



To: Officers, SIG Conveners, and Strategic Programme Chairs
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Subject: Call for applications for PC Project Funds

Dear Officers, SIG Conveners, and Strategic Programme Chairs,

The Professional Committee has announced the call for professional project funding requests for 2014. Please see the call for more information: <http://www.ifla.org/officers-corner/key-documents#projects>. The PC's Project Funds are intended to support professional projects in the IFLA Units that demonstrate a widespread benefit for IFLA members.

As usual, the deadline for applications is 31 October and the PC will consider the proposals and reach a decision in their meeting in December. If clarification is needed on any points, there may be a delay in informing Units of the decisions but they will try to do so as soon as possible after the meeting.

You should complete the online form if your Unit has a new proposal to put to the PC or your Unit has completed the first year of a professional project and wishes to receive a second year of funding. Projects should be supported by a Section's Standing Committee (in the case of a SIG by the Sponsoring Section) or by a Strategic Programme Committee.

The PC is considering partitioning some of the Project Funds for use on standards-related projects in support of the new Key Initiative. The PC will involve the Standards Committee in decisions about how this money is allocated. Units wishing to apply for funding to support work on an IFLA standard should also complete the form.

Based on feedback from some of the previous project applicants, the fields of the form have been expanded and re-ordered with the intention of making it easier to complete and to help structure the information that you supply, so the PC can understand it better. The PC has also requested more detailed information on some areas to help it reach its decisions. It anticipates that once again, it might not be able to support all the projects it would like to, and so may use the information supplied to part-fund some or all projects in 2014.

Compared to the form last year, a few new questions have therefore been introduced, and a few have been removed.

We encourage you to give brief, but clear, answers to each question.

The application form has been issued as a Google Form which you should complete online. This means it does, at first glance, look very different to the form last year.

To ensure that you do not lose data when completing the form, I suggest that you prepare your answers on the Word version of the form which can be found in Appendix A of the call document, or online in the Officers Corner: <http://www.ifla.org/officers-corner/key-documents#projects>

If you have any questions about completing the form, please don't hesitate to ask. Please share details of your request with your relevant Division Chair and offer them more information if they request it. They will be expected to help the rest of the PC understand your application if any questions arise in the PC's discussions.

The PC is looking forward to hearing about some exciting project proposals for 2014.
On behalf of the Professional Committee,
Best regards, Joanne

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