

IFLA IT SECTION MID-TERM MEETING

March 19, 2021, 0800-0930 EST

Present:

May Chang (Chair)	Peter Leinen
Maria Kadesjö (Secretary)	Zainab Ajab Mohideen
François-Xavier Boffy (Information Coordinator)	Elena Sánchez Nogales
Edmund Balnaves	María Loretto Puga
Anna Tereza Barbosa da Silva	Sogoba Souleymane
Leda Bultrini	Alireza Tayarani
Patrick Cher	Emina Čano Tomić
Wouter Klapwijk	Ngozi Blessing Ukachi
Lynn Kleinveldt	Evviva Weinraub Lajoie
Nthabiseng Kotsokoane	Jianyong Zhang
Cory Lampert (Big Data SIG Convener)	Katherine Zwaard

1. Chang opened the meeting and welcomed the attendees.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The meeting approved the agenda.

3. Action Plan: mid-term review and update

- a) PCS & ITS online webinar *Preserving complex digital objects in libraries* (Boffy): Completed.
18-19 Nov 2020, duplicated sessions. Presentations from different perspective, recorded and QA live.
87 attendees. Video is available on youtube, and is a session in the IFLA series (additional notes in Information Coordinator's report).
- b) The publication by DeGruyter of the WLIC2019 IT Section satellite conference on *Robots in Libraries* (Seeliger): Ongoing.
A lot of things are pushed forward due to covid. It's still on the agenda.
- c) Series of webinars on IT related topics (Kleinveldt): Ongoing.
On 30th October 2020, the IT webinar was presented by Zainab Ajab Mohideen on "Where do we fit into the 4IR: librarians' perceptions". Of the 274 registered participants, 58 attended the webinar. A lot of interesting questions were asked, ranging from new skills that librarians need to acquire in order to embrace 4IR, budget constraints, collaboration and potential sharing of 4IR resources in supporting the user community. A short summary of the webinar including the slides and recording have been posted at <https://www.ifla.org/node/93424?og=62>

The IFLA IT webinar topics line-up include:

- Cloud services & IoT
- Transition to bibframe
- "Is it still worth to have a library website"?
- Library Research
- Data management services update
- Appracy
- Decentralized library lending system based on credentials of sovereign and interchangeable users built with Blockchain technology
- The future of the library

- Digital skills for librarians

A communication has been sent to team members to identify the next topic from the list above for hosting a webinar in April 2021. A webinar is to be planned every quarter.

- d) IT topics cheat sheets with IFLA Policy Office (Chang, et al): On hold.
The communication with HQ but has been put on hold due to the focus on governance review of IFLA.
- e) Production of a set of guidelines/principles for cybersecurity for libraries (Balnaves): Completed and waiting feedback from the IFLA policy Office.
- f) Create standards that certify interoperability for technologies that are part of the Open Knowledge ecosystem of tools that underpin library infrastructure platforms (Weinraub, Mohideen): In contact with the IFLA standards committee. A survey has been distributed and there are today 44 responses. The survey is still open but they are using the data to create the standard.
- g) Develop training manuals to advance the Digital Skills of Library staff (Puga, Verheusen): Ongoing.
- h) Investigate producing/publishing a document on developing enhanced IT services maintaining or reducing resources consumption. (Boffy): On hold. On hold due to lack of time.
- i) Research data and libraries - state of the art, best practices, infrastructures, data security, data curation, accessibility, interoperability, assistance to small institutions (Bultrini): Ongoing
- j) IT Section Skills Register (Kotsokoane, Chang): Not proceeding further. The ITS Communication Team proposed doing a survey of SC members expertise/skills after new 2021 members are in place, and consider alternative information sharing options. Sunseted. Wait for August when the new members come in.

4. Big Data SIG: mid-term review and update (Lampert)

This past year our work on action plan items shifted to a virtual environment and focused in two areas.

- a) WLIC 2020 Call for Proposals is being re-purposed for WLIC 2021.
 - The theme is: “Better Together” and focuses on collaborative projects and case studies on data work as related to the library profession.
 - Shifting from a call for papers (CFP) to the new format/themes and WLIC guidelines sent by IFLA HQ. We are looking at the Case Studies and Ignite Talks as our top choices for format.
 - Currently recruiting speakers and case studies. Goal is to have geographic representation from North America/Europe, Africa, and Asia. Reaching out via our networks, current literature, and recent conference presentations. If the IT Section members have ideas, please contact Convenor.
- b) Library Carpentry data skills session moving to virtual session at WLIC 2021
 - Working with Science and Technology Libraries Section, Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning Sections on a panel presentation
 - Speakers will represent the Library Carpentry community, an instructor perspective, and an attendee perspective
 - Big Data SIG will co-plan and promote

The Big Data Sig is also contributing to IT Section Communication channels, Twitter updates 2 times a month and TILT stories

5. Information Coordinator: mid-term review and update (Boffy)

Boffy reported on the Communication Team's activities.

- a) The Communication Team (CT) has met 7 times during one year for short and efficient meetings. First achievements for the team are:
 - IT section website update during summer (waiting for next web platform from IFLA)
 - A communication plan was drafted at the same time
<https://3.basecamp.com/3833672/buckets/16992058/uploads/2972981526>
- b) Launch of a new communication channel, the Twitter Account October 2020
We have produced 18 tweets; 1633 "impressions" and have 20 followers. The CT has received great support from Cory. It would be very important to send posts corresponding to every region of the world, for now it's mostly related to the sources of people managing the account (North America and Europe). But all in all, this Twitter experimentation has first good results, we should go on and make a normal review each year, as for every communication channel in the communication plan. Will tweet during the coming WLIC. We voted for that we should continue with the twitter.
- c) The CT is planning for the June edition of the TILT Newsletter which will have 3 articles and 1-2 notes. One suggestion for the next (winter) issue is to re-write the cyber security document that Edmund Balnaves worked on into an article.
- d) A joint webinar was arranged together with the FLA Preservation and Conservation Section
The theme was "Preservation of digital complex objects". It was about how we can provide long-term preservation for interactive e-books, multimedia documents, and so on.

We chaired the session with Alenka Kavčič Čolić on 18-19th November and were supported by colleagues of both sections. The work was divided so that Boffy took charge of the technical aspects before, during and after the session, and Kavčič Čolić managed the live discussion and most of relationships with presenters and keynote speaker. It was a great collaboration experience! The sessions were duplicated to adapt to different time zones, as we had presenters from Japan, India, and USA (California) with a keynote speaker from UK. The presentations were recorded, and the questions and answers were live, that worked rather well and prevented us from most connection problems. The sessions gathered 87 attendees. The video on YouTube have been seen 280 times (<https://youtu.be/THoGhEBYGW0>).

6. Update on notes from Division 3 meetings (minutes in ITS BaseCamp)

- a) 2021 is election year and information can be found here (www.ifla.org/elections-2021)
The IT Section SC webpage (<https://www.ifla.org/standing-committee/21>) shows the terms of the members and those who are eligible for re-election. For 2021-2025 there are 12 vacancies, 8 members are up for re-nomination, 4 are ending their term, and 4 are continuing.

The SC members for 2019-2023 and 2021-2025 will then nominate and select the Chair and the Secretary. The Information Coordinator is appointed by the SC. Corresponding members will be replaced by Co-opted members depending on need (max of 5). After the 20 SC seats are filled, the SC can look around and see if it has enough diversity/representation. Up to 5 people can be recommended to be co-opted into the SC, and the Chair will discuss this with the Division Chair for approval.
- b) WLIC 2021 (FAQ at www.ifla.org/officers-corner/conference-information)
HQ is looking for a platform to host the virtual conference. Questions on how we are handling time zones, perhaps best to prerecord. No information on this yet.

It would save time to invite speakers instead of the usual Call for Papers but we should ensure quality. For WLIC2021, the presentation will replace the written paper.

- c) Response to **IFLA Handbook structure**: thank you to everyone who responded!
7. WLIC2021 planning (FAQ at www.ifla.org/officers-corner/conference-information)

Chang informed the meeting on the plans for WLIC 2021.

- a) IT Section theme and planning

Based on our last meeting, the theme for WLIC 2021 with the most interest and support is “Open Education Resources, role of technology, technology support”. It is a good topic but we have to decide on the format of the session.

The meeting decided that a smaller group should take the lead in the work that consists of Elena Sánchez Nogales, May Chang, Lynn Kleinveldt, François-Xavier Boffy and Maria Kadesjö

Q&A

Boffy: If there are 3 speakers, can they take turn on the FAQ to solve the difficulty with the time zone?

Lynn: Q How many sessions are we able to host?

Wouter: Q: Do you get to repeat your session over all the time zones?

A: This is unlikely. However, sessions can be recorded so that you don't have to repeat the sessions live.

Cory:

Q: it sounds like the presenters are encouraged to do pre-recording their talks (asynchronous), but is the Q & A live? I am trying to determine what to tell speakers they are committing to. (Just a recording? Or to be present live in the conference?)

- b) Big Data SIG theme and planning

Cory: we are struggling with the same questions.

- c) Joint sessions:

Health and Biosciences Libraries Section: waiting to hear back

8. AOB

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 0930EST.