

Minutes IT Section Standing Committee Meeting 1

Saturday, 24 August 2019, 13:30-15:30, HAEF 101

Chair:	May Chang (US)
Secretary:	Maria Kadesjö (Sweden)
Information Coordinator:	Maria de la Peña (Spain)
Present:	François-Xavier Boffy (France) Elena Sánchez Nogales (Spain) Almudena Caballos Villar (Spain) Lynn Kleinveldt (South Africa) Nthabiseng Kotsokoane (South Africa) Leda Bultrini (Italy) Astrid Verheusen (Netherlands) Wouter Klapwijk (South Africa) (Convenor Big Data SIG) Kate Zwaard (USA) Peter Leinen (Germany) Maria Loretto Puga (Chile) Helga Schwarz (Germany) (Corresponding Member) Shawky Salem (Egypt)
Present via Zoom:	Edmund Balnaves (Australia)
Absent with apologies:	Evviva Weinraub Lajoie (USA) (Convenor Linked Data SIG) Maria de la Peña (Spain) Anna Tereza Barbosa da Silva (Norway) Souleymane Sogoba (Mali) Ngozi Blessing Ukachi (Nigeria) Jianyong Zhang (China) Kazuo Takehana (Japan) (Corresponding member) Heike Cardoso (Germany) (Corresponding member)
Observers:	Moser Matoru (Uganda) Toru Aojke (Japan) Andrew Bayunga (Uganda) Zevgoli Afroditi (Greece) Alireza Tayarani (Iran) Dimitris Giannakoutis (Greece) Ezra Gbaje (Nigeria) Sergio Butelli (European Commission) Sulhee Cho (Korea) Wabwire Julius (Uganda) Takashi Nagatsuka (Japan) Patrick Danowski (Austria) Samuel O. Odeyenni (South Africa) Anikó Gerencsér (Hungary) Cornelia Fogciem Margaret Ameh (Nigeria)

1. Welcome and apologies

Chang opened the meeting and welcomed the attendees. The list below was presented.

- a. New SC 2019-2023 members (Term 1):
 - Anna Tereza Barbosa da Silva (Norway)

- François-Xavier Boffy (France)
 - María Loretto Puga (Chile)
 - Katherine Zwaard (US)
- b. On-going SC members (Term 2):
- Almudena Caballos Villar (Spain)
 - Maria Kadesjö (Sweden)
 - Lynn Kleinveldt (South Africa)
 - Ngozi Blessing Ukachi (Nigeria)
- c. SC member who stepped down: Ahmed Abdelilah Bachr (Morocco)
- d. Candidate to complete Bachr's term 2017-2021: Emina Čano Tomić (Serbia)
- e. SC members who have completed their term:
- Chunming Li (China)
 - Youssef Salah (Egypt)
 - Shawky Salem (Egypt)
 - Álvaro Sandoval (Chile)

2. Approval of the Agenda

SC approved the agenda without amendments

3. Approval of the 2018 Annual Report for Section and SIGs, and Minutes

All were previously approved via email, and submitted to IFLA HQ and posted on website (<https://www.ifla.org/node/1223> and <https://www.ifla.org/node/37088>)

4. Standing Committee membership matters

- a. Election of Chair and Secretary 2019-2021
- May Chang is elected Chair for 2nd term 2019-2021
 - Maria Kadesjö is elected Secretary for 2nd term 2019-2021
- b. Appointment of Information Coordinator 2019-2021
De la Peña and Caballos Villar were appointed as co Information Coordinators.
- c. Corresponding Members, maximum 5 (<http://bit.ly/31vCLmB>)
- Michelle Kim (Canada) was appointed
 - Wouter Klapwijk (South Africa) was appointed
 - Zainab Ajab Mohideen (Malaysia) was appointed
 - Helga Schwarz (Germany) was re-appointed
 - Kazuo Takahashi (Japan) declined re-appointment
 - Heike Cardoso (Germany) was not re-appointed
 - Alireza Tayarani (Iran) was appointed

5. Reports

- a. Information/updates from Professional Committee meeting
The IFLA Strategy 2019-2024 was launched on Monday 26 August (<https://www.ifla.org/node/92409>). Over the past two and a half years, IFLA has been undergoing a transformation, and is striving to be a more open, inclusive, and participatory organization. A new vision has been created together with library and information workers around the world. The IFLA Strategy 2019-2024 was created from insight from the vision work. The Strategy is now in the action phase and will give new direction to the work of IFLA's Professional Units and Headquarters.

A new IFLA website will launch at the end of the year.

b. Information Coordinator

De la Peña had prepared a written report in her absence. De la Peña reports that the IT Section website has been updated with the Draft minutes SC meetings of WLIC 2018, Action Plan as well as the June/July 2019 TILT Newsletter and the Annual Report, in which all of us collaborated by proposing new objectives and activities.

c. Big Data SIG *Status of 4-year review.*

Every four years SIGs are reviewed by the Professional Committee (PC) as part of the regular monitoring process as per IFLA Rules of Procedure. The Convenor prepares a report detailing the SIG's activities, goals and accomplishments over the past 4 years. The report is reviewed by the sponsoring Section and Division Chair to make a recommendation for the SIG's future to the PC.

Klapwijk reported that the Profession Committee supports the continuation of the SIG. Klapwijk wants to change the name and terms of reference of the SIG to be more relevant and reflective of the subject matter. Klapwijk is preparing a proposal for this which will be passed along to the SC and the Professional Committee for approval.

Klapwijk is stepping down as Convenor but will remain with the SIG team and as SC Corresponding Member. Cory Lampert (US) has accepted role as Convenor 2019-2021.

d. Linked Data SIG *Status of 4-year review.*

Chang reported that the Convenor of the SIG had submitted the 4-year review to SC and Division Chair for recommendation to the Professional Committee. Based on the review, PC decided to dissolve the Linked Data SIG.

6. Items from Action Plan 2018 (<https://www.ifla.org/node/1225>)

a. IT Section satellite conference on *Robots in Libraries: Challenge and Opportunity*, 21-22 Aug, TUAS, Wildau, Berlin, Germany.

Chang reported that 40 participants from 15 countries attended the satellite. The program included a mix of general, technical and case study papers as well as demonstrations of humanoid robots at the event and in the TUAS Library. Another positive outcome is that DeGruyter is considering publishing a book on the topic as part of the IFLA Publication series. Frank Seeliger is discussing with Janine Schmidt of DeGruyter.

b. Big Data SIG satellite conference on *Data intelligence in libraries: actual and artificial*, 22-23 Aug, BND, Frankfurt, Germany. Klapwijk reported that the conference was a 1,5 day meeting and 15 papers were in the program.

The conference was divided into 5 sessions with different themes:

- On library collections as data (including aspects of digital humanities)
- On data analysis and visualization
- On data skills and services
- On linking and sharing data
- On open data and data repositories

c. IT Section joint satellite meeting with Subject Analysis and Access, Cataloguing and Bibliography on *Metadata specialists in the machine age*, 22 Aug, Thessaloniki, Greece.

Kadesjö reported that some 70 persons participated in the joint satellite. The set up was presentations for 45 minutes and then discussions/workshops around defined questions.

The presentations included:

1. On the automation of subject analysis and access. Foundations, requirements, steps towards implementation" (Andreas Oskar Kempf)

2. "Automagic data" (Caroline Saccucci) Relationship between libraries and publishers.
3. What does it mean to be a librarian in the digital age? Example of data.bnf.fr" (Raphaëlle Lapôtre and/or Tiphaine Cécile Foucher).

There was not a call for paper but instead invited speakers. It was not so much about giving information in a traditional setting but a discussion between professionals. All the participants were engaged and it led to fruitful discussions. The material is going to be summarized in to a white book that will be circulated among metadata specialists.

- d. Joint post conference with Library Theory and Research and Education and Training on *Transforming LIS education for professionals in a global information world: digital inclusion, social inclusion and lifelong learning*, 30-31 Aug, Rome, Italy.

Neither Weinraub Lajoie nor Kleinveldt can attend the post conference to represent IT Section SC. Chang suggested Kleinveldt send a formal apology for absence.

7. WLIC 2019 Session – last-minutes planning/updates

- a. 26 Aug, 08:30-09:30, Trianti - Big Data SIG business meeting
Klapwijk reported that he hoped it would be an interesting meeting and that Copyright law for text and datamining was one of the topics.
- b. 26 Aug, 09:30-11:30, Trianti - IT Section session: *Emerging Technologies for Libraries: Smart Cities and Blockchain*
Chang reported that all going according to plan
- c. 26 Aug, 11:45-13.15, Mitropoulos - Joint main session with Knowledge Management Section and Big Data SIG on *Data Mining and Artificial Intelligence to transform knowledge management and information services in libraries and information organizations*
Bultrini reports that the planning is going excellent!
- d. 26 Aug, 13:30-16:00, Room 1 - Linked Data SIG business meeting
Chang will attend as Weinraub, the Convenor, could not attend WLIC this year.
- e. 27 Aug, 10:30-11:30, Mitropoulos - Big Data SIG with P&C Section on *Data Challenges in Libraries*

8. Activities and projects proposed – updates

- a. Proposed symposium with the National Library Board (NLB), Singapore on *Robotics and AI Applications in Libraries*, 20-22 Mar, 2019
Chang reported that this was cancelled due to logistical issues. Parts of the program and speakers were folded into the WLIC2019 satellite on *Robotics in Libraries* in Berlin, Germany.
- b. Publication by DeGruyter of the WLIC2014 IT Section's session papers on *Cloud Computing*
Kadesjö/Chang to follow up with Svensson on this.
- c. Draft a set of guidelines/principles on cybersecurity for libraries
Balnaves reported that a Draft document is under review from a small working group. If you are interested in participating please contact Balnaves.
- d. Investigate the use of blockchain in the IFLA voucher payment system for international interlibrary requests.
Chang reported that the pilot study is now led by Peter Collins of DDRS who is also presenting at the session on Emerging Technologies for Libraries, 26 Aug.
- e. Series of webinars on IT related topics.
Kleinveldt reported that a planned webinar on Wikipedia has been delayed due to technical and

will be held early September. Kleinveldt also intend to set up a group that will help organize the IT-webinars.

- f. **Technical standards recommendations on data**
Sánchez Nogales reported that she is working on a report. The meeting discussed if it should be considered to be part of the Big Data SIG. She will discuss this further with Klapwijk and Lampert and report on status.

9. Activities and projects for 2019

a. Visit by Valensiya Dresvyannikova, IFLA Policy and Research Officer at IFLA headquarters

Dresvyannikova introduced the activities of the IFLA HQ Policy and Advocacy group. The work they carry out are in the field of internet governance, digital matters and related fields. Some recent projects that could be of interest to the SC are:

- The draft statement on Artificial Intelligence. They have recently prepared a first rough draft and shared it with IFLA professional units that might find it interesting for feedback. Dresvyannikova thanked the SC IT for all the insightful and thoughtful feedback we offered – many thanks for our comments and the effort we have put into preparing those, it is much appreciated! This autumn they will prepare a second draft of the statement based on the feedback they have received, and they would be happy to share it with us;
- Preparing a response to the Council of Europe call for comments on the Draft Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the Human Rights Impacts of Algorithmic Systems;
- Preparing summaries of the Report of the UN Secretary-General’s High-level Panel on Digital Cooperation “The Age of Digital Interdependence” and the 2019 Mozilla Internet Health report, highlighting key messages for libraries;
- Working on a project comparing the roles of libraries in different national broadband strategies;
- Working on a briefing on Community Networks for libraries.
- Encouraging libraries in different parts of the world to participate in national and regional Internet Governance Forum events;

Dresvyannikova welcomed SC to reach out to her if we would like to have more information on any of these areas of their work, if have some comments, ideas or suggestions. She can be contacted at valensiya.dresvyannikova@ifla.org.

b. Action Plan 2019-2021

The meeting decided that the Action Plan would be best done at the next Business meeting.

10. Any other business

Chang reminded about the SC social gathering in the same evening.

11. Next meeting of the Standing Committee

The IT Section SC 2 meeting will be held on Tuesday 27 August, 16:15-18:45, Room 3.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 15:30.

Minutes IT Section Standing Committee Meeting 2

Tuesday, 27 August 2019, 16:15-18:45, Room 3

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Souleymane Sogoba (Mali)
Ngozi Blessing Ukachi (Nigeria)
Jianyong Zhang (China)
Wouter Klapwijk (South Africa) (Corresponding Member)
- Observers:** Jose Luis Menéndez (Spain)
Alisson de Castro (Brazil)
Toru Aojke (Japan)
Alejandra Mufoz (Chile)
Janine Schmidt (DeGruyter)
Ifeoma Echezona (Nigeria)
Sanda Erdelez (USA)

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2. Approval of the Agenda

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3. Standing Committee matters

- a. Annual Report of the Section and SIGs due on **25 October 2019** for review and approval by SC. Chair to submit reports to IFLA HQ by **31 October 2019**. Brief version of report to be posted on website.
- b. Cory Lampert (University of Nevada, Las Vegas, US) was appointed Convenor of the Big Data SIG, 2019-2021.
- c. Chang reminded that the new IFLA website will be launched at the end of the year. The Information Coordinators will pick up suggestions for improvements for the existing website.

- d. IT-SC mailing list have been updated and now includes new, ongoing and corresponding members 2019-2021.

4. Report on WLIC 2019 Sessions

- a. Big Data SIG Business meeting
The session was appreciated by the participants since the topic of TDM at the forefront of the EU Copyright Law is very contemporary and relevant from a big data perspective. A short report will be added to the Annual Report.
- b. IT Section session - *Emerging Technologies for Libraries: Smart Cities and Blockchain*
Chang reported that the session was successful with about 70% of seats filled in one of the largest rooms. The round table panel format is more appealing for difficult topics than a sage-on-stage. Chang also acknowledged the travel support from IFLA for the guest speaker who made a very positive impression at the session.
- c. Joint session with KM Section and the Big data SIG - *Data Mining and AI to transform KM and information services in libraries and information organizations*
Bultrini reported that the session was successful, the room was full. The short introduction to the general topics and to the main issues connected to them, made by the chair of the session, was a good way to let people deal with a difficult theme and to follow the presentations. It's a model that could be reproduced in other events. Machine learning and discoveries seems to be appreciated, should continue.
- d. Linked Data SIG business meeting
Chang reported that she informed the attendees that the PC had decided to dissolve the SIG. The attendees expressed concern about the lack of a channel to hold discussions on related topics of interested. Chang suggested that they could continue as a discussion group but should have someone to organize and lead the meetings, etc.
- e. Big Data SIG with P&C Section session - *Data Challenges in Libraries*
The session was well attended.

5. Action Plan 2019-2021

- a. Publication of the WLIC2019 IT Section satellite conference on *Robots in Libraries* by DeGruyter [Chang, Seeliger]. Janine Schmidt of DeGruyter informed that PC has approved this project. Recommended a change in title. Frank Seeliger of TUAS Wildau Library had volunteered to be the editor.
- b. Series of webinars on IT related topics [Kleinveldt]
SC approved that Kleinveldt continue the work. Kleinveldt asked for assistance and will reach out in an email to the Section. Verheusen volunteered to assist.
- c. Develop training manuals to advance the Digital Skills of Library staff [Verheusen]
The meeting decided that the activity should start with a group that can better define the area and scope. Verheusen will lead the work together with Loretto Puga and report on the status.
- d. Publish a document on developing enhanced IT services maintaining or reducing resources consumption [Boffy]
The meeting suggested that the mailing list would be used to gather participants to work on a list/recommendations. The meeting discussed if the action should be moved to another group and it was decided that Boffy would talk to ENSULIB.
- e. Research data and libraries - state of the art, best practices, infrastructures, data security, data curation, accessibility, interoperability, assistance to small institutions [Bultrini]
The meeting decided to change the action to "Investigate the potential of" and that it would start in

2020-2021. Bultrini will lead the activity and work with Weinraub Lajoie.

- f. Update IT Section Skills Register and promote its wider use to IFLA SCs [Kotsokoane]
The meeting discussed the register and suggested that it could be revived and put on Basecamp. Kotsokoane will lead the work. Chang will contact HQ for the latest copy.

6. WLIC 2020 Satellite Meetings and Sessions proposals

- a. Joint session/satellite with Health and Bioscience Libraries (HBL) Section on Smart Health related theme [Chang] Subsequent discussion with HBL Section SC indicated they are developing a different proposal, and a joint session would not be appropriate.
- b. Joint satellite with Reference and Information Services (RIS) Section on Discovery related theme. Scope includes metadata, linked data, structured and unstructured content, search algorithms, AI, machine learning, discovery technologies/systems/platforms, public access, UX. RIS Section has agreed to do have a joint satellite. ITS team: Chang, Boffy, Mohideen, Sogoba, Ukachi, and Hussein Adil (non SC volunteer, not confirmed). RISS team: Christine Brown, et al.
- c. Joint session with Knowledge Management (KM) Section on theme of the future of the library and library systems. Title to be decided. ITS team: Balnaves, Bultrini, Leinen, et al. KMS team: Cervone, Wawra, et al.
- d. Collaboration with Academic and Research Libraries (ARL) Section – investigate potential and report on status [Caballos Villar]

7. Any other business

- Chang recommended that SC members attend either **session 262 or session 273** (repeated) *Engage and Connect – the Professional Committee and IFLA's Professional Units*.
- Chang informed that the Cultural Evening, will take place at the Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Center, 19:00-23:00.

8. Next meeting of the Standing Committee

Chang informed that the IT Section SC1 meeting will be held in August, 2020 in Dublin, Ireland.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 18:15.