Information Literacy Section  
1st Standing Committee Meeting  
MINUTES  
Athens, Greece  
Athens College,  
Saturday, 24 August 2019  
15:45 - 17:45 (Session 108)

Standing Committee Members Present:

Min Chou; Fabian Franke, Lisa Janicke Hinchliffe, Anthi Katsirikou, SaraPek, Caroline Peron, Lian Ruan, Polona Vilar, Zuzanna Wiorogór ska, and NingZou

Standing Committee Members (Absent with apologies):

Adou Jean-Constant Atta, Dilara Begum, Elena Corradini, Antonin Benoît Diouf, Maximo Domínguez, Premchand Hauroo, Merinda Kaye Hensley, Chhavi Jain, Hilde Kaalvik, Ling Li, Chi-hfeng P. Lin, Ljubica Ljubišić, Rodney Malesi, Andrew Mwesigwa, Jane Secker, Denise Smith, Malin Utter, Gillian Van der Ven

Visitors

Margaret Ameh, Elena Diomidi, Valérie Glass, George Hadjigeorgiou, Jinming Ji, Leong Meng Kin, Marie Catour, Luisa Marquardt, Hafsa Murad, Irina Nelma, Egbert Sanchez, Claudia Serbanuta, Hans P. Stoneman, Beatrice Jepchunbi Yebei

**Agenda**

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### Minutes

1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Lisa Janicke Hinchliffe (Chair) welcomed everyone and requested everyone to sign-in on the sheets for SC members and Visitors. All present members and visitors introduced themselves. Marie Latour (University Library of French Guiana) distributed a flyer for her poster about games dedicated to open access. Her games are freely accessible through the website [https://zenodo.org/](https://zenodo.org/).

2. **APPROVAL OF THE SC I AGENDA**

The SC I agenda has been approved.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: WLIC 2018 SC I AND II**

The minutes of the WLIC 2018 SC I and II Information Literacy Section meeting were circulated among the SC members through e-mail before starting the WLIC 2019 Meeting. Zuzanna Wiorogórńska wanted to modify the minutes by noting that it was Hilde Kaalvik who was tasked to launch the webinars and not herself. After modification, the minutes are approved.

4. **STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND LEADERSHIP**

Lisa gave an overview of how to take part in the SC. IFLA has a complex governing structure. The new members of the SC have been appointed by member of committees, and the elections happened this past spring. Election to committees happened every two years. New members take their position in August. It is a 4-year term : after that, members are eligible again but have to leave after 8 years. IFLA provides a roster of the people on the committee. The people who are not members of the committee can commit to Special Interest Groups for example.

New officers have to be elected in our section by the SC members.

The results of the election are:
5. **PROGRAMS AT WLIC 2019**

Zuzanna Wiorogórsk and Fabian Franke have worked with the SC of Library Theory & Research to prepare the session 207. Zuzanna explained the process for the call for papers. 40 abstracts were received, 6 were chosen but only 5 participants are able to attend. All the full text of the presentations have been uploaded on the IFLA website. If there is some time left, a Q/A session after the presentations can take place.

Lisa Janicke Hinchliffe presented Session 221, which is focused on copyright education. She worked on it with Steven Wyber, who is responsible for policy at IFLA. Lisa worked with two library students and interviewed directors of library associations. There will be a global survey this fall. Session 221 will be helpful to prepare the survey in October.

Lisa Hinchliffe requested that the SC members be present at the two sessions if possible.

- Session 207 Information Literacy in Context: Research Informing Practice informing Research (with Library Theory and Research) - August 28, 08:30-10:30
- Session 221 Copyright Education: August 28, 11:45-12:45

Members of the SC School libraries attended this meeting to promote their program during this IFLA conference.

6. **IL SECTION ACTION PLAN FOR 2019-2020**

Lisa Janicke Hinchliffe sent by email before the meeting a first draft of the Action plan 2019-2020. In October, Min Chou will send the final version to IFLA. As regards the Focus Area 1, « Connect and empower the field », it seems that the best mechanism to use UNESCO is the Global Alliance of Partnership on Media and Information Literacy by region (GAMIL). They sponsor conferences in September/October. The drawback is that there is no GAPMIL in Africa. Lisa is chair of communication for the North American section of GAPMIL.

Another interesting initiative to implement would be the webinars, which are a successful tool.

Guidelines should be used on the website. But, it is time to decide if some of the content of the SC webpage should need updating. Now we can find for example IFLA standards for IL. UK information literacy group has a new definition of IL that should be added. We also need to find individuals you can be asked to translate the guidelines (some were translated in official languages and some in unofficial languages). This webpage updating is linked with the new IFLA website. More discussion will be saved for the next meeting.

7. **CONFERENCE PROGRAM 2020?**

A joint session with school libraries should take place. The session could be a debate, which is an interesting format choice.

Two hours is the maximum timeframe for holding a program. It can be combined with other sections.

The examples proposed:
School transition: from highschool to college. A previous conference in Bordeaux organized by the University of Aquitaine dealt with that issue (it was a national conference). Freie Universität of Berlin is also an example. And in Florence, senior high school students earn some credits that they can use for their future studies, a partnership is established with academic libraries and bookshops.

- Wikipedia
- A study on the use of IL
- IL and PISA standards, because the concept of IL from PISA framework has changed. Media literacy is not understood the same by teachers and librarians. ICT literacy is different from IL.

As the partnership with the SC School Libraries seemed interesting, 2 members of the SC (Min Chou and Caroline Péron) will attend their next business meeting.

8. SATELLITE 2020?

Instead of holding a satellite conference to Dublin, the Standing Committee agreed that a focus on webinars would more useful.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Attendees shared information about upcoming conferences relevant to information literacy:

- Conference in Romania in June 10-12 2020
- Bramburg University in September 2020: ECIL

10. ADJOURNMENT

Lisa adjourned the meeting.
Information Literacy Section
2nd Standing Committee Meeting
MINUTES
Athens, Greece
Megaron Athens International Conference Center, Room 3
Thursday, August 29, 2019,
10:45 – 13:15 (Session 255)

Standing Committee Members Present:
Dilara Begum, Elena Corradini, Merinda Kaye Hensley, Lisa Janicke Hinchliffe, Anthi Katsirikou, Chihfeng P. Lin, Min Chou, Sara Pek, Caroline Peron, Lian Ruan, Polona Vilar, Zuzanna Wiorogórska, Ning Zou

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Visitors:
Camille Fragoise, Randa Al Chidiac, Saif Aljabri, Abdullah Almehdar, Margaret Ameh, Karolina Andersdotter, Cendrella Habre, Ingirld Holen, Amanda Marez-Frutchez, Mathew Moyo, Mercy Moyo, Hafsa Munad, Hara Nassiki, Joanne Plante, Jennifer Rempel, Sotiria Salappa, Hans P. Storem, Darryl Toerien, Stephen Wyber

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**Minutes**

1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**
Lisa Janicke Hinchliffe introduced the meeting on behalf of Min Chou. Many members from the School Library section are present, and also Saif Al-Jabri from the Section on Education and Training, as well as Camille Françoise, a staff member of IFLA headquarters.

One of the observer informed us that a conference about IL will take place in South Africa (09/23-26).

2. **THANK YOU TO OUTGOING STANDING COMMITTEE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS**
Lisa Janicke Hinchliffe thanked deeply all the outgoing SC officers and members for their work.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE SC II AGENDA**
The SC II agenda has been approved.

4. **BRIEF EXPLANATION OF IFLA AND STANDING COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION**
Lisa Janicke Hinchliffe explained that this SC is one of the many Standing Committees of IFLA. It is made up of a maximum of 20 members and 5 corresponding members. If someone is seeking a position of corresponding visitor, Min Chou will check if it can fit in the roster of the section. But even without being a member, there is always a way to collaborate. For example, anyone can subscribe to the « InfloLit », the IFLA Information Literacy Section Discussion List.

There will be a call in October 2020 for new members, and elections will take place in April 2021.

5. **REPORT ON RELEVANT PROGRAMS AT WLIC 2019**

5.11 **Session 207 Information Literacy in Context: Research Informing Practice informing Research - Information Literacy with Library Theory and Research**

Zuzana Wiorogórski reported that 47 submissions were reviewed by the 2 sections, 6 were chosen, but in July one of the presenter could not make it from Malaysia. Geographical diversity was well preserved with 5 presentations from Greece, USA, Taiwan, New Zealand and Bulgaria. 150 people attended the session which was very good if you consider that, at the same moment, there was
another President’s program conference and that it took place early in the morning. Zuzana was 
astonished that the last presenter didn’t use slides, and she thought that it was a good experience of 
organization. She is asked to share her advice on the blog of the SC.

Lisa and the audience acknowledged her work.

5.12 Session 221 Copyright Education - Information Literacy (SI)

Lisa Janicke Hinchliffe explained that two years ago the Information Literacy Section worked with the 
Committee on Copyright and other Legal Matters on a workshop during the IFLA Conference. This 
past year Lisa was working with Steven Wyber in order to evaluate how library associations are 
training their librarians on copyright. A survey will be sent out in October on that topic, and there will 
be a publication of the results eventually. Trainings and toolkits will be developed by IFLA after the 
survey, and they will depend on the results of the survey. Some associations have already developed 
some training repositories.

6. CONTINUATION OF DISCUSSION ON SECTION COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN 2019-2020

Lisa shared that it is important to develop the partnership with GAPMIL, which works on UNESCO 
level. IFLA will be putting someone from the governing board forward for the GAPMIL elections. 
GAPMIL is organized regionaly : North America and Europe are together, there is an Asia chapter and 
unfortunately no active Africa chapter. GAPMIL is very oriented to media literacy, so the we have to 
remind them the importance of libraries.

A comment came from a Lebanese observer : « Nowadays, many people prefer to talk about « digital 
literacy ». Lisa answered that « media and information literacy » is an umbrella and within it the 
different concepts are gathered. There will be a GAPMIL conference in Gothenburg (Sweden) this 
year. An email should be sent on Infolit to know who is going to go (there will be a book fair at the 
same moment).

UNESCO is also the partner of the « Global MIL week » in October. Last year the SC encouraged to do 
things that week. UNESCO is going to make a global map of the workshops on « data detox »

An observer from Slovenia thought that the development of the guidelines could be great for the 
action plan. Lian Ruan is going to see the guidelines toolkits, and the Standing Committee will decide 
if we keep them, update them, etc.

7. PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION ON CONFERENCE PROGRAM 2020

7.1 Joint Program with School Library Section

Min Chou joined the meeting. She thanked the outgoing members and Lisa as the chairwoman for 
being a mentor for her.

Min Chou reported that she herself, along with Caroline Peron, Polona Villar, and other members of 
the IL Section attended the business meeting of the School Library Section to discus the future 
program. The topic could be the « many literacies » accross the continuum. The session could 
confront pros and cons but it was not decided yet.

Min Chou noted that we must stay global in the choice of participants.
For Darryl Toerien UK (School Library section), Information Literacy is a university problem. There is few Information Literacy training in the UK, children won’t have any training if they leave school before university. He added that two key issues were challenging:

1/ Equipping children with the skills to be literate
2/ The historian Timothy Snyder worked on « post-truth »: to abandon fact is abandoning truth. How can we help children acquiring a desire for truth?

Those elements could be used for the call of proposal.

At the school Library section meeting, it was decided that the joint program would last 2 hours, and could happen as a lightning talk or as a debate with pros and cons.

A call for volunteers was launched, with a need for expertise and help for reviewing.

No money is available to pay for the speaker. Choosing someone local would be interesting. Min Chou and Joanne Plante, chairs of standing committees will oversee the work.

Three members of the the section will work with the School library section on program planning: Ning Zou, Caroline Peron, and Polona Vila, with Ning Zou as co-chair of the program planning committee.

Lian Ruan is willing to help design a flyer. The deadline is November 15 for submitting the program proposal to IFLA. The call will go out on December.

7.2 Joint Webinar with Library Services to People with Special Needs

Min Chou met the leadership of the section (two people were interested: the outgoing chair who has expertise and the section secretary). The topic will be about universal access for Information Literacy.

Elena Corradini was interested, and mentioned the importance of website redesign. If there is no period in a sentence, the screenreader would keep reading the sentence. Guidelines and standards should be signaled in the webinar. If not enough volunteers, Min Chou will have to appoint members of the standing committee.

Saif Al-Jabri (LIS Education in Developing Countries Special Interest Group under Education & Training SC) had two hours to share for a program in 2020 and asked if something could be done with the SC. If not, it will be next year. FYI - Special Interest Groups don’t have Business Meetings. The SC Education & Training has an hour to share. Lisa Janicke Hinchliffe, now a member of the Education & Training SC, will contribute as a bridge between the SC Information Literacy and Education & training. Dr. Chihfeng Lin also volunteered to work with Saif Al-Jabri.

It will add another aim to the program through the collaboration with Saif Al-Jabri member of the SIG « LIS in developing country ».

3 programs in the action plan of the section:

- Conferences in Dublin
- Webinar
- Collaboration with the SIG « LIS developing country »

8. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF IFLA NEW WEBSITE AND TASKS NEEDED
At the end of this year there will be a new IFLA website. In order to integrate this future IFLA website, some springcleaning must be done on the section webpages. Sara Pek attended the officer meeting on communication. The Facebook page was not very active since 2013. The same can be said about the blog and the wiki. What is the best tool to communicate with the community? A newsletter?

IFLA has its own communication team. Information coordinators are asked to know what is the best communication channel. Basecamp, IFLA’s main communication channel, is limited. Email can be useful: Min Chou used gmail and can set up Basecamp. IFLA has Zoom for videoconferencing. Sara Pek will work on the new website, and Lian Ruan was willing to start listing the changes needed.

Elena Corradini has been a member of a section facing the same issues and she has suggestions. As regards to the Facebook of the section, its creator had used his personal email. So the Twitter account needs a committee email. Min Chou will ask the IFLA communication teams in order to see if they can create a committee email.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Min Chou said that the special issue of the IFLA journal about IL needs more reviewers.

Caroline Péron asked how the the communication is going to be organized in the section. Sara Pek answered that a roster will be used: i.e. each month a member will host the blog or publish every month.

Stephen Wyber (IFLA Manager, Policy and Advocacy) joined the meeting to talk about GAPMIL. GAPMIL has no current member from the IL SC, so our committee should nominate a representative. GAPMIL initiatives are financed every year even if the fundings are limited. Many activities are located in Russia. GAPMIL should be a great showcase for libraries. IFLA is waiting for the elections of new members to articulate IL and libraries and create a working plan. Nomination process was opened at the moment. Lisa Janicke Hinchliffe is already candidate from North America. IFLA can nominate up to five people. If people want to be candidate, they should ask Stephen Wyber (deadline: 09/07).

During the GAPMIL election, an individual member gets one vote and an organisation gets 2 votes.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Upon agreement of all participants, Min Chou adjourned the second Business Meeting.