call for paper drafted and published (Arshad, Chihfeng, Edzan, Jayshree, Tina)
- EasyChair account created and monitored (Arshad, Tina)
- Enquiries answered (Arshad, Tina)
- Abstracts sorted out (Edzan and Tina)
- Keynote speaker being sought (Jayshree)
- Abstracts are under review (Arshad, Chihfeng, Cendrella, Yasuyo, Nayana, Ramesh)
STRATEGIC DIRECTION 3: CONNECT AND EMPOWER THE FIELD

KEY INITIATIVES

3.1 Provide excellent opportunities for face-to-face networking and learning

Focus area:
Organise the Asia & Oceania Mid-Term Meeting, March 2020

People: Cendrella, Lin Li, Tina

Outputs:
• Mid-term meeting to be hosted by the American University of Beirut Library and Lebanese Library Association, 16-18 March 2020 along with the 5th Lebanese Library Association (LLA) Conference, entitled: Libraries as the Power of Change, Beirut (cancelled due to the social unrest in Lebanon)
• Mid-term meeting rescheduled to be hosted by the National Library Board of Singapore and Library Association of Singapore, 16-17 March 2020 along with the seminar “Beyond Borders, Above Crises: Libraries as Resilient Beacons of Hope, Inspiration and Sustainability”, Singapore (cancelled due to the Covid-19 outbreak)
KEY INITIATIVES

3.2 Support virtual networking and connections

Focus area:
Organise the Asia & Oceania Mid-Term Meeting, 17 March 2020 (via Zoom)

People: RSCAO members

Outputs:
- Mid-term meeting scheduled and attended by members
KEY INITIATIVES

3.2 Support virtual networking and connections

Focus area:
Make use of online communication tools

People: All RSCAO members

Outputs:

- Basecamp
- Section website, Facebook, mailing list (coordinated by Dilara, Information Coordinator)
- Zoom (online meeting)
- Emails, WhatsApp
STRATEGIC DIRECTION 3:  
CONNECT AND EMPOWER THE FIELD

KEY INITIATIVES

3.2 Support virtual networking and connections

Focus area: 
Share Section publications online

People:  Coordinated by Dilara and Regional Office

Outputs:

- IFLA Asia and Oceania Regional Quarterly News, October 2019, January 2020 (Lin Li)
- IFLA Asia and Oceania Section Handbook
- Action Plans
- Annual Reports
- Minutes of Meetings
3.3 Empower the field at the national and regional levels

Focus area:
APrIGF (Asia Pacific Internet Forum) Fellowships
APSig (Asia Pacific School on Internet Governance) Fellowships

People: Winston and IFLA HQ

Outputs:
- Recommended the two fellowships to two RSCAO members: Mya (Myanmar) and Dolly (Philippines)
- Facilitated the applications
4.2 Effectively mobilise our human resources and networks

Focus area:
Contribute to IFLA Governance Review

People: RSCAO members

Outputs:
• Completed the survey about IFLA’s governance structure (by 14 October 2019)
4.2 Effectively mobilise our human resources and networks

Focus area: Engage and empower committee members via dynamic structure

People: RSCAO members

Outputs:

• Updated members of
  • Program Sub-Committee
  • Strategic Planning Sub-Committee
  • Communication and Marketing Sub-Committee
• Appointed Co-Chair, Co-Secretary and Co-Information Coordinator
4.4 Increase our visibility through excellent and innovative communications

Focus area:
Strengthen our regional presence

Outputs:

• The 1st ASEAN Regional Conference of Public Librarians, 10-13 March 2020, Pasay City, Philippines, postponed till August 2020 due to the Taal Volcano eruption
  • Tina, resource speaker; Dolly, organiser
  • Jayshree, keynote speaker; Amarjeet, Arshad, Dilara, Irina, Edzan (paper reviewers)
• ALA Annual Conference 2020, Chicago, 25-30 June 2020 (Tina, Plenary Session jointly organized by ALA IRC Asia and Oceania Subcommittee, IFLA Asia and Oceania Section and Chinese American Librarians Association)
What could we do in the following year?

• Critical Issues facing Asia and Oceania region
• Map our actions with IFLA Strategy 2019-2024