



**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SECTION
ANNUAL REPORT
2016**

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Introduction

This annual report has been distributed to the IT Section members and is also available on the website.

The IT Section serves to promote and advance the innovation and application of information and communication technologies (ICT) to library and information services in all societies and countries, through activities related to standards, education and training, research and the marketplace. The section undertakes activities that span many aspects of the work of IFLA, and collaborates widely with other Sections and with our Division III.

The strategic plan for 2015-2016 was approved by the SC in Cape Town, RSA in 2015.

Report on progress and activities

| Objectives <i>Identified in the Unit's Action Plan</i> | Project or activity <i>Identified in the Unit's Action Plan</i> | Progress <i>Please give brief details, including status (not started, in progress, near completion, completed)</i> | Risks <i>Please identify any problems or concerns (e.g. missed deadlines, lack of resource) and how you would propose to address them</i> |
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| 1. Investigate, evaluate, and communicate knowledge and practical advice about ICT innovations that have or could become significant potential for library services in present or in future, but which have not been widely adopted for different reasons | Organize open session on Skills and Knowledge for Citizens in an Open Data and Technology Environments. Organize open session with AV and Multimedia Section and Classification and Indexing Section on "Improving discoverability of AV and Multi-media by trans-forming raw data into linked open data" Organize open session with Education and Training Section, Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning Section on "All about E-Learning: Connection. Collaboration. Community" | Completed Completed Completed | |
| 2. Develop, promote, and communicate technologies, services, and new developments in digital library services and standards to relevant communities within IFLA. | Organize WLIC2016 open session with the Preservation and Conservation Section and News Media Section on "Here Today, Gone Tomorrow: The Current State of Born Digital News" | Completed | |
| 3. Investigate, evaluate, and | Support "TV White Space" as a topic | Completed | |

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| communicate knowledge about applicable ICT for access to information resources, with special attention to enhancing access to resources in developing countries and for users with special accessibility needs | for Division III session on UN 2030 agenda Workshop on metadata design in Parliamentary libraries (Cape Town, Edmund Balnaves) | |
| 4. Identify and promote standards, guidelines and best practices for the management of information and ICT resources, and improve efficiency and service level of library operations, and interoperability between library systems and between library services and other information services. This includes issues such as metadata and data structures, data manipulation techniques and long-term availability of electronic information | Organize open session with the Cataloguing Section on "Let's make IT usable! Formats, systems and users" | Completed |
| | Organize satellite meeting with the Academic and Research Libraries Section, Big Data SIG and Semantic Web SIG on "Data in libraries: the big picture". | Completed |
| | Sponsor post-conference session with Dublin Core Metadata Initiative (DCMI) on "Dublin Core at 21". | Completed |
| 5. Work as a consultation body for IFLA projects, activities and section programs and will encourage and support projects within the scope of the strategic plan by maintaining close contacts with other IFLA sections and Core Activities, as well as with other international and national associations and organizations focused on ICT. | | |
| 6. Identify and collaborate with other agencies to promote best | 6.1 Update skills register and distribute to other sections | An updated draft version of the register was sent out to the Division |

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| practices for the inclusion of the voices of women, disadvantaged communities, and ableness, in relation to the development, creation and maintenance of information and IT resources | 6.2 Organize WLIC2016 satellite meeting with Women, Information and Libraries SIG on “Women and Library Technology: Empowering women’s participation in open technology and culture”. | Completed |
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Standing Committee membership

Please provide further information about members of the Standing Committee and their contribution to the work of the Professional Unit.

| Standing Committee members’ names | Role on the Standing Committee (if any) and contribution made to the work of the Professional Unit over the year <i>For example, Chair, Information Coordinator, Project Leader</i> | Comments on position <i>For example, resigned, co-opted to fill a casual vacancy, etc.</i> |
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| 1. Lars G. Svensson | Chair march 2016 | On sick-leave March 2016 |
| 2. May Chang | Secretary until March 2015, then Acting Chair | |
| 3. Astrid Verheusen | Information Coordinator until August 2015, then tandem IC since March 2016. In August 2016 convenor for Semantic Web SIG | |
| 4. Maria Kadesjö | Tandem Information Coordinator since March 2016, then Information Coordinator and acting secretary since August 2016 | |
| 5. Evviva Weinraub | Coordinates with News Media Section and Women+IT regarding sessions 2016 | |
| 6. Hasna Askhita | | |
| 7. Almudena Caballos Villar | | |
| 8. Khalid Cherkaoui Addahabi | | |
| 9. Li Chunming | | |
| 10. Daulat Jotwani | | |
| 11. Nthabiseng Kotsokoane | | |

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| 12. Jie Li |
| 13. Youssef Salah |
| 14. Shawky Salem |
| 15. Álvaro Sandoval |
| 16. Kazuo Takehana |

| Names of any other reporting persons | Role <i>For example, Corresponding Members</i> | Comments on position <i>For example, resigned, co-opted to fill a casual vacancy, etc.</i> |
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| 1. Emmanuelle Bermès | Convener of the Semantic Web SIG; Programme Chair for satellite meeting 2016 | Serves one extra year as convener due to problems with filling the vacancy |
| 2. Wouter Klapwijk | Convener of the Big Data SIG; organized satellite meeting 2015 | |