

Action plan 2017 – 2018

- Name of Professional Unit: **Library History Special Interest Group**

Objectives of Professional Unit 2017-18:

- Libraries in Society** – Throughout their history, libraries have played an important role in building literate, informed and participative societies. By keeping our library history on the agenda we can continue to learn from our past to build our future.
- Information and Knowledge**- libraries have always been repositories of these and in celebrating and reminding people of library history we hope to continue this respect and reputation for libraries and promote the study and research in library history, as a contribution to the intellectual foundations of our profession.
- Cultural Heritage** - library history as such is part of that heritage. Safeguarding documentary cultural heritage as libraries have done in the past and should continue to do. Our library history tells us the stories of how this was done, why, and the challenges faced and the opportunities; Developing standards for the collection and preservation of content in its diverse forms as shown in the history of libraries and their diverse collections.
- Capacity Building** - Strengthening IFLA by building regional and sectoral capacity and participation across our activities by promoting the importance of libraries in the past, the present and to learn from these stories and experiences for the future.

Objectives <i>What do you want to achieve? Use your list above</i>	Project or activity <i>What project or activity are you going to do?</i>	Main tasks <i>What are the specific things you need to do?</i>	Responsibilities and timeline <i>Who will do them and by when?</i>	Resources <i>Do you need specific skills, money or technology?</i>	Communications <i>How will you communicate your achievements? To whom? By when?</i>	Measures of success <i>How will you show the impact of your work?</i>	Progress Report here <i>Report here briefly the progress of your work, at least every month</i>
1. Objectives 1, 2, 3,4	Hold a session at the 2018 Kuala Lumpur conference;	Working with the informal SIG Lib Hist committee; Book expression of interest for session with IFLA; Find a theme to fit with conference theme; Finalise title and expectations of papers; Send out Call for papers.	Convenor to advise IFLA HQ of proposed theme by 1 November 2017. Work on Call for Papers to meet IFLA deadlines	Nil required – to use the expertise of the SIG Committee to referee papers received.	IFLA and other e lists; SIG 's new blog – blog is set up but not much use yet	IFLA accepts the request for session; Abstracts received; Session organised	Session title discussions are underway; Possible co-operation with another IFLA group

2. Objectives 1, 3 & 4	Continue to raise the relevance, significance and importance of library history to IFLA, the SIG itself, IFLA members and the library profession	Continue to liaise with relevant IFLA Sections/SIGs and other relevant bodies – need to work more on this	Ongoing	The SIG has a wonderful Web master who helps the Convenor enormously – oh yes indeed!	Continue to try and get conversations going amongst SIG members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On the e-list; • a SIG Blog has been started with little use so far though a lot of encouragement through the e-list 	Continued interest from professionals to join the SIG's e-list	Conversations start to take place; Library History issues are also around in my own State of Western Australia and a Library History group has started.
3. Objectives 1, 2, 3,4	Theme issue for IFLA Journal on 2017 Wroclaw session "Libraries in times of crisis: historical perspectives"	Liaison with the Editor of IFLA Journal has lead to acceptance of the idea. The 26 abstracts received for the IFLA 2017 Wroclaw session have been re-assessed and most of the authors approached to seek a contribution; Organise submissions and arrange review of papers received;	SIG convenor	Nil	SIG e-list, emails	The concept is accepted by IFLA Journal	Initial contact made with IFLA Journal Editor
4. Objectives 1, 2,3	The proceedings of the 2014 "History of Librarianship" satellite conference held are not yet published.	Continue to follow up with Editor/s Raphaële Mouren	As soon as possible – folk are very busy	Nil that the Convenor is aware of		The publication is produced	It would seem this initiative has died? I am still trying to contact the editor.

5. Objectives 1,2,3,4	Consider a possible research project on library history	Do considerable background reading to see if preferred topic/s have been covered and where gaps exist	If a topic comes to fruition then put a bid in for IFLA round of project funding	Nil at the moment	IFLA SIG LH e-list and others as required	To be determined, but essentially if there is interest	Still working on this.
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Resource requirements – None required this 2017-18 round