

Minutes IT Section Standing Committee (SC) 1 Meeting

August 19, 08:00-10.00, IASE Conference Room

Chair: May Chang
Secretary: Maria Kadesjö
Information Coordinator: Maria de la Peña, Evviva Weinraub

Absent with apologies: Ahmed Bachr (Morocco)
Peter Leinen (Germany)
Youssef Salah (Egypt)
Álvaro Sandoval (Chile)

Present: (* SC member; ** Corresponding member)

Edmund Balnaves (Australia) *
Leda Bultrini (Italy) *
Almudena Caballos Villar (Spain) *
Ntshabiseng Kotsokoane (South Africa) *
ChunMing Li (China) *
Shawky Salem (Egypt) *
Elena Sánchez Nogales (Spain) *
Souleymane Sogoba (Mali) *
Lars Svensson (Germany) *
Astrid Verheusen (The Netherlands) *
Evviva Weinraub (USA) *
Lynn Kleinveldt (South Africa) **
Heike Cardoso (Germany) **

Observers:

Noura Alquraidi (United Arab Emirates)
Abeer Behbehani (Kuwait)
Dagmara Dabrowska (Poland)
Lindy Nhlapo (South Africa)
Daniela Rodriguez (Costa Rica)
Michelle Ryu (Canada)
Alicja Sobanska (Poland)
Tomasz Sopyło (Poland)
Yi-Jong Suh (Korea)
Andrey Zaytser (Russia)

1. Welcome and apologies.

Chang opened the meeting and welcomed the attendees. Newcomers were encouraged to ask questions when things are unclear.

2. Approval of the Agenda and any additional items.

The attendants approved the agenda without amendments.

3. Standing Committee matters.

- a. New SC 2017-2021 members present were introduced: Edmund Balnaves, Leda Bultrini, Souleymane Sogoba, and Elena Sánchez.
- b. Election of Officers were done online for the first time. This was proposed to IFLA HQ as an alternative to the current process. A report on this will be submitted to HQ at the end of WLIC2017. The Section Officers are:
 - CHAIR: May Chang
 - SECRETARY: Maria Kadesjö
- c. Appointment of Information Coordinator was called. Chang nominated de la Peña, a new SC member, who is currently Communication Manager at IE Library, Madrid. Weinraub also volunteered.
- d. There is no inactive member who has to be considered to have resigned.
- e. New Corresponding members are Joan Wee, Lynn Kleinveldt, Kazuo Takehana, and Heike Cardoso.

4. The minutes of the WLIC2016 SC1 and SC2 meetings were approved.

5. Announcements and reports

- a. Report from the Information Coordinator: A new issue of the newsletter TILT has been distributed and the website has been updated by Joan Wee, newsletter editor.
- b. Report from the Professional Committee (PC): Chang described the IFLA Global Vision Discussion project. This world wide discussion on a united library field In order to make the library field as ready as possible for what the future might bring. IFLA has invited everyone to participate in the discussions. The Officers met in Athens this spring for a kick-off workshop, and HQ also organized regional workshops. , self-organized workshops have been held, and soon an online voting will be launched.
- c. The PC has requested a review of the new logo for the Section and SIGs as well as filling in a one page flyer. The one for the IT Section is agreeable, but there is general disagreement with the ones for the SIGs. Deadline is September 1.

6. Action Plan 2016-17

Chang proposed a small working group to meet and review/update if needed the objectives and action plans and report back at the SC2 meeting. Group include Maria, Evviva, Edmund, Leda and Lynn.

7. WLIC2017 Satellite Meetings: general evaluation and feedback

- a. IFLA international News Conference, joint satellite meeting with the News Media and the Information technology sections, 27-28 April 2017 in Iceland.

The conference touched key areas in news, media and information technology like discourse around new developments in media, dramatic changes in news and media environment wrought by technology and social media, and developments in innovations that deliver these rich and accessible online media resources. (*published in TILT newsletter, July 2017*).

- b. Joint satellite meeting with Reference and Information Services and Information technology section. "Innovation and the User Experience: Evaluating and Implementing Discovery Systems, 16-17 August at the University of Warsaw Library, Warsaw.
- c. Joint satellite meeting with Genealogy and Local History Section and Information Technology Section. "The Challenge of Multiple Identifiers. Multi-ethnic in Genealogy, Local History and Regional Memory.
- d. The joint Satellite Meeting, Data Curator's Roles and Responsibilities: International and Interdisciplinary Perspectives met on August 16th & 17th at the University of Warsaw. The conference keynote was by Reinhard Altenhöner at the Berlin State Library who set the tone of the conversation around the role of data curators. Four presentations around the general topic of the role of data curators, and ending the day with four case studies of data curation services. The keynote on the second day was by Sarah Shreeves at the University of Miami who dove into the complexities of navigating the IT organization and how it connects with Data Curation and Preservation.

8. WLIC sessions 2017

- a. "New Insights at the Intersection of Genealogy and Other Professional Communities - Including Librarians, Archivists, Historians, Demographers, Linguists, Anthropologists and Geneticists." Monday 21 Aug., 10-18, Offsite. The Genealogy and Local History Section, jointly with Asia and Oceania and Information Technology Section.

- b. "A Memory Bank for the Digital Society: National Libraries and Web Archiving". Wednesday 23 Aug,. National Libraries and Information Technology Section.
- c. Open Discussion Session - Linked Data SIG.
- d. Text and Data Mining (TDM) workshop for Data Discovery and Analytics – Big Data Special Interest Group (SIG), Wednesday 23 Aug Hall.

9. SIG reports

- a. Linked data (Astrid)

The name of the SIG was changed in August 2016 to Linked Data Special Interest Group (LIDASIG). This name change shows the relationship with the Linked Data Technical working group (LIDATEC) which is a standards sub-committee whereas LIDASIG is an open group for creating awareness about linked data.

LIDASIG will have an open session on Wednesday, 23 Aug, 9:35am

- b. Big Data (Wouter)

Wouter was not present at the meeting

Big Data SIG has an open session on Wednesday 23 Aug, 11:45

10. Items to raise or report to the Professional Committee.

Chang will suggest that 08.00 is too early to start meetings and that the programme needs to be better arranged to avoid overlap of topics (particularly bad is the schedule for Wednesday 23 Aug).

11. Any other business.

- The IT Section's open dinner is arranged for Wednesday 23 Aug. at Restauracja jadka at 19:00.
- The next meeting SC meeting is Thursday, 24 Aug, 2017, 13:30-16:00, Conf Room C.

The meeting ended at 09:30.

Minutes IT Section Standing Committee (SC) 2 Meeting

August 24, 2017, 13:30-16:00, Conference Room C

Chair: May Chang
Secretary: Maria Kadesjö
Information Coordinators: Maria de la Peña; Elena Sánchez Nogales

Absent with apologies: Ahmed Bachr (Morocco)
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Heike Cardoso (Germany) **
Helga Schwarz (Germany) **

Guests and Observers:

Julienne Beall (US)
Yulia Deubrovskaya (Russia)
Alenka Kavčič-Čolić (Slovenia)
Siti Sumaizan Ramli (Malaysia)
Raivo Ruusalepp (Estonia)
Michelle Ryu (Canada)
Tomasz Sopyło (Poland)
Anna Maria Tammaro (Italy)
Wawta Techhataweewan (Thailand)

1. Welcome and apologies

Chang opened the meeting and welcomed the attendees. New SC members who were unable to attend the SC 1 meeting introduced themselves - Peter Leinen from Deutsche Nationalbibliothek and Maria de la Peña, from Fundación I.E. Library in Spain.

2. Approval of the agenda and minutes

The attendees approved the agenda, and the minutes of the SC 1 meeting.

3. Standing Committee matters

- a. Chang informed that as the new ITS Chair she will build on diversity and inclusion, and plan to enable opportunities for more participation in the activities of the Section. She encouraged everyone to participate and to get to know more about the IT Section and IFLA.
- b. Astrid Verheusen, the Convener of the Linked Data SIG, decided to step down, and is replaced by Evviva Weinraub.
- c. Maria de la Peña is the new Information Coordinator and Elena Sánchez Nogales volunteered to assist. Joan Wee will continue to be our newsletter editor.
- d. Corrected information about SIG Convener: The Convener of a SIG is considered an ex-officio member of the sponsoring SC and has voting rights. This means that Wouter Klapwijk, Convener of the Big Data SIG, is an ex-officio member of the SC and need not be a Corresponding Member.

- e. Lars Svensson has decided to resign from the SC and said good bye to the Section. The Section thanked Lars for his terrific work and hopes to see him again soon! We will contact HQ about filling the seat.
- f. Dr Helga Swartz introduced herself and described her long association with IFLA and related IT activities. She was welcomed as a new Corresponding Member.

4. Guests

- a. HJH Siti Sumaizan Ramli from the WLIC2018 National Organizing Committee extended a warm welcome and hoped to see us all at the Congress next year in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 24-30 August 2018.
- b. Anna Maria Tamaro, Chair of the Library Theory & Research Section proposed a joint special project to prepare data curator competencies and standards guidelines. The meeting decided that a working group be formed to discuss this and report back. Kotsokoane, Weinraub and Sánchez Nogales volunteered.

5. Announcements and report from the Professional Committee

- a. Chang reported that the WLIC2016's PC discussion on "Expectations for a Dynamic unit" was mentioned at the WLIC2017 PC meeting. The draft summary document lists the expectations related to:
 - Quality and impact of the work
 - Communications
 - Management and leadership engagement and development
- b. IFLA acknowledged the contribution from the Gates foundation to support the Global Vision Project. A series of high-level meetings/workshops in different part of the world had been facilitated by IFLA. These focused on how to strengthen the ties within the library field, helped identify future challenges and opportunities for the library field, and prioritize actions that the library environment could take in response to the fast-pacing changes in societies.

An online voting form was also launched at WLIC2017 to increase global participation in the discussion. All data will be analyzed and the IFLA Global Vision report will be published early 2018.

Questions and comments from the audience at the PC meeting included:

- There are five main IFLA languages but only one working language in the Global Vision-work. Some countries offered to translate the Global Vision document to other languages. Should IFLA contract professional translators?
- Publications in the IFLA online library should be in other formats, example ePub.
- The IFLA website will be redesigned in time for the next congress.

6. Logo and introduction flyer for professional units

IFLA has taken to branding and creating a logo/symbol for all the professional units. Chang reported that there was general agreement to the logo for the IT Section and Linked Data SIG. A subsequent discussion with Klapwijk, Convener of the Big Data SIG, resulted in its logo selection.



IT Section



Linked Data SIG



Big Data SIG

A 1-page template was also provided for Sections to create an introduction narrative/description. The Officers will draft this and distribute to the SC for review. Deadline to submit to HQ is 30 September 2017.

7. WLIC 2017 sessions, general evaluation and feedback

- a. **“New Insights at the Intersection of Genealogy and Other Professional Communities - Including Librarians, Archivists, Historians, Demographers, Linguists, Anthropologists and Geneticists”**, joint session with Genealogy and Local History Section and Asia and Oceania Section, 21 Aug., Lower Silesian Public Library in the Old City, Wrocław. Chang reported that the session had about 50 participants. Presentations were 7-minute lightning talks including creating a new oral history collection at the Selangor Public Library, use of historical and genealogical collections, and approaches to programming and outreach. The presentations were followed by discussions at small tables with presenters moving from table to table, spending about 10-15 minutes at each to answer questions and deepening discussions. Overall, it was a successful session and everyone seemed to enjoy and benefit from the presentations covered.

- b. **“Women, Open Technology and Culture”**, Women, Information and Libraries SIG, 21 Aug.

Joint session with the Women, Information, and Libraries SIG with approximately 30 attendees. This session was held in an unconference style with attendees given the opportunity to identify topics of discussion, vote on them, and engage in discussion within the time of the session. Topics discussed included:

1. How we, as employers, can attract and retain women in technology roles
2. Education about body/self and the memory of the internet
3. How can we support women in social media spaces?
4. Empowering/encouraging/welcoming immigrant women with technology and make the library a space they feel they want to/are able to enter.
5. Wikipedia and the absence of women in Wikipedia both in articles and as editors
6. How to be inclusive of homeless women and girls
7. Supporting vulnerable populations

- c. **“A Memory Bank for the Digital Society”**, joint session with National Libraries Section, 24

Aug. Balnaves reported that this joint session presented an excellent update on current practice in web archiving in our national institutions. Web archiving methodologies have progressed from simple archiving to more detailed content and genre analysis and enhanced discovery and UI presentation of archive contents. The program was divided into two parts: Access strategies explored issues of Web archive collection development, deposit legislation and methodologies for content analysis for specific genre classification based on content harvested. The second session presented two examples of national web archiving: Slovenia and Australia. These two presentations demonstrated the continuous evolution in the practice of web archiving and the enhancements over time to improve content capture and UI presentation. The session was well attended and a successful joint project.

- d. **Open Discussion Session**, Linked Data SIG, 24 Aug.

The Open Discussion session of the Linked Data SIG attracted about 60 people. Lars Svensson gave an extensive presentation in which “Linked Data & Libraries” was interpreted for beginners and with which advanced people could get their knowledge up to date. The participants were then divided into four groups for the exchange of knowledge and experience:

- i. Linked Data for beginners
- ii. Linked Data and the Bibliographic Transition
- iii. Using and reusing Linked Data
- iv. Linked / Big / Open Data: the big picture

The discussion was lively and provided a number of topics that the SIG could address in the future. For example: showcases of real implementations, commercial use of Linked Data, developing of software that can deal with Linked Data, measurement of results, Linked Data & Digital Humanities.

e. **Text and data Mining (TDM) workshop for Data Discovery and Analytics,**

Big Data SIG, Aug 24. Wouter reported that the workshop was conceived to impart knowledge to delegates to equip them with the basic skills to do elementary text mining of unstructured data. This was set in the context of the long-tail of scholarly data to possess the following Big Data characteristics: high in Volume and Variety, low in Velocity and Veracity, and largely unknown in Value. The application of TDM tools and techniques would demonstrate how the Value of such scholarly data could be unlocked to enable researchers to study the academic society from a big data perspective, through access to scholarly resources beyond using the traditional read-only techniques.

Although informative, the workshop did not create sufficient opportunities for delegates to interact with basic web mining tools and techniques. The conference venue was also not configured adequately for a classroom setup, nor optimally connected to the Internet to facilitate a hands-on session. It is suggested that such a session is revisited in greater depth at a future IFLA event, within the setting of suitable classroom facility and with more time available.

8. Action Plan 2016-17

The working group formed at the SC 1 meeting (Kadesjö, Balnaves, Bultrini, Kleinveldt, Weinraub) had drafted an Action Plan that was distributed to the SC before the SC2 meeting. The group discussed the objectives of the Section and actions we should take to fulfill them. It was agreed that the Action Plan is fine for the next year but that we should continue to review it particularly with the IFLA Global Vision discussion that could impact our objectives and activities.

Cardoso and Weintraub proposed that a new SIG be formed for innovative technologies. Balnaves stated that an SIG is meant to explore a specific topic, and Bultrini said that this is too broad a topic for an SIG and IFLA PC is not likely to accept. Chang stated that the IT Section is already engaged in innovative technology collaborations with other Sections, example RISS, GLHS and HBLIS where there is a context to innovative technology implementations. It was suggested that an open session would be a more appropriate format for discussions about innovative technologies. A group was formed to continue the discussion and report on the possibility for a session at WLIC2018 (Balnaves, Bultrini, Cardoso, Kotsokoane).

It was also suggested that others should be informed about new technologies, and the IT Section mailing list could be used for this. Cardoso proposed a blog and will explore this further.

Social media channels like Facebook and Twitter were also discussed. SC was informed that this topic had been raised over the past few years but had little uptake among the members particularly in maintaining and adding content. It was decided that a list of different social media channels would be distributed to SC members to gather feedback on where the Section should have a presence and the member who will maintain that channel. All these cannot be the sole responsibility of the Information Coordinators. Bultrini volunteered to take care of the Twitter account.

9. WLIC 2018 Satellite meetings

Chang stated that the Section continues to be actively involved in WLIC events and sessions. The main requirements for accepting any proposed session are relevance/appropriate to IT and must have at least 2 IT Section volunteers who are committed and reliable to be on the joint organizing committee. Work usually involves participation in the planning process, helping decide on format, review paper submissions, etc. These sessions are a good way for Section members and others to participate.

- a. Joint meeting with Reference and Information Services Section (RISS) at University Malaya: “Reinventing Reference with Technology Transformations”, potentially Aug 22-23 2018 (Balnaves, Kleinveldt, Sánchez Nogales, Sogoba)
- b. Joint satellite meeting or open session with Subject Analysis and Access Section: “Automated indexing” (Kadesjö, Bultrini, Leinen, Schwarz).
- c. Joint satellite with Big Data SIG at Nanyang Technological University Singapore, no additional details. (Klapwijk, Schwarz, Wee)
- d. The News Media Section proposed a mid-year joint meeting, no details yet. (Chang)

10. WLIC 2018 Conference sessions

- a. Joint session with Preservation & Conservation Section on the costs related to digital preservation. (Kavcic-Colic, Balnaves, Caballos Villar, Kotsokoane, Leinen, Weinraub).
- b. Open session or a mid-year webinar: “Showcase of innovations in information technology education as part of library education” (Balnaves, Bultrini, Cardoso, Kleinveldt, Pasqua)
- c. Joint session with Health and Biosciences Libraries Section: Proposed theme related to smart healthcare (Musoke, Chang, de la Peña, Harris, Ryu)
- d. Suggestion: As the theme is transformation it would be interesting to have a session of different aspects of transformation.

11. Any other business

- a. Chang advised the meeting to plan ahead for IFLA WLIC 2018, 24-30 Aug, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Standing Committee Meetings will be held on **Friday 24 Aug, 2018** and satellite conferences are usually 1-2 days before.
- b. A group photo was taken (photos of meeting at <https://goo.gl/G9Niu3>, thank you to Emilio Sim).

The meeting ended at 15:45.