

Management of Library Associations Section 2019-2023 candidates' profiles

Name	Title	Institution	Country	Brief summary
Mikhael Afanasyev	President	Russian Library Association	Russian Federation	Mikhail Afanasyev is President of the Russian Library Association (RLA). RLA unites the whole spectrum of library professionals and partners from over 80 regions of Russia, representing 86 thousand libraries. Work in the MLA section will contribute to the full-scale integration of the Russian library community into the global one, thus bringing solutions to strategic problems and long-term challenges as well as stimulating mutually beneficial international cooperation. It views IFLA among its major partners on the international arena. Each library even the smallest one deserves the right to be heard nationally and internationally. Representing RLA on the international professional arena such as IFLA will contribute to the further development of the global library community. Participating in MLA section activities is not just a venue for library activism and exchange of good practices, but also the opportunity to make the voice of Russia's library community heard and to influence the decision making and state library policy development in the country. Becoming a member of the MLA Section Mikhail Afanasyev will honorably represent and act in the interests of the library and information services of Russia as well as the global library community.
Randa Al Chidiac	Executive Director, Library	Holy Spirit University of Kaslik	Lebanon	* I was previously a member of the MLAS standing committee * Served for two terms as president in the Lebanese Library Association * Participated in the BSLA program in Lebanon and was called as a trainer of the BSLA in Qatar * Was chosen by IFLA to the train-the-trainer session of IAP and called to train of the Asia Oceania Section * Still on the Lebanese Library Association and organizing activities related to IFLA road map
Loy Jyoon Chin	Vice Presedent II	Librarians Association of Malaysia	Malaysia	Has actively served the Librarians Association of Malaysia since 1997 as a Vice President, Treasurer and Council Member. Has represented the Association in various activities relating to management of library association at the national, regional and international level such as Workshop on Building Strong Library Association, Global Vision Workshop, Congress of Southeast Asian Librarian (CONSAL) and currently a Corresponding Member of the Management of Library Association. Has involved in the National Committee WLIC 2018.

Marwa El Sahn	Director of Centre d'Activités Francophones (CAF)	The Library of Alexandria Egypt (Bibliotheca Alexandrina)		I am an active member of the Egyptian Library Association and work closely with them. Also I used to attend the MLAS SC meetings during IFLA annual conferences as observer and I try to make the link between our Association and IFLA. I help the ELA to promote its activities and encourage new members to join.
Ute Engelkenmeier	Department Head of User Services	Universitätsbibliothek Dortmund	Germany	As chairwoman of the Berufsverband Information Bibliothek e.V., I am very interested in the management of library associations. I bring particular experience in organizational communication as well as in the conference organization. I would like to share my knowledge and learn from others.
Loida Garcia-Febo	International Library Consultant	LGF International Strategies	United States	Thank you. I'd be honored to serve as a member of MLAs. My experience on IFLA and ALA Boards has provided me with great insight into associations work. I know I can contribute significantly to MLAs. Bilingual in English and Spanish, I have experience working with not-for-profit organizations and academic, public and school libraries serving multiethnic populations. I have collaborated with MLAs since I co-established IFLA's New Professionals SIG in 2004. As NPSIG Convenor, I served as an ex-officio member of the MLAs, 2004-2009. With MLAs and other IFLA sections, I coordinated NPSIG satellite meetings. I have attended many MLAs meetings at congresses and its Midterm in Panama with LAC. Keynoted two of MLAs sponsored programs at IFLA Congresses: in Helski titled, "New Librarians Worldwide: Mapping out the future" and in Kuala Lumpur titled, "Librarian fashion and human rights." My experience at IFLA: two-term member of the Governing Board; NPSIG convenor; Free Access to Information and Freedom of Expression member, secretary and expert resource person; CPDWL member. I conclude my second term at CPDWL in August 2019. Developed curricula, presented and coordinated regional workshops about human rights with library associations in LAC, Asia & Oceania as part of FAIFE strategies.

Alim Garga	President	ABADCAM	Cameroon	i am the current president of our national library association with more than 20 years of experience in the field. i have a great interest in promoting libraries. i have for long time actively contribute to IFLA activities. At the professional level. i am managing the library of the parliament in the position of Director.During last term with MLAS section; i attended all ,meetings i am always willing to serve IFLA. If i am elected for a second term; i will continous to advocate for the promotion of libraries and information services in the world and specifically in Africa. I will also use IFLA expertise and ,materials during workshops and seminars
Susan Haigh			Canada	I am Executive Director of the Canadian Association of Research Libraries, which works closely with the Canadian Federation of Library Associations and other national library organizations to advocate for and advance Canada's library interests. I am very keen to strengthen library associations' profile and work in all parts of the world, and to ensure that MLAS supports IFLA to be a strong, unified voice for the global library field. In my first term on MLAS SC, I was an active participant, having attended all its meetings, helped to organize its last satellite event Kuala Lumpur, acted as back-up secretary, and presented at its KL event and open session in Wroclaw.

Ruijuan Huo	Secretary General	Library Society of China	China	Huo Ruijuan, major in Library Science, took her Ph.D in management at Wuhan University. In January 2011, she was appointed to Deputy Secretary General of the Library Society of China and Secretary General of the Library Society of China in January 2014. Having rich library association management experience, she planned many influential conferences and activities, namely The Annual Academic Conferences of Library Society of China (2011-2018), National Youth Academic Forum (2011,2014), National Library Minor s Service Forum (2013), and Hundred Counties Librarians Forum (2012) . Also she undertook the research project, A Study of the History of Library Science ; she published the monograph , A Study of the social functional orientation of the National Library of China in New Status Environment, and academic papers, A Discussion on Paths of Innovation and Development of the Annual Meeting of Library Society of China (2012), The Innovation Mode of Library Propaganda and Popularization Under New Media Environment (2012) and The Challenges and Innovations of Services of Public Libraries Under the Free-opening Circumstance (2011) in Journal of Library Science in China, Library Work and Study and Journal of The National Library of China.
Halo Locher	Executive Director	Bibliosuisse	Switzerland	Since more than 10 years I work as executive director for the Swiss Associations of Public Libraries and the Swiss Libraries and Information Association which have merged to Bibliosuisse per 01/01/2019. The experience gained from the merger is extremely valuable and I am happy to contribute it to the work of MLAS. I'm very interested in the further exchange of experience with colleagues from other associations, discuss relevant challenges and contribute to the MLAS section work. At the WLIC in Singapore 2013 I first participated at the IFLA congress and at the sessions of MLAS. 2014 in Lyon I participated at the workshop of MLAS for two days, also at the first session of that section. 2015 I participated at the WLIC in Capetown and joined the sessions of MLAS. Since 2016 I am SC member of MLAS and started at WLIC Wroclaw 2017 as officer of MLAS (secretary). I visited also Workshops of IFLA in Athens, The Hague, Madrid and Barcelona concerning IAP and Global Vision. I would be delighted to be able to continue this commitment.

Ana Carolina Lopez Scondras	bibliotecaria biblioteca ABGRA	Asociación de Bibliotecarios graduados de la Republica Argentina	Argentina	Actually I am vice president of Argentine Library Association. Here we have a networking with local associations called RENABIAR that includes all the representations of provinces. The objective is to promote common actions to favor all national professionals, share tools and help each other with local problems. In this sense, I think it is important to share successful experiences with colleagues from other countries.
Dijana Machala	Library Advisor for Library Information System	National and university library in Zagreb	Croatia	As a president of Croatian Library Association (2018-2020) I see my potential membership at the IFLA's Management of Library Associations Section as a chance to present activities and programs of the Croatian Library Association to the IFLA MLAS members and IFLA audience. In collaborating with IFLA MLAS members I will try to build a strong national library association. With my current experience in development of library association's services and activities (coordinating the national Training Center for continuing professional development of librarians in Croatia, editing of CLA webpage and managing CLA's social channel, collaborating with peers in IFLA) I will try to contribute knowledge and information that could help with further development of new practice in national library association development and management.

Arshad Mahmood	Deputy Director	State Bank of Pakistan	Pakistan	<p>Mr. Arshad Mahmood is working as Librarian in State Bank of Pakistan since 2008. Arshad Mahmood is an MPhil Scholar and author of 9 research papers. His 6 research papers have been accepted in International conferences i.e. ICOASL 2008 (India), ICOASL 2011 (Tokyo, Japan), ICOASL 2015 (Seoul, South Korea), IFLA WLIC 2016 (Columbus, USA), ICOASL 2017 (Yogyakarta, Indonesia) & IFLA WLIC 2017 (Wroclaw, Poland). He has participated in SLA Annual Conference 2018 (Baltimore, USA) & IFLA WLIC 2018 (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia). Mr. Mahmood has 16 years library profession experience in variety of national and international organizations i.e. National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST), International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Islamabad Club, International Islamic University (IIU), National Library of Pakistan and State Bank of Pakistan. As a Director of Pakistan Library Club (PLC) he has organized various seminars, training workshops, conventions & Conferences for LIS professionals in Pakistan. Mr. Mahmood is a life member of Pakistan Library Association. Mr. Mahmood served as Member Conference Volunteer Team in IFLA WLIC 2017, Wroclaw Poland. Mr. Mahmood is Country representative of Special Libraries Association (SLA). He is also Member of Special Libraries Association (SLA) International Task Force.</p>
Alicia C. Ocaso Ferreira	President	ABU	Uruguay	<p>I've been a member of MLAS since 2003 to 2011. And from 2015 to now. I'm very interested in associations work. I've been a trainer in the BSLA programme</p>

Sueli Mara S. P. Ferreira	Copyright and Open Access Brazilian Committee Chair	The Brazilian Federation of Associations of Librarians, Scientists of the Information and Institutions (FEBAB)	Brazil	<p>I have been a member of several Brazilian Associations for researchers and librarians in Information Science/ Communication Science and Cyberculture Science fields for almost 20 years now. All those years, I have been occupied positions such as Information Coordinator, Secretary, Chair of different Sections and Commissions, Governing Board Member and so on. Currently, I am Chair of the Copyright and Open Access Brazilian Committee that is one of the strategic Committees coordinated by the Brazilian Federation of Associations of Librarians, Scientists of the Information and Institutions (FEBAB).</p> <p>In addition to this Committee, FEBAB coordinates three other Committees (Brazilian Committee of Academic Libraries, Brazilian Committee of School Libraries and Brazilian Committee of Prison Libraries) and one Interest Group in Public Libraries. Also, FEBAB is composed of 16 librarians' associations from 16 Brazilian states. The committees' coordinators and Associations' representatives are members of the Governing Board of the FEBAB, carrying out the governance, strategic directions and action plans of the association.</p> <p>Furthermore, I have been active in IFLA since 2000. At IFLA LAC Section from 2011-2019, as IFLA LAC Secretary in 2014, as IFLA LAC Chair from 2015-2017, as Division V Chair and also a member of the Governing Board / Professional Committee and IFLA Library Development Advisory Committee from 2017-2019.</p>
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Chutima Sacchanand Professor and Thai Library Association Thailand
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I am presently professor of the Ph.D. program in Information Science, Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University (STOU) , President of the Thai Library Association , and a member of the executive board of Congress of Southeast Asian Librarians (CONSAL) which is my third term, I have contributed to setting a new direction for librarianship from my current role as a distinguished member of the Thai National Education Council, and a member of many university councils and library boards . I have written many articles for a wide range of professional and academic journals and international conferences including IFLA . One of my research papers which was presented in English has been selected by IFLA for translation into French. I have been invited to be guest speaker to many international conferences, seminar and workshop I used to be the Dean of the School as well as STOU library director, as well as a former Standing Committee member of IFLA - Library Theory and Research Section. The many awards given to me reflect the recognition of my distinguished roles, services and achievement at the national, regional and international levels, including the CONSAL XVI Outstanding Librarian Award – Gold Prize

Pascal Sanz	Vice-president	Comité français international bibliothèques et documentation	France	<p>After graduating from ENSSIB in 1974, Pascal Sanz started working in an experimental public library / training center for librarians in the Paris region. He was then recruited at the Ministry of Culture as officer for computerization of public libraries and library cooperation. He then held several successive positions of director of institutions playing a national role in the network of French libraries. His last position was Director of the Department of Law, Economics and Politics at the Bibliothèque nationale de France. An active member of several national and international associations along his professional life, he was, for 10 years, President of the Comité français international bibliothèques et documentation (French International Library and Documentation Committee) and, since his retirement (2015), has been Honorary Member and Vice-President. Active in IFLA throughout his career, in several successive sections, he was a member of the Governing Board from 2007 to 2011. He received the IFLA Medal in 2014. He is currently a member of the MLAS Standing Committee (1st term). He mainly devotes his work to developing exchanges of knowledge and know how between national associations of various continents.</p>
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Rania Shaarawy	Head of Networks Section	Bibliotheca Alexandrina	Egypt	<p>I am involved in several international professional associations as follow: Member in the AIFBD (Association Internationale Francophone des Bibliothécaires et Documentalistes) and Member of AIFBD Governing Board (2019-2020). Also my institution (Bibliotheca Alexandrina) is a member in the AFLIA (African Library and Information Associations and Institutions), the BA signed a MOU with the AFLIA and I am a member of AFLIA Governing Board (2017-2019). Also, my institution is a member in the RFN (Réseau Francophone Numérique) since its establishment in 2006 and I am personally involved in the RFN project (Francophone digital library). Moreover, Bibliotheca Alexandrina is hosting the Arabic speaking countries IFLA office (IFLA-CASL) and we are working closely with the AFLI (Arab Federation for Libraries and Information) and the Egyptian Library Association in several projects. I would like to clarify that I am responsible for the Networks section in my institution, that includes the international cooperation in the library and information science domain, especially with the professional associations. Currently, I am working on 2 new projects with Libraries Without Borders Association and ASERN (Arab States Research and Education Network). I am confident that my skills, competencies and international involvement in the library field make me a strong candidate.</p>
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Ying Zhang	Head of Acquisitions & Collection Services	University of Central Florida	United States	Currently serving as the President of the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA), I have more than ever realized the significance of fostering leadership skills and collaborative learning opportunities for members in library professional associations like CALA. With majority members covering North America and China, CALA has the unique strength in cross-cultural understanding and language assets. In its latest Strategic Plan 2020, CALA top priorities in diversity, professional development and global partnership in librarianship. As the perfect platform to advocate for effective libraries and library associations worldwide, IFLA can benefit from CALA's participation on the Standing Committee for this essential section. As an experienced library professional, I have extensive knowledge in many aspects of librarianship, such as collection services, electronic resource, information literacy and library management. So I can understand and empathize with specific needs in librarianship. If elected, I would be honored to represent CALA and serve on the Standing Committee for the MLAC Section 2019-23. Membership on MLAC would not only allow me to further advocate CALA by developing programs and sharing experiences within IFLA members, but also strengthen IFLA with CALA's support.
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