

**Information Technology standing Committee**  
**Annual report**  
**2018**

<b>Objectives</b> <i>Identified in the Units Action Plan</i>	<b>Project or activity</b> <i>Identified in the Units Action Plan</i>	<b>Progress</b> <i>Please give brief details, including status (not started, in progress, near completion, completed)</i>	<b>Risks</b> <i>Please identify any problems or concerns (e.g. missed deadlines, lack of resource) and how you would propose to address them</i>
<p>1. ITS will 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.</p>	<p>1.1. Joint satellite meeting with Reference and Information Services Section at University of Malaya on <i>“Reinventing Reference with Technology Transformations”</i></p>	<p>Completed  The Meeting was very successful with more than 60 attendees. Especially appreciated was the panel discussion, with diverse experiences (from South Africa, US, The Philippines, Malaysia) and points of view.</p>	
	<p>1.2 Joint session with The Audiovisual and Multimedia Section (AVMS). Theme: <i>“Winning strategies for collecting, cataloging, providing, playing, and preserving video games in libraries”</i></p>	<p>Completed  The session was well-attended and covered a range of AV equipment and organization and processing issues. Presentations came from Canada, Japan, Indonesia, Lithuania, USA.</p>	

	<p>1.3 Joint satellite meeting with Cataloguing section and Subject &amp; analysis section at National library of Malaysia "<i>Metadata specialists in the machine age</i>"</p>	<p>Cancelled</p>
<p><i>2. ITS will 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.</i></p> <p><i>ITS will promote open standards for document preservation, interchange and discovery</i></p> <p><i>ITS will work as a consultation body for IFLA</i></p>	<p>2.1 Main session on "<i>Celebrating IT innovations in libraries</i>"</p>	<p>Completed</p> <p>The session was well attended (more than 150 attendees). Probably a program with 6 topics is too ambitious, 3 or 4 could be enough. There was a problem with the headphones for the simultaneous interpretation, since the procedure was too complicated. This is something to report to IFLA. The presentations on open access, linked data, new buildings and related technologies, IT in LIS education, emerging technologies, taking pace with new technologies were all very interesting.</p>

<p><i>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</i></p>		
	<p>2.2 Joint satellite with Big Data SIG at Nanyang Technological University Singapore</p>	<p>Cancelled</p>
	<p>2.3 Joint session with IFLA HQ on <i>Blockchain – is it worth the fuss?</i></p>	<p>Completed  It was our first experience of short presentations. Schwarz explained very clearly, in a few minutes, a complex topic. Wyber illustrated the future possibilities. Chang asked the floor if there was an interest in having a longer session on blockchain in Athens and the answer was a unanimous “yes”.</p>
	<p>2.4 Big Data SIG Business meeting and Open Session</p>	<p>Completed  80 persons attended the meeting, which was opened by an introduction from Vincent Wong from the NTU in Singapore. A vibrant discussion followed the presentation, with some suggestions for future sessions: big data and data science, practical users</p>

		use, standards, preservation and conservation issues, integration with other institutions. All these topics are also indications for the SIG to carry on.
	2.5 <i>Linked Data SIG Business Meeting and open session</i>	Completed The presentations (Philip Schreur from Stanford University on the state of Linked Data, Elena Sánchez Nogales and her colleague Ricardo Santos at the BNE about their general Linked Data model and development program) were very interesting and a 45 minutes discussion followed. 25 delegates attended the meeting. It must be said that some other meetings on similar topics were taking place at the same time.
3. ITS will promote systems for digital curation, digital conservation and digital preservation and digital dissemination through digital archives, digital libraries, open access and open sharing of information resources	3.1 Joint session with Preservation and Conservation Section on <i>Planning digital preservation: in for the long run</i> Anthropologists and Geneticists”	Completed The continuing cooperation with P&C Section had a good result. More that 220 delegates attended the session. The introduction and the 4 presentations were very interesting, showing very good practices with all the details, including the costs.
4. ITS will investigate, evaluate, and communicate knowledge about applicable ICT for access to information resources, to promote	4.1 Open session or a mid-year webinar: <i>“Showcase of innovations in information technology education as part of library education”</i>	Cancelled

best practices and with special attention paid to enhancing access to resources in developing countries, for users with special accessibility needs, for the inclusion of voices of women, disadvantaged communities, and ableness, in relation to the development, creation and maintenance of information and IT resources

5. "Business as usual"	7.1 Minutes, annual report and action plan	Completed
	7.2 Newsletter	Two issue of Trends & Issues in Library Technology
	7.3 Maintaining website	Completed
	7.4 Membership recruitment	Completed

## Results

### *Completed project or activity*

1. Meeting Minutes
2. Newsletter